

Quartet  
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EULALIE (Continued)  
I'm shot, George, who shot me?

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

CONSTABLE LOCKE

(Rising)  
Who set off that cracker?

GRACIE SHINN

I know who did it. Tommy Djilas did it -- Tommy Djilas  
did it.

ALMA

Yes, it was Tommy Djilas.

CONSTABLE LOCKE

(As TOMMY tries to escape)  
Tommy Djilas, I wouldn't leave if I see you.

(TOMMY sits. CONSTABLE LOCKE joins  
him ominously)

SHINN

(Returning to rostrum)  
Mrs. Shinn will recover, no thanks to a certain young  
ruffian who is a disgrace to our city. Four score and  
seven --

(JACEY SQUIRES re-enters, crosses to  
rostrum, hands MAYOR a note, and takes  
empty seat with rest of the School  
Board)

"The Paine's Fireworks Spectacle, Last Days of Pompy-eye will  
take place, providing the rain stops by nine-thirty. It'll be  
out to Madison Picnic Park in the far meadow, 'cross the crick  
from the Pest House."

Start  
→ covered it  
How can it be raining? EWART DUNLOP Didn't the Gazette predict fair?

(Rolling thunder is heard)

JACEY SQUIRES

Sure did, Ewart, that's why we all prepared for a storm.

OLIN BRITT

The Gazette is acc'r't most a'the time and you know it,  
-Jacey.

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OLIVER HEX

You wouldn't last very long in the bankin' business bein' accur't most a'the time.

(A verbal free-for-all is under way)

SHINN

Now just a minute -- let's have order here! Order! Order!

(The quarrel subsides. The MEN sit. The train whistle is heard. All the MEN take out their watches)

OLIVER

Hmm. Number eight's late again tonight.

JACEY

I make her early.

EWART

She's late alright.

OLIN

She's right on time, 'smatter'th your watch?

(THEY're off again. SHINN struggles for order)

SHINN

Will you members of the School Board stop bicker'n in public?

OLIN

All in the world that I said was --

SHINN

(Hastily)  
Never mind! Four score --

HAROLD HILL

(Half rising from where HE has been an unobserved spectator)  
We heard there's a pool table in town.

MAN

Yeah -- that's what I heard.

SHINN

Now just a minute --

MAUD

Is it a pool table or isn't it?

end