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★ ★ *Editorial* ★ ★

Some years ago when a group of American citizens banded themselves in a united effort to work for the attainment of rights and privileges due them under the constitution of this country, yet denied, they called themselves the League of United Latin-American Citizens. Because of the hyphen connecting the words Latin and American, they soon became popularly known as the Hyphenated Americans. Realizing that this stamped them before the public as a different type of American, they agreed to remove the hyphen and so became the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Today, hyphenated Americans is a dead and forgotten term, but in its place has risen the term "Latin American". Ironic indeed it is that this people who have worked incessantly to attain the rights and privileges of an American, who have labored so diligently to make of themselves unadulterated Americans, and who desire so deeply to be accepted as and called Americans without any distinction still find themselves classified as a peculiar type of American. The fault for such a misconception is due to the originators of the name and to their followers who have failed to realize that it is within their power to eradicate forever the titled distinction between themselves and the other Americans of this country. If the League persists in segregating itself because of its name, how can it expect the general public to feel otherwise.

Latin is the name of a language that originated in Latium and which was made universal by the

Romans in pre-Christian days. Countries that came under Roman domination, especially France, Italy, Spain, and Portugal, built their modern Romance languages on the Latin foundation and so became the Latin countries. With the discovery and subsequent exploration of the Western Hemisphere, the bottom part of North America, all of Central and South America and some of the adjacent islands came under the influence of the Spanish language. Since this was one of the Romance languages and the language of one of the so-called Latin countries, it was only logical for people to refer to citizens in general of Mexico, and the countries of Central and South America as well as those of adjacent islands as Latin Americans. However, those people in the Western Hemisphere that are within the confines of the borders of the United States and that owe allegiance to this country have accepted and go under the popularly appended name of Americans regardless of origin or previous cultural influence. There is no hyphen or descriptive term attached to their name American. If it became the proper procedure for all Americans to attach a hyphen or a descriptive term to the name American, basing it on their origin or former cultural influence, there would be no one entitled to use the sole name American.

Americans of French, German, English, Italian origin do not regard themselves nor do they impose upon themselves the name French American, English American, German American, etc. They are, feel, and wish to be regarded as pure and unadulterated Americans. Why then do Americans whose origin goes back to Spain, Mexico, or the Central and South American countries, but whose status, feelings, and wishes are the same as the other Americans wish to assume and popularize a name that will stamp them as a different type of American. Many reasons, too numerous to discuss within the limits of this editorial, have been forwarded to substantiate the use of the descriptive word Latin in the League's title but not one has proved itself pertinent enough to warrant sacrificing the main objective of the League which is to have the so-called Latin American be regarded and accepted as a pure, true, and unadulterated American.

How can the League bring about this amalgamation of peoples if the League itself and those for whom it works persists in setting themselves up as a unique or peculiar group within a group by name. It is easy to see how the League may be jealous of its name in view of the accomplishments under that title and the popular ring given

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## GREETINGS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-laws of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Article IV of said Constitution, I hereby call for a convention or General Assembly of the League to be held at city of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, 1947, for the purpose of transacting the official business of the League and such other matters as may be properly presented to the Assembly. Sessions will begin promptly at 10 o'clock A. M., in Convention Headquarters, which will be at La Fonda Hotel.

As to delegates, Section 1 of Article IV, of the Constitution provides as follows:

"A minimum of two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates duly elected and accredited from each active Council which shall have not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) active members in good standing, and an additional delegate and an alternate when said council shall reach a membership of twenty-five (25), and one additional delegate and an alternate for every additional twenty-five (25) members or a major fraction thereof; provided, however, that no one council shall have more than seven (7) delegates and seven (7) alternates."

Credential certificates must be duly executed in duplicate and one copy mailed before June 3, 1947, to Francisco J. Flores, Secretary-General, P. O. Box 359, Laredo, Texas, so that the same may be approved as to financial standing and certified prior to the General Assembly, and the other copy must be presented by the delegates to the Credentials Committee at the Assembly. Delegates will be seated at the General Assembly only if and to the extent that the Council has fully paid up its per capita and subscription dues including the last quarter ending May 31, 1947. It is imperative, therefore, that all Councils remit their dues and their Lulac News subscription dues to the Treasurer General, Laredo, Texas, not later than June 5, 1947.

