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The Eyes of Texas are upon you
All the live long day.
The Eyes of Texas are upon you
You can not get away.
Do not think you can escape
them
At night or early in the morn
The Eyes of Texas are upon you
"Till Gabriel blows his horn.

A M E R I C A

My country, 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:

Land where my fathers died
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble, free
Thy name I love:

I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

God Bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait:

Thou Who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

FOREWORD

"Truth loves an appeal to the common sense of mankind.

"Some can discern objects distant and remote, but can not perceive those within their grasp.

"Feeling that a race has been a slave to the influence of public opinion early acquired and deeply rooted and distinctions generally received, we should pity and not despise those who are yet in darkness,

"To the eye of reason what can be more clear than that all men are created equal and have an equal right to happiness. For Nature made no other distinction than that of higher and lower degrees of power of mind and body.

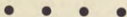
"We believe that in the judgment of heaven there is no other superiority among men than a

superiority in wisdom and virtue.

"We have been roused from our slumbers, and may we never sink into repose until we have conveyed a clear and undisputed inheritance to posterity, to the end that a backward race, in this age of civilization may tread hand in hand in all the various walks of life amongst the enlightened races of today."

Greetings to all Visiting Councils
Best wishes for a successful Convention
May the League Live Long and Prosper

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Respect your citizenship and pre-
serve it; honor your country, main-
tain its traditions in the spirit of its
citizens, and embody yourself into
its culture and civilization;

Love the men of your race, be
proud of your origin and maintain
it immaculate, respect your glorious
past and help to defend the rights
of your own people;

Learn how to fulfill your duties
before you learn how to claim your
rights; educate and make yourself
worthy, and stand high in the light
of your own deeds; you must always
be loyal and courageous;

Filled with optimism make your-
self sociable, upright, judicious, and
above all things be sober and col-
lected in your habits, cautious in
your actions and sparing in your
speech;

Study the past of your own, and
of the country to which you owe
your allegiance, learn how to master
with purity the two most essential
languages—English and Spanish;

Always be honorable and high
minded, learn how to be self-reliant
upon your own qualifications and
resources;

Believe in God, love Humanity
and rely upon the framework of
human progress, slow and sound,
unequivocal and firm;

In war serve your country, in
peace your convictions; discern, in-
vestigate, meditate and think, studv,
at all times be honest and generous;

Let your firmest purpose be that
of helping to see that each new
generation of your own shall be of
a youth more efficient and capable
and in this, let your own children
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Audacity or Stupidity?

Our league is no stronger than its weakest link is an anxiety which has been generally accepted by its membership.

During the past administration two or three things have come to our attention which, to a certain degree, have a deep bearing on the progress and welfare of our League. Our comments on these issues are based on the official conduct and the principle involved and are not directed at the personality or the private activities of any individual member or members. For this reason we have refrained from mentioning any names. The facts as recorded here are taken from personal observation or from sources which in our opinion are completely reliable. With this explanation in mind we pass on to our first issue.

Some time ago a certain council of our League went on record as opposing the Child Labor Amendment which unfortunately was defeated in the Texas Legislature just recently. If the membership of this particular council had been well posted on our aims and purposes they would have found that section 22, of our aims and purposes provides, "We shall denounce every act of peonage and mistreatment as well as the employ-

ment of our minor children of scholastic age."

The action taken by this council in opposing the Child Labor Amendment was in direct conflict with our General Constitution.

Our next problem involves a moral principle.

A general officer of our League has been requested repeatedly by his superior officers—who are duly authorized to handle the funds requested—to turn over funds which rightly belong to the League and to individual members of the League. He does not refuse neither does he comply with his superior's request. He remains silent. What interpretation would you place on his attitude?

Article VII, Section 1 (c) of our General Constitution provides, "Any member of the Supreme Council or any officer of a local council may be impeached and removed from office for misappropriation of funds."

Would any member or general officer of the League be justified in filing charges against the general officer in question under the circumstances as cited above?

Perhaps our legal adviser could enlighten us on the subject. In our humble opinion we say that it could and should be done.

Our last issue involves the principle of discipline.

A general officer of our League, perhaps unintentionally but without authority, places the League in an embarrassing position before the public by appearing before a certain state legislative committee and leaving the impression that our League as a whole opposed the Alien Property Bill.

The action taken by this general officer has not been refuted, although it has been condoned in part by the local council of which this general officer is a member.

The question uppermost in our mind is which aim and purpose of our League was served by this general officer's action? By what authority did this general officer compromise our League?

Article IV, Section 7, of our General Constitution provides, "The Supreme Council is the supreme authority of this Organization for the purpose of legislating and for any other matter of general character affecting this Organization, and its orders or resolutions shall be the supreme law of this Organization." Again, resolution No. 7, adopted at Del Rio, Texas, on May 7, 1933, provides, "That the chief duty of each member of this organization is to the League and that this duty is superior to any personal interest of each member and is likewise superior to the duty of each member to the local council and that this duty is clearly expressed in the motto of our League, to-wit: "ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL."

It is about time that these irregularities or violations of the spirit or the letter of our General Constitution on the part of local councils and our general officers be corrected.

We prefer simplicity or folly to audacity or stupidity.

¿Quien Pasara el Pato?

From the time we began to plan our Convention Edition up to the time we were about ready to go to press we were in real earnest of publishing, in the present edition, all the resolutions adopted at all Special and General Conventions of our League since its inception. But we overlooked one factor, that is, there has developed in our Conventions a mania of "buck passing" which is in a class all to itself. At the Mission Convention of May 7th, 1934, by resolution duly passed and adopted the Secretary General was instructed, "to compile in printed form all of the orders and resolutions adopted at all special and general conventions, including that of May, 1934, the cost to be paid out of the general fund of the League and to be distributed to the various councils for such a price for each copy as may be deemed proper to defray the expenses of the publication thereof; excepting therefrom, however, resolutions of condolence and of honorary elections."

Apparently we did not get any results for at the Hartlingen Convention June 2nd, 1935, the

office of Legal Adviser was created and among the duties assigned to him we find, "to compile and cause to be printed all the orders and resolutions issued or passed by the Supreme Council, resolutions of condolence excepted . . ."

Did we get results this time? Take a look at this! At the Laredo Convention of June 7th, 1936, a resolution was duly passed and adopted which in part reads as follows: "That the Custodian of Records be and he is hereby instructed to compile and cause to be printed all the orders and resolutions heretofore issued or passed by the Supreme Council, resolutions of condolence excepted . . ."

For three consecutive years identical resolutions have been passed and adopted with the only difference of shifting the responsibility to a different general officer. To our knowledge none of these resolutions have been rescinded. Three general officers of our League have been assigned the task of compiling and causing to be printed these resolutions. But to no avail. Our membership is still clamoring for these resolutions to be compiled and reduced to printed form.

Outside of the J. T. Canales administration we do not know of any other administration which complied with the mandate of the Supreme Council.

In justice to our present General Custodian of Records, Mr. A. de Luna, we must say that he has been deprived—at least temporarily—of the original records and it was a physical impossibility for him to carry out the wishes of the Supreme Council in this matter.

The League is deeply indebted to our Secretary General, Mr. William Flores for the excellent work he has done in copying all orders and resolutions—resolutions of condolence and honorary elections **not** excepted—passed

and adopted by all Special and General Conventions of the League since its inception, making it possible for the original records to remain where they should be kept.

We do not like "to steal somebody else's thunder," nor do we wish to infringe on the rights of others, particularly when the money has been appropriated for the purpose and the Supreme Council has issued orders as to how these resolutions should be distributed. There is so much confusion, conflicting legislation, and division of authority that whoever tackles this job will find that it is no "Summer's holiday."

We suggest that the General Custodian of Records, the Secretary General, and the Legal Adviser should constitute a committee of three to compile and codify these resolutions and when their work is terminated it should be delivered to the Director of Publicity to have same printed. The Director of Publicity should know more about setting this work up than the average member or general officer of the League. He should be allowed a certain percentage of the sales for handling the matter.

In the meantime we wonder, "Quien pagara el pato?"

El Paso Next

What will the League do about the next Convention city?

It stands to reason that any council in the League has the right to bid for the next General Convention. However, it is our opinion, that El Paso has a just claim, at this time, to be selected as the next Convention city.

The basis for our claim lies in that:

1. El Paso has been loyal to LULAC. It has sent a delegation to every General Convention since its inception into League, that is, for the past four years. The shortest distance any one of these delegations has traveled is 1200 miles, when the General Convention was held at Del Rio Texas, in 1933.

2. El Paso has had an active council from the time it came into existence to the present time. Council No. 8 has earned the respect of the civic leaders in the city and vicinity through the activities in which it has participated.

3. El Paso holds the key position to the western part of our country where Latin Americans predominate. It is the threshold to the States of New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Colorado, which offer a virgin field for the dissemination of LULAC doctrines.

4. El Paso is the largest city on the southern border and just across the Rio Grande lies Ciudad Juárez the largest Mexican city. First class accommodations may be had for any number of delegates at very reasonable prices.

5. In recognition for the services to the LULAC movement, which the El Paso Council has rendered not only to the League but the public as well.

The outgoing General Administration has proven that El Paso has zealous, constructive, and progressive members of LULAC, and that they possess character, integrity, and administrative ability to insure a profitable and successful Convention should El Paso be selected as the 1938 Convention city.

Wait and see what the El Paso delegates will do when they get to Houston.

It will be "EL PASO NEXT."

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Aims and Purposes of the League of United Latin American Citizens

ARTICLE 1.

The official name of the Organization shall be "The League of United Latin-American Citizens." The headquarters thereof shall be determined at the regular annual convention of delegates of the Local Councils who shall compose the Supreme Council. At said Convention only the duly accredited delegates, and in case of a tie the President General, shall have the right to vote.

ARTICLE II

The Aims and Purposes of this Organization shall be:

1. To develop within the members of our race the best, purest and most perfect type of a true and loyal citizen of the United States of America.

2. To eradicate from our body politics all intents and tendencies to establish discriminations among our fellow-citizens on account of race, religion or social position as being contrary to the true spirit of Democracy, our Constitution and Laws.

3. To use all the legal means at our command to the end that all citizens in our country may enjoy equal rights, the equal protection of the laws of the land and equal opportunities and privileges.

4. The acquisition of the English language, which is the official language of our country, being necessary for the enjoyment of our rights and privileges, we declare it to be official language of this Organization, and we pledge ourselves to learn, and speak and teach same to our children.

5. To define with absolute and unmistakable clearness our unquestionable loyalty to the ideals, principles and citizenship of the United States of America.

6. To assume complete responsibility for the education of our children as to their rights and duties and the language and customs of this country; the latter, in so far as they may be good customs.

7. We solemnly declare once for all to maintain a sincere and respectful reverence for our racial origin of which we are proud.

