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## Editorial

We Americans of Latin American descent, more than any other Americans, are making big plans, inventing new ideas, and building up our hopes for the great and inspiring social and economic improvements that we will present to our returning veterans when peace is restored throughout the world. Yes, our plans are meritorious and worthy of consideration and exploitation. They are the result of our desire to show our appreciation to the returning veteran for the splendid work he has done. We wish to show him that, even though we could not march and fight beside him on the battlefronts, we, who remained on the homefront, were aware of his welfare and happiness, and therefore, planned to make his

homecoming happier; his future life brighter, easier, and freer.

We are emotionally carried away by the reports of casualties, the acts of heroism, the pleas of lonely and suffering soldiers, sailors and Marines, the sufferings of the families of these veterans, and an inner voice that says, "They are dying for you." In such a frame of mind nothing seems too good or too impossible to do for these veterans, and so, we build our castles in the air for them; we dream dreams of surcease and contentment for them; we originate ideas of how to bring about understanding and equality of opportunities for them; we make plans for concrete achievements in the realm of society; and we assume responsibilities for carrying into effect all plans, ideas, dreams, etc. But, Lo and Behold, how that fervor and determination seem to wane and to die when, after the plans are made, we face the task of crystalizing them into concrete facts and actions. Can it be that our own petty individual conveniences and comforts are so selfishly important to us that we cannot devote a fraction of our time and effort for the welfare of those who have sacrificed so much for us? Can it be that our appreciation is so shallow that we forget all ideas that require our unselfish service? Of what good are ideas, plans, resolutions, and dreams if the actual will and determination to turn them into actualities is missing?

It is impossible for us to face the returning veteran with empty ideas, plans, and resolutions; to tell him that we were too busy capitalizing on his sacrifices and sufferings to put into practice a few activities that would have meant greater happiness and satisfaction to him. We have but to stop a minute and reflect what the outcome of our precious conveniences and comforts would be if these veterans were to fail to do their appointed duty, or to leave it half undone. Each of us has a sacred duty to perform, whether it be on the battlefront or the homefront. The difference in the duty, other than the location and the suffering involved, lies in the fact that, whereby the battlefront veteran exposes his life along with the sacrifice of all of his time and effort, we on the homefront are asked to sacrifice only a fraction of our time and effort. So it behooves each and everyone of us, as we go about our individual pleasures and tasks, to remember that:

"He who seeks for peace of mind  
Will not find it anywhere  
Trying to evade a care."

# COUNCIL No. 2 — LULAC

By M. C. Gonzales Regional Governor

The dark and dreary days forced upon us by the exigencies of war, have not diminished the enthusiasm, which is always overflowing, with the boys who have carried unflinchingly the banner of Lulac in Council No. 2.

Lean years, abundant times, indifferent attitudes, unvaryingly see these Lulac leaders undismayed, always hopeful and trudging toward the goal which was fixed by the pioneers in 1929 at Corpus Christi.

Verily, Council No. 2 has given much of the leadership, inspiration and effort to the league. At least four Presidents General have been selected from San Antonio; M. C. Gonzales, Mauro Machado, Ermilo Lozano and James Tafolla, Jr. No general or special convention has been held without a strong, able and active delegation from the Alamo City.

Today the affairs of the local council are under the able leadership of Joe Olivares, past president of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce, who has been selected many times as chairman for War Bonds, War Chest and Red Cross drives. Truly a civic leader, who assisted by a staff of officers who have occupied or are presently occupying important positions in the civic life of San Antonio.

Under the present administration Council No. 2 has four general officers and it is actively working in the re-organization of councils in the nearby cities.

The Lulacs of San Antonio were recently called upon by the Community Chest to take the leadership, assisted by the Mexican Chamber of Commerce and the Pan-American Optimist Club in a campaign for the purpose of establishing a tax levy, through an election, to raise approximately \$300,000.00 to combat the menace of tuberculosis. Through the efforts of those organizations, sufficient interest was aroused so that the Latin-American vote was decisive of the proposition, and having been successful that civic duty speaks well of the worthy accomplishment symbolic of many others which are within our grasp if we can but

learn the time-worn lesson of Lulac, "In union there is strength."

A strong delegation of Lulac leaders from San Antonio attended the last Corpus Christi Assembly, in June, all expenses borne by the individuals; a large delegation attended the last meeting of the Supreme Council, held in July in Laredo, but all the time our members were preparing themselves for another great Lulac event that, because of its noble purpose, obtained prominence in the daily papers for several days. I speak about the baseball contest which was held at Tech Field on July 27th between the Lulacs and the Optimist Club. Some 5,000 tickets were sold; some 3,000 persons attended and approximately \$2,000.00 was raised after all expenses were paid. One-half of the proceeds will pay all the expenses of 100 Latin-American newsboys for two weeks at a summer camp near Kerville, and about \$1,000.00 will be spent by the Lulacs for free Scholarships to Latin-American graduates from our local high schools. We appreciate the interest and the co-operation of the Optimists, who will send these 100 boys for a well-deserved rest and to give them stimulation and encouragement, so that these leaders of tomorrow may know that the leaders of today are ever mindful of their civic responsibilities.

