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Mayor W. H. Cook Submits Resignation Successor to be Appointed by Council

Council Accepts Resignation Express Regret

Mayor W. H. Cook resigned Tuesday evening at council meeting and reeve J. H. Goy assumed duties of the head of the municipality until a new appointment is made.

In a brief interview with the retiring mayor following the meeting it was learned that according to an amendment to the Ontario Statutes in 1958 council shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy from someone presently sitting on council.

The vacancy caused by a council member taking the mayor's position will be filled by the unsuccessful candidate during the past municipal election who polled the highest vote. (This is Art Field.)



Office Not Permitted
Mr. Cook pointed out he was presently attending a course in Toronto and if successful in his examinations would assume a position with the Ontario Department of Welfare. He noted that the new employment would not permit him to take an elected position.

In presenting his resignation to council Mr. Cook stated he had always attempted to work in the best interests of the town and informed the members although he was unable to take an elected position he would be quite willing to accept an appointed position if council so desired.

In conclusion the retiring mayor told council he had thoroughly enjoyed his term of office and the co-operation of council. He noted that he would now be in a position to enjoy more time with family.

Appeal Levy
It was agreed to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the Acton levy for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Council discussed the benefits afforded by the authority and those enjoyed by the residents of Acton.

Council agreed to amend the subdivision's agreement and to hold the contractor responsible for replacing all lot markers upon completion of any new subdivisions.

J. McGeachie, clerk-administrator, was appointed welfare officer.

During enquiries by members council has had several residents had informed him about the congestion at the corner of Mill and Main Streets. He was told by Mayor Cook that stop lights are scheduled to be installed in the future.

Council agreed to accept the recommendation of the welfare committee and donated the blankets and equipment used in the former town ambulance to the St. John Ambulance Brigade. This equipment has been loan to the Brigade since council discontinued the town ambulance service.

The fate of the old town ambulance will be decided at a committee meeting sometime in the future.

Two Cars Involved
In Rear-End Crash
Two cars involved in a rear-end collision on Highway 25 just south of Acton Thursday received a total of \$175 damage.

The drivers were Murray McConnell of 63 Barton St., Milton, and John Johnson of 204 Main St., Milton. Const. Dave Richardson of North Halton O.P.P. investigated.

Hesperer Spotted Acton
Hesperer spotted Acton the first goal but readily tied it up and in the closing minutes of the first period notched three more from the sticks of Parkes, Eaton and From, making it 4-1.

The visitors scored the only goal of the second stanza in the early minutes, increasing their margin to 5-1. In this period Acton missed several chances to score, on two occasions missing an open net.

The final stanza saw Hesperer continue to increase the score despite a rash of penalties. They seemed to be able to control the puck as well as short-handed as at full strength and by the 13-minute mark had made it 8-1.

Peter Marks made it 8-2 in the last minute of play with a breakaway goal. Brian McCristall scored the first Acton marker on a relay from Ron Malcolm in the first period.

The officials, McDuffe and Norton, had their work cut out for them in this encounter which at times threatened to get out of hand with rather rugged checking. Tschanz of the visitors received the only major penalty, a five minute misconduct, for using his fists on Bill Dawkins' head.

Parkes and Wildfong paced the visitors on the score sheet with a pair of goals apiece while Wildfong also assisted on two. Eaton, From, Erick and Laven notched the other Hesperer goals.

The Acton club's fast skating forwards looked to be having an "off" night in this crucial game of the series but nevertheless with any luck might have had three or four more goals.

Hesperer: Hodges goal: From, Tschanz, defense: Lavin, McDonald, Eaton, forwards: Walker, Erick, Peom, Pope, Wildfong, Butler, Parkes, alt.

Acton: Leatherland goal: Dawkins, Malcolm, defense: Gibbons, centre: McCristall, Marks, wings: Mellon, Dedels, Roszell, Jefferts, Waterhouse, alt.

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Fair Book Wins

Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, secretary of Acton Fair Board, reported this morning (Thursday) that the Acton fair prize list won second prize at the Ontario Fairs Convention in Toronto on Wednesday.

