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ATENEO DE DAVAO*Davao del Norte*✓ **Mainit springs,**  
**a tourist attraction**

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There is a place in Davao where people can relax and enjoy a country-life atmosphere. The place is Mainit, in Nabunturan, Davao del Norte, about an hour and a half ride from Davao City.

Mainit, about 15 kilometers from the town proper, boasts of three hot and one cold springs, not to mention the fresh air and lush vegetation of the place.

In fact, Mainit is fast catching up as a tourist attraction of Davao del Norte. More and more visitors go to Mainit during weekends and holidays primarily because of the hot springs known for their therapeutic miracles.

It is said that patients who have had several bathing sessions in Mainit have been cured of their ailments such as paralysis, rheumatism, back pains, stiff necks, deafness and skin diseases.

Visitors can boil eggs at the

source of any of the three hot springs where temperature is at boiling point.

But bathers can enjoy a "sauna bath" privilege at a pool where the hot and the cold springs meet.

Nabunturan Mayor Prospero Amatong said he planned to construct more cottages in Mainit to attract more tourists to the place.

Right now, Amatong said, the government is tapping the potential geothermal power of Mainit believed enough to supply the electric consumption of Eastern Mindanao.

Drilling of test wells are being undertaken by the Energy development corporation of the Philippine national oil company.

Amatong said that 12 test pipes have been sunk in to determine the center of the geothermal power in the area.

Italian and New Zealand tech-

nicians, who are supervising the work, have estimated that Mainit can generate some 200 megawatts when fully developed, Amatong said.

The plant is expected to operate by 1980, Amatong added.