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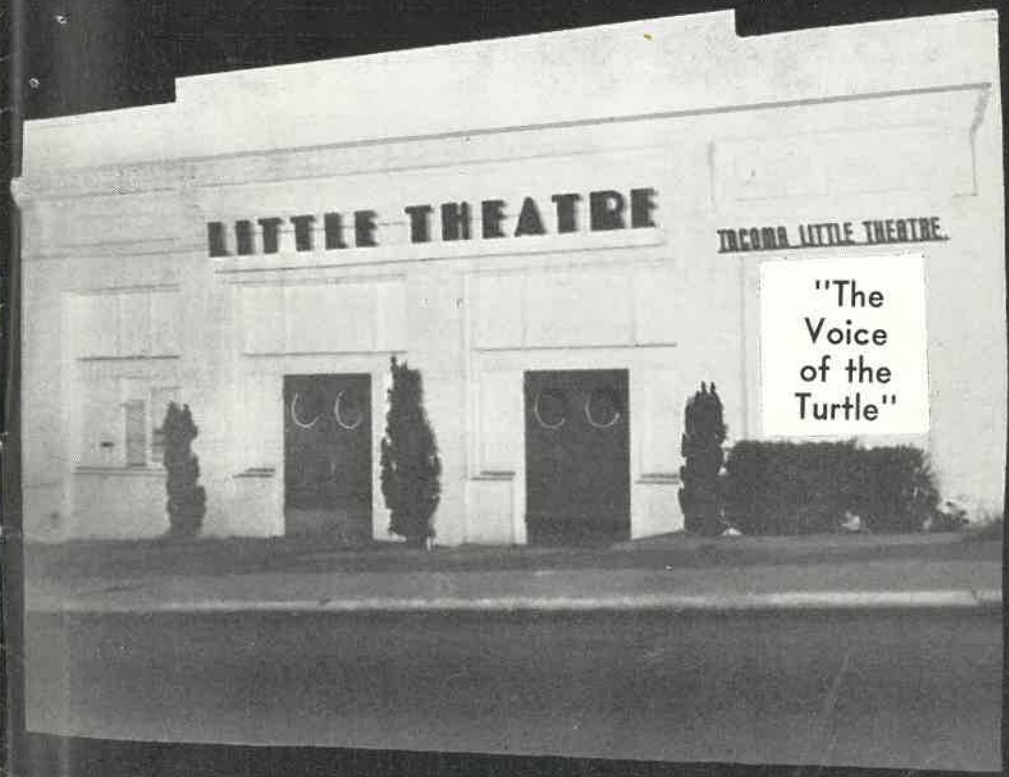
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WHO'S WHO

—by Helen Weed—

MARY LEE PHILIP (better known to Tacoma theatre goers as Mary Lee Odlin) (Sally) has grown up in the Tacoma Little Theatre. Back about seven years ago she made her debut at TLT in the role of "Dinah" in "The Philadelphia Story." Her next appearance was in the meller-drammer, "Only an Orphan Girl." In this play she was probably "Nellie"—or, should have been, as all heroines in Gay 90 shows are endowed with that name. Later she was "Ethel" in "Nothing But the Truth;" "Meriam" in "Dear Ruth;" but her best work was probably in the role of "Emily" in "Our Town." Since the days of "Our Town," Mary Lee first acquired a "Bill" (which explains the change from "Odlin" to "Philip") and then came Billy Jr., who is the pride and joy of Grandma Edith.

BILL O'CONNELL (Bill Page in the show) is a new-comer to TLT, and a welcome one. Bill is a man-about-schools person, having attended UCLA; State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas; University of Washington; and last, but not least, received his Speech major at the College of Puget Sound. He is now instructor in the Roy High School. In listing his hobbies, Bill puts first: his two sons, ages 20 months and 9 months; second, baseball.

JULIE MARSHALL (Olive) is another favorite at TLT. Julie always gets roles that require good-to-look-at gals. We wonder why? Her first appearance at TLT was in "Kismet"—remember when? She has also worked in several summer shows, in "The Milky Way" and "Arms and the Man." "Personal Appearance" seems to be one of her favorite plays, because she did one of the roles in this play for the Lakewood Players and also directed it for the Footlight Players. Julie is a Grey Lady. Her hobby is her two children, Linda and Rik.

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The title is particularly important in understanding this play. Let us not, however, consider that title out of context—a dangerous practice at best—but rather, read again the entire passage from the "Song of Songs" in which the title is contained:

The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh,
Leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.
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 For, lo, the winter is past,
 The rain is over and gone;
 The flowers appear on the earth;
 The time of the singing of birds is come,
 And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
 The fig tree ripeneth her green figs,
 And the vines are in blossom,
 They give forth their fragrance.
 Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
 O my dove, that are in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the
 steep place,
 Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice;
 For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely."
 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vineyards;
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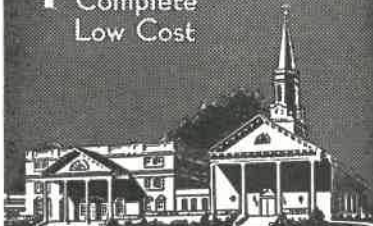
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