Competing against 243 other places with class "C" fairs, the Acton book was judged for printing, type, cover, content, composition and format. It was produced by the Dills Printing and Publishing Company.

First prize was won by Theford, second by Acton, third by Harrow and fourth by Arran-Tara.

Reference Books Given to School

A complete set of the Encyclopedia Britannica arrived at the high school Friday. A formal presentation will be made at the school later.

Contributors of the books, Encyclopedia Britannica of Canada Ltd., are giving over 1700 sets to every qualified English-speaking high school from coast to coast.

Earlier this month the Governor General graciously accepted a set symbolic of those to be presented to Canadian high schools.

Acton Hi-Y Club Will Purchase Own P.A. System

Unanimous approval was given by members of the Acton Hi-Y Club Tuesday evening for purchase of their private P.A. system for use during their weekly dances.

Fourteen members were present and answered roll call. Advisor Doug Copeland gave a list of prospective parents who have volunteered to chaperone the regular dances in the Y.M.C.A.

The membership agreed that Mike Humer should be admitted free to the dance in view of the wonderful work he is doing in preparing colored posters to advertise the dances.

Before the meeting closed Mr. Copeland recommended a speaker from the O.A.C. in Guelph for a future meeting.

Exams on Monday For First Aid Class

Final examinations come before spring for one group of students. The firemen, who have almost all been enrolled in the St. John Ambulance first aid course, will be trying their exams next Monday.

This week's class was review and practice when the men divided into competing teams. About 30 took the course this winter.

New Helpers At Y School

The regular meeting of the Y Ladies' Auxiliary was held last Thursday, February 18, at the Y. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Two new helpers, Mrs. P. Austin and Mrs. J. Price, are now helping with nursery school. Their help is greatly appreciated by the regular teachers.

Plans were made for the Y's Men's birthday banquet in March when 75 guests are expected. The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction and lunch was served.

"Open House" Attracts Overflow Crowds As Guests Tour New Free Press Building

The new plant of Dills Printing and Publishing Company is as clean as it will ever be this week. The entire staff had the place shining—and unbelievably tidy when open house week began Monday.

First guests to arrive were the correspondents who write the news from all the villages in the district. There were two carloads of them up from Milton joining seven correspondents from Acton. They were Mrs. E. McEneary of Ballinacree, Mrs. Art Benton of Lincolnton with Mr. Benton, Mrs. H. Marchington of Silver Creek with Mr. Marchington, Mrs. D. G. Robertson of Oshingame, Mrs. W. Thompson of Acton, the Churchill correspondent; Mrs. Harvey Jestin of Everston and Richard Harris of Rockwood. (Missing were Mrs. K. C. Nevills of Orton, Mrs. E. Lowrie and Mrs. Grover Mack of Eden Mills.)

Express Appreciation
After a full tour—which took longer than anybody had anticipated—they gathered in the news-

room for a chat over coffee and cookies. Mrs. Robertson expressed the thanks of the group and both Jim and Dave Dills spoke briefly in appreciation of their work. Each correspondent was given a booklet and pen.

Monday evening cookies and coffee were ready for 35 and 75 were served. These included members of the Milton Kinsmen's club and their wives, Milton council officials and officials, Halton council officials and many Milton customers.

Tuesday evening the Milton rotary crew arrived in their kilts followed by the Milton Rotary club members. Wednesday guests were the Tru-Ko-Lo group of the W.A. of St. Paul's United church, Milton.

Thursday afternoon 60 Acton public school children will tour the plant.

Thursday evening has been set aside for Acton officials and customers.

Friday three busloads full of Milton public school children are expected.

Friday evening is for everybody in a general "open house." All will be welcome.

Saturday afternoon will be all "shop talk" when editors of other papers and printers are invited.

Reputation Later
Sparked by plant maintenance superintendent Will McEachern with his paint brush, all the staff have been tidying and polishing. Print shops have a reputation for being messy. This one may be later—but it isn't this week!

Staff guides include Dave Dills, Jim Dills, Roy Downs, Don Ryder, Murray Scovne, Jim Greer, Hartley Coles, Henry Deveau and Will Duval. Others operating their machines are ready to answer questions.

