



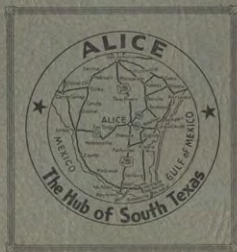
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★ ★ *Editorial* ★ ★

The "Messages From The President-General" phase of the January issue of Lulac News was dedicated almost entirely to the proposed plan of having a salaried Organizer-General whose full time would be dedicated to the organization and extension of Lulac work. This idea, which was heartily approved by the Supreme Council at its September meeting in Laredo, is the most constructive and progressive one to emanate from within the League in many years. It can definitely be stamped as a step that is harmoniously in keeping with the turnover of the times and the increased possibilities for greater expansion and unification.

It is short of miraculous how the League has been able to maintain and propel itself forward over a period of years on a 100% volunteer basis. This is a unique fact in view of the large number of organizations throughout this country, none of which, to the knowledge of the writer, are run on a 100% volunteer basis. This unique character of organization and its propelling force is due to the faith and loyalty of a group of people for a set of principles and a clearly defined objective, and a substantial argument for the need of paid personnel to further such worthy endeavor. If so much has been accomplished on a part time volunteer basis, it stands to reason that responsible full time work can double or triple the extent and scope of the work.

Volunteer work regardless of its worthiness and great accomplishments can achieve so much within the time devoted and no more. Furthermore, no volunteer can be held irrevocably responsible for shortcomings of achievement or the limited

scope of his endeavors, as he does all out of the goodness of his heart. On the other hand salaried personnel can set its objectives of accomplishment, devote his full time to achieving these, and at the expiration of his allotted time be held responsible for the work done or left undone.

Countless reasons for the need of paid personnel can be forwarded, such as, - greater unification, greater progress, greater expansion, more intelligent presentation of Lulac and its ideals, more concentration on extension, and what is even of greater value is the fact that the League will have a definite connecting link.

All councils, regardless of size or tenure, need an injection of spirit to bolster their moral. They need an uplifting when their vision becomes hazy and they waver at the foundation. They need that link that will make them feel a part of the whole and a pertinent asset to the overall objective. Our general officers and district governors and organizers are not able from the standpoint of time and finances to actually carry out the full responsibilities of their offices, and as a result the various councils form beliefs of being forgotten, of being relegated to the realm of non-essentiality, and of being members of a non-progressive organization.

Think of the great significance of having a competent "Johnny-on-the-spot" to bolster wavering councils, revive dead councils, awaken dormant ones, organize new ones, and to keep the League in a well informed state working together in uniform projects with equal vigor.

There is no doubt that the job is a tremendous one and will require the services of an unusual person. Such a person must first of all be a believer in what he works; a person qualified for public relations work; one who is able to present the best interests of the League and its work; one who is on a par with similar representatives of other organizations; one who is an organizer and possess executive ability; a person ready to travel, and last, a person that can inspire and influence people and thereby arrive at the objectives he has set before him. Some standard of measurement, but still one that can be filled by any number of men in the League. Whether or not the League acquires the services of such a man depends on the League itself. The salary and expense account of this person must be an enticing one, and the job must offer a reasonably assured tenure. The League will have to raise that money. Assessments have already been made to some councils and more assessments are to be made, and the success will depend on the prompt action of the assessed councils. Is it worth the extra money to grow, or shall the League continue in class "D" league?

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Achievements of Alice Lulac Council in 1946

By REMIGIO M. GARZA, Pres.

Alice Council No. 146 will be a year old in February. During this year we undertook several enterprises and with the splendid cooperation of the people of Alice and the members of the Council, we are glad to say that we met with success in most of them.

Although the achievements of our first year are not as many nor as good as all of us had hoped, the following is a brief review of what our council did in the way of civic enterprises:

1. The first thing we undertook was to sponsor the local Boy Scout Troop No. 37. Our activities in this direction are outlined in other articles in this issue.

2. Our first venture in raising money was a dance. The only way we could take this chance was to make a 50-50 deal with a local man, Ferro Flores and his Orchestra. The net profit for us was \$32.00. The only real benefit we got out of this dance was that we found out that we could work together.

3. During the month of August we raffled a new 7 ft. "Monitor" Refrigerator for the benefit of Boy Scout Troop No. 37. The profit of the raffle was a little over \$550.00.

4. Sometime during August we took over the city "Loteria" for a week. The council took in about \$450.00 during the week.

5. During September we initiated a popularity contest to select the Alice Lulac Queen for 1946-47, with Miss Lupita Canales being elected Queen and Misses Esmeralda Cantu and Cecilia Lopez princesses. The coronation was held on October 12, "Columbus Day". The proceeds of the contest were \$2020.10. The present plans are to make this an annual event.

