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National Chaplain, G. C. Martinez handing deed to property to Roberto Medina, President of Galveston Council. Standing L. to R.: Pete Enriquez, Chaplain; D. R. Gongora, Treasurer; A. G. Serna, Secretary; Leo Pena, Sgt. At Arms; Jesse Soliz, Guide; Joe Aldape, Parliamentarian — Sitting: G. C. Martinez, Robert Medina, Lazaro Flores, V. P.

GALVESTON IN ACTION —

Lulac Galveston Council No. 151 is proud to become owner of six lots of ground overlooking the famous beach front of our native island.

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FELIX TIJERINA SPEAKS . . .

President Quotes Fable, Luther, To Make Examples Graphic

In starting this new year I would like to extend to each and everyone, my warmest wishes for a greater LULAC. May God's blessings be with you all through the years.

During this administration I have talked to many friends of LULAC but who know little of the Aims and Purposes of the League.

Most people don't know or understand more than a small part of what LULAC is and does. Or toward what it aspires.

That includes some of our own members who have been around a long time, but who have concentrated to one part of LULAC, that of attending conventions.

Remember the story of the blind men and the elephant? None of the unfortunates visualized the beast properly because each had only limited knowledge of the huge beast.

If you were asked to explain the functions of LULAC, as some of us are called upon to do, you might find it difficult to find a satisfactory or acceptable explanation.

This is because LULAC does many things.

In our community, LULACs are much respected. I have often tried to put my finger on what makes a LULAC different. What is the special quality they have? There is a special something in a LULAC's philosophy or attitude that has had a profound impact on the Latin-American character and policy, and which has resulted in the fact that LULACs have always had a degree of influence in the American scene far out of proportion to their number.



I am proud to be a LULAC. Proud in many ways.

LULAC has many jobs to do and one of the main jobs is the education of the people of Latin-extraction. I believe that the object of LULAC is to do for our people what they cannot do for themselves due to lack of financial or educational means. I believe that LULAC is stronger than it ever was, that LULAC is wisely and carefully adjusted to play its proper part, and that the people of Latin-extraction are being assured the stature, respect and importance that they have always been meant to have since the foundation of the League.

If we are to continue this progress, we must give, through our work, the highest and finest expression of our God-given abilities and talents.

We must maintain the dignity and pride that belongs to us.

We must foster the condition by which this aspiration can be attained.

One of the principal objectives of LULAC at this time is to fos-

ter the financial conditions of our League. We must give the Passive Membership Drive our utmost attention. Many of the councils have stated that this project will not work. There is no truth in what they state because wherever the Drive has been tried it has been successful. It is up to each member to go out and get at least two Passive Members, so that our expansion and educational program might continue to grow.

The future of the youth of Latin descent rests to a considerable extent in our hands. It is this sobering responsibility which makes us realize the work ahead for LULAC.

And so, brother LULACs, do not apologize for being silent on the Passive Membership Drive, which will materialize if we believe in it.

It is not enough to be shocking, or to be disenchanted when we continuously see the high percentage of uneducated youth among the Latin American people.

LULAC through the years has had its ups and downs. We have seen our membership grow and later diminish a great deal. We have seen resolutions abided by and resolutions ignored. This sort of left-right approach to the work of LULAC has up until now produced the kind of result summed up by Martin Luther when he said:

"Mankind is a drunken peasant on a donkey. You heave him up on one side, and he slides down on the other".

The League must work together. We must sober the man

on the donkey so he can ride straight before he falls and breaks his neck.

Every member of the League must face the responsibilities imposed upon him or her as a member. We must have faith in our organization and not approach our duties with indifference and reluctance. And never forget that above all we must have faith in God.

The place of responsibility you are now asked to assume is indeed the highest that any member has assumed in the long history of LULAC.

Your purpose and the purpose of all LULACs is to help educate our own people, so they might live happy lives in our American society.

I admire those LULACs who work, sacrifice, and fight for what they believe is right. You are building for tomorrow. I wish you success. God Bless You.