Posted to serving coffee different nights are Mrs. Ian Sillars and Mrs. Chester Fraser of Milton, Mrs. Cy Ryan, Mrs. Clarence Rognavaldson, Mrs. Don Ryder, Mrs. Bill Waterhouse, Mrs. Jim Dills and Mrs. Dave Dills. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills are welcoming visitors.

We'll be seeing you!

Mayor Served Five Years

Mayor W. H. Cook concluded his term of office on the municipal council Tuesday evening when he tendered his resignation to council, during the regular meeting.

Mr. Cook, his wife and two children: Joan and Barbara moved to Acton in 1955. He served during 1956-57 as a councillor and then was elected mayor in 1958.

The next year he filled the office again by acclamation and in the 1960 election pulled a majority over his opposing candidate to again head Acton council.

When he first moved to Acton he was employed as an inspector at Malton. With the cancellation of the CF-105 contract he too was without a job as the result of the curtailment of production.

His resignation was made necessary because his new position with the provincial government does not allow him to take an elected position.

While serving Acton on the municipal council he has been an active participant in municipal progress. Two projects completed during his four years in office were the street paving program and the completion of the water supply enlargement with the well on Churchill Road.

Another of the projects which came into effect under Mayor Cook's guidance was the adoption of the new municipal administration plan being used this year.

Reeve Goy Calls Special Meeting To Fill Vacancies

Reeve Johnny Goy has called a special council meeting for Tuesday, March 1, at 8:15 p.m., to discuss the appointment of a new mayor and councillor. The appointment will be made under the Revised Statutes of Ontario as amended in 1958.

Section 170, subsection 1 of the Act reads: "Where the office of mayor, reeve, or deputy reeve becomes vacant in any year and an election to fill the vacancy has not been ordered in a judicial proceeding, the council shall elect one of their number to fill the office for the remainder of the term."

If the member of council appointed as mayor is the reeve or deputy reeve, a successor to his present position would be named under the same section.

—The appointment of a citizen to fill the vacancy on council will be made under R.S.O. Sec. 169, sub. 1, which reads: "Where a vacancy occurs in the office of alderman or councillor where alderman or councillor are elected by general vote, the unsuccessful candidate who received the highest number of votes at the next preceding election shall be entitled to the office upon making the prescribed declarations within the prescribed time, and if he fails to do so or disclaims the office, one of the candidates following in regular order according to the number of votes received shall, as hereinafter provided, become entitled to the office on making such declarations within the prescribed time."

Spectation is that Reeve Johnny Goy will be appointed mayor to complete the balance of the year. He has been on council for three years and has been reeve for one of those years.

If Mr. Goy accepts the mayor's chair, possibly councillor Jack Greer will be appointed reeve for the balance of the year. Mr. Greer has had three years' experience on council and the last two years was deputy reeve.

If these two appointments are made, the vacancy on council would be offered to A. Fields, a candidate in the last election for council. Mr. Fields would then have seven days in which to indicate his acceptance or rejection of the seat.