8. Secretly and openly, by all lawful means at our command, we shall assist in the education and guidance of Latin-Americans and we shall protect and defend their lives and interests whenever necessary.

9. We shall destroy any attempt to create racial prejudices against our people, and any infamous stigma which may be cast upon them the respect and prerogatives which the Constitution grants to us all.

10. Each of us considers himself with equal responsibilities in our Organization, to which we voluntarily swear subordination and obedience.

11. We shall create a fund for our mutual protection, for the defense of those of us who may be unjustly prosecuted and for the education and culture of our people.

12. This Organization is not a political club, but as citizens we shall participate in all local, state and national political contests. However, in doing so we shall ever bear in mind the general welfare of our people, and we disregard and adjure once for all any personal obligation which is not in harmony with these principles.

13. With our vote and influence we shall endeavor to place in public office men who show by their deeds, respect and consideration for our people.

14. We shall select as our leaders those among us who demonstrate, by their integrity and culture, that they are capable of guiding and directing us properly.

15. We shall maintain publicity means for the diffusion of these principles and for the expansion and consolidation of this Organization.

16. In order that we may enjoy our rights more fully, we, as well as the members of our families, shall comply with the laws of the State in which we reside governing the right of franchise.

17. We shall diffuse, our ideals by means of the press, lectures and pamphlets.

18. We shall oppose any radical and violent demonstration which may tend to create conflicts and disturb the peace and tranquility of our country.

19. We shall have mutual respect for our religious views and we shall never refer to them in our Institutions.

20. We shall encourage the creation of educational institutions for Latin-Americans and we shall lend our support to those already in existence.

21. We shall endeavor to secure equal representation for our people on juries and in the administration of Governmental affairs.

22. We shall denounce every act of peonage and mistreatment as well as the employment of our minor children of scholastic age.

23. We shall resist and attack energetically all machinations tending to prevent our social and political unification.

24. We shall oppose any tendency to separate our children in the schools of this country.

25. We shall maintain statistics which will guide our people with respect to working and living conditions and agricultural and commercial activities in the various parts of our country.

ARTICLE III.

Membership

Section 1. Only native born or naturalized citizens 18 years of age of Latin extraction shall be eligible to membership either as active or passive membership; provided that any person of the Caucasian race who is married to a Latin may be also eligible.

Section 2. Any person who has distinguished himself or her-

self in science, arts, or letters or who has rendered some service to this Organization in general or to any Local Council in particular may be elected as Honorary member by the Supreme Council or by the Local Councils whether such person be an American citizen or otherwise. Honorary members shall not be required to pay any dues, or contributions.

Section 3. Only active members in good standing are entitled to hold office and to vote in this Organization. No person holding an elective public office, or who is not legally qualified to vote at all general elections in this State, can be an active member of this Organization.

Section 4. A passive member is one who is temporarily disqualified to vote or who holds and elective public office, and said members shall have the right to be heard but shall not have the right to vote at any meeting. All passive members must pay dues or contribute toward the support of this Organization the same as active members.

Section 5. All persons desiring to be either active or passive members of this Organization shall be governed by the tenor of the following application blank, which must be duly executed:

To the Council of The League of United Latin American Citizens.

Gentlemen:—

I, the undersigned, hereby most respectfully make application to become a member of your Local Organization and state that I have correctly answered all questions contained in the questionnaire appended to this application, and have complied with the instructions herein contained.

(Applicant)

Applicant must answer the following questions correctly before this application will be acted upon.

- Give your full name:.....
- Give the date and place of your birth:.....
- State your occupation:.....

d. Give your Post Office address:

e. Are you a native born American citizen?

f. Are you a naturalized American Citizen? If so, when and where were you naturalized?

g. Are you legally qualified to vote in this County and State?

On my honor I certify to the correctness of the above answers this.....day of.....
A. D., 19.....

(Applicant)

We, the undersigned members in good standing of the League of United Latin-American Citizens, certify that we are personally acquainted with

the applicant, and know to the best of our knowledge and belief, that he is a person of good moral character and worthy of being a member of this League and we further certify that the answers to the foregoing appli-

cation are true and correct.

This application was referred to the Committee on membership this.....day of.....
A. D., 19.....

Secretary.

The Committee on membership hereby recommends that the foregoing application of.....

BE (GRANTED)
(REJECTED)

Chairman.

NOTE: This application must be accompanied by the initiation fee and one month's dues in advance, which amount will be returned in case the applicant is rejected.

ARTICLE IV
The Supreme Council

Section 1. This Organization shall be governed by one Supreme Council which shall consist of two duly elected delegates and two alternates from each Local Council. These delegates shall meet on the first Sunday in May of each year, at

the place hereinafter designated. At said annual Convention the delegates shall, by a majority of votes, elect a President General and a Vice-President General, and other officers that the Supreme Council may, in its wisdom, designate.

A majority or at least ten of the delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. The Supreme Council shall endeavor to further and carry out the aims and purposes of this Organization and may legislate thereon, and its resolutions and instructions shall be carried out by the Local Councils of this Organization.

Section 3. The headquarters of this Organization shall be in the City where the President General resides.

Section 4. The first annual Convention is held in Corpus Christi, Texas, and thereafter at the place designated by said Convention. The other places of meeting shall be those designated at the respective annual Conventions.

Section 5. The President General may call a special Conven-

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May the League Prosper and Progress, attaining and achieving heights founded on the noble principles framed by its founders.

RAMON L. LONGORIA, LL. B.

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

tion whenever he deems it advisable. He shall designate the date and the place thereof and shall serve due notice of said Convention and of the purpose thereof by means of a personal letter addressed to each of the Presidents of the Local Councils. The President General shall call a special Convention at the request of two or more Local Councils, and in case he fails or neglects to do so, the Secretary General on such request shall call said Convention. The same shall be presided by the President General or the Vice-President General, or in their absence, by the person selected by the delegates present at said special Convention.

Section 6. The Secretary and the Treasurer of the Local Councils of the City where the President General resides shall be Ex-Officio Secretary General and Ex-Officio Treasurer General, respectively, unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Council. The Treasurer General shall furnish such bond as may be prescribed by the Supreme Council. These officers shall take such oath of office as the Supreme Council may direct,

and shall render separate written reports of their labors, etc., shall first be referred to a committee appointed by the Supreme Council for the purpose, and then same shall be submitted to said Council for deliberation and approval.

Section 7. The Supreme Council is the supreme authority of this Organization for the purpose of legislation and for any other matter of a general character affecting this Organization, and its orders or resolutions shall be the supreme law of this Organization.

Section 8. The President General shall appoint such Committees as he may deem to be necessary, or that may be designated by the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE V. Local Councils

Section 1. Local Councils shall be organized by the Supreme Council or under its authority or direction. They shall have the right to make their own Constitution and by-laws provided the same shall not in any way conflict with this Constitution or with any resolution

or by-laws adopted by the Supreme Council and in case of such conflict the Constitution or by-laws of said Local Council shall be void.

Section 2. The Local Councils shall elect officers and members of the local executive committee which shall conform as nearly as possible to the officers selected by the Supreme Council; and such Local Councils shall elect as many committees as they may in their wisdom, deem necessary to carry on the work of their local Organization.

Section 3. An active or passive member in good standing of any council may transfer his membership to any other council and upon the written request of such member it shall be the duty of the local secretary to issue such transfer.

Section 4. Members of Local Councils in good standing shall have the right to attend and be present at any annual or special Convention of this Organization, but only the duly accredited delegates shall have the right to vote and to participate in the deliberations thereof, unless such member, is, by a ma-

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Mrs. S. V. Lozano,
Vice-President

Mrs. Estela Longoria,
Secretary

Miss Beatriz Alvarez,
Treasurer

majority vote of the delegates then present, requested to address said Convention.

Section 5. Only active members of Local Councils and who are in good standing shall be eligible to office in their respective Local Councils and in the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of every member of this Organization (except Honorary members) at every meeting to salute the Flag of the United States of America and to repeat the following pledge, standing at attention facing the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Section 2. Every active and passive member shall contribute and pay their general and local dues as the same shall be assessed by the Supreme or Local Councils.

Section 3. Any member who is in arrears for more than three months; or who refuses to contribute to any worthy object decided by the Supreme Council or by their respective Local

Councils shall be subject to be expelled from the Organization.

Section 4. The Local Councils, in the event the Supreme Council fails or neglects to do so, shall prescribe the manner of trial for the expulsion of any member by reason of failure to pay his dues or contributions, or for any immoral or improper conduct.

ARTICLE VII.

The Motto and Oath of Officers and Members.

Section 1. The motto of this Organization shall be as follows:

"All for one and one for all" and this motto shall be printed on the stationery in use by the Supreme Council and by every Local Council.

SECTION 2.

Oath of Officers.

Each officer present shall repeat the following oath:

"I most solemnly promise that I will faithfully perform all the duties imposed upon me as an officer of this Organization by its Constitution and by-laws or by any resolution duly passed; that I shall zealously watch for

the purity, progress and prosperity of the order and I shall set a good example of a true and loyal American in my own life. So help me God." The organizing officer shall then say:

"By virtue of the authority in me vested I hereby declare that you have been duly installed in the respective offices for which you have been selected.

SECTION 3.

Oath of Members.

"You and each of you solemnly swear (or affirm) to be loyal to the Government of the United States of America; to support its Constitution and obey its laws; and that you will teach your children to be good, loyal and true American citizens; that you will faithfully keep and observe the Constitution and by-laws of this Organization; and all the resolutions duly adopted; and that you will extend to all its officers due respect and obedience.

The member or members shall answer: "I do" or "we do." Then the President or organizing officer shall say:

"By virtue of the authority vested in me I hereby declare

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that you have been duly constituted members of this Organization; or, I hereby declare you to be a member of.....

Council of The League of United Latin-American Citizens."

ARTICLE VIII.

Removal and Impeachment of Members.

Section 1. Any member of the Supreme Council or any officer of a Local Council may be impeached and removed from office for the following reasons:

(a) Disloyalty to the United States Government, or to the aims and purposes of this Organization.

(b) Misconduct in office.

(c) Misappropriation of funds.

(d) Improper or immoral conduct.

Provided that if any such officer or any member of this Organization shall be finally convicted in any tribunal in this State or of the Federal Government of any felony, or, of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, he shall inso facto be expelled from the Organization by the Supreme Council without further process.

Section 2. Any member of this Organization shall have the right to present a charge for the impeachment and removal from office of any member of the Supreme Council or any officer of a Local Council. Said charge shall be in writing and sworn to and shall specify the offense charged. The Supreme Council or the Local Executive

Council, as the case may be, shall then cause said accused person to be summoned, and a date set for the hearing, and a list of twelve members of this Order shall be drawn as a jury to hear the evidence and decide the truth or falsity of the charge which verdict shall be rendered by a two-thirds majority. In the event of conviction the result thereof shall be certified to the Supreme Council and by it to each Local Council thru the Secretary General of this Organization.

