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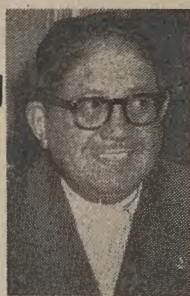
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FRONT COVER — The coming of Christ is history's greatest happening, and people all over the world have traditional ways to observe the solemn and joyful event. Mexico's "Las Posadas", which re-enacts St. Joseph's and Mary's asking for lodging, is one of the most dramatic and colorful of the observances. "Las Posadas" are observed nine consecutive days before Christmas Eve. The neighbors get together and carrying a figure of Joseph and Mary they visit each home asking for lodging. At eight of the places they are turned away and on the ninth they place Joseph and Mary on the replica of a stable where the baby Jesus is born. News artist Fausto Villela depicts a Posadas scene in this issue's front cover.



Zamora

a disturbing and uneasy sort of peace.

However, there is one thing to hope: may it be a lasting peace.

A lasting peace, although it may not be the perfect one that followers of the Prince of Peace have in mind, is attainable. But like any other goal, whether it be tangible or intangible, peace does not come on a silver platter just to be grabbed. Our society has become too complicated, and there are many complexities of thought driving men to many different ways for a peace to be perfect. But through compromise, conferences, diplomatic give-and-take, and goodwill, world serenity can be lasting.



Ruhlman

When people go to war, there is such a tremendously strong desire to win it and to survive that minor differences are lost. Enemies become allies against a common foe. This is done through unity. A Unity of purpose produces strength.

But once there is victory in war, that unity is lost, instead of being used to prolong that vacuum between wars called peace. Lulac has won many of its goals and continues



Arambula

As the soft strains of Christmas carols and the jingling of bells lift us into a Holiday season mood, the staff of the Lulac News wishes to send greetings for a joyful Nativity and a New Year full of felicity with this message attached to our Christmas card:

For the first time in many years, the peace that men of goodwill have searched for so long will be with us this Christmas, although it may be



Garces

Our organization, the League of United Latin American Citizens, can set an example, or rather, provide a formula for the attainment of a lasting peace. One word in the name of our organization provides the formula: **United**.



Villela

to promote its projects successfully through unison of purpose, the same way that a nation, like ours, can fight to attain a lasting peace.

The staff of the Lulac News this Christmas wishes, therefore, that the League of United Latin American Citizens continue setting an example of unity to the world, and next December find us still in peace.

RAMON GARCES

Editor.



Holiday



Greetings..

From the National President and Family

Organization and Growth



By **ALFREDO L. GONZALES**
1st National Vice-President

The importance of organization for the propagation of an idea or program can never be under-estimated, which is why I believe in our motto "All for One, One for All."

As a manifestation of what the strength of organization can do here is an example: Two years ago under the leadership of Eppie Chavez of Santa Fe Council 33, we started a legislative committee and together with labor organizations and other civic-minded groups we passed four bills through both houses, all beneficial to our people.

We did it on the strength of organization. By writing to every council and having them talk to their senators and representatives in their area, we did more than if we had spent time and money here at the legislature.

Right now we have a problem, which is how to organize for strength. If we have, say 100 councils in the league, that is not enough. By the end of 1956 we need 100 more councils. The only way we can do this is by having every member throw his wholehearted support behind this

growth movement and having each council start another council.

The organization of other councils is not only the job of the district but the job of every able Lulac member. Remember that the members today will be the officers of tomorrow.

It is hard for the officers to work without the cooperation of the rank and file. In the past the work of the officers has been such a headache that the past officers have dropped out, not completely, but to a stage where they might as well be counted out. Let us not let this condition continue to exist. Eventually we may exhaust our source to a point that will find us right back where we were 25 years ago.

Let us organize more and more members and councils and not let manana poke us in the face. If we do, our children will say that the old man or the old lady failed to do the job.

Now permit me to go into a little social philosophy: When Columbus came here he brought with him our forefathers, but he did not bring a blood. Later, when Americo Vesputius named the country America, he had no particular racial blood in mind. So therefore we are all Americans because we live in America, and don't let anyone kid you. If Lincoln said all men are created equal then let's fight for that thing called equality.

