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FRONT COVER — The Martin High School basketball team, which is made up of 12 Spanish speaking players, many of them with fathers in the Laredo Lulac Council, became the first team made up entirely of members of Latin American families to win the basketball championship of Texas. Shown in the picture is the big state trophy that the team received, and reflecting on the trophy are the six boys who won two victories in the state tournament that led to the title. They are (standing) Willie Dickinson, Coach Bill Batey, Assistant Coach John Valls, Andy Santos, (Kneeling) Leonard Anderson, Hector Chacon, and Ramiro Hernandez.

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Editorial

The choosing of the national officers, particularly the national president, is one of the most important factors in the progress of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

This is the time when the members have their big say in the growth and development of the League. The Lulac constitution is very liberal in listing the qualifications for a member to hold national or local office, saying simply (Article III, Section 2): "only members in good standing are entitled to hold local or national office."

This means, and Lulacs should be proud of this fact, that any member of the organization, whether he be a peanut vender or an oil tycoon, can run for national president of the organization.

However, this also means that the job of choosing the leaders of Lulac is an extra heavy responsibility for the individual member, and his job is clear cut. He should decide which "member in good standing" will have the necessary leadership qualities.

Now is the time to be thinking about our next slate of national officers.

Up to press time no one had filed for national president with the National Secretary at Laredo, but several had filed for vice-president. May 10 is the deadline for filing.

Since our constitution is so liberal with qualifications, it is the job of each member to be thinking of the many things that a national leader should be.

To get a clear picture of what a national officer should qualify for, members are urged to read over the duties of national officers in the Lulac Constitution (Article XI).

In Section 8 of that article, the constitution lists the duties of the national president, the highest office a member can hold. "He shall be the presiding officer at the meetings of the National Assembly and the Supreme Council. As chief executive and administrative officer he shall have all powers not expressly delegated to other national officers, and shall exercise such powers so as to further the best interests, growth and development of his organization . . ."

We believe there are many men in Lulac capable of leading our organization with sound, progressive ideas. Let's elect them to office.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .



OSCAR M. LAUREL

*Thoughts
and
After-
thoughts*

AREA MEETING What may possibly be the last area meeting will be held in Baytown on April 22 at the Humble Community Center. This is the second Area Meeting which has been held in the Gulf Coast Area and on this occasion Baytown was selected not only because the Council extended the invitation to be of help but also because it is in the center of the upper Gulf Coast Area where we have undoubtedly the largest concentration of Councils in the entire League.

It is hoped that this meeting will be as well attended as the previous area meetings held during our administration, because, as we have already stated, the meetings, serve as an excellent means by which a stronger and more personal contact is established between the National Officers and the individual members.

NATIONAL CONVENTION Since the announcement that the Hon. Harold R. Medina will be the principal speaker at the annual Lulac Banquet traditionally held on Saturday night on the weekend of the Convention, the joint committee which is handling all arrangements for the National Convention has been flooded with requests of non-Lulacs to attend the banquet. However, I am informed by the Hon. J. C. Machuca, who is in charge of reservations and registration of the National Convention, that it is the desire of the El Paso Councils that Lulacs be given the first opportunity to attend the banquet. For this reason, I will appreciate the sincere help and cooperation of all Councils throughout the League with the National Convention Committee by advising them ahead of time how many delegates and alternates are attending the Convention so that the Committee may be able to take care of them by having reservations at the banquet. Do not fail to do this! You may contact the Reservations or Registration Committee at this address: 807 E. San Antonio St. El Paso, Texas. Headquarters for the National Convention will be at the Hotel Hilton. Again, may I remind you that the dates of the National Convention will be June 22, 23, and 24. You may also recall that a reception will be held for early arrivals on Thursday, June 21.

PAYMENT OF DUES I am urging herewith all Councils throughout the League to check their treasury records in order to determine whether they are up to date on the payment of membership dues. You of course, realize that unless all four quarters are paid

up, in the case of active Councils at the time of the last Convention, you will not be eligible to sit your delegations at the National Convention. To those Councils which are established or reorganized after the last Convention, then your payment of dues will start since the time of your establishment or reorganization, as the case may be. In case there is any doubt in your mind as to your eligibility, or in the event that you may not know whether you are paid up to date, please contact our very capable National Treasurer, Felix Garcia, Jr., by writing him at P. O. Box 1094, Laredo, Texas.

FILING DEADLINE I am again reminding all aspirants to elective positions as National Officers, subject to the action of the duly accredited delegates of the National Convention, to file their intention to so run for such office with our National Secretary, Francisco J. Flores, P. O. Box 359, Laredo, Texas, not later than May 10, 1956. Actually the 45-day deadline falls on the 9th but casting aside technicalities, it was decided by members of the National Office that the deadline will be the nearest even date and for this reason May 10th was decided upon. As of this writing, only three members have filed declaring their intention to run for the First National Vice Presidency. They are Tony Campos of Lubbock, Texas, Danny Olivas, of Placentia, California, and Luciano Santosecoy of El Paso, Texas.

