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Investiture of Right Rev. Monsignor George Agius at St. John's Church Sunday

Most Rev. Louis B. Kucera, Bishop of Lincoln, Here to Confer Papal Honor on Veteran Priest of Diocese—Church is Packed for Ceremony.

COMMUNITY TRIBUTE PAID AT EVENING BANQUET

Event Brings Many Priests of Lincoln Diocese as Well as Old Friends of Monsignor Agius from Former 4 Charges—McFadden Toastmaster

Sunday afternoon amid the impressive ceremonies of the Roman Catholic church, Father George Agius of the St. John's church of this city was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate, with the title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor, one of the high honors that the church confers upon its faithful servants.

The event brought a large number of priests from this section of the state and many old friends of Monsignor Agius to pay him honor and share in his recognition.

The investiture was held at 4 o'clock at the St. John's church, which for the occasion was beautifully decorated with the lilacs and roses of the spring season and which were arranged profusely on the altar of the church. The throne occupied by Bishop L. B. Kucera was also decorated in an impressive manner. The large church auditorium was filled to its capacity by the members of the parish and friends of Monsignor Agius from this city and southern Nebraska.

The processional was accompanied by the choral rendition of the service as the distinguished members of the party entered the sanctuary of the church and Bishop Kucera was seated on his throne.

Very Rev. Monsignor Barnes, of Lincoln, chancellor of the Lincoln diocese, read the papal order that elevated the Plattsmouth priest to the monsignori of the church, as well as the letter of Bishop Kucera in which he commended the selection and praised the services of the recipient.

The impressive investiture was made by the Most Rev. Louis B. Kucera, the bishop of Lincoln, conferring on Monsignor Agius, the high honors that the church has provided for their priests.

It was a very happy note of the service that Monsignor Agius had present an old friend of more than thirty-two years standing, Father Ed. D. Daugherty, of Waterloo, Ia., who came here on the mission to preach the investiture sermon for his old friend and to meet the Bishop of Lincoln, who as a young priest had served in his diocese in Iowa.

Father Daugherty took as his subject that of Samuel and the prophets and leaders of the Bible, carrying the theme down through the years of the old testament when God made his wishes known through the prophets and leaders of the people of Israel. Then in the good time Christ was sent to earth and through His presence and teaching the carrying out of the Christian faith was placed in the hands of the priesthood of the church and was unending as the priests carried out the message of the faith, the reward of the priest was great in the service that he might give, and it was this service that had been given by Monsignor Agius in his work in the posts to which he had been called. Father Daugherty paid high tribute to Monsignor Agius as an old friend, for the untiring and faithful service that the priest had given to his church, for his deep humility and unselfishness in his service to his people to whom he had truly served as a spiritual father as well as leader. He also praised the fine work that had been given by Monsignor Agius in the past years when he was called to the post of chancellor of the diocese of Lincoln from 1902 to 1912 and which service had still left its stamp on the records and methods of handling the affairs of the church.

Bishop Kucera took occasion in his remarks to point out that the Lincoln diocese was celebrating its golden jubilee, being created as the South Platte diocese of the church in 1887 and the Most Rev. Thomas Bonacum, named as the first bishop. Monsignor Agius had come from Rome to Lincoln to be the chancellor of the diocese in 1902 and his

splendid work had been of invaluable aid to the bishop and placed the diocese on a firm financial basis. The church was honoring the memory and services of Bishop Bonacum in the naming of his secretary and chancellor to the monsignori of the church, an honor well deserved and for which the people and the priests of the diocese felt very grateful.

The Banquet

The ladies of the St. John's parish had arranged the American Legion hall in a most artistic manner for the investiture and in which purple was the color theme. The windows were shaded with the curtains of purple which also were used in the decorations of the lights of the hall and candles of the same hue were used on each of the tables. The nut cups formed as tulips were also of the purple. Bouquets of roses and lilacs were used on each of the tables. The banquet was well prepared and was served by the young girls of the St. John's parish in a very delightful manner. The menu was as follows:

- Fruit Cocktail
- Celery - Olives - Radishes
- Salted Nuts
- Baked Virginia Ham
- Cinnamon Apples
- Potatoes on Half Shell with Parsley
- Asparagus Tips
- Rolls - Jam
- Spring Salad
- Angel Food with Strawberries and Whipped Cream
- After Dinner Mints
- Coffee

During the banquet the high school orchestra under the direction of Lee Knolle, music supervisor, gave a number of very much appreciated selections to assist in the pleasantness of the evening. John Jacobs was heard in the vocal selection, "The Rosary" by Nevin, very beautifully given.