Section 3. Any person thus impeached, removed or expelled may, if he feels aggrieved, appeal to the annual Convention, but in the meantime he shall not enjoy any privileges as a member of this Organization.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments to This Constitution.

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be offered by any Local Council at any annual or special Convention; or by any two delegates duly accredited to said Convention. Said amendments shall be read at least twice before said Convention and shall be adopted by two-thirds majority of the delegates present before the same shall be submitted to the several councils for their approval. If said proposed amendment is approved by the majority of the councils then constituting this Organization the same shall be proclaimed as part of this Constitution by the President General

and the Secretary General of this Organization. In the same manner a new Constitution may be offered and adopted.

Section 2. The Supreme Council at any annual or special Convention shall have the right to adopt, amend, change or modify, by a majority vote of the delegates then present, any resolution or general by-law of this Organization but not this Constitution.

The foregoing Constitution was presented, in duplicate, for the approval of the undersigned delegates, members of the Constitutional Committee selected under the terms of the Convention held at Corpus Christi on February 17th, 1929, and was submitted for the approval and ratification of delegates to the First General Convention held at Corpus Christi, Texas, May 19th, 1929, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Said Constitution was approved and ratified unanimously.

Jose P. Vera, A. de Luna, Isaac Longoria, Joe Stillman, E. H. Marin, A. A. Guerra, Fred Longoria, Juan C. Solis, Eduardo Idar, Bruno Treviño, J. M. Longoria, C. P. Barrera, Lic. J. T. Canales, Ezequiel Cavazos, Juan Vela Lopez, Fernando de Pena, Alfredo Benavides, J. G. Barrera, Lic. M. C. Gonzales, Rafael D. Garcia, Iázaro Hinojosa, Roberto E. Austin, Leobardo G. Ramirez, Prof. J. Luz Saenz, Candelario Ramirez,

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ALBUQUERQUE COUNCIL NO. 34

Meliton F. Otero, President
Dennis F. Baca, Secretary

It is fitting and proper at this time to let our fellow brothers throughout LULACDOM know a little history of Council No. 34 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We considered our accomplishments very satisfactory and all this is due to the type of members of the Council and the manner in which we select and elect our membership.

Our first president, Mr. M. C. Gonzáles, who is connected with the International Revenue Office in Albuquerque deserves much credit for the stability of the foundation that he built in the erection of this splendid Council. His right hand was the Secretary who is responsible for keeping the members in attendance at very interested meet-

ings and due to his activities we consider that he has done more good for the Council than any other member. He is no other than our distinguished District Governor, Mr. Emilio D. Chávez, who was also the second president and under his administration the Council was at its peak. Always present at the meetings and active in his duties. Our present president is Mr. Meliton F. Otero whose term expires this coming June and who no doubt will render a satisfactory report of his administration. Mr. Onofre F. Sandoval is our Vice-President and acting president. He is a high class gentleman and promises to be one of the leading members of the Council. So is our Junior Vice-President, Mr. Ben Z. Torres. The Financial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Chávez, has been one of the most active members, now serving in his post ably and honestly. The recording secre-

taries all have been honest and capable and have had to resign due to either a change of place or occupation. Secretary Theodore A. Chacón had to go to Los Angeles where he accepted a position in one of the banks. Mr. Pete Gutiérrez resigned due to his enrollment in a night school, and Mr. Henry R. Tafoya due to an appointment as radio announcer in the KGGM Radio Station and his office work in the leading Wholesale House of New Mexico. We now have as acting secretary Mr. Dennis F. Baca, a highly respected citizen and who no doubt will prove as good as his predecessors. Mr. Esequiel Sandoval is acting Treasurer for Mr. Bennie M. Salazar, who has been compelled to be away from the meetings due to his changes and improvements in his mercantile business. We have not replaced our Chaplain Mr. J. G. Jeantet for whom the Council feels honored with his services. You find in our guide, Mr. Albert A. Armijo a real service with a smile. It will take several pages to



A group of Lulackers from Albuquerque Council No. 34 intermingled with some charming members of the Ladies Auxiliary from the Duke City.

mention in detail the activities of our good members and directors, but credit is due to Mr. Ernest R. Salazar and Mr. Pablo L. Garcia as two of our directors. Mr. Garcia is the man with the power behind the wheel and parallels with E. D. Chávez in the activities of all our social affairs.

THE QUESTION IS, WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

One of the first and most important items in the list of our many activities is our Local State Educational Fund, which is a revolving loan fund to help deserving students at the University or any State College.

Second in line is the movement initiated by Lulac in the matter of having at the Univer-

sity of New Mexico an Inter-American Course to prepare our youth for diplomatic services in Latin-American countries. Next fall a course will be offered as a stepping stone toward our goal. Dr. J. F. Zimmerman, president of the University is very active, and so is Dr. F. M. Kercheville and Dr. Arthur Campa of the Spanish department, as well as several other professors. Our U. S. Senator, the Honorable Dennis Chávez is taking this matter to Congress to help the cause.

Third, we have taken a very active part with the best known organizations of the city, such as the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotarians and many others including Business and Professional Women and other Clubs that form the Inter-Club Council and the Improvement City League. In both these organizations we have prominent representatives from our Council.

Fourth, we have sponsored a WPA Music Project that has been a big success in which many young people and children have had a chance to learn music that otherwise wouldn't be possible to afford said training.

Fifth, we are now behind the movement of the Coronado Cuarto Centennial Celebration. At this point I shall mention that two of the members of the Coronado Cuarto Centennial Commission appointed by Governor Tingley are distinguished members of our Council, the Honorable and former Congressman, Mr. B. C. Hernández and U. S. Asst. District Attorney, Mr. A. Gilberto Espinosa.

Sixth, in social activities we are not ashamed to say that we have taken a leading part in the city of Albuquerque. We have figured highly and with distinction in our own banquets and social dances, and in mixed balls of both Anglo-saxons and Latins, we have not taken the back seat. We are always very particular in selecting the most exclusive places to hold our functions and we are proud of the results. At the Country Club in the style show we won first place with Mr. Arthur Chávez as our representative. A public dance given at the University and sponsored by the Lulac, we raised \$200.00 to help a young man, Donaciano Baca, who was short of money and is about to complete his school of medicine in an Eastern College.

Our recent social affair was the part we took with the Hispanic Institute, an International organization with a council at the University of New Mexico, in a costume ball of old time dances and costumes. This was very much enjoyed by all, and being a mixed group of Latins and Anglo-saxons proves the fact that we are promoting and practicing our Aims and Purposes in

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The activities of our Council are not restricted to Albuquerque alone, but we are trying to revive the Santa Fe Council, which has been for some time in a dormant state. We are also co-operating with the Mesilla Council, which by the way is one of the new Councils in New Mexico and one of the most active in the Organization, to bring about the means of an International highway from Canada to Mexico City.

In conclusion we want to men-

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tion the fact, that the Albuquerque Council, thinks that Lulac should take more interest in organizing as many States as possible, therefore we recommend to the General Convention in Houston, to bring the 1938 Convention to El Paso, in order to benefit the states of New Mexico, Arizona, California and Colorado.

**BROWNSVILLE COUNCIL
NO. 3**

Brownsville, Texas,
March 9th, 1937.

Hon. J. C. Machuca,
Director of Publicity and Mgr.
The Lulac News,
1401 N. Florence,
El Paso, Texas.

Honorable Sir:

I am glad to enclose to you herewith postal money order in the amount of \$3.00, payable to your order, in payment of sixty issues of The Lulac News, recently received by this council. Please accept our sincere congratulations for the magnificent effort you are putting forth in reviving this very important publication, and file our order with your office for twenty monthly issues of The Lulac News.

Judge J. T. Canales, of this city, has suggested to me that I write you with reference to the activities of Lulac Council Number Three. In this connection, permit me to inform you that certain unfortunate events occurred in this city during the last two years which tended to discourage somewhat the activities of our council; however in spite of these unfortunate hap-

penings, we have managed to keep a handful of loyal members together, and we hope and trust that time will heal the wound and close the gap effected by such events.

Foremost of these occurrences was a heated city election held in the City of Brownsville in December of 1935, in which the principal figures were Hon. R. B. Rentfro, incumbent and present Mayor, and Hon. Fausto Yturria. Rumor has it in this city that certain gentlemen, members of a San Antonio Lulac Council, came to Brownsville and delivered speeches in behalf of Mr. Yturria, and that they touched rather harshly upon the difference between Anglo

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Saxons and Latin Americans. If this is true, in my opinion, it is a grave wrong; inasmuch as Mr. Yturria's speakers prior to that time had discussed the very delicate subject of races with abandon and disregard; consequently injecting a very serious argument into a political campaign and one which I believe has absolutely no place in such a campaign. I cannot help but believe that these speakers were evidently under the presumption that a "Viva Juarez" uttered at the right time would be sufficient to elect their party in view of the strength and predominance of the voters of our race; however I was overjoyed to witness that the majority of the people of our race believed that such speakers should have based their political campaign solely upon their merits, principles and issues, and certainly not on racial issues. This, to my mind, can mean but one thing, and that is that our people are progressing both educationally and politically; that they refuse to be fooled by shouts of unwarranted racial discrimination; and that they realize that they are citizens of the United States of America deriving their livelihood under the protection and laws of this country.

It has long been my contention, Mr. Machuca, that the good members of our great organization should be ever mindful of the fact that the securing of harmonious relations between the

different races which comprise the population of the United States will assure the success of our organization.

When one has realized that the Latin American people are highly respected in this section of the country; when one has realized that the payroll of this city is comprised of 80 per cent Latin Americans and 20 per cent Anglo Saxons; when one has realized that the positions of trust and responsibility, such as the City Attorneyship, are enjoyed by men of the calibre of Hon. J. T. Canales, that lovable old character and champion of Latin Americanism, one's conclusion must necessarily be that racial issues have no place in Brownsville.

The Anglo Saxons and Latin Americans of this city get along marvelously well together, and we would be certain to die of a broken heart should a racial issue, erroneously injected into a political campaign, be instrumental in the sowing of the seed of discontent among the people of our city. We hope and trust that in the future the high officials of the league will at the very least discourage the participation of members of non-local councils in local political affairs; inasmuch as any member of our council would certainly hesitate to go to San Antonio to speak in behalf of any local political party, and certainly never without first thoroughly investigating the activities, prin-

ciples, issues, merits, aims and purposes of such a party.

You will recall that sometime ago my council was accused, at least verbally, of attempting the very shameful act of disrupting the league because certain members of the San Antonio Council participated in the election cited heretofore. Whether the gentlemen of San Antonio were right or wrong, please permit me to discredit this very unjust rumor; inasmuch as there is not a member of Lulac Council Number Three who does not realize that our league must come above everything, and that through organization and unity we can secure for our people the just respect and consideration which they merit.

