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## Plattsmouth Priests Receive Papal Honors

Very Rev. Adolph M. Mosler and Rev. Father George Agius Honored in Easter Papal Brief.

Four of the oldest priests of the Lincoln diocese of the Roman Catholic church were honored in the Easter papal decrees raising them to the rank of domestic prelate and the title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor, one of the highest positions in the church.

Two of these distinguished church men to be honored were the Very Rev. Adolph M. Mosler, vicar general of the Lincoln diocese, now pastor of

well deserved recognition that has been given the local priests who have made a large place for themselves in the community life. Father Agius being here since 1927 and Father Mosler, since coming here in 1936, has been very active in the community affairs.

The appointments come as an added dignity to the golden jubilee of the Lincoln diocese, which in 1887 was separated from the former see at Omaha and made the see of the south Platte territory.

### Monsignor George Agius.

The Rev. Father George Agius was born on January 10, 1872, on the island of Malta, receiving his earlier schooling in the Jesuit seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1886, later going to Rome for post graduate work and a special study of the canon law of the church at the Pope's university. St. Apollinaris college. Father Agius in 1900 was given his degree of doctor of theology and in 1902 the degree of doctor of canon law.

In the year 1902 Father Agius received the call while at Rome from the then bishop of Lincoln, Rt. Rev. Thomas Bonacum, who had been placed in charge of the new diocese in 1887. On his arrival at Lincoln Father Agius was given the position of secretary to the bishop and the title of chancellor of the Lincoln diocese, serving under Bishop Bonacum until his death in 1911. Father Agius continuing in the same post under Bishop Thien until 1912. While chancellor he served the Agnew parish.

Father Agius was assigned the parish of Seward, Nebraska, in 1912 and served there until 1916, his service there being marked by the remodeling of the church building the clearing up of the parish debt. He was assigned to Geneva in 1916 and where he served with distinction. In the year 1927 Father Agius came to Plattsmouth as the successor of the late Monsignor M. A. Shine and has since served the church in this community. His service here has been marked by a very able administration of the church affairs, the clearing up of many of the church obligations, the able management of the St. John's school where a fine chapel has been provided for the use of the children of the school and ample for many of the services while the church was being repaired. New floors have

been placed in the school and the church has been kept in a very improved condition under the regime of Father Agius. It was in his pastorate that the Fifth street paving obligation of the church was handled and also the purchase of additional ground near the church for recreational use of the school. Since coming here Father Agius has completed

## PLATTSMOUTH STORES OPEN WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Beginning Wednesday night of this week, the business houses of Plattsmouth will be open each Wednesday evening throughout the summer and early fall. This will give rural patrons two nights a week to do their trading, since all stores remain open Saturday evenings the year round.

This is in accordance with the annual practice among the merchants here of keeping open two nights a week during the summer season when farmers are busy throughout the day and find it more convenient to do their shopping in the evening, both Wednesday and Saturday.

To inaugurate the re-opening of the stores on Wednesday evenings, a large number of the merchants are offering special bargains in many lines of merchandise. The ads appear in this issue of the Journal and list a wide array of special values. Journal readers are urged to look them over carefully and come to town Wednesday and participate in the bargains.

Co-incident with the Wednesday night opening, gift night programs will be resumed. These have been held regularly for several years and proven very popular, bringing people

here from a great distance. The committee in charge of this feature of "Wednesday Trade Night" are arranging a special program of music and assure the public that gift night programs this year will be as good or better than previous years.

Come to Plattsmouth Wednesday night—and succeeding Wednesday nights—to do your trading. You will not be disappointed in the quality and prices of goods offered by Plattsmouth merchants and you will not find any pay parking meters to exact toll from you when you shop here.

### BOY SHOOTS SELF

Verner Peck of Avoca accidentally shot himself Thursday morning with a revolver which was to be used in the operetta presented by the Avoca high school glee clubs Thursday evening. Verner brought the revolver to school in the morning and while going into the school building accidentally slipped and the gun went off. The bullet struck him in the arm. He was immediately taken to a Lincoln hospital.