Floresville, Texas

Every member of the Floresville Council brought in a visitor to the Nov. 21 meeting and Lulac functions and programs were outlined for the benefit of the visitors by President F. S. Toscano.

Committees were named for the District Convention.

It was reported that the Turkey Shoot brought in a profit of \$315 dollars. The members were thanked by President Toscano for making the event a success.

Laredo Council To Celebrate New Year's Eve

LAREDO, Tex.—Tomas H. Vela was named chairman of the annual Lulac Council New Year's Eve Dance set for Dec. 31 from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Martin High School gym in Laredo, Texas.

Felipe Perez and His Orchestra will furnish the music for the gay annual affair.

Other committee members are: Howard Ruhlman, co-chairman; Felix Garcia Jr., Tomas Flores, and Enrique Mendez, ticket sales; Arturo Ramirez, Chico Maizumi, Rodolfo Centeno, table reservations; Arnulfo Zamora Sr., Raul Elizondo, and Ernesto Silguero, table arrangements.

Elias G. Garza, Paco Flores, Arnulfo Garcia, and Arturo Gutierrez, reception committee; Junior Vasquez, Agustin Gutierrez, Efrain Ruiz, and Eduviges Mercado, favors committee; Porfirio L. Flores, Ramon Garces, publicity; Tony Garcia, Carlos de los Santos, Ricardo Perez, decorations; Oscar M. Laurel, master of ceremonies.

Port Arthur, Texas

Manuel Vera Jr. headed the new slate of officers installed by the Port Arthur Council No. 217 Nov. 20 during an installation banquet at the Wayside Inn in Bridge City, Texas.

Felix Soliz, outgoing president, and incoming assistant secretary, presided at the banquet-meeting.

Other officers elected were Luz Garcia Jr. Vice-President; Robert Salas, secretary; Gilbert Alvarez, treasurer; Jose G. Mendiola, chaplain; Paul Silva, parliamentarian; Salvador Ybarra, Sgt. at Arms; and Felix Solis, assistant secretary.

During the Nov. 6 meeting, when new officers were elected, eighteen members were present. After Jose Mendiola, chaplain, read the official prayer, roll call showed all of the officers present.

Robert Hernandez, after reporting on the dance of Dec. 10, said that dates available for dances next year are: Jan. 21, March 2, March 30, May 5, Sept. 15, Sept. 31, and October 12.

It was moved by Alfred Valdez, and seconded by Gilbert Alvarez, that all dates be accepted and the motion carried. It was moved and seconded by Hernandez that the first 100 dollars on the March 30 dance go to the scholarship fund and what was left to be used to finance the convention delegates.

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NEW MEMBERS

Laredo Membership Drive Nets 45

LAREDO, Tex. — Webb County Judge Carlos I. Palacios, one of the most prominent members of Lulac Council No. 12, added a fitting climax to the annual council drive for members, which netted 45 new members, last month as he told them, during the address, that "you find yourself on the threshold of a new civic life."

The successful membership drive, which was led by teams headed by Porfirio L. Flores and Ernesto Silguero, ended with initiation of members during the regular meeting of the council.

Judge Palacios, who himself is a member of the Council, was main speaker.

Judge Palacio's talk to the new members follows:

I would like to take this opportunity to direct my remarks to our newly initiated brothers. To you, my brother Lulacs, I will say that you find yourselves on the threshold of a new civic life. You have been initiated into an organization which is primarily civic and patriotic in nature. From this day on, every step of your lives will be influenced by what you have learned tonight. Each one of you will be given a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws and I would like to recommend that you study it, not superficially, but by analysing and scrutinizing it thoroughly because this constitution and by-laws enclosed great teachings and ideals. It is based on two things: The belief in God and the rights of man.

You may recall that during your initiation you were addressed by the President as "My fellow citizens"; later as "Our Countrymen" by our Chaplain; and finally as "Friends and brothers" by our Vice-President. Each one of them explained to you what the League of United Latin American Citizens represents. They presented the three steps that you had to travel in your initiation.

Our President when addressing you in part, said:

"We are here today assembled as sons and citizens of the American Republic. We know that you did not come here to be Americanized. You are Americans by birth or choice, yet you want to know and to love America better than you have in the past. Surrounding the Flag of our Country, the stars and stripes, as we are seen to be doing on this solemn occasion, we wish to feel that in so doing we are in fact bringing about a more perfect union of citizens devoted to the welfare of our Country".