Copies of all resolutions to be submitted at the General Assembly should be mailed to the Secretary General prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Fraternally yours,

ARNULFO A. ZAMORA  
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# MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT GENERAL



## THE CONVENTION

In this issue of the News appears the official call for the 1947 Annual Convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens. The Convention will be held in old Santa Fe, New Mexico. The dates will be Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th. Notice is called to the fact that the official days for this Assembly will be Friday and Saturday. This change was suggested by the host Council because of Hotel difficulties. After some study the General Officers approved the change. The Convention Committee from the Santa Fe Councils has sent in a tentative program which starts on Thursday, June 12th. I would like to suggest all Councils to prepare now and select their delegates. Those who are named to attend the Convention as delegates or alternates can plan a nice vacation to New Mexico at this time and avail themselves of this opportunity to visit a picturesque state.

While we are thinking of our Annual Convention we might as well think of those who are to lead the destinies of Lulac in 1947-48. Throughout the last 21 months that I have been your President General I have come in contact with several men who are good material for the President-General. If any Council wishes to use this official organ to announce its candidate, it may do so. I believe the membership-at-large wants to hear of your candidate.

## THE PAID ORGANIZER

We have been working hard on our main objective for this year and reports from different councils lead us to believe that when we turn over our duties to the New administration at Santa Fe, New Mexico, come June 14th, the set up for a paid organizer plus \$6,000.00 for his salary and expenses, will be "in the bag".

During the month of February I was invited to attend the installation of officers in Corpus Christi and during this trip I met with Brothers de Luna and Joe Garza who informed me that Corpus Christi Council will be the first Council to fulfill its obligation of contributing

its \$500.00 quota towards this fund. During this same month Brothers Joe Olivares and Rudy Peña of Council No. 2 visited the General Officers in Laredo. At this conference these San Antonians promised me to have their quota of \$500.00 ready for their fund. A few days ago, Brother Mack Martinez of Austin phoned to inform me that Austin has paid off part of their quota of \$500.00 and will soon be ready with the total amount. We have yet to hear from Houston and El Paso. Of course, Laredo will take care of its share. In a few days the smaller Councils will be assigned their quota.

## CALLING ALL LULACS

Since Vice-President, John Gonzales wrote "Calling all Lulacs" there have been numerous requests for action, but few requests have been accompanied by the tools necessary to do the acting. There is an "Orange County School Fund Committee" which can be reached in care of John Gonzales, 202 Paseo del Rio, Los Angeles, California. All contributions should be sent at once.

## NEW COUNCILS

During the last two months we have been able to add three councils to Lulac, Raymondville, Cotulla, and Taos, New Mexico. We have reports which reveal that at least ten more Councils will be organized before June 1st.

## LULAC NEWS

This issue has been limited to 20 pages due to lack of sponsors. Several members of the Laredo Council have "pinched-hit" in helping the Director of Publicity out of this hole.

The April issue will be in charge of El Paso. Brothers Alvarez and Machuca have asked that covers for this issue be printed in El Paso. They have been known to show real artistic ability in planning the cover for Lulac News.

Houston will take care of the May issue, with San Marcos and Trinidad, Colorado preparing now to care for the June Issue.

## A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

MR. and MRS. LULAC  
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Junior Lulac Council  
Laredo, Texas

We are the Jr. Lulacs, the only organization of its kind in this or any other world. An organization devoted to building better citizens. An organization that will prepare boys for things to come. Our Jr. Lulac is sponsored by the great Lulac Council No. 12 of Laredo, and it is personally supervised by Mr. George (Prof.) Garza. Yes, we are your little brothers. We are true Lulacs, and we are proud of it. Proud to be part of any thing connected with Lulac work.

In the year of 1944 we started something that is still being carried on. That year we elected a sweetheart and presented her to the public on February 14 — St. Valentine's Day. Our sweetheart being elected in a democratic manner — by popular vote. The only requirement necessary for a girl to become Jr. Lulac sweetheart is that she be of Latin-American descent.

