

**ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY
THEATRE GUILD**

THE OLD LADIES

BY

RODNEY ACKLAND

AT THE HUT

Monday	- -	July 12
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THIS PLAY, by one of our most competent contemporary playwrights, is a clever dramatization of a novel by Hugh Walpole. Three old women living each in her own bed-sitting room in a dilapidated house would not, one might imagine, give scope for dramatic episode. Yet the author has created three characters so inherently different and individual that the mere accident of their coming to live in the same house is sufficient to bring about situations of pathos, humour, intense drama, and ultimate tragedy. The author has drawn his story from his characters themselves. They do not fit into the story; they ARE the story.

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A play in three acts

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Characters

LUCY AMOREST SHEILA DAVIES
MAY BERRINGER IRIS THOMAS
AGATHA PAYNE PATRICIA HACKETT

The scene is an old house in Polchester
let out in bed-sitting rooms

The time is in the winter of 1904

The play is produced by Patricia Hackett

Stage direction - - - - Edward Beeby
Stage settings - - - - Michael James
Lighting - - - - J. C. Hantken
Costumes - - - - Patricia Hackett

The carols are arranged and conducted by Noel Stephens

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Patrons

Professor J. G. Cornell
Dr. C. E. Fenner

Professor John Bishop
Mr. F. S. Johnston

Committee

Dr. T. D. Campbell
Mr. R. Donaldson
Miss Rosemary Fitch
Miss Patricia Hackett
Miss Barbara Howard

Professor C. Jury
Mr. H. Kollosche
Mr. Roy Leaney
Dr. E. McLaughlin
Mrs. I. Thomas

Miss G. D. Walsh

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Early in August the University Student Theatre Group will present J. B. Priestley's
"I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE"
under the direction of Mr. Frank Johnston

This interesting play, with a strong, all-student cast, will later be taken to Melbourne for performance there at the Universities' Drama Festival during which eight plays will be presented by University groups from the various States

E. Wedd, Hon. Secy.