

TACOMA DRAMA LEAGUE

Presents

Three one-act plays written in the play-writing class taught by Marietta Conway Kennard for the Little Theater.

December 3rd and 4th, 1937

Directed by Marion Seymour

"AT LAST MAY SMILE"

By Wm. Ray Melton

"I smiled, as worshippers to vanished things at last may smile . . . a lonely faint grimace."—John Alder.

Time: Any time in the relative future.

Place: The loneliest spot in the world.

Characters

American Roger Mastrude
German Warren E. Tomlinson
Girl Rose Mary Tilton
Announcer Harry P. Cain

VENDETTA

By Grace Garland

Time: Present.

Place: Hill Country of Corsica

Characters

Beata, an old woman Helen DeWitt Trace
Tito, a young boy Wade Garland
Madeleine, queen of the bandit clan Violet Davies
Gerda, jealous of Madeleine Sylvia Kane
Alessandro, a bandit leader Craig Hartwich
Gendarmes Marshall Perrow, Bill Melton, Jr.

MENDER OF MEN

By Wm. Ray Melton

Time: Present.

Scene: Modern Radio Office.

Characters

Gail Henry, radio celebrity and mender of men Charles Cheney
Laverne Wood, his capable secretary Elizabeth Miller
Frederick Mueller, ex-newspaper man Murray Kirkwood

PRODUCTION STAFF

Production Manager Otto Wilde
Stage Crew Bill Merrill, Bill Melton, Vivian Rhodes
Lights Bill Barnes
Properties and Costumes Rose Mary Tilton
Assisted by Anne York, Lucille Willems, Elizabeth Miller, Sylvia Kane, Lillian Alvestad, Elizabeth Allen, Phil Garland, Grace Garland, Marshall Perrow.
Hostess Helen Chapman
Ushers Lone Hanson, Dorothy Punderson, Barbara Borhek, Amy Dahlgren, Mae Anderson, Mrs. Walter Kessler.

SOMEWHAT BIOGRAPHICAL

MARION SEYMOUR, Director, has been a Drama Leaguer for fifteen years, and also directed religious drama for four years for the Congregational Church. She is a Canadian girl who played in stock, notably with the Allen Players, also the Ottawa and Edmonton Players, having performed in more than fifty plays. She was leading lady in the troop which won the Governor-General's trophy for the Dominion. Her reputation as a comedienne is well-established.

GRACE GARLAND was a Wellesley girl before she married Phil, since which she manages a husband and four sons. She is a long-time Drama Leaguer, one of its official board, and this is nearly her first appearance as playwright.

WM. RAY MELTON hails from Chicago and Detroit, one-time newspaper man on both the Detroit Free Press and the Chicago News, later becoming an advertising man. His war record shows an advance from buck private to lieutenant of field artillery, and the authorship of the regimental history in France. He wrote the first show which Michigan University ever sent on the road, married the prettiest girl in Michigan, directed NYA in the state of Washington, and now writes the "Know Your Neighbor" program for KVI.

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