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Full details of the November production will be forwarded to you in September.

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President's Message

On hehalf of the Winchester Amateur Operation Society I extend to you a warm welcome to our 1981 spring production.

"The Merry Widow" was last performed by the W.A.O.S. in 1973. It was written by Franz Lehar in 1905 and has been a smash-hit ever since It is a good choice for the spring and should help to cheer us all up after a rather gloomy winter, It is a costly opera to perform and the production well deserves packed houses.

So far the Society's idea of alternating Gilbert & Sullivan in the autumn with the works of other composers in the spring seems to be popular but it is inevitably an expensive policy and absolutely dependent upon the continued support and

encouragement of our patrons and friends. So if you feel lighter-hearted and more contented at the end of the show, please spread the word amongst your friends and persuade them to come along too.

There are some ambitious productions coming in the autumn and next spring. We very much hope that with your help we shall be able to maintain our standards and continue to give enjoyment to our audiences.

So have a happy time - and we shall hope to see you in the autumn, when we shall he doing "Princess Ida."

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SYNOPSIS

ACT I

Meanwhile all the men are enraptured at Anna's arrival and even Valencienne sees the possibility of Camille's marriage to Anna as a way unt of her own amorous difficulties. It seems, however, that Anna and Danilo already know each other and, as a consequence of their providentions, declare war in much the same terms as SE Britiche and Catacad have declared was on each other over the wooding of Anna. The end of the Act, though, shows Anna and Danilo dancing together and obviously reveiling in each other's company.

ACT 2

Anna's party for the Pontavedran community is in full swing and its highly nationalistic flavour good down well with the puests. Danilo, unwilling to show his true feelings to Anna is doing his dust to the fatherland by spending his time 'removing' possible suitors and in the process uncovers a complex series of inter-martial affirest. However, he finds his tell imposed detachment more and more difficult to maintain and when Anna, to save Yslencienne's honour, announces her engagement to Camille, his obvious jealousy proves to Anna what his true feelings and the provest so Anna what his true feelings and the provest so Anna what his true feelings and the provest so Anna what his true feelings are the provest so Anna what his true feelings are the provest so Anna what his true feelings are the provest so Anna what his true feelings are the provest so Anna what his true feelings are the provision of the prov

ACT 3

In an effort to please Danilo, Anna has transformed part of her garden into a very realistic reproduction of Maxim's inghticulus and Danilo is delighted. Anna keeps on trying to preak down his resistance, but in this end matters are brought to a head by the new that the loss of the Glavari millions would mean the bankruptcy of the Pontevedro nation. In a payating and fast moving finale Anna and Danilo are betrothed, Valencieme and Zeta reconciled, the Pontevedrian exchequer saved and, of course, the women generally score over the men.

ACT I ... A Salon in the Pontevedrian Embassy in Paris, at the turn of the century

20 MINUTE INTERVAL

ACT 2 ... The Gardens of Madame Glavari's Residence - early the following evening

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ACT 3 ... The same — a la Maxim's — later that night

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Anna (Madam	o Clav	ri	The M	arry Wie	(ow'')				. NORA WILLIAM
Danilo (Count						edrian	Embas	sy in i	
Baron Zeta	(Ponteve	drich A	mbass	ader in F	aris)			٠.	RICHARD CHISNELI
Valencienne	(The Ar	nbassad	lor's w	ife)					. SHEILA STILING
Camille (Cou	nt de Re	sillon)							DAVID EDWARDS
Njegus (Baro	n Zeta'	s factot	um)						PETER STEGGALI
St. Brioche	1 100			t the En					. CLIVE HILTON
Cascada	S (DIP	icmat g	uests c	it the En	ibassy)				. JOHN GOUGH
Kromov (an .	Attache'								. BRIAN HURS
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Lolo									. DIANA JEFKIN
Dodo									MARGARET SMALL
Jou-Jou Frou-Frou	(Grise	ettes at	Maxim	(s)		•	•		. SUE CHRISTIE
Clo-Clo	, 31.10								ELIZABETH TUCKER
Margot	:	:	:		i.	÷			RONNI WESTBROOK

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