The operetta, "Terry of Jericho Road," was presented under the direction of Miss Bertha TeSelle. Dwight Baier took the part of "Uncle Pete" as a substitute for Verner.

### Honor Loved Resident of Near Murdock

Mrs. Daniel Schlaphof Laid to Rest in Community Where She Spent Her Life.

Perhaps the largest attended funeral service ever held at the Callahan church was held on Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Daniel Schlaphof, conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. C. Weber. The main auditorium and the entire basement of the church was crowded, the building not being large enough to hold all who came to pay their last respect to this young mother, who had been so untimely taken from her family, relatives and friends. The services were heard throughout the entire building by means of a public address system belonging to Rev. Weber. The following is the outline of her life:

### Plattsmouth Scores Well in Music Contest

District No. 2 Contest at South High at Omaha Draws Out 1,800 Contestants—Locals Do Well.

The music contest of district No. 2 of the Nebraska high school association, opened Friday at South high school at Omaha, 1,800 of the young people from the eastern portion of the state participating.

The showing of the Plattsmouth high school musical department was excellent and while many schools had a larger total percentage owing to their entering many groups and soloists, the local young people won a fine recognition.

The girls' sextette comprising Mildred Knoficek, Wilma Swatek, Eleanor Minor, Helen Hiatt, Margaret Ann Valley and Flora Belle Meade, was given a rating of excellent for their number.

Mildred Knoficek repeated in her violin solo number by being awarded the rating of superior for the splendid rendition of her offering.

In the viola class, Rachel Robertson, one of the talented musicians of the school, was awarded excellent for her contribution to the program. Dick Hall, in the low voice boys' group secured a superior for his fine presentation.

In the boys medium voice group Robert Vallery was awarded excellent.

John Jacobs in the boys high voice section also secured excellent for a well given number.

Maymie Schwencker of the local school was entered in the girls' high voice group, winning an excellent rating.

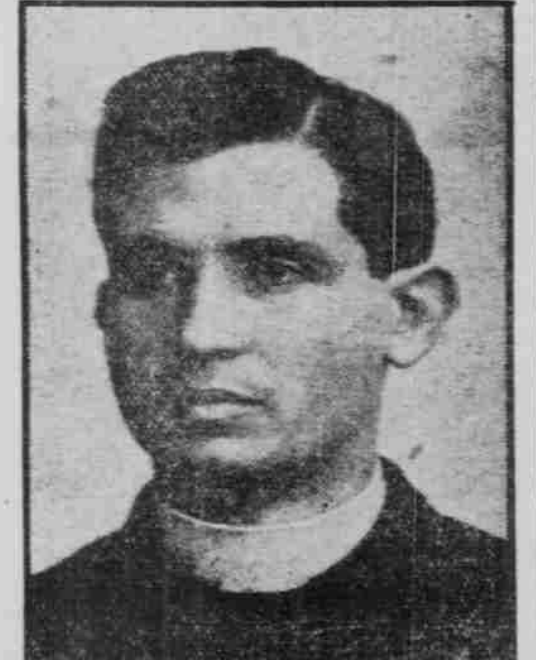
Beatrice Arn in the girls' low voice group was awarded good in her part of the afternoon program Friday.

The accompanists for the Plattsmouth entries were Jean Knorr, Edna Mae Petersen and Mrs. Lee Knolle. Miss Knorr served as the accompanist for the local entries in the contest today.

The result will be very pleasing to the patrons of the school and reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Lee Knolle, head of the music department and the teachers, as well as the fine group of young people.

### BIRTH OF SON

Word comes from Long Beach, Calif., of the birth of a son, John William, on March 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Egenberger. The seven pound, 14 oz. boy is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Egenberger. There are two other boys in the family, Charles and James.



Monsignor George Agius

the Holy Rosary church of this city, and Father George Agius, D. D., J.C.D., pastor of the St. John's church of this city, who was chancellor of the diocese of Lincoln under the late Bishop Thomas Bonacum.

