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Reception to Father Agius is Held Sunday

Members of St. John's and Holy Rosary Parishes Attend Event at K. of C. Hall.

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the Knights of Columbus hall was the scene of a very pleasant reception tendered by the members of the St. John's Catholic church for their new pastor, Father George Agius, who arrived here Friday evening from Geneva, his former charge to take the pastorate here, vacant since the death of Monsignor Michael A. Shine.

The event was participated in by the members of both the St. John's and the Holy Rosary parishes and was very largely attended by the church people who enjoyed to the utmost the opportunity of meeting the distinguished pastor who has come to serve his church in this community.

On behalf of the Catholic people of the city Father Jerry Hanck, pastor of the Holy Rosary church welcomed Father Agius and his family and assured him of the support and helpfulness of the member of his church and his work in the future in this city.

The new pastor was presented to the members of the two parishes by John M. Vondran, chairman of the board of trustees of the St. John's church and the large number present given the opportunity of meeting personally the new pastor.

During the afternoon a very delightful musical program was offered that was much appreciated and gave the opportunity of many of the talented members of the church to be heard in their offerings. Piano numbers were given by Charles Nevasak and Robert Deator that received the greatest credit on the two young men while John Bissing favored the members of the reception party with a very artistic violin number. Miss Betty Sitzman gave a very charming vocal number and was heard with Miss Eleanor Hiber in a very delightful vocal duet. The little Misses Aurelia and Ingeberg Reichstadt presented a clever and entertaining folk dance.

Not the least of the delightful features of the reception was the response of Father Agius and his greetings to the members of the two parishes and the citizens of the community in general with whom he will be associated in the future as pastor of one of the leading churches of the city.

After the close of the program the members of the party were served with punch and wafers by the ladies of the church and which closed the very pleasant occasion and all felt the pleasure afforded them in the opportunity of meeting socially the new pastor of St. John's church.

TWO DELIGHTFUL EVENTS

From Monday's Daily—
The concluding events of several social functions of the early summer season. Mrs. Louis Warad Egenberger was hostess at two evening bridge parties the past week, one on Friday and one on Saturday evening and at which a number of the friends were most delightfully entertained. The appointments of the two events were arranged with the beautiful summer garden flowers and made a very pleasant setting for the card parties.

On Friday evening Mrs. Egenberger was assisted by Miss Helen Egenberger in serving and the prizes were awarded to Mrs. R. W. Clements as the high score, Mrs. J. F. Wolf, second and Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen, consolation.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Egenberger was assisted by Mrs. Henry A. Egenberger of Omaha and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Raymond P. Westover, Mrs. F. G. Egenberger and Mrs. John Hatt.

VISITS OLD HOME

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. C. A. Young and little son, William Charles, arrived here this morning from their home at Dayton, Ohio, and will visit here for a time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Seybert, parents of Mrs. Young. Mrs. Young was formerly Miss Honora Seybert, one of the talented and popular young ladies of this city and her many friends here are delighted with the opportunity of again meeting her and the enjoyment of her pleasant personality.

ABLE TO SIT UP

From Monday's Daily—
The host of friends over the country of Col. M. A. Bates will be pleased to learn that the veteran editor has progressed so nicely that he was able this morning to sit up for a short time, the first time in some two weeks that he has been able to be up. Col. Bates has been quite poorly and at his advanced years it has been necessary for him to remain confined to his bed for a period of several weeks. It is hoped that he may continue to improve until he is over the illness in a short time.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

From Monday's Daily—
Miss Emma Johnson was hostess yesterday at a very charming 5:30 bridge luncheon at her home on Rock street and at which a group of the friends spent several hours most delightfully. The home was prettily arranged in a color scheme of pink and blue, carried out in the floral decorations as well as the dainty place cards and favors of the luncheon. In the bridge contests Miss Irene Miller was awarded first prize, Miss Betty Sitzman, the second and Mrs. Lorene Irish the consolation prize.

Following the luncheon the ladies were entertained at a theatre party that proved a most delightful ending of a very pleasant evening.

Find a Man Who is Wanted in Illinois

Chief of Police Johnson Finds Man Who Escaped From Illinois State Hospital.

From Monday's Daily—
Saturday evening Chief of Police A. R. Johnson apprehended a stranger here who was wandering around in the vicinity of the Burlington passenger station and who proved to be Arson Moss of Belvidere, Illinois, and who has been a resident of the Illinois hospital for the insane at Elgin, Illinois for several years and who has been sought in many places since his escape from that place.