ARIZONA On April 5, I had the privilege of visiting the Mesa Council in Arizona. Mesa, as you well know, is our only existing Council in Arizona. However, a few weeks prior to my visit, a Junior Lulac Council had been organized and established in Mesa. It was, indeed, a great privilege for me to discuss, at length, matters of great interest to the continued growth and progress of Lulac in Arizona with such outstanding Lulacs of the Area as Lydia N. Matta, Second National Vice President, Johnny Gallegos, Regional Governor for Arizona, Manuel Matta, Adolfo Guerrero, District Governor for the Mesa District, and Harry Contreras, President of the Mesa Council. I sincerely believe that Mesa, by participating in many of the community projects and activities, has served to prove to the people of surrounding territory how beneficial and helpful a Lulac organization can be to any community. It is hoped that during the next few weeks more Lulac Councils will be organized in the Arizona Region under the able leadership and direction of Johnny Gallegos, the Regional Governor.

CALIFORNIA Immediately after visiting the Mesa Councils, I proceeded to visit the California Councils on the occasion of their Regional Convention which was held this year in San Ysidro, California, on April 6th. It was a matter of great personal pride for me to be a guest at the Regional Convention and observe, at first hand, the great personal contribution to the continued development of the region which Danny Olivas, the Regional Governor for California, made during the present administration. I have already personally commended Danny for his fine work and I want to do so again through this medium. I also want to congratulate and commend the very fine work which Ramon Parra, District Governor of the San Ysidro Area, as well as the new District Governor for District No. 1, Hector Godinez, have done. I was very much impressed also by the very fine and exemplary work which all of the Council Presidents have done with their respective Councils. California has almost doubled in its number of Councils during the administration of its present Regional Governor, Danny Olivas. This is very indicative of Danny's fine work as well as that of the District Governors and the individual Council presidents.

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BRAZOSPORT AREA OFFICERS INSTALLED

"You have many privileges as citizens of this great country - but you also have many duties as citizen", Oscar Laurel, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens told the Brazosport chapter during an installation service held Sunday at the Hurricane Club.

"Your color may be different — your ancestors are different — but you still have the same heart, have the same diseases, and have feelings like other citizens — and you have a definite duty to your country — the United States of America," he told the group.

Laurel, a prominent lawyer from Laredo told the near 100 gathered for the occasion that he was proud of their activities in the Brazosport area and commended them for their efforts in the sale of poll taxes, their setting up a scholarship fund, and their participation in civic activities.

Joe Ortiz, owner of Joe's Mexican Kitchen in Velasco was installed as president of the recently reorganized group in Brazosport.

Other officers installed were Freddie Gallardo, vice president; Clem Gutierrez, secretary; C. Damian, treasurer; Joe Berlanga, sergeant at arms; and Rev. H. A. Springfield, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Velasco as chaplain.

Present for the installation was Felix Tijerina, restaurant man from Houston who is district governor for the LULACS in this area; Daniel Sandoval, district governor for the Baytown area; Howard Ruhlman, Laredo, business manager of Lulac News; and Phil J. Montalvo, prominent Houston Attorney.

Laurel praised the Brazosport area and gave sincere thanks to the people of the area who had given the local council help in their reorganization.

JUNIOR LULACS ALSO

The Junior League of United Latin American Citizens was organized in Angleton and the new officers were installed in joint ceremonies with the Brazosport Lulac Sunday afternoon at the Hurricane Club in Clute.

Gonzalo Soria was installed as president of the group, and other officers include Francis Juarez, secretary; Richard Luna, vice-president; Mary Martinez, treasurer; Rufus Vega, chaplain; and Henry Garza, sergeant at arms.

The new organization boasts twenty two charter members and one of the main purposes is to teach better citizenship to the youthful Latin Americans, and vest in them their responsibilities as citizens of the United States.

Oscar Laurel, national president of the LULACS in a talk Sunday afternoon to the two LULAC groups said "You have many privileges as citizens of this great country of America - but with your privileges also comes some very important duties to your country." Laurel told the group "Your color may be different - your ancestry is different - but you have the same diseases, the same feelings, the same responsibilities and the same privileges that other people have.

To be a good citizen it was necessary to learn the common language of their country. He urged further education and schooling for all Latin Americans - further community activity and further civic duties.

Also present for the installation was Felix Tijerina, Houston restaurant man, who is district governor of this area for the LULACS.

Tijerina has been named a "Titled Texan" by the Houston Post and has long been known for his prodding of his people to better themselves and their lot in life, by becoming a part of their country from every angle of citizenship. He

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Attending the installation banquet at Brazosport were, standing, l. to r., Joe Berlanga, sgt.-at-arms; Freddie Gallardo, vice-president; Clem Gutierrez, sec.; Rev. H. A. Springfield, chaplain; C. Damian, treasurer; and Daniel Sandoval, Baytown. Seated, l. to r., Joe Ortiz, pres.; Oscar Laurel, national president; Felix Tijerina, regional gov. and Howard Ruhlman, Lulac News business manager.



Officers attending the installation at Brazosport were Joe Ortiz, who was installed as president of the recently organized group in Brazosport; Oscar Laurel, national president; Felix Tijerina, regional gov.; and Daniel Sandoval, district gov. from Baytown.



Officers of the newly organized Angleton Junior Lulac Council pose with Oscar Laurel, left, national president. They are, l. to r., Gonzalo Soria, president; Francis Juarez, secretary and Richard Luna, vice-president.

USE THE TALENTS YOU POSSESS

BY GEORGE J. GARZA, PH. D.
Past Lulac National President
Guatemala, C. A.

"Use the Talents you possess,
For the woods would be very
silent
If no birds sang except the
Best."

