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## Editorial

Over seventeen years ago the League of United Latin American Citizens was founded, and certain Aims and Purposes were established. The successful carrying out of these diversified but closely correlated aims and purposes was to bring about the attainment of the ultimate objective for which the League was founded, — namely, the welfare of Americans of Latin American extraction. Today, after years of struggle through periods of accelerated activity in which a few things have been wholly or partially achieved, and dormant periods in which nothing was done, the League finds itself but little advanced toward its main objective.

To what specific cause or series of causes can this delay of the successful attainment of the League's objective be attributed? Can it be due to inopportune times; to the fact that it is hard to expunge situations and attitudes within a short time that have been prevalent for over a hundred years; to the advent of a world war; or to a misunderstanding of the real issue at stake? There is no doubt that the above have contributed much to the retardation of progress, but even greater

than these is a sort of "working in the dark" type of procedure that has been carried out and a haphazard pecking at the surface of opportune situations that have from time to time presented themselves. There is nothing more forlorn or more uncertain of successful completion than attempting to work in the dark, and an unsystematic hopping from point to point hoping that in the end it will be the one needed.

The League is very like a person lost in the woods who knows exactly where he wishes to be but is uncertain as to how to get there. Many likely paths present themselves and it is possible that any one or a series of these paths might take him to his destination, but he hesitates and fears to lose himself ever more, or if he rallies enough courage to explore one of the paths, he follows it only for a short distance and then returns to his original place either by doubling back over familiar ground or through accident as a result of desperation. So is the League lost in a maze of aims and purposes and like the lost person fails to follow any one of them for any appreciable distance.

The time has come and is ripe for the achievement of the League's goal. Hesitancy now will mean prolonged retardation, and that in turn may result in failure arising from exhaustion and lack of spirit. The League's campaign should emulate the campaign of the U. S. armed forces in the Pacific where single objective after objective was taken with a determined and concentrated action until at last the main objective — Japan, was reached. Let the action of the League be specifically planned with immediate objectives, and once established, let the action be unwavering, purposeful, and free from fear of defeat. And above all, let the action be aggressive. Aggressiveness is one of the highest qualifications of a leader, and the League was founded as a leader for Latin Americans. As a leader and champion upon whom are pinned the hopes of a people, the League cannot and must not allow itself to be guided in the dark. Seventeen years of experiences, achievements, failures, and comprises should illuminate the work to such an extent that each step is sure footed, specific, and free from retraction.

Let the firmest purpose of the League be from now until the day of victory to take specific action on specific problems facing the Latin Americans and not allow itself to be steered from its course until such problems have been pursued to a happy conclusion.

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# MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Your President General has been in Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Austin since the last issue of the News was published. These trips were made in connection with several assignments set out by the National Assembly in Houston. We are attempting to put into practice all of these ideas.

## CORPUS CHRISTI, TRIP

On July 21st, Manuel G. Vela, Treasurer General, Francisco J. Flores, Secretary General and Alfredo G. Garza, Vice President of Council No. 12 accompanied the President General on a trip to Corpus Christi in answer to a meeting called in that City with the object of putting into effect the wishes contained in a resolution adopted at El Paso in 1944.

The purpose of the resolution was to have a committee device ways and means for the erection of a Shrine honoring the birth of LULAC. This shrine to be located in Corpus Christi. There Lulac first originated in 1929.

The afternoon of July 21st was spent in the President General's room at the White Plaza with Joe Garza, President of Corpus Christi Council Louis Wilmot, Lee Licon, Hector de Peña and other members of the Corpus Christi Council in conference with the General Officers present. After a lengthy study of several plans presented, it was decided to work a plan in connection with the City of Corpus Christi for the erection of a Gymnasium-Auditorium which will cost around \$70,000.

Lulac will contribute a portion of this expenditure with the City of Corpus Christi financing the greater portion. To some this may not seem an entirely Lulac owned proposition, but if plans work out as we visualize them, a plant to be used by thousand and thousands of young boys and girls of our people will be our goal.

On Monday, July 22nd, your President General remained in Corpus Christi where he met at a Luncheon with the Corpus Christi City fathers and several members of Council No. 1. The tentative plan was explained to them and same was taken under advisement. Joe Garza, President of Council No. 1 and at Present Regional Governor was given full power to proceed with this plan and to report to the President General. Another meeting on this project will be held soon.