In our first Sweetheart Presentation Ball we presented Miss Berta Prieto as our sweetheart of 1944. Miss Prieto was chosen Best-all-around Girl in her senior year at Martin High School, and ranked among the highest scholastically.

On February 14, 1945, Miss Minerva Villarreal was presented at our second annual presentation ball, as our sweetheart of 1945. One of the high honors attained by Miss Villarreal in her senior year was being elected Most Popular Girl by the student body of Martin High School.

One of the Rio Grande Belles of 1946, Miss Hortencia Guzman, was Jr. Lulac sweetheart of 1946. Miss Guzman was also elected sweetheart of the Martin High School Band.

When the year of 1947 came along the Jr. Lulac started its fourth annual love affair by presenting Miss Maria Antonieta Guerra as Jr. Lulac sweetheart of that same year. The beautiful Maria Antonieta is a senior at Martin High School and takes part in most of the school activities. She is well liked by all her teachers and also ranks high scholastically. Maria Antonieta is a true example of the ideal Latin-American girl.

Our sweetheart presentation affair is one of the most eagerly awaited in our city. All those fortunate enough to get invitations are assured of an evening of clean fun, good dancing and an enjoyable floorshow.

This year's presentation ball was better than ever. This being due to the fact that the President General of Lulac, Mr. Arnulfo Camora honored us with his presence. During the floorshow both Mr. Camora and Mr. George Garza said some well chosen words regarding our club, ball, and our sweetheart.

We are sorry to have lost our past sweethearts of '44, '45, and '46, but happy to have Maria Antonieta as sweetheart for the present year. The evening of the presentation Maria Antonieta said, "I will try to be a good sweetheart to you all." What a job she is going to have! Just think, thirty-five sweethearts!

Well, big brothers and sisters, we are sorry if you have missed our past Sweetheart Presentations, but here is hoping you will be able to see some of our future ones.

Your kid brothers,

THE LAREDO JUNIOR LULACS



**MISS MARIA ANTONIETA GUERRA**

Laredo Junior Lulac Sweetheart of 1947

# ALICE COUNCIL 146 CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

(Article based on a story that appeared in the Alice News)



Cashing in on a beautiful day replete with sunshine and springy weather and the shady beauty of a picnic grove in Mr. Pablo Perez's "Los Reales" Ranch, Council 146 celebrated its first anniversary of membership in the League of United Latin American Citizens with an old fashioned barbecue complete with all the trimmings and served in G. I. style. In keeping with the typical accompanying drinks for barbecues, an almost limitless number of bottles of beer and soda pop was served.

With the satisfying of even the most demanding of appetites for food and drink, the business end of the outing got underway with Bro. Carlos Garcia, Jr., as Master of Ceremonies. After a brief word of welcome to all present, Bro. Garcia introduced Bro. Arnulfo Zamora, President-General of the League. With solemn and impressive demeanor Bro. Zamora proceeded to install the newly-elected officers of the council by administering the obligations and oath of office. Installed as officers to lead the destinies of Council 146 during 1947, were: Remigio Garza, President; Rodolfo Guerra, Vice-president; Leopoldo (Polo) Lozano, Secretary; A. M. Perez, Treasurer.

President Remigio Garza presented a brief report of the activities during the past year which included the building of a new meeting hall for the council, the crowning of its Lulac Queen, and the contribution of a sizeable amount to the Nayer School PTA fund. Bro. Garza proceeded to thank his fellow members for their trust placed in him, and for their fine co-operation to make Council 146 progress.

Bro. Manuel Vela, Treasurer-General of the League, who is a native son of Alice was introduced by Bro. Garcia, and proceeded to eulogize Council 146, its fine work, and the townspeople of Alice as a whole. It was indeed a perfect tribute to a people, and Bro. Vela was sincere in his

praise as was easily noted from his countenance and tone of voice.

Another Aliceite and veteran school teacher, Mr. Vela, who is not a Lulac but a very good friend of Lulac, spoke briefly on the need for a closer surveillance by parents of the education of their children. Speaking from the standpoint of a teacher and one who is greatly concerned with the welfare of the youth through education, Mr. Vela's brief but timely message was a spark of inspiration.