Sad and silent indeed would be the woods if only the best singing birds gave forth their music, for it takes the mingling of the chirps, warbles, screeches, hoots, coos and melodious refrains of all the feathered vertebrates to produce the harmonizing cords that make the world feel alive. It takes the blending of the myriad of fluctuating musical talents of the "aves" to create the pleasing aural environment that God intended for human enjoyment.

Sad indeed would be the plight of the world, and very silent its gears of progress if only the Best human talents found expression; if only the Best contributed; if everything depended only on the Best. The situation of the world with its human population is no different from the woods with their feathered inhabitants. It takes the blending of all human talents, regardless of their comparative merit, to produce a harmony of purpose and effort aimed at human progress and welfare.

Man has been endowed, just as the birds with certain talents of varying usefulness and levels so that a unification of these talents may produce a world and a way of life in which he may live and progress within the Grace of God. However, God in His infinite wisdom has left it up to man to discover those talents and to make the most convenient use of them. Unfortunately, many of these talents remain undiscovered, or at best, are not developed or exploited to their fullest extent.

There are many reasons why latent talents remain latent or fail to be developed. The more common of these are a lack of individual

self-confidence, a lack of opportunity, a preponderance of individuals who over-display or over-emphasize their talents, and a deliberate disregard of evident talents because of petty prejudices or envy. There is no justification for these reasons that curtail the employment of talents in the synchronization of efforts toward individual and group progress and betterment. Group and individual attitudes of indolence and apathy must be eliminated or decreased so that all human talents, however meager and insignificant they may appear, may have the opportunity to blossom out and flourish.

It is erroneous to believe that world progress to date has been due only to the talents of the Best. In almost all endeavors of any size or significance one is able to notice the contributions of many individuals whose talents may not be considered outstanding, yet without the aid of their small talent these endeavors would not have been possible. Everything that the human being enjoys from food on up to the luxuries of life are the result of combined talents ranging from the simplest of abilities to the most complex and scientific ones.

The success and progress of organizations, whatever their purposes or scope, are not due to the exclusive efforts and talents of imposed or selected leaders and officials. Blended into the final and smoothly flowing actions of these organizations are the combined efforts of untold number of persons; the contributions of many talents, large and small. Every member of an organization is there because he has a certain contribution to make and a certain role to play. Both his role and his contribution are a definite and integral part of the overall picture and whenever his part is lacking, no matter how insignificant, there is a decided void created in the organization.

There is no need to feel insecure, useless, apathetic, and superfluous in life or in any entity comprised

by a group. One must have the assured feeling that life is a purposeful period of time and that each being has been endowed with certain talents that give substance to that life. A simple unlettered fisherman became the first Vicar of God's Church on earth; a wonderer and dreamer discovered a new world; an illiterate person conquered a whole continent; a homeless Philadelphia youth became one of America's greatest statesmen as well as a philosopher; a political failure became President of the United States; a slave became one of the world's great scientists; and a mere Lieutenant Colonel became Allied Supreme Commander during World War II and President of the United States.

These are but a mere thimbleful of the myriads of outstanding and universally known cases of unpretentious persons whose talents raised them to lofty heights in the affairs of the world. However, there are millions more who have also discovered, or had discovered, certain talents that have contributed to the cultures and civilizations from time immemorial.

Be not afraid or overly modest to make use of the talents you possess. Who knows but that those talents that one often fails to recognize, or to free, may be the right ingredients for the successful attainment of a dream; the realization of a desire, or the completion of a hope. Above all, never make the mistake of accepting talent as synonym of genius for "talent is that which is in man's power and genius is that in whose power man is." Fortunately, all cannot be geniuses but all can and do have talents. So, no matter where you are, whom you are with, or what you are doing, always "Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the Best."

TEXAS BASKETBALL CHAMPS ALL LATINS

Lulacs Honor Team

For the first time in state basketball Interscholastic League history, a team made up entirely of Spanish speaking players won the Class AAAA (big school) state championship of Texas.

A 12-man team from Laredo defeated Milby High of Houston in the semifinals and then North Dallas High School in the finals to take the state title.

There were three boys on the team with Anglo names, but all three are Spanish-speaking students of Martin High.

It was the first time, also, that a team from Laredo has won the state basketball championship.

The players were honored by the Laredo Lulac Council and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce later at a banquet where a large plaque was presented to the team and the coach. It will be placed at the school.

Engraved on the plaque are the following names of the team-members: Enrique Mejia, Ramiro Hernandez, Agustin Molina, Hector Chacon, Philip Trammel, Pitin Guajardo, Leonard Anderson, Jimmy Rodriguez, Willie Dickinson, Isidro Garcia, Cruz Soto, and Andy Santos. The managers of the team are Jose Luis Novoa and Walter Herbeck. Herbeck is also of Spanish speaking family.

A committee composed of Ernesto Silguero, Francisco J. Flores and Oscar M. Laurel was in charge of arrangements for the banquet. Laurel was co-master of ceremonies with Leslie Winch, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

During the banquet, Coach Bill Batey, who has coached at Martin High of Laredo for three years, introduced the boys and their parents. He also lauded each player's performance with the team.



LULACS, CITIZENS PRESENT PLAQUE — The citizens of Laredo presented a large plaque to the Laredo High School Tigers as the team, made up of Spanish-speaking players, won the state Class 4-A basketball championship. The Lulac Council from Laredo honored the team with a banquet attended by all the prominent citizens. The Chamber of Commerce was co-sponsor.

