

## School Plans Operetta "Alice in Wonderland"

Senior grades of Chapel Street public school are rehearsing an ambitious operetta which will be presented two nights in March.

Principal Harold Henry is directing Alice in Wonderland and ticket sales which are in charge of Mr. V. Stein are already so brisk that there seems no doubt of a complete sell-out for the two nights.

Starring as Alice in the three-act musical play, based on Lewis Carroll's wonderful story, is Carolyn Blehn. Those who have speaking and singing parts include: Gordon Spence, caterpillar; Joan Cummins, Queen of Hearts; Barbara Lusty, duchess; Tommy Henderson, dormouse; Bob Hill, cook; John Lenz, white rabbit; Lynda Whitman, cheshire cat; Sidney Fletcher, frog footman; Paul Armstrong, executioner; John Cummins, March hare; Raymond Fletcher, mad hatter; Keith Tracey, Father William; Wayne Preston, young man; Sean Waring, king of hearts; David Hildreton, knave of hearts; Ricky Chapman, mock turtle; Reg Crosby, gryphon; Maxim Harris, fish footman; Pamela Williams, fairy; Judy Bonathan, Barbara Kinrade, Margaret Eason, Carole Greenward, Judy Stamp, June Lyon, Six Cards.

Other senior grade students will form a choir, and take parts as gnomes, guards, jury and ladies of the court in the performance. Kenneth R. Harrison, music teacher at the school is being assisted by Mrs. James F. Evans in the musical direction. Miss Wilma Stull is in charge of sets and Miss Luena Campbell, costumes.

While the operetta is the highlight of the evening's entertainment, there will be several other numbers on the program by the junior grades of the school, including a rhythm band, a drill and a junior choir.

### Kenneth Harrison Pupils In Toronto Music Festival

Two Milton district boys who study voice with Kenneth R. Harrison, had excellent standing in the Toronto East Music Festival last week.

In the class for boys 14 and under, Douglas Dredge won the gold medal and Alan Emerson the bronze medal.

### GLEN WILLIAMS

#### Sunday School Sends Gifts to Indians

A variation on the Christmas gift exchange so common in this part of Ontario was an idea conceived by Sunday School pupils of St. Alban's Anglican Church this year to send gifts to some boys and girls less fortunate than themselves.

Rather than pick some well-known charity, Tom Beaumont, who is Sunday School superintendent, started to look for people who might not be served by such, and through Dr. R. T. Paul, he contacted Chief Big Canoe, tribal head of a small reserve on Georgian Island, who is also secretary of the Union of Ontario Indians.

The chief told him in reply that any gifts would certainly be welcomed for poor people of the reserve, and a substantial shipment of clothing and toys was made just before Christmas. Added interest was lent during the collection when Chief Big Canoe received publicity in the daily newspapers about this time when he received a Coronation medal from Queen Elizabeth.

This week, Mr. Beaumont received a letter from the chief expressing thanks for the gifts in which he says:

"Many, many thanks for the clothing you sent. It has been given to the needy and believe me, it is useful, timely and appreciated."

"Most of our people here cut wood and logs for sale during the winter months and as this is a tourist area they work as tradesmen during the summer, such as carpenters, electricians, etc., but in any community we have our poor, so the appreciation comes from the council of the Reserve as well."

"We belong to the Ojibwa branch of the Algonquin Nation. We are only a small Reserve of about 150 people. Many of our young people now work in the city and come home only on week-ends, and are becoming integrated into the industrial and social life of our white brothers. Swiftly and surely the process of assimilation is taking place, but we are still proud of our heritage, history and racial descent."

"I am very proud of the decoration I received, without any vanity on my part, as I received it as much a tribute to my people as to myself. I hope that sometime I will have the opportunity of visiting your class but in the meantime may Keche Manitou, the Great Spirit, bless you all."

### L.O.L. 68

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 1st

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INITIATIONS

8.30 P.M.

# HIGH TALES

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MRS. WILLIAM COOKE

#### MRS. WILLIAM COOKE 81 LAST TUESDAY

A resident of Georgetown for many years, Mrs. William Cooke, Wesleyan Street, celebrated her 81st birthday on February 16th.

