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**SAN JOSE GI FORUM'S
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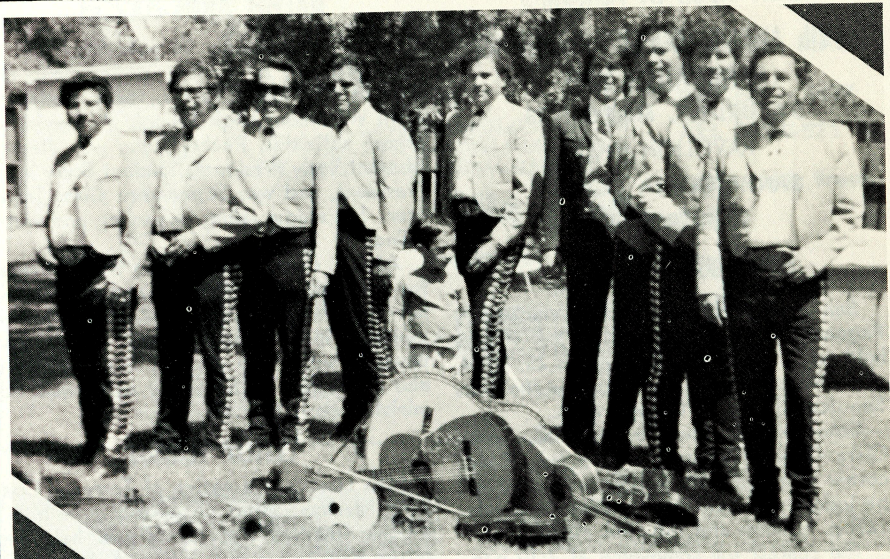
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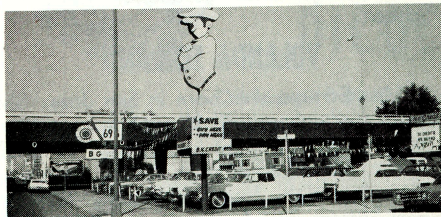
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San Jose GI Forum's 14th Annual Beauty Pageant & Queen Coronation Ball will be held on Saturday evening, March 23, 1974, with five beautiful girls vying for the Miss San Jose GI Forum Queen crown.

Scheduled for the Pavilion Hall, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds (344 Tully Road, corner Monterey Highway), the contest will be judged by local personalities from education, business and the news media.

The contest will commence at 7:30 p.m., with Queen being crowned at approximately 8:30.

DANCING TO ESCOBAR
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The popular orchestra of Jess Escobar, featuring the best Latino music on the west coast, will play for dancing beginning at 9 p.m.

The past two years, nearly 700 persons have attended this event. The 1974 event will culminate a year's series of events by San Jose Chapter to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the American GI Forum.

THE QUEEN CONTESTANTS

...Competing for the Miss San Jose GI Forum title are:

LUPE BADILLO

Miss Badillo, a 20 year old, 5' 2 1/2", brown-haired beauty, is a native of San Antonio, Texas. She is a 1972 graduate of Andrew Hill High School. Lupe's hobbies are swimming, dancing, sports, and she loves to meet 'interesting' people. During her prep school days, Miss Badillo was a member of MAYO Club and was 1st Princess of the Club for the annual Cinco de Mayo festivities. Lupe won a scholarship from MAYO. Her ambition is to continue her education and to help the Mexican American people of her community.

RACHEL ANNE GARCIA

Miss Garcia is an 18 year old coed at the University of California, Berkeley. She is 5' 3", weighs 120 lbs., and graduated from Westmont High School. Active in her school activities, Rachel Anne was elected Student Body President, Student Body Vice-President, and was Sophomore Class Treasurer. She enjoys skiing, swimming and water skiing.

At Cal, she was chosen Big Game Queen for the Cal-Stanford game, and is active in her dormitory activities. Rachel Anne is majoring in computer science at Cal and plans to work as a systems analyst. She is also interested in counseling and school administration.

LETICIA LEANOS

Miss Leanos is a native of Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico. She is 17 years of age, 5' 3", weighs 109 lbs. and has brown hair and brown eyes. She is a senior at Andrew P. Hill High School and will graduate in June 1974. Her hobby is sewing. Miss Leanos is the elected Student Body Secretary at Hill High, and she is a Lettergirl. She is a member of the Pep Club and was a Junior Prom Princess. Leticia is going to college to study fashion coordinating.

ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ

Miss Rodriguez was born in Laredo, Texas. She is 5' 3 1/2", 118 lbs., and has dark brown hair and brown eyes. The 18 year old Lincoln High School coed likes sewing, cooking, growing plants and bike riding. She has maintained a 3.5 grade point average in high school and participates avidly in student body activities. She is very concerned about the environment and does her 'ecological bit' by riding her bike to and from school daily. Adriana wants to become a dental hygienist. She is presently enrolled in a dental assisting program at the San Jose Regional Vocational Center, and plans to attend college after graduation from high school.

YOLANDA SERRANO

Miss Serrano was born in San Jose. She is 18 years of age, 5' 3", 115 lbs., and has brown eyes and light brown hair. A graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, she is now attending San Jose Community College. Miss Serrano likes to dance, and enjoys bike riding. She enjoys helping her friends with

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LOOK, MA — NO TEARS: Two-year-old Todd Vaccarello joins his mother in the Parent-Tot Swim Class at Central Branch YMCA. New lessons begin February 19 for the 18-month-old to 2-year-old set. Call the "Y" at 298-1717 and join Todd in the fun!



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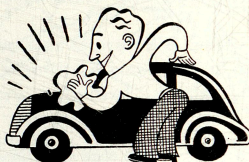
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Tickets may also be secured by writing San Jose Chapter, American GI Forum, 1680 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, Calif. 95116. Tickets are \$4.00 per person. CONTRIBUTIONS TO SAN JOSE GI FORUM ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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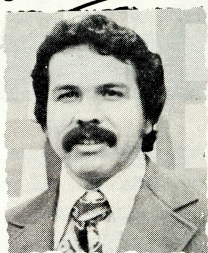
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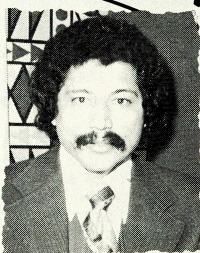
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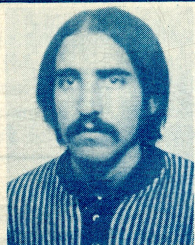
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Editor

Health experts fear that epidemics may break out on the nation's Indian reservations because of a critical lack of doctors and facilities. Indians already have the highest disease rate and lowest life expectancy of any group in the nation.

In an urgent memo to Chairman James Abourezk (Dem.-S.D.) the staff of the Senate Indian Subcommittee reports of evidence of "tuberculosis outbreaks" and "other serious disease epidemics particularly in the Aberdeen, S.D., area.

"We believe that the urgency of the present situation cannot be overemphasized," they stress.

The memo declares that "the backlog of people needing corrective surgery is now past 20,000. Of that number, 13,000 children are in need of surgery."

Yet President Nixon has impounded Indian Health Service money four of the last five years. This has caused a critical shortage of funds, which has brought on the Indian health crisis.

Without adequate funds, a "serious and growing shortage of physicians" has developed in facilities serving the Indians.

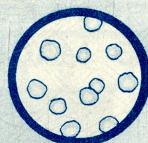
The facilities used by the Indian Health Service have also fallen into deplorable shape. "In the Aberdeen area alone," reports the memo, "60 per cent of the buildings being used by the IHS have been declared unfit for use by state inspectors.

"For example, Rosebud Hospital was constructed in 1914 and has been condemned even by IHS, but for lack of funds they will have to make do."

Nor can the Indians rely on their own people for health care. There are only 52 Indian doctors in the entire United States. The IHS has launched a new recruitment drive for doctors, but the program is unlikely to help Indians in critical need of health care now.

what is sickle cell anemia?

Sickle Cell Anemia is a disease of the red blood cells. All red cells contain a protein material called hemoglobin which carries oxygen to all parts of the body (oxygen is necessary for human life; without it we cannot survive). The hemoglobin of the sickle cell victim (called hemoglobin S) has a slightly different



NORMAL BLOOD CELLS



SICKLE CELLS

make-up which causes the red cells to be more easily destroyed in the body, leading to anemia. Also, when the body needs more oxygen, as in hard exercise, the red cells can become sickle shaped. These sickle shaped cells can block the tiny blood vessels causing the symptoms of the sickle cell crisis.

