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JENNIFER SCHNACK as "MARIETTA."



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Meantime, Etienne has been strutting around New Orleans without it being known that he is in reality the notorious Bras Pique. At the ball, to which all the town goes, Etienne auctions off his squadron slave Adah, so that he can marry Marietta. Dick purchases Adah so that he can free her, but this action is misinterpreted by Marietta, who tells Etienne that she will be his bride. Adah prevents this by revealing that Etienne is the pirate Dick has been seeking. Governor Grandet will not, however, arrest his own son, and Etienne makes his escape, leaving Marietta and Dick in the knowledge that they love each other after all.



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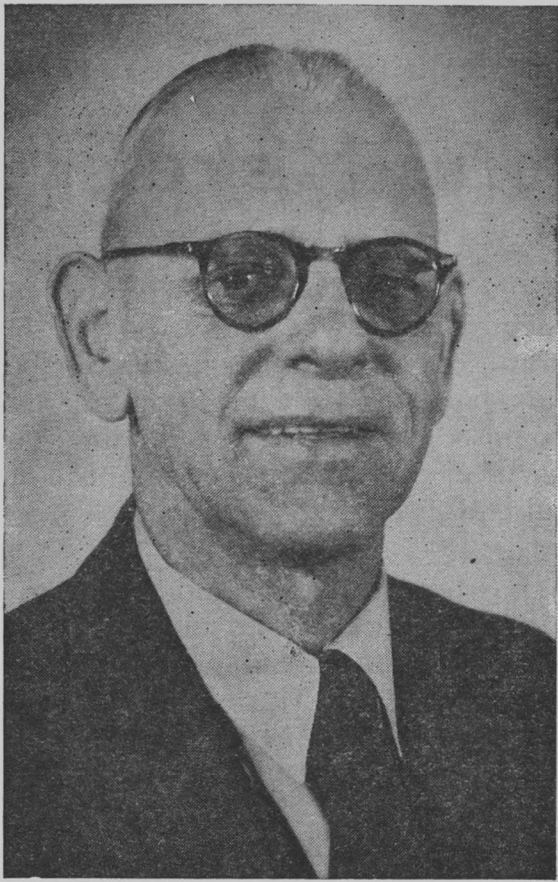
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Mr. Jack Baxter, the Producer of the Society's 1957 production, needs no introduction to Hawke's Bay audiences as a versatile artist and a capable producer.

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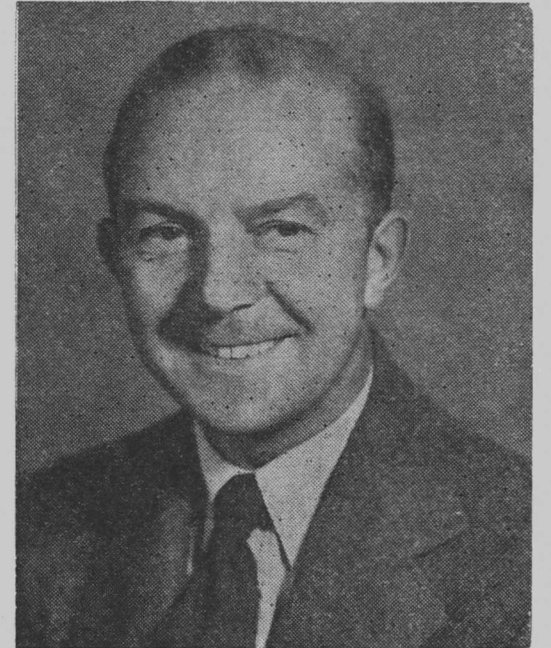


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Henry Rudolph

Our Musical Director, Mr. Henry Rudolph, is perhaps one of the best known musicians in New Zealand, particularly in the capital city, where he was musical director for the Wellington Operatic Society in their recent production of "Oklahoma."

Mr. Rudolph was Musical Director for the Hastings Musical Comedy Company's production of "Rose Marie," and we extend to him a warm welcome on his return visit for our 1957 season of "Naughty Marietta."



The Orchestra . . .

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MARY BELL

Our Chorus Mistress . . .

Mary Bell is one of the best known and most accomplished musicians in Hawke's Bay, having been associated with choral, operatic and orchestral societies, competition festivals, ballet and drama for many years. She is widely recognised as one of the leading vocal coaches in the province, and as an accompaniste, too, she is greatly sought after.

The Company has been fortunate indeed in having her services since it first ventured into musical comedy in 1954. The standard of the chorus work in "Sally," "No, No, Nanette" and "Rose Marie" has been the subject of many favourable comments, and this high standard has been solely due to the flair Mary Bell has for obtaining the co-operation of the whole chorus and extracting from each member the very best of which he or she is capable.

