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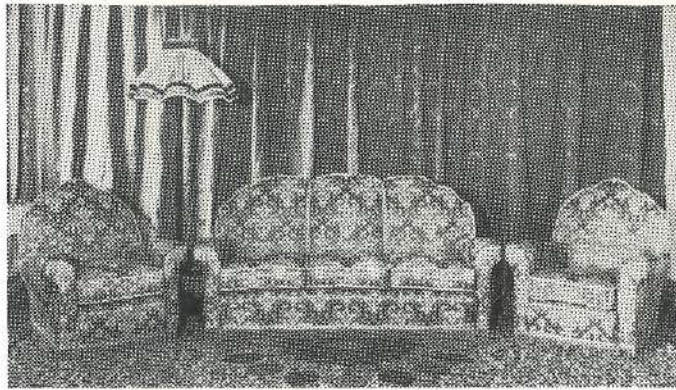
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Welcome to this, the fourth S.A.L.O.S. production: "The Arcadians," "The Desert Song," "The Vagabond King" and now "The Quaker Girl." Unfortunately our old home, The Empire Theatre, has had to close its doors and we are indeed lucky to have been able, through the good offices of Mr. F. L. Parker, to take over the Regal Ballroom—formerly The Playhouse—for this year's show. Of course, we cannot accommodate the number of friends that was possible at the Empire, but this year we are running for an extra three days to compensate for this to a certain extent.

You will recall that in previous years we have had a list of guarantors—those people who actually made our earlier productions possible, and to whom we shall always be grateful. Having built up a reserve fund sufficient to tide us over a difficult period, we felt that we could not justifiably ask our friends to continue as guarantors. They have, however, been invited to become patrons of the Society and the names of those who have accepted the invitation will be found in this programme.

I am sure that you will extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Jim Ellison, our Producer. Mr. Ellison comes to us with a wealth of experience and we are confident that with Mr. Reg. Hipperson, who produced our last two shows, as Chorus Master, we can anticipate even a higher standard of performance than formerly.

We could not, with the limited audience, afford to pay a professional orchestra and for the first time we are therefore relying upon amateurs, all friends of the Society, and I am certain that under the capable baton of Mr. Charles Comley, who has been our Musical Director throughout, we shall be thoroughly satisfied.

Finally, to you, our faithful audience, I would say a very genuine "Thank you"—not only for your presence here tonight, but for the help and encouragement you give us in so many ways throughout the year.

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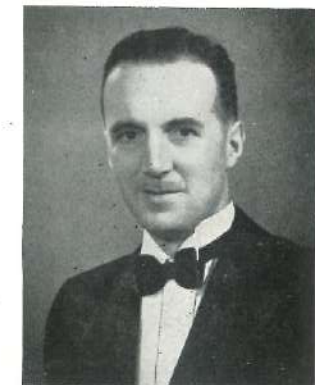
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The Story

Prudence, a demure and dainty little Quaker Girl, is the niece of Nathaniel and Rachel Pym, a prim and proper pair, who rule the Quaker community of a picturesque English village. Into the serene atmosphere of this community there arrives an exiled French lady of distinction, the Princess Mathilde, followed by Captain Charteris, to whom she is to be married. Charteris has armed himself with a special marriage licence and an even more special 'best man,' in the person of one Tony Chute, of the American Embassy in Paris.

The ceremony duly takes place at the village church in the presence of the rustics who join in the festivities on the village green, among their number being Prudence, whose charm quickly attracts the attention of the highly susceptible Tony. Prudence, carried away by the gaiety of the scene, is induced to take a sip of wine, but alas, with the wine to her lips, Nathaniel, Rachel and other Quakers appear on the scene. They sternly command her to leave these sinful people and follow them. But life as a Quaker is so dull that she prefers to entrust herself to the care of Madame Blum, of the 'Maison Blum,' Paris, who is in attendance on the Princess.