A forward step towards the accomplishment of one of our dreams has been taken.

While we are writing about the Corpus Christi Trip, I participated at the initiation of Twenty new candidates for membership. This intiation was short but impressive. The members of the Corpus Christi Council are congratulated for their initiative. We understand that this is the third such initiation held under the administration of Brother Joe Garza.

Shortly after the ceremonies, we went to the Princess Louise Hotel, where a Steak Dinner with trimmings and beverage was served in honor of the new members and the President General.

## SAN ANTONIO TRIP

A meeting of the Educational Committee was held at San Antonio on July 28th. Those appointed by the President General to this committee are Reynaldo de la Garza, M. C. Gonzales, Rudy Peña, all of San Antonio, were present, Mack Martinez, Austin and Joe Garza, Corpus Christi were also present.

John Herrera, Houston, Alfonso Chaparro, El Paso and Fernando Salas, Houston were absent. Others present were, Jacob I. Rodriguez, Marshall Aguilar, Joe Olivares, Max Garcia, A. P. Sanchez, J. B. Gonzales, F. Luna, besides several other members of the San Antonio Council. With the President General were, Ike Martinez, District Governor, for District No. 3, Alfredo Garza and Abelardo Salinas of Laredo. From Corpus Christi accompanying Regional Governor Joe Garza, was James Saenz, Governor for District No. 1. A complete detail of the work of this committee appears somewhere in this issue of the News.

## THE AUSTIN TRIP

Sunday, August 4th, the President General and Star Castillo rode to Austin to help District Governor, Edward A. Cazares and District Organizer Mack Martinez to install the Austin Ladies Council. Regional Governor Joe Garza of Corpus Christi was present and to him went the honor of installing their Council. This was Brother Garza's first Council to be organized since he became Texas Regional Governor.

## TO THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN OF ALL COUNCILS

Just before I finished my first term of office, I sent all Councils a letter asking for an outline of the year's activities. The results from the

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ports sent into the General Office were very gratifying. Another such report will be expected from all Councils next May. In order to have a uniform program through-out the Country, I will outline a tentative program which may be followed as near as possible:

1. AN EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE; this committee to see that all children of school age are registered in the public schools. Organize a Parents-Teachers' Association, and preferably that it be English speaking to conform with the wishes of the Houston Assembly. To note and report to the General Educational Committee Chairman, Reynaldo de la Garza Chairman, 722 W. Commerce, San Antonio, Texas, all cases of segregation of and discrimination against our children in the public schools.

Cooperate with school authorities in seeing that all children attend schools. Where possible periodic inspections should be made to ascertain if children are advancing in their studies and if some are losing interest, find out from their parents the reason. Only in this manner are we, as an organization, able to help our children to remain in school and it is the only way in which we can expect to receive better cooperation from the school authorities.

Where possible an educational Fund should be created to help worthy students to further their higher education.

2. BOY SCOUTS COMMITTEE: Almost every Council is now sponsoring at least one troop of Boy Scouts of America. Those Councils which are not sponsoring one should begin to do so. It will give you a chance to help our youth in character building and citizenship training. If any one has trouble organizing a troop, our Director of Publicity Geo. J. Garza will be more than glad to help out with his suggestions.

3. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE: This is a most important part of our work. Following Brother Esquivel's idea (of San Antonio) a well rounded athletic program is three-fold; Educational, Recreation, Publicity. San Antonio, Laredo and Corpus Christi have reported on their athletic activities. Let us hear from the other Councils. What to do? Well, plenty! If a softball League is not available in your community, start the ball rolling and organize one. You'll find Anglo-Americans going in your program. Basketball comes next. Brother Rosales of Houston began a nice program last year which did not develop outside of Houston. It will be well to think again of the proposed Lulac League and have each Council to enter a Team. Then these teams will meet at some centrally located city for a tournament. Something in the order of the American Legion, Baseball League.

4. ADULT NIGHT SCHOOL COMMITTEE: This project was discussed at length in Houston. The adult night school is a left over from N.R.A. days. Laredo has been able to keep such a school going. This school gives the adult the opportunity to study English and Citizenship at night.

Furthermore, this school helps aliens in preparing themselves towards becoming American Citizens. If any Council is interested in the establishing of a similar school and is not able to start it write, P. L. Flores, c/o Sheriff's Office at Laredo and he will give you full details.