Please accept my apology for this lengthy letter, and let me assure you sincerely that Brownsville Council Number Three is ready, willing and able at all times to cooperate with other councils and the general officers of the league in furthering the progress and prosperity of Latin Americanism.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Sloss, President,
Lulac Council Number 3,
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Albert J. Fountain, President
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not hesitate to suggest that they visit La Mesilla Council No. 71. This is the "baby" council of our league but it functions like a veteran council.

Unfortunately we were unable to attend their last social gathering which took place on the last day of March, this year. Some of the General Officers of the League and a number of Lulackers from El Paso Council No. 8, were the guests of the Mesilla Council. There were about 75 people in attendance from La Mesilla, Las Cruces, and La Union, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas. A banquet was held at the "Patio Cafe." Entertainment by local talent was enjoyed. Some of the outstanding numbers were two popular Spanish songs, "Fresca la Mañana," and "El Teocolotito," by Misses Lorraine and Elizabeth Vietch. A piano solo by Miss Priscilla Oliver, the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Oliver. Mr. Oliver is the Treasurer of Council No. 71. Two songs by Mr. Merced Saldaña, entitled "Me Iré Sofiando," and "Nunca se Acaba." Messrs. Tony Fresquez and Manuel Armendariz sang, "El Rancho Grande." "Muchachas del '36" and "Felipe Angeles."

Mr. Albert J. Fountain Jr. President of Council No. 71 gave a brief outline of Lulac activities. Mr. Chas. Madrid followed

with an address of welcome. Among other speakers were Hon. George W. Frenger, Mayor of Las Cruces, Atty. R. C. Garland and Mr. Manuel Chavez, of the same city, Hon. Bob Harrelson, State Senator of New Mexico, and Mr. George Griggs of Mesilla. President General Frank J. Galvan, Jr., and Secretary General William Flores also addressed the gathering.

A dance followed the banquet with music furnished by the "Rhythmets" of Afton, New Mexico.

It is not only in social activities that this council participates. It has tackled an international project. It has been pulling strings here and there to bring about the building of a highway from Santa Fe, New Mexico, the oldest capital in the United States, to Mexico City, through El Paso. Some of the members headed by Messrs. Albert J. Fountain and Charles Madrid have made several trips to El Paso in the interest of the project.

Without casting any reflection on the efforts of State Organizer, F. T. Martinez and Special Organizer M. A. Gomez, we feel that special mention should be made at this time of the activities of Treasurer Martin L. Oliver, who through his personal efforts made it possible for La Mesilla Council No. 71, to come into existence.

No. 18, to obtain sufficient funds with which to send Boy Scout representatives to the National Jamboree at Washington, D. C., next June.

A series of benefit programs have been given each Sunday in the months of April and May to raise the money needed to send as many Boy Scouts as possible to the Jamboree.

This Council has also been successful in obtaining the use of the basement of School No. 1, in which to hold the Boy Scout meetings. We want to congratulate our fellow Lulacker, Mr. Ralph Ross, for the deep interest he is taking in Scouting and we wish him all kinds of good luck in his undertaking.

The sponsoring of this worthy movement by Council No. 18, is a very good sign that this Council is really active in furthering our aims and purposes.

Best of luck to you No. 18!

KINGSVILLE COUNCIL NO. 24

Marcos Perez, President

Manuel H. Gonzalez, Secretary

After a long period of inactivity Council No. 24, has awakened to the fact that things were being accomplished throughout LULACDOM. On the last Sunday in January, this year, a general call for ex-members was sounded and a big gathering took place. A reviving address was given by Past President J. L. Flores, upon whose shoulders has ever rested the

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DEL RIO COUNCIL NO. 18

Gilberto Cerda, President

Dick Burrell, Secretary

Troop 76, Boy Scouts of America, captured the attendance banner at a recent Court of Honor held at Del Rio, Texas. This troop is being sponsored by Council No. 18. The splendid showing made by this troop has stimulated the efforts of Council

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responsibility of keeping alive the spark of Lulac activity in this community. Every member present expressed his willingness and the desire of bringing Council No. 24 back into the fold of LULAC, notwithstanding the fact that it has been semi-dormant for nearly two years.

The elections took place and a group of representative citizens were selected to fill the following officers: Marcos Perez, President; Manuel Maldonado, Vice President; Manuel H. Gonzalez, Secretary; Ed. Salazar, Treasurer; Antonio F. Garza, Chaplain.

At the following meeting which was held in the month of February the new administration outlined a program to be followed for the ensuing year. This meeting proved to be very successful one. After the meeting a banquet was tendered to the newly installed officers and members and committees were appointed to start LULAC activities. One of the first acts of the newly appointed committee on Education was to offer a LULAC Loving Cup to the ward school that made the highest number of points in spelling. The LULAC Loving Cup is now in the possession of the Stephen F. Austin school, whose enrollment is made up of Latin American children. This school, in the term of 1935-36, won the largest num-

ber of loving cups offered by a large number of organizations and business men of Kleberg County.

The progress which Council No. 24, has made just recently has placed the organization in a highly respected and dominant position in the community. It is looked upon as a deciding factor in matters of vital importance to the Latin American people. We believe that the prominence which this council has reached lies in the high type of activities on the part of those who have guided the destinies of the council.

LULAC NEWS congratulates the new officers and members on their efforts towards placing their council in a foremost position.

SABINAL COUNCIL NO. 67

A. F. Pulido, President
P. O. Box 546

Elias G. Ozuna, Secretary
P. O. Box 454

On March 7th, last, a delegation from the San Antonio Councils headed by Organizer General Jacob I. Rodriguez paid Council No. 67, an official visit. The delegation was composed of Mrs. Charles A. Ramirez, President of Ladies Council No. 12, Alonso S. Perales, Inspector General; Florencio R. Flores, Dis-

trict Governor; Mauro M. Machado, Past President General; Messrs. Pablo A. Meza and Jose C. Ramirez all of Council No. 16, and Chaplain General James Tafolla, Sr.

The delegation came to Sabinal at the request of Council No. 67. The purpose of the visit was to assist the local council in the organization of a Ladies Council. The whole Latin American colony was invited to attend the open house meeting where Lulac doctrines were expounded. New energy was injected and the spirit of the old membership was revived. The interest of those attending was aroused and a new hope of obtaining additional membership to carry on the work of the League was made possible.

Just before the meeting the delegation was taken to the "Sunshine Cafe," where a delicious luncheon was served.

Our friend and fellow lulacker Ramon R. Tristan has been appointed Scoutmaster of a local Boy Scout Troop. He now has 22 boys enlisted in his troop. He is ably assisted in this noble work by our fellow Lulackers Elias G. Ozuna and Domingo Portillo.

Brother A. F. Pulido, President of the local council has appointed the following standing committees: Boy Scouts, R.

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The Publicity Committee shows that it means business. The above report with a few minor changes was submitted to our office without our request.

LULAC NEWS wishes to congratulate Council No. 67, for the splendid work its membership is doing in an effort to bring our aims and purposes to a realization in its community.

HARLINGEN, COUNCIL NO. 32
Ramon L. Longoria, President
Faustino Rendon, Secretary

After a long silence this council finally woke up and assisted us in making LULAC NEWS appear as a real Convention issue. Through the personal efforts of its President, Mr. Ramon L. Longoria, this council sent into LULAC NEWS over fifty dollars worth of advertisements. Not only did it send in the material but what was most hard to take

—the cash. If we had five councils in the League like this one, that paid as they went, our financial troubles would be over.

Of course there may be something behind all this activity. We put our ear to the ground and heard certain rumbling sounds which indicated that there was much stirring in the Lower Valley councils. Persistent rumors have it that our good and staunch friend, Mr. Longoria, will be a candidate for the Presidency General at the Houston Convention. To start with they have the following delegations as their basis:

Ladies Council No. 4—Delegates: Miss Margaret Lozano and Mrs. Doroteo L. Longoria. Alternates—Mrs. G. M. (Willie) Lozano and Miss Beatriz Alvarez.

Council No. 32—Delegates: Messrs. Ramon L. Longoria and Joe V. Alamia. Alternates—Doroteo L. Longoria and Enrique Sanchez. (The latter optional with L. M. Crixwell and S. V. Lozano).

With the host of friends which Mr. Longoria has and the backing he will get at the Convention we predict that he will give

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Leo N. Duran was born and reared in New Mexico. He received his elementary and secondary education at Gallup,



New Mexico, where he graduated from high school in May 1918. In the Fall of the same year he registered in St. Edward University at Austin, Texas, attending that school for two years. He then registered in the law school of Baylor University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1933, graduating with honors.

In 1935 he went to Corpus Christi, where he associated himself with the Hon. E. A. Terry with offices at the Sherman Building. He has made a host of friends in all walks of life and he is highly regarded by the members of the legal profession. He is a member of the Nueces County and Texas Bar Association.

Following the election of the Hon. Frank J. Galvan Jr., as President General of LULAC, Mr. Duran received from him his appointment as Legal Adviser of the League.

Rumor has it that Mr. Duran will be a candidate for the Presidency General of LULAC at the Houston Convention.

LULAC NEWS wishes him success.

JAMES TAFOLLA, Jr.

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When he was yet a very young man he joined the Order Sons of America and was very active with that organization at all times, from that Order he came equipped and prepared to take on the more strenuous work in Lulac Council No. 2 of San Antonio of which he has been a member for the past three years. His activities here have carried him in local matters of importance to Lulac, he has taken active part in organizing various councils throughout the State. He was appointed Special Director of Publicity by a past administration and was also appointed secretary to Lulac's Centennial Committee. He has also been very active in the Boy Scout movement and is now scoutmaster for Scout Troop No. 52 Alamo Area, which has increased and has become very active since Bro. Tafolla took charge of it. He spares no time nor effort in this national work, and it has become his hobby.

He served as the seventh President General of the League, having been elected at Harlingen, Texas in June, 1935.



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Just as we are about to go to press, rumors have been circulating around that there will be four candidates in the field for the Presidency General of the League of United Latin American Citizens. The names which have been more frequently mentioned are: Mr. Felix de la Cerda, President of Council No. 60, Houston, Texas, Mr. Leo N. Duran, Legal Adviser of LULAC, Corpus Christi, Texas, Mr. F. R. Flores, District Governor, San Antonio, Texas, and Mr. Ramon L. Longoria, President of Council No. 52, Harlingen, Texas.

All of these gentlemen are meritorious candidates. But all of them can not be elected at once. It is up to the delegates to make a conscientious study of the each candidate's character, ability, and integrity. Consider what each one of these candidates has accomplished for LULAC in the past and whether he is a man that is able and willing to give the League a constructive and progressive administration. This is not an easy matter, but it should be done. In this manner the delegates cannot go wrong. Eventually the best man will be selected.

