

# LULAC



# NEWS

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*United Latin-American Citizens*

## Unsung Heroes of Texas Independence

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## MARCH, 1955



### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens, better known as the LULAC, was organized twenty-six years ago in the interest of better relationship between our citizens of Latin American extraction and citizens of other extractions; and

WHEREAS said group was also organized to fight to uphold and defend the rights of all Americans in this country, and at the same time to instill in them the duties vested in every American citizens by the letter and the spirit of the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, the local organization of the LULAC has been of great help to this administration in the furtherance of the duties placed upon it by the exigencies of the City of El Paso,

THEREFORE, I, Fred Hervey, Mayor of the City of El Paso, Texas, hereby proclaim the week of February 13 through 20 as

### LULAC WEEK

In the City of El Paso in honor of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Fred Hervey  
Mayor



## Supreme Council Meeting Called

By order of Frank Pinedo, National President, the last quarterly meeting of the Supreme Council has been called April 30 and May 1st at El Paso, Texas.

The El Paso Councils are making extensive preparations for this meeting, and invitations are being extended to all surrounding councils.



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## TO ALL LULAC MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:

**FROM:** Dr. George J. Garza,  
*Past Lulac National President*  
**SUBJECT:** *The New National Lulac Constitution*

**REMARK:** The new National Lulac Constitution has been, or is being distributed to all councils and officers of the League. Some of you will make a careful and concentrated study of will give it a fleeting and unconcerned glance and lay it aside. Regardless of your approach and attitude to this constitution, there are certain phases of it with which you should become familiar and bear well in mind as you go about your job of being a Lulac.

When you were initiated as a member of Lulac you took an oath "—to faithfully keep and observe the Constitution and By-Laws of the League of United Latin American Citizens and all resolutions duly adopted and to extend due respect and obedience to all its officers." When you were installed as an officer of Lulac you took an oath "—that I will faithfully perform all duties imposed upon me as an officer of the League of United Latin American Citizens by its Constitution and By-Laws or by any resolution duly passed—" In order that you may abide by and honor the principles of your oaths, participate in a unified and uniform pattern of action, and demonstrate a sincere adherence to and a faithful acceptance of

the duties and obligations of membership and office in Lulac, it is necessary that you have an unequivocal understanding of this constitution and of its supremacy in all matters pertaining to Lulac, its organization, administration, and relationship to you as an individual and as a member of a constituted council. This instrument while others The emphasis placed herein on certain constitutional provisions is intended as aid to you in achieving that clear understanding.

1. Taken from the Oath of Members in the *Lulac National Constitution*.

2. Taken from the Oath of Officers in the *Lulac National Constitution*.

In the interest of space no attempt was made to quote the provisions pin-pointed, but each one is identified by content, article and section number, and sub-section designation, thereby making it easy to make reference to a copy of the new constitution.

Section 3 of Article III, providing for uniformity in the use of application blanks and the procedure advocated therein is intended as an aid to the councils in keeping a record of their membership's tenure and in determining the quality of prospective members. In the same

article under Section 7a, providing for expulsion of members in arrears with their dues the purpose is to eliminate the apathy of members in paying their dues and to avoid embarrassment for the treasurers who must send out notices of expulsion.

Under Section 1d of Article III, a change has been instituted that will affect the number of delegates to which any council is entitled at conventions. Whereas in the old constitution there was a limit as to the number of delegates from any council, the new constitution does not set a limit. However, it has reduced the minimum number of delegates of councils with twenty-five or less members from three to two. Furthermore, the practice of allowing a major fraction of twenty-five members to be counted as a means of qualifying for an added delegate is no longer permissible. It is to the councils' interest to study this provision very carefully or to appeal to the National Legal Adviser for clarification in order to avoid embarrassments later on because of misunderstandings. As a matter of fact, it would be advisable for councils to follow this procedure with any and all provisions which may not be fully understood. A stitch in time saves nine.

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## Proclamation of Lulac Week in Colorado

STATE OF COLORADO  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
Denver

Edwin C. Johnson  
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
Proclamation  
LULAC WEEK  
February 13-20, 1955

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens, better known as LULAC, is celebrating its twenty-sixth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the development of character, initiative and willing service inspired by LULAC are priceless contributions to our city, our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Americans who participate in LULAC are banded together strictly for these lofty purposes; and

WHEREAS, the organization's twenty-six years of community service so well denote the role assumed by LULAC in behalf of our city, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, LULAC Councils in Denver and Trinidad have fully proved their value to the betterment of Colorado and its people,

NOW, Therefore, I, Edwin C. Johnson, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the week of February 13 to 20, 1955

### LULAC WEEK

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal  
this Fifteenth Day of February, A. D. 1955.

E. C. Johnson  
Governor

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### Lulac Activities in Port Arthur

In the first picture you have the new officers for Port Arthur Council for the year 1955. They are left to right: Paul Silva, Secretary; Felix Soliz, President; Gilbert Alvarez, Vice-President; James Bodden, Chaplain; and Julian Sanchez, Guard; Manuel Vera, Treasurer is not shown.