Felix Tijerina

Report Of Ladies Council No. 202, Austin, Texas

The Ladies Council No. 202 of Austin, Texas was organized Oct. 7, 1951. The following have served as presidents: Mrs. Consuelo Mendez, one year; Mrs. Hortensia Bautista, two years; Mrs. Eloisa Cruz, one year, and Miss Frances Moreno, two years.

The council has participated in activities such as Back to School Drive, The United Fund, etc.

To celebrate our 28th anniversary of LULAC a Sweetheart Dance took place Feb. 17th at the Tower Night Club.



Ernest W. McFarland, Governor of Arizona, signing LULAC WEEK Proclamation. Standing L. to R.: Mrs. Manuel Matta, Pres. of Council No. 251; Adolfo Guerrero, District Gov.; Mrs. Raul Chavez, and Mrs. Edward Samora.



Felix Tijerina, National LULAC President, registering for the November Supreme Council meeting at the Feed Bag in Mesa, Arizona on Nov. 24, 1956.

Max Duran, Sr., Regional Governor of Springville; Felix Tijerina, National President, and Max Duran, Jr. Chairman of the Mesa Supreme Council Meeting.

SAN ANTONIO LADIES AT WORK

It is very true that charity begins at home and this council sets an example of it. What with a small group of Ladies — Lulac Ladies — There was enough work done for a group twice the size.

Among the other civic work that this council does, it has taken time out to see that the underprivileged are looked after in time of need.

During the Christmas holidays this ladies Lulac Council No. 187 participated in its entirety with a Christmas party for the children of "Children Shelter" in San Antonio. Every member was active during this project.

This council was also instrumental in the purchasing of shoes for children during the Christmas holidays, and delivered more than seventy Christmas gifts for the Southern Tubercular Home patients. The patients also enjoyed some music which was furnished during their Christmas party.

President, Mrs. Mary G. Villa; Vice President, Mrs. Pete Tijerina, and Secretary, Miss Dora Gonzales, as top officers are proud to contribute to the anniversary issue in the name of Ladies Lulac Council No. 187.



LULA GOMEZ

Houston Junior Lulacs

By Javier de la Isla

The current administration of the Houston Junior LULACs appears to rank among the best we've had in some years. Under the leadership of President, Eugenia Ramirez, and Vice-President, Tony Magdaleno, the council is much stronger and we seem to gain momentum every week.

Our visitor registrations have been very good and new members are already beginning to have a good effect on our council. Usually, when visitors come in throngs, it is because there is a membership drive, but at the current time, there is no official drive.

Our tenth annual Anniversary Dance has been scheduled for Saturday, February 23, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Rice Hotel. Eloy Perez and his orchestra will play for the semi-formal affair. Invitations are \$1.75 singular and \$3.50 couple. Proceeds will go to the Iron Lung Fund. It is at this dance where our sweetheart will be

presented to the public. The sweetheart of the council for 1957-58 is Miss Lula Gomez, 16, who was chosen by acclamation at an informal meeting on December. Lula will represent Houston at the National Junior LULAC Convention in August at Laredo, Texas, this years' convention city. Last years' sweetheart was Miss Irene Fuentes, who made a very good showing at the convention. Miss Fuentes is a former secretary of the club, and, incidentally, is an avid Lulac member. She has been a great help in everything we've performed.

For the month of March, our most important affair will be our annual basketball tournament. Invitations have been sent to brother Junior LULAC Councils in Texas, requesting them to participate in the tournament. As soon as we hear from the councils, we will make definite plans. However, the Rusk Settlement will be the place of our tournament. Persons in charge of the tournament are Carlos Salazar and Isidor Ybarra.



This is one of the citizenship classes sponsored by Lulac Council No. 132. Standing at rear left is Francisco Sondoal, instructor of citizenship classes and a very active Lulac.

MEMO FROM THE TEXAS REGIONAL GOVERNOR

The day is fast approaching when Lulacs in the state of Texas will be called to publicly declare their convictions. Just what do we stand for? Our constitution says that "we accept that it is not only the privilege but the obligation of every member of this organization to uphold and defend the rights and duties vested in every American citizen by the letter and spirit of the law of the land." Keeping constitutional language in mind, let us then confront the issue. Our state government by and through Governor Price Daniel has openly declared an all out effort to oppose what is termed as the encroachment by our Federal Government. Simply, the proposition is that we should have a strong state government to decide issues concerning property rights and

personal rights without any interference from our Federal Government. It is imperative that we make a united stand upholding the Supreme Court of the United States because our state government and state courts have consistently denied our people a legal pronouncement asserting their equality.