Rev. Father E. C. McFadden, of Syracuse, was the toastmaster of the evening and was at his best in this role, presenting very cleverly each of the speakers of the evening. It was regretted that Bishop Kucera was called to Lincoln just as the banquet was to open and accordingly gave his message at the opening of the evening. The bishop paid high tribute to the church leadership and the great statesmanship, of Pope Pius XI and especially in the cause of world peace and the advancement of the church. He also touched on the history of the Papacy in the more recent years of the church history. The bishop also again complimented Monsignor Agius on his elevation in the church clergy.

The official welcome of the city of Plattsmouth was extended by Mayor George Lushinsky, who congratulated the guest of honor and expressed appreciation of the community for the honor that had been bestowed on our local priest.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Luke Mandeville, of York, responded to the toast of "The Holy Father" and in his remarks traced the founding of the papacy from the time of St. Peter to the present day, lauding the present occupant of the papal chair for his untiring efforts for the church and especially his thoughtfulness for the members of the faith in the lands

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Project Club Tea Honors Cass County Leaders

350 Women Attend Recognition and Installation at Weeping Water Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. Everett Spangler of Murray, county group chairman had charge of the program at the recognition and installation service for the retiring and newly elected officers at the Congregational church in Weeping Water Tuesday afternoon. The project club tea was attended by 350 women representing the 51 project clubs which have been active in the county during the past year.

John B. Kaffenberger, president of the Cass county farm bureau board, was introduced by Mrs. Spangler. Mr. Kaffenberger stated that the rural population must cooperate and be represented by efficient leaders. Among the aims of the farm bureau he mentioned increased incomes, rural electrification, adjustment of taxation, farm legislation, better farm to market roads, and cooperative bargaining.

Miss Elsie Rockenbach took the place of Mrs. John Fischer in directing the Eagle women's chorus. The group sang "Trees" and "Prayer Perfect."

History of Project Clubs

Miss Evelyn Wolph of Nehawka, state president of the Women's Federated clubs, sketched the history of project club work in Cass county. She mentioned that the first club was organized in 1918 under the direction of County Agent Snipes. The group was composed of 100 women who met during the summer months. In 1921 individual groups were organized under the direction of Mrs. Nelson Berger, the first home agent in this county. She paid a high tribute to Mrs. Berger for her work. Since 1928 Miss Jessie Baldwin, as home extension agent, and D. D. Wainwright, county agent, have directed a continuous growth, working quietly to enrich the life of rural women. As an expression of appreciation, a gift was presented to Miss Baldwin by the club women.

Mrs. J. R. Reeder directed the Plattsmouth Chorus in the songs, "A Love Dream," "Stars of a Summer Night" and "Allah's Holiday." Mrs. Henry Goos accompanied.

Urges Fight on Grasshoppers
"This county is literally alive with grasshopper eggs" stated D. D. Wainwright, county agent, "and unless we have cold, hard rains within a few weeks, we will have a serious situation."

He urged the women to get behind a fight on the grasshoppers. He stated that the board was meeting this week to formulate a program for fighting the threatening pest. P. H. Hornby, county agent of Sarpy county, was introduced. He also spoke of the grasshopper situation and told of the Dodge county solution. The county has ordered 52 tons of bran for the fight.

Mrs. Karl Grosshans, county group chairman of Sarpy county, was also introduced. Miss Baldwin has also given lessons in that county during the past year.

County President Introduced
Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom, president of the Cass county federation of Women's clubs, was introduced. She stated as the purpose of the club work, "education for better living." She also expressed appreciation that so many clubs had joined the federation.

Mrs. Ralph Creamer directed the Elmwood rural chorus. They sang "Over the Summer Seas" and "Sweet and Low."

