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Chatting . . .

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● **THIS IS THE WEEK** when a good many volunteer canvassers are busy calling at all the homes in town, asking for donations to help the Community Swimming Pool Fund.

I don't think anyone likes the job of canvassing too well, but in this case where the money is to be used to remedy a lack which the town has suffered for so many years, the canvassers have undertaken the work willingly. For Georgetown is not in the fortunate position of many towns which have built swimming pools with the backing of substantial sums from wealthy citizens or organizations. We have no money to begin with. To get our swimming pool paid for, it is earnestly hoped that everyone give it some support. Be it small or large. There's no other way to do it.

● **THE POOL AND dressing rooms** are almost completed now. The pool itself is 105 feet long and 45 feet wide. The shallow end is 3½ feet deep, while the deep end is 9½ feet. There is a walk 10 feet wide all around, with a wire fence to stop dirt from being tracked into the walk or pool from the surrounding area. It is a place where everyone, adults and children, who like swimming, can enjoy themselves, secure in the knowledge that every precaution for health and safety hazards, has been taken. After it has been paid for, the pool will be turned over to the town to be operated under the board of parks management.

Yes, our swimming recreational centre has been built, but of necessity, it has been built on credit. \$50,000 will have to be raised before it can open in the spring. So give your canvasser a cordial reception, and please, give all the support you can.

● **AND WHILE WE'RE** talking of worthwhile efforts, it was impressed on us very forcibly, a week ago Saturday, when we attended the opening of the new building for Cedarvale School for Girls, what a very commendable work the school does.

I wondered if everyone knew how the school came into existence, and how it operates. There was a brochure given to everyone attending the opening which contained some information which might be of interest to you.

For the benefit of our newer citizens, I might first of all tell you that the school is located on a branch of the Credit River, at the southeast corner of Georgetown. It really has a lovely setting on a spacious lawn, in its "vale", bordered by stately willows.

● **THE GIRLS AT CEDARVALE** come chiefly from broken homes — and almost all the girls are recommended by county and Children's Aid Societies. On the average, each girl stays at Cedarvale for at least a year.

The central part of the Cedarvale program is its school work. All the girls in public school grades are taught at Cedarvale. Some of the girls who are recommended for more study, attend High School here.

In addition to the school curriculum, the girls are taught sewing, cooking and laundry work, and there is a recreational program of games, singing instruction and hobbies.

Of paramount importance at the school are Bible instruction, devotional services and regular church attendance at St. John's United Church. All the girls are members of St. John's Junior Choir and take part in the church activities.

● **SINCE THE DAYS** immediately after World War I when the former Methodist Church bought the Cedarvale farm and erected a "temporary" building to house Armenian orphans, there has been the hope that better accommodation could be provided. Some years ago a cottage building was added, and more recently the brick farm house has been renovated.

Mr. Alex Maclaren took a leading part in the Armonian Farm, and after it closed, the United Church arranged with Miss Jessie Oliver to come from Toronto and start the Cedarvale School for Girls. Miss Oliver arrived in Georgetown in 1929 with a half dozen girls to start the school. She was superintendent here for sixteen years, and upon retirement was succeeded by Mrs. Orpha Houston, who has been superintendent for the past 11 years.

● **AND NOW THEIR** dream of a new building has come true. Built at an estimated cost of \$85,000 it is a structure of which they can be proud. None could miss seeing that little girl who showed us around on Saturday was indeed, very proud. The comfort and cheeriness of the new building could best be appreciated by someone who had seen and lived in the old school.

● **TO BUILD THE NEW SCHOOL,** all the old part was torn down except for one wing, the new building now adjoins this older part, which has also been redecorated. On the ground floor of the school are now located the business office, cloak room, furnace room and store room, sewing room, recreation room and a large washroom. On the second floor, our enthusiastic little guide showed us through the up-to-date kitchen, dining room, classroom and living room. On the third floor she pointed out the six girls' bedrooms. All are double, containing two single beds. They have been newly furnished in sturdy maple furniture. Our guide proudly showed us her room. They were all as neat as a pin. On this floor too is a large

washroom and the superintendent's rooms.

Miss Paula Arthur's assists Mrs. Houston in her position as supervisor. Miss Margeson is the teacher, and Miss Verus Allenson the housekeeper. There is a groundskeeper and someone to attend to the furnace, floors and laundry.

● **BUSY AS THE STAFF** is attending to the formal and religious educations of their twenty charges, in addition to shopping for their clothes, and food, looking after mending and repairs, etc., they are planning steadily to improve their standards of education and character training. They are now contemplating the addition of a recreational director to undertake the direction of the girls' activities after school hours, and when this is done, they hope to develop a special summer program.

● **THE SCHOOL IS FINANCED** by the Children's Aid Societies, the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada, and the Welfare Dept. of the Ontario government. It is administered by a 14 man board of directors. Those serving on the board from Georgetown are Mr. P. B. Harrison, treasurer; Mrs. O. M. Houston, superintendent; Mrs. M. G. McFarlane, Dr. C. V. Williams, Mrs. A. M. Nielsen, and Mrs. Harold Clave. At former United Church minister here, Rev. John Smith, Whitby, is also on the Board.

● **NOW I'VE BEEN** chatting about rebuilding and redecorating on a large scale but the other day a friend told me about her troubles with redecorating on a much smaller scale.

She had decided to take in a roomer, but before he came, she decided she would repair the woodwork in his room. The roomer duly arrived and took up occupancy. But he didn't stay long. A couple of weeks, and he was off to another boarding house, with no good explanation offered.

● **AND OUR HEROINE** wasn't sorry. Because tidying and cleaning his room had become a distasteful chore. There was an unpleasant odour lurking around it for which she secretly blamed her roomer.

The first day, and for several days after he left, she opened the windows as high as they would go and left them that way all day. A week of this cure and she discovered the room was still odiferous. Then came the realization. Her roomer had left because he blamed her housekeeping for the unpleasant atmosphere of his room — a mutual misunderstanding which affronted her good housekeeping instincts mightily. Because she finally discovered it was from the new paint on the woodwork that the odour was emanating.

When last heard from, our heroine was still seeking a solution to her dilemma — and it really was one because she had thrown out the paint can and couldn't remember exactly what brand it was. All she knew was that it was one of the newer types.

But the one little thing she could do to help clear up the situation, she did. She wrote a letter of explanation to her erstwhile roomer.

New Telephone Directory Lists 3,691 Subscribers

A new edition of a much consulted book is wending its way towards the homes and offices of phone subscribers in the Georgetown area this week.

It's the new telephone directory and according to W. O. Misener, Bell Telephone manager for this region, it contains 3,691 new and changed listings. The directory includes listings of Georgetown subscribers as well as those of Brampton, Orangeville, Milton, Shelburne and surrounding territory.

The Georgetown subscribers alone will receive 3025 copies of the new directory which represents an increase of more than 1,000 copies as compared to a year ago. Distribution for the whole area will amount to 13,558 copies, an increase of approximately 2,500 over last year's edition.

Mr. Misener urged all customers to discard last year's directory and to consult the new one to bring their Blue Book of telephone numbers up-to-date. "Avoid the possibility of calling wrong parties by being positive you are calling the right number," suggests Mr. Misener.

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