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A Play in Three Acts

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# "FOOLS RUSH IN"

A Comedy in Three Acts

By KENNETH HORNE

*The Cast in order of their first appearance :*

Millicent (Bridesmaid)	.....	Pam Mottram
Mrs. Coot (Daily Woman)	.....	Joyce Parker
Mrs. Mandrake (Housekeeper)	.....	Ethel Cornish
Angela (Pam's Mother)	.....	Katharine Purchas
Pam (The Bride)	.....	Sonia Wheeler
Charles (Angela's Fiance)	.....	H. J. Midmore
Paul (Uninvited Guest)	.....	Paddy Brooman
Joe (Bridegroom)	.....	Michael Warwick

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## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

- ACT 1. The Lounge-hall of Angela Dickson's house at Ilcombe in Keny. It is a mid-morning in summer
- ACT 2. Scene 1—After lunch the same day  
Scene 2—After supper that evening
- ACT 3. After supper a week later

Stage Manager	...	Hilda Coles (assisted by Pat Cornick)
Electricians	...	Messrs. Wilkinson and Roberts
Stage Carpenter	...	Mr. Andrews
Wardrobe	...	Marie Small
In the prompt corner	...	Peggy Bundy
General and Business Manager	...	Ronald L. Small assisted by John Cornick

The Company wish to express their sincere appreciation to Mr. G. H. Watson for the use of the rehearsal room and accommodation for scenery making, and to many friends too numerous to mention who have made this production possible.

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## PAST and PRESENT

THE "Pre-Great War" years' record of Opera and Drama in Wimborne is no mean one. Many who knew the town in the 20's still speak with enthusiasm of the Gilbert & Sullivan shows in the old Victoria Hall, while the memories of the string of plays done in the 30's by the former Dramatic Society are fresh and green. To do shows then was, in a general way, relatively easy. Things were cheaper and more get-at-able; there was plenty of talent and oceans of enthusiasm.

As on so many things, the war years brought down the curtain; but four seasons ago Opera returned to the boards with pleasing presentations of "Pinafore," "The Pirates," "Patience," "The Mikado" and "Trial by Jury." The Wimborne and District Operatic Society had made its bow, and opportunity was taken eventually to form a Dramatic Section, starting its career in 1948 with "This Happy Breed."

Now merged with the "parent" company as the Wimborne Operatic and Dramatic Society, further success followed with "The Dover Road" and "Dangerous Corner."

The Committee of the Society have two main aims in view for the future: to attain and retain financial stability (Opera and Play production these days are expensive undertakings) and to present operas and plays in as pleasing and efficient a way as the stage and hall available permit. To achieve this, we need to be able to rely on assured public support—an audience of "fans" who will come to our shows—and an ever-increasing membership in all branches: acting, singing, orchestra work, scenery, business and organising support and so on.

Two projects are in the offing as practical propositions for the future: Gilbert & Sullivan's famous GONDOLIERS is in active rehearsal for production in mid-October, while Somerset Maugham's THE CIRCLE is our first choice for next season's opening in the Autumn.

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