Then, secondly in inspiring words, our chaplain explained to you that this organization is devoted to the "Gradual creation of a more perfect type of American citizens among the peoples and persons privileged to be admitted into its membership". He stated:—

"In this league, we yearn to keep a perfect union; we want justice for all men; we seek domestic tranquility; and we shall never fail, when necessary to help in any and all enterprises for the common defense. We shall consecrate ourselves to the promotion of the common welfare and to securing the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our posterity."

Lastly, our Vice-President said to you:—

"Pray, permit us to remind you, that we shall always expect you to promote good will and friendship in this organization, and that you will devote yourselves to the task of securing the advancement and well-being of the elements that hold our membership".

Simple as this initiation ceremony was, its teachings are great. Because the League of United Latin American Citizens means more than just a civic and patriotic organization. It is a way of life.

In our preamble, there are embodied great truths. It starts by stating that we, the members with unfaltering faith believe in the divine power of almighty God". We always implore His aid in all of our deliberations and implicitly put our trust in Him. In this same preamble, we read . . . "We believe in the Democratic principle of individual, political and religious freedom, in the right of equality of social and economic opportunity, and in the cooperative endeavors toward the development of an American society wherein the cultural, resources and integrity of every individual and group constitute basic assets of the "American Way of Life". Here in a few words, it is stated what "Lulac" believe in and the reason for its existence.

Lets think back a moment and remember that hunger for liberty has been a trait of mankind since the beginning of time. All through the ages, we see the struggle for the dignity of man manifested in various ways. But it was not until 1215 that any concrete results were obtained. It was on that year at Runnymede, England, that the Magna Carta was born. For centuries the English kings were absolute monarchs and ruled as they wished. In the 13th Century,



JUDGE CARLOS I. PALACIOS
... Only One Demand

King John of England so displeased the powerful nobles that it stimulated an uprising against him. Being defeated, King John was forced to sign this great document. This document, for the first time in the history of the world, guaranteed man the right of trial by jury, and court decisions based on simple justice rather than on bribes or political favors. The great charter limited the powers of the king and forced him to pledge that in the future he would follow certain definite rules and regulations in governing his people. The original Charter granted rights only to the great nobles, but, as it was rewritten, from time to time, the guarantees of freedom were extended to group after group and finally came to be looked upon as the heritage of all Englishmen. From the Great Charter, in its many forms, have come two principles dear to us: That taxation without representation in the government is tyranny, and that every man charged with a major crime shall be entitled to trial by jury.

Later in 1689, William and Mary were forced to accept the Bill of Rights. It was now clear that the King was responsible to Parliament and that he could no longer make or suspend laws, borrow money, or keep a standing army without the consent of the people.

From these people came the English colonists to America and they were accustomed to a government with a legislative body representing the people, and in which they had certain rights. Their political ideas developed rapidly and in a relatively short time, they were demanding more rights than the government of England was willing to grant. The result was the American Revolution. They came to believe in Democracy, that is, they believed that each citizen should have exactly the same rights as every other citizen. They came to believe in local self-government . . .

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Personality of the Month: ROSE A. SANCHEZ

Behind every great undertaking, someone once said, there is the faith of a woman.

So it was almost inevitable that soon after the founding of the League of United Latin American Citizens, the ladies came to the aid of the league. In the national convention of Del Rio in 1933, ladies' councils were constitutionally recognized and made part of Lulac.

Today it is estimated that there are approximately thirty ladies' councils in the League.

Organizing councils, working on fund raising projects, establishing educational programs, and carrying on the Lulac program in general requires leadership and display of talent, and our Latin American ladies have proven all over the League that they have what it takes.

Typical of the job done by Lulac ladies, and among the most outstanding examples, is the activities of this month's personality.

Rose A. Sanchez, a school-teacher from Espanola, New Mexico, has been in Lulac not over a year yet, but already her leadership qualities are being manifested.

Dedicating all her spare time from her teaching duties to Lulac work, Rose A. Sanchez has become president of Ladies' Council No. 234 in Espanola and has helped turn the council into one of the most active in the New Mexico district.