In "Naughty Marietta" she has trained both chorus and principals in their vocal work and also acted as rehearsal pianist, and we think you will agree this is no mean accomplishment. Once again the Society is greatly indebted to Mary Bell.

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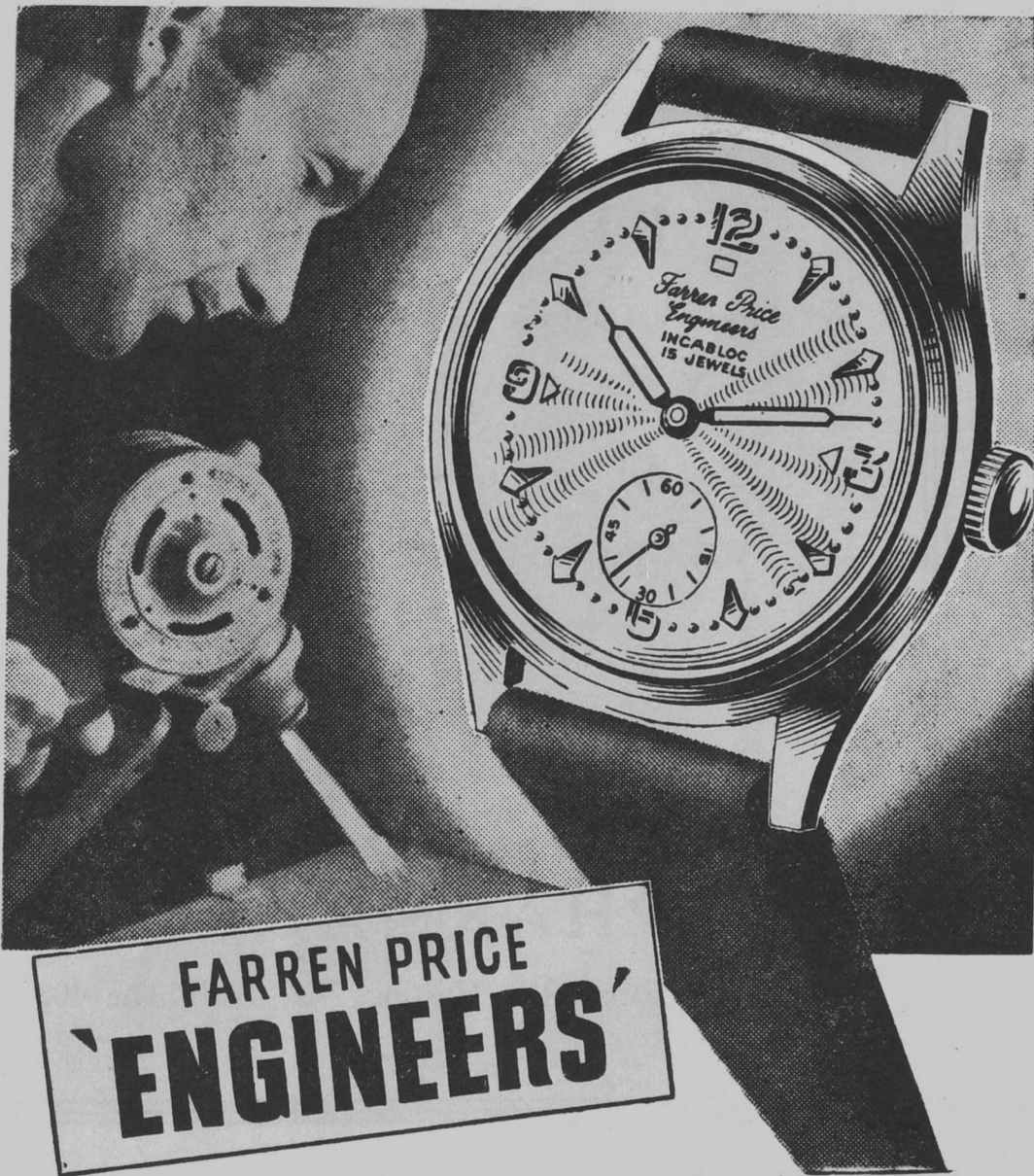
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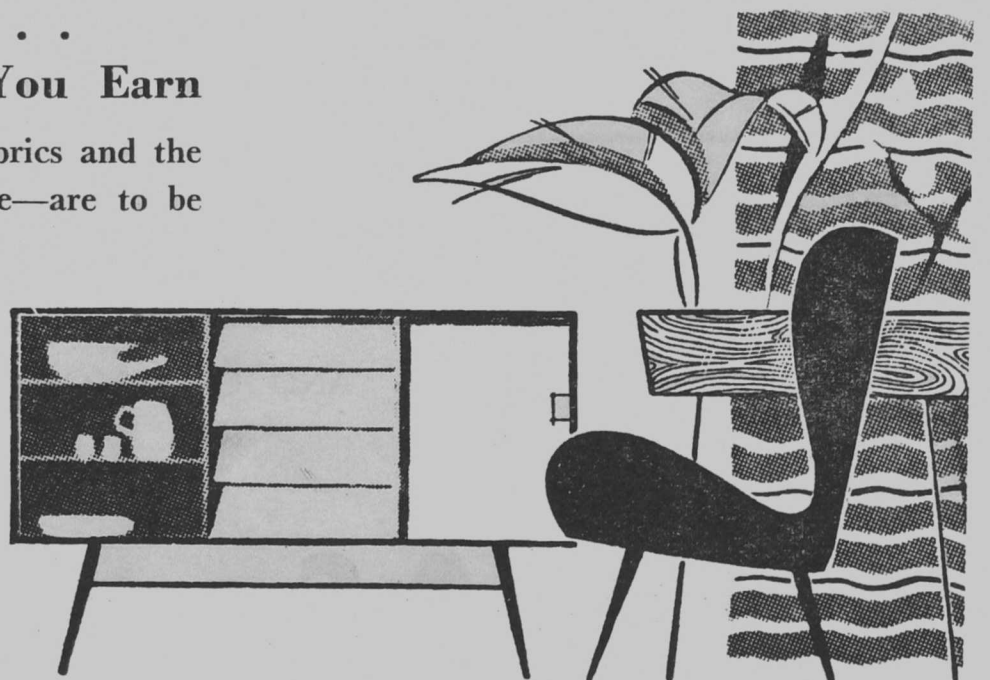
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... SYNOPSIS OF SCENES ...

