



Catching Eels

By DIOSCORO P. SIBAYAN
(16 YEARS OLD)

ABOUT eight o'clock one night, my brother and I set off for the river, about 500 meters away, to catch eels. We took with us five hooks, two *bolos*, several pieces of wood for clubs, and a container full of coffee to keep us awake.

We carefully baited our hooks with frogs and threw into the water our lines on which were the baited hooks.

We waited patiently and quietly, and did not talk to each other. If we became sleepy, we drank coffee.

We sat thus for four or five hours. Then I felt a strong pull on one of my lines. With the help of my brother, I caught a very fine eel. I pulled it up. A blow with my club dispatched it. This eel was large and fat—nearly a meter in length. We caught other eels that night.

We carried the eels home and made "dried eel"—*tinapa a'igat* in Ilocano—from the catch.

A Tribute to the Y.M.C.A. Boys Club

By WENCESLAO RAMOS
(12 YEARS OLD)

I LIVE in Manila and am a member of the Y.M.C.A. Boys Club. Every Saturday I go to the city branch of the Y and play, sing, and swim. And don't I have a good time!

Sometimes I listen to a speaker who tells us to be



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good to our parents and to other boys. I am doing my best to be good.

I attend the community program every Saturday evening. I enjoy that too.

I get all of these things free—I do not have to pay one centavo. *Maraming salamat* to the Boys Club.

Earning a Pair of Shoes

By ROMULO V. MARTIN
(7 YEARS OLD)

I ASKED father to make a shoe shine box for me.

When the box was finished, mother gave me money to buy shoe polish—black, tan, red, and white.

When everything was ready, I asked father to let me clean his shoes first for practice.

Then some of the neighbors let me shine their shoes. I did the best I could, and received eighteen centavos. How happy I was!

I continued my shoe shining business during the two months of vacation.

Finally I decided to count my money and see how much I had saved. Do you know how much? Very much. Three pesos and sixty-two centavos! My own money!

From this money I bought me a new pair of high top shoes, and I still had enough left for my pencils, paper, and notebooks, and some candy besides.