

YOUNG WRITERS

MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

When I entered Masinloc Elementary School I felt alone. I saw that my new classmates were unfamiliar to me. Then it was recess. Boys and girls chased one another. I felt like crying when they laughed at me. They pretended not to mind me. When the bell rang the children bustled to their lines. I followed them slowly. But one kind and good teacher took me and let me sit on one of the desks.

Ofelia de las Alas
Masinloc Elementary School
Grade V

MY FAVORITE BIRD

Of all the birds I love the German canary best. I love this bird because of its beautiful song and its beautiful color.

It is yellow with gray spots. It is not a big bird. It is very delicate.

Everyday I give our German canary a certain kind of bird seeds which it likes very much. Once a week I give him a leaf of fresh lettuce. Every morning I put him on our window with a small supply of water for its bath. I put the cage outside for fresh air and sunshine. Every time I give it food I clean its cage. Every night I put a mosquito net over his cage be-

PEN and PENCIL CIRCLE

1301 Calle Estrada
Singalong, Manila
July 21, 1937

Dear Aunt Alma,

I am interested to subscribe for *The Young Citizen* magazine. I like the stories of the small Filipino children. I should like to begin on July 23, 1937. Please send it to me at our house. Please tell me the price and then I shall pay it. I am in grade VI. I'm studying in St. Scholastica's college.

Yours respectfully,

Pola Abreña

Dear Po'a,

Thank you for your subscription for "The Young Citizen." We are beginning your subscription with the July issue. The price is ₱3.00 a year.

I wish you good luck in your studies.

Aunt Alma

cause he is so delicate that the moment a mosquito bites it, it will die. Whenever this German Canary hears the sound of the piano or the violin or any other musical instrument it will begin to sing its sweet song. I do not give our canary much food because if it grows fat it

Masinloc Elem. School
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Dear Aunt Alma,

I am very much interested in reading your magazine, *The Young Citizen*. It contains interesting stories, poems, songs, and jokes. This magazine gives us entertainment and teaches us good moral lessons. I like best Aunt Julia's True Stories. When the copies of the magazine arrive, I always take the chance of reading a copy during our library periods. I'll try to save money so that I can be a subscriber of your interesting magazine.

Sincerely yours,

Patrocino Estella
Grade VI pupil

Dear Patrocino,

I am glad you enjoy reading "The Young Citizen."

I wish every child in your school will imitate you in saving money for the subscription for the magazine. By doing that, your mothers and teachers will be proud of you.

Aunt Alma

will not sing. I never forget to take good care of our German Canary.

Roberto Lazaro
Rizal Elementary School