Coach Batey, in introducing each boy, commented on their abilities. Andy Santos was lauded for his outstanding leadership qualities and rebound work. With his dribbling and ball control work, he was able to help set up plays and defense.

Ramiro Hernandez was the long-shot artist for the Tigers. The colorful little 5'6" guard was outstanding all year, Batey said, and, most important, he didn't choke up on his amazing long-distance shooting in the state tournament.

Leonard Anderson was described by Batey as the player most coaches like to tutor because he learns fast, doesn't make mistakes and has the desire and determination to win.

Willie Dickinson was the important tall man for the Tigers, Batey said, and it was all they had by way of height. Outstanding rebound work and a good scorer, Dickinson was the Tigers valuable property under the basket, and "he was rough with the elbows," Batey added.

Philip Trammel was pointed out by Batey as the team's outstanding point-maker. In fact he was so good, Batey said, that later in the season the opposition "triple and double teamed" him, trying to hold down his scoring. But Trammel's value was evident in the

state meet, Batey added.

"When North Dallas was mighty close to us in the finals," Batey said, "Trammel and Hernandez came through with six points to give us a good lead. At this point Nixon asked me if I felt better, and I said "the game is not over yet", "My blood pressure went high and low," Batey said.

Hector Chacon was the star substitute. Batey said, with his outstanding pinch-hit performances when he was needed badly after one of the starters fouled out. "He scored four precious points in the Miller game when we needed them most," Batey said.

Guadalupe (Pitin) Guajardo was described by Batey as one who loves the game. "He didn't miss a practice all through the season," Batey said. Enrique Mejia, who was not present because he was with the track team was lauded for his fine athletic qualities. Agustin Molina was another who did fine substitute work and was outstanding on defense.

Cruz Soto, Isidro Garcia and Jimmy Rodriguez were described as the backbone of the reserves who were important when it came to practicing defense. Also introduced were the managers, Jose Luis Novoa and Walter Herbeck.

Minutes of the Supreme Council Meeting

Held in the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico, March 24, 25, 1956

A meeting of the Supreme Council of the League of United Latin American Citizens was held in the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico, on March 24th and 25th, 1956, as per call issued by the National President, Oscar M. Laurel.

The meeting was called to order by National President Laurel at 2 o'clock P.M., The National Chaplain, Alvin Padilla, of San Antonio, Texas, elevated the official prayer of the League, and following this the Natl. Pres. requested by First Vice-President, Alfred L. Gonzalez, to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Pres. Laurel then extended greetings to all those in attendance, praising particularly those who had traveled great distance in order to attend the meeting. He then thanked Brother Claude Fernandez of Carlsbad, New Mexico, for personally conducting a tour of the famous caverns that morning, and also thanked Brother Fernandez and members of the Carlsbad Council for the hospitality extended the members of the Supreme Council while in Carlsbad and for agreeing to be hosts of the meeting and making all necessary arrangements for the meeting.

Roll call of Members of the Supreme Council, by the National Secretary, Francisco J. Flores, of Laredo showed the following to be present.

Oscar M. Laurel, of Laredo, National President; Alfred L. Gonzales, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, First Natl. V.-P.; Francisco J. Flores, of Laredo, National Secretary; Alvin G. Padilla, of San Antonio, Natl. Chaplain; Arnulfo Zamora, of Laredo, Natl. Dir. of Publicity; Dr. Francisco Licon, of El Paso, Natl. Dir. of Health; L. M. Lopez, of Denver, Colo., Reg. Governor for Colorado; Danny Olivas, of Placentia, Calif., Reg. Gov. for California; Arcenio A. Gonzales, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, Reg. Gov. for New Mexico.

Present also at the meeting were the following members of the League who were introduced by President Laurel:

Isidore Flores, of San Antonio, Texas, Im. Past Natl. Chaplain; A. G. Ramirez, of Lubbock, Texas, Dist. Gov. for Texas Dist. No. 1; Tony Campos, of Lubbock, Chairman of the Natl. Com. on Labor

and Employment; Jesus Molinar, President of the Roswell, New Mexico Lulac Council; Claude Fernandez, of Carlsbad; Monico Aguilera, President of the Carlsbad Lulac Council; Fred Armijo, of Carlsbad; Howard Ruhlman, of Laredo, Business Manager of Lulac News; and J. C. Machuca, of El Paso, Dist. Gov. for Dist. No. 4.

A quorum of the Supreme Council being present, the following matters were considered and acted upon by the meeting:

I. Ratification of Appointments:

Pres. Laurel announced to the meeting that Mrs. Emily Rimmer Vasquez had submitted her resignation as Natl. Director of Youth Activities, and after stating that he appreciated the efforts and good work done by Mrs. Vasquez for Lulac as Natl. Dir. of Youth Activities for the past two or three years, he announced that he was accepting her resignation with deep regret. The Pres. then announced that to fill the vacancy, he had appointed Richard Moya, who has been in the Military Service for some time and has just recently returned from the Service. On motion made by Bro. Arcenio Gonzales, duly seconded by Bro. Alfred L. Gonzales, the appointment of Bro. Moya as Natl. Dir. of Youth Activities was confirmed by the Supreme Council.