The history of the United States and particularly the history of the Supreme Court clearly shows that the Federal Government by and through the Supreme Court has always decided the issues on personal rights and property rights. Inasmuch as those rights involved were primarily constitutional questions. The only difference being that before the coming of Lulac the Federal Courts were inclined to protect and defend property rights without any consideration for the personal rights of

the litigants. The extreme example was in 1894 during the Pullman Company strike in Chicago where the Federal Government sent federal troops to act as strike breakers when not even the mayor of Chicago or the governor of Illinois had requested the help of the federal troops. The philosophy and attitude of the courts has experienced a gradual transitional change. Perhaps it was brought about by the organization of strong minority groups. Or perhaps the courts discovered that it was their responsibility to put into practice the fundamental theories of our government, "that all men are created equal," and that all men are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Hence we have always had a strong federal government.

In the cases of Mendez vs. Westminster School District, Independent School District vs. Salvatierra, Delgado vs. Bastrop Independent School District and finally the case against the Driscoll Independent School District

we found conclusive proof that the school board of trustees in the individual districts and the school board of education time and again refused to give our people a proper remedy.

In all of these cases it was necessary to resort to Federal Courts. Are we so naive that we have forgotten the Pete Hernandez case in Jackson county? Certainly you remember that the district court and the court of appeals gave no merit to our arguments in favor of proper representation in petite juries. It was necessary for the United States Supreme Court to say to the courts of Texas that we were being denied due process.

We are going to attend a state convention and I sincerely hope that this time we will not fail or hesitate to act on this matter.

Fraternally yours.
Pete Tijerina

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LULAC WEEK has the above ladies from the Las Vegas Ladies Council busy, they are standing L. to R.: Alice Galindre, Rose Serna, Petra Quintana, Helen Aragon; sitting L. to R.: Mary Louise Abreu, Mary Padilla, and Aurora Gonzales. (Pete Delgado Photo.)

L A S V E G A S S T O R Y



EAST MEETS WEST when the mayors of East and West Las Vegas proclaim LULAC WEEK in the Land of Blanket Nights. Signing the proclamation are L. to R. Manuel Galindre, Mayor of West Las Vegas, and LeRoy Wicks, Mayor of East Las Vegas. Looking on L. to R. are Mary Padilla, President of the Ladies Council; Bob Bennett, President of the Mens Council; and Aurora C. Gonzales, 2nd National Vice President. Galindre is a member of LULAC in Las Vegas. (Pete Delgado Photo.)

Anniversary Activities, Council 273, Waco, Texas

The month of February marks the 28th Anniversary of the League of United Latin American Citizens. In commemorating this occasion the Waco Council is sponsoring its First Annual Washington's Birthday Ball. Music will be furnished by the very popular orchestra of Harry Nieto of Dallas. This dance should be a great success because the proceeds will go to a very worthy cause. This Ball will help the Council establish a Scholarship Fund. This Fund is considered very important since it will help a deserving young man obtain a college education who would not otherwise be able to attend college. Maximum publicity has been given in attempting to make this affair a great success.

A committee that will prove it's worth during the Anniversary month of February is the Membership Committee. This Committee is presently studying ways and means to get more members into our Council. It is expected that a membership drive will get underway during the month of February.

The Waco Council has also gotten underway with plans to establish Citizenship Education Classes for non-citizens who are interested in taking a citizenship examination. Arrangements have been made with the Waco High School to conduct classes in their

building in the evenings. Members of the Waco Council have volunteered their services for instructor duties.

Mr. Domingo Capatillo, Chairman of the Citizenship Committee, is working in collaboration with Mr. Avery Downing, Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools, and with Baylor University. With the receipt of sufficient literature and books, it is expected that classes will commence on the 20th of February.

The ground work has been laid and response among the Latin-American peoples, who are interested in this type of education, has been very good. People interested in the education offered should contact Mr. Domingo Capatillo. Classes will be open to all non-citizens in the Waco area.

