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**TEMPUS FUGIT!** Time flies, and more so now that less than sixty days separates Lulac delegates from the National Convention scheduled for June 12 - 14, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Time flies event faster when the unfinished projects pledged at last year's convention, the many dreams and plans scheduled for verification, and the inactivated deeds of action are recalled. An enthusiastic assembly met last June and in its enthusiasm set before itself such tremendous and optimistic objectives, and now the League finds itself with unfinished objectives and precious little time in which to accomplish them or bring them up to within reasonable conclusion before that fateful June rolls around.

Yes, June of 1947, will be fateful in the annals of Lulac history. Everything points to a great upheaval in the procedure of Lulac work, and during the two days of business transactions within the General Assembly momentous decisions and steps will be taken that may well result in unprecedented actions and changes. Now, as never before in the history of Lulac, there seems to be a greater regard for Lulac and its potentialities and a greater desire for aggressiveness and driving power on the part of the League. Loyal members are giving more attention to the League's makeup of procedure and principles with the result that weaknesses are being spotted and superfluous traditions and beliefs condemned. In short, it might be said that a sudden realization has permeated through the minds of even the most biased

that the League though active is not producing the desired results nor progressing along intended channels.

Such being the case, it will be up to this assembly meeting in June to formulate some sort of action to alleviate or remedy the situation. First will come the spotting of the reason or reasons for this apathetic activity of the League. Can it be that the assumed policies of activity are too passive and complacent; the physical setup of the League not decentralized enough to handle the vast area and multiple problems; that the principles are too general and broad for complete attainment; or can it be that the general program fails to have that appealing and magnetic power that should interest the people it is intended for? Once a reason or combination of reasons that causes this apathetic feeling in the League is found the necessary steps involving perhaps changes in policies, ideas, attitudes, procedure, etc., must be taken. To deviate from established procedures, policies, etc., even though useless and passé, will require vision, conviction, and forcefulness on the part of the advocates.

Indeed, the delegates to the convention in 1947, will shoulder a tremendous responsibility and a gigantic task. They need must prepare themselves carefully ere making the trip and participating in the business sessions. They must have a well founded knowledge of what has been lacking, what the weaknesses are, what improvements can be made, and how to go about accomplishing all that is needed. The delegates must be true Lulacs in name and action with a deep and sincere love of Lulac; progressive-minded men with resigned faith in the future; courageous men ready to push forth regardless of obstacles and resistance; and understanding, sober-minded, determined men who will weigh the worth of issues most carefully and select on the basis of merit alone. Each delegation should represent the best talent of its respective council for, not only will the council be judged through its delegation, but it is to the best interests of the council to have representatives that will help to promote the best interests of the League.

Great care must be exercised in the selection of delegates. Let June 1947, be a fateful June in Lulac circles, but be sure that it be fateful because it marks the opening of an aggressive and progressive era rather than a reverting to and a continuance of outmoded procedure and apathetic attitudes and policies.

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You'd be in the same fix that Coronado was back in the early days—shoving off at sun-up, not knowing where he was going to bed-down at night, no knowing whether he was going to find a water hole or make a dry camp, yet pushing on day after day, spurred by a mighty ambition, burning with the desire to pick up a little gold—or convert the heathen Indian—or both. Yes, sir, the old-timers were men of iron. A little rough around the edges, perhaps, but real two-fisted men. From the very redskin that blew in via Siberia and Alaska some 30 to 50 thousand years ago, right on down to the hardy pioneers who rode the Butterfield Stage Lines in the 1870's, they had the ability to take it. Of course, those that followed in 1881 and thereafter via railroad were mere tenderfeet who lolled in the lap of luxury — comparatively speaking.

The first European who made the journey in 1536 didn't do it from choice. He was named Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca; and after his boat cracked up in Florida waters, it was either get to Culiacan on the west coast of Mexico, or lie down and die right where he was. Not wishing to die in the effete East, he lit out with a couple of ragged compadres, lived with the Indians, ate prickly pear fruit, jack rabbits, and whatever other wild critters he could snare, and ultimately passed through what is now El Paso. Some of our oldtimers will show you the exact tree down on the river bank where Cabeza stopped and

rested, but we've always been inclined to discount their story a trifle.

When he finally joined up with the rest of the boys over in Culiacan, he brought along a load of gossip about the Seven Cities of Cibola—some loose talk he'd picked up from the Indians. Anyhow, these cities were reported to be of practically solid gold, sometimes even set with turquoise, diamonds and other fancy rocks.