Council No. 2 has now a fund which we trust will grow to much larger proportions within the near future, to insure for the younger generation the enjoyment of that sacred heritage of an adequate education.

Fully realizing the worth, capabilities, loyalty and the love which he bears for our national institution; realizing that he not only works for, but actually lives, the ideals and principles of Lulac, Council No. 2 of the League of United Latin American Citizens is privileged in dedicating this issue of Lulac News to the Hon. Arnulfo Zamora, feeling that his administration will be one of the most outstanding in the history of Lulac.

We reproduced, with a great deal of pride, the picture of the officers of Council No. 2 on the opposite page.



Officers of San Antonio Lulac Council No. 2: L. to R. (upper row) Frank Leyton, Trustee; A. P. Sánchez, Treas.; Jacob I. Rodríguez, Secretary; Marshall Aguilar, Guard; Albert U. Treviño, Trustee; Octavio B. Treviño, Trustee. (Lower row) Manuel J. Gonzalez, 1st. Vice Pres.; Joe Olivares, President; Rudy J. Peña, 2nd. Vice Pres.; C. D. Pérez, Guide.

# Messages from The President General

## PURPOSE:

It is the desire of your President General to keep the membership on notice of what is going on in the Home Office at Laredo through this column with brief and short paragraphs. Communications to the membership of another nature such as orders, instructions, and announcements, will be addressed directly to the Secretaries of the various councils in the form of Bulletins and Proclamations. The Secretaries are hereby charged with the responsibility of apprising the membership of their respective Councils of the contents of these communications.

We wish to call the attention to all Secretaries that the certified list of the membership of their councils has not reached the Home Office. Please see that this is attended to at once. The names of all Council Officers should be included.

## LULAC NEWS:

All Councils have seen the first edition of LULAC NEWS which was published in July. For July, the News was under the sponsorship of the Laredo Council. This, your August Edition was in charge of Council No. 2 of San Antonio. Many thanks to San Antonio for a splendid job well done.

Our plans for the future are as follows. We are asking Houston to handle the September Edition, October will go to New Mexico. The Albuquerque Councils will take care of this work. Winalow will be next, with the Lucacs from the Arizona City publishing the News, for the month of November. Corpus Christi Council No. 1 has asked for the December Edition and Laredo will again come forward to begin 1946 with the January Issue. This is our present schedule. Soon we will be in a position to announce the names of the Councils in charge of the other five numbers.

## NEW COUNCILS:

The installation of the BEEVILLE Council, the first one installed for this Administration, was announced in July. The credit for this fast LULAC activity is due to Mr. Manuel C. Gonzales, Regional Governor for Texas.

Now we wish to announce the installation of the San Diego Council. This council was installed on July 31st. The Laredo Council under the direction of District Governor George Garza was

responsible for this work. The President General wishes it to be known that two councils joined the ranks of LULAC in July and that Ladies Council No. 18 of Santa Fe, New Mexico has been placed in the active rolls of Lulac during this same month.

According to present plans District Governor Albert U. Treviño and District Organizer Marshall Aguilar of San Antonio, will be able to announce the installation of Dilley before the end of August. District Governor George Garza of Laredo is working on San Ignacio and Carrizo Springs. District Governor James Saenz of Corpus Christi, with the assistance of District Organizer Lee Licona and Organizer General Joe Garza of Corpus Christi, is working on the re-organization of Alice and Kingsville. They have placed Taft and Robstown on the active rolls of LULAC once more. Joe Rendon and Regional Governor M. C. Gonzales will bring Victoria and Cuero back into our fold.

Other plans which we hope will materialize soon are, the installation of Marfa and Alpine under the direction of District Governor E. Chacon of El Paso. Also the re-organization of Pecos in District No. 11. Organizer General Joe Garza has planned a trip to North Central Texas, at which time he expects to visit San Angelo, Big Springs, and other towns in that area with the idea of re-organizing those Councils. The Houston District which is known as District No. 8 is under the direction of J. N. Serrano. Bro. Serrano has promised us 10 new councils before we go to the annual convention at Houston on June of 1946. At present it has come to knowledge of the President General that Brother Serrano is now working to re-organize Galveston Council No. 63, Texas City Council No. 85, Baytown Council No. 73 and New Gulf Council No. 136. With this goal in mind we will be able to again boast a one-hundred Council Organization.

## SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING:

We have had our first meeting of the Supreme Council this year. We hope to have at least three more of such meetings. The place for the other meetings will depend on the regions where Lulac may profit the most. It is hoped that one of these meetings will be held in New Mexico.

