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Cast in Order of Appearance

Lenny McGrath.....Erica Steele
Chick Boyle.....Eileen Dalton-Cole
Doc Porter.....Randy Clark
Meg McGrath.....McKenna Michaels
Babe Botrelle.....Annalisa Bowers
Barnette Lloyd.....Alan Marshall Brown

Synopsis of Scenes

**Kitchen in the McGrath sisters' house in Hazlehurst,
Mississippi, a small southern town.
The time is fall, 1974.**

Act One
Late Afternoon.

There will be a 15-minute intermission.

Act Two
Later that evening.

There will be a brief intermission.

Act Three
The next morning.

The Cast...

Erica Steele (Lenny) is a graduate of Stadium High School, currently enrolled at Tacoma Community College. Her last appearance at TLT was in 'Pack of Lies.' She has performed at Auburn Theater ('Wait Until Dark'), TCC ('Rhymer's of Eldrich'), Performance Circle ('Merry Wives of Windsor').

Eileen Dalton-Cole (Chick) is making her acting debut at TLT with this production, emerging from behind-the-scenes technical work which has supported many shows. A graduate of Incarnate World college in San Antonio, Texas, she also attended the University of Puget Sound. Eileen lives at Fort Lewis, where her husband is career military. She performed in San Antonio ('Hedda Gabler,' and 'Crimes of the Heart').

Randy Clark (Doc) recently appeared at TLT as Megs in 'Strange Snow' and also appeared in 'The Glass Menagerie' and 'A Thousand Clowns.' He appeared at Chinook Theater ('Scrooge') and Lakewood Players ('Nightwatch'). A graduate of the University of Puget Sound, Randy recently returned from Los Angeles where he performed in various productions.

McKenna Michaels (Meg) is making her debut at TLT in this production, but has performed frequently in Tacoma, at Tacoma Actors Guild ('Amadeus') and the University of Puget Sound ('A View from the Bridge') where she was graduated. An equity candidate, she has acted and performed in the dance company at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Her most recent performance in Seattle was in 'My Brother's Keeper' at the Northwest Playwrights Festival, New City Theater.

Annalisa Bowers (Babe) is also making her acting debut at TLT. A graduate of Western Washington University, she has performed at Laughing Horse Theatre in Ellensburg ('Artichoke' and 'Table Manners'), but has been involved in theatre since grade school (title role in 'The Mouse Who Loved Meatloaf').

Alan Marshall Brown (Barnette Lloyd) is also a newcomer to TLT, recently returning from Denver where he was a director at the Eden Theater ('Soldier's Play,' 'Raisin in the Sun,' and 'Prometheus Bound'). He also acted there in 'Purlie' and 'Luann Hampton Laverty Oberlander' and in 'Godspell' in Tacoma. He is a graduate of Willamette University.