The second pictures shows the gift loaded Christmas tree. These toys and goodies were presented to the children by the Port Arthur Council as you can see on the last picture. It was a most successful and gay Christmas party for all that attended.

————— "All for One—One for All" —————





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## A Message from the National President

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Within the next few weeks several members of our League will be asked to serve as heads of National Committees. These committees will include a committee on education, a committee on housing, a committee on employment opportunities, a committee to study juvenile delinquency, and possibly all of the committees outlined in the LULAC Committee Handdbook. The idea, of course, is to select members of our League, who through intensive research, study and planning, will be in a positive position to advise and suggest to our Supreme Council ways and means in which our local LULAC Councils can initiate and achieve maximum effectiveness from their activities in these fields. LULAC should be active in many fields. Yet if our local councils are left to plan isolated activities much of the value of our national organization will be lost. Most of the planning of these activities should be done at the national and state levels, and then these activities should be closely coordinated to make the best use of the resources our organization has to offer our local councils. These persons who will be named as chairmen of these committees will present their ideas to the Supreme Council, and then these suggestions will be made available direct to the chairmen of the respective committees of your local councils. It is the purpose and desire of your National President to furnish all the assistance possible to the chairmen of your council committees because it will be the success of work of these committees which will in large measure determine the value of your council in your city or town.

Please do not misunderstand the purpose behind these appointments. I am aware that much is being done by some of our local councils in some of the particular fields outlined in your committee handbook, but others of our councils would welcome further suggestions from our state and national officers. It was with this purpose that your First National Vice Presi-

dent has begun and will continue to emphasize a different monthly program of activity, and it is with this thought in mind that the first day of the National Convention in Galveston, that is, Friday, will be devoted to seminars or workshops. These seminars or workshops will provide an opportunity for our delegates and visitors to the National Convention to undergo a training and study period of various phases of LULAC activity. LULACS should be leaders in their communities in these activities, and these training sessions at the National Convention will be planned to develop LULAC leadership.

You will therefore soon hear of these appointments and you are asked to give the people appointed to these offices your whole-hearted support and cooperation. You are asked to continue following the suggestions in the Monthly Programs outlined by your First National Vice President Joe Garza, and as many of you as can, whether you are a delegate or not, should try to attend the all-day sessions on Friday, the first day of the National Convention, in Galveston in June.

Remember, every LULAC a Leader in 1955!

God bless you,

*Frank Pinedo*

National President

There is nothing more beautiful than a rainbow, but it takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow. If life is to be rounded and many-colored like the rainbow, both joy and sorrow must come to it. Those who have never known anything but prosperity and pleasure become hard and shallow, but those whose prosperity has been mixed with adversity become kind and gracious.





## **J. C. Machuca Receives Recognition During Lulac Week**

At the unveiling of the \$500.00 oil painting of the founder of El Paso Lulac Council, Mr. J. C. Machuca, the Hon. Judge of 41st District Court, Roy Jackson, made the introduction of the evening. He highlighted his friendship with the honoree. The welcoming address was pronounced by the Hon. Fred Hervey, Mayor of El Paso. Invocation was made by Mnsgr. Costa, benediction by Father Rahm. Mr. Cleofas Calleros, noted historian of the Southwest, introduced the honoree, Bro. Juan de la Cruz Machuca.

Bro. Machuca had this to say upon the unveiling of his portrait: It is with a mixed sense of humility and pride that I stand before you. I am deeply moved because my fellow members and friends have been so kind and generous as to give recognition to the small contribution which I have made to the progress of our organization. Permit me to state that whatever I have contributed personally to the progress of LULAC has been motivated and inspired by the unselfish sacrifice, devotion and loyalty of my fellow members, and friends. It would be the height of conceit were I to think for a moment that this recognition, this

honor which is being conferred on me tonight has come solely on my merits. I acknowledge that this recognition is being given to LULAC and particularly to the original Council No. 8, in the person of the founder. I just happen to be that person.

I feel proud because through LULAC I have made life long friendships, by and through their influence, contribution and cooperation LULAC from an humble beginning has made steady progress during its twenty-six years of existence. Through the concerted efforts of these friends and fellow members LULAC has been able to obtain not only local but statewide and national recognition . .

In March 1924, I received a civil service appointment as an Immigrant Inspector, U. S. Immigration Service at El Paso. For a period of almost six years I had the opportunity to obtain first hand knowledge of the effect which discriminatory practices were having on our citizens of Latin extraction. The fact that some of the native born Latins considered themselves

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# ACTIVITIES *of the* JR. LULAC COUNCILS

*Deming, New Mexico:* The Deming Junior LULAC Council elected officers on January 25th. Officers include: Joe Chaires, President; James Tumwalt, Vice-President; Virginia Jasso, Sec'y.-Treas.; Edward Vegas, Chaplain; Val Vega, Reporter. Installation of officers will be held sometime in February in Deming, New Mexico. Plans are now underway for a Valentine's Day Dance to be held on February 12th, 1955.