Read the minutes of the Supreme Council meeting somewhere in this issue.



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## AROUND THE LULAC SHIELD

The ever popular column under this heading makes its appearance once more after absence of some time. It will be remembered that this column was conducted for a long time by our deceased brother, MAURO MACHADO of San Antonio, and while it will be rather difficult to find someone to continue the column up to the high standard set by Brother Machado, we feel that it should be continued for the great human element that it contains. This first attempt on the part of our Editor to revive the column is respectfully dedicated to the memory of our departed brother.

El Paso Council No. 132 is among the first to report that action is being taken along the lines suggested by the President General in our first issue with regard to returning veterans. Brother MODESTO GOMEZ, Director of Publicity of that Council writes to tell us that brothers M. de la ROSA, CARLOS E. TERRAZAS, HENRY MARTINEZ, E. CHACON, WM. FLORES and M. A. GOMEZ have been appointed by President ANTONIO ALVAREZ as their Committee to aid in the welfare of El Paso returning veterans. Brother de la Rosa is chairman of this important committee. Other Councils take notice.

Our Regional Governor for Texas, Brother M. C. GONZALES, went to Beeville and reorganized the Council there. Officers of this Council are: Bernard Sandoval, President; Faustino Pumarejo, V. P., Jose R. Cantu Secretary, Juan Villarreal, Treasurer, and Simon Moya, Reporter. We have not had any report as to activities being undertaken by this Council, but feel certain that before we go to press on our next issue we will hear from Brother Moya, the Reporter. How about it, Beeville?

And Brothers ALBERT U. TREVINO and MARSHALL AGUILAR, the big chiefs of Texas District No. 5, (Governor and Organizer, respectively) tell us that they are getting ready to travel to Dilley, Texas, and install a brand new council there.

We are glad to report that Santa Fe Ladies Council No. 18, has been active throughout these years, but due to lack of publication of LULAC

NEWS we had not been able to keep informed of its many activities in Santa Fe.

Mrs. Fabiola de Baca Gilbert is to be complimented for the splendid work she has done for these many years in Lulac matters. She writes to tell us that we can count on her to continue to help the general officers in New Mexico on anything assigned to her.

San Diego Council No. 97 is back in the fold. President General Zamora, Treasurer General Manuel G. Vela, Secretary General Francisco J. Flores, District Governor George J. Garza, District Organizer Eustolio Benavides, Brother Porfirio L. Flores, past president of the Laredo Council, made the trip to San Diego for the installation of officers. This reminds us of the old "Flying Squadron" of the Laredo Council, only this time it's mostly "generals", or something. You should have heard the team of "Wilmot and Flores" doing their stuff at the banquet and at the reception at Supt. of Schools Adame's house. Brother Louis Wilmot of Corpus Christi with his rich baritone and Brother Porfirio L. Flores of Laredo at the Piano, form an unbeatable combination. Even County Judge Daniel Tobin of San Diego was so inspired that he joined in on a couple of choruses. And Mayor Camilo Garcia Palacios of San Diego had nothing but compliments. Watch for this team at future conventions. It's really worth listening to.

Brother Elias Licona, the very active Secretary of Corpus Christi Council No. 1, and recently appointed by President Zamora as District Organizer for Texas District No. 2, was also at San Diego for the installation of that Council. He is so enthusiastic about Lulac and so full of energy that we expect a great deal of activity not only in his district, but also in the adjoining district to the north. He and Brother James Saenz the district governor for that district have been requested by the President General to assist in the organization of several Councils in both District No. 3 and District No. . Here is a good, hard-working team. They advise us that Robstown has been reorganized and is ready for installation; so has Taft No. 81 and a new Council is to be established in Sinton.

Alhambra, Council No. 137, is the pillar of Lulac in the State of California at the present time. That council is doing really fine work. Just before

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# SAN DIEGO INSTALLED

San Diego Council No. 99 came back into the League forty strong in impressive installation ceremonies held at the County Court House in San Diego on July 31, 1945, in the presence of President General Arnulfo Zamora and other General and District Officers from Laredo and Corpus Christi.

The meeting was called to order by President-elect Nago Alaniz of San Diego, who then introduced President General Zamora and asked him to take charge. After a brief message to the newly reorganized Council, President Zamora turned the meeting to Brother Geo. J. Garza of Laredo, District Governor of District No. 3, who conducted the impressive ceremony administering the oath to all members of the San Diego Council, and then calling the officers elect, administered to them the Oath of office and installed them in their respective offices. President Nago Alaniz, then thanked the general officers and other visitors and pledged the cooperation of the new Council to the General Officers.