5. POLL TAX COMMITTEE: This committee should see that all citizens in their locality of Latin American decent buy a Poll Tax and in doing so, we can "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".

6. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: The largest project well executed, is worth only as much as it is known to others. We feel that the good things we do should be publicized. We believe that an active committee should report the doings of its council to Lulac News to the Secretary General and to the Local Newspaper.

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# AROUND THE LULAC SHIELD

## SANTA FE COUNCIL

How would you like to enjoy a few days vacation in the natural air conditioned City of Santa Fe, New Mexico while attending the 1947 National Convention? Maybe this statement is rather premature, but time flies and do not say we did not warn you. We feel that La Villa Real de Santa Fe should be your headquarters for your 1947 vacation. This quaint enchanted small City nestles cozily at the foot of the 13,000 ft., Sangre de Cristo Mountains, being the Capital of New Mexico, it enjoys the distinction of being the oldest seat of government in the United States. The Spanish Conquistadores settled here in the year 1610 anticipating the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers by a decade. Our Spanish people make up over 60% of the population and these families can trace their ancestry back to families of Coronado, Cabeza de Vaca and others of our early settlers.

Your Lulac friends are preparing a very colorful program for you. While in New Mexico, would like for you to spend at least two weeks with us. Plan now!

Santa Fe Council has started to work on the October issue of Lulac News. Other projects of interest to all will be announced in our sponsored issue.

## SANTA FE LADIES COUNCIL NO. 18

The last regular meeting of this Council was held on July 2nd, at the home of Mrs. Gayle, Candelario, Assistant hostess, was Miss Virginia Gonzales. During this meeting the following new members were sworn. Mrs. John Apodaca, Mrs. Henry Garcia, Mrs. Enrique Trujillo, and Mrs. Joe Romero.

During this meeting it was decided to send one girl from troop 8 to the Annual Scout Camp.

## SAN ANTONIO COUNCIL NO. 2

Most everything has been left pending and the Council is concentrating its efforts on the annual baseball game against the Pan American Optimists. The proceeds from this benefit game we used in the scholarship fund. In last month's issue of the News, appeared the pictures of two young ladies who were the recipients of two scholarships offered by Council No. 2.

This Council was host at a dinner given in honor of the Educational Committee which met in this city July 28th. Visitors from out of town were, Arnulfo Zamora, President General, Alfredo Garza, Ike Martinez, District Governor, and Abelardo Salinas of Laredo. Regional Governor, Joe Garza and James Saenz of Corpus Christi; Mack Martinez of Austin. From San Antonio, attending this meeting were Joe Olivares, M. C. Gonzales, Jacob I. Rodriguez, Marshall Aguilar, Max Garcia, A. P. Sanchez, J. B. Gonzales, Rudy Peña, Reynaldo de la Garza, M. Luna and others.

The membership drive is progressing on schedule and soon we will have the Laredo initiating team to help us to initiate a record number of candidates. At this writing the number of applications signed have already passed the 50 mark.

## CORPUS CHRISTI NO. 1

This Council sponsored a fats and Leans base ball game at Ben Garza Park for the benefit of Boys' City. The entire gate receipts of \$214.00 was turned over to that worthy project.

Joe Garza, Regional Governor for Texas attended the Annexation Celebration of Brenham, Texas on June 22nd, as a representative of our President General. The Annexation Ceremony was conducted at the State National Park at Old Washington on the Brazos. Governor Coke Stevenson, Admiral Noble and General Wedemeyer were the main Speakers.

The following men are members of the different boards who have been named by the City Administration since its inception last April.

Joe Garza was named to the City planning and Zoning Board; Hector de Peña to the Park Board, Elias Espinoza and Armando Garza to the Veterans Housing Committee, and M. L. Ramirez is a tentative selection as a member of the Civil Board. All of this has been done by the City through efforts of the Local Council.

The Council as a body took a very active part on the Salvation Army Building Fund Drive for a building of \$115,000 Youth Center for Corpus Christi. This Council was responsible, for collections amounting to about \$10,000. Joe Garza was Co-Chairman with Judge Cullen Briggs for this drive.