*Artesia, New Mexico:* On December 23rd, the Artesia Junior LULAC Council collected over 200 items for six needy families. The Junior Council has also formed a basketball team and have played thus far, against the Men's Senior LULAC Council twice, as well as against the Roswell Teen-Agers. Other activities to occur during February are: Cake Sale, proceeds of which will go to the March of Dimes; Food Sale, proceeds will be turned over to the National Treasurer to be placed in the "National Junior LULAC Scholarship Fund." A membership drive is also underway to recruit new members.

*Carlsbad, New Mexico:* Carlsbad was the center for a Junior LULAC Regional Meeting of which the Carlsbad Junior LULAC Council acted as host. New officers recently elected are: Solomon Soto, President; Eliseo Yturralde, Vice-President; Helen Hernández, Secretary; Henry Fernández, Treasurer; Celia Vásquez, Parliamentarian; Mary Carrasco, Chaplain; Barbara Valenzuela, Reporter; and Angie Fernández, Sergeant-at-Arms. Installation ceremonies were held at the Spanish Nook and the dance was held at the Crawford Hotel Ballroom.

*Roswell, New Mexico:* The Roswell Junior LULAC Council was organized on December 18th, 1954, under the supervision of Mr. A. D. Calderón and

Mr. Jesús Molinar of the Senior LULAC Council No. 220.

Officers are as follows: Margaret Mendiola, President; Ernie Cobos, Vice-President; Sylvia Calderón, Secretary; Cecilia Franco, Treasurer. On December 18th, a dinner dance was held to celebrate the installation and initiation of members and officers of the newly formed Junior LULAC Council of Roswell. The dinner was held at the Green Room of the Nickson Hotel, followed later by the dance at the Woman's Club. Joe Briones, National Junior LULAC Vice-President conducted the installation of officers, who was also the guest speaker and welcomed the new group by explaining the principles of LULAC. Roswell is one of the newest Junior Councils and already it has been chosen to act as host and hostess to the Regional Convention to be held on February 12th and 13th, 1955. Registration will begin February 12th. A dance will be held on February 13th for the visitors and the meeting will be held on the following day at the "Ave Maria" Center, at 10:00 a. m. All councils in that area are urged to attend or send representatives. For further information on the Convention, please write to: Miss Margaret Mendiola, President, Roswell Junior LULAC Council, P. O. Box 145, Roswell, New Mexico.

*Santa Fe, New Mexico:* On January 17th, 1955, the Santa Fe Junior LULAC Council elected new officers and they are as follows: Rudy Vigil, President; Jack Gage, Vice-President; Antonia Rivera, Secretary; Joe Hernández, Treasurer; Rosina Romero, Parliamentarian, Levi Rael, Chaplain; Sammy Romero, Sergeant-at-Arms. The outgoing president, Robert Rael, installed the new officers.



*Corpus Christi, Texas:* The Corpus Christi Junior LULAC Council will sponsor a Valentine's Dance on Valentine's Day and are planning a Bonko Party sometime this month.

*San Antonio, Texas:* On January 8th, the San Antonio Junior LULAC Council sponsored a "Mambo-Square Dance" at the Trinity University. Other activities include the planning for the Seventh Annual Junior LULAC National Convention to be held in San Antonio on August 19, 20, 21, 1955, it was announced by the president, Raymond Sánchez. The National Convention will be held in the Gunter Hotel. Ralph Flores, Senior Member, was recently appointed new supervisor.

*Baytown, Texas:* The Baytown Junior LULAC Council is sponsoring a candidate for 1955 Queen of Hearts, a contest being sponsored by the Junior LULAC Council of Houston. On Wednesday, February 9th, a dance will be held at the Recreation Hall, proceeds of which will go for votes for their candidate, Rosa González. Jivin' Joe and his Orchestra will furnish most of the Be-hop music.

*Placentia, California:* The Placentia Junior LULAC Council, we are proud to boast, is the first Junior LULAC Council in California. Under the supervision of Senior LULAC Presi-

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# ★ WE DO OUR PART ★



Austin council is going to undertake management of the Little League Baseball club. Initiation ceremonies will take place on Sunday, March 13th at the Pan-American Center. Applications for the following were approved: Enrique B. Acosta, 603 Herden Lane; Luis Z. Calderón, 1801 S. 1st St.; G. Guerrero, P. O. Box 3022 South Austin Station; Hipolito Guerrero, Coconut Grove, 2306 Webberville Road; José Santos Sosa, 1005 Jewel Street. The Council went on record as favoring Spanish be taught in grammar schools of the city. The Council donated \$25.00 to the American Friends Service Committee in recognition of their work with Latin-Americans. The special fund has \$1181.77. A new set of local By-Laws has been proposed. This Council was disappointed on the little progress that was made at the recent Regional Convention.

