



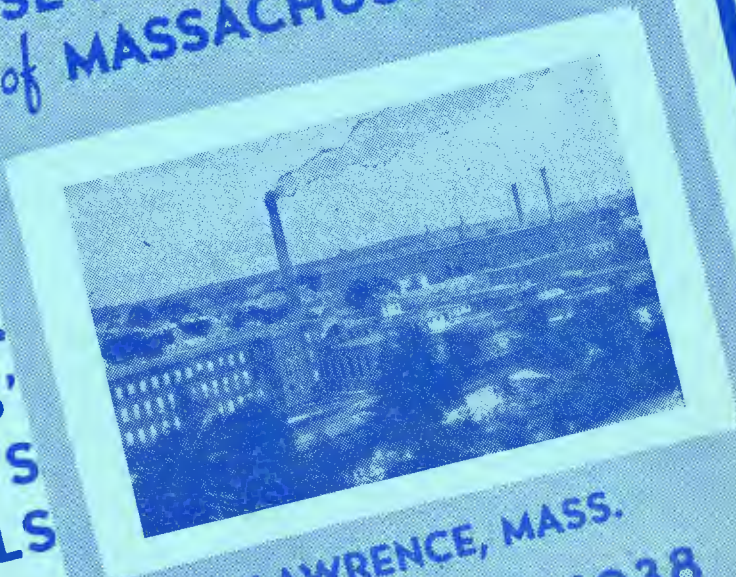
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We are indeed honored to be your host this week-end, and it is our sincere wish that your brief stay in our city will be a pleasant and memorable event.

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On behalf of the city government and the people of the City of Lawrence I extend a hearty and cordial welcome to the delegates, and their families and friends, to the Eighth Annual Convention of the Portuguese-American Civic League of Massachusetts.

While you are in our midst we want you to enjoy the hospitality of our people and see some of the many interesting sights which the community has to offer. "Lawrence weaves the world's worsteds" is a slogan, no doubt, familiar to you all.

May you all enjoy your stay with us as much as we enjoy having you as our guests. We trust that your memories of this visit will cause you to return frequently in the future.

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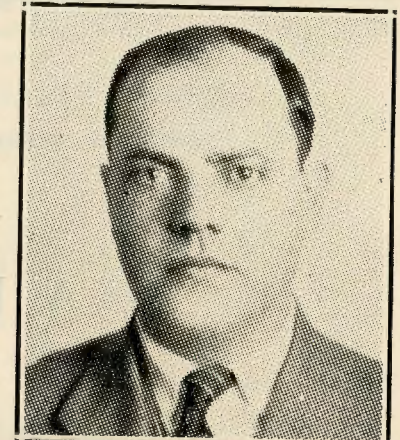
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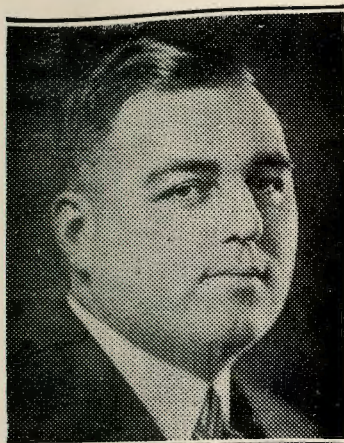
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The Portuguese colony in Lawrence is as old as the city. When, in 1853, the six year old town received its charter as a city, a Portuguese barber, Andrew Mideros, was already established in a barber shop at the corner of Lawrence and Common Street, and lived, with his family, at 11 Bradford Street, where, in 1856, he paid a tax of \$41.02, at the rate of \$7.60 per \$1,000.

Lawrence at the time had a population of about 16,000, and, with the exception of a few Germans, the residents of the city were of English, Irish and Scotch extraction. The Portuguese have the distinction of leading all the other European groups to this community at that time.

The cornerstone of the Portuguese Church of Sts. Peter and Paul was laid on September 30, 1906, with elaborate ceremonies. It was dedicated on August 4, 1907.

During the year 1930, Messrs. Joseph P. Correia, of New Bedford, Jose Bettencourt, of Cambridge, and John Sousa, of Lowell, interested Mr. John B. Sears, of Lawrence, in organizing a Non-Partisan Civic Association.

Mr. Sears realizing the necessity for such an organization to promote friendship, education, unity, and social welfare of the Portuguese-American people of Greater Lawrence, and its suburbs, immediately called a general meeting of all Portuguese, Portuguese-Americans, Portuguese Clubs and Societies, and under the direction of Mr. Sears, now known as the Father of the Lawrence Councils, the Portuguese-American Civic Association was organized in 1930.