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## Status of the Education of Latin American Children in Texas



By **GEORGE J. GARZA**  
President, Council No. 12

Education, in my estimation, has been and will forever continue to be the means for bringing about the welfare of any people and for safe guarding that welfare. That is the reason why for many years I have zealously watched and studied the progress and retardation of the education of Latin Americans within my home state.

I do not know, nor have I had the opportunity to become acquainted with the educational practices of other states within the scope of our League in relation to Latin Americans, and so I am not at liberty to theorize for or against them. However, I have, through personal experience as a student, a teacher, an observer, a researcher and a reader of authentic studies and researches, of well known educators become familiar with educational practices, conditions, and attitudes concerning education of Latin Americans in Texas, and feel free and competent to present the picture such as I have seen it.

Anyone who has had the experience of teaching in schools set aside for so called "Mexican Children", or has had an opportunity to observe conditions in and around such schools, may well agree with the statement that the status of the education of Latin American children in Texas is indeed sickening and a reflection upon a state that once claimed the lack of educational facilities as one of the causes for her revolt against Mexico.

Reports from the census rolls will undoubtedly show that over 16 or 17 per cent of the total scho-

lastic population of Texas is Latin American; that over 12 per cent of the common school district population and over 16 percent of the Independent school district population is Latin American, and these percentage figures would be greater if scholastic census taking was carried on more accurately by those entrusted with it. Further study of statistics would show that the increase of Latin American scholastic is many times greater than that of other whites and double that number of the colored. These figures, modest as they undoubtedly are, are sufficient to warrant closer and more specific study and action on present existing conditions, which in the majority, are abominable.

It is indeed pathetic and ironically humorous in many instances to hear expressions of attitude concerning education of Latin American children. A superintendent of schools once said that education and grubbing did not mix and in order to keep the Mexican on his knees his education must be meager. Another liked Mexicans as laborers and since, to his way of thinking, they were well paid the community owed them nothing in the way of education. To him education of Latin American children was charity and not a civic duty. Still others have expressed the opinion that Latin Americans are better off here than in Mexico, and since they are new to a civilization they did not build they can not justly claim its full advantages. Further still, some have claimed that even the poorest of schools compare favorably with the homes of Latin Americans. These expressions are but a drop in an ocean of similar ones that express the attitudes of well-educated christian people who as teachers, administrators, civic leaders, and plain citizens are instilling the grandness of a democracy with equality for all. They do not regard poverty and low cultural levels as challenges to education, but rather as barriers.

In the majority of schools provided for the so called "Mexicans", we find the most inferior type of buildings, equipment, and even teachers. Many of the schools are the one room type with one door and one or two windows too high to be of any value. The desks are often antiquated broken down relics that seem to have belonged to the Era of Icabod Crane. The heating system for cold days consists in many cases of discarded heaters precariously setting on two or three of their original legs and substitutes of brick or rock, and the meager fuel may at times consist of coal but more

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often of wood gathered in many cases by the children themselves. The blackboards, if they may be called that, are discards from the "White school", and the chalk is the refuse gathered by the janitor from the same school. The books, generally insufficient in number, are discards of other schools and several years out of date. Drinking facilities are often inadequate and unsanitary. Then to make matters worse, the school term is often slashed in every possible way to make up deficits in the other schools.

And the teachers, — what an array of poor misguided and incompetent beings. As a general rule and in a majority of cases the teachers of the "Mexican School" are beginners who are seeking experience so that they may be promoted to the "White School". They feel humiliated, are underpaid, and the only redeeming feature is the promotion to come. In many cases teachers who have displeased the authorities are demoted to the "Mexican School" as punishment, and the children must withstand the wrath and ill-will intended for the authorities.

Thus we have a picture of the status of the education of Latin American children in Texas, and what a pathetic picture it is. Of course, in large cities with a small population of Latin Americans, or in cities and towns along the border where Latin Americans are in the majority, conditions are in most cases different, but even there and in the majority of towns and rural districts in Texas the conditions are as described above. And regardless of the many reasons given for a so-called pedagogical segregation with an outlook for the Welfare of the child, the truth of the matter is that they are hypocritical alibies for prejudices founded on discrimination of origins.

How much longer are we, Americans and citizens of this country, going to stand idly by and allow such conditions to exist? Shall we sacrifice the future of a generation to be lost because we were engulged with an apathy for work and action? Shall we allow ourselves and ours to be deprived of a right in a democracy that we shed our blood in open battle to defend? These questions are not for one man to answer. They are to be answered by the unified action of a whole people with everything to gain.

