

Pier 7, Manila. The longest and the most costly dock in the Orient.

See the Philippines First

Our beloved Filipinas, due to her wealth in natural resources and the beauty of her scenery, is aptly called the Pearl of the Orient and Paradise of the Pacific. Her beauties shine in song and story. Visitors from foreign lands after traveling in our country, enjoying scenic attractions, and appreciating the cultural and economic development of the people, are loud in their praises of our glorious land.

A few of our countrymen, however, who have the means for leisure and travel, boast of having gone around the world once or several times, seen great cities, wonderful views, and historical landmarks abroad, seem to belittle the importance of our local scenery and interesting places. Don't you think we should know more about our

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homeland by actually seeing her interesting places first?

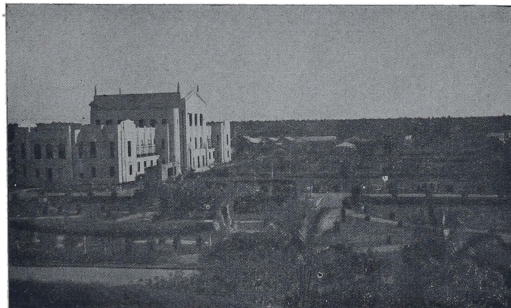
In the olden days when the means of transportation were slow and expensive, people were naturally not inclined to travel and this situation contributed to the backwardness of the country and the lack of effective unity among its people. This was also true in other foreign countries.

Today, however, with the advent of modern civilization and the machine age, travel is quick and inexpensive, and people go about more for business, educational, and recreational purposes. In foreign countries, such as, the United States, Japan, England, Germany, Italy, and Russia, pupils and students are encouraged to make visits

and excursions to places of educational interest. In these trips they are accompanied by their teachers and tutors who see to it that their wards get the most from their visits. In fact these excursions are considered parts or extensions of classroom work in elementary science, geography, history, civics, home economics, and other subjects, and the excursionists are credited for their ability to report and discuss intelligently what they had seen during their visits.

In some foreign countries transportation companies and special boarding houses offer reduced rates to pupils, students, and teachers who travel for educational vacations and excursions. This practice of learning by seeing is of most practical value to the future citizens of the country.

In the Philippines education by travel is just beginning to be realized. Occasionally pupils and teachers from neighboring provinces come to Manila by truck or train during school holidays and vacations and visit interesting places in the city. Some schools in the city organize from time to time excursions to neighboring provinces. These are steps in the right direction and they should be encouraged, or better still, prescribed as regular part of school work. If school authorities, government and private transportation companies in our country would co-operate in encouraging these educational excursions among pupils, students, and teachers, as it is done



The famous Perez Park with the new Tuynbas Capitol in the background.

in other progressive countries, much good could be derived from said excursions.

The excursions, however, to be fruitful and educational, should be well planned and organized. The organizer, usually a teacher who had previously seen the place or places to be visited, and had made necessary arrangements with the heads of offices and institutions requiring permission, prepares the ground through discussions and planning with his pupils and students. Travel literature, maps, and road guides are useful aids in planning.

Informal discussions and pertinent questions should be encouraged during the visits, but in case said visits are made in offices, factories, and institutions, boisterous and disorderly behavior should be avoided so as not to annoy the people there in who may be very busy at that time.

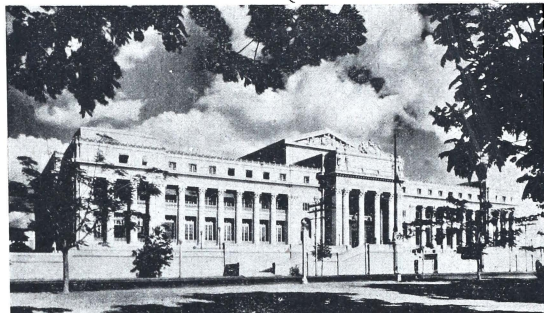
Reports, illustrated with pictures, diagrams, and maps whenever available, are then discussed in the classrooms and are correlated with other school subjects and activities.

The length of this article does not permit me to enumerate all the important places in the country worth seeing. Every municipality, city, and province has its own places of particular interest. The idea is, visit first those places in your locality which are of special interest to you; next, those in the neighborhood within your province; and then, those outside of your province.

Herewith is a short suggestive list for Manila visitors. Other items of special interest may be added to the list. It is clear that all places mentioned herein cannot be covered in one trip. Visit the important ones first and reserve the rest for succeeding visits. Most of these places are within short walking distance:

Government—

Legislative Building, Library
Post Office
Ayuntamiento, Courts
Malacañang



The Legislative Building of the Philippine Commonwealth.