HOW DO YOU GET IT?

The only way you can get Sickle Cell Anemia is by inheriting one Hgb S gene from each parent. Genes are the hereditary factors which control all the characteristics you inherit from your parents. Sickle Cell Anemia cannot be caught from other people, nor is it caused by your health habits or behavior.



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Everytime a child is born to parents each of whom carry the sickle gene there is a 25% probability that the child will have Sickle Cell Anemia. In some families where both parents are carriers, none of the children have Sickle Cell Anemia, but in other families some or even all of the children have inherited Sickle Cell Anemia.

WHO HAS SICKLE CELL ANEMIA?

In the United States it has been estimated that there are as many as 75,000 persons with Sickle Cell Anemia and about 2½ million with the sickle cell trait (carriers of the gene for Hgb S). Like many genetic (gene controlled) diseases, it is found in certain ethnic groups. The victims in the United States are usually of black ancestry. However, white people mainly from Mediterranean countries, or any person of African origin, may also carry the Sickle Cell gene.

WHY THESE PEOPLE?

In regions like West Africa, southern Italy and Greece, there were great swamps which were the breeding grounds for certain mosquitoes which carried malaria. The population of these areas were able to survive malaria because they developed Hemoglobin S. Sickle Cell Anemia is found in the descendants of those people who carried the trait.

HOW IS SICKLE CELL ANEMIA DIAGNOSED?

The person with Sickle Cell Anemia will have the characteristic symptoms of anemia; he will be tired and weak. In addition he will suffer with episodes of mild to severe pain. Special examination of the blood will reveal the sickled red cells and Hemoglobin S.

Crisis—the victim may have severe pain in the stomach, head and joints, weakness, dizziness, and open sores on the legs (ulcers) may develop in 10% of the cases; death may occur.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

The person with Sickle Cell Anemia who survives childhood may be able to lead a relatively productive and comfortable life.

WHAT DOES SICKLE CELL TRAIT MEAN?

It means that some people carry a gene for sickle cell disease which they can pass along to their children. If these people marry someone who also has this trait, their children have a higher risk of being born with Sickle Cell Anemia.



ONE OUT OF TEN BLACKS HAVE THE TRAIT

WHO SHOULD BE TESTED AND WHY?

All black people and members of those white groups mentioned, should be tested; especially infants, pregnant women, children and young adults. By early detection of the disease, the patient can be made aware of activities and drugs that are known to bring on a **CRISIS**, and his or her doctor can be prepared for an emergency. Also young adults would know the odds of having children with Sickle Cell Anemia or the gene trait.

IS THERE A CURE?

Medical science has produced no cure for Sickle Cell Anemia, but the painful symptoms and side effects can be treated to some extent. New blood tests, however, make it easier to detect carriers of Sickle Cell Anemia.



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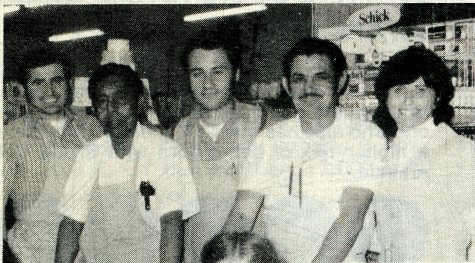
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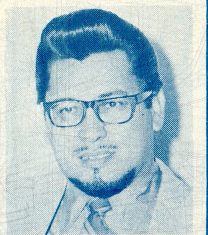
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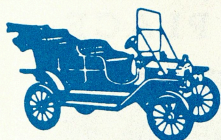
SANDRA Y. GUERRA is running for City Council Seat No. 3 which was vacated when Vice-Mayor Janet Gray Hayes declared herself a candidate for Mayor Norm Mineta's seat since Mayor Mineta wants Congressman Gubser's seat; Congressman Gubser doesn't want a seat, he wants to stand on his right to retire (?). By the way, Seat No. 3 was won by a woman and I don't think women would appreciate any man trying to take over Seat No. 3. SANDRA Y. GUERRA is 34 years old, married and the mother of 3 children. The family resides at 869 Herimston Dr. She was educated at West Valley College securing her AA Degree. Presently she is attending Santa Clara University. La Señora Sandra is employed by Santa Clara Department of Social Services. As for her community background: Señora SANDRA is a commissioner of the San Jose Housing Board, member of the S.C.G.I. Forum Ladies Auxiliary, MAPA, National Organization for Women, M.M.D.A., League of Women Voters, Holy Family Catholic Church. Her Community Activities include: School Bond Issues, Citizens Committees, past State and Local Officer for G.I. Forum Ladies Auxiliary, past member Board of Di-

