

The Chaperone

Pen Pal Column conducted
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Hi Kids!

Gosh, how time flies... why, it's Christmas again!!! Isn't it simply great to be alive? Isn't it simply wonderful to spend these beautiful days before Christmas with Mary and Joseph... eagerly, anxiously, waiting for the Christ Child to come into our hearts again? Wow... just look at that pile of Christmas cards on my desk! Some came via airmail at that! But... but it's simply very heartwarming to see how all of you think of one another. You can just imagine the fun I'm having forwarding your letters. Tut... tut... it's no trouble at all, no trouble at all. Why, I can spend hours re-addressing your cards. Let me see... hmmm, this card goes to somebody down in Davao... and this one, sniff, sniff... reminds me of a big red rose... oh, it is for Charito U-101. Gee, I'm very sure she will be extremely happy to receive this card. Y' see, kids, she is going to undergo a very delicate operation sometime this month. You will be doing her a perfect act of charity, indeed, if you drop her a line or two of cheer. If you can

send her some magazines, please say an extra-special prayer for her, huh? Oh, by the way, those of you who are going home to the provinces this Christmas season, do send me your vacation addresses before you leave. You want to receive your cards on time, don't you?

What do you know, Genie L-110 is finally back in town after a six-month stay in the States... Welcome home, dear... bet you are simply a-bubbling with news about your recent trip. Has anybody heard from our assets abroad, Anthony U-100, Josie F-107, and Cerila F-103? Do share the news with us. Everybody is very eager to hear from them. Speaking of friends abroad, I guess we'll have to wait for sometime before we can finally publish lists of names of foreign pen-pals. Y' see, we are trying to establish some connections with the Chaperon Club of the Extension Magazine in the United States. It is also a Catholic pen-pal club which functions very much like ours and whose members come from the different parts of the world. If any of you knows some boys and

girls who are interested in exchanging letters with us, or if any of you comes across lists of names of foreign pen-pals in the magazines you read, do send those lists to me.

I understand that a number of young people are very eager to join our family but are quite in doubt as to the best means of how to go about it. Well, here's how... Write the Chaperone a howdy note and tell her such things as your age, your school, your occupation, your hobbies, your pet peeves, your favorite basketball team and oh, anything that you feel like telling old Aunt Luisa. Enclose a fifty-centavo worth of stamps and presto! she'll see to it that you meet the right kind of pen-chum.

I would appreciate it very highly, indeed, if those of you who send your letters to the Australian girls through me would enclose sixty cents worth of stamps, that is if you want me to send your letters via airmail.

Say "howdy" to the following people...

Lucito S-119 decided to throw in with us to break the monotonous hospital life. He is now confined in the V. Luna Hospital. Well... what are you waiting for, kids? We can not afford to fail him now.

Potenciano F-106, enrolled four of his friends.

First among them, is Gloria W-100 who spends most of her time writing letters now that she is out of school for a much needed rest. Crescencia R-117 just finished her AA and intends to take up journalism next year.

Heading the list of our new members for this month is another sail-ho lad, Tarlac-born, Lucito S-119 who is at present at the V. Luna Gen. Hospital. Welcome to the family, Lucito. How would you like exchanging sea-talk with Emetrio M-106 and Jesus M-109 who are both sail-ho lads, too?

Down from Legaspi city came a very breezy letter (ala typhoon "Trix") from Chita U-104. Chita is a sophomore—commerce student at the Legaspi College. Loves writing letters, reading novels and listening to radio request programs.

Nenita C-129, who has been an avid reader of our column for the past months, finally decided to hop right into the Chaperone bandwagon before she misses anymore fun. A senior in one of the Catholic schools in Tarlac she likes to sing, to dance and to engage in Catholic action work.

Teresita U-102, recruited two more young ladies who are both her classmates at the Ateneo de Cagayan. Tsk... tsk... did I hear somebody howl in protest? Sure they attend classes at the Ateneo Cagayan-branch, in the afternoons, that is. Vicky N-105 is a senior-B.S.E. and what do you know, she not only sings but plays the guitar too! Eleanor P-112 is a perfect example of teenager moderne... simply loves to dance, the boogie specially, plays the piano, sings... favorite sport? Why, bowling of course!

A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!!