The Waco Council is now going places and doing things for a bigger and better LULAC.



E. B. Leon, Lulac District No. 4 Governor from Texas. This is one of the most active and hard working district governors in Texas.

**Make Plans To Attend
The National LULAC
Convention in California.
All Councils Should
Plan For A Full
Delegation.**

REPORT FROM



This year has started off very good for this Council. With the beginning of the New Year, the new officers took office and have made known that big plans are in the creative stage for the ensuing year.

The new officers are: President, Sammie J. Alderete; Vice President, Toby Hernandez; Secretary, Felix Salazar, Jr.; Assistant Secretary, Richard Ante; Treasurer, Fred Lopez; Assistant Treasurer, Robert Trevino; Sgts. at Arms, Robert Ramos, Paul Guitierrez; Parliamentarian, John J. Herrera; Chaplain, Tony Rico.

The year had a good start with a report from the Christmas Basket Committee that 150 baskets had been delivered to families in need. Also a report from the Poll Tax Committee that more poll taxes had been purchased this year than last year in this precinct although last year was a presidential election year.

The March of Dimes committee report, given by Toby Hernandez, was that over \$1,200.00 was raised to be added to the Polio Drive.

One of the Council's "pet" projects to help "La Posada" (a home of refuge for transient cancer patients) will be continued this year. Each week a basket of food will be delivered to them.

The half hour radio program over KLVL will continue through the year. If you are in the Houston vicinity, listen to the LULAC PROGRAM every Saturday at 12:00 Noon.

Many other projects are in the planning stage and this Council will continue to be one of the leading organizations doing work for the good of the community.



Christmas Basket Committee. Fred Lopez, left and Felix Salazar prepare baskets of food to be delivered to the needy on Christmas Eve.

Fabens Council *Reporting*

Since this council was organized in 1955, it has been guided by a very able president, Rogelio Sanchez. Brother Sanchez has been the spark plug in most of the activities, which are many.

Fabens is active in many civic endeavors and among this is helping the city fire department.

Fabens Council is also active in poll tax drives and polio drives. All members participate in a huge Christmas party for usually over 300 underprivileged children.

Fabens Council is proud of the Scholarship fund that has been built up. We will continue to work in the community and keep the Lulac banner waving high.

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A HISTORY OF COUNCIL 296 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Council 296, Council Number One of The League of United Latin American Citizens — College Lulac — received its charter on December 9, 1956. Ernest Eguia and Tony Campos represented the National Office at the ceremony. There were visitors from San Antonio, Waco, Harlingen, Edcouch, San Juan, and Houston and vicinity. Also present were Dr. George I. Sanchez, past national president; Pete Tijerina, Texas Regional Governor; Joe R. Moreno, Governor of District No. 7; Roy Barrera, main speaker; Fernando Cortez, National President of Jr. Lulac; Richard Moya, National Director of Jr. Lulac; Mario Obledo, first president of Council 296; Manuel Garza, National Secretary of Jr. Lulac, members of District 7, officers and members of Council 296, and their wives.

College Lulac, as an idea originated with the students over a period of many years. The idea, then, was championed by Council 85. In May, 1956, Joe R. Moreno, Roy Velazquez, Narciso Gil, and Richard Lee Barton took the idea to Council 2 at one of its regular meetings in which Pete Tijerina, Texas Regional Governor, was present. Unofficially, the matter was mentioned to both Oscar Laurel and Felix Tijerina, who approved of the idea wholeheartedly. College Lulac, unofficially, was discussed at the National

Convention in June, 1956. Joe R. Moreno discussed College Lulac, as Governor of District No. 7, with the Supreme Council meeting in Austin, Texas, in August, 1956. The Supreme Council authorized the organization of a council at the University of Texas, removed tentatively the age qualifications of members, and allowed both men and women to be members of the same council. Council 296 has the standing of a senior council and is being, temporarily, subsidized by Councils 2 and 85.