rectors MACSA, past State Co-Chairman CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE American G.I. Forum, Santa Clara G.I. Forum Nominee for Young Woman of the Year 1969; and an active participant of City, County, State and Federal Political Campaigns. (That is, when it's for the benefit of nuestra comunidad). If you would like to meet SANDRA, call her at 267-1585. (RAZA, además de todo, ella es una verdadera mujer).

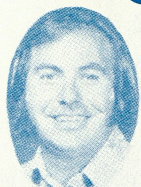


Vice-Mayor JANET GRAY HAYES is running for the MAYOR'S SEAT in an effort to become the first woman mayor in the city of San Jose. In her press conference, she said, "There is a heartbreaking lack of faith in our government process today. I intend to work very hard for the kind of open and responsive administration that will deserve the faith and confidence that our citizens desperately want." Mrs. Hayes is the wife of Dr. Kenneth Hayes and the mother of four, who range in the ages from 14 to 21 years. Pictured above is her husband and two of her daughters, Kathrine and Megan. "La familia es el espejo de la sociedad."—Victor Hugo.

Chismitos, bonitos y feyitos: ANDY DIAZ, the city council candidate who describes himself as "a political revolutionary of modern times," is the first person to drop out of the race for a seat presently held by Councilman JOE COLLA... A Mexican Flag Day Raising Ceremony was held on Sunday, Feb. 24th, in front of San Jose City Hall. Taking part in the flag raising was Councilman AL GARZA. Los VETERANOS DE LA REVOLUCION MEXICANA, 1910-1920, hosted the MEXICAN FLAG DAY celebration... Atty. ROBERTO D. RABAGO of Gilroy is now a candidate for the Gilroy-Morgan Hill Justice Court judgeship in the June 4 election... the kick off drive for the PERALTA ADOBE RESTORATION FUND was held at the SPAGHETTI FACTORY on Friday, Feb. 28th, for the purpose of raising \$100,000 dollars estimated as
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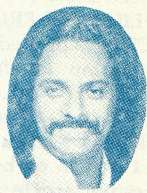


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necessary for preservation measures and landscaping to make the old adobe site a park. By the way, LINDA PERALTA was there helping to host the affair . . . have you read LINDA'S article on THE BARRIO EXPERIENCE FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE printed in the California Magazine section of the San Jose Mercury & News Sunday, Feb. 24th? In that article, she said, "I am a CHICANA, no more and no less than a Mexican Woman anywhere else and I refuse to be compared. (It's a very interesting article and perhaps soon El Excentrico will reprint it in Spanish) . . . the latest latinos to become U.S. Citizens are: Javier Cordova, Argentina; Maria Yolanda Corrales De Oliva, Mexico; Jorge Eduardo Gosalvez, Bolivia; Carmen Benita Mahler, Cuba; Charles Moreland Klor Jr., Mexico; Juanita Yglesias, Costa Rica; Gladys Cordiglia Ortiz, Peru; Ceneida Vivianna Barrios, El Salvador and Henry Sebastian Acuña, Argentina . . . RED CROSS is beginning to mend their ways in their hiring policies and will soon follow the County's HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION'S recommendations in implementing an affirmative action program which was long overdue, right Señor vic burton ??? . . . on behalf of the S. J. Human Relations Commission and staff, we congratulate Director Frank Escobar, Ms Shiela Stevens, Liz Martinez and all your backers, including Jim Blackman of the Red Cross board of directors and representative of ESO, Economic and Social Opportunity Organization. (Jim Blackman es un anglo con el corazon muy Mejicano) . . . GILBERT ARNOLD SANCHEZ, Architect/Planner, is a new member of the MEXICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE de S.J. and in the very near future, no doubt he will be getting a lot of architecture jobs through the influence of not only the local chapter of this organization, but from the other chapters of the NATIONAL MEXICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE . . . after all, that's the name of the game, 'join and get known', call Pres. Dr. JUAN ESPINOSA, 226-8600 before the initiation fees go like gasoline prices.

