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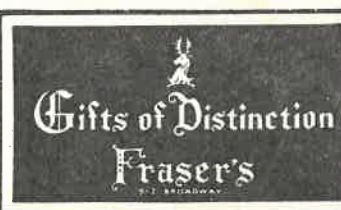
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General Otokar Zandek.....	CHARLES GUILFORD
Corporal	PAUL BENSON
Vlasta Habova.....	GERDA CALIGURI
Colonel Bradacova.....	VALERI IMM
Sophie Cerny	DOROTHY ATKINS
Karel Cerny	CHARLES W. HOLLOWAY
Novotny	DR. FRANK KRAUCUNAS
Pavlat	PAUL NOLAN
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The living room of General Zandek's villa. The same night.

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SALEM NOURSE (Josef) If ever there was a walking cornerstone of TLT, it would have to be this likeable gentleman. Quoting him, "The old work horse has been drafted again." Has a splendid record of nearly 40 years active theatre work at U. of W. and here. Is President of Civic Drama School (TLT Building Trusteeship). Puts in his spare time at Pacific Northwest Co.

ROBERT DIXON (Javorsky) Six years an ex-New Yorker, he's now a Tacoman, accent or not. This is his fifth play here, was last seen in "King of Hearts." Left N. Y. to end commuting, now does that to Seattle daily for Hansen & Rowland.

CHARLES "Chick" GUILFORD (Zandek) We remember him in "Mister Roberts" (Doc), "Teahouse of the August Moon" (Colonel), and now he's promoted to General. What's next, the White House? Chick is on TLT's Board of Directors. Once taught high school drama and participated in same at CPS. He's a broker at Dean Witter & Co.

GERDA CALIGURI (Vlasta) First appeared here in '46, then we missed her 'till '52. This is now her fourth play, the last being "Twin Beds." Was a drama major at Puyallup High School. Gerda has two occupations: 1. Mt. Rainier Ordnance Dept, and 2. Housewife.

VALERIE IMM (Bradacova) Opening night marks six weeks residence in Tacoma for Valerie . . . how's that for "getting in the act" in a hurry! She's done summer stock in the Adirondacks, and Little Theatre in Illinois and Minnesota, and comes here from the latter. Valerie is also a headline attraction at the Parkland Times-Journal, where she's employed.

DOROTHY ATKINS (Sophie) Returned to Tacoma last year from California. Before that was directing with Lakewood Players. Last appeared in "Kiss and Tell" during World War II. Active in Little Theatres at Mare Island and Honolulu, and New Delhi (India) Players during war years. Enjoys directing but prefers acting. We hope Dot never dashes from Tacoma again.

CHARLES W. HOLLOWAY (Karel) This is his first appearance here, but he's worked more stages than Wells-Fargo. Here is an ex-comedian of the midwestern

Who's Who

(Continued)

vaudeville circuits, and a former professional circus clown . . . what memories those must bring! Naturally, he prefers comic roles. Also was active with the Labrea Players in Santa Barbara, the oldest Little Theatre in the U. S. Has been working with our backstage crews past 11/2 years. Charles is Director of the U.S.O. in Tacoma.

DR. FRANK KRAUCUNAS (Novotney) Another member of the cast making his first appearance at TLT, although he's been a member five years. A native of Lowell, Mass., and a graduate of Tufts and Boston (Dental). Came West as a Dental Officer in '45, stationed at Ft. Lewis. If his dental technique is as painless as his acting, the Dental Corps has a solid performer, too.

PAUL NOLAN (Pavlat) One of the solid citizens of TLT, Paul has been in at least five productions, has been play-reading committee chairman and a member of Board of Directors. A practicing attorney, he is also former Assistant City Manager.

RODERICK GLEN (Dr. Balzar) He, too, is making a "first" at TLT, but not without previous Little Theatre performing at Orlando, Florida (home), and Plainfield, N. J. Roderick derives pleasure from acting and is hopeful of possibilities that may develop. He's a Dental Technician at Ft. Lewis.

MARYLEE STONE (Marie) She wouldn't tell us so, but research discloses she's been starring at TLT since she was 13. She's a niece of Director Dick Odlin, and the Odlin heritage of the theatre is apparent in her avid interest of backstage work as well as before the footlights, where she makes any production an attraction.

ALBERT W. TAYLOR (Bacilek) He's here because (quote) "I had never been in a play and always wanted to be in one." Mr. Taylor usually succeeds in an endeavor, and as proof of it, he's Manager of Standard Oil Co. in Tacoma.

PAUL BENSON (Corporal) This is Paul's fifth play here since '53. You no doubt recall him in "20th Century" last year. Did some drama at Washington State College, and often works backstage on our productions. He's with Tacoma City Planning Department, and we hope his plans include staying active here.

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Children's Theatre registration: Saturday, Sept. 28, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Robert Evans, instructor.
Adult Workshop—Production of scenes from plays: Enrollment Wed., Oct. 16, 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Rex Roudebush, Chairman.
Tryouts for casting THE DESK SET: Monday, Sept. 16, 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to participate.
Production meeting, THE DESK SET, Tues., Sept. 24th.

The lobby decorations this season will again bring to you a variety of pictures showing trends in contemporary art. They will range from watercolors, oils, prints, architecture, interior decorating to posters. The opening exhibit features the photographs by the Tacoma artist Virna Haffer whose pictures have been shown in salons around the world. A description of the entries may be found in the lobby. Committee members include: Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. Edwin Blake, Mrs. Ray Campbell, Mrs. Curtis Carmean, Mrs. Hollis Day, Mrs. Clarence Erickson, Robert Evans, James Harris, Cyrena Johns, Mrs. Nathan Lynn, Robert Rudsit and Jack Thomas.
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that was one of the early lines in an opening show a couple or three years back (Jimmy Hoffner said it!) and it seems appropriate to launch this particular page for a new season. Once again it's "curtain going up" on a full year of activity in all phases of TLT. We've got a spankin' big new switchboard backstage (as a part of our building progress) and they say it can do everything but deliver lines. So look for a lot of unusual and top quality lighting on this year's productions. Stop by backstage after the show, meet the actors and see your new switchboard. It's real impressive! We trust that you—as individuals—will continue to help our progress and growth by getting your Season Tickets now . . . and also getting in your contribution checks to the building fund; remember, those contributions are tax deductible, and YOUR support will be gratefully welcomed.

Speaking of support, the TLT will sorely miss the leadership and companionship of J. Kaye Ewart this year. Twice president of our theatre, Kaye was a valuable asset to our growth and success. On behalf of the entire membership, executive and production staff of TLT, our sincere sympathies to Elsie and Jane Ewart.

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