6. About this time, the Council took active part in the organization of the F. B. Nayer School Parent-Teacher Association. At the organization meeting we announced that the proceeds of the Queen's Coronation and the Queen's Ball would be turned over to the P-T-A. Our Council turned over a check for the sum of \$247.45 to the Nayer School P-T-A.

7. During the Crippled Children's Hospital, Inc., Drive in this area, the Alice Council contributed \$100.00 to this worthy cause.

8. During the month of December, our Council and the local Orquidea Club were co-sponsors of

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HISTORICAL ALICE

By RODOLFO GUERRA, Vice-President,

As gathered from the files of the Alice Chamber of Commerce

From barren wasteland stretching endlessly west from the Gulf coast, where despondent cattle drank from stagnant pools of water, formed at some long-past rainfall, has sprung a modern, thriving City of some 15,500 inhabitants. A City destined to thrive and prosper with the passing of time, pioneered by those hardy souls of vision and courage who had the adventuresome spirit and stamina so essentially necessary in those days of empire building.

Shortly after 1850, a few settlers came in ox-carts and wagons bringing with them only the barest of necessities, to build a general store and found a trading center just east of present day Alice. This friendly and progressive community was to bear the name of "Collins," so named after Mr. N. G. Collins, an extensive land owner in this section. (In 1877, the Texas Mexican Railroad laid rails through Collins on its erratic course towards Mexico, thereby giving it some claim of distinction.)

The town of Collins was shortlived, and soon became a ghost town, - just a name to remember. The San Antonio and Aransas Pass (Sap) Railroad, desirous of pushing their rails South from San Antonio towards the Rio Grande, attempted to purchase right-of-way acreage through the village. Being refused by some of the landowners, they secured tracksite some two miles to the west. In 1886 their line was completed to the intersection of the Texas Mexican tracks. As a result of this, a new town started at the point where the two railroads met. This new town bore the name of Bandana, so named because of the Cleveland-Thurman campaign for the Presidency, in which the Red Bandana was a symbol.

The name Bandana was soon discarded in favor of the new name, "Kleberg," honoring Robert Kleberg of the famous King Ranch and who was active in developing this section. Postal authorities refused to sanction the name of "Kleberg," because another community already bore the title, so at the suggestion of Mr. Kleberg it was changed to "Alice," in honor of his wife Alice King.

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SCOUTING IN COUNCIL 146

By RICARDO MARTINEZ, Scoutmaster,

Troop No. 37



A few days after Council 146 of Alice, Texas, was organized in March, 1946, yours truly, Scoutmaster of Troop 37, asked the Council to become Sponsor of the Troop. After the assembly approved to take the responsibilities, Brother Pres. R. M. Garza asked for members to volunteer as Troop Committee of which Bro. A. M. Perez was elected Chairman, assisted by R. M. Garza, Abelardo Gonzalez, Santos V. Olivares, and Luis Mora.

After we obtained the Charter, The Committee started to solve many problems that confronted the Troop at the time, the most important one being the need to secure a meeting place. In a very short period, through the untiring efforts of the Troop Committee and the splendid cooperation of the Council, we obtained our first Boy Scout hut.

A few months later, we faced the problem of needing a larger place, as the membership increased considerably. The Committee, realizing this situation, presented the problem to the Council and after several meetings of discussion and planning, decided that the Council itself needed a place to meet, and that a new and larger building would serve a dual purpose. After unending planning there was the main and most important task to be accomplished, the raising of funds to finance such a building. We never lost hope, and kept on planning for this dream of ours. Finally, we decided to start several fund-raising projects which were very successful and raised the necessary funds for the building. It was January 15 of this year when we had our first meeting in the new place, which we proudly boast of being, not only the newest, but the best Scout Hut in this city.

Having this task accomplished, and being that the Troop had increased twofold, there was great need for two Asst. Scoutmasters. It was not very hard for me to find them. As soon as I asked the assembly for volunteers, Bro. Jose Ibarra and Bro. Baldemar Navejar, former Scouts of the Troop, answered my call by taking the jobs. Bro. Ibarra did not waste any time to get started. Be-

ing an ex-navy man he immediately organized a Semaphore Class in the Troop. One month after this Class was organized, he passed five boys in this particular requirement. Besides this new class, Bro. Ibarra is working on a great project for the Troop, this being the organization of a Drum and Bugle Corps. If this project is carried over, (and the possibilities are very bright) it will be the only Boy Scout Troop in this District with such a program.

Bro. Baldemar Navejar, as Asst. Scoutmaster, has also given unlimited assistance to the Troop, as he just recently was a Scout himself and is familiar with the problems confronting the Troop. One of the problems on which he is working at present is that of advancement. He is concentrating on the Tenderfoot and Second Class Scouts to help them become First Class Scouts while yours truly will concentrate on First Class and Stars to get some Life Scouts and maybe Eagle Scouts.

