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"I REMEMBER MAMA" has been a good deal of a family affair from the first. Kathryn Forbe's volume of short stories, "MA-MA'S BANK ACCOUNT" was first read by Mary Rogers, who is Richard Rogers' oldest daughter. Mary encouraged her mother to read it, and she was as enthusiastic as her daughter. Mrs. Rodgers in turn called it to the attention of Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein, who in turn insisted her husband should read it. Whereupon everyone in the two families decided something must be done about "MAMA'S BANK AC-COUNT". John van Druten was approached and he agreed to make the adaption, and so the play was written. It had its opening at the Music Box in New York on October 10. 1944.

The producers, Rogers and Hammerstein, discovered they had the perfect play for

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For those of us who live on the West Coast the play has an added interest in that the setting is laid in San Francisco. "For as long as I could remember, the house on Steiner Street had become home. Papa and Mama had both been born in Norway, but they came to San Francisco because Mama's sisters were here". And so Katrin begins to tell the story of her childhood. It is a simple, endearing account of her family's everyday life, which, like most commonplace lives, is filled with both humor and real pathos. The Tacoma Little Theater offers this play with the hope and belief that even though you may have seen the legitimate or movie production, or both, you will again go away from "I REMEMBER MAMA" with a warmed heart.

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By Arnold Reading

DORIS HART, Tacoma born, Stadium graduate, majored in speech at Washington State, now does continuities for new radio station KTNT. Did Sylvia in "The Women" at TLT, and was stage manager for "Milky nut Nayer for The Tit. I.

HELEN CHAPMAN has shown her versitility in numerous TLT productions, including "Susan and God", "Ethan Frome" and "Our Town". Offstage, capable housewife.

BOB EMERSON, did parts at Repertory Theater while at the University, also worked in radio. Served in the Coast Guard, settled in Tacoma to represent meat packing concern.

LOUIS K. WOODFORD, the very spirit of TLT itself, with past appearances too numerous to mention, but all of them good. Otherwise seen at the Bank of California.

BECKY RABY, English girl only four months in this country, bringing with her a wealth of experience from across the ocean. She lost no time joining TLT, qualifying as assistant to the director for "Milky Way".

MARIETA LOREN, has appeared in past TLT plays including "Kiss and Tell", also instructed in the Children's Theater, Soloist Mason M. E. Church, hobby: flower arrangements.

CARRIE SIMONS, needs no introduction to TLT audiences, is unforgettable as the housekeeper of "Janie".

GEORGE BILSBORROW, a really, truly, Fuller Brush Man (plug) with Shakesperian experience in Spokane; various other amateur appearances.

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STANLEY VEITENHEIMER, drama student at Puyallup High School. If you remember "Papa Is All" you remember Stanley in the role of Jake,

SHERMAN DAY, dependable TLT actor who makes a good stage doctor, not only in this play but in "Dr. Clitterhouse" awhile back.

ALMA JACKSON, the mother who brought her Nancy to rehearsals as Little Mary in "The Women", and returned to do her own first part in this show.

SANDRA DRAHOLD, sixth grader at Washington school, who shares her role with Elizabeth, the Drahold family cat, in this play. At eleven her worries are mostly about the cat.

SUE HUMISTON, ninth grade in Mason Junior High, her first stage appearance at TLT.

MARCELIA KELTON, experience in High School plays in Minnesota; comes to Tacoma as a new bride.

MARY FUHRMEISTER, who probably didn't seek the part, but how could she refuse her director-husband?

DANNY BUCHANAN, 10-year old from Lowell school, with training in the TLT Children's Theater.

ANNE TEFFT, Stadium, NITA SCHREUDERS, College Puget Sound students, cast in roles entirely suitable.

FRED ROSEGRANT, catalogued elsewhere as Acting Stage Manager, just doing his bit.

HILDA RUEGER, first TLT appearance: RUTH STENDER, ditto.

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Mama	Helen Chapman
Papa	Ben Emerson
Dagmar	Sandra Drahold
Christina	Sue Humiston
Mr. Hyda	George Bilsborrow
Nole	George Bilsborrow Stanley Veitheimer
At Tains	Becky Raby
	Marieta Loren
Aunt Jenny	Louis V Woodford
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Nurse No. I	Marcella Kelton
Orderly	Marcella KeltonFrancis McCall Mary Fuhrmeister
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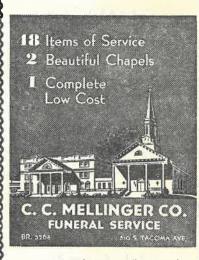
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