

## Treatment Of 'Indians' Is Hailed

The tingling of suspense was maintained throughout both performances of "Ten Little Indians" last Thursday and Saturday nights. The audible gasp of astonishment and sigh of relief, at the exposure of the murderer, were testaments to the excellence of this thriller, the latest in a traditional line of successes by the Edenton Little Theater.

"Ten Little Indians" is the first mystery to be staged by the local group, and having nine victims with an assassin in their midst was a juicy way to start. An effective mixture of seasoned and new-born actors came under the direction of Marcia Crandall, who with care and ability handled this, her first direction splendidly.

Carol Becker played the part of Vera Claythorne with a stage sense never excelled locally; she was a private secretary mixing suspicion and sweetness in equal proportions. She played opposite John Beck-

(true life husband) who was the epitome of the debonair rogue (Noel Coward would approve). His portrayal of Captain Lombard was sensitive to the detail, and not surprisingly he mastered the subtlety of the British humor. Both Beckers acted well, in technicalities and interpretation, clearly gained from experience.

Alton Elmore, first as the convincingly representative of law and establishment, then as the maniac who craved to kill with his own hand after so often killing by the proxy of his judge-ship. His later demonic sneer and leer were horribly compatible with the sanity of his earlier respectability. Sir Lawrence had everyone, on both sides of the footlights, fooled.

William Blore was suspect right up to his own demise. Glenn Mabe played this part of an obtruse and hungry and crooked policeman with joviality

and confidence, proving a personal range of acting ability (with King Henry at the other end of his spectrum).

Frank Palumbo was the universally suspected Dr. Armstrong, who maintained an anxiety in his face and a nervousness in his manner throughout; his acting was marked by a singular clarity of speech.

The supporting cast played their lesser roles with the effectiveness necessary to make a good play hum along at a good clip. Alice Twiddy was sanctimonious and acid. Joe Thorud had the manner of a general in his dotage. Gerald Harrell aired the cockiness of irresponsible youth. Marguerite Lassiter displayed the irritability of being put upon; and Alan Boyd Harless, Jr., the impersonal loyalty of the man servant.

The cast was completed by Clarence Shackelford, the salty character who brought the folk to the island and presumably took the corpses back to the mainland.

The set was interesting and well decorated, with worthwhile attention paid to detail. The lighting did not succumb to a just-pur-curtain-up wiring catastrophe and the sounds helped to isolate the house full of murder and far from help.

Obviously a competent and large backstage crew was working hard and in harmony under the bark of Joe Conger, Jr.

Agatha Christie has a way of writing mysteries to enthrall an audience and the Edenton Little Theater has a way of captivating them.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each one of my many friends who were so thoughtful and were so kind to me during my recent illness. It was through your prayers, your flowers, letters and cards, your many expressions of love and concern that has helped me make such a speedy recovery. May the Lord keep you and bestow His many blessings upon each of you.  
c OLIVE C. GOODWIN.

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I want to thank all my friends for the lovely cards and flowers; also for the visits and help from my neighbors.  
c RUTH STOKLEY.

## Trip Planned By Williams

Jack Williams, photographer-writer of Elizabeth City, will attend the annual convention and news conference of the Aviation-Space Writers Association at Cocoa Beach, Fla., May 19-24.

Editors, writers, illustrators and public relations men of the aviation industry will be briefed on the most modern developments in aviation safety, commercial aviation, space communications and pilot combat reports of the F-111A and A-7 aircraft, newly introduced in Vietnam.

Williams, who has been invited to write for the

new Professional Pilot magazine and Data Publications, as a sideline to his photographic studio, will see demonstrations of the F-111A, the Fulton Retrieval System (aerial pick-up of a man from the ground), precision jump of the Army "Golden Knights," the nuclear sub "Thomas Edison" and tour the NASA Kennedy Space Center.

Astronauts Walter Shiras and Don Eisele and NASA Director of Flight Operations Chris Craft will report on the first manned Apollo, "A Stepping Stone to the Moon."

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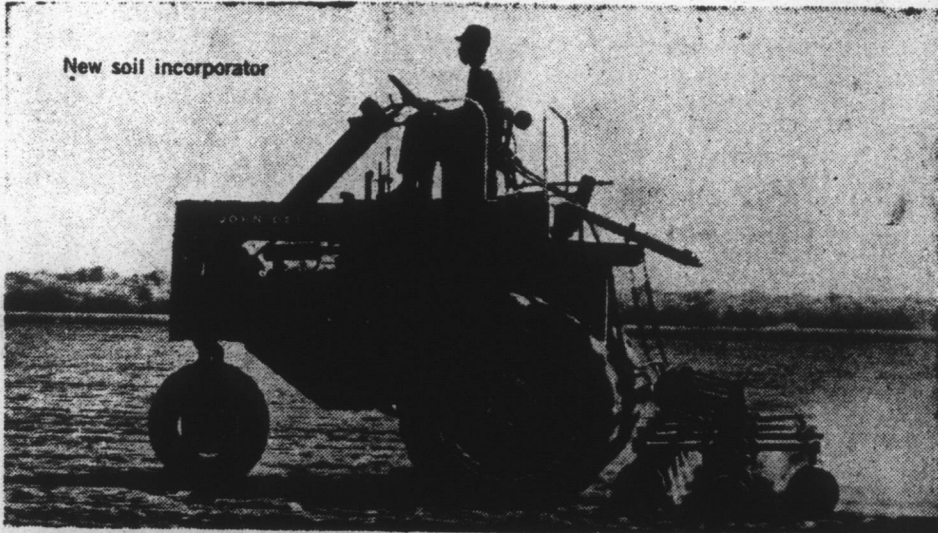
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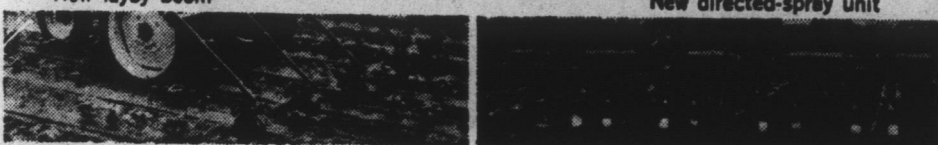
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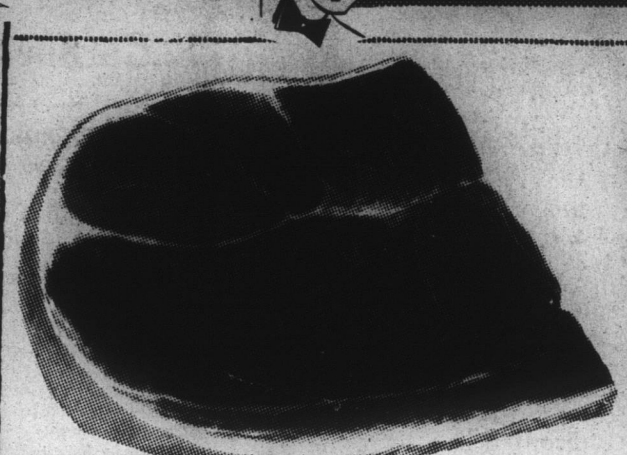
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