Coronado, who was wintering in Culiacan, pricked up his ears; his mouth watered; and first thing you know, he'd saddled up his ponies, dressed his men up in their stove pipe clothing (sure cure for Indian arrows), and struck out across the desert. This was in 1540; and from that time on there was one expedition after another starting out with banners flying and hopes high. Many a soldier and many a priest left his bones to bleach on the desert; many a straggler returned, weary, foot-sore, and sick. And none of them had found those glittering cities of gold.

## Beginning of Colonization

After so long a time, the Spaniards got to figuring that maybe they'd have to do it the hard way—take over some of the Indians' pueblos, do a little conquering, a little converting and a little colonizing. And in 1598 Juan de Oñate struggled up out of Mexico, northward along the Rio Grande, to establish himself and his band at San Juan, not far from the present site of Santa Fe. Once this colony was organized, travel between Mexico and Northern Mexico increased, and while they didn't exactly need traffic lights, they did need quiet places where they could lay over a day or two, catch a little sleep, and get a decent meal.

Such a place was the humble beginning of El Paso. Located then on the south bank of the Rio Grande, a reminder of this early way-station still exists in the beautiful mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Juarez, Old Mexico.

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This is a brief report of the activities of the organization for the year 1946. First I wish to thank the members for their unflinching cooperation that I received during that time and I hope that this coming year will see us still further ahead. I sincerely hope that at the end of this coming year we shall have an organization that will be twice as good as last year. I also wish and hope that our membership will double and therefore I ask every one of you to do your best in bringing in new members so that we may accomplish our goal. During last year we had our installation Dinner Dance at the Hotel Cortez which I think was a great success. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended. Next we sponsored the Lulac News issue for the month of April. This was accomplished by the hard work of most of the members. We were near the dead line and a group of us were seen in the wee hours of the morning still getting ads in Juarez.

We then had our fund-raising dance in Liberty Hall which was also a big success. Enough funds were raised to send five delegates to the State Convention at Houston.

The convention trip was also a great success. The party that left by car, I am told, played poker most of the way and had a swell time.

We were asked for and sent a donation for the C. I. O. Relief fund.

On May 15, 1946, we co-sponsored with the El Paso Bar Ass'n. a program for the new citizens of El Paso at Bowie High School which was very well received.

We then sponsored a bowling team for the league at 5 Points that started rather slow but ended like a house afire.

We offered the Lulac Trophy to the leading scorer at the Community Center league. Brother Valdez was reimbursed the money loaned to the organization for the hiring of 2 investigators on the Sanchez case.

The Tuberculosis Society was helped in assisting with the taking of X-ray pictures in different sections of the city and they were also given the proceeds of the sale of buttons at our annual dance. Our Annual picnic was held at Mesilla

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# THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP ACROSS THE BORDER

By DR. H. V. WILLIAMS, JR.,  
Principal of Bowie High School

In the fall of 1945, President Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico presented sixty band uniforms to the students of Bowie High School, El Paso, Texas. The official presentation of the uniforms was made by Colonel Raul Michel, Mexican Consul General, in a colorful program in the Patio of the Mexican Consulate. The gift of the uniforms was accepted by representatives of the El Paso Public Schools, the Bowie High School, the El Paso Mexican Chamber of Commerce, and the Bowie High School Parent-Teacher Association. The two local military posts and the Juarez Garrison participated also.

The presentation of such a gift from the president of one country to the students of a high school of a neighboring republic did not go unnoticed by the press or by those persons interested in the good relations between the two countries. Many factors of international good will were strengthened and invigorated by the motives which prompted this action of the president of Mexico; and in turn, specific responsibilities were placed upon the school and the city which were the recipients of the gift. For one thing, since the students of Bowie High School are of Mexican descent, the gift was an expression of congratulations to and commendation for the Americans of Mexican heritage who are being educated in a public high school that they may bring proper honor upon themselves and their race and their cousins across the border. The donor, perhaps, recognized that the uniforms would be worn with pride, and that those who saw subsequent performances of the band would react favorably toward this unique gesture of friendliness. In turn, even though the enrollment of the Bowie High School is insignificant when compared with the total border population, this group is representative of the youth who will guide the course of future international cooperation and through this incident they were given a most important lesson in the policy of good neighborliness.