The long range program of the council includes working with local youth organizations, such as 4-H Clubs, girl scouts and boy scouts. Under her leadership the Council is already making plans to start a student-loan service to aid the needy youth with their college education.

The council also has a pet dream—the establishment of a scholarship fund for deserving youth of the Espanola valley. And like many other projects, this one is sure to make the eventual transition from just a hope into a reality under the Ladies' careful planning of projects for the council.

Recently, President Rose Sanchez engineered two huge fund raising projects into outstanding successes.



ROSE A. SANCHEZ

But Rose Sanchez's burning faith in Lulac does not end in New Mexico. Like many other person with a long-range outlook, she wants the Lulac program to grow and grow. This summer she plans to do something about it when she travels to Washington state to carry Lulac ideas to the Pacific northwest where the program is thin.

While attending the women's division of Seattle University and visiting with her brother, she plans to do everything possible to help start a

council in the city of Seattle, and at the same time making the trip serve as a vacation for her in that beautiful part of the country.

Like every good leader, Rose Sanchez realizes that in numbers there is strength and that the expansion of Lulac brings the indispensable push that helps boom our program forward. She also typifies the importance the lady members play in the League of United Latin American Citizens.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION MINUTES

The 26th annual National Convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens convened in Galveston, Texas, on June 10, 11, 12, 1955, with headquarters at the Buccaneer Hotel.

Registration of officers, delegates and guests was conducted at 7 a. m. at the Mezzanine floor of the Buccaneer Hotel, Friday, June 10.

The seminars got underway on Friday, at 9 a. m. However, once these seminars were initiated at the convention it was learned that there was not enough time to conduct and complete the business at hand. Therefore the seminars were resumed at 2 p. m. Friday.

At 12 noon on Friday, business was recessed for a buffet luncheon. The Hon. Reynaldo Garza, past state Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, delivered the main address on "Leadership." The luncheon was staged at the F&T Memorial Hall, 19th and M½.

At 2 p. m. Friday, the seminars were resumed.

The convention's Seminar Recommendations Committee recommended the following procedure in conducting the different seminars. The committee's recommendations were adopted. Recommendations made are as follows:

1. Chairman will give brief three-minute oral report.

2. Chairman will write up a detailed report on the seminars and submit them to the National Office within two or three weeks.

3. National Office will mimeograph detailed reports and distribute them in a packet made up of all eight reports to the various council and officers.

4. Establishment of committees to coincide with seminars if that particular work does not come under an established office. Make each Committee to set up a national program with sub-committees at local council levels and other levels as needed or deemed wise.

5. Place these committees under supervision of the two vice-presidents.

Reports of the various seminars are as follows:

The Seminar on Public Relations recommended that: 1. The League, through the National Office, set up a good, detailed program of public relations with specific media of communication and the ways to use them; and that Gib Devine, a Lulac and one of the consultants who has offered his services, be called on to help plan the program. 2. The steps outlined by Glen Garrett be set as the procedure to be followed by councils in meeting and dealing with community leaders, organizations and

agencies; that these steps be mimeographed and made available to the councils to be used with the program of public relations established by the National Office. 3. Each council cultivate the friendship and understanding of the publishers of newspapers in its community, explain what your organization is and does, what your council contemplates doing, when, where, how and why; and keep them informed of every single activity.

The Seminar on Housing recommended that: 1. The National Assembly go on record as urging the presentation of appropriate legislation at the next session of the Legislatures which will enable the cities and towns throughout the land to enter into urban renewal programs with the Federal Government. 2. In anticipation of satisfactory results by the various legislatures that the communities themselves wherever Lulac operates, begin to organize so as to eliminate the slums and blight areas within their respective cities. This does not involve what is now known as "housing authorities" which in our opinion has defeated the purpose of eliminating blight areas. A study should be made in order to bring about the ways and means of putting into effect this recommendations.

The recommendations submitted by the Seminar on Housing were adopted.

The Seminar on Employment recommended the following: 1. That each local council in the areas of great concentration contact their respective state and federal employment agencies to discuss those problems of employment and work out solutions to those problems, that we might have less unemployment among our people. 2. That each local council stress to the community the value of education and to work on projects in order to promote interest in education. 3. That each council promote local programs on employment and education. 4. That we of Lulac recommended continuous effort on the part of the Immigration and Border Patrol to remove the wetbacks, thus making more jobs available to citizens of Mexican descent. 5. That this convention send a letter of thanks to Mr. M. B. Morgan, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, and Mr. R. L. Coffman, Texas Employment Commission, for their untiring efforts to help us learn the facts of employment.