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Don Erasmo Seguin---A Texas Patriot

By Mauro M. Machado
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History records but a few instances of pure patriotism, of wholly unselfish devotion to duty, and of self-immolation for love of country. One of these is Don Erasmo Seguin's record of a life-time of self sacrifice and unflinching devotion to the ideals of freedom and an independent republic. The writer has endeavored to give a fair and faithful account of the life of this patriot by relating incidents in which he participated. If, however, some statements may seem to have been given with inaccuracy, it must be recollected that men do not see, think, speak, or act alike, and therefore, diversity not only of opinion will exist, but even different interpretation will be given. Perhaps some events may not be known generally or to the writer, while others are, or have been, overlooked; a careful perusal, then, of books and manuscripts both in English and Spanish will bear out these facts.

Don Erasmo Seguin was born in Bexar in 1772, son of Don Basilio Seguin, one of the Canary Island settlers of San Antonio. Since very young Don Erasmo showed his business inclinations. He owned large tracts of land situated between San Antonio Bexar and what is now Floresville and Wilson County which he obtained through various grants, (traspasos), and deeds. His name first appears in the Deed Records of Bexar in July 28, 1795, in the transfer of a 39 vara land tract (bordering on San Pedro Creek) to him, then 23 years old, from Maria Barbara de la Cerda for 46 pesos. Among several other transactions Don Erasmo obtained a large tract of land in 1814 in what is now Wilson County. Here in later years he built his rancho "Casa Blanca," to many it was better known as "El rancho de Don Erasmo." Here he and his family entertained most royally. All the American colonists that visited there were always welcomed. In later years this rancho and all its contained was placed at the disposal of the Texans.

From early manhood Don Erasmo was a civic-minded and

public-spirited citizen; he served his people in various official capacities. He was ever ready to help his neighbors acquire a better education. He served as Postmaster at San Fernando during Emperor Iturbide's reign, and upon the downfall of the latter was appointed Postmaster at Bexar on April 6, 1823. The first Republican newspaper in San Antonio was "El Sol" published at Saltillo, Coahuila. Don Erasmo personally placed each copy where it would do most good. Even though José Maria Beltrán, Administrator of the Mails at Saltillo, refused to raise the office at Bexar to "principal," and to grant Seguin a fixed salary of 400 pesos yearly, he gave him a 200 peso bond, and continued to send detailed reports of his office every three months. Don Erasmo Seguin was also Alcalde or Mayor of San Antonio.

The Spanish Governor from his Royal Palace at San Antonio appointed Don Erasmo and Don Juan Martín de Veramendi (in later years father-in-law of James Bowie and Vice-Governor of Coahuila-Texas) as Commissioners to meet the son of the late Moses Austin, Stephen F. Austin, and his first colonists. They were to meet them at Natchitoches on the border of the Neutral Ground which had been established by General Wilkinson of the American forces and General Herrera of the Spanish forces in 1804, to see that all the conditions of their entry into Texas were complied with and to conduct them safely into the interior. After meeting Austin and his first colonists, they pushed along the old San Antonio Road towards Bexar in order to meet Governor Martínez and complete the arrangements of their settlement. On August 1, 1821, they arrived on the banks of the Brazos River, and on the 10th they reached the Guadalupe. While they were camped here, messengers reached Don Erasmo Seguin and imparted the glorious news that Mexico had consummated her independence from Spain. Happy at such a

turn of events, they broke camp and reached San Antonio on the 12th. During the long march through the wilderness and while engaged in the search for a suitable colony for the Americans, a warm friendship born of mutual admiration and destined to endure for several years sprang between Austin and Seguin. Seguin helped Stephen F. Austin immensely to procure a confirmation of the "empresario" grant that had been made to his father.

In 1824, we find our hero as a Deputy from Texas to the National Congress at Mexico City. Here he met Don Lorenzo de Zavala, who had been refused an "empresario" grant in Texas. Because Zavala was a liberal and had progressive theories of government, a strong friendship was born between them. In later years when Zavala was a fugitive from Santa Anna's wrath, he fled to Seguin's Texas. Seguin together with Zavala assisted in forming the first Liberal Constitution, which was to be forever known as the Constitution of 1824, "Acta Constitutiva de la Federación Mexicana." The Federation, whose first president was Don Guadalupe Victoria, then comprised nineteen states and five territories.

In 1833, the colonists became very much dissatisfied with the political union of Coahuila and Texas. The Ayuntamiento of DeWitt's Colony at González appointed Stephen F. Austin, James B. Miller, and Don Erasmo Seguin as Commissioners to represent them at Mexico City in an endeavour to secure a separate State government for Texas. They argued that by a law passed by the Constitution Congress on the 7th of May, 1824, that union was dissolved, and that the province of Nuevo Leon, was thus admitted into the confederacy as an independent State. It was on the second article of this law that the people of Texas predicated their right to a similar admission. They further suggested that since other provinces had been separated and made into free and independent States in such a summary manner, the same right was guaranteed to Texas "whenever she should be in a condition to accept it." The Commissioners recommended that: "Texas solicits, as her portion

in the general reformation, to be disenfranchised from her unhappy connection with Coahuila, and she avails herself of this opportunity, by means of her chosen delegates, who are authorized organs of the people, to communicate 'to the General Congress' that she is now in a situation to figure as a State by herself, and profoundly solicitous that she may be permitted to do so."

When the tyrant Antonio López de Santa Anna abrogated the Constitution of 1824, flatly denied the colonists a separate state government, and their political and social rights guaranteed to them by that Constitution, Austin was among the first to protest. He vigorously asserted the liberties and rights of the colonists as full fledged Mexican citizens under the Constitution of 1824.

The first revolutionary meeting convened to protest against the tyranny of Santa Anna was held at San Antonio, October 13, 1834. It was Don Erasmo Seguin, who from San Antonio de Bexar, the birthplace of Texas freedom, issued the summons for the First Constitutional Convention to take place November 15, 1834. On account of the bad weather, meager mean of communication and limited time, the people failed to respond.

The usurper Santa Anna, having prostrated the Constitution of 1824, which the Texans had subscribed to and sworn to sup-

port, and having reduced some of the Mexican states to the most humiliating subjection by forcing upon them a Central Military Despotism, then turned his ire to Texas, as a part of the State of Coahuila. In December 1835, the Texan forces under General Burleson decided to invest San Antonio de Bexar, then held by General Martin Perfecto de Cos. Such gallant men as General Burleson, Stephen F. Austin, Ben Milam, Colonel F. W. Johnson, Colonel Nellis, and Major Morris were some of the commanding officers. The call for volunteers went up. Don Erasmo Seguin promptly sent his son Juan N. Seguin, with a company of Bexar Mexicans to help the storming of San Antonio. Needless to say, all this company was mounted on horses owned by the Seguin's; their beef and equipment came from the same place. The valiant Plácido Benavides, coming up from Goliad to help the Texans at San Antonio, stopped at the Rancho Casa Blanca, and there was furnished with a fresh "remuda" for all his "rancheros." The following abstracts from military correspondence of the period bear this out.

"Headquarters on the Canal above Bexar, October 31, 1835. To Colonel James Bowie and Captain James W. Fannin, Jr. . . . as there is an abundance

of corn here, you can use that brought by Don Erasmo Seguin for your detachment.

I wish you to send to Seguin's rancho for some rockets that are there—two or three dozen. In Spanish they are called "cohetes," pronounced "cuetes" — we may want them.

By order W.D.C. Hall
S. F. Austin."
"Headquarters, Concepción, November 14, 1835.

To Captain J. W. Fannin. This will be delivered to you by Don Salvador Flores, the brother-in-law of Captain Juan N. Seguin. Flores and his company have engaged to go on as far as Nueces, to examine whether any troops are on the road; they will burn the whole country as far as they go. I wish you to get eight or ten volunteers to go with them. This service is important.

S. F. Austin."
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Erasmus kept in constant touch with events in the interior of Mexico. He knew that Santa Anna would try to avenge the capitulation of his brother-in-law, General Cos, and at the same time try to teach the Texans a lesson. He thus warned Travis and Bowie, who were in command at Bexar. They thought Seguin's worries were premature, and told him that it was not possible for Santa Anna to approach Bexar in so short a time. But a true Latin that he was, Don Erasmo outfitted Blas Herrera and out of his own pocket paid his expenses to Laredo, in order that he should spy and see if Santa Anna was nearing the Rio Grande. When Herrera arrived at Laredo, Santa Anna was already crossing the river and Urrea was headed towards Matamoros on the south bank of the Rio Grande. When Seguin informed the Texans of Santa Anna's approach, they would not believe him. When Santa Anna appeared before Bexar on February 2, 1836, Juan N. Seguin joined Travis in the Alamo, while Don Erasmo instead of attending the Convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos, preferred to escort the families of Texan sympathizers at Bexar towards eastern Texas, where they suffered from hunger, illness, grief, and death, and from which they returned to find their homes ruined, and their immense herds of cattle, horses, and sheep destroyed. Don Erasmo begged Se-

nora Musquiz to look after the women and children in the Alamo, and with heavy heart at leaving his son in the Alamo, he departed from Bexar. He felt proud as he saw, floating proudly from what later proved to be the Cradle of Texas liberty, the Green, White, and Red flag bearing upon its folds the numerals 1824, the Constitutional Flag of Mexico, the flag that Don Erasmo and Zavala helped to make. After San Jacinto, Don Erasmo returned to his rancho, to find it plundered of much that he had valued.

The darkest hour in the life of this gallant man was yet to come. When the need for more soldiers had passed, Felix Houston and Thomas Jefferson Green brought to Texas a new group of adventurers, who fought not for liberty or for conscience sake, but for plunder and hope of gain. There being no more need for their services, they were furloughed or disbanded and some of them formed robber bands to despoil the Mexican inhabitants of Bexar, De Leon's, and the Irish of San Patricio, of most of their worthy belongings. These same men so persistently persecuted Juan N. Seguin that he finally abandoned his home in Bexar and moved to Camargo. Before departing, he went to see his father, and there in the old Rascho Casa Blanca, he tried to get Don Erasmo to go with him, but the old patriot preferred to part with his son

forever than to leave his beloved Texas. He went with him as far as the old Conquistador ford (el paso de la Conquista) of the San Antonio River, and there, as his last adios, he told Juan that if his dearest friends Stephen F. Austin, Lorenzo de Zavala, and Erastus (Deaf) Smith, had not all passed away, their situation would be different. "I will never seek protection under that despot and tyrant, Santa Anna, the destroyer of Mexican liberty." That parting from his beloved son was for ever.

In his declining years and when he was losing faith in the gratitude of mankind, the following letter sweetened somewhat his bitter memories of his younger days.

Peach Point, Brazoria Co., Texas, July 1st, 1852.