Pres. Laurel then announced that at the beginning of his administration, he had contracted to pay the National Treasurer \$25.00 per month, and he had also appointed Mr. Odilon Arambula as Executive Secretary at a monthly salary of \$35.00 per month, and after briefly outlining the duties of the Executive Secretary and the work being done by the Natl. Treasurer, he called for discussion on the matter. After some discussion, Arnulfo Zamora moved that the action of the President be ratified and approved, and that payment of the nominal salaries be authorized, retroactive to the time of appointment. This motion was seconded by Bro. Arcenio Gonzales, and on being put to a vote, carried unanimously.

Bro. Tony Campos then asked the chair whether the suggestion previously made to appoint Henry Arechiga as District Governor for Texas District No. 3 (Dallas area) had been acted upon. The President replied that in keeping with the custom of not appointing district

officers without first obtaining approval of the local councils involved, he had made inquiry of the Waco, Texas, Council, which is in that district, if the appointment met with their approval, but that he had received no answer from that Council.

II. Reports of National Officers:

Pres. Laurel announced that he had requested the First Natl. Vice-President, Bro. Alfred L. Gonzales, to go to Mesa, Arizona, in connection with the expansion program of the League, inasmuch as he could not personally visit Mesa because the Texas Regional Convention was being held in Corpus Christi, Texas at the same time.

The First National Vice-President, before starting to make his report, requested a minute of standing silence for Bro. & Mrs. Felix Martinez, charter members of the Los Alamos Council, to express our sympathy on the loss of their young son.

Brother Gonzales then reported that returning from the last Meeting of the Supreme Council at Pecos, he had stopped and met with the Roswell Council, and extended his appreciation for the fine reception given him; that later he had attended a District meeting held at Taos, New Mexico, at which nine councils were represented; that during Lulac Week, at the request of the Natl. Pres. he had gone to Mesa, Arizona, and presented the charter to the Junior Council there. That on his return from Mesa, Arizona, he had stopped at Springerville and organized a council there; that he had written the Natl. office for the charter for this latter council and this had been received. He further stated that Arizona Reg. Gov. Gallegos and Bro. Duran were responsible for the organization of the Springerville Council.

Bro. Gonzales further reported that a District meeting had been held at Espanola on February 2nd, Eugene Garcia, Dist. Governor.

In closing his report, Bro. Gonzales extended his thanks to Mrs. Emily Rimmer Vasquez for what she has done for us, and to the Natl. Treasurer, Bro. Felix Garcia, and our Executive Secretary, Odilon Arambula, for their services.

Pres. Laurel thanked Brother Gonzales for his splendid report, and at this time Bro. Gonzales stated

that he wanted to add to his report that the State of Utah is now ready for organization and that we needed some one to go to that state to organize councils.

The Pres. then called on our Natl. Chaplain, Bro. Alvin Padilla, for his report. Bro. Padilla stated that his activities had been restricted to the San Antonio area, and had nothing special to report except that he had always fulfilled his duties when called upon. Bro. Padilla then informed the meeting that Bro. Rudy Pena, a member of the San Antonio Council No. 2, past District Governor and Past Natl. Treasurer of the League, had had a serious automobile accident near Palestine, Texas, early this morning and was in a critical condition in a Palestine hospital.

Dr. Francisco Licon, Natl. Dir. of Health, reporting on his activities since the last Supreme Council meeting, stated that he had written and published in *Lulac News* several articles, and in addition had written other doctors of his health program; Dr. Licon stated that there were several movies available, and suggested that this list should be published in *Lulac News*; he also stated that he intended to continue his articles and would also request other doctors to contribute articles and suggestions, and expected to round out his program before June of this year.

The Pres. thanked and commended Dr. Licon for his contribution to the organization, emphasizing the importance of this type of program of the League.

Bro. Arnulfo Zamora, Natl. Dir. of Publicity and Editor of *Lulac News*, after reading from the Natl. Constitution as to the duties of his office, reported that following the footsteps of his predecessor, with regard to the observance of *Lulac Week*, he had prepared and mailed to all Councils and Officers of the League special kits containing suggestions to the local councils as to how this event should be observed; he added that the Natl. President had requested the Regional Governors to obtain proclamations from the Governors of their respective states designating the week of February 12th to 19th, as *Lulac Week*; that this year such proclamations were obtained from Colorado, California, New Mexico and Texas, and that all the proclamations, except that from California, had been published in the special issue of the *News* for February, and that the proclamation from California had not been obtained in time for publication in that issue, but would be published in the April issue. Bro. Zamora displayed a sample of the kit mailed to the Councils and officers, and stated that he had very good reports from the local councils as to the observance of *Lulac*

Week. Bro. Zamora further reported that during *Lulac Week* the Texas Regional Convention had been held in Corpus Christi, and on the exact date of the anniversary of the founding of the League, the Natl. Pres. had participated in a ceremony at the grave of the first President General of the League, the late Ben Garza of Corpus Christi, at which several members of the Supreme Council, the local authorities, and members of the league were present, and that special article on this will appear in *Lulac News*.

Bro. Zamora stated that the El Paso, Houston, the New Mexico Councils had sponsored issues of the *News*, and thanked these Councils for their help. He also stated that the April issue will be sponsored by the Lubbock Council and other councils, the May issue by Laredo Council. Bro. Zamora then submitted a written report showing the number of copies of the *News* published in each issue, the number of pages, cost of printing, miscellaneous expenses, and the amount of advertising sold, and a financial statement showing receipts and disbursements of money from July 1, 1955 to March 1, 1956; such report is attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

Bro. Zamora stressed the fact that the *News* has been almost self supporting and the only moneys advanced from the Natl. Treasury is the sum of \$462.11, which sum it is his intention to repay before June. Brother Zamora acknowledged the contribution made by Dr. Licon, Natl. Dir. of Health, by Dr. Geo. J. Garza, now in Central America, and stated that others may send their contributions.