The recommendations submitted by the Seminar on Employment were adopted.

On Friday, a recess was called at 5 p. m. At 5:15 p. m. a reception for all Lulac delegates and guests was held at the Termini Beach Park, compliments of the Budweiser Beer Distributing Company.

Saturday, June 11, at 7 a. m., registration of late arrivals continued at

the Buccaneer Hotel. Supreme Council members had breakfast in the Galveston Lulac Council No. 151's Suite 4th floor of the Buccaneer Hotel.

Saturday, June 11, at 9 a. m., the opening business session of the 1955 Lulac National Convention was held in the Ballroom of the Buccaneer Hotel. A warm welcome was extended by the Hon. Frank Pinedo, National President. G. C. Martinez, of Galveston Council No. 151, convention chairman, also added a few words of welcome.

The official prayer of the League was elevated by the Hon. Isidoro Flores, National Chaplain. David Adame, District Governor of Houston, Texas, led the convention in the pledge of allegiance.

The Hon. William E. Stone, Judge of the 56th District Court, delivered an address of welcome.

The response was offered by the Hon. George J. Garza, past National President, from Laredo, Texas.

At 10:30 a. m., Saturday, June 11, the roll call and introduction of guests took place. The presiding chairman Brother Pinedo, introduced A. Padilla and Ernesto Mesa, both charter members of Lulac, Mr. Glen Garrett, Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Pete Terrazas.

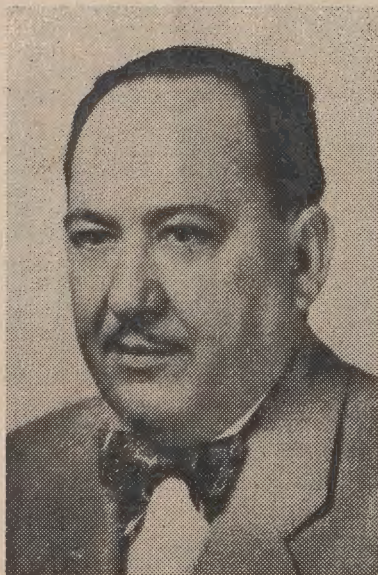
Roll call found the following councils represented at the 26th annual National Convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens: Alvin, Alice, Austin Ladies, Austin men, Baytown, Beaumont men, Bryan, Corpus Christi, Edna, Ladies, El Campo, El Paso, El Paso Ladies, El Paso Downtown, Fort Stockton, Fort Stockton Ladies, Galveston, Harlingen, Houston, Laredo, Las Vegas, New Mexico, Los Alamos, New Mexico, Mesa, Arizona, Palacios, Pecos, Port Arthur, Port Lavaca, Port Lavaca Ladies, Rosenberg, San Antonio, San Antonio Ladies, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Santa Fe Ladies, New Mexico, Stanton, California, Sugarland, Texas City, Wharton, Placencia, California, and Pasadena.

The convention proceeded to the appointing of the various committees. The Credentials Committee included Felix Solis, Port Arthur, chairman; Robert Medina, Galveston; J. Trujillo, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Pete Castano, El Campo; Genevieve Santella, Edna; Jesse Rodriguez, Wharton; and William Bonilla, ex-officio member.

The Rules Committee consisted of Manuel Mata, Mesa, Arizona, chairman; Andres Contreras, Baytown; Tim Rodriguez, Fort Stockton; Mr. Leon, El Paso; Jesse Arocha, J. A. Lopez, El Paso; and Alfred J. Hernandez, National Legal Advisor, ex-officio member.

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Christmas Greetings



FELIX TIJERINA

Texas Regional Governor



Harlingen Lulacs Honor School Teachers

HARLINGEN - Teachers from four Harlingen schools were honored at the annual teachers recognition dinner of the Harlingen Council of the League of United Latin American Citizens Dec. 9 in Palmetto Inn here, according to Chapter President Alfredo Vasquez.