After the meeting, a supper was offered to the visitors in a down town cafe. R. J. Adame, Superintendent of Schools at San Diego and an enthusiastic Lulac, then invited all those present to his house where his great hospitality was enjoyed by everybody.

Following are the officers of the reorganized San Diego Council:

Nago Alaniz	President
Domingo Gonzalez, Jr.	Vice President
S. H. Gonzalez,	Secretary
Severiano Guerra	Treasurer
Arnoldo Barrera	Chaplain
Ricardo Anaya	Guard
F. E. Gonzalez	Guide
E. B. Garcia	Counsellor

With President General Zamora and District Governor Garza were Francisco J. Flores, Secretary General, Manuel G. Vela, Treasurer General, Eutolio Benavides, District Organizer and Brother Porfirio L. Flores, Past-President of the Laredo Council.

From Corpus Christi came Joe Garza, our Organizer General, James Saenz and Elias Licona, Governor and Organizer, respectively of District No. 2, and Brother Louis Wilmot, one of the founders of the League.

The General officers attach great importance to the reorganization of the San Diego Council at this particular time. As President Zamora men-

tioned to the officers and members of the new council, San Diego is strategically located between Laredo and Corpus Christi, and there is no question that other communities in this area will follow the fine example set by San Diego. An indication of this is the fact that the visitors that came from Robstown for the installation ceremonies, were so enthusiastic about Lulac that they promised that Robstown would be ready for installation within two or three weeks.

LULAC NEWS and the League extend to the new Council a hearty welcome and well wishes for success.

## LULAC CODE

Respect your citizenship and preserve it; honor your country, maintain its tradition 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 yourself sociable, upright, judicious, and above all things be sober and collected in your habits, cautious in your actions and sparing in your speech.

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

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

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

In war serve your country, in peace your convictions; discern, investigate, meditate and think, study, 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 be included.

# MEETING OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS, held at LULAC Hall, in the City of Laredo, Texas, July 22nd, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by President General Arnulfo Zamora, at 10 o'clock A. M., and called on Brother Jacob I. Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas, to lead the meeting in the official prayer, after which the President led the assembly in the singing of the first stanza of America.

The President then introduced Porfirio L. Flores, Chairman of Committee on Arrangements for Laredo Council No. 12, host of the General Officers and Visitors, who welcomed all officers and visitors to Laredo and invited them to attend Luncheon being given by Council No. 12 immediately after the meeting adjourned.

Francisco J. Flores, Secretary General, then called the roll of general officers with the following results:

#### Present:

Arnulfo Zamora of Laredo, President General  
Max Garcia of San Antonio, Inspector General.  
A. P. Sanches of San Antonio, Trustee.  
L. P. Botello of Laredo, Trustee  
M. C. Gonzalez of San Antonio, Regional Governor for Texas

Joe Garza of Corpus Christi, Organizer General  
Star Castillo of Laredo, Director of Publicity.  
M. G. Vela of Laredo, Treasurer General  
Francisco J. Flores of Laredo, Secretary General.

Also present at the meeting as visitors were: James Saenz of Corpus Christi, Dist. Governor, Dist. No. 2; Albert U. Treviño of San Antonio, Texas, Dist. Governor, Dist. No. 5; Dr. Carlos E. Castañeda, and a large number of members of San Antonio Council No. 2 and Laredo Council No. 12, and several visitors from Dilley, Texas, who had been invited by Council No. 12.

Pres. Zamora then briefly stated the nature and purpose of the meeting, explaining that only members of the Supreme Council could vote, but that visitors could remain in the hall and offer suggestions and comments.

The following matters were then taken up by the Supreme Council:

#### I. ORGANIZATION:

The President reviewed the present condition of the district and regional organization in Texas, informing the meeting as to what councils are active and inactive, and asked for suggestions for appointment of district officers:

Dist. Gov. James Saenz and Organizer General Joe Garza suggested the name of Elias Licona of Corpus Christi for Organizer for District No. 2.

A. P. Sanchez, Trustee, stated that San Antonio Council No. 2 had voted unanimously to recommend Marshall Aguilar as Organizer for District No. 5, and Jacob I. Rodriguez for Regional Organizer for Texas.

#### II. REINSTATEMENT OF DORMANT AND SEMI-ACTIVE COUNCILS.

By motion duly made, second and carried, the President was empowered to reinstate inactive councils upon recommendation of regional or district officers.

#### III. NEW MEXICO.

The President read a letter from First Vice President E. D. Chavez stating that neither he nor Second Vice President, Mrs. S. J. Apodaca, would be able to attend the meeting and expressing their regrets.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that the matter of the reorganization of inactive Councils in New Mexico should be handled by the Regional Organizer.

#### IV. OTHER REGIONS:

The President announced that no Regional Organizers have been appointed for Colorado and California; but that the Councils in those states were being contacted for recommendations.