In spite of several handicaps, these boys obtained several Merit Badges, and many advancements in rank, while one boy earned the Life Award in the past year of operation of the Troop. Besides this training, these boys get their usual hikes, and the never to be forgotten week they passed in Summer Camp, where one of the Boys earned The Order of the Arrow, a great honor in Scouting.

May I end this article by adding that it is my wish that all Lulackers who are Scouters get together and organize what I would call "General Committee on Scouting Problems" for the sake of solving many problems that I am sure many Latin-American Troops are facing and will keep on facing as long as we do not do anything about it. The results of such an organization will be tremendous, as it will not only solve Scouting problems, but will make better Scouts become good and active Lulackers and thereby good citizens in the near future.

★ AROUND THE LULAC SHIELD ★



ALBUQUERQUE COUNCIL NO. 34

For sometime the Albuquerque Councils have been struggling to keep going and finally after much consideration they have decided to do away with two councils and work under one united effort. On January 17th this merger took place at a meeting of members of both councils. Since the Ladies council known as Council Number 17 was the smaller of the two it was agreed to have all ladies transfer their membership to the Men's Council Number 34.

After the merger became effective the following officers were elected:

Ignacio Fernandez	President
Mrs. Dan Baca	Vice-President
Mrs. Alma Armijo	Secretary
Albert Armijo	Secretary
Fred Crollett	Financial Secretary
Esquipula Naranjo	Treasurer
Ezequiel Sandoval	Chaplain
Mrs. Mary Sanchez	Guide

With the merger of these two strong councils in New Mexico greater work is in line for 1947. On the list as the number one objective, Albuquerque Council has the Educational Fund project. This Fund existing since the founding of this Lulac Council has helped and is helping several young men and women to go to school. The objective now is bigger than ever. **WATCH THIS FUND GROW!!!**

CORPUS CHRISTI COUNCIL NO. 1

The Corpus Christi Councils installed officers on January 6, at a joint installation, which included at well planned dinner at the Taxco Cafe. The following officers were installed for Council No. 1:

Joe Garza	President (Re-elected)
Alfonso Gonzales	Vice-President
Andrew Alvarez, Jr.	Secretary
Pablo B. Cano	Treasurer
Servando Laurel	Guard
Gaspar Mir, Jr.	Guide
Amado Alvarez	Trustee
Tommy Pedraza	Trustee
Manuel Mez	Trustee

Officers of the Ladies Council installed were:

Mrs. Mary Sanchez	President
Mrs. Florentino Sheldon	Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Ponciano Garcia	Treasurer
Mrs. Maria R. Longoria	Chaplain
Mrs. Roland Grende Sr.	Inside Guard
Mrs. A. Gomez	Outside Guard
Miss Minerva Saenz	Corresp. Secy.
Miss Rosa Chapa Lozano	Reporter

After the installation of officers President Joe Garza made the following report which outlines the activities of the Men's Council during 1946.

1. Sponsored over radio and newspaper the "Pay your Poll Tax" and "Back to School" campaigns.
2. Held the Annual dinner dance last Feb. at the Plaza Htel in honor of 1946 officers, an affair that is always looked forward to by Corpus Christi and surrounding Communities.
3. Sponsored the August 1946 Issue of Lulac News.
4. Organized and sponsored Lulac Boy Scout Troop No. 19 which at present has 27 boys. A. Treviño is scoutmaster and Joe Prezas is his assistant.

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AT THE PRESIDENT-GENERAL'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALICE LULAC—

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a dance for the benefit of the Nayer School Athletic Club to buy sweaters for the school's football players. It was a success.

9. We have also planned to sponsor a night Adult School for Citizenship. The first class, with about 30 students, will be held on Monday, February 17, 1947.

10. Our last important enterprise of the year was to build our own meeting place, which is discussed more fully in another article in this issue.

The Alice Lulac Council is looking forward to a larger membership in 1947 and therefore render more service to our community. Our sights are set high for this year and we hope to succeed, with the aid of the citizens of Alice and Jim Wells County.

Officers for 1946 were the following:

Remigio M. Garza	President
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A. M. Perez	Treasurer
Antonio Hernandez	Guide
Gonzalo de Leon	Guard
Frank Perez	Trustee
Ricardo Martinez	Trustee
Fidel Rul	Trustee

HISTORICAL ALICE—

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Our phenomenal growth today is due to the natural resources found in this area such as Oil and productive soil. Jim Wells County alone has some forty producing oil fields, with approximately 750 wells. A recent article in the "Oil and Gas Journal", states that Jim Wells County is in the North end of an oil pool estimated to be the second largest yet discovered. This source is only one-fifth developed.