The Herald joins with friends in offering congratulations to Mrs. Cooke.

**Knox and Limehouse  
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#### Madame St. Hilaire Visitor at School

Madame St. Hilaire noted journalist for the French newspaper La Patrie, visited GHIS to give the students a talk on the merits of the Visite Interprovinciales. These are visits arranged between French and English speaking teenagers in the two provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Madame St. Hilaire is interested in the association and does a great deal of work for it. At the present she is touring Ontario High Schools and sending her impressions back to her paper La Patrie. Madame St. Hilaire is attempting to become a bilingual journalist and is to take a course this year and next at U of T to obtain this goal. She gave a very informative talk describing the fun that can be had on these visits to Quebec. She also gave several tips on Quebec and urged all interested to write to Visite Interprovinciales to arrange for a fun-packed vacation.

#### GRADE XII REPORT

The boys have been a little more lively since the reports are back and none of them have broken necks.

One of our more eccentric members decided to be very funny and cut a picture of a dog and underneath an extract from our French book. Of course we thought this was a great joke and so did one of our teachers. Then came our dragon in 3-D and decided it wasn't so funny so down came our dog unfortunately. Oh well, everyone's entitled to their own opinion.

The students are not satisfied with the name of one of our Literature Books. It is entitled "Jane Eyre" (Air) and so the name has now been changed to "John Oxygen."

Well, I guess that will be all for this week, folks. See you in two more weeks.

#### BALLINAFAD

#### Mission Band Presents Musical Variety Concert

The children of the Mission Band gave a most enjoyable concert in the hall Saturday night. The attendance was not too large due to the inclement weather. Dressed in Irish green accessories and supplied with drums, horns, and other instruments the program began with the old-time favorite "MacNamara's Band" and "Tipperary". Piano solo by Shirley Kirkwood, recitations by Neil Cotton and Shirley Mack. Vocal solos by Marjorie Gibson, Mary Baker, Grant Baker and a duet by Brian Sinclair and Carole McEnery completed the band numbers. Adults assisting on the program were Lillian Shortill, Ernie McEnery and Alma Sinclair. Mr. Ken Cotton and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shortill. Mrs. E. McEnery was accompanist for the evening. Mr. Russ was chairman for the program in his usual capable manner. Home-made candy was sold which added considerably to the fund.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Sinclair of Milton visited with Dan McKechnie's on Sunday.

Mr. M. Baker's mother from Bowmanville was visiting at the Baker home this past week.

The Girls Sewing Club met Saturday morning at Mrs. F. Shortill's home. Mrs. Borgstrom, the W.I. district home economist was present and inspected their work books and explained to the girls what was expected of them on Achievement Day which will be April 3rd. Lunch was served and the day's program was completed. The next

#### Purpose of Education Formal and Informal

There are two general types of education, formal and informal. Formal education is the knowledge imparted to us by teachers in the organized study of the classroom. It lasts for a comparatively short part of our lives. Informal education is the knowledge that comes to us by our own experience, observation and reading, out of school. Informal education begins at birth and continues throughout our lives. Part of the purpose of schooling is to shorten the time required by informal education. For example, it took centuries of painful experience for mankind to learn that many diseases were caused by impure drinking water. Now in health and science periods we acquire in a few minutes the knowledge that was painfully gathered over many generations.

Even in the most enlightened countries of the world it is only within the last century that public school and high school education has been available for the majority. And in this one century human knowledge has multiplied more than in all the previous ages of mankind put together. This multiplication of human knowledge will snowball even more rapidly in the future. The next generation of Lower School students will undoubtedly have a chapter or two in their science text books on the nature and uses of atomic and hyper-hydrogen power, and just as inevitably the students will find the topics as common place and unexciting as the text books of today and will wonder vocally and unhappily why they have "to stew up all that stuff about nuclear fission."