And the youth of Bowie High School responded to the deeper significant aspects of this gesture of good will. They purposefully made their plans to interpret the best traditions of their American Mexican heritage to those who had a different background. Being a war period, they honored greatly the students and ex-students who fought and died for their American democracy. They

arranged opportunities for cooperative programs, games, and entertainments. They accepted graciously every invitation for exchanging programs and inter-school activities. Moreover, the students of Bowie interpreted to their cousins in Mexico the traditions of American democracy in their visits, athletic contests, and social activities. They, and the entire community, were eager for the president and the people of Mexico to see them wear the blue and white uniforms. They were eager to carry to Mexico the good will which was deep in their hearts.

One year after receiving this gift the Bowie High School students were given the rare opportunity of extending the hand of friendship across the border. On November 23, 1946, a special train of two hundred Bowie High School students, including eighty members of the band and their sponsors, began a rather historic trip to Mexico City. The primary purpose of the trip was a not unusual sports event. The Bowie High School football team was to play against a Mexico City Y M C A football squad. With the forty members of the team and the eighty members of the band were representatives of the Bowie Parent-Teacher Association, the local press, and other school boosters. The journey was punctuated by many exchanges of good will and felicitations between the Bowie group and the cities en route. The special was met in Chihuahua by a Mexican band whereupon each group played several numbers. Similar incidents, including sightseeing, occurred at Torreón, San Felipe Pescador, Aguas Calientes, San Miguel Allende, and Zacatecas.

As important and significant as were these mutually appreciative gestures, as satisfactory as was the football game, and despite the keen interest manifested in the spectacular parades, concerts, and social events, the ultimate results of the trip assume far more significance. The by-products exceeded the original plans since a new president of Mexico was being inaugurated at the time, and since youth from the United States joined the youth of Mexico for one week in pledging a continued policy of friendly cooperation.

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Officers of LADIES LULAC Council No. 9 were installed at an informal dinner held March 22 in the Spanish Room of Hotel Paso del Norte.

Rabbi Wendell A. Phillips spoke on "Mirrors of Reality".

Special guests and the organizations they represented were: Miss Rebecca Sandoval, YWCA Business Girls' Club; Henry Berroteran, Latin American Progressive Union; Lorenzo Martinez, Pan American Optimist Club; and David Saldaña, Bowie High School Alumni Association. Also present were officers of the Men's LULAC Council No. 132, including Y. J. Porras, president; Cruz Parra, vice president; and Henry Parra, treasurer.

Officers installed were as follows: Miss Ana Velasquez, president; Mrs. M. L. Anderson, vice president; Mrs. M. P. Yañez, secretary; Mrs. Neil Gonnell, treasurer; and Mrs. Cruz Parra, guard. The board of trustees include Mmes. J. C. Machuca and Y. J. Porras and Miss Josephine Velasquez. Mr. Porras acted as installing officer.

During the past year the Council made contributions to the American Cancer Society Drive, El

Paso Poll Tax Committee and the Citizens' Committee for the Strike Relief Fund. Mrs. M. L. Anderson and Mrs. E. Fuentes assisted the OPA in checking prices. Mrs. Cruz Parra manned a booth for the El Paso Poll Tax Committee.

Mrs. M. L. Anderson and Mrs. Cruz Parra represent the group on the Pan American Health Council of the El Paso Tuberculosis Association. To date our organization has sponsored more X-ray surveys than any of the others represented.

Mrs. E. Fuentes, member of the Council, was in charge of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal corsage and boutonniere project of the El Paso Tuberculosis Association. She was recently elected secretary of the board of the Association. Mrs. Y. J. Porras directed the making and sale of corsages and boutonnieres at the Christmas dance given by the Men's Council.

Mrs. Porras, as chairman of the ways and means committee, sponsored a very successful enchilada luncheon.

The committee on social conditions, with Mrs.

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Among the non-citizen residents of our country there are a few who by word and example instill in their children to "Love the men of your race, to be proud of your origin and maintain it immaculate, respect your glorious past and help to defend the rights of your own people."

It is very gratifying to name Mr. Rafael Calderon, Sr., of El Paso, Texas, as one of the select few. Just recently the various American radio networks rendered to Mr. Calderon a well earned tribute for his activities in the betterment of our underprivileged youth. Among the many virtues possessed by Mr. Calderon, we find he has three outstanding traits of character: Kindness, Earnestness, and Optimism. Success has come to him, for he stops not in the vale of discouragement, but keeps on to ultimate victory.