Bro. George J. Garza, Editor of Lulac News and Director of Publicity for the League, was next introduced by the Master of Ceremonies as the guest speaker for the occasion. Bro. Garza, who is considered one of the best speakers in this section of the country, congratulated Council 146 and its officers for their splendid work, their co-operative spirit, and their loyal tenacity for ideals they believe in. For the main body of his address, Bro. Garza selected the subject of education and its great significance in regard to the final reaching of the objectives of Lulac. He pointed out the tremendous opportunities for betterment afforded Latin Americans through the media of education, both formal and informal. In closing he explained how the many obstacles barring the road to equality of opportunities and harmonious understanding are easily removed when divergent sides are educated to work for the welfare of a whole that results in mutual benefits.

Council 146 is indeed worthy of all the complimentary comments made by the guests from San Anotnio, Corpus Christi, Laredo, Brownsville, and Alice, regarding its anniversary function and the great work done during the past year. 1947 should indeed be a greater year for this council and its members.

# ★ OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ★

By GEORGE J. GARZA

Director of Publicity

A member of the Texas Legislature is greatly interested in the formation of an investigating committee to study Texas' public school problems and to make recommendations for a long-range educational program that will arrest Texas' tendency to lag farther and farther behind educationally. The proposal calls for an 18-member committee, twelve of which would be appointed by the governor and six by the lieutenant governor and Speaker of the House.

Just how well these problems will be recognized when confronted, and how thorough an investigation of them will be made is going to depend a great deal on the type of persons making up the committee. Furthermore, the recommendations made by this committee for a long-range program will depend largely on their familiarity with the problems encountered and their experience in dealing with such problems. Such a committee should not and ought not to be made up exclusively of lawmakers and the brass of the educational field, because they are not within conversing distance of the problems facing the public schools. By all means, some of these persons should furnish the leadership for the committee, but the main body should be composed of the teachers who have battled and struggled with these problems for years. It is going to take the trained eye of these teachers to recognize the problems and to offer their experience in overcoming them.

A doctor does not go out and gather evidence for a lawyer to use in a case that will mean an acquittal or conviction in court because that is a lawyer's job and he is qualified to do that whereas a doctor is not. By the same token, a lawyer does not diagnose a case for a doctor and recommend proper treatments or procedures because that is not his profession. The same comparisons can be made in countless other instances, and the resulting conclusion in each instance is that it takes persons trained specifically for one purpose to recognize the problems in their own field and to make recommendations accordingly. Working on this premise, it is logical to assume that the best qualified candidates for membership in this investigating and recommending committee are the teachers themselves with the leadership, counseling, and guidance of the educational specialists, and perhaps lawmakers to handle the legal side of it.

To those who have gone and are going into the educational field for the sole purpose of making that their profession, and not for the purpose of using it as a stepping stone into some other field, the problems confronting the public schools are quite evident. It is almost an impossibility to avoid them. The following, though not necessarily arranged in importance, may easily be classified as problems confronting our public schools in Texas:

1. The school curriculum is not geared to the fast of the times. Basically it is sound, but it has not expanded fast enough to take care of the multiple needs of a fast moving generation that demands quicker and more thorough training in varying fields.

2. To many extra-curricular activities. The schools have become overburdened with extra-curricular activities to the extent that the average student is making his regular studies a sideline. An ever-expanding athletic program, plays, clubs, socials, interscholastic contests, and numerous other activities that have overstepped their intended scope and objectives are now infringing on the actual school time of the student as well as his free time.

3. To much politics within the systems. This is self-explanatory and evident even to the layman. Our teachers have become pawns on a chess board manipulated by political bosses, and our systems run to meet the desires of political groups and not the needs of the community.

4. Surplus of unqualified teachers. Due to low standards of salary for competently trained teachers the teaching field has become the training ground for aspirants to other fields, and the final recourse for failures in other endeavors. The shameful statement, "I can always go back to teaching," has become as popular today as the old, "I can always join the army," statement for thwarted souls. Low salaries plus low standard for teachers in order to keep salaries low have resulted in the low quality of teachers.

