

CHATS with the EDITOR

THIS chat is addressed to writers—young and old. If you have ever written anything for publication, or if you think you might write anything for publication, the Editor asks you to read this chat.

But first of all, let us stop a moment and reflect that this is the month when everyone who is under the protection of the flag of the United States observes, at least to some extent, that great American holiday known as Thanksgiving Day. The Philippines, as a nation, has every reason to be thankful at the present moment. No war, no great disaster, and employment and food for the great majority of all who live here—in short, I know of no other part of the world in better condition than we are in right now. So this year to a greater extent, perhaps, than ever before let us give thanks for our happy and prosperous condition as a nation.

Now for the chat with writers and would-be writers: Don't forget that the Editor of *The Young Citizen* always wants to secure suitable material for publication, and that good articles will be paid for. We

are dependent largely upon our Philippine writers for worth-while material and ideas for this magazine. Unless teachers and capable friends of our magazine help us by producing suitable, worth-while material for publication, we cannot give to the young people—the boys and girls—of the Philippines such an excellent magazine as we are now printing.

Just now the Editor would like to receive more short stories.—*Little Stories for Little People*—from 100 to 200 words in length. We would like to publish more stories such as *Gloria's Sacrifice* which appeared in the September, 1939, number of *The Young Citizen*. (Wasn't that a beautiful story!)

Also, we would like to have some longer stories to use in the section known as *Reading Time for Young Folks*. Any length of story—from 200 to 2,000 words—will do if the story is *interesting* and *wholesome*.

We are always wanting clever material for primary grades. Every primary teacher in the Philippines is able to write some good material of this nature. Why not send us several ar-

ticles and earn a few extra pesos?

There are many other kinds of articles, too, which we can use. We suggest that again you read the *Announcement to All Writers* on the inside front cover of this magazine, and then prepare us an article.

But, writers, please do not expect your article to appear in print immediately after it is accepted. We plan our magazine several months in advance of the date of issue, so sometimes we wait a long time before publishing a certain article, even though that article may be excellent. If you send in an article you will hear from it sooner or later, and if it is a good article, or one which we can use (sometimes we cannot use even good articles), you will see it in print, but probably not as soon as you expect.

The Editor appreciates very much the splendid contributions which have been sent in during the past few months. We extend our thanks to the writers.

Community Publishers, Inc. wishes you one and all a happy Thanksgiving vacation. Goodbye.—*The Editor*.