Mr. Moss escaped some two years ago and has since that time been roving over the west and in very serious mental condition the greater part of the time.

The chief of police was able to get in touch with relatives of the unfortunate man residing in Illinois and who will be here as soon as possible to have the man taken back to the hospital at Elgin as in his condition he is unable to work or care for himself and to suffer a serious attack of his trouble that would result in his injury or death.

WOODMEN CLEAN UP

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon despite the lowering clouds and the wet and muddy baseball grounds, the Ashland team journeyed over from their home town to do battle with the Modern Woodmen team of this city, with sad results to the visitors as they returned home defeated by the score of 5 to 1.

The visitors were powerless to solve the slants of Bob Burkle who was sent to the mound for the fraters and the Ashland batters laid down their war clubs seventeen times to the invincible hurling of the diminutive Plattsmouth pitcher and which contributed largely to the undoing of the visitors. Burkle only walked one man while Cline, the Ashland pitcher was able four free passes to first and was able to fan only nine of the locals.

The game should have been a shut-out for the Woodmen but for an error on the muddy ground that allowed the lonely Ashland tally to come across the plate.

Frank Krejci did the receiving for the fraters and was a tower of strength to the locals.

On next Sunday the M. W. A. team will journey over to Thurman, Iowa to clash with the team of that place and on Sunday, June 26th they expect to entertain the Cedar Creek team at this place, there being a double header on that day and in which the Plattsmouth Athletics will take on the Gilmore team as the other part of the double header.

GUST JOHNSON DIES

From Monday's Daily—
The many Plattsmouth friends of Gust Johnson, will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Johnson which occurred Saturday at his home, 3408 Blondo street, Omaha.

Mr. Johnson was sixty-five years of age and made his home here for a great many years and was employed here as an assistant foreman in the freight car department of the Burlington shops for a period of thirty-five years.

Four years ago Mr. Johnson and family moved to Omaha where they have since made their home.

The deceased is survived by the wife and three daughters, Mrs. E. W. Backstrom, Mrs. Oscar Nystrom and Mrs. Anna Johnson.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hoffman-Crosby funeral chapel at Omaha and the interment made at the Forest Lawn cemetery. A number of the Plattsmouth friends attended the last rites at Omaha.

CARD OF THANKS

Gratefully we wish to express our thanks to the friends and neighbors for their assistance to us in the illness of our beloved one and for the many words of sympathy and beautiful flowers given at the time of our deep sorrow.—Charles Staska, Joseph Staska.

General Conditions of Country are Good

Chamber of Commerce Gives Figures as to the Value of Farm Lands in Past Years.

Speaking of "Knockers," did you ever consider the knocking that prevails on the Pacific Coast of different cities and communities and their rivals? Seattle acidly nicknames Portland the "Spinster City." Portland considers Seattle has reached the cultural stage of San Francisco about 1875. What good does it all do?

It would be just as silly for Plattsmouth to deride and belittle our good neighbor Nebraska City, or Lincoln, or Louisville, or Weeping Water, or to contemptuously deride Omaha—all of these cities, are building Nebraska—and in building Nebraska, are carried along with them and they with us. No community can benefit itself without that benefit extending to its neighbors. Some communities lie back in the traces and let their neighbors just drag them along with them, neither helpful nor thankful for the help they receive.

Our prosperity is largely a matter of comparative values. Reckoning our condition during the war-peak, we are not so fortunate; figuring it from 1910 to 1920 and things are most satisfactory. Florida, today, judging by her years of 1923, 24 and 25, is in the mullu-grubs. But the comparison is not fair. Florida is today building and growing in a normal satisfactory manner; the financial condition of the whole country, while discouraging compared with the war-boom, are as good if not better than the ten year period prior to the war. We have to figure things on a basis of relative to get at the correct conditions.

Our economists and sociologists in the fifties considered this country was going to the bow-wow, financially and socially on account of the great amount of free-land thrown open to settlement by the U. S. government. What has been the actual facts? The average value of farm real estate per acre from 1850 to 1925 runs as follows: 1850, \$11.14; 1880, \$19.02; 1890, \$21.31; 1900, \$19.18; 1910, \$39.60; 1920, \$69.38; 1925, \$53.57.

