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# WHO'S WHO

By Louis K. (Woody) Woodford

Gertrude Scholl (Penelope Sycamore) was discovered in January 1952 doing a dish-washing job back stage on the theatre crockery and was cast as Addie Hampton, the scatter-brain gal in "Strange Bedfellows," practically stole the show with an outstanding performance and retired on her laurels but kept in touch with various back-stage chores and was picked as a natural for the role of "Penny." She is working as a secretary with Selective Service System.

Helen Murtland (Essie) will probably dance her way into the Hall of Fame in her current role. She made her first appearance on the TLT stage as the "Baroness" in First Lady in Sept. 1952 and was a member of the ensemble in the Firefly last season. Music is her hobby. Her husband, Hal Murtland, Attorney-at-Law and four daughters, aged 13 to 1½ years keep her pretty well occupied and she says time does not hang heavy on her hands. With four daughters to look after that certainly is not an under-statement.

Lily Menicocci (Daisy) made her first appearance at TLT as Ida, the maid, in "See How They Run" and who will ever forget her. Zany is putting it mildly. Lily hails from England, came to the U.S. in 1946. Has been active in back-stage work and is Chairlady of the costume committee for the current season. Give her a feed-bag and she'll come up with a Dior creation.

Al Allard (Paul Sycamore) made his first TLT appearance as "Lefty," a punchy sparring partner in "Heaven Can Wait," way back in January 1946. Married, two sons, CPS and Stadium. Currently selling terra firma; his past includes amateur boxing, wholesale confectioner and sporting goods and lays his claim to fame as the best dry fly fisherman anywhere. Where? ANY-WHERE. (Apologies to PBR) Came in to arrange for some furniture for the current show and got hooked for the part of Paul.

Rollin Guernsey (Mr. DePinna) now rates as an old-timer in TLT activities. He has appeared in a number of productions, "The Tavern," "State of the Union," "First Lady" and "The Shop at Sly Corner," to mention a few. Also active in other capacities as house-manager and back-stage activities. Has been with the local office of the Director of Internal Revenue for a number of years and still insists that the least said about him—the better.

Charles (Chuck) Caddey as Ed is a Tacoma product, attended CPS and Northwestern University. Participated in a couple of plays at CPS; experienced as a TV continuity director and made his first TLT appearance as Pulver in "Mister Roberts" which opened the 1953-54 season of TLT. Primarily interested in speech and dramatics.

Mike Bronson (Donald) is a newcomer to Tacoma and is currently stationed at Fort



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Lewis, wears Corporal chevrons with a tank outfit in the Fifth Regimental Combat Team. Returned in August after a sixteen month tour of duty in Korea. Is single, hails from Mobile, Ala., where he attended Spring Hill College, did some college dramatics and was also with the "Joe Jefferson Players" which is the Mobile "Little Theatre." This is his first TLT appearance.

Norton Gordon (Grandpa Vanderhof) really needs no introduction to Tacoma audiences. A native Tacoman and his association with TLT dates back to 1927. Sells real estate for a livelihood, and does right well, thank you. Most recent appearances were in "Fancy Meeting You Again," "Dodsworth," and who will forget him as the Scot sergeant in last season's production of "See How They Run?" Remember the red unmentionables under the kilt? Aye, mon!

Betti Barnecut (Alice) was last seen on the TLT stage as Paula Rainey in "JANIE" back in January 1948 when she was Betti Jean Love and a Stadium senior. Subsequently Cupid got into the act and the arrival of a daughter sort of put a damper on her theatre activities. She was quite active in Stadium productions and acquired some of her training in our own Children's Theatre classes.

Dale Malone (Henderson) is a native Tacoman and is majoring in dramatics at CPS. Has his sights set on furthering his dramatic studies in California. This is his first TLT appearance but he had the right idea when

he said "the experience wouldn't do him a bit of harm." Who knows? perhaps another Barrymore.

Ken Hagen (Tony Kirby) is a native Tacoman and this is his first TLT appearance. Was active in high school dramatics and participated in several plays. Is currently majoring in economics at CPS. He got away before ye scribe had an opportunity to get more detailed information.

Fredis Kaufmanis (Boris Kolenkhov) can open your eyes with tales of Communist activities. Born and raised in Riga, Latvia, held as prisoner by the Germans for two years, escaped when the Russians took over and migrated to Guntzburg, Germany from whence he came to the United States four years ago. Was for eight years in the professional theatre in Riga where the arts were subsidized by the government and says he has appeared in a hundred or more shows. Is married, two daughters, and is currently employed by the St. Regis Paper Co. His father and mother (he thinks) are still in the old country; he knows not where: nor they know his whereabouts. Betcha he'd be glad to meet anyone who came back-

Bette' Britt (Gay Wellington) is a Tacoma gal but was for sixteen years in San Francisco, returning about three years ago. This is her first appearance behind the lights but says the public doesn't scare her any as she meets many people in her profession as hair stylist at "Jimmie's House of Beauty" where she is currently demonstrating

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her ability. Here's hoping she shows up for other productions in the future.

Horace Geer (Mr. Kirby) is a native Tacoman and no stranger to the citizenry, having for some years been associated with the City Attorney's office but now on his own. He's a grad of University of Oregon law school. Made his first TLT appearance as "Mr. Prichett" in "Detective Story" and subsequently as "The Captain" in "Mister Roberts." Accuses his wife of conspiracy in getting him involved in TLT productions.

Flo Dorsey (Mrs. Kirby) says she lays her claim to fame for the part of "Mrs. Gimble" in "Strange Bedfellows" wherein she said "G-i-r-l-s!!!!, her one and only line in the show. Aside from learning heavy roles she is employed in the State Hdqts. of Selective Service; is Treasurer of Jayne Garvin Orthopedic Guid; sings in the choir of the "Church of the Hoy Communion," refinishes furniture, makes rugs, paints, papers and gardens, has a husband known as Fred, two grown sons, and in her spare time works at various back-stage or outfront activities.

Yolan Gray (Grand Duchess Olga) says Helen Weed shanghaied her into this role because she looked the part and that she's scared to death as this is the first time she has ever attempted anything of this kind. Asked for something of a background she intimated her past was a deep, dark secret but admitted coming to the United States

eighteen years ago from Budapest, Hungary; spent five years in New York and for the past thirteen years has been in Tacoma and that she now conducts a "Massage Studio" (for ladies only) and dishes out physical therapy which means punching the daylights out of your helpless torso that you may acquire health and beauty.

Tom Davidson ("G" Man) is a native Tacoman and broke into the dramatic arts under Morrie Summers at Lincoln Hi. His first appearance with TLT was as "Rex" in "A Date With Judy" in May 1950. Is married, has a son six weeks old and is currently majoring in education at CPS. Has a yen for the drama and is now pointing for Caifornia with a view of furthering his talents.

Don Haas (Jim) has appeared in Stadium Hi plays but this is his first TLT appearance. He too, has California as his goal where he intends further his studies in dramatics.

Terry Jones (Mack) is the son of Margaret Jones, one of TLT's "First Ladies." His first appearance was as "Wallie Banks' in "Seventeen," followed by "Reber" in "Mister Roberts" and then as "Mac" in 'Suds in Your Eeye." Likes baseball and is of a scientific turn of mind.

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