While his son, First Lieutenant Rafael Calderon, Jr., was serving with the American armed forces during the late war, Mr. Calderon had occasion to address a letter to the junior Calderon. In order not to lose the full significance of this inspiring missive, we quote from the original text:

"Aprovecho esta oportunidad para aclararte el asunto de tu nacionalidad a fin de que sepas como discutirla cuando se ofrezca. Tú al igual que todas aquellas personas nacidas en este país son ciudadanos americanos, no importa el color de la piel. Sin embargo, de acuerdo con las leyes de México, tú eres considerado Mexicano por ser hijo de padres mexicanos. En este caso están tú y Alicia. Tus demás hermanos son mexicanos solamente por haber nacido en Chihuahua, México. Los mexicanos somos de raza caucásica, o sea raza blanca o indo-europea, que se supone es originaria del Cáucaso, esa gran cordillera (Mountain range) entre el Mar egro y el Mar Caspio, donde han estado peleando los rusos contra los nozís tan desesperadamente. En suma pues, somos de raza blanca, aunque entre nosotros haya algunos "prietitos". Los habitantes primitivos que formaron la nación mexicana eran indios. Después vino la conquista por los españoles, quienes se mezclaron

con los indios. Más tarde vino la inmigración de nuevos europeos, franceses, italianos, alemanes y más españoles también que se casaron con mexicanas y con la mezcla fué aclarándose la piel. Tú, por ejemplo, tiene sangre alemana (pero no los sentimientos gracias a Dios) porque tu mamá es hija de alemán. Si te casaras con una mujer aunque no fuera de color muy claro, tus hijos saldrían tan claros como tú. Lo mismo pasa cuando la mujer es muy blanca y el padre es poco obscuro, como fué el caso de tus abuelitos paternos. Mi papá no era muy claro pero mi mamá sí lo era, y todos, cual más, cual menos, salimos más bien claros que trigueños, y es así como va trabajando ese proceso de la mezcla de las razas. En este país los Americanos puros (100%) son los indios. Los demás hijos de este país, son en su mayoría el producto de la inmigración europea, Irlandeses, Czechos, Alemanes, Ingleses, Franceses, Italianos, Españoles, etc., y así vemos a los Hooligan, Hannigan, Schenck, Kostelanetz, McDonald, McClauskey, Du ont, De Nemorcus, Lafayette, La Guardia, Candini, Di Maggio, etc., etc., y a esos ni quien ponga en tela de duda su nacionalidad sólo porque los nombres no suenan como, los García, Hernández, Martínez, Ramos, Robles, etc. Pero para que sepan tus amigos y camaradas de que raza vienes, Y PORQUE NOS SENTIMOS TAN ORGULLOSOS DE ELLA, te estoy enviando por separado un folleto que reparte entre sus miembros la "League of United Latin-American Citizens (Lulacs) y te recomiendo mucho que leas el discurso del Senador por Nuevo México, Hon. Dennis Chávez (otro digno descendiente de mexicanos) en la página 30, lo mismo que los "Aims and Purposes of the League" (fines y propósitos de la liga), página 44. (No me lo vayas a perder porque ya no podría conseguir otro y me sirve mucho a cada rato, para estos casos). Procurar seguirte enviando artículos que enseñen la grandeza de nuestra raza para que la veneres y la defiendas y recuerda siempre que no importa que muchos sean prietos, pues todos, trigueños y claros, tiene el corazón muy ben puesto, lo mismo para hacer el bien que para defender sus derechos patrios: son generosos, son corteses y de nobles sentimientos, todo lo cual quiere

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### REPORT OF PRESIDENT Y. J. PORRAS—

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Park in August. The attendance was rather low but that did not keep it from being a success.

We then had our annual dance at Hotel Cortez which was a great success from all standpoint. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed themselves

We have lost a lot of members but we have held our membership at an even level.

We have banked over \$1200.00 but our balance now stands around \$160.00.

The Boy Scout troop was reactivated and is doing very nicely under the new scout master.

Junior Lulacs is in the process of being revived at Bowie Hi and we hope to have it so this year. Brothers this is my annual report I would like to have double your cooperation for the coming year, and I hope our efforts can be happily re-

### EL PASO COUNCIL NO. 9—

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Anderson as chairman, has undertaken the collection of used clothing for underprivileged children.