#### V. LULAC NEWS:

President Zamora explained that the first issue of Lulac News has now been published and had been sent to the different Councils; that it was the intention to publish the official organ in magazine form, to be mailed direct to the members, for a whole year, the subscription rate of \$1.00 provided by the By-laws to be paid in advance.

Trustee L. P. Botello then explained the plan for financing the publication, stating that cost of publishing a 24-page magazine, mailing etc., would be \$300.00 for an issue of 1500; that the publication be sponsored by individual councils, so that all the money taken from subscriptions be kept in reserve; that the first issue (July) had been sponsored by Laredo Council No. 12. He also explained that the sponsoring Councils could sell 12 pages of ads., on a 24-page issue; that if additional pages were desired, the cost would be about \$10.00 per page.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that the magazine be standardized at 24 pages; that the publication be sponsored by individual

councils, as suggested by Bro. Botello; and that all members of the League pay, through their respective Councils, the subscription for the whole year in advance.

Jacob I. Rodriguez was then recognized by the Chair, and stated that Council No. 12 was due a vote of thanks for publishing the News in magazine form, and offered the pages of the magazine being published by him, The Pan American, to reprint articles from the News in order to reach a larger reading public, and also stated that the News could use any material appearing in the Pan American. President Zamora thanked Bro. Rodriguez for the offer and stated that no decision would be made on this matter at this time.

Dr. Carlos E. Castañeda was then recognized by the Chair, and stated that Council No. 12 should be congratulated for resuming the publication of the magazine and suggested that copies be sent to the Universities of the different states where the League operates and also to the Library of Congress at Washington.

#### VI. RESOLUTIONS:

Pres. Zamora appointed the following committees to carry out the resolutions adopted at the Corpus Christi convention:

(a) Resolution No. 6, dealing with classification of men of Latin American or Mexican extraction at the induction centers:

#### AROUND THE LULAC SHIELD — (Continued)

going to press, President Zamora informs us that he received a telegram from Edith Ledesma, Secretary of that Council, recommending appointment of Brother George W. Ramirez of Alhambra as Regional Governor and Brother William H. Wheat of San Gabriel, as Regional Organizer for California. The appointments have already been made and we are looking forward to an aggressive and intensive organization campaign in that Region.

D'Hannis Council No. 106 was among the first to communicate with the new General Officers. President Julian Ibarra writes us that that Council is very much alive — 27 strong. We cannot help commenting on the fact that this is an unusually large membership for a community the size of

M. C. Gonzalez, Chairman,  
Francisco J. Flores  
Max Garcia

(b) Resolution No. 7: For the establishing of sub-committees in different cities for the purpose of rendering all aid possible to discharged veterans:

Joe Olivares, Chairman, who was empowered to name the other six members of this Committee.

#### VII. GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE ORDER:

A telegram from Florencio Flores was received requesting that Council No. 16 at San Antonio, Texas be reinstated.

It was decided that the matter be left to the President General for decision in accordance with provisions of resolution adopted by Convention held at Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1940, relative to the establishment of more than one council in any city.

At the suggestion of Dist. Gov. Albert U. Treviño a rising vote of thanks and confidence was given Pres Gen. Zamora.

After pledging allegiance to the flag, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P. M.

Arnulfo Zamora  
President General

Attest:

Francisco J. Flores,  
Secretary General.

D'Hannis. Keep up the good work, Brothers, and may other Councils follow your fine example.

Austin Council No. 85 was very active at the Corpus Christi Convention and pledged its cooperation to the General Officers. Our Brothers from Council 85 lost no time in making good their pledge. We have just heard from President Nash Moreno. And information has reached the general officers that the Capital City boys will have a large increase in membership very soon. How about it, Nash? Remember, we are always glad to hear from all our Councils.

Ft. Stockton, we have not heard from you since the convention. If you have not appointed your reporter, please do so at once so that the activities of your Council may be known to the general officers as well as to the entire membership of the League.

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# LULAC AND YOUTH

By G. J. GARZA Governor, District No. 3

"Let your firmest purpose be that of helping to see that each new generation of your own shall be a youth more efficient and capable, and in this let your own children be included." Such is the wording of the last statement in the Lulac Code,—definite and undeniable proof of the concern of Lulac for youth and its future. Further concern for youth is shown in the wording of the first aim of the Aims and Purposes of the League of United Latin American Citizens,—"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." Still more recent concern is shown in two accepted resolutions presented at the General Conference held in Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 17 and 18, 1945,—"To cooperate with authorities and other civic groups in fighting crime wave," "To work for and encourage the building of playground and other facilities for juveniles."