In spite of the people who "have no use for education" the one certain thing about the future is that the sum of human knowledge is going to be greater and more complex than it is now. The simple rusticity and carefree atmosphere of Lower Slobbovia may look attractive to some of the embryonic workers of the world but the truth is that Lower Slobbovia got fossilized ages ago and we cannot make it alive again. The horrible fact is that a high school education will be even more necessary in the future than it is now. There will be more knowledge than ever before and more need to acquire the essential parts of that knowledge in the shortest time possible. It is better to prepare now for the deluge of knowledge still to come.

#### GRADE XI REPORT

Greetings one and all. Here we are back again to bring you gossip of the teachers and students of our form.

Item number 1 — It had been reported that a certain faculty member was "quite a boy" in his younger days. It was related to us to illustrate a scientific fact. To us it showed a revealing fact of his boyhood charm. For complete details inquire from any member of our physics class.

Item number 2 — By the time you read this report we should have been honoured by a visit from a distinguished French Canadian lady, Madame St. Hilaire, brought in to us by Miss Luke. Complete details elsewhere in this paper.

Item No. 3 — A great historical event took place last week, we were forced to bring our moth-eaten, and weather beaten tunics out of cold storage, even though it was one of the worst days of the year. This had been previously discussed along with plans for our volley ball game with Acton, which was the celebrated occasion. Of course the discussion took place in our ancient history class amid a group of bored 3rd form boys. Well so much for that.

Item number 4 — "A Notice to Our 3rd Form Boys." To prevent embarrassment please comb your hair before you enter the classroom and don't expect the girls to do it

#### Students Prepare for The Music Festival

Well, here I am again in flying colours. The choir is all excited about the festival which will take place in May. The songs for the choir are very pretty but rather hard.

Most of the solos and duets have been chosen and now everyone has to dig up enough money to pay for the music. Two double lines are all set (choke) for the festival. They are still fighting about where the sopranos are going to stand, in the centre or on the left side. Oh, well, this is nothing unusual and we are used to it by now.

The bass section has acquired a new group of students to sing with them. These are the altos who sit next to them. Our choirleader did not understand where all the volume was coming from until he happened to turn around one fine day and caught the altos singing merrily away with the boys. But he didn't mind and we can do it all the time now. Who knows, perhaps, one of the altos will become a famous bass singing star in the future?

#### LOONEY BIN

The Valentine School Dance is now past history except for one small detail. It was a financial success. This small matter seemed to overjoy our student council president immensely. If the student council was allowed to have one dance a month with each being such a success as this last one the choir gowns for the boys would be half paid for. It would also give the students something to be proud of.

A new game has been invented at ye olde GHIS. This game can only be played under certain conditions, these being (1) You must have a field of freshly fallen snow; (2) a soccer ball and a referee; (3) Two teams. Then you have an organized snow ball fight while playing soccer. If you hit the guy with the ball it's a free kick. There are no other rules except those few observed in the usual soccer games.

Speaking of snow last week was such a dandy for the flakes. Poor Old "McChickener" Burg was either late or absent during the heavy snow falls. The school should buy him a tractor with a snow plow so he can get to school on time.

Looney Bin is having the pleasure of listening to the radio during school hours. Every Friday at 9:45 to 10:15 we are graciously allowed to listen to a radio broadcast of Hamlet. Hamlet is the Shakespearean play which we're taking this year. Even though a few lines are cut out it is still very interesting and educational — as long as you have the book in front of you, so you can follow it.

I'd also like to thank Miss Parkinson for her contribution to the High Tales. It was quite interesting. If you want a suggestion for a follow up write an article about "My College Life." I think it would be enjoyed by all.

I'd also like to thank some of the commercial girls (would I ever) — they've been really patient with us and struggle through our writing to type our French Authors' vocabularies. They're doing a real job but aren't getting any praise so that is why they are receiving a mention in our column.

Well, folks that's it for another week, see you in a couple of weeks if I'm not snowed in.

for you. If you must have attention make sure you look for it in someone else's period, rather than our dear principal's, because the remarks which were addressed to two jovial guinea pigs were rather soul-searing.

So ends this brief statement of the happenings in Grade 11 in the last two weeks. Until we meet again, Adios.

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meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. McEnery.

The W.I. held a quilting last week.

at the home of Mrs. E. McEnery. There are two more quilts on hand to be finished by the next week.