At Christmas time a donation was made to the Sacred Heart School to provide cheer for a group of 100 children.

Recently, the Junior League of El Paso invited the Council to participate in a program to establish a Children's Theater.

Mrs. M. P. Yañez is den mother for a group of Spanish speaking Cub Scouts.

Members eligible are active in their respective PTA Councils.

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# PHILOSOPHER'S IDEA OF EDUCATED PERSON

By N. M. HANDRACKS

This editorial was written nearly 2300 years ago. It holds up an ideal of education which all that time hasn't been improved on. The author was Isocrates, a Greek philosopher, orator and patriot who starved himself to death at 98 in his grief over the loss by the Greeks of a decisive battle.

"Whom, then, do I call educated?" he asked and answered:

"First, those who manage well the circumstances which they encounter from day to day and who possess a judgment which is accurate in meeting occasions as they arise, and rarely misses the expedient course of action.

"Next, those who are decent and honorable in their intercourse with all with whom they associate, tolerating easily and good naturedly what is unpleasant or offensive in others, and being themselves as agreeable and reasonable to their associates as it is possible to be.

"Furthermore, those who hold their pleasure always under control, and are not unduly overcome by their misfortunes, bearing up under them bravely and in manner worthy of our common nature.

"Finally, and most important of all, those are not spoiled by success and do not desert their true selves and become arrogant, but hold their ground steadfastly as intelligent men. Those who have a character which is in accord not with one of these things, but with all of them. These, I contend, are wise and complete men."

The quotation is from a translation by M. N. Handracks, war veteran. Those old Greeks knew how to put the emphasis on the right things. In our time, we're a little too much inclined to think of education as a means of getting more money. And look at the country, torn up by groups rowing for their own profit, at any cost to others. But the schools can't correct that alone. They are public institutions, giving what the public demands. And the schools can't shape character alone. The homes are the main influence there.

Camp Wallace, Texas

# Council No. 2 Host To Noted University of Texas Educator

By FRANK JASSO

"The American citizens of Mexican descent should be forever proud of their cultural background," Dr. George C. Engerrand, member of the University of Texas faculty and noted anthropologist, declared in lecture held March 7 under the auspices of the San Antonio Lulac Council at the Gunter Hotel.

Discussing "Democracy and Race," Dr. Engerrand pointed out that the Mexican culture is one of the most outstanding in this hemisphere. "The Mayas and the Asteques' culture was higher than that of the European countries," he said. The Mayas having created four different calendars were far more advanced scientifically and mathematically than their conquerors, he also reminded the audience.

The speaker who is a former chief geologist for the Mexican Government besides a contributor to Encyclopedia Britannica on Mexican topics, pointed out the accomplishments of the Mexicans and Latin-Americans in their strivings for democracy and culture, declaring that anyone "who knows the history of Mexico can face the future with confidence in what he will attain."

Debunking the pseudo scientific findings on the various "superior" or "master" race qualities, and propagandists who make begrudging mention of so-called inferior races or minorities to salve their conscience, the speaker asserted that there is not one pure race nor a superior class of people.

The Texas U. anthropologist scored the distorted-minded bigots who, in seeking a more idealistic democracy, are hounding minorities simply because of difference of skin-pigment, or religious belief, and viciously making our hope for a real democracy harder to attain.

"The study of anthropology is not an act of benevolence but an act of science. The pattern of the human race runs through the warp and woof of American life," he brought out, adding "American life can not be understood without understanding the minorities."

During Dr. Engerrand's stay in San Antonio he was the guest of E. G. Luna, San Antonio Lulac Council program director, and Frank Leyton, trustee of the Alamo City Lulacs.

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### THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP—

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During the week that the representatives of Bowie High School were in the capital of Mexico there were scores of social and cultural functions planned. The youngsters were received as special guests of the government since they had traveled the 1,000 miles to pay their respects to the retiring president, Avila Camacho, and to bring the best wishes of American youth to the new president, Miguel Aleman. In a special ceremony the retiring president was given a beautiful gift by Bowie representatives. The radio and the press carried the programs and news of the varied activities. International significance was attached to the visit of American high school boys and girls to the inauguration of a new Mexican president.

