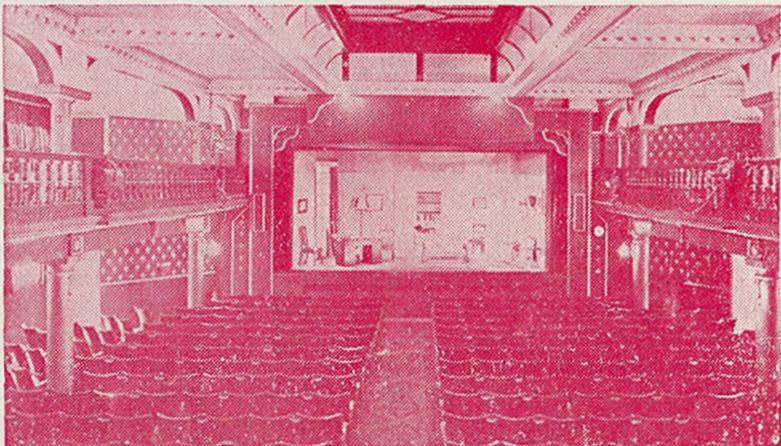


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Ladies and Gentlemen,

With this production of "Book of the Month"—which we hope you will thoroughly enjoy—we come to the end of the first year of Theatre South East productions in the Leas Pavilion. We should like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you who have given us your support, and particularly, of course, to those of you who have been able to do so throughout the season. Many of you have been kind enough to write and say how much you have appreciated the high standard maintained by the talented members of our company, and on behalf of the Directors of the theatre I should like to say how much we too have appreciated the hard work they have put in and the splendid results they have achieved. We hope very much that we shall have many of them back with us next year and in subsequent years.

I should like also to express our thanks to all the members of the staff, both backstage and front-of-house, whose sterling efforts and cheerful co-operation have added so much to the success of the season. They have all done a really splendid job, and I am sure none of them will resent my conveying our special thanks to Mr. John Cannan who in his first year as theatre manager has been a tower of strength, carrying out what can be a trying task with efficiency, tact and great good humour.

As most of you will know from the national press, these are far from easy days for the provincial theatre. The competition from television is intense, and combined with the decrease in the amount of spending money available, especially in towns of this type, has brought about a situation where only a very few provincial theatres can keep going at all without heavy subsidies from local authorities or the Arts Council. And all the time, of course, expenses are rising rapidly and relentlessly. Nevertheless we hope very much, when we have reviewed the situation, to be able to decide to open again next Easter for another long season until the end of October.

One thing, I must admit, which would have made it easier for us to come to this decision would have been if the support we received during the early and late months of this year had been more in relation to the splendidly full houses we had during the real "holiday" season, when we smashed all records for the theatre on at least three occasions. Naturally we appreciate that we must expect less support when the holiday visitors are not here. But all the same, to play such plays as "The Heiress" and "A Question of Fact" in a town of this size to a bare sprinkling of patrons is heartbreaking at the time, and more than disappointing even in retrospect.

In writing this in our programme at the end of October I am no doubt preaching to the converted, for your very presence here will in most cases vouch for you as most regular supporters, whose goodwill we greatly value. But may I still impress on you, and ask you to impress on all your friends, our vital need for the maximum support during the early and late months of the season next year—and all subsequent years!

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THURSDAY 29th
TO SATURDAY
31st OCTOBER

Book of the Month

BY BASIL THOMAS

Edward Halliday	Roy Purcell
Joanna Halliday ..	..	..	..	..	Peggy Paige
Marcia Wentworth	..	..	..	..	Thelma Rogers
Betty Halliday ..	..	..	..	..	Elspeth Pirie
Doris	..	..	..	..	Jill Meers
Col. Howard Barnes-Bradley ..	..	..	..	..	Richard Burnett
Doctor Ian MacLure	..	..	..	..	Jonathan Prince
Nicholas Barnes-Bradley	..	..	..	..	Ian Clegg

Directed by Richard Burnett

Scenery painted by Brian Bartle

The action of the play passes in the lounge hall of Edward Halliday's house near Cheltenham

ACT 1

- Scene 1. A Sunday morning in August
Scene 2. "Bare Bosom'd Night" by Betty Halliday

ACT 2

- Scene 1. Later the same Sunday morning
Scene 2. The following Monday evening

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Assistant Stage Managers	Phillida Welch
Student Stage Manager	Rennie Tasker
				..	John Blackman

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(Letter continued from page 1)

Before closing I want to tell you that we have gone very carefully and thoroughly into the possibility of reopening the theatre over the Christmas period, and presenting an attraction that would add to the gaiety of the town at that time. Unfortunately it has just not been possible for us to settle on any way of doing this with even a slender chance of recovering the expenses involved in planning, rehearsing and presenting a special show, and organising a staff front-of-house and back stage and so on. So for this year at least we have had to let the project rest.

In spite of which, while we again thank you for your support, and tell you how much we shall look forward to being back with you next year, may we also be among the first to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

On behalf of all the Directors of Arthur Brough Players Limited,
Yours sincerely,

Richard Burnett.

DURING THE INTERVALS

The Theatre Bar (fully licensed) at the rear of the Stalls is open from 7.30 before the performance and during the intervals. Orders taken for drinks before 8.0 will be ready for the intervals. The Coffee Bar is open during the intervals for the sale of coffee at evening performances and tea at matinees. Snacks are also available. Ice cream, chocolates and sweets can be purchased from the attendants in the auditorium.

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The Leas Pavilion Playgoers' Club has been formed to build up a permanent and regular audience for dramatic presentations at the Leas Pavilion; to foster links between those taking part and those watching the productions; and to promote interest in the living theatre by the media of lectures, demonstrations, social and other activities.

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