5. Poor provisions for many schools. Inadequate provisions from the quality of teachers

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# SAN ANTONIO LULAC ANNUAL TAMALADA

—Photo Courtesy Pan American Magazine



## ANNUAL TAMALADA

(See Opposite Page)

The above photos give a glimpse of the enjoyable good fellowship that the San Antonio Lulackers had in their Annual Tamalada that the group sponsors around Christmas time. Photo No. 1 shows, left to right, Bro. Louis Giron and Bro. Marcos Zertuche and their ladies. 2. Bro. Joe Olivares, Junior and Mrs. Olivares; 3. Bro. Johnny Esquivel, his wife and their two daughters; 4. Bros. Albert U. Treviño and Rosales, their wives and guests; 5. Lulac Council No. 2 "big wheels"; 6. Standing, left to right Bros. A. P. Sanchez, Frank Leyton; Sitting, left to right, Bro. Octavio Treviño, Mrs. Treviño, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Leyton, Mrs. Manuel J. Gonzalez, and Bro. Manuel J. Gonzalez; 7. The "volunteer (?) " tamale tray twirlers; and 8. Lulackers and their ladies.

## 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.



Bro. Raul Cortes, Council No. 2, chief of the Latin-American team in recent polio drive.

# ★ SKITS & BITS ★

## (ALL ABOUT YOU AND ME)

Our President-General and Director of Publicity in Corpus Christi for the annual Council Dance, and making plans to ride back to Laredo the motorcycle given away by Council No. 1. The one hitch, wrong number picked out. Oh, well, neither one knew how to drive it, and anyway, they can be dangerous.

**CATTY BUSINESS:** Bro. Modesto Gomez of El Paso way very much in the public eye through the medium of the St. Anthony Messenger, Seems a "Kitty" is responsible for the publicity splurge. Kitty, Kitty, we could use you.

**BARBECUEY:** When is a barbecue pit not a barbecue pit? When it fails to barbecue the barbecue. For further details contact the Barbecue Committee of Alice Council 146.

**TRAVELOGUE:** Within less than a week the Director of Publicity traveled to Alice for a barbecue and two talks, attended the annual dance of the Corpus Christi Council, spoke to the Pan American Optimists of San Antonio, and filled out the agenda by being Guest Speaker at the Dinner-dance of Council No. 2 of San Antonio. Good speakers must be hard to find or people would not undergo such torture.

**FOOTPRINTS OF FATHER TIME:** Should you be walking along the banks of Perez Creek in Alice and run across footprints of a child, do not think they belong to Robinson Crusoe's kid, they are only Bro. Manuel Vela's childish prints. My, how things can be preserved over a century.

**SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY:** And while on the subject of Manuel Vela, seems he was having trouble with catches in his throat as he addressed the congregation at the Alice Barbecue. Sentimental? Oh, yes, but it could have been an overdose of barbecue.

**SUBTLENESS AT ITS PEAK:** Council No. 2 of San Antonio did a swell advance job of publicizing the Directors appearance at its Dinner-dance in the Gunter Hotel. P. S. Director of Publicity was not informed of the honor until the afternoon of the event. Move over, Superman, you have company.

Our Carrier Pigeon brought in a reward notice from Council No. 62 for information leading to the whereabouts of the General officers. Funny, but the General officers themselves wish they could

find themselves. Cause: a lot of work and little time to do it in.

**A LONG LAST:** With his installation as 2nd Vice-President of Council No. 12 Bro. Ramon Estrada will be in position to work on the things he was "agin" as plain member. Things have a funny way of looking rosier from the outside than from the inside. Better take a brush in case the hue is pale.

Bro. Antonio Moreno, dynamic treasurer of Council No. 12, suffering a breakdown after the Noche Mexicana. Strain, worry, and too many set-ups work havoc on a man's constitution, but he will live to see another Noche Mexicana.

From Santa Fe way comes advanced information about the Convention. It sounds like a lot of fun and very sensible. Youse Guys and Gal Lulacs had better start greasing the ole Jenny for the trip.