## Baytown, TEXAS

Attention was called to the Council regarding the responsibilities it has toward the Junior Council and the Boy Scout troop they are now sponsoring. All present realized and agreed that the work being done by the Juniors was first class and promised to go all out to help both Junior and Boy Scouts

## Bryan, TEXAS

An average of twenty-five members attend the meetings. A Christmas basket project was approved and well carried out. The poll tax campaign

proved a success. Pascual Villarreal is in charge of the building project and it won't be too long before they will be building this LULAC hall.



Every month this Council names an outstanding member as LULAC Man of the Month this month Andrew García was so honored. Gloria Walters of the Junior Council has resigned and in her place we have Olga Villarreal as President.

## Taos, N. M.

Meeting in the Kachina Room at La Fonda de Taos, Tuesday night, Feb. 8th, members of the newly organized Taos chapter of the Lady Lulacs installed the following officers: Mrs. Sam Trujillo, president; Mrs. Jesse Vigil, vice-president; Mrs. G. F. Martínez, secretary; and Mrs. Eliverio Medina, treasurer.

Beside the officers other charter members are, Mrs. Tony Córdova, Mrs. Arthur Vigil, Mrs. Feloniz Vargas, Mrs. Charles Younis, Miss Lita Younis, Mrs. Luis Sandoval, Mrs. Tom Oakeley, Jr., Mrs. Emily Romero, Mrs. Esco Liebert, Mrs. Joe García, Mrs. J. A. Domínguez and Mrs. Bernabe Chávez.

Attending the ceremony from out-of-town were, Benito López, district governor from Española and Mrs. López; Johnnie Contreras, president of the men's Lulac organization and Mrs. Contreras; Miss Rose Sánchez, president of the Ladies Lulac, Mrs. Diego Salazar, Mrs. Cipriano Trujillo, and Miss Odi-la Valdéz, all of Española.

## Mesa, Ariz.

The Council in Mesa is progressing very nicely. For Christmas they undertook to donate toys to children of needy families. In this month of March they are participating in the Maricopa County Fair. The LULAC Council is going to sponsor a Queen candidate, she is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cándido Zezate, named Toni. Miss Zezate was queen of the Mexican Independence Day celebration in Phoenix last fall.



During LULAC WEEK El Paso Ladies' Council 9 awarded a \$50.00 scholarship to Eduardo Bejarano. Since the beginning of the school year in September this small Ladies' Council has maintained a Floating Shoe Fund for the Aoy School students who can not afford to buy shoes. The BBB Shoe Store fits these students on the recommendation of the teachers and the Council pays. Mrs. M. Stuehmier who is a teacher at Aoy and also a very active member in the Council is Chairman of this project. \$15.00 was donated towards the purchase of a whirlpool bath for the Thomas Jefferson High School for the use of the football team. Mrs. J. L. O'Leal made the presentation for the Council.

## San Ysidro, CALIF.

Installation of officers on April 16. There will be banquet and a dance. Installation of officers will be at 2 p.m. the banquet at 6 p.m. the dance will start at 8 p.m. It will be at the



Civic Center. Temporary officers elected for this new council are President, Edmundo Pérez, secretary, Gracie Johnson, treasurer, Ronald Johnson, vice-president, Richard Celicio, publicity chairman, Hortense Gómez, entertainment chairman Johnny Hernández, school committee, Elisa Zuñiga, civic affairs, Jake Pérez, youth committee, Mrs. Raymond Parra. There were eight delegates from this Council to the Regional Convention. They were Messrs and Mesdames Edmundo Pérez, Jesús Gómez, Refugio Zuñiga, Ronald Johnson.

## Pecos, Texas

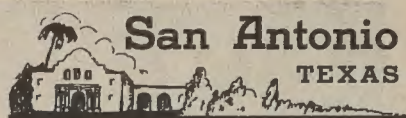
One of the many activities that Pecos held during LULAC WEEK was a banquet, dinner-dance. The Ft. Stockton, and Carlsbad Councils were invited. The Poll Tax campaign was carried out to the tune of 45 poll taxes placed. The Tijerina Road Show will be presented in this city.

## Port Arthur, TEXAS

Raymond Calderón and Valente Martínez were accepted into the League. Joe Elizondo, president of the Junior Council reported that this Council will participate in the March of Dimes campaign. A letter from Father Francisco Aguilar Thanking the Council for the donation made to his parish was received. The mission is in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. A dance was held February 19, at the Pleasure Pier.

## Port Lavaca, TEXAS

The Council has \$410.76 in the treasury. In duly passed resolution it was agreed that the Council would pay all expenses to those members who could make the trip to the Regional Convention at San Antonio, Texas.



The Ladies' Council contributed \$100.32 to the March of Dimes. New members are Miss Dora Alicia González, Elvira S. Bronoco, and Guadalupe O. Reyes. Mesdames Tijerina, Benavidez and García attended a meeting Feb. 3, 1955 at San Antonio T. B. Hospital in response to an invitation from the Volunteers Coordinators to help in the formation of a Volunteer Council for same. During the Regional Convention a luncheon was given by this Ladies' Council to the delegates. It proved a very gay and enjoyable meeting.