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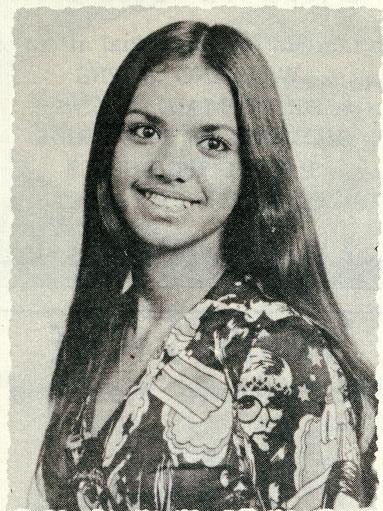
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El Mexico artistico e intelectual esta de luto. El ultimo superviviente del gran triunvirato de muralistas mexicanos, ha muerto.

DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS, quien naciera el 29 de Diciembre de 1896 en Santa Rosalia de Camargo, Chihuahua. Dejo de existir el dia 5 de Enero proximo pasado, a la edad de 77 años en la ciudad de Cuernavaca, Morelos.

El ultimo de los tres grandes muralistas (Jose Clemente Orozco, murio en 1949 y Diego de Rivera en 1957) de la escuela mexicana, expiro despues de soportar varias semanas de agonía, victima del temible mal que se ha llevador a grandes artistas en sus diferentes especialidades, el cancer.

A los 15 años de edad, ingreso a la Academia de Bellas Artes de San Carlos y de inmediato paso a formar parte del grupo de estudiantes que peleaban por la renovacion del sistema educativo.

Era veterano de dos guerras civiles, aun no tenia 20 años, cuando en 1914 actuo como oficial de las fuerzas revolucionarias mexicanas. Con Don Venustiano Carranza, en

1937 se enlisto voluntariamente en el ejercito de la Republica, en la guerra civil española. En ambos conflictos resulto herido de la pierna derecha.

En 1940 fue señalado en el proceso que se le instruyo como la persona que dirigió el atentado contra Leon Trotsky.

En 1950, fue consignado a la carcel preventiva de la ciudad de Mexico, acusandosele de azuzar a diferentes sectores, que causaron disturbios ciudadanos.

Siqueiros (apellido materno, con el que se dio a conocer) tenia 60 años de pintar, dejo al morir, muchas obras de caballetes y obras inconclusas en el aspecto muralistico. Siendo su obra mas impresionante, el famoso POLYFORUM CULTURAL, que esta ubicado en la avenida Insurgentes frente al colosal Hotel de Mexico.

El Polyforum, es un edificio en forma de dodecágono, cuyas doce caras estan cubiertas por murales de 250 metros cuadrados, donde el pintor desarrollo el tema "LA MARCHA DE LA HUMANIDAD EN LA TIERRA Y HACIA EL COSMOS."

El interior del Polyforum, alberga un Teatro circular, el Foro de las Artesanias, una Galeria de arte y el foro Universal.

Los trabajos de esta obra se iniciaron en 1965 y se concluyeron en 1972. Participaron en ella ademas del maestro, 50 ayudantes.

Durante sus cuatro años de reclusion carcelaria, 1960-1964, Siqueiros se limito a pintar en su celda, obras de tamaño de caballete. Cuarenta años de matrimonio, unieron a Angelica Arenal y a David Alfaro Siqueiros. Procrearon una sola hija, Adriana. Y le sobreviven ademas de su esposa e hija, 3 nietos. David 19 años, Martin 10 y Adrianita de 5. Hermanos e infinidad de parientes.

