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MARCH 1948

"NIGHT MUST FALL"

Mystery Classic by EMLYN WILLIAMS



E. G. BURROWS, *Director*

PHYLLIS WRIGHT, *Assistant Director*



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we come to the mid-point of our second year of operations following the war, we find we have made small but definite progress toward some of our goals. We are now incorporated as a non-profit organization, and this enables us to accept any and all gifts into the corporation. Such gifts being tax-free to the donor.

This year we are planning three productions with the hope of more another year. Our membership is becoming augmented by a great many people who never have been connected with the theatre before. Some of them have already taken a prominent part in our activities. We hope many more will in the future. We still have a long way to go to reach our ideal of a theatre of our own and enough productions and committee work to enable everyone who desires to be, to be active.

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THE SCENES

The action of the play takes place in the sitting room of Forest Corner, Mrs. Bramson's bungalow in Essex, England.

The time is the present.

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Act I

A morning in October.

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Act II

SCENE 1 An afternoon twelve days later.

SCENE 2 Late afternoon, two days later.

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Act III

SCENE 1 Half an hour later. Nightfall.

SCENE 2 Half an hour later.

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● ED BURROWS appears as a Civic Theater director for the second time with this production. His own one-act play *Pot Luck* was given at a membership meeting last fall. In *My Sister Eileen* he played the part of the newspaperman, Chic. Ed is a graduate of the Yale Drama School and has worked in summer theaters in the East. Associated with WPAG as program director for two years, he has recently become Assistant to the Director of Broadcasting at the University of Michigan and program director of WUOM. He is currently engaged in the organization of a Radio Guild for the production of radio dramas here in Ann Arbor.

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● PHYLLIS WRIGHT is well known to Civic Theatre audiences. She has appeared behind the footlights in our last two major productions, playing "Eleanor" in *The Late George Apley* and "Elizabeth" in *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*. She got her degree in Play Production at Oklahoma University and had summer theatre experience with Perry Mansfield, spending one season with The Oklahoma City Playhouse. Her direction of *The Man Who Married A Dumb Wife* in January is the latest feather in her well-adorned cap.

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Notes About Tonight's Cast

● WILLIAM BROMFIELD (*Dan*) is a play production major on the campus, and has given Civic Theatre much of his time and talent. He was seen the past year in two of our major performances, *My Sister Eileen* and *The Late George Apley*.

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● JESSICA MORROW (*Mrs. Bramson*) has done capable work in two of our recent plays. She was a very convincing Amelia in the Apley show, and a lush maid in *The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife*.

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- SHIRLEY BOYD (*Olivia*) is a newcomer to our stage, but has had theatre experience in the speech department at the University of Iowa.
 - BEN HAZARD (*Belsize*) is not only an actor but has also designed the set for this show. Ben has given much to our Civic Theatre and has been seen in many productions, including *The Late George Apley*, *Fireman Save My Child* and *The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife*.
 - LAIRD BROOKS (*Hubert*) is another newcomer to us and expects to make the stage his life work.
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● **WILLETT BROWN** (*Nurse Libby*) is a very versatile member of Civic Theatre. She not only does an excellent job of acting, but is also a most capable book holder and assistant to the director. "Willie" has been seen in many of our productions. She hails from New York where she has done radio and stage work.

● **ANN PARSONS** (*Dora*) has played parts for us in both the Apley show and in *The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife*. It's always a great pleasure to work with Ann.

● **MARJORIE STEWART** (*Mrs. Terence*) is a new member of Civic Theatre. We hope she will play with us again. Marjorie has had experience in plays at Kansas State and in high school.

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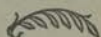
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