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by PAUL OSBORN

A COMEDY

From the novel by Lawrence E. Watkin

The Cast . . . in order of appearance:—

PUD	Jackie Cornett
JULIAN NORTHRUP (Gramps)	Whitfield Aston
NELLIE (Granny)	Florence Farebrother
MR. BRINK	Charles Rittenhouse
*MARCIA GILES	{Betsy Hay Ruth Martin
DEMETRIA RIFFLE	Maude Aston
†A BOY	{Danny Fleming Jack Hiscocks
WORKMEN	{Sheldon Allan John Cornett
DR. EVANS	Robert Watt
MR. PILBEAM	Alfred Dann
MR. GRIMES	Gordon Jones
SHERIFF	Richard Matthews

The entire action takes place in the living-room and the back yard of the Northrup home.

ACT I

Scene 1. Afternoon.
Scene 2. A week later.
Scene 3. Dusk, a week later.

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ACT II

Scene 1. Two hours later.
Scene 2. Ten o'clock that night.
Scene 3. Dawn, the next morning.
Scene 4. Dusk the same day.
Scene 5. A few minutes later, the same day.
Scene 6. Later that night.

The play directed by MILDRED MITCHELL

Setting by QUENTIN LAWRENCE

Prompter — Barbara Butler

The play produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc., New York.

*Betsy Hay and Ruth Martin are alternating in the role of "Marcia Giles", Miss Hay playing Fri., Tues., Thurs. and Sat., and Miss Martin playing Sat., Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. matinee.

†The role of the "Boy" is being played alternately by Danny Fleming and Jack Hiscocks: Jack playing Fri., Tues., Thurs. and Sat., and Danny playing Sat., Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. matinee.

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It is a pleasure to announce that MRT's affiliate, the Shakespeare Society of Montreal will stage its first public production on the 17th, 18th, and 19th May (Thursday-Saturday).

This production will be under the joint sponsorship of Montreal Festivals and Montreal Repertory Theatre, and through the courtesy and co-operation of the authorities of McGill University, will take place in Moysse Hall.

Shakespeare's masterpiece of high comedy, "Much Ado about Nothing" has been chosen for this presentation and is now the subject of study and rehearsal by members of the Society.

Charles Rittenhouse will be the producer of "Much Ado about Nothing". Roeberta Beatty will direct. Herbert Whittaker will design the set and costumes. Incidental music, to be played on instruments of the period will be under the direction of Kenneth Meek.

Both MRT and the Shakespeare Society appreciate McGill's action in consenting to the use of most suitable and appropriate surroundings for the Society's first production; they welcome also, the opportunity given them of association with Montreal Festivals which has achieved so distinguished a position in the musical world.



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Back Stage Notes...

WHITFIELD ASTON needs no introduction to Montreal audiences. He has played in MRT's productions of the Merry Wives of Windsor and Twelfth Night, as well as in local presentations of The Man Who Came to Dinner and George Washington Slept Here. He was last seen at MRT in the role of "Geo. Redfern" in Laburnum Grove. He portrays the role of "Julian Northrup" (Gramps) in the current production.

JACKIE CORNETT, an Iona Avenue School student, is making his first appearance on the MRT Stage. He is portraying "Pud."

MAUDE ASTON has directed Dickens Groups in Montreal and Toronto for over twenty years. She has played leading roles in Romeo & Juliet,

Pride & Prejudice and in MRT's production of Twelfth Night. Her last appearance at the MRT Playhouse was in Laburnum Grove. She is seen as "Demetria Riffle".

CHARLES RITTENHOUSE is Supervisor of Speech Arts of the Montreal Protestant School Board. He has appeared in several MRT productions as well as being an Associate Producing Director for MRT. He was last seen as "Teck" in Watch On The Rhine. Portrays the amiable "Mr. Brink".