Agriculture and Livestock are responsible for a major portion of the wealth to be found in this community. Some of the finest beef cattle in the World are produced and shipped from Alice. A recent survey revealed that the 1946 sales of Cattle in Alice amounted to \$4,565,000. Alice at one time was the largest cattle shipping center in the world.

As we look back on the trials and hardships suffered by the early day pioneers, it makes us better appreciate our community and those same tribulations have led to a spirit of understanding and good fellowship that has grown with the years until today we can boast that no City excels us in the expression of these self-same good qualities.

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By ISADORE A. GONZALEZ,
First Trustee, Council 147

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to unpremeditated circumstances that were beyond the control of this office the following material was delayed in going to press. Our apologies to Council 147).

A note of thanks is hereby accorded the various Orange County businesses for their general support in assisting Council 147 in sponsoring Lulac News for the month of December. Such help and cooperation will help us realize our Lulac Aims and Purposes that much sooner and aid us in better serving our country and communities.

PERSONALITIES: Verbal bouquets are in order for our second Trustee, EVARISTO DIAZ, el General del Rancho Murphy, who is quick to rally around a good cause and is willing to do his share and that of others as well. Example, he served as chef during our steak-bake which is sure to be remembered by all. And speaking of steaks reminds us of storekeeper and Treasurer CRUZ BARRIOS to whom we members and the council as a whole are indebted for his Alladin-like ability to furnish us with steaks and pre-war articles during trying times. More of the same to JOE SALCEDO (our Latin Charles Boyer) who has done an unselfish and efficient job during registration in his neck of the woods; to our go-getter Jack-of-all-trades (Glutton-for-punishment) HECTOR TARANGONOW, late for meetings but always coming through in the end. Stay in there and pitch, Hector. Bouquets to our esteemed Chaplain, TONY LUNA always on hand with his inspiring talks and his beaming face which seems ing to ask, "can I do anything else"; and for a good promoter, ALEX LLEVANOS, who although living in El Modino and working in Riverside County with the labor branch of the U.S.D.A. is always keeping us informed as to the progress of our sub-organization in El Modino, - a man no organization can do without. With the distance that Alex travels and the time he does it in, one would think he flew. We have another promoter well worth bouquets. He is our little five-foot Cuban General, Alberto Pedro Samuel Mesa de Enrique M. Mestre who progressed in becoming an American citizen and in being a good neighbor. His 25 years in America have been dedicated to aiding and furthering his brother Latins in becoming better American citizens through unity. Our hat is off to you. Well done.

To our west side brothers in the Artesia district we accord a cheer and especially to BOB BOJORQUEZ whose efforts have not been in vain since he has a small bunch of fellows to work with.

And orchards of oranges to hermanito RAMON PRADO who has pioneered in so many other organizations. His dreams as he assisted in the organization of Lulac council have not been in vain. His face beams with pride as he sees the organization progress. When not working in Lulac they say he gives rotten haircuts to "non-Lulackers"; his motto: Non-Lulackers! Haircuts and shaves at your own risk. He seems to take his thoughts to heart.

Our hats are off to old-time residents such as EDUARDO NEGRETE, SOLOMON GONZALEZ, LUCAS LUCIO, and others who are not with us in body but ever abide with us in spirit. And a word of praise to the Delhi gang whose organization is split with half of them working at night and the other half during the day. Their motto is: "Divided we work, united we stand". Meet some of them, ALBERTO ORTIZ, the red-headed ball of fire; HECTOR GODINEZ, who did a splendid job of pro-Americanism in getting people to register; ERNESTO LARA, a go-getter in Artesia; Roberto Bojorquez, who does not know the words give up or I am tired.

Out El Modino way who rivals Artesia district for progress we find ALEX MALDONADO, JOE RUIZ, and FEDERICO ISLAS deserving of oceans of roses for their splendid cooperation. I was told that President MANUEL VEIGA (the thrill Hunter) went horsey-back riding. Note: we almost elected a new president. A suggestion, Manuel, it is Okeh to like Roy Rogers but do not try to act like him. He gets paid for it. And while speaking of Manuel, it is only fitting to give him his due. He is modest, honest, earnest and capable. Before the war he struggled and sweated with the Voters League until called into the service with his dream half finished. Upon his discharge he returned to the community and the problems that had dominated his thoughts during his military service. In his conversations with former G.I.s and members of the Voters League the possibilities of a Lulac Council were discussed. On June 9, 1946, Council 147 was chartered and its officers installed by Regional Organizer Wm. Wheat. It was Manuel Veiga's patience and initiative that made us all realize our community responsibilities and required services. Three cheers for our Prexy and Buddy, Manuel. It is unfortunate that not many of us are gifted with his tact, diplomacy, understanding, and helpfulness, but let us give him our undivided assistance. Forward, Manuel, we are all behind you.