Between 175 and 200 persons attended the dinner, which started at 8 p.m. and honored teachers from Travis, Austin, Bonham and the McLarry Road schools.

Speakers for the evening were State Sen. Rogers Kelly, of Edinburg, who flew from a Masonic meeting in Waco to attend the dinner; and Judge E. D. Salinas of 111th District Court in Laredo, a past national president of LULAC. Oscar Laurel, LULAC president was ill and unable to attend, Vasquez said.

C. E. Burnett, superintendent of Harlingen Public Schools, was the toastmaster. Special guests included Parent-Teacher Association presidents, visiting teachers and school nurses.

Last year, the Harlingen LULAC chapter dinner honored teachers from Alamo, Zavala, Jefferson, Crockett, and Bowie schools, with around 200 attending.

BRYAN COUNCIL

The Bryan Council declared itself one-hundred percent behind parties in Waco, Texas who want to start a new Lulac Council in that city.

Domingo Capetillo of Waco wired the Bryan Council asking for help and cooperation.

"He can rest assured that he will get all of our cooperation," Bryan Council officers stated.

During the Nov. 1 meeting of the council, the members made plans to give away a TV in a fund raising project. Plans were also made to sponsor a float in a Dec. 2 parade. Joe A. Garcia, Felipe Cerda, and Lupe Esquivel were named to the TV committee.

There was no official meeting on Nov. 8 because of inclement weather. Gas heaters for the Lulac Hall were gotten by Frank Quintero.

An application for membership was taken from Basilio Becera, who was a visitor during the Nov. 22 meeting.

Pascual Villarreal made a report on the National Lulac emblem.

Since the area meeting called for Bryan was not held, Tommy Sandoval, national president of Junior Lulacs, asked that the National Junior Lulacs have their meeting their Dec. 11-12.

Lubbock Plans Christmas Party

LUBBOCK, Tex. — The Lubbock Council No. 263 scheduled a Christmas Party for all underprivileged Latin American children in the Lubbock area for December 22, 1955.

A big Christmas tree will be provided with a Santa Claus who will appear during the party.

Mother of Five Named Outstanding Lulac in Espanola

ESPANOLA, New Mexico — A mother of five children, Mrs. Chana Valdez, was chosen by Espanola Ladies Council No. 234 as the "Outstanding Lulac".

Mrs. Valdez, who has five children ranging in ages from 18 months to 13 years, but is tremendously active in Lulac work with her council, is the wife of Albert Valdez, prominent in the men's Lulac council of the city.

Mrs. Valdez is corresponding secretary of the ladies council, chairman of the attendance committee, girl scout committee and is active in women's clubs of the city and is a local girl scout leader.

During the annual banquet, three outstanding citizens of Espanola were elected honorary members of the Council No. 234 and presented with their certificates at the annual by President Rose A. Sanchez. The honorees are Mrs. Serafina Salazar, Mrs. Marie Garcia, and Manuel Garcia.

The main speaker of the evening was Tito Valdez, local Lulac who was recently named National Director of textbook directors.

Valdez traced the development of education in the state of new Mexico since the coming of the Franciscan Missionaries and the establishment of the first schools in New Mexico. He said that conditions in northern New Mexico were not too good and he hurled a challenge to his fellow Lulacs to go out and inform the right people and make them aware that many of the educational conditions existing today in New Mexico are not very different from those that existed when the schools were first established.

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therefore, the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776 adopted the Declaration of Independence. This document, gentlemen, is the greatest expression that ever came out of the mind of men and in part says:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed".

The War with England was long and bitter. In 1781 the Articles of Confederation were adopted by the Continental Congress and a government under them set up. In 1787 a Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia adopting what is known as the Constitution of the United States of America. This Constitution has been one of the wonders of the world for although ratified in 1789, its concepts and ideas of liberty are still basic truths of good government and the foundation of a free world and the hope for a better life in the future.

This Constitution of the United States of America protects its people against: Unwarranted search and seizure; unlawful loss of life, liberty of property; trial without jury, excessive bail or fines; cruel or unusual punishments; and quartering of troops in homes. It provides the people with freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, the right to assemble, the right to protection and the right to keep and bear arms. Sacred rights inviolate to the American people. But as much as our organization is founded on the heritage of liberty and citizenship, it is also founded on the heritage of racial origin.