The concern of Lulac for its youth is clearly evident in its Code, its Aims and Purposes, its resolutions, but even more evident is its passiveness in carrying into effect the very actions that will accomplish the theoretical desires. It cannot be that we grown-ups are so self-centered that we have failed to realize that sooner or later we must pass into oblivion, and in doing so we must relinquish our responsibilities to those who must follow our trails. No, that is not so, but it is true that we have neglected to take steps to train those who will follow us; to give them the opportunity to orientate themselves in the intricacies of a well rounded and full preparation for better accepting their responsibilities. There are countless programs, other than the formal education, which may or may not be available, in which training and preparation can be given and made available, but standing head and shoulders above all others is Scouting. Scouting, with its double aim of character building and citizenship training, blend perfectly with Aims and Purposes of our own Lulac. They are like the perfectly matched slots of cogged wheels. What better opportunity to train our youth than by making Scouting available to all of them or at least to the majority.

Scouting is a game unlike any other game in the whole world. It is a game that embodies the elements of fun, adventure, and comradeship. It is a game that entails work that looks like play, and has standards of excellence that a boy can appreciate, its rules of conduct which he must obey, positions which he may occupy as soon as he

qualifies himself. It is a program that appeals to boys' instincts, and presented through a method adapted to the boy's nature. It is a program with tasks that hold boys not because they are boys and like them, but because they are tasks that men find useful. In the Scouting program the man in the boy is emphasized, and the type of man idealized is that which strives to stand for the right against the wrong, for truth against falsehood, to help the weak and the oppressed, and to love and seek the best things of life. In short, Scouting with its gamelike method of training develops character by practice and trains for citizenship through experience in the out-of-doors.

Thus, through an enjoyable game, Boy Scouts of America accomplishes those ideals which are analogous to our own Lulac principles. In view of this similarity of purposes it is only fitting that Lulac Councils throughout the country should place upon their agenda of projects—the sponsorship of a unit from the family of Scouting. A unit that will be jealously guarded and zealously cared for. A unit that will fervently and faithfully carry into effect the ideals of Scouting, and in doing so will carry into effect the principles of Lulac. Let each individual council in Lulac resolve to sponsor at least a minimum of one unit of Scouting, and in this way begin to actually put into motivation our Code, our Aims and Purposes, and our resolutions. Let us have a hand in the placing of the boy in an environment in which he will have an opportunity to exemplify the twelve points of the Scout Law—A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Give the boy the opportunity to learn, live, and practice the Scout Oath; the opportunity for him to sincerely feel and revere the significance of the Scout Oath when he says:

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# LAREDO — TWO CENTURIES OF PROGRESS

By Seb. S. Wilcox

(Continued from last month)

Starting in 1768 as an incorporated city with a population of some two hundred souls, Laredo has continued her steady growth until the beautiful modern city of today and the "Gateway to Latin-America." But the story of this growth is one continuous struggle with nature and the barbarous savage during the early years. In the first few years of the incorporation we see selfish ambitions and lack of courage to face the raids of the wild Indians playing a part in holding back the early progress of the town. The first elected Alcalde, Jose Martinez de Sotomayor, maintained his residence and ranch on the south bank of the river, and felt the Rio Grande would be a safe barrier to interpose against the Indian forays from the north. He attempted to move the records of the city to the south bank. But Don Tomas Sanchez, the founder, was a true pioneer, fearless in spirit, and loyal to the Crown. He desired to maintain the settlement on the north bank of the Rio Grande, primarily to form a bulwark against the raids of the barbarous Indians from the north on the interior settlements to the south, and opposed the move. His views were in accord with those of Governor Vicente Santianes at San Carlos, the capital of the province. Sotomayor was removed, and Captain Sanchez named as Alcalde. Some of the more timid of the settlers had followed the ex-Alcalde to the south bank. Don Tomas Sanchez, by published notices, requested all settlers to return to the original site of the town and again take up their residence. Receiving little response to these notices, he then on July 9, 1774, issued a decree for these deserters to repopulate the town within a space of three days and re-establish their residence on the original site. He backed his decree with a fine of twelve pesos, and those failing to comply with his order were to have their heads placed in the stocks in public view of the populace for a space of eight days.

Evidently this order brought about the desired results. The town grew rapidly from a frontier settlement, and the census of 1789 showed a total population of seven hundred, composed of Spaniards, mulattos and mestizos, to which was added a congregation of one hundred and ten Carrizo Indians settled in the corporation. The town boasted of a rock church and priest's house. Forty-eight heads of families were armed with muskets and rawhide shields to use in repelling the

frequent attacks of the hostile Indians. There was a total of eighty-five dwellings in the place, and a complete barracks for the troop of soldiers then stationed in Laredo.

A school was established in Laredo in 1783, one of the earliest in the present State of Texas, and was under the supervision of the Parish Priest, with Don Manuel Aceves as teacher in charge. The order for the school required all heads of families having children of school age, and those having children up to twelve years old under their charge, to send them to school in order that they learn to read and be instructed in the Christian doctrine.

