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Elmira K. C. Name Lagonegro As Head For Second Term

Elmira.—Harry J. Lagonegro was re-elected for a second term, grand knight of the Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, at the annual election conducted at Columbus Center, June 5. Grand Knight Lagonegro and Cornelius J. Milliken, former local grand knight and district deputy, were named delegates to the state convention next fall. Basil J. Vailancourt and John J. Saunders were selected as alternates.

Other newly elected officers are: Deputy grand knight, Basil J. Vailancourt; chancellor, Abram H. Ryan; warden, Joseph Sandore; advocate, John E. Sullivan; treasurer, Edward H. Prunier; recording secretary, William McCarthy; trustee, Robert J. Maloney; inside guard, Michael Conklin.

HOLY FATHER SUMMARIZES CATHOLIC ACTION AIMS IN LISBON PATRIARCH LETTER

Supreme Pontiff's Outline of Duties in Catholic Action Apostolate Timely In View of Holy Name Societies Rally in Elmira

Summary of all of the Holy Father's precepts of the subject of Catholic Action has recently been sent by His Holiness Pope Pius XI to His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Cereja, Patriarch of Lisbon, wise Monsignor-Eurist Pucci, Vatican City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service. The summary is being given at this time when Holy Name Men are visibly demonstrating Catholic Action in rallying at Elmira.

"The apostolate," the Holy Father wrote, "is one of the duties inherent to Christian life. It is a duty which will be seen in the very Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation impose—among other obligations—the apostolate of Catholic Action, which is spiritual help to our neighbor. Through Confirmation we become soldiers of Christ. The soldier should labor and fight not so much for himself as for others. Baptism, in a manner less evident to profane eyes, imposes the duty of apostolate; through it we become members of the Church, or of the mystic body of Christ; and among the members of this body—as of any organism—there must be solidarity of interests and reciprocal communication of life. One member must therefore help the other; no one may remain inactive and as such receive he also must give.

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Catholic Action In Georgia by Laymen Is Seen Effective

Effective work done by Catholic laymen is touched upon in the following taken from an address delivered in Chicago to the N.C.C.M. Convention by Simon Baldus, Managing Editor of Extension Magazine. The organization cited has for its able secretary, Richard Reid, editor of The Bulletin and just retiring president of the Catholic Press Association.

Mr. Baldus said in part: "The South is generally considered prejudiced and bigoted. This is a state of mind one may expect to find wherever Catholics are numerically negligible—a decided minority, as we are in the Southern states. I believe, though, that within recent years a change for the better has taken place. There are still sections where there is a great deal of animosity towards the Catholic Church and clergy to be found; still people who, if not actively, at least passively hate everything that is Catholic. But it is not so pronounced as it once was. In one state—Georgia—a tremendous change has taken place. Some years ago a Catholic Laymen's Association was organized there and through the vigilance and intelligent action of its members broke down the ancient barrier of prejudices and misinformation and established a most affable attitude towards Catholics among the people of Georgia. They did this chiefly by keeping in touch with the Press of the state.

"They subscribed for practically every paper at least all the important ones—carefully watching their editorials, special articles and news items, and whenever anything unfair or offensive to Catholics was published in any of them, the editor's attention was called to it in a courteous, gentlemanly way; the correct interpretation was given, or the correct information or version was provided; and in nearly all cases the editors played fair.

"Today the entire Press of the State of Georgia can be said to be exceedingly fair to Catholics, thanks to the intelligent methods pursued by the Catholic Laymen's Organization of Georgia. What has been accomplished there can be duplicated in other states where similar conditions prevail. (Parenthetically I'll say that controversy was not indulged in. I consider controversy, generally speaking, as not only ineffective but often harmful to us.)"

Miss Mary Bigham of Canandaigua Winner of Nazareth Scholarship

Canandaigua.—Announcement has just been made that the Father Dougherty memorial scholarship, founded by Canandaigua Court Catholic Daughters of America, had been awarded to Miss Mary Bigham, salutatorian of the Canandaigua Academy graduating class. The award provides a four-year course in Nazareth College, Rochester, for the senior girl of the Catholic faith having the highest standing in the school course. Miss Bigham's average was 92.85.

Four years ago the award went to Miss Dorothy Abraham, of Park St. who is completing her course this month. It was founded in memory of the Rev. James T. Dougherty, rector of St. Mary's Church, who died in 1921.

Missioners Feed Needy As Crops Are Ruined

Hainan, China.—(NCWC Files)—Newspapers of South China cite instances of entire families committing suicide on the Island of Hainan. The October typhoons ruined the rice crop, and the emergency crop of vegetables planted afterwards has been dried up by a long drought. The people are mad with hunger and many are dying. The Fathers of Pious, in charge of the missions of Hainan, are doing their best to feed some of the sufferers and to find employment for others.

"Catholic Action will then take care to promote these institutions, although it must leave them a distinct responsibility and autonomy, in things purely technical and economic. Its principal task will be always to see that they derive inspiration from the principles openly Catholic and the teaching of this Apostolic See—a teaching we have imparted in the Eucharistic Quadragesimo Anno

"It is well understood that Catholic Action, like the Church whose direct collaborator it is, has not a material end but is a spiritual one. Therefore it is in its very nature that like the Church, it keeps itself aloof and outside any political party, being no longer directed to safeguard special interests of groups, but to procure the real salvation of souls diffusing as much as possible the Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ in individuals, in families, in society and to unite under its banners of peace in perfect and disciplined harmony all those faithful who intend to bring their contribution to so holy and so vast a work of apostolate.

"However this does not prevent each Catholic from taking part in organizations of a political character when they are in program and activity, giving the necessary guarantees for safeguarding the rights of God and of their conscience. Nay, it must be added that participating in the political life responds to a duty of social charity, for the fact that each citizen must, according to his opportunities, contribute to the welfare of his own nation. And when this participation is inspired by the principles of Christianity much good is derived from it not only for the social life, but also the religious.

"Therefore Catholic Action shall, though not taking part in politics in the strict sense of the word, prepare its soldiers to participate in political affairs, inspired with all the principles of Christianity, the only ones that may bring prosperity and peace to peoples. This must be for it is not right that men who profess themselves Catholic should have one conscience in their private life and another in public.

"There are many other activities, to which Catholic Action must dedicate itself; we shall say, rather, that no activity, which is possible and useful to Christian life, must be excluded from its program.

Social Justice, Charity

"Among all these activities, however, there are some particularly urgent, because they respond to the greatest and most-felt needs. Among which we enumerate, today, the assistance of the working classes; and the first place—must also be mentioned—through those institutions that have the specific aim of actuating the principles of social justice and of evangelic charity.

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Man, 82, Has Walked 73 Consecutive Years In Church Procession

London.—(NCWC)—When P. Williamson was a boy of nine he walked with St. Augustine's Guild in the annual procession through the streets of Preston, Lancashire.

Now, as a man of 82, he has again walked with St. Augustine's Guild in the annual event. And he has not missed walking with the parish contingent during all the intervening 73 years.

The procession itself is 90 years old. There were 80 statues in the latest display. Only 20 years ago the idea of carrying a statue was discussed seriously before the venture was tried; and then, on account of the possible local reaction, the statue was surrounded by a picked body of men.

Preston claims to be the most Catholic town in England. One-third of its 219,000 population are Catholics.