Madame Blum, with a practical eye to business, sees possibilities in the alluring simplicity of the Quaker dress and so we next find Prudence as a mannequin in Madame's establishment in Paris, where she becomes all the rage with the men, and her simple costume entrances the women. Among her admirers is one Prince Carlo, a dissolute nobleman, and Monsieur Duhamel, a distinguished Senator. The Prince decides to give a ball, but Tony, knowing the Prince's character, asks for, and obtains, Prudence's promise not to go. She is compelled to break her promise, for it so happens that the Princess has returned to France and masquerading as a mannequin at Madame Blum's salon, is being hotly pursued by Larose, the irrepressible Chief of Police.

Unfortunately the Prince has recognised Princess Mathilde among the mannequins and threatens to disclose the fact to Larose unless Prudence consents to accompany him to the ball, so for the sake of Mathilde she reluctantly agrees to his request. Tony hearing of this is naturally disappointed, but on learning the reason which caused Prudence to break her promise he begs her forgiveness for having doubted her. Thus a happy ending is reached for all.

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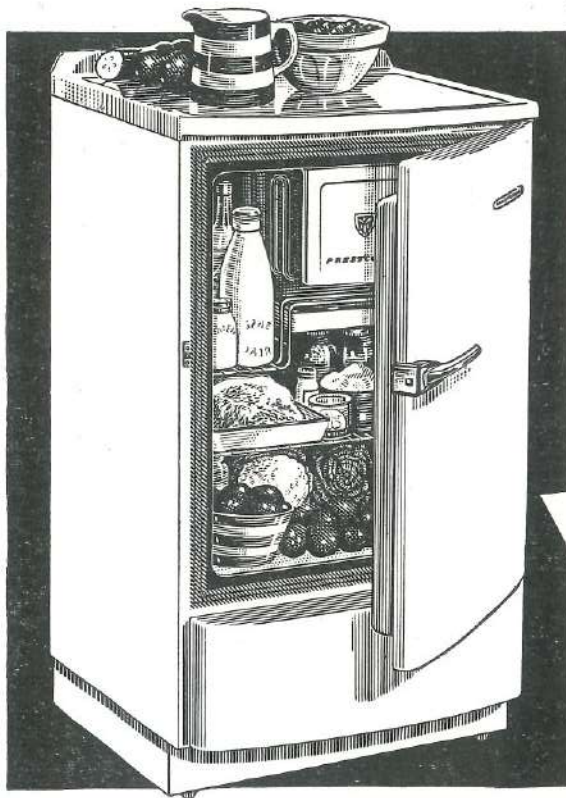
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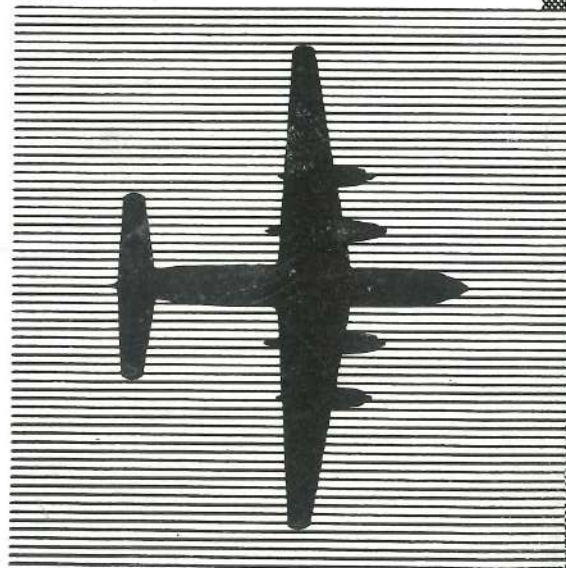
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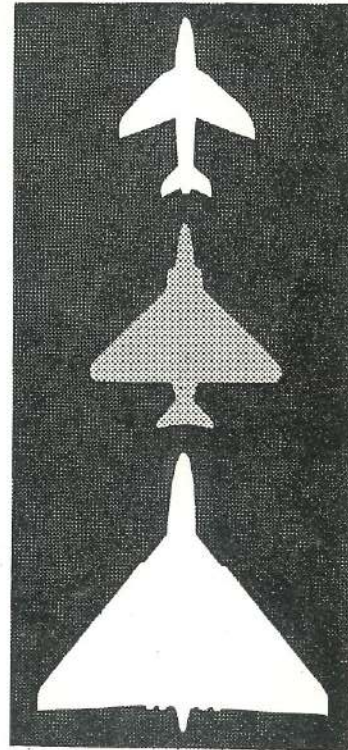