What greater pride can we of Latin American descent have than pride of race that we have inherited from our ancestors. Through our veins flow the blood of two other races, which have also strived through the centuries to obtain the stature of free men. In most of us runs the blood that was made noble in the battle of Lepanto where Don Juan de Austria stopped the advancement of the Turkish hordes, saving in that way, the christian world from the barbaric forces of evil; the blood of Cortez, who with a handful of men, went into the wilderness to conquer a powerful empire for the glory of Spain; the blood of Cuahtemoc, who preferred to suffer the pains of torture rather than betray his people; and Isabel La Catolica, who gave her all to discover a new world.

As time passes, we see men of our blood like Hidalgo, Morelos, Guerrero

and others break the chains that bounded Mexico to the mother country. Here for the first time in America, it was proclaimed that all slaves were free, and that henceforth that any slave by the fact of setting his foot in Mexico obtained his freedom forever. Later, there came Juarez who established the truth that "Respect for the right of others is peace" and who during his tenure of office stopped once and for all the everlasting menace of the Holy Alliance.

Our organization has recognized and inherited from all sides its love of God, freedom, equality and the dignity of man. We spread our beliefs to the four winds and are proud to be the depositors of such heritages.

Here in Council No. 12, we have been blessed with brilliant leadership. In 25 years of existence, Laredo's council No. 12, has given to the National organization four National Presidents, the Honorable Ezequiel D. Salinas, Arnulfo Zamora, Dr. George A. Garza and our present National President, Oscar M. Laurel. Zamora and Garza having twice elected and served as National Presidents. Our influence in state and national levels has been great, and I know that you are privileged to have chosen what in my estimation is the greatest council in the general organization.

In conclusion, may I quote to you our code in order that you may understand better what we "LULACS" stand for:

"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; be proud of our origin and maintain it immaculate, respect your glorious past and help to defend the rights of all people; learn how to discharge your duties before you learn how to assert 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 framework of human progress, slow and sound, unequivocal and firm; Always be honorable and highminded; learn how to be selfreliant upon your own qualifications 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 shall be of a youth more efficient and capable and in this let your own children be included.

New brother Lulacs, your organization only demands one thing of you, and that is be a good citizen and a great American.



LULAC WEEK IN PECOS—The Pecos Council observed the annual Lulac Week in Pecos. Mayor Stafford proclaimed Lulac Week for the City of Pecos. Shown here is a scene of the Lulac Week program. Left to right, Diane Millan, Anita Urquidi, past District Gov. Frank Apolinar, Past Pres. Jim Urquidi, and past Vice-Pres. D. V. Vigil. The Pecos Council, under the new administration of Urbano Morales, plans many activities for the year 1956. The Council plans to donate Christmas baskets of food, fruit and candy to needy families in the community.



LUBBOCK HEARS HEALTH TALK — About 750 people turned out for a program sponsored by the Lubbock Council No. 263 in which prominent doctors of the area and from Austin came to talk and show health films. Participating were, sitting left to right, Tony Campos, general chairman; Joe Ramirez, usher; Mr. Ortega, Austin. Back row, left to right, President Leonel Galindo, Dr. Armando Duran, guest speaker, and A. G. Ramirez, district governor. The Council planned a scholarship Dance on Dec. 16 with the Falcon orchestra furnishing the music.



PECOS COUNCIL DONATES FLAG—The Pecos Council, which for the past eight years has been active in Lulac and social activities, donated a flag and flag pole to the Catholic School in Pecos, Texas. Among the Council's outstanding work has been hosting 2 National Supreme meetings in 1952 and 1955. Shown here left to right, Past President Jim Urquidi, Raul Flores, member, Margarito Mata, chairman of the project, Vice-President D. V. Vigil, and Rev. James Milano.

National Convention Minutes

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The Resolutions and Amendments Committee included Felix Salazar, Houston, chairman; E. Chavez, New Mexico; Hector de Pena, Corpus Christi; N. Lopez, Denver, Colorado; Daniel Ruiz, Bryan; Alfred Ascencia and Danny Olivas, Regional Governor for California, ex-officio member.

The Auditing Committee included Felix Gonzales, chairman; Joe Garza, Alvin; R. Bautista, Austin; Mr. Contreras, E. Guerra, Roswell, New Mexico; J. Gallegos, Mesa, Arizona; and Arturo Vasquez, National Treasurer, ex-officio member.