## Santa Fe, N. M.

Junior Council sent three delegates to the Roswell, initiation. Marcella Real is the new librarian for the Jr. Council. The majority of the Jrs. will attend initiation ceremonies at Las Vegas. This was made possible by polling cars and having each member pay \$2.50. A cake sale was also held in front of the J. C. Penney's Store. New officers are: Rudy Vigil, vice-president; Jacke Gage, secretary; Antonia Rivera, treasurer; Joe Hernández, parliamentarian; Rosina Romero, chaplain; Levi Rael, sgt.-at-arms, Sammy Romero.



Miss Lily Gómez will be presented with a trophy by the Ladies' Council for being the outstanding Volley Ball player in the LULAC Council. This Council was recently defeated at this sport by the Mexico Bello team. The Emerald Room at the Shamrock Hotel has been reserved for the annual charity ball. Fifty dollars were donated to the Polio Foundation by the Council. The Council presented

Miss Vásquez with stethoscope. Miss Vásquez lives in México City. The Tijerina Road Show will be sponsored for one performance by the Council.



New officers of the Denver Council are: President, Ray Gómez, 1386 Newton St.; vice-president, Rubén Gurule, 3447 Shoshone; secretary, Dora Gómez, 2505 18th St.; treasurer, James Sambrano, 964 Alcott Way.

## Galveston, Texas

Twenty dollars were given to each of the delegates that attended the Regional Convention at San Antonio. These were G. C. González, Joe Aldape, and Julian Caldera. Treasurer's report showed that his council has \$66.14 in the bank.

## El Paso, Texas

Mr. E. B. León was in charge of a barbecue supper given Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 2 to 10 p. m. the funds raised from this project were used to defray the expenses of the delegates to the Regional Convention at San Antonio, Texas. Edmundo Moreno is Chairman of the building committee and this committee has already picked the site and is now making a survey of the land. Edmundo Medrano, District Governor is also co-chairman of the Poll Tax drive being carried yearly by this council. He informed the Council that the Poll Tax drive was a success. Mr. M. L. Hutchins and Ed Medrano both members of the school board spoke on "Need and Purpose of Increasing our School Tax Rate from \$1.35 to \$1.50 per \$100.00 valuation."

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TO: All Lulac Members and Officers

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es a definite responsibility upon the host councils to conventions and affords all delegations ample time in which to make arrangements for time-off and vacations from work to coincide with said conventions. Furthermore, it provides a basis for councils which aid their delegates in defraying convention expenses to set up a minimum allowance.

The quorum stipulated for a Supreme Council meeting under Section 2e, Article IV, strives to encourage a better attendance of interested officers and a greater confidence at the League in the impartiality and legality of Supreme Council Action. It also encourages greater care on the part of the National President to send out meeting notices with sufficient time to receive verification of attendance from those concerned, and precludes the possibility of holding a meeting at such a time and place as to endanger the validity of Supreme Council action through lack of a quorum.

The provision under Section 1a, Article V, precludes misunderstandings as to the legality of nominees for office and definitely establishes the procedure to be followed, leaving no alternatives. It helps to expedite matters and avoids loss of time through superfluous discussions and wranglings. Section 2 of the same article is intended as a precaution against having unqualified persons imposed upon the delegations. This provision can set the standard against which delegations may measure candidates to determine their action. One is unworthy of the right and privilege to vote, and negligent to his obligation to the group he represents to impose upon that group an unqualified person.

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**BEN GARZA HONORED**—Officers and members of the League of United Latin American Citizens placed a wreath on Ben Garza's grave at Rose Hill Cemetery, Corpus Christi, Texas, in commemoration of LULAC'S 26th anniversary. Garza was the organization's first national president and was instrumental in founding LULAC. Included at graveside ceremonies were (from left to right) Joe Garza, local president and brother of Ben Garza, S. R. Mora, Jr., Gabe Lozano and M. G. Cortez.

## JR. LULACS

dent, Danny Olivas, the council was organized on December 9th, 1954. Their first project consisted of collecting money and clothing to be sent to the children in Korea. Officers are: Jerry Pérez, President; Lupe Tovar, Vice-President; Mary Ann Rodriguez, Secretary; Edmund Ponce, Treasurer; Joseph Rodriguez, Sgt. at Arms; Laurence Rivera, Chaplain; and Helen Trejo, Historian. The new councils have a membership of 25 members.

Galveston, Texas: On October

28th, 1954, the Galveston Junior LULAC Council was organized and officers were installed by Petra Cisneros, National President. The Galveston Junior LULAC Councils boasts a membership of over thirty girl members. The Juniors are under the sponsorship of the Galveston Men's Senior LULAC Council Officers are: Teresa Mendoza, President; Doris García, Vice-President; Delia Moreno, Secretary; Theresa Medina, Treasurer; Juanita Miano, Parliamentarian; Mary Alice Nino, Chaplain; Rachel Pérez, Reporter.