ACT I

A Public Square in New Orleans, 1770.

ACT II

Scene 1: The Marionette Theatre.

Scene 2: The Ballroom of the Jeunesse Doree Club.

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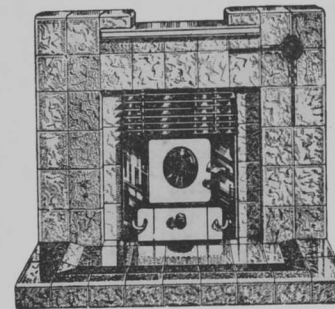
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Act 1

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We're Coming Here to be Married	Chorus
Naughty Marietta	Marietta
It Never Can Be Love	Captain Dick and Marietta
If I Were Anyone Else But Me	Silas and Lizette
'Neath the Southern Moon	Adah and Chorus
Italian Street Song	Marietta, Chorus and Ballet
Finale	Entire Company

Act 2

Duet: Dance of Marionettes	Marietta and Rudolfo
Columbine	Annette Henderson
Pierrette	Therese Pothan
Pierrot	Patricia Scott
Harlequin	Judith Webby
You Marry a Marionette	Etienne
New Orleans Jeunesse Doree	Male Chorus
Loves of New Orleans	Ladies' Chorus
Spanish Girls	
French Girls	Ladies of Corps de Ballet
In the Sweet Bye and Bye	Lizette
Live For To-day	Marietta, Captain Dick, Adah, Etienne and Chorus
I'm Falling in Love with Someone	Captain Dick
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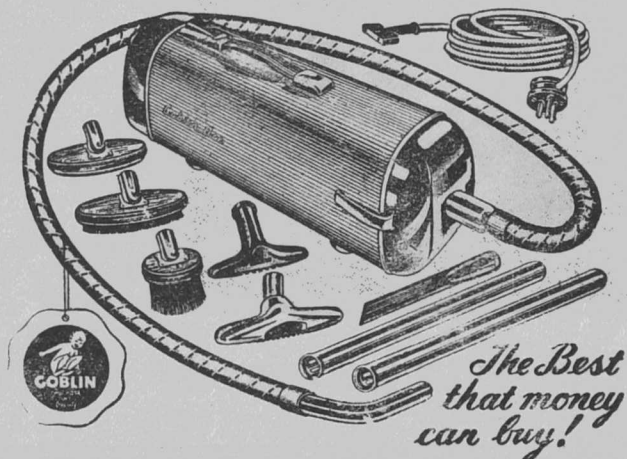
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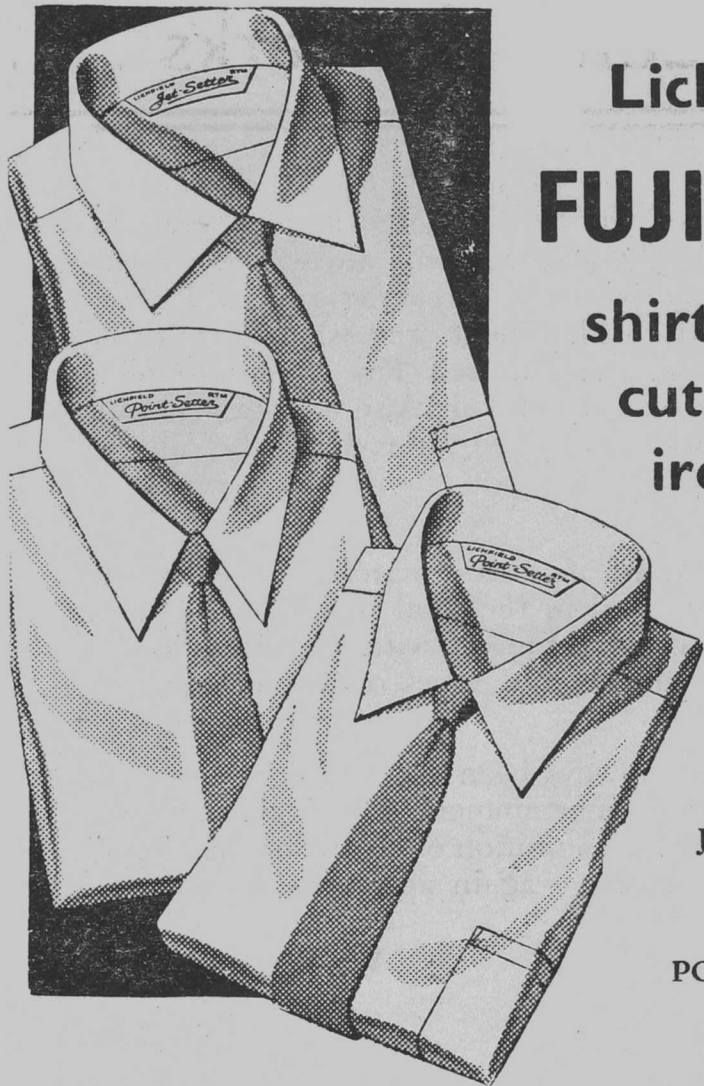
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President's Remarks . . .