The name "College Lulac" was suggested by Manuel Garza, National Secretary of Jr. Lulac. Garza is an exceptional organizer and "pusher". He is the first member of College Lulac and the one who has the most experience in Lulac work. With the aid of Jr. Lulacs of Austin, such as Fernando Cortez, Reuben Taylor, Irene Lupercio, Joe Castilla, and Evangeline Herrera, he built College Lulac from scratch to more than a score of members in a matter of weeks. Jr. Lulac of Austin deserves most honorable mention for the direct and indirect encouragement and leadership they have lent Council 296. Odilon Arambula, past National Secretary of Lulac removed many doubts from the new members regarding Lulac. Mario Obledo, president of Council 296, was offered the presidency with mem-



Governor of Texas, Price Daniel, presents the official LULAC proclamation to Joe R. Moreno, District 7 Governor, and Moses Hernandez, President of New Braunfels Lulac Council.

bership. He accepted and has proved to be an outstanding organizer and leader. His wife, Mary, though not a member, helped him admirably.

Council 296 has been very active since its birth on December 9, 1956, in spite of holidays, finals, and registration. It has participated in social activities with Council 85 and with the Alba Club and in a poll tax drive. Its reporter, Leo Cardenas, a journalism major, has given the council wide publicity. Most of the work of Council 296, however, is still in the planning stage.

Students who have also given distinguished service to Council 296 are: Roy Garza, Mary Frances Lopez, Filemon Vela, Elida Flores, and Dora Perez.

The officers of Council 296 are: Mario Obledo, president; Manuel Garza, vice-president; Dora Perez, secretary; Elida Flores, treasurer; Leo Cardenas, reporter; Mary Frances Lopez, historian; Joe Castilla, chaplain; Evangeline Herrera, sergeant-at-arms. They are all fine and hard-working members, and the council owes much to them.

William David Blunk, Assistant Dean of Student Life, encouraged the formation of Council 296, and praises, in general, "the wonderful work Lulac is doing." Much of the ease and speed with which Council 296 was organized is due to the friendly and enthusiastic cooperation of Dean Blunk.

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El Paso No. 132 Reports.....

The genial hosts of the 1956 LULAC National Convention are happy to make their contribution to the Anniversary Issue. The El Paso LULAC councils who were responsible for the appearance of Judge Harold Medina of New York at the convention, are today some of the most active in the League.

From this organization, three members have served this League in the capacity of National Presidents. They are: the Honorable M. A. Gomez, 1943-1944; the Honorable William Flores, 1944-1945; the Honorable Albert Armendariz, 1953-1954.

Our present First National Vice President, Luciano Santocoy from Council No. 132 has served the League as National Director of Publicity for a number of years.

Several outstanding civic projects are undertaken by LULAC Council No. 132. Among them is the School Hot Lunch Fund. The success of this project and the rapid growth of the City of El Paso has caused the members of this council to plan for a program. A program extending this very worthwhile project to other schools in the City of El Paso.

Another civic project is the Scholarship Committee. A great number of students have been given help through this council in completing their education. In addition to this, the Scholarship Committee has supervised and recommended grants given by the J. T. Canales Scholarship Fund in the years 1953 and 1954 in the amount of \$12,000.00.

In order to obtain funds to carry out these activities, LULAC Council No. 132 sponsors "La Fiesta de Las Flores" each year in the month of August. Each year this great function has been improved and it has grown to the extent that it is now a definitely established institution in El Paso.

LULAC Council No. 132 is proud of the record that it has in the League.



Front Row L. to R.: Mrs. Mary Ledesma, Chaplain; Mrs. Margaret Munoz, Secretary; Miss Frances Moreno, President; Mrs. Eugenia Gil, Vice-President; Mrs. Annie Saucedo, member; Back Row L. to R.: Mrs. Consuelo Mendez, Treasurer; Mrs. Josephine Trujillo, member; Mrs. Julia Gil, member; Mrs. Rosa Mary Vallejo, member; other members not in photo: Teresa Villarreal and Mrs. Concha Martinez.

ELPASO COUNCIL NO 132 REPORTS

These are the activities of our council under the leadership of our president, Mr. F. A. Hernandez for 1956:

1. Our new citizens — We are proud and honored to report that our citizenship classes under the direction of our brother Lulac, Mr. Francisco Sandoval have been a great success. Under the new law of the Walter McCarren Act, immigrants over 50 years of age are allowed to take the oath of citizenship in their own native tongue. We are proud to announce that we have to our credit 120 new citizens.