A year later in 1931, the Ladies' Council was organized, and we are proud of the fact that we were one of the six councils to have organized the Portuguese-American Civic League of Massachusetts which number twenty-seven councils throughout the state today.

The Lawrence councils took the initiative in organizing the Junior Boys' and Girls' Councils, a Junior Boys' Fife and Drum Corps, a Junior Girls' Baton Team, and a Portuguese school, and has progressed rapidly since its beginning, starting with a membership of thirty and increasing to over five hundred, including the Ladies', Men's, Junior Girls' and Boys' Councils.

Our main activities are in taking part in all civic affairs of the community, state and nation, promoting interest in American naturalization amongst our people, conducting a Christmas basket fund for the needy and other charitable affairs.

Mr. Manuel Sears was elected the first president of the Lawrence Men's Council in 1931; followed by Clarence Andrews, 1932; Fred Couto, 1933-34; Jeffrey Vasconcelos, 1935-36; Manuel Sousa, Jr., 1937; and Manuel Sears, 1938.

Mrs. Jessie Espinola was the first president elected in the Lawrence Ladies' Council in the year 1932, she also served in 1933-34, followed by Mrs. Elsie Foley, 1935-36; Mrs. Jessie Espinola, 1937; and Miss Ezilda Cardoza, 1938.

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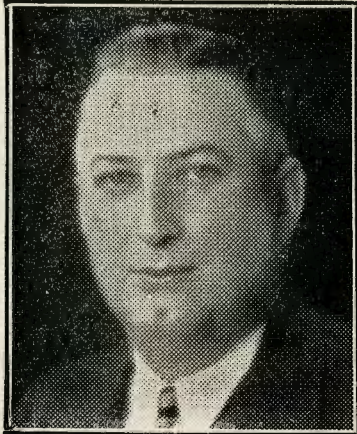
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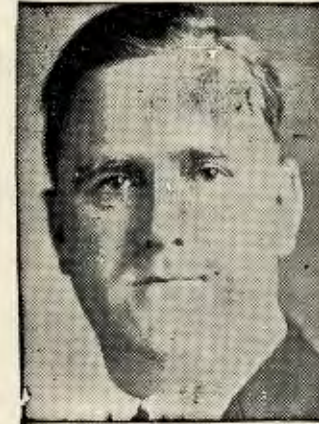
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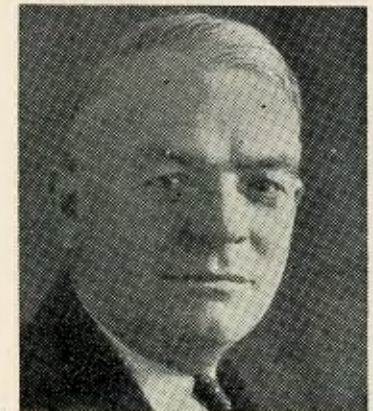
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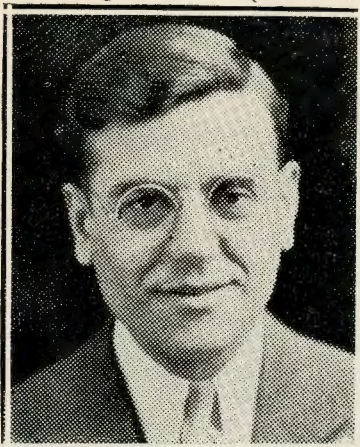
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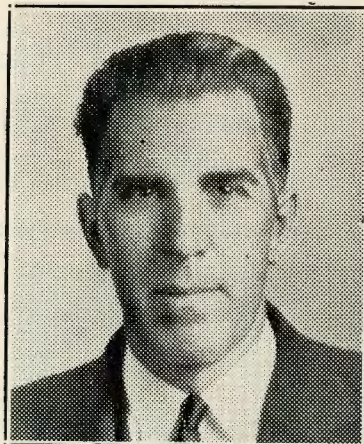
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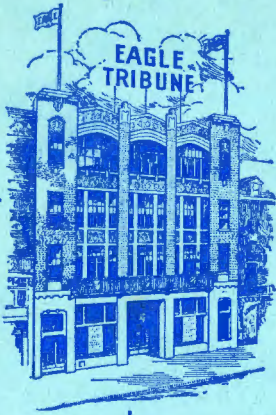
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