**TERRIFIC LETDOWN:** Our President-General who acted as the Program chairman for the annual Installation Banquet of Council No. 12 was told by a delectable young lady, "I Love You For Sentimental Reasons". The resultant long face was due to the young lady's explanation that the statement was the title of the number she was about to render. Some statements should be explained beforehand to susceptible minds.

The Alice-San Marcos feud between Bros. Manuel G. Vela and George J. Garza may do a fade out with Bro. Vela's sudden realization that Bro. Garza's backers in Alice rival his own in number. Oh, well, maybe Vela can find another town to call his own.

The Great Pacifier, Bro. Ike Martinez, can well be proud of the splendid job he did as chairman of the Banquet committee. And a word of compliment to Bro. Zamora, Arturo Villarreal, and Star Castillo for their work in the program, invitations, and publicity, respectively.

**IS THERE AN OPTICIAN IN THE HOUSE?** The atmosphere is tense, the guests are waiting, the opening words of the League's official Prayer ring out from tremulous voice, a stutter, a stammer, and then a forlorn cry, "Mr. President, I can't go on. My glasses are broken." So ended the part to have been played by our Treasurer-General in the Invocation at the Installation Banquet of Council No. 12. Donations are in order for a new pair.



# DID YOU KNOW —

By GEORGE J. GARZA

That the average cost to raise a boy to age 18 is \$5,680, and that of a girl \$5,755?

That we might all be successful, if we followed the advice we give the other fellow?

That according to Admiral Nimitz's report at the National Conference in St. Louis 40% of the men in his command were former Boy Scouts and that 60% of all decorations won by his men were awarded to this 40%?

That a smile costs nothing, but gives much?

That you are not past hope mentally if you can remember that you have forgotten something even if you cannot recall what it is?

That bats are supposed to use a radar system all their own?

That an unbiased person is one who has the same bias we have?

That President Truman is the first U. S. President to visit the capital of Mexico as president?

That San Marcos, Texas, boasts of having the only river in the world that begins and ends within the city limits?

That Council No. 12 of Laredo is the only institution that sponsors five Scout troops in the ninth region that is comprised of Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico?

That sleet is frozen rain but snow is not?

That the first constitution of Texas after its independence from Mexico did not even mention schools even though lack of suitable schools had been forwarded as a cause for declaring independence?

That one of the greatest explorations in American history (Lewis and Clark) cost the U. S. government approximately \$2,500?

That the teaching profession which deals with the human body's greatest mechanism, the mind, is the lowest paid profession in this country which is the richest in the world?

## EDITORIAL —

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to the word formed by the initial letters of the League's title — LULAC, but "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." It is common logic that the essence of anything lies not in its name but in its material make-up and basic qualities. Furthermore, the word LULAC need not lose any of its component letters if in place of the word Latin is substituted another word beginning with "L" but more in keeping with the overall objective of the League.

What shall it be? Shall the League continue to sanction and to permit this farce of differentiating between Americans because of one word, or will set itself to the task of eradicating such misconception? It is within the rights and the power of this League to carry out the task of removing a barrier that stands in the way of its members and the people it represents.

## OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS —

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down to the physical structure of many schools is quite evident. This is especially true in provisions made for the Negroes and Latin Americans who in the majority of cases have poor teachers, unsupervised curriculums, outdated books, poor buildings, inadequate playgrounds and recreational equipment, and general uninspirational environment.

6. Lack of proper enforcement of school attendance law, of student guidance and counseling, and local provisions for truant officers. The attendance law has been sorely neglected and many often wonder if such law is actually in existence. The students are left alone in their choice of subjects and curriculums with no one to guide their talents, aptitudes, or abilities, and no counseling is available for furtherance of vocations, etc. Furthermore, the communities do nothing about the great absenteeism that is prevalent in all schools.

Such are some of the problems of major and minor proportions that face our public schools in Texas. Some are evident to all eyes and others only to the trained eye and the persons experiencing them. If all problems are to be ferreted out and ways and means recommended for eradicating these problems, the experiences and awareness of the classroom teacher must be used to good advantage. They know what is lacking and what needs to be planned to remedy the situations.

# 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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