At this juncture, Dr. Licon asked if there were any accounts payable in the *Lulac News* account, and Bro. Zamora stated that there are none, and that with the exception of the amount advanced by the Natl. Treasury there were no debts due by *Lulac News*.

Pres. Laurel thanked the Dir. of Pub., and the Business manager, Howard Ruhlman, for their fine work in publishing the *News* without assistance from the Natl. Treasury, emphasizing the fact this is the first time in many years that the *News* has been self supporting, and asked Bro. Ruhlman if he had any report to make.

Bro. Ruhlman reported that in view of the comprehensive report made by the Dir. of Publicity, he would only state that everything possible will be done to make the *News* self-supporting, and added that this could be done only with the help and co-operation of the local councils.

On motion made by Dr. Licon, and duly seconded, the report of the Dir. of Publ. was approved.

The Natl. Treasurer, Bro. Felix Garcia, of Laredo, was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a written report, which was read to the meeting by the Natl. Secretary, and is attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

III. Reports of Regional Governors:

Bro. Danny Olivas, Reg. Gov. for California, at the request of the California councils, wanted to thank the Natl. President and other General Officers for their work and that California *Lulacs* were happy with the manner in which the General office was being operated, and the service being given to them, particularly in supplying pins, constitutions and other material when requested.

With regard to expansion, Bro. Olivas reported that he had attended a District Convention held on January 22, 1956, at which time a new Dist. Gov. had been named for the Fullerton area.

He also reported that work is progressing in the organization of councils at Orange and Anaheim, and expected to have one or two new councils organized before June of this year. He then reported that the following projects had been undertaken and successfully completed by the California councils:

1. Participation in the Olympic Fund, which resulted in obtaining \$800.00 for the Fund, and tickets for the \$100.00 a plate dinner given.

2. Elimination of all segregation in the Orange County Schools, praising the work done by the Calif. Regional Legal Adviser, Sam Dreizen for his good work.

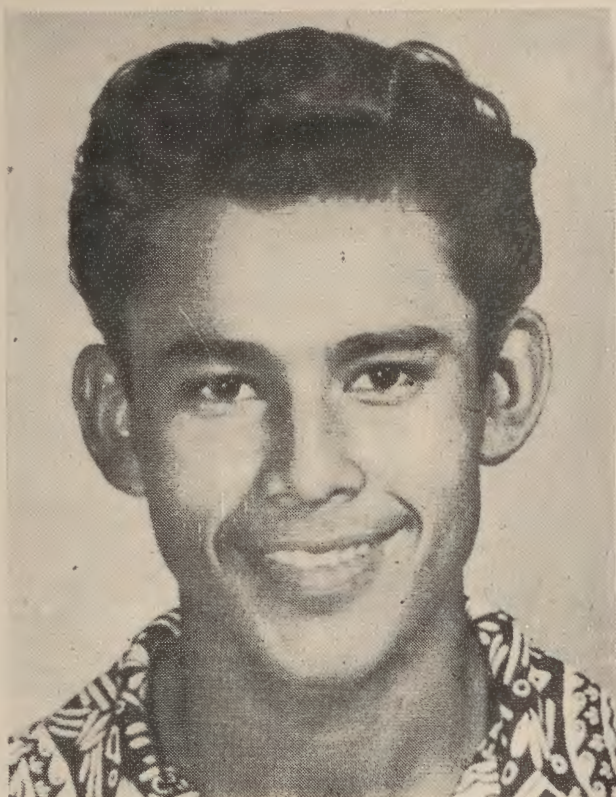
3. Obtaining proclamation by the Gov. of California designating *Lulac Week*, which for the first time gave this kind of recognition to *Lulac* in California.

Pres. Laurel thanked Bro. Olivas and highly praised the wonderful work being done by the California *Lulac* Councils.

Bro. Lino M. Lopez, Reg. Gov. for Colorado then presented his report, which dealt mainly with the activities of the Denver Council and his own activities through his connection with the Human Relations Council of the City of Denver and the Denver City Schools, where he is consultant in charge of establishing and developing programs for the Spanish speaking students. He reviewed the activities of this organization, and the participation of the Denver Council therein, in establishing better relations between the various population groups of that state, and creating the proper climate for the acceptance of "our people" in employments

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Personality of the Month



PETE RAMIREZ

BY RUDDY G. RODRIGUEZ

At the March 7 meeting of the Bryan JUNIOR LULAC Council, Pete Ramirez was elected the club's personality of the month.

The motion, requesting that Pete be granted this title received a unanimous vote and was followed by applause from all the members.

Pete, a charter member of the Bryan Junior Council, has served the council well in his two terms as president. He has not only executed his proper duties as president by being in all the club committees, but has been the chairman of many of the standing committees as well. He has attended various Junior Lulac functions in other cities which include last year's Junior national convention in San Antonio and several functions in Houston this year.

