

## YOUNG WRITERS

### WHAT I DID ON ALL-SAINTS' DAY

Before we went to the cemetery, we made two crosses. One cross was big and the other little. The crosses were made of different flowers. They were roses, dahlias, cadena de amor and sampaguita.

When we reached the cemetery we put them on my aunt's tomb. The big cross was for my aunt and the little cross was for her baby because they were buried together. We put the big cross beside the little cross. We lighted two candles. We watched the candles burn. Soon we saw one of the candles bent like a hunchback. We went home and told my mother about the things we saw and about the candle.

Florida R. Pineda

### MY AMBITION

When I grow up to be a man, I will take a course in aviation. I will study in the American Far Eastern School of Aeronautics.

The Philippine Army is lacking in air defense forces. So I think aviators and airplanes are needed. If we have them, the Philippines would have a strong air force.

Dear Aunt Alma I am very glad to tell you that I won the first prize in the parade for the most beautifully decorated bicycle during the Commonwealth celebration in our town. Now I am sending you my picture riding on that bicycle. Will you please put this in your magazine?

Florencio G. Goyena  
Grade VII-A  
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### HOW LUCAS GOT A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Lucas was a poor boy who lived with his mother. His father was dead and they supported themselves by selling "puto." Even then, they did not get much.

One day when he was passing a  
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Dear Aunt Alma,

I have not been a good boy this year. Now that New Year is coming I will tell you my resolutions. Aunt Alma, I have been a disobedient boy this year, so I will check this up and be always obedient. I will try my very best to be an ideal school boy in any academic subject. Usually I always spend and spend all money I have without saving some. What I will do is to shorten my expenses and be thrifty. I will change all my undesirable habits to gain respect and confidence.

Yours truly,

Antonio Cinco

Dear Antonio,

*The beginning of goodness lies in knowing one's faults. Knowing your weaknesses will really help correct them. I hope you will strive to live up to your resolutions.*

Aunt Alma

Pagsanjan, Laguna, P. I.  
November 28, 1936

My dear Aunt Alma,

I am seven years old. I am a grade two pupil of the Pagsanjan Elementary School.

or coffee. Water is seldom drunk after serving them. Can you tell why?

Note: The bibingca may be safely baked in a moderate gas oven. The "puto bumbong" and "puto sulot" may be steamed in tin containers made purposely for these. They are available in most tin stores.



LILY TORRES

My father is a subscriber for *The Young Citizen* and I am always reading your short stories in it.

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Sincerely yours,

Lily Torres

Dear Lily,

*Thank you for your beautiful picture. I am sure the readers of The Young Citizen will like it, too.*

Aunt Alma

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toy store he saw a toy rifle. He liked it very much but when he saw the price he turned away from the window. It cost P5.95 and Lucas could never hope to save that much.

When he reached home he told his mother about it and she only laughed at him.

The next morning he passed the store again. He looked at it once more and saw that the price had been lowered to P5.00. Only one week before Christmas and he could not save that much. Just as he turned he saw an old man trying

to cross the street but he could not because he was too weak.

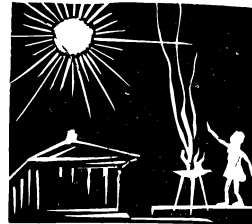
Lucas ran to help him. The old man looked at him but said nothing. Silently he offered his arm and they crossed the street safely.

When they reached the other side, the old man took out his wallet and took out P10.00 and gave it to Lucas and before Lucas could thank him he had disappeared.

Lucas was very happy and ran to tell his mother about it. She consented to buy the rifle and they went to the store together. So Lucas got his rifle and they had a good Christmas dinner.

*Erlinda Alcantara*

**THE MONTH  
of  
DECEMBER**



In the old Roman calendar, December was the tenth month and its name was derived from a Latin word that means ten. On the twenty-fifth of this month, the ancient Romans, who were not Christians, held a festival called the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun. If you lived in a country where winter is very cold, you would appreciate better the importance of the sun to men. You would then realize why a festival should be held in honor of the sun, which was believed to be a god.

The early Christians celebrated the birthday of the Christ Child at different times during the year. They finally decided to hold it at a fixed date and December 25 was the date chosen, perhaps because of the old heathen festival.

In early times, at Christmas time, boxes were hung in churches. It was in these boxes that the rich put their gifts for the poor. This practice developed into our custom of giving gifts on Christmas. The custom of having a Christmas tree hung with toys was also started by the Romans in connection with the Saturnalia, another important festival held in December.

The Christmas season is also referred to as Yuletide. Before the Northmen of Europe became Christians, they kept a great festival called Yule. Like the old Roman feast, it was held in honor of the sun.

**GOOD READERS' CORNER**

Answers to Questions

**GRADE ONE**

1. candles
2. Christmas tree
3. little dolls
4. bed
5. big doll
6. box

**GRADE TWO**

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|---------|-------|
| 1. poor | 3. No |
| 2. Yes  | 4. No |
| 5. Yes  |       |

**GRADE FOUR**

1. surprised

**ON THIS EARTH OF OURS**

KEY

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|----------|----------|
| 1. True  | 3. False |
| 2. False | 4. True  |

**TRICKS OF FLOWERS**

KEY

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|--------|--------|
| 1. Yes | 6. No  |
| 2. No  | 7. Yes |
| 3. Yes | 8. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 9. Yes |
| 5. No  | 10. No |

**ON ANT WAYS**

KEY

1. sweet
2. industrious
3. store
4. wise
5. in great numbers
6. many
7. strong
8. feelers
9. aphids
10. three

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| 5. False | 8. True  |
| 6. True  | 9. True  |
| 7. True  | 10. True |

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