Indian raids on the town were frequent, and often disastrous. One of these early raids took place on April 7, 1790. At about ten o'clock in the morning of that day a vaquero from the ranch of Don Cayetano de la Garza rushed up to the office of Acting Alcalde Joseph Gonzalez and reported that a large force of Lipan Indians were approaching the place with the apparent intention of attacking. On receiving the information, the Alcalde and the Priest at once requested the commanding officer to take the necessary precaution of removing the powder magazine from the warehouse on the outskirts of the town to the Church or some other safe place within the city proper. Very little credence was given the report by the Captain, he stating that his force was sufficient to repel any threatened attack.

Scouting parties were sent out and on finding the fresh trail, soon came in contact with the Indians. A brief skirmish followed, in which one of the soldiers was killed, and several of the troop lost their horses. The scouting party returned into town, and took position in the barracks. The Indians came down the river toward the town, and a stubborn fight took place over the possession of the powder magazine. In a short time the troops were compelled to fall back, leaving the arsenal in possession of the Indians. Not having taken the necessary precautions, the troops were short of ammunition, the body protecting the magazine being reduced to only three rounds each.

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made the night hideous, menacing the citizens and threatening to lay siege to the town proper. Sharp fighting was experienced at various points between the soldiers and the savages throughout the night. The following day the Indians moved down the river to the Tapeste Ranch (the present Edgington farm), where they continued celebrating their victory, depleting the ranch of its horses and cattle. Scouting parties sent out from the town the following day came across several dead Indians, one being covered with a buffalo hide.

But the Indian was an ever present menace, and civic problems occupied the authorities. A new jail and municipal buildings were needed. No bond issue was called for. On July 4, 1790, Lieutenant Alcalde Joseph Gonzalez issued an order for each able-bodied man to deliver fifty large stones at the building site on the Plaze within twenty days, and to assist personally or through his servants in the material construction of the buildings. A fine was provided for failure to comply with the order. Apparently the buildings were constructed, for we learn from contemporary records of persons being imprisoned in the city jail for infractions of the law.

Then came a sad day in Laredo. The founder of Laredo, Don Tomas Sanchez, passed to his reward. On the morning of January 21, 1796, he was buried at high mass from San Agustin Church, Reverend Bachiller Jose Manuel Perez officiating at the service.

The passing of Don Tomas Sanchez de la Barrera y Gallardo was a distinct loss to the town. He was one of those old Spaniards, leaders of men, the fearless pioneers, ever seeking to extend the territory of their King and found new homes for the coming generations. Don Tomas was a man of action rather than words, and left behind him a heritage of his heroic work. His death was sudden, and although he was in his eighty-eighth year, was unexpected. A native of the Valle de Carrizal, Province of Nuevo Reyno de Leon, he was of noble family, born in 1709. His father was Don Tomas Sanchez and his mother Maria Josefa de la Garza. He served in the army of his King, and then conducted a ranch in the Province of Coahuila. Later he came to the Rio Grande and established a ranch opposite the old town of Dolores. On May 15, 1755, when only forty-six years of age, he founded the town of Laredo, serving for twelve years as Captain and Chief Justice of the place. After the laying out of the town and apportionment of the land, the office of Alcalde passed to other hands. However, a strong guiding hand was needed to direct the destinies of the frontier settlement, and Don Tomas was again named Alcalde, which office he held almost to the

time of his death. Under his administration the affairs of the town prospered and the place grew. Don Tomas was first married to Doña Catarina de Uribe, who bore him nine children. Some years after Doña Catarina's death, he was married to young Doña Teodora Yzaguirre, to whom was born two children, a boy and a girl. His posterity still carry on in Laredo today, many of whom are civic and political leaders.

As the little village grew, the city governing body continued to look out for the welfare of the town, and even undertook a modern "clean up" campaign at times. Laredo must have had a forerunner of the modern nudist colonies, for ordinances were passed forbidding mixed bathing by the two sexes in the Rio Grande. Gambling and public scandal were dealt with, and at one time the sale of liquor was prohibited. Vagrants came in for their share of attention by the city council, and night entertainers were allowed only after first procuring a license. Laredo was fast becoming a cosmopolitan city.