Bilibid Prison
Treasury, Audit, Mint
Education
Science
Printing
Observatory
City Hall
Educational—
University of the Philippines, its colleges
Ateneo
Sto. Tomas
National University
Letran College
San Beda
Normal School
Trade School
High schools, model elementary schools (gov't)

Monuments—

Rizal
Legazpi-Urdaneta
Magellan
Anda
Elcano
Isabel II
Carlos
Vidal
Bonifacio
(Caloocan, Rizal)

Hospitals—

General
St. Paul
San Juan de Dios
San Lazaro
Mary Johnston

Churches—

Cathedral
St. Augustine
Jesuit

Quiapo
St. Paul
San Sebastian
Aglipay Cathedral
Episcopal Cathedral

Markets—

Divisoria
Quiapo (Quinta)
Azcarraga (Dulumbayan)
Yangco
Paco

Banks—

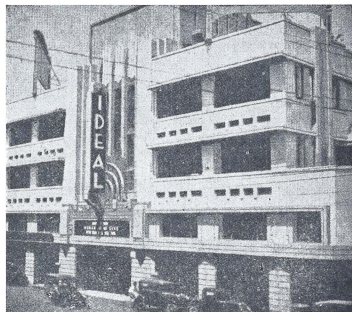
Philippine National Bank
Postal Savings Bank
Monte de Piedad

Parks, Playgrounds—

Luneta
Mehan Garden, the Zoo
Sunken Gardens

Jose Rizal Memorial Stadium

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The Ideal Theatre, Rizal Avenue, Manila.

LITTLE ENTERTAINERS

Bobby Watson was Convinced

Bobby Watson is a boy actor. He is only five years old yet he was given a good part in *Mary of Scotland*. During the filming of this picture, Bobby stage a one-boy revolt. He was handed a costume which he was to wear in his role. This role happened to be an English peasant boy. The costume is like a smock or a skirt belted in at the waist. Bobby refused to wear it. He thought it looked like a girl's dress. They insisted Bobby to wear it. But he simply will not put on a costume that is very funny. Then



he cried. They even offered him boxes of candy which he refused to take. John Ford, who was directing this picture, saw what was wrong. He took Bobby over to the

Freddie Bartholomew

Hollywood is making a new picture called *Captains Courageous*. Freddie Bartholomew is the star in this picture. This is something new for Freddie. This is something new for us also. He has not appeared in any sea picture before. Did I say Freddie Bartholomew? Yes, I did. Remember him as a boy king in *Professional Soldier*? And have you seen his recent picture that was shown in the State Theatre? It is called *Little Lord Fauntleroy*. That is his best picture ever seen in the Islands. A month ago, Freddie came home from New York. When people saw him get off from the train in Los Angeles, he was wearing a captain's yatching hat. He said, "I've gone nautical!" Children, that means Freddie feels like a seaman.

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Osmeña Park
Cavite Boulevard
Shopping District—
Escolta
Rosario
Rizal Avenue
Factories—
Ice Plant
San Miguel, Royal
Magnolia
La Insular Cigar Factory
Madrigal Cotton Mills
Insular Lumber Yard
Police and Fire Stations—
Luneta Police Station
Meisic
Pako, Intramuros, Sta. Cruz,
San Nicolas Fire Stations, and
stations in other districts.
Show Houses—
Metropolitan
Lyric
Capitol
Ideal
State
Grand
Fox
Grand Opera House
Cemeteries—
Del Norte

Loma
Chinese
Del Sur (Makati, Rizal)
Miscellaneous—
Intramuros, walls, gates
Fort Santiago
Archbishop's Palace
Government Trading Center
Tutuban Railway Station
Meralco
Pier Seven
Telephone Company
Garbage Disposal Plant

Dear readers, through your societies, scout, pioneer, campfire and other school organizations plan your educational excursions now with your teachers and principal. Let us know our country more by visiting her interesting places and institutions. Let us admire the beauties of her sceneries; let us know the progress and the needs of our communities and our neighbors so that we may better help in our country's growth and development; let us put our NEPA principles into actual practice. *Let us see the Philippines first.*

dressng room of Donald Crisp. Donald Crisp is a grown-up actor. And Bobby admires Donald very much. Bobby stopped. He saw his friend dressed in the same costume he refused to wear. He dried his eyes. Crisp explained, "Scotchmen wore kilts like this in the old days." "All right," said Bobby, "I'll wear 'em if you will."

THIS EARTH OF OURS

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Choose the correct answer. Check your answers by reading the story again.

1. The surface of the earth is (smooth, uneven).
2. The center of the earth is (cold, hot).
3. The outside layer of rock has been (shrinking, expanding).
4. Mountains may be caused by (fire, volcanoes).
5. _____ and _____ break down rocks into fine pieces.
6. There was a time when the tops of mountains were at the bottom of the sea. True, False.