

# More Than Thirty Organizations Are Using Cedarvale Facilities

by Jim Warren

Its buildings may be less than perfect, (Expo it ain't!) but more than thirty Georgetown organizations used Cedarvale for their meetings and activities during centennial year.

Here was the line-up —

- Barbershoppers
- Ball Club
- Bantam Hockey
- B'hai
- Brownies
- Christian Missionary Alliance
- Citizens' Band
- Civic Group
- Cubs
- Fair Board
- Figure Skating Club
- Guides
- Globe Productions
- Harris Floral School
- Horticultural Society
- Kinnettes
- Little Theatre
- Maple Nursery School
- Probation Officer
- Rangers
- Red Cross
- Senior Citizens
- Sons of Scotland
- Student Council
- True Blue Lodge
- Unions (three of them)
- Youth - In
- YMCA
- YWCA

While they may be last on the alphabetical list, the YMCA, YWCA has been the leader in recreational activities in town. We are happy that they moved their office to Cedarvale in 1967, and hope that more of their activities can be accommodated there in 1968.

Maple Nursery School

Not everyone knows that Cedarvale also houses a nursery school. Formed earlier in the year, it offers provincially registered supervisors for preschoolers in an imaginative classroom, and has its own playground out of doors. If you are interested in registering, call Mrs. Justason at 877-2333.

Youth-In

Like thoughtful young people elsewhere, Georgetown teenagers have organized their own coffee house in a disused collar at Cedarvale. Called the Youth-In, it provides a congenial meeting place for coffee and conversation. Furnishings and psychedelic decor have been supplied and installed by members, with an assist from interested parents. When the Cedarvale Board was accused of harbouring hippies, one Board member quipped, "The only hippies in Georgetown are the hypocrites."

Contributions

We are thankful to several groups who have made contributions to Cedarvale. The Committee of Strathmore Chapter, IOOE, provided funds for a complete renovation of the entrance lobby. In addition to a cheerful new colour scheme, a large coat rack has been installed, and a vast display panel for notices of coming events. Perhaps one day council and the Centennial Commission will complete the effect with the official Centennial plaque.

The Rotary-Anns are donating a hand-carved lectern for the Cedarvale auditorium. It will carry the Centennial maple leaf, shelves and a light. The Business and Professional Women's Club has promised two park benches for spring. The Local Council of Women donated its entire treasury to help Cedarvale and the citizens of Georgetown. How about you?

Where Does The Money Go?

The costs of maintaining and improving Cedarvale are borne from two sources, an annual grant from the town of \$8,000, and revenue from the rental of rooms in the main Cedarvale building to the organizations already listed, which in 1967 amounted to a little over \$5,600. Any Centennial grants go directly to the town, and are used to pay off the debentures on the Cedarvale property, not for maintenance or improvements.

During the year, the Cedarvale Board spent these funds (in round figures) in the following way:

New bridge \$775; repairs to tractor and lawn mower \$300; new trailer \$175; repairs to roof, eaves troughs, windows, 15 new picnic tables and 2 outdoor toilets \$1660; cleaning and other expendable supplies \$425; electricity \$580; heating fuel \$2565; insurance \$70; telephone \$50; property signs, not yet erected and publicity \$250. These came to a total of \$6850.

The remaining amount of about \$4750 is to be kept in reserve until next year, against a major renovation of the auditorium. The latter project will



For Cedarvale Community Centre, a busy year.

include the opening up of the present gymnasium and lounge into a more practical and brighter area for dances and small theatrical or film presentations. It will include a stage, large public washrooms, a coat checking area, and an enclosed entrance and stairway. It will permit better control of the building during public events, and provide a much more congenial appearance. Tenders were called for this work in 1967, but the cost estimates of approximately \$13000 were too far beyond Cedarvale's resources.

A further expenditure of about \$4,500 will be needed next year to complete a driveway between the Cedarvale buildings and the new parking lot. This will permit a one-way traffic circuit through the grounds, and remove the need for parking near the buildings.

The People Responsible

The Cedarvale Board is appointed yearly by Council and works without pay in administering Cedarvale park and buildings. Since it has no office or construction staff, its members are involved in much of the detail work as well. During 1967, the Board consisted of the following members. Their individual responsibilities are shown: Mrs. Rundle (chairman and room reservations); Mr. Ron Johnson (treasurer); Mrs. Sutherland (former secretary and inventory); Mr. Frank Corning (secretary); Mr. Robert Francis (property and Council represen-

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## Christmas Theme for UCW Meeting at St. John's

St. John's United Church Hall was decorated with a huge Christmas Tree and Christmas Worship Centre, when the United Church Women met for their December meeting.

Mrs. Stuart Hall of Unit A was in charge of the devotional and she was assisted by several ladies from her Unit. Mrs. Gordon Kidney sang a solo 'O Come... Emmanuel', and several favorite Christmas Carols were sung by everyone. Miss Isabel Dobson and Mrs. Jack Bailey sang two duets, accompanied by Mrs. Dekner French at the piano.

Rev. Robert Scrivens presided at the annual election of UGW officers. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer gave her report, including the results of the Imaginary Bazaar held in November. This was most gratifying.

Several of the Units had visited the Moore Park area and the Centennial apartments to extend friendly greetings from St. John's.

The meeting closed with a social time with Unit G in charge of the lunch.

## Proper Care Saves Poinsettia

If you wish your Christmas poinsettia to last, give it the proper care.

After maturity, keep the poinsettia in a cool place — about 60 degrees F and give it proper watering. If the plant is not properly watered, the leaves will drop soon after it comes into the house. Soil should be watered thoroughly until water drains from the bottom of the pot, then allowed to become rather dry before water-

ing is repeated. Roots of the poinsettia are sensitive to too much water. If the pot is set in a jardiniere and allowed to stand continually in water, roots may rot in a day.

Some weeks after Christmas, the poinsettia goes into a normal dormant or rest period and

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drops its leaves. It is difficult to give it home care that will revive it successfully for next year's bloom, so it is not practical for homemakers to attempt to save poinsettias from one year to the next.

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