## MARRIED RECENTLY



Miss Gloria Wilmot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Wilmot, 820 N. Alameda, Corpus Christi, Texas, became the bride of Mr. Eliseo A. Sanchez, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sanchez, of this city, in a recent ceremony at the Sacred Heart Church.

Rev. F. R. Elsing performed the ceremony.

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# CLASS DISCRIMINATION IS A DANGER TO WORLD PEACE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following open letter was written by Brother Joey Gonzales, of LULAC Council No. 62 Ft. Stockton, Texas. This letter appeared in the SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES on July 12, 1946.

Editor, Standard-Times:

The purpose of this letter, as you can readily see, is to straighten out your informer as to the social status of the so-called Mexicans of West Texas (San Angelo Standard-Times, June 5, 1946—the article which appeared on your Good Morning space). I don't know the name of your informer, so for the mere sake of keeping the records straight I shall from now on use a fictitious name, "West Texas Fifth Columnist," a very appropriate name if I say so myself.

Before going into a detailed criticism of his letter, I shall endeavor to illustrate the dangers that are prevalent throughout the world. What with out nation being crippled by strikes all over.

Of course we (4 F's) in America don't know the meaning of war, thank God, but even the countries upon whose ground it was fought have not accepted peace, which all mankind loves and cherishes as a standard fact. What with the Big Four all wrangling over trivialities day in and day out. What with the Russians trying to—and doing a good job of it—Sovietize the German people.

We in America take the 'Oh well, what the hell' attitude; the war is over, the enemy is defeated; let us now turn to our unfortunate fellowman, the 'so-called Mexican,' who so willingly, and courageously died heroically for his country. We have among our race, thanks to God, heroes that came back from the horrors of war to what they were fighting for, America. The farmer, the druggist, the big factory owner, and above all their loved ones, and yes, to the AGITATORS who so openly ostracize the Spanish-speaking population. Men of high standing are carrying on a first class discrimination program unique in the annals of mankind.

The war may be over; the German people have been defeated in the field of battle. The Germans are still in this world; we have seen their homes bombed, their folks killed, their goose-step shortened to ours, but still something is going on in their minds' dark recesses and they just can't forget. The German people are shrewd, cunning, resourceful, and above all they have patience. Now it is a known fact that the 'older' German people

were born with the idea that they could rule the world, and they in turn indoctrinated their young ones with their beliefs. Let us pause for a while and see how the white folks compare. The 'older' folks were and are to a certain extent better off than their Mexican friends, and they in turn indoctrinated their boys to hate the Mexicans; but time and circumstances have changed to a large extent. We, the Mexicans, have done the same, but have the white folks changed attitudes? No, they have not. Have you acceded few of the freedoms and privileges that this great CONSTITUTION of ours gives us? No.

Let us face the music, let us not be guilty of breaking this Constitution of ours which makes America what it is; let us unite, let us not ostracize our dark-skinned friends from the freedom that the laws of the Constitution give him. We all know that lack of friendly association breeds suspicion, which in turn breeds both fear and hate, and it is impossible under these circumstances to have a right to reason if we shun friendly association. I hope each one of you sacrifices his personal interest and subordinates his discriminating feelings.

The Germans as well as the Russians are an industrious people; the seeds of a new World War are being sown. Would it be impossible for some other nation to put out a social invasion? Members of the former ruling families of Europe to infiltrate Latin America by getting into the society of the Western Hemisphere—to organize campaigns of racial hatred against Negroes, Jews, and (locally) Mexicans? So you see, let us unite. And besides, the Constitution gives us the privileges of the use of public places such as theatres, swimming pools, but we are not allowed them at all. We, the Mexican people, are aware of discrimination.

A meeting of the minds of local members of the two races would be a great step towards a better America. If we are ignored, appropriate action should be taken, with all due process of law; yes, not forcefully. We have in our midst people of German, Russian, Italian, and a few other foreign nationalities, who can express their preference as to where they sit in a theatre, and other privileges too numerous to mention are told where to sit or eat.

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JOE GARZA

Working ably and diligently, Council No. 1 is fast establishing itself as a leader in the development of athletic activities and athletes in Corpus Christi, Texas.