The announcement of the appointments was made by the Rt. Rev. Louis B. Kucera, bishop of Lincoln, who extolled the splendid services that the priests had given to the church and the record that they had established in the diocese in which they had long been faithful workers and assisted in the growth of the church.

The investiture of the two monsignori will be made soon as the final arrangements can be planned and



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Very Rev. Matthew Nemecek of Wahoo and Very Rev. Edward Hogan of Dawson, were the other two recipients of the papal honors.

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### FILES MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

From Saturday's Daily—This morning County Attorney J. A. Capwell filed charges of manslaughter against Raymond Detlef of Nebraska City, following the death Thursday of Samuel Godfrey, second victim of an auto accident.

Ernest Crowder died while being taken to a hospital Tuesday night following the fatal auto-truck crash on highway No. 75 east of Union and now Godfrey has been added to the victims of the wreck.

Detlef was the driver of the car that crashed through the safety flares and into a truck with the result that all of the occupants of the car were severely injured.

Caster and Huss, two other members of the party are still bedfast as the result of the injuries and Detlef is the only member of the party that was not seriously injured.

### PLAY AT ELMWOOD

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### GAIL RUSK DIES

Gail Rusk, junior in the Plattsmouth high school, died in the Clarkston hospital last night at 10:10. The boy was injured in a truck smash-up south of Plattsmouth last Monday evening and taken to the hospital. He never regained consciousness.

Gail was born May 2, 1920. He attended school in Fairbury and Waverly. He has been in the Plattsmouth high school during the past three years. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Rusk, residing south of Plattsmouth, and a sister Willene, who is a freshman in the high school, and a brother, Irvin, who is at home. Rev. H. A. McKelvey of Mynard will have charge of services.

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### Fine Program is Announced for District Meeting

Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs to Meet in Weeping Water Tuesday and Wednesday.

An excellent program is announced for the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs of the first district which is being held at Weeping Water Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6 and 7.

Plattsmouth women have a number of prominent places on the two-day program. Mrs. Wm. Baird, president of the Plattsmouth Woman's club, will lead devotionals Tuesday morning. Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom of Plattsmouth, county president will offer greetings. Mrs. E. H. Wescott is on the program as director of the professional Tuesday evening.

Miss Marie Kaufmann of Plattsmouth, district chairman of art, will have charge of an exhibit of Nebraska artists on the Wednesday morning program. Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom will preside at the county presidents' luncheon at the Methodist church Wednesday noon. Mrs. L. S. Devoe is acting on the election committee.

The convention program opens with registration at the Congregational church in Weeping Water Tuesday morning at 8:30. Mrs. Otto Wilson, state chairman of Indian Welfare, will speak at 10:30 on "The Omahas as I Know Them." Her talk will be followed by a talk "Behind the Scenes of a Big Department Store" by Mrs. Guy L. Purdy, personnel director of Brandeis Stores of Omaha.

Mrs. R. L. Cochran will give the address at the tree planting ceremony at 11:30 Tuesday. At noon the conference luncheon for Juniors will be held with Mrs. G. A. Butts presiding. A conference luncheon will also be held for state and district chairmen and officers with Mrs. M. E. Scott presiding.

Mrs. M. S. McDuffee, state president, will speak on "Women's Clubs and Our Changing Times" at 1:45. At 2:35 Mrs. Paul Taggart will review "Honorable Estate" by Vera Brittain. Mrs. McDuffee and Mrs. Scott will act as leaders on a forum on federation affairs at 3:30. Mrs. A. H. Jones presides at the banquet honoring the Junior, business and professional women's clubs.

James E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, promises a fine address in the evening on "The Powder Keg of Europe." Mrs. G. A. Butts will also give an address on the evening program which opens at 7:30 on "Drums and Dreams."

"Wake Up and Live" is the topic upon which Mrs. M. E. Scott will address the convention at 9:30 Wednesday morning. Nellie Schlee Vance will discuss "Modern Art in Modern Life" at 10:10.

W. Roy Breg of Washington, D. C. will speak at 10:45 on "Allied Youth." At noon the county presidents' luncheon will be held with Mrs. Sundstrom presiding.