2. Scholarships — Under the great supervision of Mr. Alfonso Kennard, Mr. Edmundo Medrano, and Father Harold Rahm, S. J., ten scholarships were given of \$100.00 each to students of Latin extraction to any college of their choice. These scholarships are given to the high school boys or girls most deserving them by their outstanding school work and need of financial help in order to achieve their goal in life. We do not stop here, we see our youngsters through. We continue to help them financially until the termination of their

schooling, provided of course that they keep a continued interest in their school work and their grades above average.

3. Hot lunch fund — This project has been kept continually for a good number of years. The hot lunch fund is for the benefit of underprivileged children, that they may receive a hot lunch during the noon hour at their school cafeteria free of charge. We are taking care of from 30 to 40 children daily. This project demands a lot of time and supervision, which has unselfishly been given by our National Health Officer, Dr. Francisco Licon, M.D.

We are forever striving for the betterment of our nation — through Lulac.

Publicity Chairman
Gregory Castillo, Jr.

GARY LULAC INSTALLATION

A gala affair held at the Hotel Gary in Gary, Indiana for the installation of LULAC Council No. 290 and No. 296 was studded with celebrities.

The installation was preceded by a banquet with music for a background. This was by far the

LAS VEGAS LADIES COUNCIL IS ACTIVE

This Council, which has been organized for two years is proud of the record it has in LULAC. The activities which this Council has undertaken and made a success of are of wealth to the community.

Among the activities that stand out are the Scholarship Fund, the Christmas Basket Drive, Sponsorship of a girl to Girls State School, and our pet project of buying lunches for school children of rural areas who are unable to buy their own lunches. We are also instrumental in helping our needy neighbors.

Our first President, Mrs. Aurora Gonzales, Second Vice President of our League, was instrumental in outlining most of these projects and is just as active today as then.

We are happy to be part of this Anniversary issue and are proud of our proclamation which was signed by both the Town and City Mayors proclaiming LULAC WEEK.

biggest affair held in these parts by any Latin group and it left an impression of satisfaction and friendship with all.

After the wonderful meal which consisted of prime rib of beef, Mr. Alfred J. Hernandez, toastmaster for the evening, presented the guests. Among them were the Honorable Oscar M. Laurel, Immediate Past President of LULAC, Mr. Pete Mandich, Mayor of Gary, Indiana, Ernesto Liviaga, Mexican Consul, Joseph Meszar, Judge of Juvenile Court, Mr. Ray Madden, Congressman from Indiana and representatives from various organizations, as well as representatives from Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana Lulac Councils.

Mr. Oscar M. Laurel was the main speaker of the evening and he left a great impression on the people here with his magnificent speech. Highlights of the speech were centered on LULAC and its aims and purposes.

Illinois Is Full-Fledged LULAC...



Front Row — Val Hernandez, Dist. Gov. of Ill., Joe Obregon, Ceferino Parra, Jesse Abalos, Jesse Parra, Jose Rocha, Placido Castro, and Charles Toribio, Regional Gov. of Ill.

Second Row — Trinidad Martinez, Lupe Santoyo, Bob Planiz, Chairman of Ways and Means Comm.; Frank Trevino, David Cerda, Council President; Willie Garza, Sick Comm.; Sal Garcia, Ways and Means Comm.

Third Row — Joe Castillo, Matias Almendarez, Leo Castro, Sam Martinez, Vice President; Sal Perce, Tom Castro.

HARLINGEN LULAC COUNCIL NO. 279



Seated left to right: Mrs. Alfonso de la Garza, Secretary; Mrs. Ramon Acosta, Treasurer; Mrs. Jose O. Garza, President; Mrs. Mary Gutierrez, Miss Dora Castillo, Vice President.

Standing left to right: Mrs. D. R. Flores, Mrs. Liborio Canales, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Alfredo Elizalde, Mrs. Fred Mungia, and Miss Florinda Gloria. (Not shown is Mrs. Ralph Vasquez, Reporter.)

