

THE LIFE OF CIRCERO

Marcus Tullius Cicero, 62, has been and still is one of the greatest orators in Rome and has been called the "Father of the Country!". His has been a life of great activity.

In his early years he studied law, literature and philosophy with equal zeal. He even tried the military service for our great land, but he sensed that he could better serve his country in the courts where he became famous. He was elected to public office and later as consul.

Then he retired and his enemies began to persecute him for his hand in the revealing of the plot by Catiline against the state. He was exiled, but he later returned to Rome. He then was made governor of Cilicia, against his will. He returned once more to Rome after his office expired only to find it involved in civil war. Unfortunately he sided with Pompey, but was later pardoned by Caesar and since that time he has written many great works on philosophy at Tusculum.

Here we truly have a great Roman that will live down through history. May the Gods watch over Cicero and his writings forever.

I FOUGHT WITH CAESAR IN GAUL

Yes! I fought with Caesar in Gaul! I also fought with Mark Antony in Palestine and with Gaius Octavian in Philippi! It seems like I couldn't get along with anybody while I was in the military service. I think it all goes back to my childhood in the Forum. (continued Later)

Is your father dead? How about your mother? Come in and see Celesta the Great. Yes, if anyone can locate them in the other world, she can. Boys especially welcome!

*ROUND ROME

There has been a lot going on around Rome the past few days. K.R. seems to have taken up engineering as a hobby while M.M. is sticking to boys. Down at the Forum the "Mean Old Biology Teacher of the Year" is grading again as are all the other loyal Roman teachers.

K.H. has found a new way to save space on the table while playing certain games, and S.S. has been named "Dart Board of the Year". One R.H. is looking for L.M. with G.W. and M.O. while the other is still arguing about Jupiter knows what.

C.B. is trying to put the newspaper out of business, which isn't such a bad idea really. And of course T.G. is watching of a thaw or some rain. The other L.M. is still scraping on her new one she'll get later on for her birthday. The other M.O. isn't moving by the way and L.B. won't have to follow M.R. around. D.N. is making M.M. write letters, but he's editor so I can't mention that. E.W. is working on M.H. again, she'll get the best grade if she keeps it up. J.K. and L.D. are at their best this time of the year, coming out with the newest of fragrances.

M.F. will get sore legs if he keeps repeating things. Did you know that the melanophores thus exhibited not only an extensive migration but an extraordinary proliferative capacity. Very interesting, no? No! D.H. seems to have another activity other than what's her name, He's going to be the best bearded thing at the Forum. Did C.S. find her belt yet? The Roman fire department has declared C.B. a major forest fire hazard.

If you think you know what some of the above sentences mean, don't count on it. Please check with the editors to make sure you're right before you start stoning them.

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