

ATOK

VANGUARD OF FREEDOM IN BENGUET

Atok, the home of tropical plants, has a glittering history in the golden page of the country's annals. It was in the midst of the deceiving terrains of Atok where the brave soldiers of the 66th infantry under the command of the then Major Dennis Molintas engaged the retreating Japanese in fierce combats.

The people of Atok are mostly engaged in rice growing and vegetable raising. Lately, mining was opened in the place and this industry will surely be a boom to the municipality. Much affected by the introduction of mining is lumbering, a great source of income for the people.

Atok has a great number of famous personalities and most notable among them was the late Jose Mencio, former governor of the Mountain Province and later served as congressman for the second district of the province. Another politician who served as mayor for two terms and who was appointed as member of the Provincial Board of the Province of Benguet by President Marcos is Mr. Alfredo Alumno. A distinguished government official in his own right, Mayor John Haight got the mandate of the people to serve them in the 1967 elections. Mayor Haight's main obsession is the pursuance of the total improvement of Atok.

Atok is a medium size municipality with a total land area of 10,860 hectares populated with 11,000 inhabitants as per the 1960 census. It is enveloped by Kibungan and Bakun on the north, Tublay on the south, Kapangan on the west, and Kabayan on the east.

At present, there are 14 schools in Atok populated with 2,173 school tots and managed by 84 teachers and school administrators. With this force, there is every reason to believe that Atok will ultimately reach the apex of success.