Then the clouds of war darkened the bright horizon, and we come to the most important period in the history of the Spanish colonies in Mexico, the Mexican revolution against Spain. After smarting under the yoke of tyrannical oppression, the patriot priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, on the night of the 15th of September, 1810, raised the **grito** which resulted in the liberation of Mexico from the Spanish rule and laid the foundation of the Mexican Republic. The first official news of the revolt to reach Laredo was contained in a proclamation issued by Don Francisco Xavier Venegas, Viceroy, at Mexico City, dated September 27, 1810. This proclamation states that on the evening of September 16 the Priest of Dolores, Don Miguel Hidalgo, joined by the two Captains of the Royal Dragoons, Don Ignacio Allende and Don Juan Aldama, raised a revolt against the royal standard of Spain, and succeeded in sacking the cities of San Miguel el Grande, Chamacuero, Celaya and the Valle de Salamanca. The proclamation states that orders have been issued to all loyal troops and citizens to take every precaution to apprehend those guilty of the rebellion and bring them to justice, in order that they may be punished for the enormity of their crimes; and not only to inflict upon them the punishment they deserve, but to bring about public tranquility, and at the same time to vindicate the faithfulness of the loyal Spanish-Americans and natives of this fortunate country, "whose immaculate reputation, honor and loyalty these revolutionists have attempted to daringly stain." The proclamation further offers a reward of ten thousand pesos to be paid immediately to those who may kill or

capture the leaders, with other rewards for restoring the country to a state of peace, and closes by directing that the offenders be brought in dead or alive.

However, the revolution was not easily suppressed. It gathered strength and the mother country was hard pressed. Human nature being the same throughout the history of the world, avaricious merchants sought to profit by the deplorable conditions of the war, and living expenses mounted. The authorities of Laredo took action to stop this practice, and anticipated our present Office of Price Administration by more than a century. On March 29, 1812, Don Manuel Dovalina, the City Attorney of Laredo, acting for the city council, issued a decree stating that "as one of the primary considerations for the government of a civil republic is to guard the equity and economy of the body politic and with particular attention to those in needy circumstance and the poor," the sale of various articles of prime necessity will be regulated and the price, weight and measure of such articles fixed. Among other commodities, the price of meat was fixed at five pounds for one real, candles at four ounces for one-half real, and bread, after it was taken from the oven, at twelve ounces for one-half real. And the cornering of the market on any one commodity was prevented by requiring all peddlers to offer their goods at retail in the public plaza for three days before a deal at wholesale could be made.

As the revolution progressed, the insurgents became stronger, and it was necessary to adopt harsh measures to combat the enemy. Remaining loyal to the Spanish crown, on March 9, 1813, Alcalde Joseph Gonzalez, who held the rank of Captain in the Spanish Army and was in command along the frontier issued a decree calling on all loyal Spaniards to co-operate in apprehending traitors to the mother country. The Alcalde stated that the conservation and defense of the town called for the uniting of the citizens so as to "better serve God, the King, the native land and the honor of the Spanish arms," and commanded each male between the ages of fifteen and sixty years to present himself at headquarters with his arms in order that he may be assigned to duty. Those turning to the enemy were to suffer death, if the proof should show the action to be voluntary on their part. The penalty of death was to be inflicted on those dealing with traitors, insurgents or with Indians allied with the revolution, and also without regard to sex, the same penalty would be imposed on those furnishing aid to the enemy, whether it be foodstuffs, horses, money or jewels. Death was also to be imposed on those who furnished shelter to any of the enemy, or had

knowledge where any of the enemy may be found and not report the fact immediately to the commander of troops or other persons in authority. This decree was posted in the town and all the ranches of the jurisdiction so that all would have knowledge of it.

The whole frontier was in a turmoil and the resources of the people taxed to the utmost, but the authorities still reported to the central government. On April 30, 1819, Don Ildefonso Ramon, the Alcalde, made his return of the census report, which shows the town had a population of 1,418 people, composed of Spaniards and those of mixed blood, Indians and mestizos. In his comments on the report, the Alcalde said: "On account of the impoverished condition in which this town finds itself, there are only two stone masons, two carpenters, two tailors, and three shoemakers, who live in great want, and are compelled to have recourse to other kinds of work in order to provide for themselves a bare subsistence." The Alcalde reports forty-four independent ranches in his jurisdiction, but states, "thirty-seven of these are abandoned, on account of the desolating war that the barbarous Indians of the North wage against us, and the other seven are only being operated at great risk. Before the revolution against the Kingdom and before the barbarous Indians had begun the hostilities that they are so frequently making, these ranchers occupied themselves in caring for their stock, but many of these have been exterminated, and now they have nothing left to live upon." He then reports that the arrival of the troops was looked forward to, in the hope that they would place some money in circulation and thus relieve the impoverished condition of the town.

But with all the action taken by the Spanish authorities in Mexico to stem the tide, in 1821 the revolution, started in 1810 by the obscure priest of Dolores who sacrificed his life in behalf of the principles of liberty, triumphed. The Spanish domination was cast off, and Mexico became a free and independent nation. Laredo, after remaining loyal to the mother country practically throughout the revolution, took her place in the affairs of the new republic, being a part of the new state of Tamaulipas, carved out of the old province of Nuevo Santander.

The old life of the village was resumed. The citizens, mindful of the courageous spirit of their pioneer founder, went about the task of rebuilding their fortunes under the Republic of the United States of Mexico, and the government of Laredo under Spain passed into history.

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