FLORENCE FAREBROTHER has had considerable experience in amateur theatricals, playing in such well known plays as Noel Coward's I'll Leave It To You; also in Three Live Ghosts, and Little Bit of Fluff. This is her first appearance at MRT, playing the role of "Miss Nellie" (Granny).

Library Note . . .

The Theme of "On Borrowed Time" is a fascinating one, though it bristles with difficulties for the playwright. You may be interested to see how others have attacked the problem of putting the supernatural on the stage. There is a varied group of such works on the big table in the library.



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ROBERT WATT is a member of the Dickens Fellowship Group, and has worked with the Open Air Players and the Trinity Players. He played the role of "Samuel Pepys" in *And So To Bed*, MRT's opening play of the current season. He is seen as "Dr. Evans".

BETSY HAY first appeared at MRT as "Sue" in *And So To Bed*. She plays "Marcia Giles", alternating in the role with Ruth Martin.

ALFRED DANN played many leading roles at the Garrison Club in Ottawa. He appeared in the first MRT Major, *Perfect Alibi* and has been seen in many other roles at MRT, the last as "Rev. Alfred Combermere" in *Suspect*. He does the part of "Mr. Pilbeam" the family lawyer.

RUTH MARTIN is one of our backstage workers. She is making her MRT debut as "Marcia Giles", Playing the role alternately with Betsy Hay.

GORDON JONES is in charge of the Make-Up Department. He appeared this season as "Harry Graves" in MRT's production of *Junior Miss*. He plays "Mr. Grimes".

SHELDON ALLAN is a valuable member Backstage. He played at *Brae Manor* in Knowlton last summer and was seen as "Barlow Adams" in MRT's production of *Junior Miss*. He plays a "Workman".

JOHN CORNETT, father of Jackie (Pud), also makes his first appearance at MRT, playing one of the "Workmen".

DANNY FLEMING, a Willingdon School student, appears as the "Boy", playing the role alternately with Jack Hiscocks.

JACK HISCOCKS, a student at the Herbert Symonds Branch of the Westhill High School, is alternating with Danny Fleming in the role of a "Boy".

RICHARD MATTHEWS . . . played the role of "Stage Manager" in *Our Town* in both the Lakeshore Summer Theatre production as well as with The Town of Mount Royal Players. He is an active member of Blue Bell Bullets.