Port Arthur Ladies Report...

The Port Arthur Ladies continue to do their part in becoming part of the community. Under the direction of the President, Mrs. Elvira Martinez, the council has made great progress. The many projects have become a source of satisfaction to the members. The March of Dimes this year was helped by a contribution from this council to the amount of \$811.20 contribution to our needy neighbors and churches are made possible by Bingo games, Raffles, and Movies.

Sugarland Council Announces.....

Sugarland LULAC council has new officers and it is striving for an increase in membership.

The new officers are as follows:

President, Eleno Flores; Vice President, Roland Rodriguez; Treasurer, Juan De Los Santos; Secretary, Joaquin Mora; Chaplain, Lupe Pena; Sargent at Arms, Lorenzo Sanchez.

A new official was added to the staff — that of Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary elected was Ysidro Astorga, Jr.

Plans are in the making for a great year in LULAC by council No. 248 of Sugarland, Texas.

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Harlingen Ladies

The Ladies Lulac Council of Harlingen was organized July 28th, 1955, but was not officially installed until April 15th of 1956, with ten members comprising the council.

Since then the Ladies Lulac Council No. 279 of Harlingen has endeavored to partake in civic and social activities, such as taking active part in the Volunteer Service Program sponsored by the Harlingen State Tuberculosis Hospital. This work consists of members spending a few hours a month visiting patients, hostessing visitors during holidays and handling correspondence for patients.

Several charity projects have been undertaken during the past year. Profits from these were used during the year in helping many needy families throughout the Harlingen area.

The cooperation that exists between the Men's Council and Ladies' Council in Harlingen has been exemplary of how harmonious efforts among councils can further better work for Lulac.

Officers for the year were elected recently. They are: President, Mrs. Jose O. Garza; Vice President, Miss Dora Castillo; Secretary, Mrs. Alfonso de la Garza; Treasurer, Mrs. Ramon Acosta; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Liborio Canales, and Reporter, Mrs. Ralph Vasquez.

The Ladies Council though small in number has accepted the tremendous challenge of this community to better conditions and relations between our people. All this shall be done in the interest of a greater America and a better Lulac.



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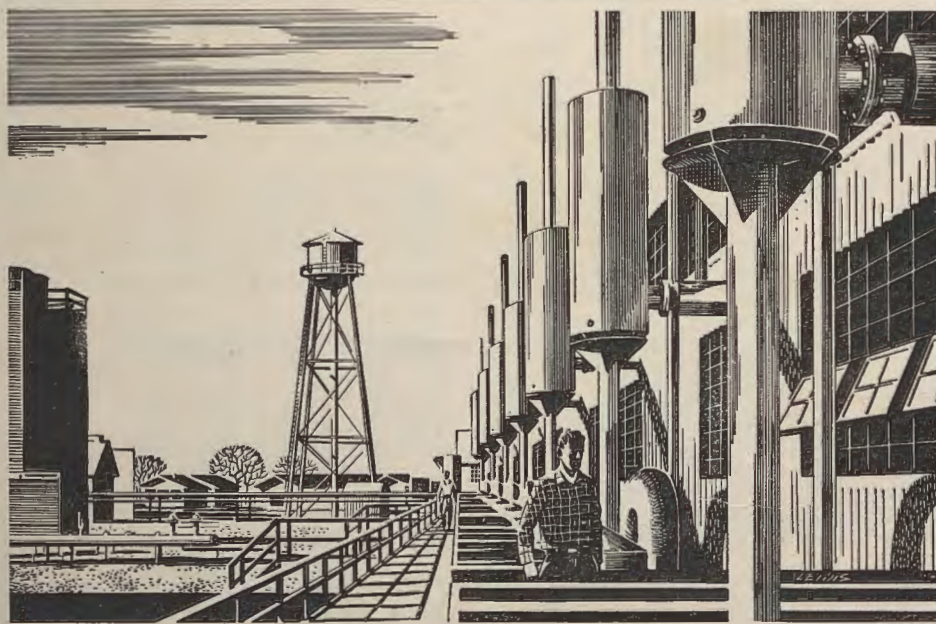


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