Mr. Editor. (The Texas Planter)
Austin arrived at San Antonio with his little party, in company with the Commissioner Don Erasmo Seguin, on the 12th, day of August, 1821 and not in January, 1822, as stated by you. In justice to the name of Seguin, let me add that no Mexican ever did more for Texas and the colonists, than did that true-hearted man. In the infancy of Texas, in the days of her weakness and his strength, he was the faithful friend of the Americans. (Would I could say the same of the Americans toward him). A man of intelligence and position, having the confidence of his government. Through him Austin ob-

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Guy M. Bryan."

Seguin, the County seat of in his honor. Don Erasmo Seguin Guadalupe County, was named passed on to his reward in 1857. He was buried at his beloved Rancho Casa Blanca. His unmarked grave is hopelessly lost; the appropriation of money for a marker by the State Board of Control for Texas Centennial Celebration has just been cancelled. The writer is trying to undo the web of oblivion caused by the 80 years of his passing, and the indolence of our people in not marking and keeping for posterity the last resting place of a gentleman and a patriot, who gave his all for his native Texas.

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TO ALL LULAC COUNCILS:

By authority in me vested through Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens, as amended, you are hereby notified that the NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the League will be held at the Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas, on the 5th and 6th of June, A. D., 1937.

At the said Convention, the delegates shall by a majority of votes, elect a President General, a First Vice-President General, a Second Vice-President General, three trustees, District Governors, and other officers that the Supreme Council may, in its wisdom, designate.

Representation in the Convention shall consist of two duly elected delegates and two alternates from each Local Council. Alternate delegates may be seated in the absence of the delegates elected. All delegates and alternates must present credentials, a tentative form of which is shown on the reverse side of this letter.

No council shall be represented by proxides.

No delegates from councils organized less than 30 days prior to the annual Convention can vote for President and Vice-Presidents General, unless the majority of the councils expressly give them that right.

All matters which are to be taken up at the Convention should be put in the form of resolutions, special attention being called to the fact that resolutions should be typewritten double space between lines and submitted in triplicate, and each resolution should cover only one subject.

Kindly make every effort to attend this regular annual convention for in your attendance and cooperation lies the success of the League.

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Alonso S. Perales was born in Alice, Texas, October 17, 1898. Graduated from the public schools of Alice and Preparatory School, Washington, D. C. He attended the School of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University and graduated from the School of Economics and Government at the National University with his A. B. In 1927 he received his LL. B. from the same school. In 1925 he was admitted to the Texas Bar. Served with the United States Army in Texas during the World War,

and two and one half years in the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. He also served in the Diplomatic Service of the United States as Assistant to Honorable Sumner Welles in the diplomatic service of the United States. The assignments have included service as attorney for the Tacna-Arica Abritration Commission headed by General John J. Pershing, and three appointments as legal adviser to the United States Electoral Mission in Nicaragua.

Mr. Perales is a Past President General, a Director and one of the founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and at the present time he holds the office of Inspector General of the League.

He is a Director and a member of the Executive Committee of the Bexar County Tuberculosis Association; member of the American Legion; member of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; a Scoutmaster cooperative with the Alamo Area Council Boy Scouts of America; and an Honorary Member of several civic and fraternal organizations in Texas.

Mr. Perales was the second President General of League of United Latin American Citizens. Notwithstanding his many duties in his practice and civic activities he is at all times ready to cooperate to the fullest extent to make LULAC an outstanding organization.

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Manuel C. Gonzales was born in Hidalgo County, Texas, October 22, 1899. He attended the



University of St. Louis and the University of Texas, passed the bar examination and was admitted to practice law in November, 1924. In 1925, he was ap-

pointed Legal Adviser to the Mexican Consul General in San Antonio, Texas, and has served in that capacity continuously until his appointment on January 1, 1936, as the Adviser of International Claims between the United States and Mexico. He is attached to the Ministry of Foreign Relations in Mexico City, and will serve for a period of two years.

Mr. Gonzales was elected President General of the League in 1931, after having served as Vice-President the previous year. When he took over the Presidency of the League there were only 24 councils and at the termination of his administration the League had 48 councils 75 percent of which had been installed under his personal supervision with the assistance of the Flying Squadron from Council No. 2.

Since that date Brother Gonzales has held the office of Inspector General, Organizer General, Chairman of the Educational Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Texas Centennial Committee and several other important offices. He has been president of Council No. 2, on several occasions and has attended all the general and special

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Hon. J. T. Canales is one of the founders and also the fourth President General of the League of United Latin American Citizens. In August, 1927 at Harlingen, Judge Canales was present and helped organize "The League of Latin American Citizens," of which Mr. A. S. Perales was president and which League functioned until February, 1929 when at Corpus Christi, Texas, it was merged together with the Council of "Sons of America" of Corpus Christi and "Knights of America" of San Antonio, into forming the present League of United Latin American Citizens. Judge Canales drafted the Constitution which was submitted to and adopted by the Special Convention at Corpus Christi, Texas, in May 1929, when the late Ben Garza was elected the first President General.

Judge Canales has always worked for the improvement of conditions that would be favorable to members of our race. He has at all times been ever present to see that those principles upon which our LULAC was founded are not trampled upon.

He has shown his love for his fellow men, time and again, specially during those hectic days when he caused such stir in the State Senate resulting in the shake up that followed in the Ranger Force. Another time when he accompanied our Past President General Ben Garza to Washington, D. C. to refute before the Federal Congress the degrading charges that had been made against the members of our race. It was due to his very active work that he was supported by his friends at Hebronville Convention and was elected President General in 1932.

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We regret to inform our readers that because of sudden illness and doctor's orders, Mrs. Alejandro D. Luna will be unable to represent the Ladies LULAC Council No. 15, at the Houston Convention this month.

However, we take pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mrs. Luis S. Perales as alternate delegate of Council No. 15 to serve in lieu of Mrs. Alejandro D. Luna.

It was during his administration that the Scholarship Fund was made workable, whereby several deserving men and your women were given a start in higher education. During his administration LULAC enjoyed the distinction of attracting the attention of the Hon. John Garner, Vice President of the United States, then Speaker of the House and Congressman of the 15th District, who sent the various councils of LULAC patriotic literature and also presented LULAC with a huge American Flag that had long waved over the Capitol Building in Washington, D. C., and LULAC has been the only Latin American organization in Texas to have been so honored.

WHERE DO WE STAND?

By Fred O. Dominguez

At this writing the statistical report on membership and councils, from the General Council, has not been compiled and it cannot be predicted whether the League has lost or gained in membership and councils during the past year. It cannot be stated whether its expenditures have been greater or less than in recent years. We have installed new councils, yes, but how many of the old councils will send in their quota of dues for participation in the Annual Convention to be held in Houston? How many of the old councils

can be classified as active? We do know, however, that the aggregate activities of the majority of the active councils show an increase.

Those who have a real knowledge of the League of United Latin American Citizens as a whole, of the character of its membership, of the extent and diversity of its service, and of the fine spirit of loyalty which prevails in the membership of a real active council, do know that LULAC has weathered the storms which have beset all organizations in recent years, and in spite of the natural loss in membership and of councils failing to remain active, and the curtailment of income during the past fiscal year, it has maintained itself as a great civic organization with an enviable record of consistent achievement.

Since the League's beginning, through troublous years, as well as during years of unusual prosperity and activities, it has time and again demonstrated its capability as an agency for ameliorating unhappy conditions, for inspiring confidence, and for promoting the general welfare of our people. It has retained its place as acknowledged leader in its chosen fields of endeavor.

If it should appear that loss of membership or councils has been sustained or that its expenditures have been curtailed, it will be accepted as a mere temporary condition which may be regretted but which should cause no serious concern. It will only inspire real Lulacs to greater devotion, activities, and loftier courage.

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Albert Redwine, Secretary

Notwithstanding the fact that El Paso has had the Headquarters of the League during the past year, the membership of the local council has found time to participate in many local activities and to assist wherever it could worthy educational, charitable, and civic projects.

In the early part of last month this council concluded a successful campaign in Latin American Health Week. Although the response from the public was disappointing, the results obtained were satisfactory. We say satisfactory because it was the first time that the local council had taken active part in Latin American Health Week. Although some mistakes were made we noticed a certain interest was awakened among our people in connection with the health campaign. The council with the experience it acquired during the campaign will surely take advantage of these mistakes and it will convert disappointment into success should identical situations arise in the future. Mr. Fred R. Ponce, Chairman of the Health Week activities, made a name for himself by the manner in which he handled the affair. The council is deeply grateful for the nice piece of work he turned in.

Through the personal activities of former Secretary Manuel R. Gameraos, who acted as Chairman of the Playground and Beautification Committee, the council was able to obtain a lease on some property adjacent to the Franklin Public School, which was much needed as a playground for the pupils of that school. Later on the council, through the splendid cooperation of the School Board, obtained a part time playground instructor to take over the project. In addition to this Mr. Gameraos was also instrumental in having the City Park Department to plant some trees at Alamo Park. He also obtained a promise from the City Council that the Alamo and the Marcos B. Armijo Parks would receive first consideration

El Paso Council No. 8 is taking particular pride in the fact that one of its members, who is Scoutmaster of Troop 12, B. S. A., has been instrumental in ob-



Second Class Scout Frank Portugal and First Class Scout Fernando Palafox, who will represent Troop 12, B. S. A. at the National Jamboree at Washington, D. C. next June and July. Troop 12 is sponsored by the Holy Family Catholic Church of El Paso. J. C. Machuca is the Scoutmaster—Photo by Casasola.

just as soon as funds were available for such purpose.

Council No. 8, regrets exceedingly the loss of Mr. Gameraos as a member of the local council. Private business forced him to move to Los Angeles, California. However, just before leaving, "Manny" promised that he would do all he could to organize new LULAC Council in the golden state.

This council has been cooperating with the P.-T. A. in the southern part of the city where Latin American people predominate and it is now paving the way to take a more active part in the affairs of this worthy cause.

At the regular election of delegates held last month President Miguel Carrasco and Secretary Albert Redwine were selected as the regular delegates to represent Council No. 8, at the Houston Convention. The alternates: Vice President E. (Jimmie) Chacón and Mr. Henry C. Garcia.

taining the necessary funds to send two of his Boy Scouts to the National Jamboree at Washington, D. C. next June and July. Both boys are Latin Americans. Neither one of the boys has been in the troop over 15 months, yet one of them Fernando Palafox is a First Class Scout and the other Frank Portugal is a Second Class Scout. The former is trying for his Star Scout and the latter for his First Class before they leave for Washington.