With a three-fold objective, namely the curbing of juvenile delinquency, the raising of funds, and the furnishing of wholesome recreation for all, Council No. 1 in conjunction with the Corpus Christi, Recreational Department started out on its athletic program. The Latin American Softball League with Joe Garza as president was organized and play was started at Ben Garza Park on March 26, 1946. League games are played twice a week and the other days are given over to the boys of Corpus Christi, who make use of the park.

Ben Garza Park with a seating capacity of 1800 is filled for every game with the result that \$3600 have been deposited to the treasury's account since play was begun. Admission prices have been placed at eighteen cents per adult with free admission for boys under 13.

On Aug. 13, City championship play-offs were started between the champions of the L. A. loop, Southern Select, the champions of the American League, Carpenters, and the champions of the National League, Sinclair. The winner of the play-off to enter the state TAAF tournament at Austin on Aug. 24.

There is no doubt about the attainment of Council No. 1's three-fold objective. Reports indicate a drop in juvenile delinquency; capacity crowds at all games plus capacity participation in the different teams point to major participation in re-

creation; and finally, a sum of \$3600 shows that funds are coming in, and how!

However, Council No. 1 has not reduced its activities to the L. A. Loop. Recently they sponsored a Fats and Leans Softball Game at Ben Garza Park for the benefit of Boys City — a home for delinquent boys that is to be built in Corpus Christi. The entire proceeds of the game, \$214.00, was turned over to the worthy project, and Council No. 1 adds another gem to its crown of worthy accomplishments.



### CLASS DISCRIMINATION IS A—

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No, we are no gypsies, as our friends, the Fifth Columnist, labels us. He admits that we are Americans (that itself says what we are and where our home is) but he says that we are not a part of West Texas life. We are Americans and we have our homes here where they legally belong, and if we don't play a part in West Texas life, then, by George, there's something wrong. Let us then Americanize this wild and woolly West, let us not sow the seed of discontent. If we ever start getting that desire, let us take a trip over to New Mexico to where the A-Bomb is being tested. That Bomb, my dear readers, is not being tested for bear hunting purposes, but to kill human beings like you and me. It is difficult to make people accept such a change, the elevation of the minority to the social status which the great CONSTITUTION has given them, which they themselves have been fortunate enough to achieve by their own efforts.

Let us be sensible. America belongs to no one group of people, only to the American Indian. If an individual speaks Spanish, that's no reason to send him to Spain, nor would it be right to send an English-speaking one back to England. America would not have a soul left on its soil. That's why the Constitution was drawn up, to protect the minority against the majority. Those wise old men figured that America would be composed of many tongues.

Let us practice altruism instead of egoism, but let us not procrastinate any longer. Let freedom ring.

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## SCOUT SCOOPS

The Boy Scouts of America and Lulac are closely allied in their aims to develop a youth that is self-sufficient and capable, and it is because of this that the League of United Latin American citizens is vitally interested in the work and advancement of Scouting among Latin-Americans throughout the scope of the League. Scouting because of its aims and because of its methods is in a unique position to render a great service to Latin American boys in their struggle to find themselves and to achieve their rightful place. Lulac ever cognizant of this fact spares no effort to try and make available this program to all Latin American boys through its member councils.

This particular column has been added as an extra feature of Lulac News for the purpose of keeping the League informed as to the progress of Scouting within our ranks. Councils are urged to report to the office of the Director of publicity all Scouting activities within their jurisdiction.

Setting an example for the rest of the councils in Lulac is the home council of the President-General, Council No. 12 of Laredo, Texas. Council No. 12 now sponsors four Boy Scout troops, one Girl Scout troop, and the first Explorer Post of Senior Scouts in Laredo. All in all over 150 boys and girls are given an opportunity to enjoy Scouting through Council No. 12.

Council No. 1 of Corpus Christi has once again joined the ranks of Councils sponsoring Scout Troops. Due to war activities Scouting was neglected by the council but with the reactivation of Troop 19 as a starter, Scouting in Council No. 1 is back to stay.

## 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.

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## SKITS AND BITS (All about you and me)

Tis whispered around that Frank Jasso's photographic splurge at the Educational Committee's meeting in San Antonio was sabotaged. And such a waste of tooth paste smiles at that.