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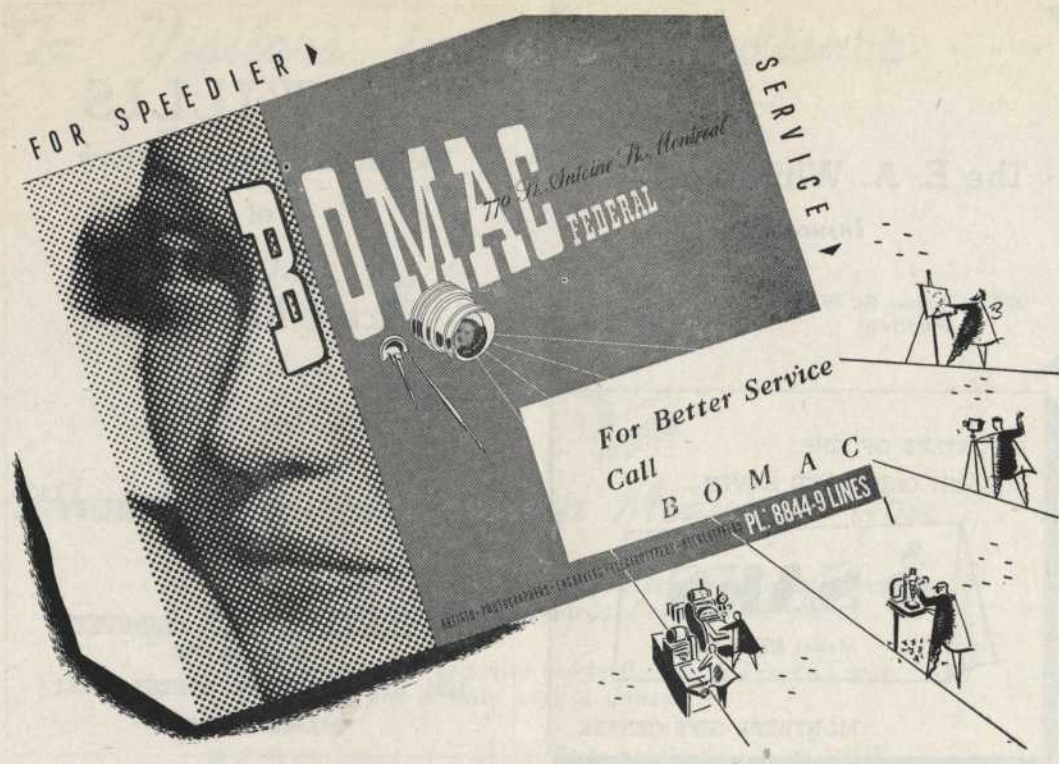
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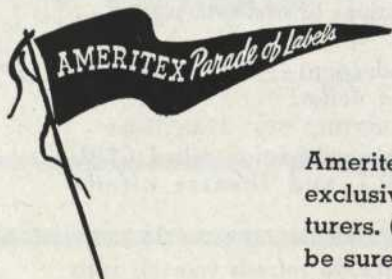
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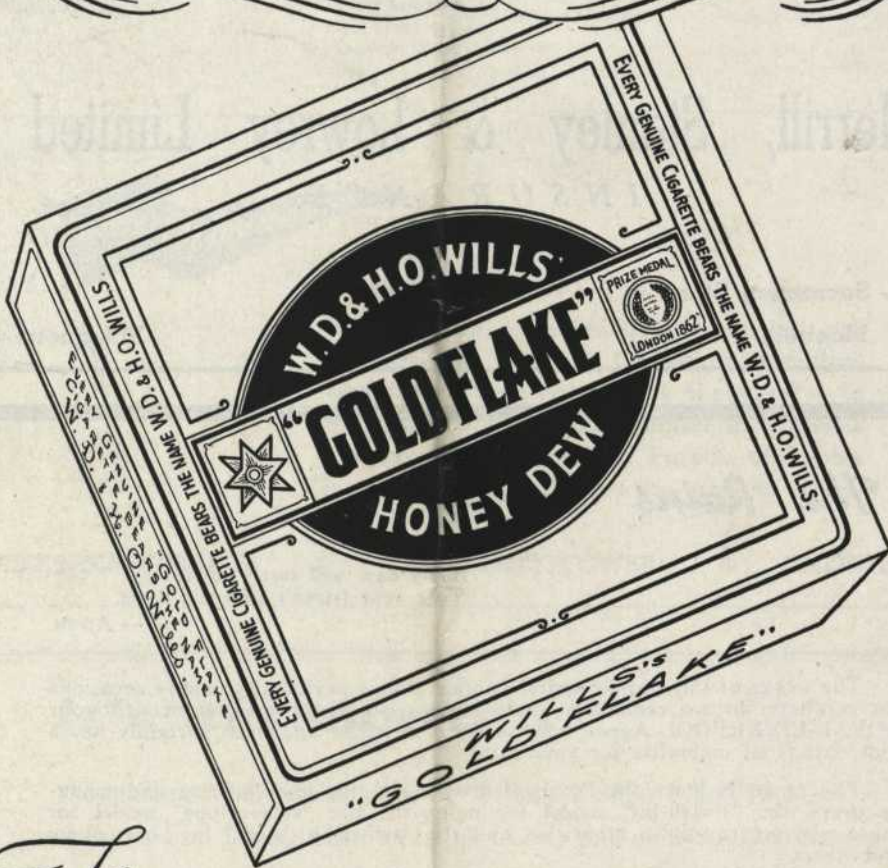
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