Were it not for the excellent and unselfish cooperation given by the local council—both morally and financially—to LULAC NEWS, we doubt whether we would have been able to publish a single issue. The matter was brought to the council's attention when we found every avenue of help blocked completely. And did the council cooperate? Well, the proof is right before you. This reminds us of the story about the old "ranchero," who was having a hard time to convince his old "compadre" that

the color of his jenet was what he claimed it to be. The next time he saw his "compadre" approaching him, he went out and grabbed a handful of hair from the jenet's back and in a very serious tone said, "Mire compadre, cuando yo le digo que la burra es parda es porque traigo los pelos en la mano."

Council No. 8, was instrumental in sending a Bowie High School student as a delegate to the Inter-High School Convention held at Dallas on the 23rd of April, last, by donating \$30.00, which was the cost of a round trip ticket. A further donation of \$9.50, was made by the council to buy baseball sweaters for some underprivileged youngsters in the eastern part of El Paso, who were badly in need of the sweaters. This baseball club is now known as the LULAC Junior Baseball Club.

Through the personal efforts of Vice President E. (Jimmie) Chacón, a fund in the amount of \$16.00, was raised to help finance a trip to Carlsbad Covers for the May, 1937, graduating class of the Bowie High School.

During the past year Council No. 8, through its efforts has raised and distributed among local civic, educational, and charitable institutions over \$1500.00. One thousand dollars in a lump sum went to the Goodwill Boy's Club, about \$400.00 towards educational purposes, and the balance towards charity.

What council in the League is able to show a better record for the past fiscal year?

Do we hear all councils of the

League speaking at once?

LAREDO LADIES COUNCIL NO. 15

Mrs. Arnulfo Zamora, President
Mrs. F. I. Montemayor, Secretary

A very unfortunate event took place in Laredo recently. It appears that a youngster by the name of Roberto Moreno, a second grade pupil, was severely whipped by his teacher Mrs. Joyce Williams. So severely was Moreno whipped that his back bled. At first the school authorities would not listen to the complaint made by the child's mother. Mrs. Moreno finally took the matter before the membership of Council No. 15. Immediately the Educational Committee held an investigation and before long the teacher was called upon for an accounting by the civil authorities. She was placed under a \$300.00 bond, and temporarily suspended. Her case will come up before the proper authorities this month.

Some thoughtless persons attempted to inject race prejudice into the affair. The fact that the teacher is an Anglo-American and the child a Latin American has no bearing in the case. While we do not fully sanction corporal punishment, yet our experience has been that in some cases it is necessary. However, we are opposed to that form of corporal punishment which will cause bodily harm. It is to be expected that the constituted authorities will pass on the merits of the case and that justice will prevail.

The officers of this council are very interesting characters. Of some we are going to write about as if we really knew them. Take for instance.



Mrs. Arnulfo Zamora

Minnie has been a very active President, and as she is serving an unexpired term. Old Dame Rumor has it that she will be the next President of Council No. 15. Minnie is well liked by every member of Council No. 15, for during her short administration she has proven herself a leader. She was one of the organizers of this council and the most meritorious work done by it has been during Minnie's term of office. Council No. 15 really was never active until Mrs. Zamora put "her shoulder to the

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wheel and her nose to the grindstone."

Mrs. J. G. Villarreal (Juanita) the very quiet and sweet Vice President is also one of the charter members of Council No. 15, and she has proven herself a real Lulacker by always sticking through thick and thin.

Our comments are now going to be directed at



Mrs. F. I. Montemayor

Monty is also a charter member of Council No. 15 and its Secretary. Monty is also serving an unexpired term and she told us very confidentially that she was part Irish. No wonder she has been "cussed" and discussed, talked about, lied about, lied to, boycotted, and almost hung, but she claims she has stayed in 'here, first because she is a Lulacker, and next because she wanted to see what the heck would happen next.

Last but not least is Mrs. Fred O. Dominguez (Adelina) a charter member and the very efficient Treasurer of Council No. 15. Adelina holds the bag of gold and we have been told that sometimes the council has been forced to hold a pistol in front of her in order to make her write out a check. She never has any objection when the council gives her money to deposit, but "Ye Gods and little fishes," what a rumpus she raises when she has to part with it.

About the middle of last month Council No. 15 selected as its regular delegates to the Houston Convention: Mrs. Arnulfo Zamora and Mrs. F. I. Montemayor. The alternates are: Mrs.

J. G. Villarreal and Mrs. Alejandro D. Luna.

As much as we would like to tell you about some of the membership of this council and their activities, our limited space will not permit us to do so. One thing we must say and that is that the Laredo Ladies Council No. 15 is living up to its reputation of being the best organized and the most active Ladies Council in the League. With reference to the whole League, IT IS THE OUTSTANDING COUNCIL east of the 106th meridian and second only to one.

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FLORENCIO R. FLORES
District Governor L.U.L.A.C.

Florencio R. Flores was born in the year 1889, on a farm in a small village called Flores-



town. He farmed there until the age of 22. He was married on January 10, 1912. From that date until 1922 he owned and operated a blacksmith shop, at San Antonio, Texas. For the following seven years he devoted his time as an automobile mechanic. In the year 1929, he bought the southwest corner of Pecos and Buena Vista property, where he established the Flores Auto Parts. It is a combined repair shop, gasoline station, automobile accessories and parts. This business has grown steadily to where it is now one of the best known and best equipped establishments operated by a Latin American in the Southwest.

Besides being one of the best known business men in the eastern part of the State of Texas,

Mr. Flores is very active in civic circles. He is treasurer of the Mexican Library, treasurer of the Business Men's Association, third vice-president of the San Antonio Social Welfare and he is a member of various mutual aid and benefit fraternities.

An active Lulacker from the inception of the League to the present time, he has served as vice president of Council No. 16, Chairman of the Committee of Social Hygiene, and at the present time he is Governor of District No. 5.

Mr. Flores is very unassuming in his Lulac and other civic activities. To know him is to love him.

MAURO M. MACHADO
Past President General of
L. U. L. A. C.

Mauro M. Machado was born at Benavides, Duval County, Texas, January 15, 1897. At the



outbreak of the Spanish-American war, his father answered the call of Col. Theodore Roosevelt for horse trainers to break

horses for his rough riders. The sons of Duval County are known all over as expert horsemen. Since then the Machados have resided in San Antonio.

As a young student he attended the Juan Antonio Navarro school in San Antonio and the San Fernando Catholic College. He was one of the founders of the Sons of America and has been very active in several mutual aid societies. He was one of the principal founders of the Order Knights of America, also its first president. One of the founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens and one of the six who actually gave it a name and solidified all three organization which served as a nucleus of our organization.

He has been very active in sports. He was manager of the Lulac baseball club for two years and of the girl's Lulac Basketball team one season.

During the administrations of M. C. Gonzales and J. T. Canales he served as Treasurer General. He was elected fifth President General of the League at Del Rio, Texas, in May 1933, and had a very active and prosperous administration. He is the only living past president general who has attended all the general conventions of the League.

He has continued to take active part in the League's affairs and he is one of the few members who is willing to cooperate with the general officers when called upon.

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This and That In Lulac

• By Fred O. Dominguez

No literature can have a long continuance, if not diversified with humor.

If you have a story that appeals to you as funny, send it in to the editor of this column. He MAY print it -- but he WON'T send it back.

Well folks, here we are back again, ready for the dirty work and what have you.

Something tells us that we are not going to get very far with this column before the reaction of last month's dirty work shows up. Save your brick bats and use them on the editor of this column when you see him in Houston, next June.

Did you know that Brother Felix Garcia of Laredo Council is the "Long end" of LULAC in Laredo? We say he is. He stands six feet one inch in his "birthday suit." He is also Secretary of the Council. So that should be unanimous or something or other.

And talking about different ends of LULAC just reminds us that Ed Pena of the same council is the "Short end." We don't know just what he measures to, but he is quite a long way from Felix's altitude.

Did any of you fellas notice them dollar and a half words in last month's issue of LULAC NEWS? If you are in doubt about the meaning of some of them just drop us a letter with stamped envelope and a dollar bill and we will send you a dictionary.

Bet you a hole in a doughnut you thought I was going to say that I would tell you the meaning of the words. Now, didn't you? Fact is some of them we don't know the meaning of ourselves; we used them because it made things look more important.

Here is a tip to the boys in Houston who will have charge of the entertainment for the convention. Luis Wilmot of Corpus Christi and Ruben Lozano of San Antonio councils have won-

derful singing voices. No foolin'. Ask any body who knows them.

We attended a meeting recently of the San Antonio Council No. 2, and take it from us, the boys of No. 2 are really "going places."

We would like to hear from McAllen council and some of the other councils in the Valley. How come McAllen you don't give us a break and write us?

And Mission is Very-Very oh so very conspicuous by her silence. Que pasa amigos?

Things we wish some one would tell us: Why do people "push" on a door that has a "pull" sign on it and "pull" on a door that has a "push" sign? And why don't cats and dogs get along together? And what happens to baseballs that are batted into the grandstands? They never get back to the diamond! Will some body please tell us about these things? It may not seem to amount to much but we would like to know just the same.

We have been wondering what has happened to Paul Jones of No. 2. Can any one tell us? At one time Paul was the official LULAC "injector" for Council No. 2. He was always talking about giving some body or some council a big "injection" of LULAC spirit. Wonder if Paul don't need some of his own medicine. Do you Paul?

And it also just occurred to us that if the proof reader or the editor in chief of this publication doesn't punctuate this column and correct the errors this is going to be a first class "MESS."

We have been told that Mrs. C. B. Hastings of the Laredo Ladies Council is never in a bad humor. The only way to get her "temper" up is to have the council "lay down on the job." And as this never happens she

is always in a good mood. Keep them stirring, Mrs. Hastings!

And Mrs. Fred O. Dominguez, the treasurer of the same council has her troubles like any other treasurer. You should see her about the last of the month when she is making out her monthly report! Hope she don't read this paragraph—if she does—somebody may go to the "Dog House." Guess who?

Let's see now—who is missing? There is Marfa, Ozona, Wichita Falls, Refugio, Harlingen, Rio Grande City, Kennedy, and other councils from all points North, East, South, and West. Calling all councils—Calling all councils—calling "Come in" Councils—We are "standing by." Let's hear from you.

Congratulations to Alonso S. Perales, Associate editor of LULAC NEWS. We liked your "git up" in the last NEWS. Alonso, give us some more like that.

Note to Jake Rodriguez. How come fella, you don't write us some time? Ketchum writers cramps or perhaps—eh?

And Daniel Ramirez of Seguin council is the fellow "con la papa." He is the Treasurer. Congrats, Dan. Hope to see you in Houston and renew our old friendship.

And the Rendon boys of Victoria should be in Houston with a big delegation. Bring along the boys from Port Lavaca, Joe.

We are going to mention Poteet council again this month. Maybe the boys will send us a box of strawberries. We like strawberries—Never mind the Whipped Cream, boys, we will furnish that ourselves. Our address is P. O. Box 338, Laredo, Texas.

