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By

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Could it be we have oversold ourselves on our Industrial Efficiency and that the criterion of all values is "big dividend?" I'm sure no one asked for a cost accounting at VALLEY FORGE. Those men were not concerned with themselves as they sat around their campfires, hungry, cold, poorly armed and greatly outnumbered by their opponents.

The strength of their pride as Free Men, as the fathers of future generations, and as representatives of a new nation, was their capital investment. Their dividend, to us, is these United States of America.

It takes time and courage to be a good citizen. It is always easier to fight a War than to build a Peace. A crisis seems to bring out our best qualities. Perhaps we need to evaluate these qualities again and put them to everyday use.

TWO BLIND MICE, a comedy satire on official Washington, is presented for your entertainment. Beneath its humor is an undercurrent of serious intent for all to think about.

The Fort Smith Little Theatre wishes to thank all of those who have made this another successful season.

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Two Blind Mice may be the name of the show, but the cast have their eyes wide open. They have to in every play, but this one in particular, as there are so many in the cast—18, in fact. They have to watch with extreme care everything backstage as well as on stage (for cues).

This is an excellent cast and Little Theatre presents them with great pride—

The two blind mice, Ann and Penny (Esperance), are new to us and have not had any experience since high school days. Mr. Murray and Miss Johnson are really Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Winner. Jerry has helped backstage on many productions and emerges out front for the second time. Jesse will be remembered from **See How They Run** and **John Loves Mary**, as will Chuck Dixon. Chuck is not only a good actor but very good at building scenery, as is Payne Morrow. Jack Taylor returns from the Navy to be the Army Sergeant.

Larry Tennant plays his first long part in our Little Theatre but he has appeared previously in **What A Life** and **Kind Lady**. Louis Scivally is known to many of you, having been in the Kiwanis Minstrels. Our feminine love interest is Ree Owen, new to us but familiar to College of The Ozarks play-goers.

Jim Pattee and Dave Boatright need little introduction, both having been in **Mr. and Mrs. North**. "Colonel" Jerry Heilbron is an old newcomer to Fort Smith, having lived here several years ago, but recently returned from California. During his army career, he "M.C.'d" several shows. Huber Hughes, Jr., the Samba king, is a newly acquired Oklahoma product, as is his wife, Bette Lou, who is helping backstage.

Jim Butterly is new to the stage, but we hope he is following in the footsteps of his talented daughter, Tony Morrow. John D. King, the unpopular senator, has not been with us before but was active in the Little Rock Little Theatre several years ago. Jimmy Hauser emerges from his bewhiskered part in **Kind Lady** as our deflated ensign.

To those of you who hesitate to join our acting ranks, note that one-half, nine to be exact, of the cast are new to Fort Smith Little Theatre. So—why not join us next fall? Get the feel of grease-paint and powder. It's great fun!

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William Coffman at the Organ

THE CAST

In Order of Appearance

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MISS CRYSTAL HOWER	PENNY CROCKETT
MR. MURRAY	JESSE WINNER
MISS JOHNSON	JERRY WINNER
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CHARLES BRENNER	CHARLES V. DIXON
ENSIGN JAMISON	JAMES H. HAUSER
SENATOR KRUGER	JOHN D. KING

SCENE

The entire action of the play takes place in what was once the drawing room of a Georgetown mansion.

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