

MANKAYAN

THE COPPER TOWN OF THE PHILIPPINES

The thick veins of copper mines criss-crossing the bosom of mother earth in the blessed town of Mankayan makes the old Magambang of the richest towns in the Philippines today. Though it is only average in size with a total land area of 10,370 hectares and a sparse population of 13,812 as indicated by the 1960 census, Mankayan has a great wealth of human resources. This is so because the town officials are dedicated to their work and the people are very cooperative. Improvements in Mankayan for the past several years knew no bounds.

The public schools in Mankayan are benefited much especially during the terms of Mayor Agosto Santos. Because of the manifold innovations he introduced, Mayor Santos caught the attention of the members of the Philippine House on Evaluation and Research thus, he was voted as the Most Outstanding Mayor of the Year in 1965-1966. The same honor was given to him by the *Baguio Midland Courier* in the same year. For “exceptional achievement as civic leader and for valuable services for community development”, Mayor Santos was also cited by the National Radio and Television Club in 1966. At present, Mayor Santos is the incumbent president of the Benguet Mayor’s League.

Another notable personality of Mankayan is Mr. James D. Guanso, former teacher, mayor for two terms and now member of the Provincial Board of the Province of Benguet.

Mining is the principal source of income in Mankayan with vegetable raising in second berth followed by cattle raising.

The 114 teachers of Mankayan are distributed in 15 schools with an aggregate population of 3,484 as of the latest count. These fair hopes of the Fatherland will surely make Mankayan reach the apex of greatness in the years to come.