★ SKITS & BITS ★

(ALL ABOUT YOU AND ME)

FLASH! EXTRA! ECETERA! Council 33's Bugle, official scandal dispenser is on the rampage again. L. Hesch, G. G. Lopez, and J. B. Garcia are journalistically after you, so be careful.

Our Informer informs us that there are a lot of aspirants in the various councils for the Roosevelt fad of successive multiple terms in the office of president. No mass blushing necessary.

Bro. John Hernandez of Council No. 12 is still suffering from shock sustained when Council No. 12 was presented with the report of a \$10,000 program for the annual "Noche Mexicana." Latest reports indicate he will live but the crisis will not pass until all bills are successfully paid.

Bro. G. J. Garza, Sponsor of Laredo Junior Lulac Council, strutting like a peacock at the successful Junior Lulac Sweetheart Presentation Ball. It was a show to warm the hearts of the most skeptical, and further proof of the ability of the newer generation we worry so much about and do nothing to help it.

Alice Council No. 146 seems to be setting the pace for a lot of other councils, both big and small, in progress, co-operation, and spirit. Our congrats and best wishes.

Bro. Vice President-General Johnny Gonzalez of Los Angeles over-worried, over-worked, and over-anxious in general. Go easy, Johnny, and take 5 minutes more.

Bro. V. Pargola of Laredo figuring out the best ways of saying no and still keeping the friendship of callers for reservations for the first night of Noche Mexicana. His job is quite simple, - only about 25,000 people wish to be placed in a space that can only hold 1600. Aspirins, where art thou.

A dirty trick was played on our President-General, or so our seeing Eye believes. It seems that he was called upon, without forewarning, to speak at the Junior Lulac Presentation Ball. What a spot. Now, who could dream up such a nasty trick?

Seems that our Treasurer-General is quite conspicuous by his absence from his council meetings. Keeping books must be a terrific and time consuming task.

Our Carrier Pigeon has really had a time with all the supply of material that has been offered for Lulac News. Our sincerest thanks to those who took pity on the Editor after reading of his trials and tribulations. Keep it coming and do not stop now.

From Ft. Stockton comes word that Bro. Joey Gonzalez is the new Prexy of Council 62. Congrats, Bro. Joey, and make the rest of the League sit up and take notice.

Not meaning to be mercenary, but have the assessed councils started on the raising of their quotas? Meaning, of course, the super-imposed quotas for the paid Organizer.

Bro. F. J. Flores of Laredo being honored with election to the Executive Board of the Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America. Newest addition to the brass.

Highlight of the month! Two bachelors of Council No. 12 arguing in a discussion over the ways to discipline children. Future events cast their shadows before them.

Bro. Abelardo Salinas of Laredo in the drug store business. Sulphur and molasses is old fashioned for spring fever, wonder what he would recommend. Be sure it does not have the skull and cross-bones on the label.

Our Seeing Eye spied Bro. Frank Perez of Alice in Laredo extending invitation to Council 146's founding anniversary celebration held February 16. Yum, Yum! A big barbecue was in the offing.

First Anniversary of Alice Lulac Council 146

By R. E. LOPEZ, Chairman
Anniversary Program Committee

Having been honored by being assigned Chairman of the Celebration Committee, commemorating the First Anniversary of our Council, I am indeed grateful and appreciative of the splendid cooperation given me by all members. The whole hearted efforts of these men have paved the way to a successful event.

It was proposed and carried that we celebrate our First Anniversary with a Barbecue, selecting the Pablo Perez Ranch as the site for such event. The date was set for February 16, 1947, making it an all day affair.

Since all members of the Council were more than willing to take active part in the different committees, it was a simple matter to fulfill our assignments.

After checking up on the accomplishments of the different committees, we can rightfully anticipate a most successful event that will, without doubt, be enjoyed by all of us, and will live in our memories for a long time.

COUNCIL NO. 146 BUILDS MEETING PLACE By A. M. PEREZ, Treasurer

At a regular meeting of the council in the latter part of December, 1946, all members present voted unanimously to build our own place to meet.

A committee of two, with A. M. Perez as chairman, was named to take care of all details. A local contractor was contacted and work was begun about a week after it was proposed.

The building was completed the first week of January, 1947, and it is now being used by Boy Scout Troop No. 37, of which this Council is sponsor. The local W. O. W. Encampment is also using the Hall as a meeting place. The Hall is available free of charge to any civic organization for meetings and rallies, or other uses. Although small, it serves the purpose well and has fulfilled a dire need in this community for a decent meeting place available to civic organizations.

