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**Robert Taft died last night.** He has been for so many years, in the United States Senate, the leader of his land that he was called "Mr. Republican". Newspaper correspondents in Washington have voted him the best-informed man in congress. He was the author of the controversial "Taft-Hartley Labor Law", which although it was vigorously opposed by the AFI and the CIO, most powerful labor organizations in the United States, has stood the test of time. In the industrial States of Ohio, where unions are very strong, he was reelected to the Senate. In 1948, he was defeated by Dewey for the Republican nomination for president. Again in July 1952, after a bitter campaign, he lost to Eisenhower. Taft's greatness is perhaps nowhere better shown than in his support of Eisenhower in Congress although he and the president had very different views in vital questions on what is best for the United States and for the world. (J.R. Norton)

**The Anglican Collegiate Association (ACA)** of the church of the Resurrection (Parish), Baguio City, was recognized recently as a result of the graduation on several officers last year. ACA has a membership of about one hundred students coming from Baguio Colleges, Baguio Tech, and Eastern Colleges. Officers elected are:

President----- Mr. Jesus Mangaoang, Balbalasang Kalinga

Vice-President-----Mr. Simon Abad of Sagada

Secretary-----Miss Hilda Dongail of Sagada

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Among other things, the members have organized a CHOIR in four voices (we invite everybody to come and hear us). They distribute pledge envelopes, check on stray members, and help in the work of the church.

**A copy of Mr. Pacyaya's translation of Sagada** has been placed in the special reserved closet of the library. It was printed by the University of Manila.

**Postboy Special notes for the Sagada students** will be fifty centavos a year. A St. Mary's student sent a peso for a year's subscription. She wanted the paper to send to a friend. As her copy does not go through the mail, it seems fair to reduce the subscription rate for local students. The Postboy hopes more students will subscribe. Parents like to receive frequent letters from their children. It is easier to use the empty part of the second page of the Postboy for a short letter.

**The yard of St. Benedict's Church at Kiniway, Besao**, has been greatly improved lately. Through the ready help of the Women's Auxiliary of this church, fresh grass and flowers were planted in once-barren churchyard. The women took turns each working a day each. The pupils of the St. James' School are also improving their grounds by planting fresh grass and flowers around the school building. /By Constance. Botengan).

**Miss Luz J. Cruz transferred to Bontoc.** On Friday evening, July 31, 1953, a send-off party, attended by some municipal officials, teachers, and friends, was given in honor of Miss J. Cruz who has been shifted from her teaching position in Sagada to Bontoc. It was gathered from Mr. Bartolome Daoas, a principal of Sagada Central Schol, that Miss Cruz had requested for their transfer. Miss Cruz has taught in Sagada public school for the last four years. She has been very active and cooperative in community work, in addition to her teaching job. Miss Cruz's classes and friends will certainly miss her; but we hope that her absence is temporary, and that in the next one or two years, she will be back in Sagada. /By Alfredo G. Pacyaya)

**Juliet Diwayan, S.M.S., 1953**, celebrated her eighteenth birthday last Tuesday evening, at Easter School. It was a very enjoyable occasion; we were filled with great joy and happiness and we all did our part to please her. Rose Capuyan, Estelle Diwayan, Miss Tamong-ong, and Miss Yawan prepared the food for the birthday party. We all extended her our congratulations and sang birthday songs to her. /By David Capuyan).

**Balugan School, below Ambasing** has an enrollment this year of eighty students: grade I,- 18, Grade II, 14, Grade III, 11, Grade Iv, 13, Grade V, 24. Many of the intermediate pupils have friends in Arlington, Arizona, U.S.A. They very much enjoy having pen pals abroad. (G. Ayson)

**A new public school** was opened last Friday at Naccagang barrio. Miss Antonina Mestito of Besao, a graduate of Baguio colleges is the lucky applicant to start the history of that barrio. Her assignment to Naccagang, brings the total number of public schools in this municipal district to thirty-three.

**The Principal's Office of the Sagada Central School is now** in what was formerly the store of Mr. Jose Gayman. Grade I and II are the same building. From this place one can have a wonderful view of the valley to the south and the surrounding mountains. It is just across the road and above old Presidencia, which is now Sagada Civic Center.

**Mount Boet would be wonderful place for the observatory.** From it can be seen an uninterrupted view of all the wide reaches of the municipality- Bagnen's St. Gregory, Bangaan's St. Matthew's, Ambassing School and Sagada Central School are all clearly in view. The Physics class, Thursday took compass readings of many points, with a barometer they also figured its elevation: 5027 feet, that is, 257 feet above Sagada's official 950 feet level. The Class then climbed down the steep hills and took elevation of the river just before it goes under ground again. This was found to be 4730 feet above sea level. Here where floods had built up a good smooth spot, the class had a picnic. Pascuala Cadiogan had prepared a corn beef macaroni dish and Joseph and Eduardo cooked pancakes. The USIS Manila Librarian with the help of Robert and Henry climbed the mountain, the other guests, Miss Vigan of the Book Mobile and Miss Keller of the U.S. Embassy joined the party at the picnic.

**The dance last night,** inspite of the disagreeable weather turned out to be very successful and enjoyable. The Dormitory Cumbachero, Lucky ten, and some schoolboys provided the music. Few were present at the dance or some of the dormitory boys and girls went home for their weekend vacation. Miss Piluden, Miss Abeya, and Mr. Ullocan were adequate chaperons and we trust enjoyed the dance also.