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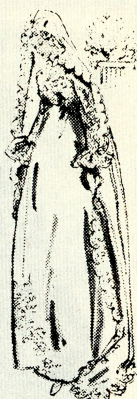
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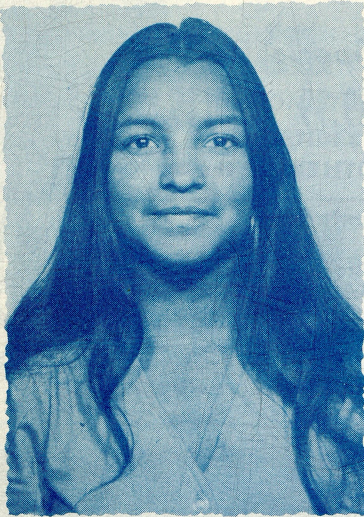
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A Spanish surnamed Army officer was recently named to the rank of brigadier general. Richard E. Cavazos is the only Army officer currently on active duty to be named to that rank. A native of Kingsville, Tex., he is currently assistant deputy director, deputy chief of staff for military operations, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. Cavazos holds two Distinguished Service Crosses, two Silver Stars and a Purple Heart among his military citations.

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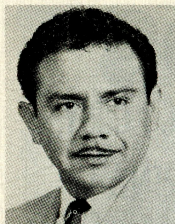
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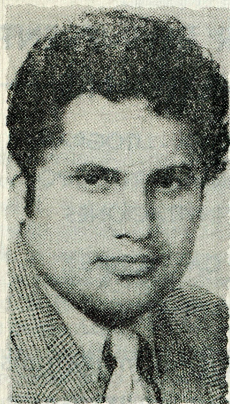


Candy Veliz

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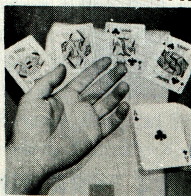
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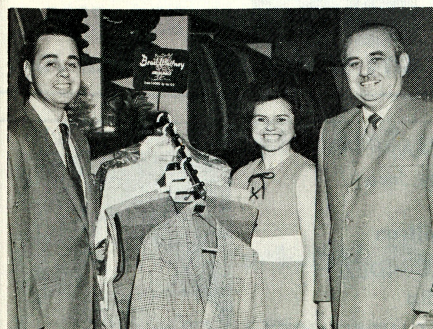
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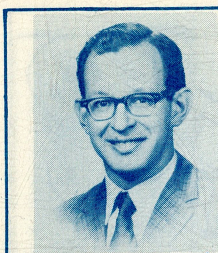
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Muchos ha habido, y seguirán haciendo presencia en la palestra, sin el equipo humano adecuado y sin respaldo economico, pero con entusiasmado valor... Y seguirán cayendo en la contienda; o como dijo el poeta: "Y presentaron sus espadas rotas, de tanto batallar los paladines".

Ante la indiferencia del publico, se ha estrellado el entusiasmo y el valor de muchos luchadores. En nuestra region hay un gran cementerio de publicaciones, en donde reposan para la eternidad, los sueños de los que se atrevieron a enfrentar la lucha y que unas antes y otras despues fueron vencidas, sepultadas en el panteon del olvido; su duracion en la lucha fue efimera casi imperceptible.

Solo una de esas publicaciones ha conquistado la gloria. Si, la gloria de haber llegado a cumplir veinticinco años de pub-

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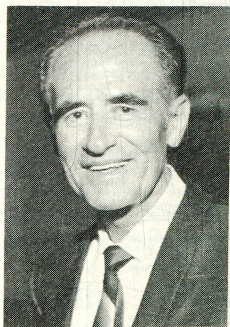
Durante esos veinticinco años ha habido de todo, apreturas economicas asomadas al abismo de la bancarota; pero con habilidad, inteligencia y frugalidad se han salvado. Problemas mecanicos, tecnicos y administrativos, han amenazado la vida de la publicacion, pero con estudio y tenacidad han sido superados. La indiferencia del publico y la critica sin razon ni fundamento de los abelotodo, han sido desalentadoras, persistentes y procaz; pero ha sido vencida la una e ignorada la otra. Los mil contratiempos que aparecen cada hora, cada día y cada numero que sale a la luz, tambien han sido dominados y la publicacion ha salido dos veces al mes, durante los veinticinco años que se cumplen en este año.

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