A total of \$1,786.09 was spent, exclusive of other miscellaneous expenses. We wish to thank Brother Agustin Torres, a Lulacker, who donated his time to paint it, to Mr. Enrique Flores, electrician and Gonzalo Rios, plumber, who also donated their labor and part of materials, to Frank Perez Jr., who donated part of the electrical fixtures, and to the City of Alice for their quick and free inspection of utilities.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

By GEORGE J. GARZA,
Director of Publicity

At least three of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence were Latin Americans or Mexicans, as you may want to designate them?

All men of action are dreamers?

Council No. 2 of San Antonio boasts three Congressional Medal of Honor winners in its membership?

There is no such thing as black eyes in human beings, and that all babies are born with blue eyes?

The key to all diplomacy is practice?

The American shield has no stars, six red stripes, and seven white ones?

Nothing develops a man like responsibility?

Laredo Council No. 12's "Noche Mexicana" during Washington's Birthday celebration is considered a top national and international attraction in Mexico and the United States?

Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn?

Knowledge and timber should not be much used till they are seasoned?

Thanksgiving is observed in all states on the last Thursday of November but it is not a statutory holiday in some states?

Flag Day, July 14, is widely observed but is not a legal holiday?

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPORTS A POLICY OF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Ever since Dr. L. A. Woods became State Superintendent of Public Instruction in January, 1933, there has been a gradual but persistent trend toward equality of educational opportunity for all the children of all the people.

While local prejudices and ingrown customs and traditional backgrounds have been slow to crumble in some parts of the State, nevertheless decided changes have come about, until to day in many places where formerly one system of schools existed for the Anglo-American child and another for the Latin American child, we find all of them learning together and enjoying the same splendid educational advantages.

It may be that the extreme shortage of teachers has helped to bring about these very desirable results.

Over five years ago, the State Department of Education undertook to furnish some leadership in a state wide movement to make our school administrators, principals, teachers and lay citizens more conscious of our school problems in connection with our Spanish speaking citizens, now numbering 1,100,000.

Conferences were held at strategic places throughout the State and were attended by large crowds. The discussions were very revealing, but resulted in the crystallization of the idea that materials dealing (1) with special problems in teaching the Spanish children, (2) with the historical background of the Latin American people, and (3) a new high school course of study in Spanish were badly needed. The teachers were anxious and willing to help in the production of such materials, but needed organization through which the work might be accomplished.

A series of teacher training workshops was set up at some of the leading educational institutions of Texas, among them the following, University of Texas, College of Mines and Metallurgy in El Paso, North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas State College for Women, Denton, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville, Southwest State Teachers College, San Marcos, Sul Ross Teachers College, Alpine, East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, St. Mary's

University, San Antonio, Our Lady of the Lake, College, San Antonio, and College of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Trinity University, San Antonio.

Through a grant from the office of the coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, the State Department of Education has been able to publish much of the materials produced in these workshops, to mimeograph some of the plays, pageants or units of work, or to list them on general listings sent out for teachers to use in making selections of available materials. Miss Myrtle L. Tanner, Director of Information and Statistics was asked to add the work of Directing Inter-American Relations Education onto her already crowded schedule.

The following bulletins are now available from her office

1. A Suggested Course of Study in Spanish for Texas High Schools — No. 452.
2. A Guide for Teachers of Spanish Speaking Children — No. 464.
3. Meet Latin America - Curriculum Enrichment Materials for the Elementary Grades — No. 465.
4. Los Caminos de Amistad - Curriculum Enrichment Materials for the High School — No. 466.

Under Miss Tanner's direction, many groups of teachers have been organized to make short visits to Mexico, and to learn, first hand, many of the interesting things about that country, or to learn to converse more rapidly in the Spanish language.

Now there are many talented well trained Latin American teachers in Texas Public Schools who are contributing day by day to building up better relations, and who are at all times proving themselves true and patriotic citizens.

The movement toward larger administrative units for Texas Public Schools will result in eliminating more of our segregated schools and in making possible a better blending of the two great civilizations within our borders.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACCOMPLISHED IN EDUCATION IN TEXAS WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

By L. A. WOODS, State Superintendent of
Public Instruction



(Dr. Woods, a man of vision and great courage, ever looking forward to better things for Texas Schools has lately formulated the following outline of things he believes in educationally. They are all in line with his previously announced policy of equality of educational opportunity for all).

1. I would like to see every teacher in the public schools in Texas well trained physically, mentally, and morally for his respective job, within the schoolroom, within the school, within the community, within the State, within the nation, and within the encircling globe.

2. I would like to see each of these teachers within our schools adequately paid for the work he does. A beginning teacher with a degree should receive at least \$2,000, while one with an M. A. degree and ten years experience should receive at least \$3,000.

3. I would like to see every child, regardless of race or physical condition, have access to a first-class school system. This can be accomplished by a good roads system; a well planned transportation system, and proper grouping of schools.