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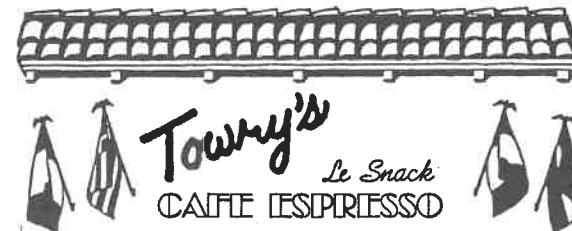
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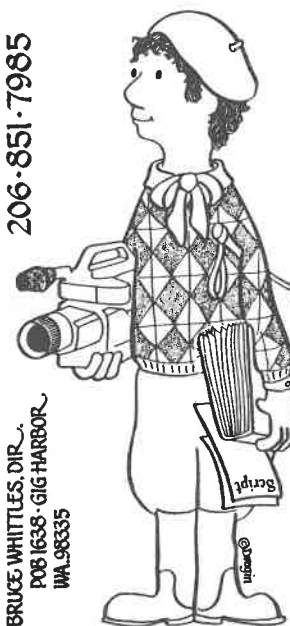
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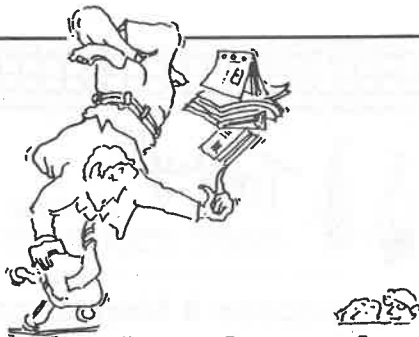
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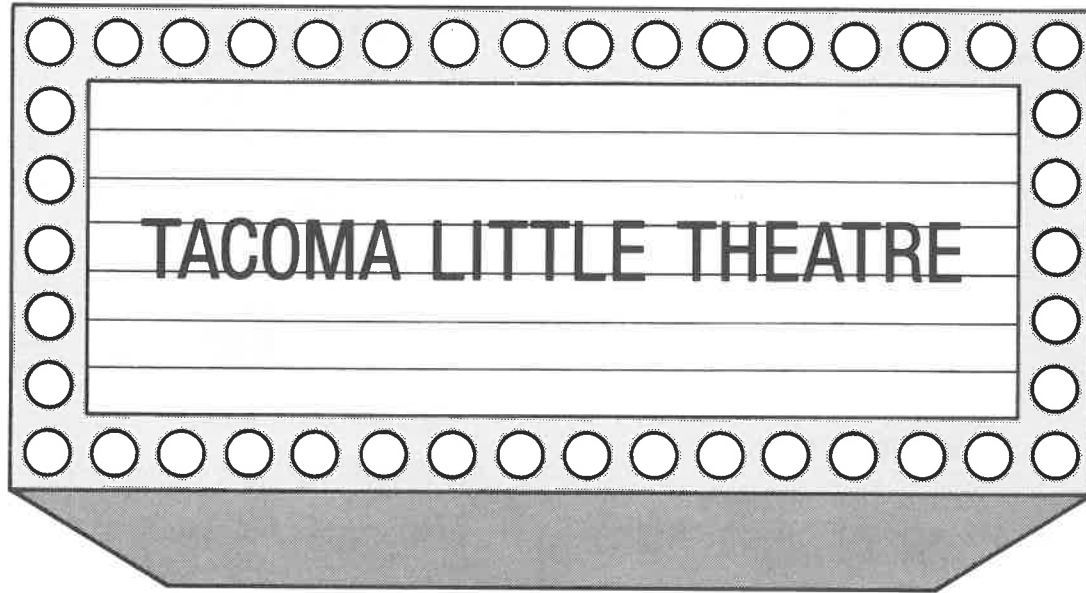
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As Tacoma grew, the seminary sold this property and relocated to North Tacoma Avenue, where Annie Wright is today. Of course, this left the Civic Drama League without a theatre. The old Slovenian Hall at the foot of the 30th Street was available and the group proceeded to build a stage and auditorium, all volunteer. They were so successful that soon The Civic Drama League outgrew this facility and began searching for a new home. It was during this time they added the name of Tacoma Little Theatre as their production company, eventually to drop the name of The Civic Drama League from public use. In 1939 and 1940 theatre member held endless benefits, parties and sales in order to purchase our present building at 210 North 'I' Street. The building was an auto repair garage that became the stage and auditorium area. The lobby of today was added about 1950. This garage required extensive remodeling. Improvements consisted of a trussed roof, a revolving stage (building on a Northern Pacific Railroad track), dressing rooms, heating plant, lavatories and special wiring for productions. Used seats were secured from the University of Washington.

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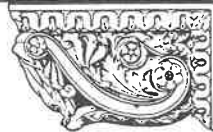
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The Director...

Roger Westberg's career includes directing ('The Foreigner' at Burién Little Theatre, 'Charley's Aunt' at West Seattle Totem Theater and 'Murder Once Removed' at Valley Community Players in Renton) as well as acting. He appeared in the documentary 'With Love Around the World' and KING television's 'Evening' show in the mini-mini series 'Who Killed Rock Cobbin?' This production of 'Crimes' marks his directing debut at TLT.

The Author...

Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Crimes of the Heart." has an authenticity that could only come from her Jackson, Mississippi, birth and upbringing. Also winning the New York Drama Critics Best Play and George Oppenheimer/Newsday playwriting awards, the play stands as a triumph of honesty and perceptive handling of family relationships. A screenwriter as well as playwright, Ms. Henley wrote the scripts for 'Nobody's Fool' and 'Crimes of the Heart.' She received her BA from Southern Methodist University and also studied at the University of Illinois.

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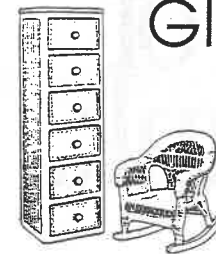
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