Outstanding Lulac Committee had as chairman Arnulfo Zamora, Laredo, chairmen with members J. C. Machuca, El Paso; R. de la Garza, San Antonio; Vincent Gongora, Galveston; E. Flores, San Antonio; Florencio Jasso, Texas City; and Joseph Trujillo, of New Mexico, ex-officio member.

The Seminar Recommendations Committee, of which its accomplishments has already been stated, included Francisco A. Hernandez, El Paso, chairman; D. R. Flores, Harlingen; Gilbert Gomez, Houston; Joe de la Cruz, San Antonio; Albert Pena, San Antonio; and George J. Garza, Past National President, ex-officio member.

The Monthly Program Committee consisted of Ben Mata, Pecos, chairman; Pete Tinerina, San Antonio; Julio Aguirre, Pete Cantana, Fred Garcia, San Antonio; and Joe A. Garcia, Bryan, ex-officio member.

The Lapel Pin Committee included D. R. Flores, chairman; John J. Perez, Mr. Cadena, Mr. Gallegos, David Adame, District Governor, Texas District No. 8; Felix Tijerina, Houston; and Nino Lopez.

San Antonio Ladies Council

An informal meeting was held by the San Antonio Ladies Council Oct. 28 because of lack of a quorum.

The president gave a report on the game program, saying that a profit of \$115.22 was made.

Letters from National President Oscar M. Laurel and Legal Advisor Alfred Hernandez were read.

The ladies present were Mrs. Mary Villa, Mrs. Fred Garcia, Mrs. Irene Cervantes, Mrs. Angela Torin, Mrs. Pete Tijerina, Mrs. V. Gonzales, Miss Dora Gonzales, and Mrs. Sam Maldonado, who is a new member and welcomed at this meeting.

Placentia, Calif.

The Placentia, California members voted unanimously to sponsor the cub scouts in the Placentia district.

On a motion made by Art Castillo, and seconded by Bruno Rodriguez, the council voted on the scout sponsorship.

Castillo reported on the cub scout situation. He said that there approximately 80 cubs in Placentia. There are none in La Jolla and he urged Lulac help to provide leaders to organize units.

Jack Gomez gave a report on the Junior Lulac dance. Gomez is Junior Lulac supervisor. The Juniors won first prize by entering a decorated car for the Halloween parade. A dance for Dec. 7 was the next project for the Juniors.

Ed Gonzalez, treasurer, reported that there were \$267 in the treasury. He also reported that 25 members paid up most of their 1955 dues.

Mrs. Margaret Vargas was asked to give a report on the preparation of the Pot Luck of Nov. 21.

Castillo moved that the council send \$10 to the Boy Scouts and the members voted in favor of the motion.

The secretary, Alfred Aguirre, gave the membership a few figures on the cost of a new Park that is to be built in Placentia in the near future.

Galveston Council

Galveston Council held a dance Oct. 1 at the Skyway Club for the baseball team's fund. Awards were presented to Johnny Solis and D. R. Gongora for the two highest batting averages during the baseball season.

D. R. Gongora was appointed chairman of a New Year's Eve dance and stage show in which he plans to have some talented performers. Proceeds of the affair are for the scholarship fund.

Plans are also well underway for the council's annual February Sweetheart contest and dance to be held at the pleasure pier.

President Joe Aldape appointed G. C. Martinez to help him in making some necessary amendments and changes in the by-laws.

A. G. Serna, Lazaro Flores and Robert Medina were appointed as the new scholarship committee. Buddy Garcia has been accepted as a new member of the council.

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PLAN ACTIVITIES — Planning activities and functions for the benefit of the Latin Americans and community as a whole are the following persons from Lubbock: Tom Morales, G. I. Forum representative, Dr. Quallia, chairman from Texas Tech; Mrs. Crump, secretary of the committee; Mrs. Nina Martin, nurse in charge of the baby clinic for Latin Americans; Father O'Brien, Lulac member; Mrs. Sharp, representative from the T.B. Clinic; Joe Jimenez, Lulac secretary; Leonel Galindo, Lubbock Lulac president; and Tony Campos, Lulac member.

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