4. I would like to see a twelve months program of education, divided into four terms of 12 weeks each, planned to meet the needs of each child in each community within the State. No child should be required to do more than nine months academic work in any one year of twelve months. The other three months should be spent in worthwhile work, or in camps or playgrounds developing physical skills as may be accomplished through boating, swimming, camping, boxing, drawing, and painting. Also such skills as may be developed in organized games such as baseball, volley ball, basket ball, tennis; or such skills as may be developed in band, orchestras, vocalizing in glee clubs, choral clubs, and reading.

5. I would like to see all school buildings and grounds well planned and kept; the buildings properly constructed, adequately furnished and suitably located so as to work as little hardship on the child as possible. The furnishings should not only consist of desks, chairs, blackboards, globes and maps, but should contain sound equipment for FM and AM radio reception - eventually television.

6. I would like to see a well developed program of adult education for each community within the State. Such program is essential in order that each community may keep step with general progress made in politics, in health, in religion, in economics and in education throughout the world.

7. I want to see a well developed program of education on the junior college level which will meet the vocational needs throughout the State. These colleges should be so located and equipped and should be offering such courses as will meet the needs of the territory surrounding such colleges.

8. I want to see a program of education that will meet the needs of all exceptional children, including the very bright with the physically handicapped.

9. I would like to see a well developed program of education for kindergarten children. Such program should look to the welfare of each child from the viewpoint of health, physical training, manual training, and social relations.

10. To accomplish the above program, it will be necessary to have a law enacted on attendance that can, and will be enforced.

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AROUND THE LULAC SHIELD—

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5. Took part in the Pan-American Fiesta in October with 2 booths.

6. Sent 4 delegates and 4 alternates to our National Convention in Houston last June.

7. Vitally instrumental in getting members of our extraction on honorary positions in the different city commissions.

8. Helped re-activate local Ladies Council No. 26, and helped and visited Alice, San Diego and Robstown.

AUSTIN COUNCIL NO. 85

One can look forward to not just big out bigger things emanating from the Capitol Council, what with energetic and aggressive brother Henry Moreno steering an administration predominately made up of equally eager "young bloods", new members, mostly veterans of World War II.

An up and coming Boy Scout Troop which has been termed the fastest developing club in the city of Austin is being rapidly molded into shape by Scoutmaster-Brother Lulacker Gilbert Rodriguez. Gilbert discloses his secret of success as being: two invaluable assistants in brothers Frank Pinedo and Raymond Donley; and a strong Boy Scout Committee under Brother Edward Cantu (Council 85 president during 1946). Two activities of Troop 43 in preparation for Boy Scout Week were a clothes for overseas campaign and a paper drive. Words of commendation are also extended to Reyes Olvera and Winfred Baker who have organized a strong Cub Pack.

Another activity of the Austin Council is a Citizenship Class started last November with Brother Jesse Hernandez as instructor. The class now boasts of having several former students who have secured their naturalization papers. The class besides preparing applicants for citizenship also provides instruction in the structure and functions of United States Government.

LADIES LULAC COUNCIL NO. 27 OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

The following officers were elected:

Miss Lydia Castañon _____ President
Miss Josephine Sanchez _____ Vice-Pres.
Miss Sara Quintanilla _____ Secretary
Miss Delia Escobedo _____ Treasurer
Miss Consuelo Cantu _____ Reporter

FORT STOCKTON COUNCIL NO. 62

On Dec. 29, 1946 the members of Council No. 62, installed the following new officers:

Joey Gonzalez _____ President
Steve Gonzales _____ Vice-President
George Piña _____ Secretary
S. R. Piña _____ Treasurer
Frank Morales _____ Chaplain
S. P. Nuñez _____ Guide
Dan Ornelas _____ Reporter

President Joey Gonzalez name several important committees immediately after taking office which included a Discrimination Advisory Committee.

President Gonzales has organized a trip to go to Pecos with the idea of reorganizing that Council.

SANTA FE MEN'S COUNCIL NO. 33

With the next Convention just three months away the activities of this council are consistently increasing. A very important meeting of the council was held on January 10 with V. P. Albert Gonzales presiding in absence of President Maldonado who is visiting in Texas.

The Santa Fe Lulac sponsored basketball team goes on making a name for itself.

The Bugle, Council 33's official scandal sheet appears again. L. Hesch is the Editor, G. G. Lopez the Publisher and J. B. Garcia the Circulation Manager.

The Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment

By CONSUELO ESPINOSA

Today America is known as the "Melting Pot." Why? America is not composed of just one race, but of many races. The people who have come to America have enriched our civilization by contributing to it the best parts of their own.

The fourteenth amendment to the Constitution says, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." This part of the amendment interests me very much.