Recognition Service
Miss Jessie Baldwin took the stage during the recognition and installation service. Mrs. Roy Haslam accompanied at the console. The tall white candle representing the various agricultural organizations was lighted first. Mrs. Everett Spangler lighted the candle representing the county chairman. Next to light their candles were the group chairmen, Mrs. George Sheldon of Nehawka, Mrs. Will Stroebel of Elmwood, Mrs. Sterling Ingwerson of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Ralph Keckler of Weeping Water, Mrs. A. J. Tool of Murdock, Mrs. William Core of Louis-

ville, and Mrs. Turley Wahl of Eagle. A leadership pin was presented to Mrs. Spangler. Corsages were given to each of the group chairmen in honor of their service.

Presidents of project clubs during the past year next lighted their candles and the project leaders from the clubs were called to the front of the room. Words of appreciation were spoken and each was presented with a corsage. Recognition was also given to the leaders of the county chorus groups.

Installation

New group leaders were called to the stage to receive the lighted candle from their predecessors. Only two are new for next year. Mrs. John Woest takes the place of Mrs. Ingwerson and Mrs. Bert Lytle will take the place of Mrs. Wahl.

The new presidents then took the lighted candles from the presidents of the past year and the new project leaders were called to the stage. The installation pledge was repeated in unison. At the close of the meeting another gift was presented to Miss Baldwin by the Cass county farm bureau board.

Lunch and Program

Students of Janet Munkres of Weeping Water gave a group of tap dance numbers as the ladies were served. Donna Mae Philpot gave the "Essence of Virginia" to the tune of "Comin' Thru the Rye." A quartet in crepe paper costumes presented a waltz clog to "Sidewalks of New York." Dancers were Mary Jo Schmitt, Ruth Ann Hinds, Patsy Wainwright, and Janice Joyce. Mrs. Roy Haslam accompanied.

Mrs. George Sheldon and Mrs. A. J. Tool poured during the first service; Mrs. Will Stroebel and Mrs. Turley Wahl, during the second; and Mrs. William Core and Mrs. Sterling Ingwerson, during the third.

Paving of Highway 24 Promised for June Letting

State and Federal Authorities Promise That Gap in Highway Paving to Be Closed.

The paving of the stretch of gravel road on highway No. 24 from near Elmwood east to Weeping Water, is to be among the lettings at the June contracting by the state highway department, assurances have been received here from the state highway department.

The paving of this section of roadway will add to the all paved highway to the west and through Lincoln and Hastings.

The highway is one of the principal east and west roads through this part of the state and is a part of federal highway No. 34 from Chicago, all paved to Glenwood and leaving only a small section unpaved to the Missouri river.

The paving has been expected since the last of year and it is a very great pleasure to the residents of this section of the state to learn that it is being made possible in the June letting.

TUITION BILL IS SIGNED

It remained for Fred L. Carsten of Avoca to put thru the legislature, of which body he is a member, the much introduced measure to require the state to pay tuition of sons and daughters of men in the service of the army in this state. It has been a common legislative topic in recent years. Opponents claimed that it is up to the government not the state to pay such tuition.

Carsten not only saw his bill successfully thru the several stages to passage, but was in the governor's office Tuesday when the executive gave final sanction to 502. The latter appropriates \$15,000 for purposes outlined. Schools of Bellevue, Crawford and Omaha will participate.

In addition to Senators Carsten, Harry Gantz and Ernie Adams, the following were in the executive office at approval time: President Freeman of the Bellevue board of education and these board members: Messrs. Larson, Bachelor, Phelps; Mrs. Benwood, also board member and School Superintendent Bell.

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JUDGE TEFPT HOLDS COURT

Judge C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water, held his first hearing on the county court bench Monday afternoon when three fishermen were arraigned before him on the charge of violating fishing regulations.

The men were from Omaha and Fred Placek and J. J. Miller, were charged with fishing in the state lake at Louisville without the proper license, while A. H. Bartly was charged with having too many hooks on his lines.

The three defendants made a plea of guilty and were given a fine of \$5 and costs which was paid.

The complaining witness was John J. Tooley, a deputy state game warden.

