<u>Audition Sides - Constable Locke, Gracie, Alma, Mayor Shinn, Ewart, Jacey, Olin, Oliver</u>

START

CONSTABLE LOCKE

(rising)

Who set off that cracker?

GRACIE

I know who did it. Tommy Djilas did it – Tommy Djilas did it.

ALMA

Yes, it was Tommy Djilas.

CONSTABLE LOCKE

(as TOMMY tries to escape)

Tommy Djilas, I wouldn't leave if I'se you.

(TOMMY sits. CONSTABLE LOCKE joins him ominously.)

MAYOR SHINN

(returning to rostrum as a thunderclap is heard)

Mrs. Shinn will...

(The TOWNSPEOPLE react in anticipation.)

...recover.

(The TOWNSPEOPLE react mildly to the news.)

The Paine's Fireworks Spectacle, Last Days of Pompy-eye will take place, providing the rain stops by nine-thirty.

(Another thunderclap is heard and the lights flicker.)

EWART

How can it be raining? Didn't the Gazette predict fair?

IACEY

Sure did, Ewart, that's why we all prepared for a storm.

OLIN

The Gazette is acc'r't most a'the time and you know it, Jacey.

OLIVER

You wouldn't last very long in the bankin' business bein' accur't most a'the time.

(A verbal free-for-all is underway.)

MAYOR SHINN

Will you members of the School Board stop bicker'n in public?

END

OLIN

All in the world that I said was—