As we all know, Lincoln said these famous words that have inspired the world: "All men are created equal." He did not mean this for only one class of people, but for all man-kind regardless of color, creed or nationality. Right now we have a problem, racial prejudice. Every day we read about Negroes or Mexicans being refused service in a restaurant or separated from others in a theatre, just because they were not light complexioned. This racial prejudice may undermine our democracy and our union.

When one of these incidents of racial prejudice occurs, we say that its only the ignorant people among us who act so. I remember reading about a famous Negro singer who was refused the use of a hall for a performance, just because she was colored. The organization which refused her is called "Daughters of the American Revolution." They seem to have forgotten that some of their ancestors not only fought in the Revolution but also helped frame the Constitution. I wonder how these ladies ever forgot the "Bill of Rights" and the "Gettysburg Address" with its "All Men are created equal." Such intolerance does nothing but create antagonism and distrust among people.

We all know about a certain dictator who once said that America could never win the war because it was a country of many nationalities. It is true that the men who fought for us in this world war II were of different nationalities, but they were all Americans. They all went to fight for an ideal, the ideal of Democracy for the whole world. Let us not forget that some of our boys are coming back from fighting and winning a war to uphold Democracy. Many young Americans will never return, just because a maniac had the idea that a super-race was to dominate and enslave the world. Such racial prejudice must never enslave America.

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.

How are we to stop this insidious propaganda that is reaching up like an octopus, trying to choke out American ideals? Sooner or later such intolerance will bring strife and heartache. We must start at home and in our schools to educate our children against racial prejudice. I am not afraid to say that some parents teach their children not to talk or play with a Negro or a Mexican. This is unchristian and unAmerican. We say that we have to educate the youth of Germany to the ways of Democracy. Let me tell you, Americans, we still have a great job ahead of us right here. We still have to educate our children in the ways of Democracy, especially against the same racial prejudice which was taught in Germany. Let us set a good example to the world and show that in union there is strength and that one nation is indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE—

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11. I want to see a program of counseling and guidance on the State level which will direct each child and adult into recreational and occupational environment. In order to bring this about, counseling and guidances must become an integral part of the training of each Teacher, Administrator, Supervisor and Specialist.

12. I want to see a State-wide FM radio network which will reach every nook and corner of this great state and make it possible to put over such program of education as outlined herein. This teaching device will make the program of education more economical to the taxpayers and more efficient in the administration of such program. Such network of broadcasting has been considered essential by the Federal government and a band of 88-92 megacycles has been set aside for our use. Texas is getting off to a delayed start. Some 20 states are ahead of us now. We must not let this opportunity be longer delayed.

13. In order that this program of education may develop as rapidly and as economically as possible, we must call to our assistance another teaching device; namely, visual aids. This State cannot afford to delay longer the development of such an educational agency. World War II proved beyond all doubt the value of such aids in the teaching process. It will be economy to the taxpayer as well as economy in time to the learner.

14. I want to see adopted a code of ethics which will caused school boards, administrators, teachers, and patrons to be more nearly honest in their dealings with each other and more loyal to one another in the development of such program and in the administration of school affairs in general.

15. Last, but by no means least, I want to see a unified State Department of Education, democratically administered by having the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent elected by the people at the time all trustees of the school districts of the State are elected. The "people's path" leads to the ballot box. If the ballot box is destroyed, democracy is destroyed. Public free schools were organized for the purpose of

carrying on an educational program, and for the general diffusion of knowledge which is essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people. There are but two methods of teaching: one is by precept, and the other is by example. One school of thought is that the State Superintendent should be appointed by an appointed State Board of Education. Thus, by act they destroy the principle which the Constitution lays down in theory; namely, the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people. The one thing the American people have had that other nations of people have not had is the accessibility to the **Ballot Box**. Cut the people off from the ballot box and you have destroyed their democracy, their concrete right to express themselves where it really counts. They say by act that you must teach Democracy in the schoolroom, but you can't practice Democracy in the administration of school affairs. I am 100% against such teaching and practice. Such doctrine destroys that from of government it seeks to support.

16. Textbooks — One of the greatest needs in the educational field is the selection of proper textbooks for the use of public school children. This is not an indictment against the State Board of Education, or any member of it, but no group of laymen can successfully adopt books to develop a program with which it is not familiar. In fact, no teacher is qualified to select books except in those fields for which she has been especially trained. It would seem desirable then to have the adoptions made each year in the various core areas, such as the language arts, social studies, mathematics, creative and recreative arts, science, home and vocational arts, in order that the Textbook Committee could be selected each year, so as to have a homogeneous group of highly trained teachers working upon the selection of books for a particular subject field. The Textbook Committee should be permitted to rate the books, and it should be required that the book with the highest rating be adopted, unless the price is prohibitive. For economy and efficiency there should be either a State Depository or a single joint publishers' Depository for the distribution of all State adopted textbooks.

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