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BY DICK WEEKS

DR. MAL MacDONALD (Harry Hawkins)

—It's people like Mal who have made Tacoma Little Theatre such an overwhelming success. Mal's every appearance on this stage has done him and the theatre a real credit. His first acting role on ANY stage was at this show house in 1946, when he appeared in "Family Portrait." This play makes it an even dozen, with his favorite role being that of Mr. Joyce in "The Letter." Says the Doctor, "Getting on the Little Theatre stage is like the dope habit. Once you start, you can't stop." From past performances, the audience hopes he never does.

DICK ODLIN (Signor Monti)—After doing such a tremendous job in the part of Captain Queeg, in "Caine Mutiny Court Martial," Little Theatre audiences will see a different type of Dick Odlin in this production. Of the previous role, our TLT actor-director says: "Captain Queeg was the most completely satisfying thing I've ever done. Something you don't get in comedy." Dick's philosophy of the theatre perhaps is the reason he is always appreciated on this stage. He feels that the curtain rises on the "audience," rather than the "stage." The reaction of the audience is

the important thing. We think you'll be glad he was convinced to take the part of Signor Monti in this play, when the final curtain goes down on the "audience" to-night.

LARRY MORTIMER (Andrew Larkin)

This is Larry's second appearance on stage—anywhere. His first part was in "Dinner At Eight," in this theatre. "Normally I'm a very quiet, retiring person," he says. "The Little Theatre offers me an escape." He came to TLT the first time on recommendation of Bob Dickson. Married, and the father of two boys, Larry works in the Marine Insurance department of Hansen & Rowland, Inc. Although he came to Tacoma from Burbank, California, he spent most of his life in San Francisco, where he says civic theatre doesn't come close to having the facilities that we have here.

MARYLEE STONE (Blanche Hawkins)

Leading roles are not new to this bright star. Her successful appearances on the TLT stage have included leading roles in "Voice of the Turtle," "Our Town," "Dear Ruth," and "Smilin' Through." Marylee is pretty proud of the fact that she was the one who got her uncle, Dick Odlin, down

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to this theatre. He stopped in to watch her rehearsal in 'Philadelphia Story,' when Marylee was just 13 years old. They've both been doing "right" well ever since. She also gives credit to this theatre for being the place at which she met her husband, Judge Waldo Stone. Children? "Still two," says Marylee. Hobbies? The Little Theatre and the Tennis Club.

GERDA CALIGURI (Signora Monti)—From her initial interest in dramatics, while majoring in same at Puyallup High School, Gerda has impressed audiences in a trio of plays here. They include "Time of the Cuckoo," "First Lady," and "Personal Appearance." She claims that playing the husband of Dick Odlin in "Twin Beds" is a real challenge. Married, the mother of two children, a job with the Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot, and her activity in this theatre, keeps her pretty busy. She loves dramatics, and the "wonderful" people at this theatre.

LILY MENICOCCI (Norah)—Being costume chairman is a pretty big job in itself, but that doesn't stop Lily from taking part on stage. Her past performances, all well received, have been "See How They Run," "You Can't Take It With You," and "Three

Men on a Horse." Asked how she got started at TLT, she replied that Emily Roudebush introduced her, and she's been busy here ever since. So has her husband. He works backstage on set construction. "I spend more time at the Little Theatre than I do at home," she says. We'd say she's turned in a pretty good record for having been a member just two years.

BARBARA LYTE (Amanda Larkin)—Another Californian by birth, Barbara steps on stage for the second time at this theatre. And that's a pretty fair record considering that she moved here from California in October of 1954. You saw her in "Sabrina." She assisted Dick Odlin in the directing of that show and also the "Little Foxes." Barbara has worked around civic theatres in Los Angeles, and during the time she went to Stanford University at Palo Alto. On Mondays she teaches handicapped children to swim at the Y.M.C.A. "We could use some more instructors, too," says Barbara. You'll be surprised to know that she has a 13-year-old daughter. Her husband is promotion manager at the Tacoma News Tribune. When asked why she enjoys Little Theatre work, she answered, "It gives me a release from housework. And I enjoy being with the nice people here."

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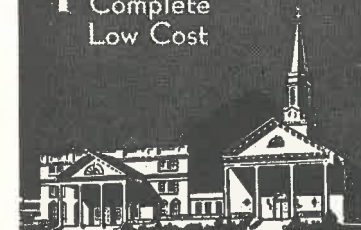
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Dec. 17: "Twin Beds" closes.

Dec. 19: Production meeting for "Kind
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Dec. 28: STAGEDOOR PARTY.

Jan. 2: Meeting of Board of Directors.

Jan. 9: Executive Committee meeting.

Jan. 14: Children's Theatre informal recital
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Jan. 17: Play Reading Committee meeting.

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