Farmers as well as merchants were caught in the crash of high prices, after 1920, and failed to plan ahead, but the natural increase in real estate due to increase in population, and the now known limited number of arable acres, is readjusting this as far as the farms are concerned. The table below gives the value of farm real estate from 1850 to 1925, which shows the sure steady trend of increased values.

It is to be seen at a glance at these figures, that the value of farm property in 1925 was \$16,750,000 less than in 1920, it was \$14,750,000 more than in 1910! So, the average trend despite the breaking of the fictitious values in 1925, is upward, and this condition will continue to be the case.

They'll tell you in Chicago the largest holder of Iowa land is the State Banking Department. At first glance this makes one shudder, but it is a boogey-man! It means \$7,000 acres of land, and that is in Iowa's 35,000,000—nothing, besides every acre of it is rented. Minneapolis broadcasts that Montana has 1,000,000 of distressed land in its treasury. Montana's farm land comprises 32,750,000, so this is a mere drop.

This is what we mean by a comparison of relative values, and relative conditions, in an impartial way, will relieve the tension often due to vicious but likely unintentional erroneous information.

Therefore, let's be thankful for this beneficial rain that e have just received. Appreciate our great opportunities, and count our blessings, and know that farm values are on the upward trend—conditions improving, and boost for our community, refuse to let a boogey-man! It means the knockers into a cock-eyed hat!

Thus—and only thus, do we build strong for the future—
W. G. DAVIS,
Secretary.

NO LEAGUE GAMES

From Monday's Daily—
Owing to the fact that the weather yesterday was not suited to the great national pastime the games in the Sarpy-Cass county loop were called off, it raining at all of the towns where the games were scheduled and will make necessary the playing of double headers later in the season. The Plattsmouth team was scheduled to meet the Springfield team on their hom lot and will now have the pleasure of a double bill on the occasion of their visit to the central Sarpy county town later in the season.

FUNERAL OF MATTHEW STASKA

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Holy Rosary Catholic church was held the funeral services of Matthew Staska, aged and highly respected resident of this city for a period of some twenty-seven years. The mass of the dead was celebrated by Father Jerry Hanck, pastor of the church and the services attended by a very large number of the old time friends and neighbors who have been sorrow stricken at the death of this estimable gentleman.

At the conclusion of the church services the body was borne to the Catholic cemetery where it was consigned to the last rest beside that of the wife who had preceded him in death several years ago.

The chief in the time that he has been the watchdog during the day time at this intersection has accumulated a fair sized directory of the auto owners of this part of Nebraska as well as Iowa, California, Kansas and almost every other state in the union, as the drivers, and especially those not familiar with the signs, have driven through the signs time without number and making necessary the taking of the name and number of the car and its driver. A considerable list of the local people also have been added to the "doomsday book" that the chief carefully prepared.

The fact that the K. of T. highway passes along the two blocks of Sixth street from Pearl to Vine, decided the city council that they would not place any detriment in the way of the existing traffic signs, but have eliminated the stop signs but are requesting that everyone observe the slow signs as a matter of their own safety as well as that of others who may be traveling along this highway.

Some regulation of the traffic is necessary in the main part of the city and while it may irk some of the auto drivers, practically all recognize that the city is just and fair in their attempt to secure some protection.

At the court house the Boy Scouts raised the flag over the county building and gave the salute to the flag and their creed.

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Flag Day Has Several Very Fine Programs

Different Parts of the City Scene of Special Tribute to the American Flag.

From Tuesday's Daily—
In honor of flag day there were several observances held over the city this morning, all being held at the same time, 7:30 in order that those who were engaged in working might have the opportunity of joining in the brief and impressive tribute to Old Glory.

Perhaps the most interesting of the programs was that occurring at Wintersten Hill where a flag was raised near the spot where in 1861 the women of the city presented to the members of Co. A, First Nebraska, and the first company raised in the territory for civil war, a battle flag. The attendance was very pleasing and the Grand Army and the W. R. C. had charge of this feature. The flag was raised by Robert Livingston, Boy Scout and grandson of the first captain of Co. A, Robert Ramsey Livingston, here as at the other places over the city the salute to the flag was given and two verses of "America" sung.

At the Garfield park the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary were in charge and here the call to the colors and assembly were sounded by Scout George Caldwell and the Legion colors were in evidence in the program. Clyde Jackson, Clarence Favors and Roy Wood forming the guard. The salute to the flag was given and also "America" sung.

The D. A. R. had charge of the exercises at the high school where the flag was raised, saluted and the audience joined in singing "America." Here the members of the vacation Bible school of the Methodist church were present and gave a flag song.

