

Audition Sides - Mayor Shinn

START

MAYOR SHINN

As Mayor of River City I welcome you River Citizians to the Fourth of July exercises set up for the indoors here in Madison Gymnasium on account of the weather. Four score—

(JACEY SQUIRES hands MAYOR SHINN a note.)

The members of the School Board will now present a patriotic tableau.

(The three members of the SCHOOL BOARD, EWART DUNLOP, OLIN BRITT and OLIVER HIX, seated on the rostrum, indicate he is wrong.)

Oh – the members of the School Board will not present a patriotic tableau. Some disagreement about costumes, I suppose. Instead the Wa Tan Ye Girls of the local wigwam of Heeawatha will present a spectacle my wife—

(catching himself, he looks at note again)

—in which my wife – Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn, will take a leading part.

END

(EULALIE precedes them, carrying a tom-tom, which she beats. AMARYLLIS dressed as a guide, follows her.)

EULALIE

(peering right)

Wa Tan Ye!

WA TAN YE GIRLS

(peering right)

WA TAN YE!

EULALIE

(peering left)

Wa Tan Ye!

WA TAN YE GIRLS

WA TAN YE!

EULALIE

I will now count to twenty in the Indian tongue! Een teen tuther feather fip!

(TOMMY DJILAS, seated on the floor in front of EULALIE now sets off a large firecracker. EULALIE swoons.)

I'm shot, George, who shot me?

(MAYOR SHINN comforts her, aiding her offstage. There is a considerable disturbance.)