

# KAPANGAN

## CAMP UTOPIA OF WORLD WAR II

Kapangan, with its vast terrain that is very much suited to the raising of various crops is a progressive agricultural town.

The crops grown in Kapangan include rice, vegetables, corn, fruit, trees, and tiger grass, the source of the dollar-earning broom. Piggery and poultry are thriving industries that greatly supplement the income of the people.

Kapangan is medium in size, its area being 12,950 hectares and its population is equally so with a head count of 10,707 as per the 1960 census. Its boundaries are Kibungan on the north, Tublay and Sablan on the south, La Union on the west and Atok on the east.

A host of notable personalities has risen into prominence in Kapangan particularly in the field of politics and business. Most notable among them is former Governor Bado Dangwa, business magnate and owner of the flourishing Dangwa Tranco. Mr. Andres Fianza, a prominent politician and farmer served Kapangan as mayor for many years. Presently, he is a senior member of the Provincial Board of Benguet. The incumbent mayor, Mr. Richard Bell is one who has attained the peak of his political career through hard labor and patience. His dream is to make Kapangan a progressive town.

Kapangan was brought into the limelight during the Second World War because it was in this place where Cam Utopia, the renowned headquarters of the 66<sup>th</sup> infantry regiment was located.

In education, Kapangan has much to crow about and one of those is the famous dance troupe of Tawang.

This school year, Kapangan has an enrolment of 2,816 pupils tutored by 115 teachers and roofed under 22 schools.

With the people of Kapangan fully sold to the use of chemicals and insecticides, there is a great hope in the offing for the municipality to become a booming agricultural town.