

YOUNG WRITERS

MY AMBITION

When I grow up to be a man, I will be a special detective. I will offer my services to those in need. If the police fails to solve a mystery case, I will try to help in capturing the culprit and I will not stop until he is behind prison bars. I will also try to study the types of faces so that I can remember the men I meet in my adventure in the underworld. To be a detective, I will develop my body, for I must be strong. I will also develop a keen mind and sharp eyes. To be a detective has been my childhood ambition. I hope to fulfill my ambition to help my family, my country, and my God.

Hernando de Guzman
Grade VII-A'
Burgos Elementary School

A POEM DUTY TO COUNTRY

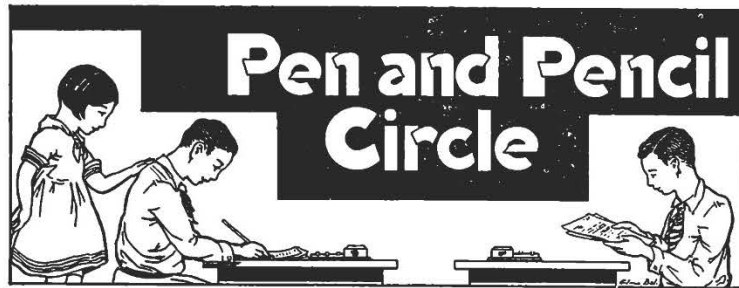
Thou shalt strive for the happiness
of thy country.
The kingdom of reason, of justice,
and of labor.
For if thy country be happy, thou
together with thy parents.
Likewise will be happy,
There's a magical tie to the land of
our home,
Which the heart cannot break,
though the footsteps may roam.
O saviours of thy country,
Your glory shall not vanish.
Whose bodies bear
Brave scars and wear,
Their wounds as honor's sign,
Is yours, what gift divine.
I give my head, my heart to God
and my country, one country,
one language, one flag.

Felix Rocabela
Grade Six
Bais Elementary School

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Manila, P. I.
Sept. 4, 1936

Dear Godfather,

The fountain pen which you sent me as a gift was the thing I wanted most. I jumped with joy when I received it.



Bais Elem. School
Bais, Neg. Or.
Oct. 20, 1936

Dear Aunt Alma,

I am eleven years old. I am in the sixth grade in Bais Elementary School.

I am very eager to send you a letter. When I read the "Young Citizen," I become so much absorbed in the stories that I even forget my lessons; I always read every issue of the "Young Citizen."

Please publish this letter in the "Young Citizen."

Your friend,

Sofia Zosa

Dear Sofia,

The time you spend in reading "The Young Citizen" is not wasted. You can use the articles and stories in connection with your outside reading activities and character and health education. Reading magazines is a very useful habit.

Aunt Alma

I lost my pen in August and missed it very much. I wanted to buy one, for I need it very badly, but I had no money. Then came my fortune and that is the fountain pen which you gave me. I wonder how you know what I wanted.

Please accept my thanks both for the gift you gave me and for your kind thoughts.

Lovingly yours,

Jesus Patajo

A NOISE IN THE NIGHT

One night, it was raining very hard. I was very sleepy and so I was not able to finish my home work. I went to bed worrying. I lay awake thinking how I could accomplish my work. When I was

Intramuros Intermediate School
Manila, P. I.
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Dear Aunt Alma,

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that I am one of the subscribers for "The Young Citizen." Your magazine contains good stories for young people like me. It is full of worthwhile information and funny jokes.

I wish to let you know that I am studying in the Intramuros Intermediate School. I am in the seventh grade.

I hope many pupils would subscribe for "The Young Citizen."

Sincerely yours,

Rodolfo Karaans

Dear Rodolfo:

It is very thoughtful of you to realize the good the "Young Citizen" is giving to children. Try to encourage your classmates to subscribe for it. Let them invest their money in something that would make them more cultured. Thank you.

Aunt Alma

about to fall asleep, I heard a strange noise. It seemed to be coming from the kitchen. I was very much afraid. I trembled all over. I could neither move nor talk. Suddenly, I saw a shadow across the floor. I was ready to scream. When my father woke me up, he asked me what was happening because he also heard the noise. I tried to speak but I could not. I just pointed to the kitchen. He turned on the light and saw nothing. Then when I gained courage, I told him what I heard and saw. After telling him all, I lost all my fright and I was able to sleep.

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