

THE MUNICIPAL POOL

It's getting to be an old story now: The municipal swimming pool in Allendale is polluted. Even before it was filled this year the board of health was in possession of data on tests showing the water is highly polluted and unsafe for swimming.

The source of pollution is strange. Water in Crestwood Lake is tested regularly and shows good conditions. Not a thousand feet below it is the Municipal Pool, getting its water from the same source—but polluted.

Allendale children should have a place where they may swim free and under healthy conditions. By closing up the entrance to the pool and by passing the water around it, and then running a line of water to the pool the worries of the town officials would probably be over. The cost of the town having water constantly running into the pool would be small. Chlorination could be used in conjunction. In case of an exceptionally dry spell the pool could be emptied entirely to save the water.

Ridgewood took temporary steps last year in pumping town water into its pool. This year it is making a permanent proposition out of it. It would cost a little to block up the upper end of the pool, run a line of old fire hose from the nearest hydrant, and try the experiment. It might be very valuable, and certainly, even if unsuccessful, would leave us no worse off than we are at present.