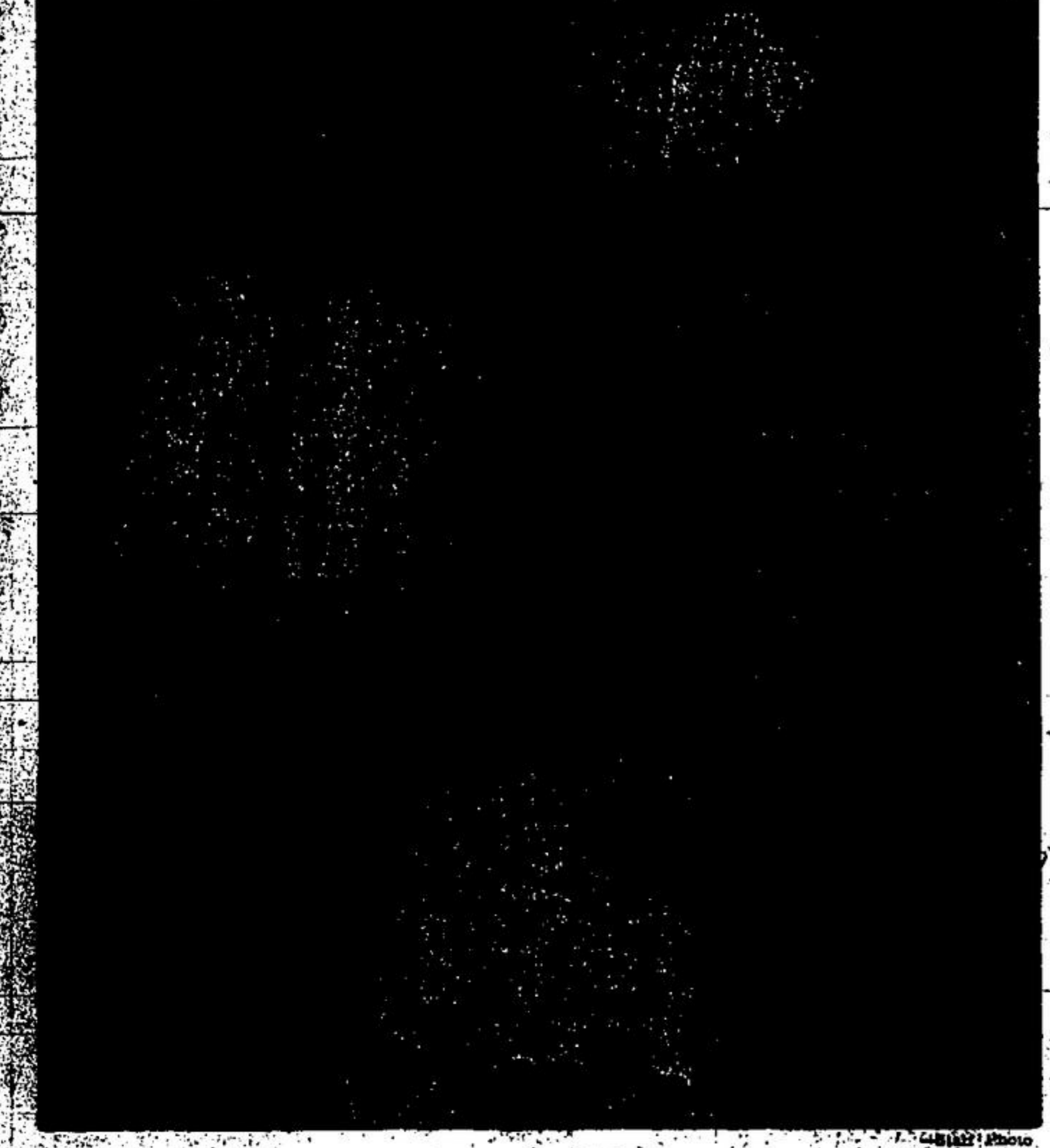
Only \$2.00 Loot In Cash Register

Thieves who stole a cash register from the Cedar Spring Motel on Highway 7 Sunday night escaped with only \$2 in cash, plus a few packages of cigarettes.

Const. Dave Richardson of North Halton O.P.P. said the cash register was recovered but the loot is still missing.

Weather Report

The weatherman is predicting anywhere from four to six inches of snow today and tomorrow.



MAIN CHARACTERS who performed in the M. Z. Bennett school operetta last night and will again be seen on the stage at the Robert Little public school tonight are shown above in costume. Kneeling in the front are Manfred Zundell on the right dressed as a mouse and Robert Brown on the left as an elf. Shown in the centre row left-to-right are Gerald Dick as the king, Christine Lawrence as the queen and Lynda Braida as Alice. Back row are Nellie Huisman, left, as a guard and Donna Sterritt on the right as a white rabbit.

Sell-Out Crowd Sees Operetta Staged by M. Z. Bennett Pupils

"Alice in Wonderland," a musical play in three acts, was staged by the pupils of the M. Z. Bennett public school Wednesday evening in the Robert Little school auditorium as parents and friends jammed the hall for the performance.

Marie Huisman acted as commentator for the operetta and explained the details to the large audience.