## J. C. MACHUCA RECEIVES RECOGNITION

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as aliens and not citizens of our country could be traced directly to prejudicial attitudes and discriminatory practices were having on our citizens of Latin extraction. "Why call ourselves American citizens when we are denied the prerogatives of American citizenship?" Also, "where are the equal rights and equal privileges that are supposed to be granted to us by the constitution of this country?" These were the questions most frequently asked. It became evident that the dissatisfaction created, the resentment engendered, and the humiliations suffered by a large number of the Latin segment of our citizens all caused by racial prejudice and blind intolerance could not continue without threatening seriously our American way of life. On the other hand, it was noted that an indifferent attitude was assumed by these people and nothing was being done to correct existing conditions.

What took place in El Paso in 1931, had taken place in other Texas cities near the Mexican border in the middle 20's. San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Laredo, and some of the larger towns such as Harlingen, Alice and McAllen, began founding organizations of all types as defensive measures against the overt acts of discrimination and segregation.

It was Ben Garza of Corpus Christi, who sponsored the idea of uniting all Latin American organizations under one name or title, one set of aims and purposes, and one constitution. . . . It was on February 17, 1929, at Corpus Christi, Texas, that the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) was born. . . . In rapid succession following the installation of the officers, the Assembly adopted George Washington's Prayer as the official prayer of the League and the American Flag as its official flag. Other significant steps taken was the adoption of the Lulac Code, prepared by Eduardo Idar, as well as its Aims and Purposes, prepared by Idar and Judge J. T. Canales. "America" was adopted as the official hymn.

And now, just what is Lulac? What does it stand for? The best answer may be given by citing the original first seven aims and purposes of the organization as embodied in its constitution.

On October 12, 1932, El Paso Men's Lulac Council No. 8, was duly installed. The installation ceremony took place in the ballroom of the Toltec Club. The following were the first officers elected of the newly installed council: President, J. C. Machuca; Vice President, M. A. Gomez; Secretary, M. R. Gameros; Treasurer, Tony Valencia; Guard, J. A. Escajeda; and Chaplain, J. E. Amador.

It was through the efforts of the membership of the El Paso councils that the Lulac organization took roots in New Mexico followed by Colorado, Arizona, and California. Mr. Felemon T. Martinez was appointed organizer in the State of New Mexico and the growth of our organization in that state under his leadership was most gratifying.

Lulac has made possible many scholarships to worthy individuals for a continuance of higher education: it has been ever vigilant where it appears any curtailment of the educational opportunities of chil-

dren of Latin American extraction. Examples of this can be found in the activity of Lulac in the segregation school cases of Hondo, Ozona, and Pecos, Texas, and Orange County, California, where Lulac won a federal court decision condemning segregation. A similar case was won at the federal court in Austin when Judge Ben Rice rendered a decision also against segregation in any shape, form or fashion.

LULAC has contributed to the amalgamation of a group of people through one form or another of education and understanding as it has striven in the past and is striving now, to reach certain self-improved objectives destined to bring about socio-economic betterment of a people, the safeguarding of their political and civil rights, and the emphasis of their duties and obligations as citizens.

To you my fellow members let me urge you to adhere to and live up to the Lulac Code.

During LULAC WEEK El Paso Downtown Council No. 8 honored one of LULAC'S most outstanding figures in its entire history. This gentleman is a native Texan who brought LULAC to El Paso, becoming its first local president. His has been the arduous work of keeping a Council alive in El Paso, all troubles and tribulations notwithstanding and a fine job he has done, through 23 years. If a man ever was consecrated to LULAC work it is J. C. Machuca.

Juan de la Cruz Machuca was born in an obscure settlement known as El Indio. His parents were Hilario Machuca and Maria Garcia. At the age of five his parents moved to Marfa, Texas. Here he attended Mercy Academy until 1906 when due to adverse conditions he was forced to attend the public schools. In 1911 he graduated from the Marfa High School. He attended his high school years with this admonition from the Marfa School Board, "We will not be responsible if your boy suffers bodily harm while attending high school here." Of this he recalls, "I had nothing to worry about. The majority of the Anglo kids were my playmates and friends." Soon after his graduation he obtained a teacher's certificate by passing the required examination.

It was while serving as principal of the San Elizario Public Schools in March 1924, that he received a civil service appointment as an Immigrant Inspector, U. S. Immigration Service.

One of the great things J. C. Machuca did during the organization of the El Paso Council was the procuring of the right kind of membership. Something which he stresses to this day. After weeks of a one-man drive for members an organization meeting was called. It was held in the Board of Directors room of the El Paso National Bank. Such was the enthusiasm shown at the meeting that the results were reported to the then President General of LULAC, Judge J. T. Canales of Brownsville. Judge Canales immediately issued a charter and authorized J. C. Machuca to install the new Council. On October 12, 1932, El Paso Men's Council No. 8 was duly installed. Since then he has been an ardent supporter and helper.

— "All for One—One for All" —



# PIN-WORMS

by Francisco Licon, M. D.