The typewriter we are using smokes at high speed and we had to cut down on the pounding of keys for about an hour and a half to cool it off. In case you don't know the system we use, it is called the Columbus system. It works like this: You first "discover" the key you want and then you "land" on

it. Try it sometime. It is very simple—oh, definitely simple.

What with my "cayos" giving me trouble and with the Heebie Jeebies and the Wim Wams and not knowing what to write and about whom, I'll be lucky to get to the bottom of this page.

"LOST"

"Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever."

"FILOSOFY"

If your foot slips you may recover your balance, but if your tongue slips you cannot recall your words.

Life is a grindstone, and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends on the stuff he's made of.

Men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

We attract hearts by the qualities we display. We retain them by the qualities we possess.

We have been looking for news from Crystal City, but we haven't heard from them yet. They say that "No news is good news" and maybe that's the reason. Let's hope to hear something good from them soon.

We were going to tell you about the Carrizo Springs boys. At any rate we promised and we never go back on a promise. To begin with, these boys, all of them, and we MEAN all of them, are 100 per cent LULAC. No kidding about that. They have (in our opinion) the liveliest set of "go-getters" you have ever put your eyes on. They are not only hard workers but they work in harmony and we are on "Easy Street" financially. Just recently they made a trip over to a little town nearby and straightened out a little difficulty that prevailed in the school there. Remember, that this council is one of the "babies" of the League, but they have already surpassed in

action, some of the councils that have been in the League since the League's beginning. More power to you Carrizo Springs! We know you will hold the fort! And by the way, they are cooperating 100 per cent with your Special Organizer in getting new councils organized in their immediate district.

Poor Scotty — We always take a poke at him.

Two Scotchmen went fishing with the understanding that the one who caught a fish was to buy the "soda." One got a bite that almost broke his line, but refused to pull up. The other was fishing without bait.

Frank Galvan: Now uncle, what is your name?

Witness: Mah name sah, is Washington Calhoun Clay, sah.

Galvan: And you can sign your name, uncle?

Witness (hesitating): Well, Ah had nebbber had no 'casion ter write mah name. Ah jes' dictates it, sah.

Here is a little story we heard from somebody from El Paso about some one from El Paso. It

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seems that one time a certain group of young ladies were having a hard time to get some one to "back" them for a soft ball baseball team. They called on our good friend Modesto A. Gomez and he promised them to give his assistance. The young lady who made the call on Modesto was so thrilled and grateful she forgot herself and started thanking Mr. Gomez in Spanish. The young lady was stopped by Mr. Gomez with these remarks: "Wait a minute! What game did you say you were going to play?" She told him soft ball baseball. Modesto then said, "Well, as I understand it, baseball is an American game and every thing in connection with the game should be in the English language." He gave the young ladies the backing they needed but told them all about principle number four of our aims and purposes. That will give you an idea what Modesto A. Gomez is made of in case you don't know him.

"I know she has money, but if you marry her you will have to give up smoking and drink-

ing."
 "Yes, but if I don't marry her, I'll have to give up eating."

We were told that Arnulfo Zamora of Laredo Council carried a pipe around with him but had never been seen smoking it. It was suggested that he carried it to use it as a pointer or index finger. We cornered him on Flores Avenue in Laredo and asked him if it was so and he readily admitted that it was used for pointing only. Now, if that don't take the "rag offin the bush?"

The Scotchman's wife was telling her husband about a dream she had that night.

Wife: I dreamt last night that you gave me \$100.

Scotty: Well, since you've been such a nice little wife, you may keep it.

This is a small world after all. The other day on a return trip from San Antonio we came by the way of Alice and San Diego, Texas, and who should we meet in San Diego? None other than our old friend Noe Jimenez of Kingsville, Texas.

We were both glad to see each other and we talked things over. LULAC talk of course.

Have we mentioned our Director of Publicity in this column? If we haven't, it is about time. He don't need any recommendations but it would not be amiss to tell you "guys" on the outside that he is a real high pressure, hard working, go-getting-he-man-whoosis. And we don't mean maybe. If you ginks don't think a guy has to be just that, ask some of the other Directors of Publicity before his time. Ask Henry Canamar and Felipe Valencia! Go ahead ask them! It almost made both of these boys raving maniacs. It's a job to get this little book out and no kidding. You can ask Tommie Garza, Nick Aguilar, M. C. Gonzales, and yours truly who were all connected with the publication in days gone by—**BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.** We take this means of telling Mr. Machuca how proud we are of him and the good work he is doing in getting out such a wonderful publication each month. Hope he don't get the "Heebie-Jebbies" before his term ex-

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pires. He has a job that we don't envy. Stay in there J. C. and take it easy. There will be some one else to carry on after us. We have only a short road to travel now.

And our old friend, M. B. Bravo from the old Edinburg Council is now HIS HONOR — Judge Bravo of Zapata County, Texas. We are expecting Judge Bravo to assist us in getting a council in Zapata, Texas.

Mrs. Charles Ramirez of the Ladies Council at San Antonio is one of the hardest lady workers in the entire league and that is covering a lot of ground.

THIS DAY AND AGE

"I hope that's a nice book for you to read, darling," said a conscientious mother to her very young daughter.

"Oh, yes, mammy, it's a lovely book, but I don't think you'd like it. It's so sad at the end."

"How is it sad, dear?"

"Well, she dies, and he has to go back to his wife."

A long time ago Tommie

Garza, San Antonio, told us that he didn't know of anything he loved to do better than sleep under a tin roof when it was raining and us not having lived or been under a tin roof when it was raining or at least not sleeping, we didn't comment. But now that the landiord has been so kind as to give us a tin roof on the house and since it's completion it has rained and take it from us that Tommie sure knows a grand thing or two when it comes to snoozing. You're right, Tommie, it sure is grand sleeping. You fellas, who haven't tried it should look up a tin roof to crawl under the next time it rains and you also will agree with us.

We better sign off with this chatter pretty soon, but before we go let's all make a date with each other to meet in Houston in June. How about it?

YOU ASKED FOR IT, NEEWAH

(In case you don't know, "nigua" is the pet name of Fred O. Dominguez, our Special Or-

ganizer for the Laredo District).

So once again the "Nut" is loose

That "THIS and THAT" in LULAC writes;

He thinks his readers he'll amuse

By taking "digs" to lefts and rights.

Our Neewah says that Spring is here,

And Jake will now write "po-e-try;"

You should have known, my Neewah, dear (?*!)

How unhealthy it is to pick on me!

Your "THIS and THAT" just goes to show,

Beloved one (?), how little you know;

"Beautiful thoughts may burn below"

Your thick skull . . . I doubt it so.

It's all in fun, you think, of course,

And that you're right at that I guess;

But you should know you'd get the worst

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In view of the enormous success with their Centennial Hat, the Publicity Division of The Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition has again come to this important firm to originate the hats for the señoritas who will publicize the exposi-



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The Test of a Good Lulac Council

By Alonso S. Perales

A Founder and Past President General of The League of United Latin American Citizens

As we members know, the League of United Latin American Citizens is not a partisan political club but an organization designed to promote the intellectual economic and social progress of our race in the United States of America. It follows, therefore, that a good council is one that meets regularly for the purpose of transacting business and which has at least some of the following committees functioning **regularly** and **efficiently**: Educational; School and Recreational Facilities; Health; Boy Scouts; Poll-Tax, Social Hygiene; Membership, Big Brother Movement; Wage Scale; Housing; Poll Tax; Legislative; Social Justice; Entertainment; and Beautiful Yards.

Briefly the duties of some of these committees should be as follows:

The Educational Committee: to lecture, or provide lecturers, on civics, hygiene and other instructive topics that are essential in the making of good citizens. To organize Parent-Teacher Associations among the Spanish-speaking population. To cooperate with any and all agen-

cies intended to further the cause of education.

The Committee on School and Recreational Facilities: to make a survey of school and recreational facilities and cooperate with the local school board and other officials with a view of providing adequate school facilities and recreational grounds for all children.

The Health Committee: to lecture, or provide lecturers, on health topics and to cooperate with the city, county and State health units and also with private agencies in fighting tuberculosis and other diseases.

The Committee on Boy Scouts: to cooperate with the local chapter of the Boy Scouts of America in organizing Boy Scout troops composed of Latin-American boys. As we all know, the main purpose of this organization is to build the character of youth.

The Social Hygiene Committee: to advocate the closing of all bawdy and assignation houses situated on streets through which children must necessarily pass on their way to school; to initiate or join any movement designed to eliminate such districts completely if possible or if not, to remove them to some place well beyond the sight of decent people.

Big Brother Movement: to cooperate with the county juvenile

authorities in their efforts to solve the problem of child delinquency. In addition to assisting the authorities in their investigations, members of our league willingly and gladly accept the responsibility of serving as "big brothers" to delinquent children paroled to them.

Wage Scale: to endeavor to persuade employers of Latin American workers to pay them a living wage. In order to enable the Latin American to educate himself and his family and live in sanitary and otherwise habitable dwellings, it is absolutely indispensable that he receive for

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Poll Tax: to wage a strong campaign each year urging all citizens to pay their poll tax between October 1 and February 1.

Legislative: to support all legislative measures designed to promote the progress and welfare of the community and our Nation generally.

Social Justice: to combat any attempt to create racial prejudices against our people and to use all the legal means at our command to the end that all persons in our country may enjoy equal rights, the equal protection of the laws of the land and equal opportunities and privileges.

Beautiful Yards: to hold contests in the interest of clean and beautiful yards.

Now a council that has at least some of these committees **actively engaged in the performance of their duties is really carrying out the aims and purposes of our League and is, therefore, a good council.**

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He passed away at Kerrville, Texas, on Sunday, February 21, 1937, after suffering a long illness. Our League lost a fundamental pillar, the world a friend. He whose inborn worth his acts commend, Of gentle soul, to human race a friend.

ERMILO RENDON LOZANO

Past President General of
LULAC

Ermilo R. Lozano was born in San Antonio, Texas, on December 4, 1887. He was educated in the Public Schools of San Antonio and the University of Wisconsin. Shortly after finishing school he dedicated himself to mining. Since 1907, he followed the mining activity over the western portion of both Americas. He served as valuation engineer for E. H. Norton & Company of New York; as Assistant to the President of the Guayaquil & Railway Company in Ecuador; and Director of the Compañía Eléctrica y de Ferrocarriles de Chihuahua.

At the present time he is in the manufacturing business. He owns and operates the Mosaic Tile Company of San Antonio, Texas.

He is married and has a little daughter.

Mr. Lozano has been quite active in the League's affairs and in 1934 at the Mission Convention he was elected President of LULAC. He is one of the Directors of the League, and the sixth Past President of LULAC.

Mr. Lozano is very modest about his accomplishments and states that his life is very uneventful. But those who know him will vouch for his activity both in the business world and in civic movements.

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