TO UNDERGO OPERATION

George P. Melsing of this city, was operated on Tuesday at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha following an illness of some duration. Mr. Melsing sometime ago underwent a preliminary operation and yesterday was given the major operation. His condition is reported as very good and it is hoped he will be fully restored to his former good health.

Aschenbrenner Funeral Today a Military Burial

Requiem High Mass at Holy Rosary Church and With Service at the Grave by American Legion.

From Monday's Daily—A large group of the relatives and old friends of Frank J. Aschenbrenner, world war veteran and a lifelong resident of this city, attended the last rites at the Holy Rosary church this morning.

The escort at the church was composed of the color guard of the American Legion and the firing squad of the 17th infantry at Fort Crook and who also participated in the ceremonies at the grave.

The requiem high mass of the church was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Adolph M. Mosler, pastor of the church and who gave the sermon in both English and Bohemian. In his remarks the pastor pointed out that man was not born to die, but through the original sin, death had been brought to the heretofore immortal man, but through the forgiveness of Christ was everlasting life promised to mankind by the side of God. Death was uncertain and none knew his time and that to combat the foe of death was to live in the keeping of the commandments of the Lord, that man by his living could prepare the way to live forever in the presence of God.

The choir of the church assisted in the singing of the mass most impressively.

The body was laid to the last rest in the Catholic cemetery with the prayers given by Monsignor Mosler and the ritualistic services of the American Legion by H. L. Gayer, commander, and R. J. Larson as chaplain. The salute to the dead was by the firing squad from Fort Crook and taps by W. R. Holly.

The pall bearers were Legion members and old time friends of the departed, W. R. Holly, Peter Gradoville, Julius Kalasek, C. E. Ledgway, Frank Smith and Fred Lugsch.

CEMETERY BOARD ORGANIZES

The Plattsmouth city cemetery board met Tuesday for their reorganization for the coming year and to receive as a member of the board, Edward G. Ofe, appointed to take the place of James C. Comstock, resigned.

The board re-elected W. F. Evers as the chairman and Leslie W. Niel as the secretary-treasurer.

The other members of the board are Fred H. Sharpnack, Judge A. H. Duxbury, George A. Kaffenberger and E. G. Ofe.

The board has arranged a very efficient and business like conduct of the affairs of the cemetery and expect to have it kept in the best of shape all year round and assuring the lot owners that their lots will be well cared for by the superintendent of the cemetery.

RETURNS FROM THE WEST

Byron Golding, who has been enjoying an outing on the Pacific coast in the Los Angeles and Long Beach vicinity, returned home Sunday from a visit with relatives and old friends in that part of the west.

Mr. Golding had a very delightful time and was able to meet many of the old time Plattsmouth people who are now located on the west coast and the renewal of old times was most pleasant.

He was also a guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Daniel Golding and family while in the west.

Labor Troubles on River Project East of Union

Some Nineteen Men Quitting as Work Brings Capt. H. B. Loper in Charge of Work to Union.

From Wednesday's Daily—Captain H. B. Loper, of Omaha, in charge of the Missouri river improvement work from Kansas City to Sioux City, was at Union today to investigate labor troubles that have occurred on the project east of Union and which work is being handled by the McGeorge Contracting Co.

There has been reports of dissatisfaction on the work by the men employed and who allege inability to get along with the men that have directed their work and which has led, it is claimed to some nineteen of the men quitting their work in the past few days.

The men claim that they are unable to do the work to satisfy the directors of the various jobs on the river program and the foremen have been dissatisfied with the manner in which the work is done and the amount of time that the work has taken.

The McGeorge company is on the last of their project in that section of the river and it is expected that two or three weeks will see the work completed.

The representative of the war department will look into the situation and hear the representatives of the men and the company as to the causes of the dissatisfaction.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ELECT

The local court of the Catholic Daughters of America met Tuesday evening at the St. John's school for their regular business meeting also to take up the matter of the election of officers.

The officers named were as follows:

- Grand Regent—Mrs. Katherine Mullen.
- Vice Grand Regent—Mrs. Diana Bennett.
- Prophetess—Mrs. Josephine Swatek.
- Historian—Mrs. Agnes Walling.
- Financial Secretary—Mrs. Pauline Webb.