Although worm infestation is not a particularly acute problem in the better sanitated areas of our country, this condition does crop up at certain times and becomes a matter of concern, particularly to those who are affected. Perhaps the most common worm infestation in this country is "Oxyurius Vermicularis", otherwise known as "Pin-Worms". Children are the most frequent victims of this infestation. Many people, unaware of the life-cycle of this pest, do not realize that even despite the best sanitary conditions and the most extreme cleanliness that may be practiced by the family, this worm infestation can and does crop up amongst their children. They, therefore reject the idea, and even refuse to accept the diagnosis when it is made.

"Pin-Worms," in the adult stage, are comparatively small and seldom reach a length greater than 1" to 1 1/2". They are of chalky white color and often are described as appearing like "pieces of white rice," by lay-people. Actually, the adult worm is not often seen unless the infestation reaches a tremendously great proportion. The most common symptom in children is itching around the anus, particularly at night. The reason for this is that the female worm crawls out of the anus and lays its eggs around the anus at night. Thus, while the worm is crawling around it creates itching and the child scratches his bottom liberally. This scratching causes a lot of the minute worm eggs to be picked up under the finger nails

of the child. Invariably, whether during sleep, or during the day time, the child puts his fingers to his mouth and the minute eggs are ingested and carried on down the alimentary tract. This then completes the life cycle of the worm, because in the intestine is where the egg can hatch and develop into the adult worm. Note that the egg cannot develop into the adult worm outside the human body. The adult worm then goes on into the lower intestine and attaches itself to the walls of the large bowl. The male, which is much smaller, desintegrates once it fertilizes the female. The latter, however, lives on and crawls out at night to lay its eggs around the anus of the host (usually a young child) and thus starts out the cycle again.

The eggs are highly resistant to external conditions and for that reason one child can pass them on to another child during play, as they will put their hands on each other and eventually fingers will get to mouths of even those whose mothers have thought that they have practiced the most rigid rules of cleanliness.

It is not here intended to start up a "scare" but it is desirable that parents should realize that worm infestation is not necessarily stopped by the mere practice of cleanliness within the family. Furthermore, it should be realized that if one child in the family is found to be infested, it is not sufficient to treat that one child alone. By

the time symptoms appear, probably all other members of the family are also infested. Remember, mother takes care of all the kids, she picks up the eggs from the infested child and herself (entirely innocent and ignorant of the whole matter) passes them on to the rest of the family, besides infesting herself. Adequate diagnosis of "Pin-Worm" infestation is made on any one child in that family. There should be no feelings of guilt or recrimination in any direction whatsoever, because the life cycle of this pest is such that, when it makes its appearance it can violate all the best practiced programs of cleanliness, and nobody can be rightly blamed for its propagation. The only thing to do is to treat vigorously all those known to be infested as well as all possible contacts. Your physician will know how to handle the situation, when and if this pest makes its appearance in your midsts.

— "All for One—One for All" —





## DEFINITELY DIAGNOSTIC

Editor's Note: This article by Dr. George J Garza is the final continuation from last month's issue.

Elections of officers have often been preceded by a flagrant display of political maneuvering of a vicious nature on the part of self-styled and self-appointed political bosses out to control the elections. Unfortunately, the underhanded tactics employed by some included lies and outrageous promises that have resulted in imposing upon the organization officers whose only qualifications for office are an unmitigated gall and an undisturbed conscience. The most pathetic phase of such cases is the fact that sincere, well-meaning delegations have allowed themselves to be carried away by such maneuvers, even against their better judgment. Can this mean that delegations are not capable of thinking for themselves? Can it be that delegations place the selfish desires of individuals above the welfare and progress of the organization as a whole?

There are other causes that cannot be analyzed at this time but which can be enumerated as follows:

1. Ill-prepared resolutions, never clearly understood but hurriedly passed and more quickly forgotten;
2. Countless infractions on the provisions of the National Constitution in order to justify selfish situations;
3. Misuse of Lulac's name and reputation for carrying out personal and unrelated practices;
4. A preponderance of malicious and destructive criticisms, often unfounded;
5. A laxity of councils in their selection of prospective members and in their job of selling Lulac to prospective members on the basis of its true worth;
6. A lack of specified and

carefully planned council, district, regional, and national programs for the enjoyment and illumination of the membership and the attainment of the immediate goals;

7. A failure to make use of the abilities and positions of members in projects and other activities.

In order to complete the diagnosis a further step must be taken. There is need to determine, on the basis of the established symptoms and causes, a judgment on the ailment. There can be little doubt in the mind of sincere Lulacs that the diagnosed ailment is anything but acute. The failure of the organization to take steps to arrest such a condition can easily result in disastrous consequences. The next logical step is to recommend possible cures and preventive measures.

