

“WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES”

Holy Apostles' Dramatic Club to Present Farce for Benefit of New School—The Cast.

“What Happened to Jones,” is the title of a farce to be presented in the Holy Apostles' School hall, Lye11 avenue and Austin street, by the Holy Apostles' Dramatic Club, on February 8th, 9th and 10th.

Members of the cast who are re-



WALTER MAYO.

hearing under the direction of Professor Leon K. Richmond are: Marie Bennett, Tillie Straub, Agnes Ennis, Isabel Oakes, Marie Vogt, Isabel Glynn; Ed. Brown, Walter Duffy, George Nice, Emmitt McGrath, Norman Laragy and Walter Mayo.

Walter Mayo is cast in the leading part. He is well-known in amateur dramatic circles and expects to adopt a stage career.

The proceeds of the entertainment will be applied to the debt against the new school.

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Notes:

- ✓ “Isabel Oakes” is misspelled. The correct spelling is “Isabel Ochs.”
- ✓ My grandparents, Norman Laragy and Isabel Ochs, married in 1920.
- ✓ In 1915, when my grandparents performed this comedy, Norman was 21 and Isabel was 17 years old.

Plot Summary: The three-act farce "What Happened to Jones" was written in 1897. Tom Jones, a young man of wealth and irreproachable character, is inveigled on the eve of his wedding to attend a poker party given by his henpecked friend Ebenezer Goodly. The party is raided, but Tom and Ebenezer escape the police by ducking into a ladies' Turkish bath. The police are called, and the two exit in the guise of female clients. The police find Tom's wallet and look for him at his finance's home. The two make their way to Ebenezer's house, and Tom dons the clothes of Ebenezer's brother, a bishop, who is expected to arrive soon. Complications arise when the bishop does arrive to officiate at the wedding. In the end, Tom is finally married by the bishop in a speeding automobile while being pursued by the police.

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