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By GENE DRYDEN

SHEILA VAREY (Audrey Trowbridge)—Sheila's background in drama includes the Showboat and Penthouse Theatres at the U. of Washington, Little Theatre in Albuquerque, and here at T.L.T. in "Affairs of State" and "The Silver Whistle," teamed with Dick Odlin in the latter. She directs the annual Christmas Pageant at a Tacoma church. When not in a play, Sheila's Varey busy backstage. Children, too (2).

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DICK ODLIN (Erwin Trowbridge)—What has T.L.T. got that other Little Theatres haven't got? Dick Odlin, of course. To abbreviate on Dick is injustice; to elaborate is impossible (in this space). T.L.T.'s Dramatic Director crosses the footlights here for the first time since his "antics" in "Charlie's Aunt" two years ago. He's worked at Pasadena Playhouse with Victor Mature, Dana Andrews and Robert Preston; in London with Maurice Evans; toured summer stock with Laurette Taylor in "Outward Bound" (one of his most cherished stage experiences); with Ina Claire and Adrienne Ames; with Ann Todd; and with Marie Wilson and Zachary Scott in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Dick also

appeared in the first TV shows in New York. These, of course, are but a few of the facts of an already brilliant career. His "first" at T.L.T. was seven years ago in the same play and same role you're seeing tonight. Others here were "Harvey," "The Silver Whistle" and the aforementioned "Charlie's Aunt." Dick feels, in sincere modesty (Odlin ain't maudlin), that few parts are "right" for him. He prefers directing to acting, and sums it up, "Tacoma has an amazing amount of excellent non-professional talent, and it's a thrilling experience to be director here." That's the same way Tacoma feels about Dick Odlin, except to delete the "non."

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FRANCIS BUSBY (Clarence Dobbins)—Here's a man who isn't lost in the shadows of his talented and attractive wife (herself a talented performer and director of this play). He's an Account Executive at KTNT-TV. We've seen him in "Detective Story," "Aaron Slick of Pumpkin Creek," "Dinner at Eight" and "Sabrina Fair," all in the past two years. He's also active in backstage work.

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NORMAN E. BRADLEY (Harry)—"Dinner at Eight" this season was his only past performance on any stage, remarkable considering his splendid performance. He's an attorney, approves heartily of Little Theatre and considers it his, and every T.L.T. member's civic duty to "participate actively on stage or back stage." With that, Harry wins another case.

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JIM HOFFNER (Charlie)—Take "theatre" out of likeable Jim's life and he'd be a dead duck. He operates a Tacoma movie theatre, and has appeared here in "Detective Story," "Dinner at Eight" and "Born Yesterday" in the past two years. He's also a Board member of T.L.T. See what we mean?

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GENE SKIDMORE (Frankie)—We never "tire" of "Skidless" Skidmore (he hasn't slipped up on a performance yet). Dig this record: Appeared in eight plays past two seasons; active past 13 consecutive plays; stage manager three shows this year; lighting, four shows last year and all shows to date this year, including this one!

Hobby: Guess what? Also a colorful performer at Darnell's Body Shop (he paints cars). Mrs. Skidmore likes T.L.T. too, has worked backstage in shows last year and this.

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TED KNIGHTLINGER (Patsy)—Ted, Past President of T.L.T. and currently 1st Veep, is an advertising executive at Howard R. Smith Co., and has a wide background in radio production. Handling publicity for new building project is in good hands. In T.L.T. five years, Ted has performed in nine shows during that time plus several playreadings. Last appearance was in "Born Yesterday."

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BEVERLY HUNTER (Mabel)—This miss (yep, single) has talent from every angle. A native Tacoman, she attended Northwestern University. Appeared here in "Born Yesterday," "Strange Bedfellows" and "Goodbye My Fancy." She loves every phase of T.L.T., particularly backstage. And everybody backstage loves Beverly (from a proper distance, of course).

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ELEANOR GEER (Gloria)—Came West upon learning Tacoma had a bigger Little Theatre than her own New York City (or was husband Horace the influence?) This is her first speaking part, although she was a can-can girl in the last summer oleo. She likes backstage work. Hobby: Horace.



WALDO STONE (Al)—Justice Court Judge Stone, native of Caldwell, Idaho and a tennis enthusiast, has gained much from T.L.T. plays. Best gain, of course, is Mrs. Stone, whom he met here. He's appeared

in "Dodsworth," "First Lady," "Command Decision," "The Merry Widow" and an oleo. When we asked Judge Stone for a few words, we almost got a sentence.



LILY MENICOCCHI (Hotel Maid)—Native of England. Occupation: Housewife. Costume Chairman, T.L.T. You'll remember her in "See How They Run" and "You Can't Take It With You." Orchids to Lily, for many efforts in behalf of T.L.T.



HORACE GEER (Mr. Carver)—Attorney Geer completes the legal-loaded cast of our play. A native Tacoman, he married a New York girl (see Eleanor Geer in this cast). He's turned in some excellent performances here. We particularly remember him as the Captain in "Mr. Roberts." Also appeared in "Dinner at Eight" and "You Can't Take It With You."

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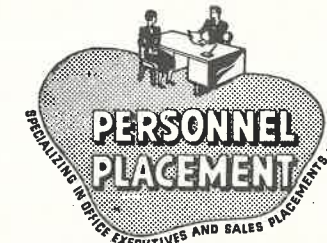
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