First of all there is the need to help officers and members of Lulac become aware of the ailment, and its possible ramifications, and to create a desire to be rid of the ailment at whatever sacrifice is called for. All diagnoses, recommendations, and medications are of no avail unless the patient recognizes his danger, desires to be cured, and is willing to cooperate to the fullest extent. It shall be necessary for councils throughout the League to instill in their memberships a greater love and loyalty for Lulac, its Aims and Purposes, its Code, its work, and its history. Greater efforts and care must be exercised in the recruitment of members and in their preparation for active membership. Not all that glitters is gold, and not all would-be-joiners are valuable and effective membership material. To be sure Lulac wants quantity, but it needs quality even more. The quality of membership in a council can attract the quantity and improve the activity.

Great solicitude must be exercised in the election and ap-

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pointment of officers in every decentralized division of Lulac from the local council to the Supreme Council. Qualifications representing a background of ability, experience, sincerity of purpose, loyalty, disposition, and education must be the determining points of consideration in candidates for office. "Johnny-come-latelys," "prestige-hungry climbers," "power-loving Caesars," "glory-seeking publicity-minded manequins," and other similar "empty-headed irresponsible will-o-the-wisps" can never warrant the respect of the membership or hope to gain its cooperation and backing.

There needs to be developed a spirit of cooperation rather than competition between members, councils, districts, regions, and their officers. The great motto of Lulac, "All for One and One for All," is empty and effectless where jealousies evolved out of beligerent competition curtail united efforts on common problems and situations. Effective action and work and not foundless and empty criticism is needed. The undermining of those who work at a job can only end in disaster for all concerned. Any one can tear down but it takes a builder to create and to erect structures of enduring benefit.

In a national organization whose objectives are geared to the ultimate welfare of all concerned there is no room for provincialism. Every project that is set up by any subordinate division of Lulac is a contributory step toward the common goal. Why presume to develop a monopoly within a designated area



and act like a dog in a manger? Can any council or section of this organization be so presumptuous as to foolishly believe that it can stand alone; that it can have the influence in, and the respect of its community without the backing of the League as a solid unit? The strength of Lulac is derived from the combined strength of all its component parts and never from one part alone. "United we stand, divided we fall."

Incumbent officers at all levels, as well as potential candidates for office in Lulac must become resigned to the fact that holding an office entails sacrifices of time, effort, convenience, and money. Any person incapable or unwilling to make these sacrifices should not seek or allow himself to be imposed with an office that he will unable to administer properly. There will be finances available to help defray, in a small part, such expenses as may be incurred in Lulac work, but it may not be possible to do it every time or to provide the necessary monies to maintain some of the officers in the station to which they think they are accustomed. Lulacs work because of an innate or instilled desire to help those that need help, and not because they expect compensation or reimbursement. This truth is hard to accept only in those cases where there is doubt as to the sincerity of purpose of the member or officer. To all sincere and true-spirited Lulacs it is an experienced fact.

The diagnosis is completed even to the cures and preventive measures to be implemented. Two final steps must be taken before the "All's well" sign can be given—all consultants must concur on the findings and recommendations, and the medications must begin immediately after. A healthy body and mind can be exuberant in strength, coordination, and accomplishments. An unhealthy body and mind become weak, emaciated, inactive, ineffective, and very dead.



## Tijerina Still at Lulac Helm

The LULAC State Convention meeting in San Antonio, reelected Felix Tijerina, Houston, as regional governor.

The group also tabled a resolution charging a Dallas district official of the Texas employment commission with discrimination against Latin-Americans seeking employment through the agency.

Tabling action was agreed when George Garza, Austin, former national LULAC president and a TEC employe, told delegates he was investigating the Dallas office. He promised:

*"The problem will be eliminated."*

Resolutions adopted included one urging the state legislature to provide more funds for the Youth Development council and another condemning state officials who identify Spanish-

speaking Texans as "Mexicans" on state forms.

In line with this, the resolution asked the legislature to provide a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$100 be assessed state officials found guilty of using this identification.

The past national presidents attended the meeting. They are John Herrera, Houston; Albert Armendáriz, El Paso; and Garza.

Frank Pinedo, Austin, present National President, also attended.

Regional Gov. Felix Tijerina, Houston, presided over the opening sessions.

He pleased delegates with an announcement he was setting aside \$3000 in his personal funds to employ three organizers for LULAC expansion in Texas.

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## LULAC National Convention at GALVESTON

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Hon. Joseph W. Trujillo, LULAC Regional Governor for New Mexico, has called the New Mexico Regional Convention for April 23 and 24 at Roswell.

Purpose of this convention is to elect a Regional Governor for New Mexico for 1955 to 1956 term. (Terms for all Regional Governors start in June and the newly elected officers will be installed at the National Convention in Galveston.) All state-wide business will be discussed at the Roswell convention, and the site for the next Regional Convention to be held next year, will be selected.

## INTELLECTS

There are one-story intellects, two-story intellects, and three-story intellects with skylights. All fact collectors, who have no aim beyond their facts, are one-story men. Two-story men compare, reason, generalize, using the labours of the fact collectors as well as their own. Three-story men idealize, imagine, predict; their best illumination comes from above, through the skylight.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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## Lulac Prayer

"Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."

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