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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Major Contributions Needed

There's no "feeling" ourselves that Georgetown district residents are going to have to dig and dig deeper to put the hospital camp on over the top in its announced objective of \$250,000 from the general public.

Last major fund-raising drive in town was for the community swimming pool, and it's a sad fact that, had it not been for the strenuous work of the Lions Club, the pool might not have been paid off.

Contributions to that fund were in the \$250,000-\$30,000 market. Simple arithmetic would indicate that, at the same rate of giving, we are contributing to the hospital fund. Well, I have to give you an original thought:

The brighter side, of course, is that there and a few thousand more people resident in town now, and the cost will be shared by more. Plus the fact that, while people without children could argue themselves out of donating to a swimming pool with the thought that they would never benefit, a hospital is something which can serve anyone, regardless of age and sex. One can contribute any amount that fits an ordinary budget.

The hospital committee would naturally start low, and it is not too early for people to begin making up their minds about what they intend to donate. It is not a decision to be made on the spot. It is one which requires some soul searching and a study of the economics of progress.

A Tricky Problem....

We are getting underway than summing up our financial position, the new board is faced with the question whether to accept this in a school year or not.

As far as I am a ratepayer in the town, I include education in a public function, paid for by the tax base, and we are entitled to use it.

It is a fact that for dancing especially, it is expensive *out of* town, and that a dance hall, open all night for using the gym, can be expensive.

On the other hand, even if public funds do not have an alternative, and one

cannot assume that because it is said out loud that there are restrictions. There are many considerations which must come into full board attention before a policy is laid down, for the sake of economy, and it is fair to expect that these be dealt with at the first meeting.

At the same time, an early decision must be made and we imagine the new board has this in mind. What is to be hoped is that the fullest use possible can be made of a recreation facility which has been lacking for all these years, and that whenever payable arrangements can be worked out for the mutual advantage of the board and the public it serves.

Little Bomb....

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