

VACATION PLANS

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"THIS is the last day of school," Mrs. Torres was saying to her class of grade four pupils. "Tomorrow will be the first day of vacation. What are your plans for vacation?" she asked.

Quickly almost every one's hand went up.

"I am glad to see you have all made plans," said Mrs. Torres. "We will begin with Nita. What are your plans, Nita?" she said to the ten-year old girl nearest her, in the front.

"Oh, I have delightful plans," said Nita. "Mother has given me permission to go to Baguio with my Aunt Carmen."

"That is splendid," said the teacher. "It is very good for all of you who can do so to visit beautiful and interesting parts of your country during vacation. And you, Jose, what are your plans?"

Jose stood up promptly and said, "I am going to visit Mount Mayon and Consocep Falls."

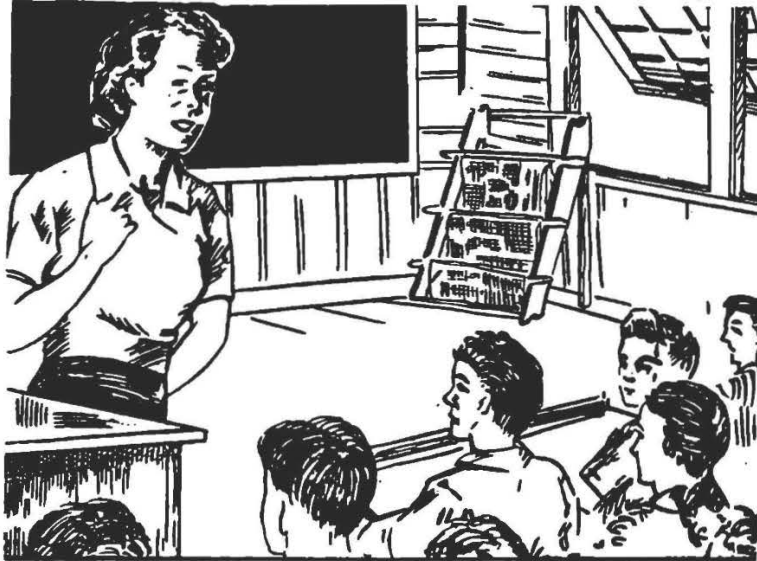
"Fine, Jose," commented their teacher. "What are you going to do, Pedro?"

"Grandfather is going to let me go on a hunting trip with him."

And so on around the class the teacher

went. Some were going to visit relatives in other provinces, some were going to spend their vacation time in Manila or Baguio, and one girl was going to Hong Kong with her uncle. Everybody seemed to have a very definite plan in mind, and everybody seemed to be going to do something in order to have a good time.

Finally every one in the class had told his or her vacation plans—at least Mrs. Torres thought everyone had told of them.



"Visit interesting parts of your country during vacation," the teacher said.

"T h e r e's Lino," some one said. "He has not told of his plans."

"That is true. I quite overlooked him. what are you going to do?"

Poor Lino blushed. Finally he stammered, "I have no plans. I cannot go away. I am going to stay here and help support

my mother and little sister by selling cheese."

"Then you do have a plan, and a very good one," said Mrs. Torres. "Everyone else is going away on a pleasure trip. And I am glad they can go. But they will spend money. You are going to stay here and earn money. You have an excellent vacation plan. Instead of thinking of yourself, you think of others. It is a noble vacation plan."

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