

Homefront

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Kathleen Miller, left, Virginia Neisler, Jared Chapman, Rebecca Miller, front row, and standing, Shearra Miller, Carrie Sizemore, Meghan Potter, Alise Mayse, Molly Blanton, Brandy Lovelace and Rick Hoover are the cast of the popular comedy, "Cheaper By The Dozen," which opens Friday night at the Woman's Club.

Rick Hoover, Brandy Lovelace, and Shearra Miller, left to right, rehearse a scene from the family comedy, "Cheaper By The Dozen," which opens Friday night by Kings Mountain Little Theatre at the Woman's Club. Miller and Hoover play Papa and Mama Gilreath.

Little Theatre presents 'Cheaper By The Dozen'

"Cheaper By The Dozen" is a comedy sure to delight Little Theatre goers.

This fresh, founded-on-fact comedy opens Friday night for two week-ends of performances at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Friday and Saturday night shows are February 26 and February 27 shows are at 8 p.m. A Sunday matinee is Sunday, February 21, at 3 p.m.

Julia Wood is directing the production which features a cast of 16.

Debbie Hoover is stage manager.

The best-selling novel was condensed by Reader's Digest, selected by the Book of the Month Club, serialized by The Ladies Home Journal and was the basis for an outstanding technicolor motion picture. The book was written by Frank B. Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey. The three-act comedy is dramatized by Christopher Sergel and produced by The Dramatic Publishing Company.

"This is the perfect play for amateurs and we think the Kings Mountain audience will be delighted," said Wood.

Dad Gilbreth and Mom Gilbreth are portrayed by Rick Hoover and Shearra Miller. The children include Molly Blanton, John Elliott, Virginia Neisler, Carrie Sizemore, Jared Chapman, Meghan Potter, Brandy Lovelace, Rebekah Miller, Elise Mayse, and Kathleen Miller. Other characters are Teresa Lyman, Shannon Hullender, Jeff Grigg, Josh Chapman, Lora Goins and Jason Powell.

The setting is the Gilreath home in the 1920's.

Music for the production is under the direction of Linda Dixon.

"Everyone who has a big family or who has lived in an active household will appreciate the goings-on of this family," said Wood.

Nostalgic scenes take the audience at once to a lived-in household

PERFORMANCES

February 19, 20	8 PM
February 21	3 PM
February 26, 27	8 PM

All Shows at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club

where Papa has always ruled the roost as the strict disciplinarian and Mama never shouts or becomes excited.

The housekeeper, Mrs. Fitzgerald, played by Teresa Lyman and Shannon Hullender, and the family doctor, played by Jeff Grigg, add humor to the show. Sometimes Fitzgerald's patience is tried by the goings-on in the large household. Dr. Burton is plain and outspoken. Miss Brill, the school teacher, played by Lora Goins, has no love for the children and they have none for her. A friend of the older girls, Larry, (Jason Powell) adds to the plot.

Tickets are on sale at the door at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

The play is funded, in part, by a grassroots grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.



Carrie Sizemore and Virginia Neisler, two of the 12 children of the Gilreaths, talk about boyfriends in a scene from "Cheaper By The Dozen."



Teresa Lyman, the housekeeper, Rick Hoover, Papa Gilbreth and Lora Goins, the school teacher, rehearse a scene from "Cheaper By The Dozen," which opens Friday night at 8 p.m.



Brandy Lovelace and Jason Powell rehearse a scene from the Little Theatre comedy which opens Friday night at the Woman's Club.