Pete is a soft spoken, hard-working, nineteen year old boy and is one of the most popular persons in Bryan. His warm personality, which has won him many friends, is the envy of many. And it can be attributed to his firm belief that "One must always know how to get along with other people before he tries to find success in this world".



Pete is a Junior at Stephen F. Austin High School. He is a member of the Pan American Club and plays left field on the school's baseball team. He has lived in Bryan since 1946.

At present, he has only a general idea of what he will do in life. After high school he plans to serve Uncle Sam as a jet pilot in the Air Force. Then he hopes to go into some business of his own.

Pete believes that education is essential for everyone. He says that without it "... many persons fall short of living a fuller and richer life and since it is so abundant and readily available all should strive to make the most of this excellent opportunity.

"Many parents make the mistake of taking their kids out of school in order to help at home or to send them out to work to assist with the finances at home. When they do this, they are not only depriving their children of a highly necessary life requirement but also will not have the privilege to see them obtain a high, or sometimes even an average position in later life. This fault is found in many of our Latin American families and I am glad to see that LULAC is doing

Pete Ramirez

much to erase it by spreading education among the parents."

Baseball is Pete's favorite sport and when he isn't practicing in it he is an ardent spectator. During the summer months he can be seen driving his '51 Ford usually going to some ball park. He plays for the Bryan Senior Council also.

Pete is a brown eyed, brown haired, 5'5", 138 pound young man who hopes to meet his ideal girl in high school with green eyes, weighing 118 pounds, 5'3" and with the measurements of 34-22-34.

This summer, Pete, a National Guardsman, will attend a two-week summer camp. In August he hopes to attend the annual Junior Lulac convention in Austin, he will also be a member of the Bryan Junior Lulac Basketball Team which will travel to Houston on March 25, to participate in a Junior tournament there.

Pete gives much praise to the Junior Lulac organization for aiding in improving certain of his personal qualities. He says that in the Junior Council he has learned how to accept responsibility and how to cooperate with other teenagers better.

He further states that he has gotten a lot of enjoyment in working with others on worthwhile civic, social, and charitable projects. He believes that "If all our Latin American teenagers would join the Junior Lulacs, I am sure that we wouldn't have to worry much about our future because in there they have the opportunity to learn the full meaning of good citizenship and will also learn how to apply the LULAC motto in life — "All For One and One For All".

Pete is not the only one in the family to be in the LULAC organization. His two sisters, Elena and Margaret, and one of his brothers, Joe, belong to the Jr. Council also. His mother, Mrs. Bartola Ramirez, is a member of the ladies' Council. They live at 1010 Cade Street in Bryan.



The Los Alamos, New Mexico, Ladies Lulac Council No. 232, one of the most active groups in the League, lists eight new members, according to reports from Mrs. Roselia R. Trujillo, acting secretary.

The new members include Theresa Elizabeth Baca, Viviana Griego, Mary Roselia Lucero, Olga Martinez, Antonia Mascarenas, Mabel Salazar, Tita Trujillo and Lila Campos Vigil.

Olga Martinez hails from Laredo, Texas, home of Lulac National Office. She is the wife of Pablo A. Martinez. Mrs. Martinez is the sister-in-law of Odilon Arambula, Executive Secretary to the National President in Laredo.

GALVESTON INCREASES MEMBERSHIP

Nine new members have been signed by the Galveston Council, it was announced during a recent meeting of the council.

The new members are Flavio Torres, Raymond Silva, Benigno Cordero, Jesse Trevino, Maximo Perez, Tony Socias, Rafael Saenz, Mauro Garza and Jesse Lopez.

Five members of the council attended the District Convention in Freeport. They were Joe Silva, Johnny Solis, Joe Garza, Vincent Gongora and Joe Aldape.

Four others attended the regional convention held in Corpus Christi. They were Guz Garza, Johnny Solis, Joe Aldape and G. C. Martinez.

Modesto Gomez Honored

El Paso Lulacs honored Modesto A. Gomez at a dinner in the Catholic Daughters of America Hall, 801 Magoffin in one of the highlights of the Lulacs 27th anniversary week.

Gomez was honored as an outstanding member of the Lulacs. He served as organizer general, national vice president, and national president of the organization during 1943-44. His portrait will be unveiled at the dinner.

Paul Andow is president of the group. Ernie Ponce was master of ceremonies.

Other Lulac activities included the tour of the Home for the Aged and St. Joseph's Clinic at 9 a. m. Monday, the dinner honoring Gomez at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, benefit party for the Aoy School Shoe Fund at Cleveland Square from 7 to 10 p. m. Wednesday; luncheon for the Aoy School Hot Lunch Fund at noon Thursday; general meeting for all councils at 8 p. m. Friday in the Hilton Hotel, and the Lulac Golf Tournament in the Ascarate Park Sunday.

The Lulacs have extended their boundaries from Texas to New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, California.

ANGLETON JRS.

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rose from the son of itinerant farm laborers.

Howard Ruhlman, Laredo, and Daniel Sandoval, district LULAC

Bryan, Texas

Frank Quintero was elected president of the Bryan, Texas, Lulac Council No. 229 at a meeting held February 28.

Quintero was named head of the Bryan Lulacs after the former president, Aurelio Escamilla, resigned his post. Quintero was chairman of the gate. He turned over his position to Ramon Lopez.

Reports of weekly meetings have been turned in by secretary Steve Garza. Each report tells of the numerous activities undertaken by the council and activities which are on the future agenda.

