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From the standpoint of interesting and exciting theatre, "Beggar on Horseback" has "everything". The play is the story of a young composer's nightmare after he has considered marriage to a business man's daughter of wealth instead of to the simple-living, stable girl "across the hall" in his apartment building.

The play is well described as an eposotic, expressionistic fantasy—and, full of fun. From a production standpoint, "Beggar" will be a stimulating experience for those behind the scenes as well as for the actors. There will be some 25 scene changes.

In the major roles are one composer, Neil McRae, 25 years of age, serious, sensitive; Cynthia Mason, 25 years, wholesome, pretty, stable; Mr. and Mrs. Cady; their constant "vitamin-taking" son, Homer; their social debutante daughter, Gladys; Dr. Albert Rice, 35 years; a host of butlers, maids, Miss Hey, Miss You, waiters, reporters, jurors, sightseers, novelist, poets and artists.

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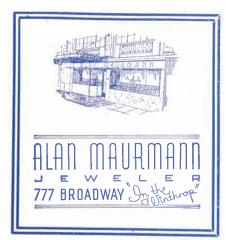
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by FLOYD B. MURPHY

JAYNE RICHARDSON (Mary, loved by John) who says she LOVES the part of Mary, studied radio and drama at Louisiana State University. Jayne will be remembered for appearances in "The Women", "Thru The Night" and "The Amazing Doctor Clitterhouse". Amazingly enough, Jayne's hobby-Drama! And, she spends her daytime hours in the employ of our distinguished "Veep", Arnold Reading.

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BOB WINSKILL is John. This is Bob's second play for TLT. Remember him as Kurt in "Biography"? Bob is interested in skiing, mountaineering and scouting, besides, of course, earning a living as Sales Manager for Hurley Engineering. It should interest the Gals to know that Bob is still a Bachelor.

PEG NOURSE (Phyllis) who has len't her varied talents to many phases of Little Theatre activity, will always be remembered by this writer for her work as Sylvia in "The Women" and Emily in "Chicken Every Sunday". We know you will like her as Phyllis. It is wonderful to have actors of Peg's calibre in supporting roles. She is currently the Recording Secretary for the Tacoma Little Theatre Board of Directors.

IAN CHAPLIN who did Rosetti to a turn in "Boy Meets Girl", now is seen as O'Leary. Ian has played with Empire Players in Illinois, Federal Theatre and has had motion picture and radio experience. He is the son of Ralph Chaplin, well-known Tacoma author, also husband of Shirlee, the lovable Peg in "Peg O' My Heart". What a family!



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TED KNIGHTLINGER (James) is another First at TLT. He is by no means new behind the footlights, having sung in "The Student Prince" and "The Vagabond King" while still at Stadium High. He and his wife, Ruth, have a daughter, Joan, age seven, and much to the delight of the cast, he and Fred had one thing in common, both were "expecting". Ted's baby, Steven Ted, arrived on December 23, end everyone is happy. Ted is Assistant Manager and Program Director of radio station KMO.

BILL DOLAN is making his first appearance for TLT except for his "act" at Graduation Exercises for last year's classes. Has appeared in Theatre Guild Ibsen plays, "Ladies In Retirement" and "Silver Cord". He likes this show. The part of Fred Taylor is his first try at comedy. Bill consides the part a challenge, is having fun doing it and his hobby is "Theatre".

BEVERLY BURLINGAME McKINNEY, who with her husband Bruce, attends C.P.S., where she is a drama major, makes her first bow to TLT audiences. After Mom.and Pop ((Mr. and Mrs. George Burlingame) made such hits as butler and maid in "Peg" Beverly just had to get into the act. We are sure you will like her as Lily.

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GEORGE GARLAND (Beechwood) (could make a pun about the Garland family often decorating TLT but won't) is making his second TLT appearance. His first, as one of the Cratchits in Dickens "Christmas Carol" at the Little Theater in Old Tacoma years ago. George has done dramatic work at the Universities of Idaho and Maine. He is a member of Alpha Chi Omega national dramatic honorary. Likes the show!

ART ACKERMAN (General Biddle) comes to us from Portland Civic Theatre where he has appeared in 'Arsenic and Old Lace" and "The Little Foxes". Art is interested in athletics, lives in Sumner and is branch manager of the Bostitch Northwest Company in Tacoma. Likes our Little Theatre, thinks we are a very democratic group and nice to work with. Mutual felicitations!

CHRIS HENDERSON (Oscar), well known to TLT circles, is chiefly noted for his perfect impersonation of the esquire type "sugar daddy". He has done this several years for the summer shows to the delight of the audiences; has also appeared in "Nothing But The Truth", "Anna Christie" and "Village Green". Chris says his hobby is "WOMEN",, which is lucky since his work consists of supervising the "Day"-ly work-time activities of a roomful of gals at the Day Clothing Co.

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