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daughter of a rich and purient citizen of Knoxville. He and his prospective father-in-law therefore exercise their influence to kill the story, and eventually she burns it in the stove of her studio.

Kurt is an alert young magazine man whose father, a coal miner, was killed on a strike as he stood innocently with his little son on the outskirts of a riot. He is, therefore, vindictive, and wishes to destroy through the pages of his periodical the temples of democracy. He raves and rants in the best manner of the comfortable radicals, and despite Marion's cool counsel and warm embraces he goes away in the end, leaving her to pursue her casual, contented and optimistic career.

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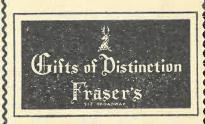
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BOB WINSKILL (Richard Kurt) is making his first appearance at T.L.T. backed by two years of dramatics at C.P.S. where he played, among others, one of the leads in "Murder in A Nunnery". He's Sales Manager for the Hurley Engineering Co., and loves to spend his leisure climbing mountains or skimming down their slopes on a pair of skiis. Also active in Boy Scout work as chairman of the District Camping & Activities Committee. Wonder if any of you T.L.T. femmes would be interested in the fact that he's unmarried. Come on, girls, don't crowd!

ELSA NESSENSON (Minnie) has spent much of her life teaching perspiring students the vagaries of the French inflection. That's over now, and she's returned to her first love—the drama. Received first training at the Irving Place Stock Co., N. Y., under direction of Heinrich Conreid, who became later director of Metropolitan Opera. While enrolled in a summer playwriting course at Yale, she was honored with a part in one of four big public performances by Yale School of Drama. How many remember her as "Madame Pampinelli" in T.L.T.'s first production of the "Torch Bearers" at the old Tacoma Theater.

SALEM NOURSE (Melchior Feydak) enjoys nothing more than curling his tongue around an accent. Related to this writer by marriage, he has been upsetting home schedules for years with periodic oppearances in T.L.T. productions. Last seen in "State of the Union", previous to that "Kismet". In the writer's mind, the latter is persistently linked with a washtub, since the white garment worn in the murder scene had to be laundered nightly to erase the bloody stains of Heinz ketchup with which the dagger was loaded.

ELEANOR RAGSDALE (Marion Froude) is another "first" at T.L.T. Started applying grease paint at Smith College. Later joined forces with "The Mark Twain Masquers" in Hartford, Conn., and still later with the Alburquerque Little Theater where the lead in "Berkeley Square" appears to stand out in her memory. She and husband came to Tacoma two years ago for a six months visit and never quite got around to leav-



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ing. Eleanor vows the part of the, excuse the expression, colorful "Marion Froude" is right down her alley, for she herself is one of few women to have talked to Winston Churchill in bed! Lower those eyebrow, chums. She was a "Life" correspondent at the time and the occasion was an interview.

FORREST "FROSTY" RICHARDSON (Leander Nolan) is still puzzling over what fate hath wrought. Never closer to a stage than the first row balcony, he is at a loss to explain the combination of circumstances that have placed him behind our T.L.T. footlights. "Sabotage" he hints darkly. Daytimes you'll find him at the Zellerbach Paper Co. Off hours he's most at home with a niblick. Though he prefers concentrating on the little white ball to impersonating a Senator, he admits with a grin he's having a wonderful time.

AL DALEY (Warwick Wilson) was last seen as Tony Abbott, Mrs. Farnworth's secretary and paramour in "Heaven Can Wait". Formerly with K.T.B.l. he's now in the grocery business. He's one of those gentlemen who can prove the hand is quicker than the eye. Card manipulation is his specialty but you'd better keep a firm grip on your wallet. And stop panting over that profile, girls, he's married and has a family.

W. G. "GERRY" BOTT (Orrin Kinnicott) when questioned about previous experience, answered "None". Like Forrest Richardson, he suspects foul play. "I just happened to be in the right place at the wrong time", he says wistfully. Gerry is a civic minded chap, being Chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He thinks his greatest claim to distinction is as a defeated politician, having run for State Representative on what proved to be the wrong side of the ticket.

ROJEAN KNIGHT COOK (Slade Kinnicott) is smiling at you for the first time over our footlights. Her studies as a Drama major at C.P.S. were nipped in the bud two months ago when a persuasive fellow student asked that famous question and she said yes. Rojean is a product of the Kathleen Peck School of Modeling.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(The order in which they speak)

Richard Kurt	Bob Winskill
Minnie	Elsa Nessenson
Melchior Feydak	
Marion Proude	Eleanor Ragsdale
Leander Nolan	Forrest Richardson
Warwick Wilson	
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