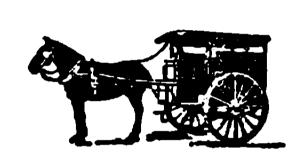




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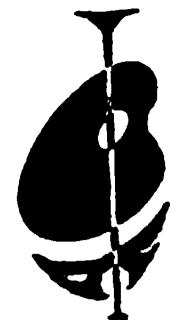
It is many years since the Centre presented a play by Oscar Wilde. There are, in fact, only five plays written by him — most of his writing was in the form of stories, essays and verse, with a prolific output of letters, recently published for the first time in collection. Wilde's plays vary in renown, from his most popular THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST to the seldom performed SALOME. AN IDEAL HUSBAND, we feel, is well worth a present-day presentation.

Taking part in this evening's performance are Olive Richardson, Mary Smith and Leonard Sheldon, all seen in our last production, SWEENEY TODD, in December. Jack Lewis appears as Lord Goring — he last played for the Centre in HOBSON'S CHOICE last October. The production is by Stanley Smith, who last gave us WHEN WE ARE MARRIED, the production which won two awards at the Felixstowe International Drama Festival in 1963.

Our next presentation will be THE TEMPEST by William Shakespeare. This will commence on Tuesday, March 23rd and run for 11 performances until April 3rd. All performances will commence at 7.0 p.m. THE TEMPEST is the General Certificate of Education play and school bookings will be very heavy indeed. We advise you to book well in advance — the box office will be pleased to attend to your requirements during the interval this evening, if you wish. As a rule, school parties attend weekday performances and the audience on both Saturday evenings will be mainly adults.

Our season will close with THE DEVILS by John Whiting, to be presented from May 31st to June 5th. We believe that ours will be one of the first amateur productions of this play, which is based on Aldous Huxley's THE DEVILS OF LOUDUN.

We have already selected our programme for 1965–66 and, although no dates are yet fixed, you may care to know what we have chosen. The season will open with BLITHE SPIRIT by Noel Coward, followed by AFORE NIGHT COME by David Rudkin, THE WAY OF THE WORLD by William Congreve and HEDDA GABLER by Ibsen. The plays will be presented in that order.



# AN IDEAL HUSBAND

#### By OSCAR WILDE

#### **CAST**

THE EARL OF CAVERSHAM, K.G.	SYDNEY IRVING
LORD GORING (his son)	JACK LEWIS
SIR ROBERT CHILTERN (Under Secretary for	r Foreign Affairs)
	LEONARD SHELDON
VICOMTE DE NANJAC	RICHARD STRUDWICK
MR. MONTFORD	GERALD BEAUMONT
PHIPPS	EDWARD MACRO
MASON	HARRY HART
LADY CHILTERN	OLIVE RICHARDSON
LADY MARKBY	MAUREEN RUTTER
LADY BASILDON	PAT APPLESON
MRS. MARCHMONT	MONICA SHELDON
MISS MABEL CHILTERN (Sir Robert's sister)	JOSEPHINE WARD
MRS. CHEVELEY	MARY SMITH
Other parts played by	Arthur Ridley, Joan Orange Pat Hannam, Christine Wilson Tony Caun

Produced by STANLEY SMITH
Settings designed by Stanley Smith

#### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

#### ACT I

The octagon room in Sir Robert Chiltern's House in Grosvenor Square.

#### **ACT II**

Morning room in Sir Robert Chiltern's House.

#### ACT III

The Library of Lord Goring's House in Curzon Street.

## ACT IV Same as Act II

Scene is London 1895

Scenic Artist	-		-	-	-	-	Fred Mower
Lighting -	-	-	-	-	-	-	Stanley Smith
Stage Manager	-	-	-	-	-	-	George Westmoreland
Assistant Stage	Mana	iger	-	-	-	-	Sybil Jenkinson
Wardrobe -	-	•	-	-	-	•	Betty Triggs
							Doreen Parker
							Nora Knapton
							Margaret Rhodes
Music	-	-	•	-	-	-	Laura White
Prompter -	-	-	-	•	-	-	Eileen Smith
Box Office Man	ager	-	-	-	-	•	Hazel Irving
							John Pemberton
Theatre Manage	er	-	-	-	-	•	John Holmes

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Presented by the Cosmopolitan Players.

February 9–20 BLESS THE BRIDE

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March 2-6 SEMI DETACHED by David Turner.

Presented by Leeds Art Theatre.

March 9-20 DAVID COPPERFIELD by Charles Dickens.

Presented by Leeds Children's Theatre.

March 23-April 3 THE TEMPEST by William Shakespeare.

Presented by Leeds Arts Centre.

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