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CALLED TO KANSAS CITY

From Wednesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Richardson of Myard departed on the flyer over the Missouri Pacific for Kansas City, Missouri, in response to a message announcing the very serious condition of their daughter, Mrs. Warwick Saunders, wife of the owner of the Saunders Drive-It-Yourself company in that city. The message stated that the condition of Mrs. Saunders was such as to give little hope of her recovery and caused the parents to leave as soon as possible for the Missouri city. From the reports received in this city it seems that Mrs. Saunders was injured in some manner while working around her home, the accident resulting in internal injuries from which she has failed to rally as hoped for and which gives little hope of her recovery.

Relief Corps Holds Fine Flag Day Program

Meet at the Home of Mrs. John F. Gorder and With a Large Number Attending the Event.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The members of the Women's Relief Corps yesterday afternoon held a very pleasant observance of Flag day at the home of Mrs. John F. Gorder in the north portion of the city and at which there was present a very pleasing number of the members and friends.

The meeting was opened with the recitation of the Lord's prayer and the singing of "America" by the members of the party and served as the prelude for the excellent program that had been arranged by the committee in charge.

Miss Bernice Arn gave one of her delightful pianologues with her sister, Miss Marjorie, at the piano that added to the occasion.

One of the enjoyable treat of the program was the trio, composed of Marjorie Arn, piano; Catherine McClusky, flute and Jean Caldwell, violin, in which the young ladies proved real artists in their selections.

Miss Treva Edgerton also gave a delightful piano number and Miss Catherine McClusky a flute solo, both being very cleverly presented.

Miss Jean Hayes, one of the gifted young vocalists of the city was heard in a splendid vocal number and Mrs. Robert Troop, member of the Corps gave a reading in her usual pleasing manner.

A lot of the members of the party enjoyed group singing with Mrs. Gladys Groff and Mrs. Edna Schurz as leaders, the patriotic songs being selected by the ladies for the group numbers.

At the close of the afternoon the hostesses, Mrs. Gorder, Mrs. J. M. Leyda, Mrs. O. C. Hudson and Mrs. Elmer Taylor, served dainty refreshments of strawberries, ice cream, cake and coffee.

At the approach the first question was, have you a stove we can cook breakfast on? Sure we have was our answer. Then the stove and chopped woodpile was consigned to them and the ladies began the labor of cooking breakfast on the camp stove under a big Hackberry tree at the camp and a table was proffered by the Kamp and in a short time a bountiful meal was spread as we can testify because we partook some thereof. Welcome again to above and other friends to the Kamp.—Dan and Mrs. Lynn.

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Enrolling in Chamber of Commerce Rapidly

More and More of the Residents of the Community Get Into the Civic Organization.

Secretary Davis of the chamber of commerce was handed two new memberships to the chamber yesterday—one from Rev. O. G. Wichman, and the other from the Janda Bayersdorfer Mortuary company.

Reverend Wichman is known here always for his public spiritedness, and he is a booster for our community and city. The chamber is especially pleased to receive this membership—the first minister in Plattsmouth to join hands with this civic organization to promote Plattsmouth's good.

The Janda-Bayersdorfer Mortuary company, a new concern here, is in Plattsmouth to stay, they declare. They are to be earnestly commended for their interest in our local civic affairs in enrolling with the chamber of commerce, along with Sattler and Straight two other progressive firms.

There are yet many individuals in this city, some in our public affairs, as well as private citizens, and a few firms, that have as yet failed to put their shoulder to the wheel to push the interests of Plattsmouth, to boost, and to support the efforts of the chamber of commerce to build a greater and better Plattsmouth for the future. The City of Plattsmouth and this community need the support and cooperation of every man and woman in this city and community.

There is no better time than NOW to show this spirit of aggressive and progressive interest in your city, its schools, its business interests and, its public affairs.

The chamber of commerce, a strictly nonsectarian, nonpolitical organization, can only do for Plattsmouth and this agricultural community what you evidence by either your hearty unselfish and patriotic support, or your indifference.

This city, and this community needs publicity, to advertise our great resources, and our many opportunities, and to actively thru aggressive and vigorous and wholehearted support of the community at large this can be brought about. Why not drop in at the secretary's office today, and uphold his enthusiasm and efforts, by associating yourself with this body of men, actuated by unselfish motives, striving to life this city and community further up into the light.

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