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 MRS. LUKYN (Landlady of "The Chequers") Marie Shailes
 WILLIAM (Waiter at "The Chequers") Randolph Hill
 NATHANIEL PYM (a Quaker) Deryck Johnstone
 RACHEL PYM (his Sister) Violet Field
 PHOEBE (Maid to Princess Mathilde) Patricia Ranford
 PRINCESS MATHILDE (an exiled Bonapartist Princess)Brenda Cook
 CAPTAIN CHARTERIS (King's Messenger)George Anderson
 MADAME BLUM (of "La Maison Blum," Paris)Pamela Hill
 TONY CHUTE (of the American Embassy, Paris)David Wainwright
 JEREMIAH (a Quaker) Charles Doak
 PRUDENCE PYM (Niece to Nathaniel) Vera Bennett
 TOINETTE (Head Fitter at "La Maison Blum") Jean Guntrip
 MONSIEUR LAROSE (Chief of Police, Paris) Victor Dibbin
 DIANE (a Parisian Actress) Jill Harris
 PRINCE CARLO (a Prince of France) Stanley Jones
 MONSIEUR DUHAMEL (Minister of State) Joseph Hinde

THE DANCERS:

Phyllis Doak
Winifred Hinde

Everald Poole
Marguerite Simmons

Madeleine Smart
Barbara Wheeler

LADIES OF THE CHORUS:

Hilda Bassett
Anita Miles
Pearl Dixon
Beryl Done
Dulcie Dunne

Violet Field
Jean Guntrip
Joan Hartless
Helen Hipperson
Susan Hiscock
Enid Lane
Ethel Lever
Phyllis Nesling
Betty Oldland
Eileen Redman
Betty Webb

Mavis Robins
Meryl Rowe
Marie Shailes
Betty Symonds
Paulina Symons

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Gordon Bezer
Victor Dibbin
William Gibbs
Alec Hemmings

Joseph Hinde
Randolph Hill
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AN ENGLISH COUNTRY VILLAGE

ACT II

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ACT III

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Mathilde "O time, time"
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Prudence "A Quaker Girl"
Prudence and Tony "A bad boy and a good girl"
Concerted Number "Tip-toe"
Jeremiah and Chorus "Just as father used to do"
Finale Chorus

Entr'acte

ACT II

Toinette and Work-girls Chorus
Phoebe "Or thereabouts"
Chorus "On Revient de Chantilly"
Prince and Chorus "Come to the Ball"
Prudence and Tony "A Dancing Lesson"
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Entr'acte

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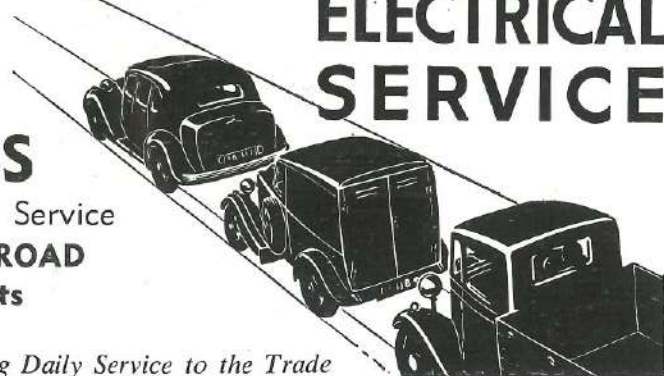
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