Treasurer—Mrs. Mary Creamer. Monitor—Mrs. Hermie Svoboda. Lecturer—Mrs. Mary Rea. Organist—Mrs. Esden Doody. Sentinel—Mrs. Anna Zitka. Trustees—Mrs. Josephine Swatek, Mrs. Marie Kalina.

The court selected as the delegates to the state convention opening at Lincoln on Sunday, Mrs. Katherine Mullen, with Mrs. Diana Bennett as alternate.

FUNERAL OF JOHN TIDBALL

Sunday afternoon the funeral services for the late John L. Tidball were held at the First Presbyterian church of which he had been a member for the years of his residence in this community.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church, brought the message of the life everlasting in his remarks and which served as a comfort to the members of the family circle.

During the services Frank A. Cloldt gave the lovely old hymn, "Sometime We'll Understand," Mrs. H. F. Goos playing the accompaniment.

The body was taken to Crete for the interment, the Sattler funeral home of this city having charge.

The pall bearers here were John Alwin, S. S. Davis, H. F. Goos, R. W. Knorr, H. A. Schneider and L. O. Minor. At Crete a number of the old friends laid the body to the last rest.

Phone news items to No. 6.

Chancellor Philips Visits Local Masons

Worshipful Master of Nebraska Masonry Honored Guest of Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

From Wednesday's Daily—Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. last evening had the pleasure of having as the guest of honor at their meeting, Chancellor Phillips, of Cambridge, the worshipful master of the Nebraska Masons, the first official visit of the master to the local lodge.

The occasion was doubly gratifying in not only the welcome to the official head of the state Masonry but also in the fact that it was in the nature of a homecoming for Mr. Phillips, who was for some time here with the First National bank and also had been married in this city.

Anderson Lloyd, senior warden of the lodge presided and presented the various numbers on the program.

The Masonic quartet composed of Frank A. Cloldt, R. C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr gave two very splendidly rendered numbers, "The Bells of St. Mary's" and "Home on the Range," E. H. Wescott accompanying the quartet at the piano.

Mr. Cloldt gave a vocal solo, "The Old Refrain" by Kreisler with Mr. Wescott being the accompanist.

Mr. Phillips received the honors of his office from the assembled lodge and gave them a very inspiring address on the trip that he recently made to Charleston, South Carolina, where was observed the 200th anniversary of Masonry of the grand lodge of South Carolina. Mr. Phillips told of the great part that Masonry had played in the history of that state and the nation and the many notable addresses on the work of Masonry that had been given at the anniversary and which was participated in by many of the grand lodge representatives from the various part of the United States as well as England and Canada.

The address was very inspiring to the members of the order and who appreciated very much the fine contribution of the evening in the story of the southern trip.

The evening was closed by the serving of refreshments by the lodge members and the reception and personal greeting of the grand master.

Mr. Phillips also entertainingly told of the many beauty spots of Charleston, the water front and historic Fort Sumter, located in the harbor and where the first shot of the civil war was fired. He also described the quaint streets of the older section of the city and the many beautiful southern colonial homes and the buildings that had been erected in the colonial days.

PLATTSMOUTH GIRL PLAYS IN PIANO FESTIVAL

Miss Jean Knorr will be among the pianists which are to play at the second Nebraska Piano Festival to be held at the Coliseum in Lincoln Saturday evening at 8:15. Four hundred pianists and a mass chorus of 900 voices will take part in the program which provides an impressive climax to the 19th annual convention of the Nebraska Music Teachers' association.

Registration has swept far beyond that for the festival of 1936. Sixty pianos will be played by the following groups: Senior high school, 60. Junior high school, 120. Juvenile, 100. young men, 25; adult, 40; accompanists, 60. In the last number, the Pilgrims' chorus from Wagner's "Tannhauser," the 60 pianos will accompany the mass chorus, which is made up almost entirely of pupils in the senior and junior high schools of Lincoln.

RETURNS FROM OUTING

George F. Swatek returned home Saturday from a three weeks vacation trip to the west coast and which has taken him through practically all of the coast from California to the Pacific northwest. With a friend from Lincoln the trip was made by car and gave a fine opportunity to view the many points of interest.