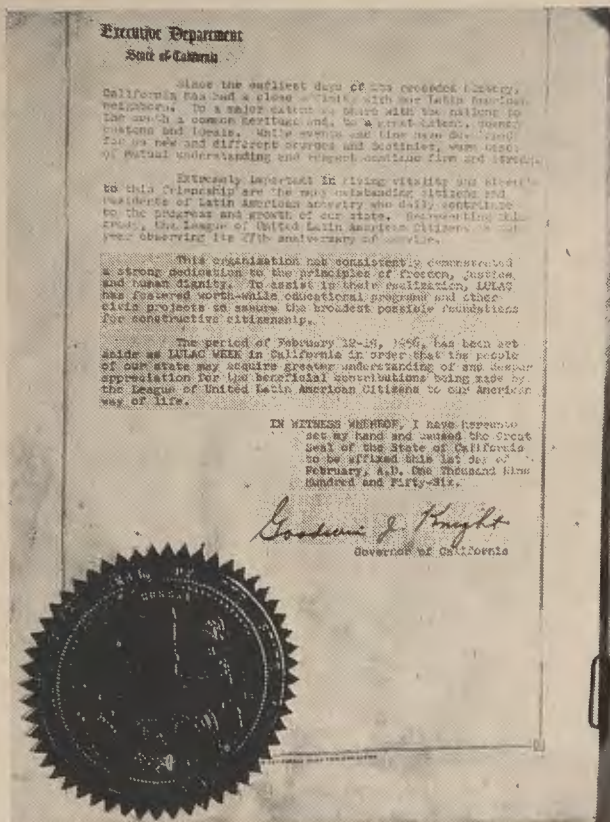
Beaumont, Tex.

The Beaumont, Texas, Lulac council No. 235 sponsored an Easter Dance on Sunday, April 1, according to reports from Roy Gonzalez, secretary, and Paul Paredes, president.

Fifteen per cent of the money derived from the sale of tickets for the dance went to the Port Arthur, Texas, Lulac Council No. 217 and the Arthur Murray School of Dance.

governor for the Bayton area were also present.

Laurel commended the many people of Brazosport and Brazoria County on their efforts toward helping the LULACS organize, and charged the members with their responsibilities to the people who had "faith in them." Near 100 persons were present for the installation dinner.



CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMS — Governor Goodwin J. Knight of California joined governors in other southwest states in proclaiming Lulac Week in February. The photostat of the proclamation arrived too late for publication in the anniversary edition. "To a major extent we share with the nations to the south a common heritage . . . customs and ideals," said Gov. Knight.



GALVESTON CONTESTANTS — The four contestants in the annual Council 151 Sweetheart Contest were, l. to r. Dolores Garibay, Mary Aguirre, Gloria Mata, and Henriqueta Gonzalez. Miss Mata was elected sweetheart and crowned Feb. 11 at a dance at the Galveston Pleasure Pier.



EL PASO PROCLAIMS — Mayor Thomas E. Rogers of El Paso, Texas, sitting, signs the proclamation for Lulac Week. L. to r., F. A. Hernandez, Council 132 pres.; T. G. Giron Jr., Council 8; Raul Muñoz, chairman of Lulac Week committee for Council 132; Mrs. J. A. Lopez, pres. Council 9; Luciano Santoscoy, Council 132 (Photo by Jose Andow).



OBSERVE LULAC WEEK — Ladies Lulac Council 187 of San Antonio observed Lulac Week by gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maldonado. The group, l. to r., Mrs. Pete Tijerina, (sitting), Sam Maldonado, Mrs. Maldonado, Mrs. Mary G. Villa, president; Miss Dora Gonzalez, Mrs. Angela Tarin, Mrs. Fred Garcia, John Marckley, Mrs. Marckley, and Mrs. Juan de los Santos (sitting).



HEAD SAN BENITO LULACS — Newly elected officers of the San Benito Council are, l. to r., Enrique Garcia, president; Gene Villarreal, vice-president; Albert Garcia, secretary; Amadeo Mancillas, treasurer; Raymond Howard, chaplain; Eddie Moody Jr., guide; and Jimmie Garcia, sgt.-at-arms. The Council has 20 members.

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PETE PRESIDES — This month's personality. Pete Ramirez, is shown presiding over one of the weekly Junior Lulac meetings. He has been the president of the council since it was organized last May.



PETE HELPS — Pete Ramirez, this month's Lulac News personality of the month, gives a "book assist" to Mary Bernal at the local high school. Mary is the newest member of the Junior Council.

THOUGHT AND AFTERTHOUGHT

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DR. GEORGE J. GARZA . . . In my travels throughout the southwest while visiting Lulac Councils throughout the League, no man is more respected and more asked about than Dr. George J. Garza. As you well know, George has been not only my great personal friend, but, at the same time, the fountainhead of my inspiration for my continued dedication to the ideals and principles of Lulac. It is unfortunate to me and to Lulac that fate, and George's own rendezvous with destiny, should take him away during my administration. I say this because George has been, in-

deed, Lulac's Elder Statesman by providing unfailing and unerring council and advise to the National President in office, whoever he might. I received a letter from George a few days ago and he wants me to convey his best wishes and regards to all Lulacs everywhere. I am arranging, presently, for a very pleasant surprise to all of those delegates and alternates attending the National Convention regarding George. I won't tell you much about it now but I know that you will enjoy it!

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