Ronald Buell of the University of Nebraska will present "A Play Reaches Broadway" at 1:30 on the Wednesday afternoon program. Mrs. Frances Pelton of Lincoln will dramatize "The Rolling Years" by Agnes Trunbull at 2:30. At 3:35 Nadine Bradley, director of household arts of the World-Herald, will talk on the "Art of Being Well Dressed." A style show will accompany the talk.

Among the outstanding music numbers will be those presented by the Louisville club chorus; Mrs. Ralph Sellhorn, violinist; Mrs. Roy Haslam, organist; Mrs. Walter Ord Wells, soprano; and the Peru State Teachers College chorus on Tuesday program. Wednesday presents Mrs. Fred Stefer, pianist; Mrs. C. J. Jelinek, soprano; and the Lincoln Woman's Club chorus.

### Hundreds Pay Honor to Judge Kieck Thursday

Funeral Services at First Methodist Church One of Most Largely Attended in City.

Thursday afternoon the funeral services for the late William G. Kieck, judge of the second judicial district, was held at the First Methodist church, of which he had been a member since residing here.

Long before the hour of the services the vicinity of the church was filled with the crowds from all parts of the second district and a large group of old friends from Omaha were present.

The church with a capacity of 450 was filled to the doors while on the outside as many more of the friends stood during the service to hear the last tributes to the man they had known and esteemed in his lifetime.

The body was escorted from the home at Twelfth and Marble streets, by members of Mt. Zion commandery of the Knights Templar. A short prayer was given at the home by Rev. V. C. Wright of the First Methodist church.

The body was received at the church by the guard of honor, composed of the members of Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion and the armed escort of the Nehawka post of the American Legion, the funeral party passing into the church through the opened ranks of the Templars and Legion members.

The platform at the east of the church was buried beneath the wealth of floral remembrances that flanked the casket on every side and silently attested the deep feeling of regret in the community at the death of this beloved citizen.

Following the prayer by Rev. Wright, Frank A. Cloidt gave the beautiful and comforting hymn, "In the Garden."

The message of the pastor, Rev. Wright, was from the twenty-third Psalm, which reassuring words of the love of the Master and the life everlasting brought much solace to those who mourned the passing of their loved one and friend.

Rev. Wright gave the following sketch of the life of Judge Kieck in a tribute to his memory and services to church and community:

William G. Kieck was born in Omaha, Nebraska, May 18, 1892. When two years of age he was taken by his parents to Springfield, Nebraska, where he grew to manhood, graduating from the high school there at the age of eighteen. In 1914, he graduated from the University of Nebraska with an A.B. degree, then taught for two years in the high school at Springfield. Following this, he was teaching in the high school in Imperial, Nebraska, when America entered the World War. Being one of the first to enlist, and receiving military instruction at the first Fort Snelling training camp, he was commissioned a Lieutenant of infantry in the summer of 1917. As an officer in the military service of the United States he arrived in France with one of the first contingents, and there transferred to the aviation service, serving with that branch till the end of the war.

In 1919, his company returned home. A desire to study caused his enrollment in the law school of Creighton University from which an LL.B. degree was received in June, 1921. While still a law student, he was elected the representative of Sarpy county in the Nebraska Constitutional Convention of 1920, and had the distinction of being the youngest and one of the ablest members of that body.

April 1922, Judge Kieck transferred his law offices from Omaha to Plattsmouth and since that time has been a resident of this city, and a member of the Cass County Bar association. June 25, 1924, he was united in marriage with Miss Lora Lloyd of Nehawka, a teacher in the Plattsmouth public school system. To this union were born two children, Marilyn Jean, now six, and William Robert, now four.

In the November election of 1924, the voters of Cass county elected Mr. Kieck county attorney, to which position he was repeatedly re-elected, and filled that office from January, 1925, to January, 1927. Having been elected Judge of the Second Judicial District of Nebraska, he took office in January, 1927. In the short period in which he served, he demonstrated his remarkable talents by energy, efficiency, thoroughness and fairness

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