Weeks of hard work and study by the pupils and equal time by parents and teachers showed the result in the excellent performances during last night's showing. The same play will be presented again tonight (Thursday).

When the curtain was raised on the first act, the audience saw a beautiful garden scene complete with a doorway to a house, a huge mushroom and a tree.

Alice (Lynda Braida) lies fast asleep at the foot of the tree and a group of dwarfs enter the picture and dance around the sleeping girl and sing a song.

Alice Awakens
Alice wakes and rises, rubbing her eyes, and then pinches herself to make sure she is awake. She begins to wonder if she has fallen into space. She bursts into song and sings "How Doth the Little Crossed!"

At the end of her song, Alice spies a caterpillar seated on a mushroom smoking a brook and the two of them break into conversation. Father William and young man enter singing and then disappear off stage chasing one another.

With a hop, skip and jump, the little white rabbit approaches Alice and after scurrying around disappears in the woods. Alice is unable to understand the queer antics of all the animals.

When the rabbit reappears looking for a lost object, he spies Alice hiding behind the mushroom, calls her Mary Ann and requests his gloves and fan. Alice, believing the rabbit has mistaken her for his housemaid, obliges by picking up his gloves and fan and hands them to him.

Footmen Appear
Alice is astonished to see a fish and frog footman appear on the scene and quietly sit on the ground after a confusing conversation. Alice meekly knocks on the door several times which finally opens and out comes the duchess with a stool and ball. The cook also tags along dragging a large cat.

The duchess steps forward and sings a song to the little baby, then goes off to get ready for a game of croquet with the queen. Suddenly a cat head appears among the leaves of a tree which frightens Alice.

Talks to Cat
Finally Alice musters up enough courage to strike up a conversation with the Cheshire cat, acquiring what type of people

live in the neighborhood. The cat tells her they are all mad.

A group of cardmen appear on the scene and sing the "March of the Cards". Suddenly one of the cardmen shouts "The Queen, the Queen!" The gardeners throw themselves upon their faces as a huge procession appears including soldiers, courtiers, guests, royal children, a white rabbit, the knave of hearts, the king and queen of hearts and two pages.

The queen first orders Alice's head off and then several more, but the queen and court join in a dance and everyone enjoys the performers.

Mad Tea Party
Included in the second act was the mad hatters' tea party with the hare and hatter, Alice and the dormouse busily engaged in a queer conversation which confuses Alice all the more as they ask riddles and silly questions. The mad hatter sings "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Hat."

More strange animals appear and several songs are sung by the group. Finally, a trial is held and witnesses are called while jurors busily scribble on their slates as they hear evidence given. As the curtain falls on the final scene, poor Alice is in the centre of the stage with the card piled high around her as every one yells "Off with her head!"

Also included on the program was the kindergarten rhythm band, story time by grade one, a choral reading by grade two, and a swiss polka by grade four.

Names of Cast
Following is a cast of characters who take part in the operetta both nights.

Wednesday night: Alice, Lynda Braida; caterpillar, Philip Sargent; queen of hearts, Christine Lawrence; duchess, Ann Bennett; dormouse, Billy Semene; cook, Christine Blunn; white rabbit, Lynda Vares; cheshire cat, Donald Larle; frog footman, Brian Sheridan; executioner, Danny Almond; march hare, David Sprinton; hatter, Stephen Dubois; Father William, Newton Hurst; young man, Betty Cook; king of hearts, John Dowdine; knave of hearts, Decima Cochran; mock turtle, Tony Leighton; gryphon, Ralph Matthews; fish footman, John Dunn.

Thursday night: Alice, Julie O'Brien; caterpillar, Raymond Saitz; queen of hearts, Christine Lawrence; duchess, Beverley Sault; dormouse, Billy Semene; cook, Susan McCurdy; white rabbit, Donna Sterritt; cheshire cat, Jack Pringle; frog footman, John Beaman; executioner, Danny Almond; march hare, Jim Ware; hatter, Jerry Ockenden; Father William, Brian Scott; young man, Lynne Masters; king of hearts, Gerald Dick; knave of hearts, Ruth Lamb; mock turtle, David Lidkea; gryphon, John