And our President-General running around in a sleepless daze following the installation of the Austin Ladies Council. Busses were just not made to sleep in.

And while on the subject of the Austin Ladies Council installation our Seeing Eye informs us that our Texas Regional Governor, Joe Garza had the congregation confused with his ministerial poise and demeanour during installation, and then dispelled all doubts when immediately following the ceremony he appeared with a set-up in each hand.

Seems that Mac Martinez the main cheese of the banquet at Austin was lost just before the start. Compasses should be standard equipment in many cases.

Going back to the Houston Convention we extend our deepest sympathies to Manuel Vela after his unhappy experience in changing his liquid diet following the convention. Buttermilk is potent stuff, Meme.

Thinking of the Houston Convention we are reminded of the oratorical delivery and convincing tone of James Saenz of Corpus Christi. P. T. A.'s must be inspiring or else Houston's coffee is really something.

Won't someone please help Bro. Pargola of Laredo who is still wondering if he demanded the nomination of Rodolfo Salinas of Laredo as Sergeant-at-arms-General.

Well' it's no secret now. Joey Gonzalez has broken into the print of the Ft. Stockton Pioneer, —picture and all. And a nice picture it is.

Alfredo Garza of Laredo too sleepy to know what the Shrine Conference in Corpus Christi was about. Could be he was still exhausted from his fiery discourse on the merits of Albuquerque as the 1947 site for the convention, or was it Santa Fe? Do you know, Alfredo?

The rumbling heard'round the world was not caused by the A-bomb, but by the melodious and voluminous voice of Roy Velazquez of Austin.

Bias Cantu, reporter and recorder for the Convention recording everything,—official and otherwise.

Our President-General gripping because the spotlight was in his eyes during the climax of the Stag Party floor show at the convention.

Our Seeing Eye reports that the Pan American Optimists and Lulacs of Council No. 2 in San Antonio were to clash in their annual baseball killer-diller. The demand on the liniment market will be terrific.

Come on all of you Lulac Councils, send us all of your friendly gossip and choice bits of inside information about your members. This is an extra added feature of Lulac News to add spice to the ingredients, and to afford a medium for knowing each other better.

### AROUND THE LULAC SHIELD—

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Corpus Christi Council was host to our President General, Arnulfo Zamora and his able assistants, Manuel G. Vela, Treasurer General and Francisco J. Flores, Secretary General. Also attending were, George J. Garza and Alfredo Garza, Vice President of Council No. 12. The purpose of the meeting was to derive ways and means for the erection of a shrine to Lulac in Corpus Christi the birth place of the League.

Next day, the President General attended a luncheon with City Officials and several members of Council No. 1 attending.

At night he attended the Council's regular meeting to witness the initiation of twenty new members. After the ceremony a banquet was tendered in honor of the new candidates and the President General at the Princess Louise Hotel.

### AUSTIN COUNCIL NO. 85

Austin Council wishes to announce that Edward A. Cazares, 1216 Inks, Ave., and Mack Martinez, 2302 Sta. Maria, both of Austin have been elected for the Posts of District Governor and District Organizer, respectively.

Their first job as district officers was that of re-organizing the Austin Ladies Council. At impressive ceremonies conducted at the Trocadero Club on August 4th, Regional Governor Joe Garza installed this newly organized Council. The ceremonies were held in the presence of President General Arnulfo Zamora of Laredo. A complete report of this ceremony will appear in next issue of the News.

It has been reported that both of these District Officers are working on the organization of the San Marcos Council.

# Aims and Purposes of the League of United Latin American Citizens

The aims and purposes of this Organization as amended at El Paso on June 24, 1944.

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 political intents and tendencies to establish discrimination 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. We solemnly declare once and for all to maintain a sincere and respectful reverence for our racial origin of which we are proud.

7. 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. We shall oppose any tendency to separate our children in the schools of this Country.

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

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

10. 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 shall disregard and abjure once and for all any personal obligation which is not in harmony with these principles.

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

14. We shall pay our poll tax and urge all our fellow-citizens to do likewise, in order that we may enjoy our rights fully.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

This Amendment to the Constitution has not been submitted to the local Councils for approval or rejection, but will be submitted for their consideration in the near future.

Having read your code and program and believing in the betterment of our people, I hereby apply for membership in the League of United Latin American Citizens.

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