Victor Herbert's most famous operetta, "Naughty Marietta," will always be remembered for its record-breaking run as a great cinematic achievement, and we take pride in presenting the Hawke's Bay Stage Premiere of this beloved musical. Also for the first time in Hawke's Bay we introduce the use of Colorama.

Colorama features matching scenes and costumes, and in the final stages of the show a full scene, complete with costumes in the varying shades and tones of one colour.

It has always been the aim of the Society to provide entertainment of a high standard, and in the presentation of "Naughty Marietta" we feel we have again achieved our object.

W. WILSON,
President.



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IVENA POTHAN

Our Ballet Mistress . . .

Miss Ivena Pothan has been associated with the Society since its inception, being the producer of its first venture, the successful revue "Holiday Cruise." She has been Ballet Mistress for some of its past successes, a committee member, and has taken part in a number of the Society's productions.

Miss Pothan is a member of the Royal Academy of Dancing, and has been adjudicator for many competition festivals in Australia and New Zealand. She has been a most successful teacher of dancing for some years, and combines this work with the duties of mother and wife as Mrs. Russell Spencer.



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Obituary

The Society has suffered a grievous loss in the recent sad passing of its Vice-President and Business Manager, Mr. J. H. Thornton. He will be sadly missed.

Appeal for Membership . . .

Through the generous support of our productions in recent years the Society has become strong financially, and it is the intention in the coming year to obtain premises suitable for a rehearsal room and the storage of property.

To enable the Society to carry on successfully it is necessary to increase the membership, and an appeal is made to all interested to contact any known member or the Secretary—

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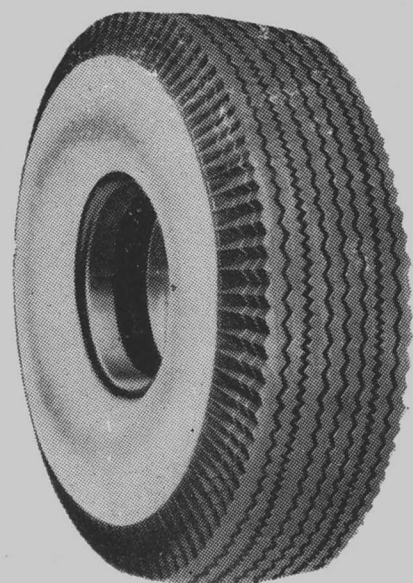
All Costumes, Scenery and Properties for "Naughty Marietta" were hired from the Auckland Operatic Society, that Society having had the honour of producing the Australasian Stage Premiere of this most successful operetta.

The Costumes for this production were designed by Molly Cook and the Scenery by Will Conroy.

Mr. Keith Brazier, Programme Cover; Mr. J. Puriri, Chorus Leader; and all other people who have assisted in this production.



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