The people at home watched with keen interest the reports of the cordial reception given the Bowie students. They welcomed the news that the people of the capital of Mexico felt kindly

toward the people of El Paso, Texas, U.S.A. They read into the reports that after all it is the youth of the border who are the connecting link between two differing cultures. One teacher wrote on a card she sent back to the school, "- - I love it here. Greatly surprised at the modernity of the city and the friendliness of the people. I'm coming back - - -." A student wrote, "- - Having a good time but anxious to get home. There is no place like home - - -." The teacher had never visited a foreign country before; the student's father was born in Mexico. Both appreciated the two countries. That which is good and beautiful could be recognized whether north or south of the border.

The gift of the sixty band uniforms to the students of El Paso, Texas, U.S.A., by the president of Mexico, and the eager reciprocal action of the people of El Paso, Texas, in sending the band to Mexico City may, perhaps, result in many future similar projects which will bring a closer understanding between the two countries.

## EL PASO'S COLORFUL HISTORY—

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The old-timers laid their trails over the same routes used by the wild animals and the Indians; and later engineers have found little reason to dispute their choice. That's mainly why El Paso, The Pass, is here today—because of that low pass that permitted the King's Highway, El Camino Real, from Mexico City to Santa Fe, to get through the mountains easily.

After the Spanish Conquistadores and padres had got themselves pretty well established in Northern New Mexico, their human instincts began to get the better of them. Some of them got fat, lazy—and mean. The Indians resented it, and in 1680 they got up on their hind legs and drove the European newcomers clear out of the country. A lot of the conquistadores got hurt in the fracas, and in the years that followed, they began to drift into the fertile El Paso valley to settle down for a measure of peace and plenty. These were the folks who established the three beautiful missions, Ysleta, Socorro and San Elizario, near El Paso—churches which still stand and are in daily use. You will want to visit these missions; they are genuinely old and very fascinating.

### The Reconquest

Of course the Spaniards, in turn, resented being kicked out; and at a council of war down in Mexico they appointed a husky by the name of de Vargas to reconquer the Indians and the lost territory. He and his army did a thoroughly workmanlike job of it, with the result that the Spanish influence is still strong throughout the entire Southwest—in speech, in architecture, and in customs.

### The Santa Fe Trail

All this time the eastern part of America was getting along, too, and in due course of time shrewd Yankee traders began to realize there was a rich market waiting for them in San Fe and points south. So the Santa Fe Trail came into existence, and some New England culture began to filter in. It probably had a pretty hard time with some of the brawny pioneers, and there are some who say that we never have taken kindly to it here in the Southwest. Be that as it may, there's a mighty healthy proportion of real, genuine people to each thousand of population living here today.

Trade was brisk over the Santa Fe Trail; more and more people came out to get in on the ground floor, and El Paso, a little adobe town on the river's edge, grew along with the country. Plenty of tough hombres came with the good people, and, frequently, there was some promiscuous shooting on Saturday nights. But all in all, El Paso was a lusty youngster, started in the right direction, and ready for the railroads when they came in 1881.

Old-timers say the town was never again as picturesque after that, and some were known to complain of the noise and smoke of the iron horse. But it is true that adobe began to give away to stone and brick, and business became substantial and respectable. Today you'd hardly recognize El Paso as a frontier trading post—unless you scratched beneath the surface. We've got plenty of skyscrapers, over 150 miles of paved streets with modern buses running on them, and all the other trimmings that go to make a city metropolitan. That's all to the good for our friends who visit us from back East, because it surely is comfortable. And the beauty of it is that a lot of the picturesque of pioneer days is still here, ready for you to enjoy.



## A WORTHY EXAMPLE TO EMULATE—

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decir que no tengamos nuestras lacras y flaquezas, pero qué nación no las tiene, por civilizada que sea? En cambio tenemos una Virgen de Guadalupe, — morenita también, pero tan buena y tan dulce como no hay otra en el mundo y tan es así que ella nos hará la grandísima merced de cuidarte y volverte bueno y salvo a nuestro lado. Te recomiendo en forma muy especial que no veas con menosprecio a ninguno de nuestros hermanos de raza (a nadie por último, pero menos a los mexicanos) ni te avergüences jamás de ellos. Defiéndelos y ayúdalos, aconséjalos, discúlpales sus faltas y exhortalos a que se porten bien y procuren elevar su nivel moral para que dignamente se hagan merecedores del respeto y cariño de sus jefes y compañeros".

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