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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

TIME: The 1880's

PLACE: In and around the Keller homestead in Tuscumbia, Alabama; also, briefly, the Perkins Institution for the Blind, in Boston.

ACT I

Right over the Keller Homestead. Bedroom

ACT II

It is evening. Annie's bedroom in Keller Homestead.

ACT III

The Keller Homestead.

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Although Vivian Vance starring in *The Marriage-Go-Round* on May 25th marks the first show of the 1968 spring-summer-fall season at The Little Theatre-On The Square, this production will be the ninth opening for producer Guy S. Little, Jr. this year. Immediately after presenting Rosemary Prinz in *A Girl Could Get Lucky* in December-January in Sullivan, Mr. Little left for Phoenix, Arizona where he was engaged as producer for the 21st season at the famous Sombbrero Playhouse. While in Phoenix, Mr. Little presented Howard Keel, Ray Walston, Kathryn Crosby, Mildred Natwick, Cornelia Otis Skinner and other greats of American show business in addition to Ann Sothern, Robert Cummings and Vivian Vance. . . all who will appear in Sullivan this season. Mr. Little returned to Sullivan in time to remodel the balcony of the theatre, removing the old projection booth and elevating the seats; and installing a new curved stage curtain—all to celebrate the opening of the 12th season in Sullivan.

Long before Mr. Little opened the Grand Theatre back in 1957, he hoped and planned that someday he would have a theatre where musicals and plays could be presented. He got his first job in professional theatre as an apprentice at the Keene, New Hampshire Summer Theatre in 1951 and worked the two following summers at the Gateway Musical Playhouse near Atlantic City.

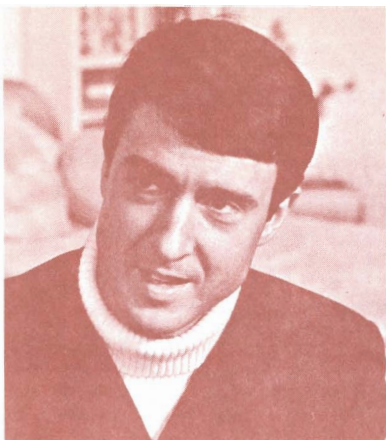
After graduation from the University of Miami, Mr. Little took graduate courses at Columbia University and The American Theatre Wing before returning to central Illinois in the spring of 1957 to look for a theatre location.

Not having success locating a suitable theatre in any of the larger cities in downstate Illinois, Mr. Little decided to lease the movie house in his native Sullivan. Since the opening of *Brigadoon* on July 3, 1957, Mr. Little has presented 112 major productions—both plays and musicals—featuring many outstanding stars and supporting casts from Broadway, Hollywood, TV and Opera. The first season ran nine weeks and had an attendance of 8,000. The Little Theatre-On The Square was open for twenty-four weeks last year and had an attendance of 80,000. . . a most gratifying increase! The Little Theatre-On The Square also has a Children's Theatre which presents productions for young audiences on Saturdays during late June, July and August. Mr. Little strongly believes that stock should be a proving-ground and workshop for young talent to develop as actors-singers-dancers and technicians. Thirty outstanding apprentices are accepted each year from over 100 applicants; these young students who have come from most every state

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Producer Guy S. Little, Jr.

in the country, learn every phase of theatre operation while they are working towards membership in Equity, the actor's union. After experience in Sullivan, many have gone on to successful careers on Broadway and TV.

In addition to his productions in Sullivan, Mr. Little managed the Piccolo Playhouse in Joliet and has had touring productions that have played leading theatres in Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Connecticut and New York. Mr. Little works year around booking outstanding stars such as June Allyson, Dennis Weaver, John Payne, Margaret O'Brien, Julia Meade, Linda Darnell, Marie Wilson, Eddie Bracken, Joe E. Brown, Margaret Truman, Cesar Romero, Mercedes McCambridge, Andy Devine, Gardner McKay, Alan Young and Carl Betz.

Mr. Little has directed many of the productions, designed and built the scenery, and has appeared in many of the shows. His favorite roles include Mr. Snow in *Carousel*, Lt. Cable in *South Pacific* and Kenneth in *Call Me Madam*.

Guy met his wife, Jerili, when they were both studying theatre at the University of Miami. Jerili has starred in many productions in Sullivan and on tour and has established a following wherever she has performed. The Littles have been married fourteen years and have two children, Vanessa, age twelve and Sean, age six. Both children have been active in the Sullivan productions.

The operation of a star theatre for twelve years in a town with a population of less than 4,000 has been called "the miracle of Sullivan" by theatre historians. Guy S. Little, Jr. gratefully salutes the faithful central Illinois audiences who have patronized The Little Theatre-On The Square since 1957.

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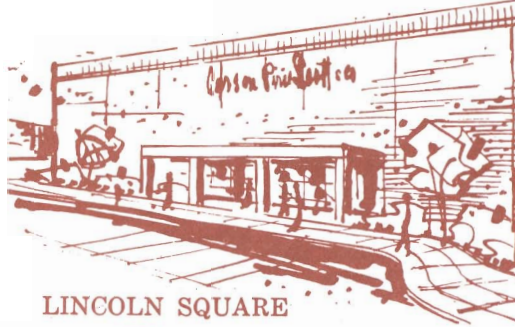
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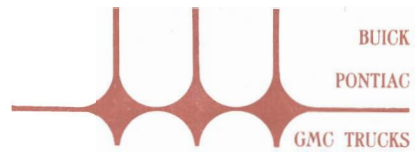
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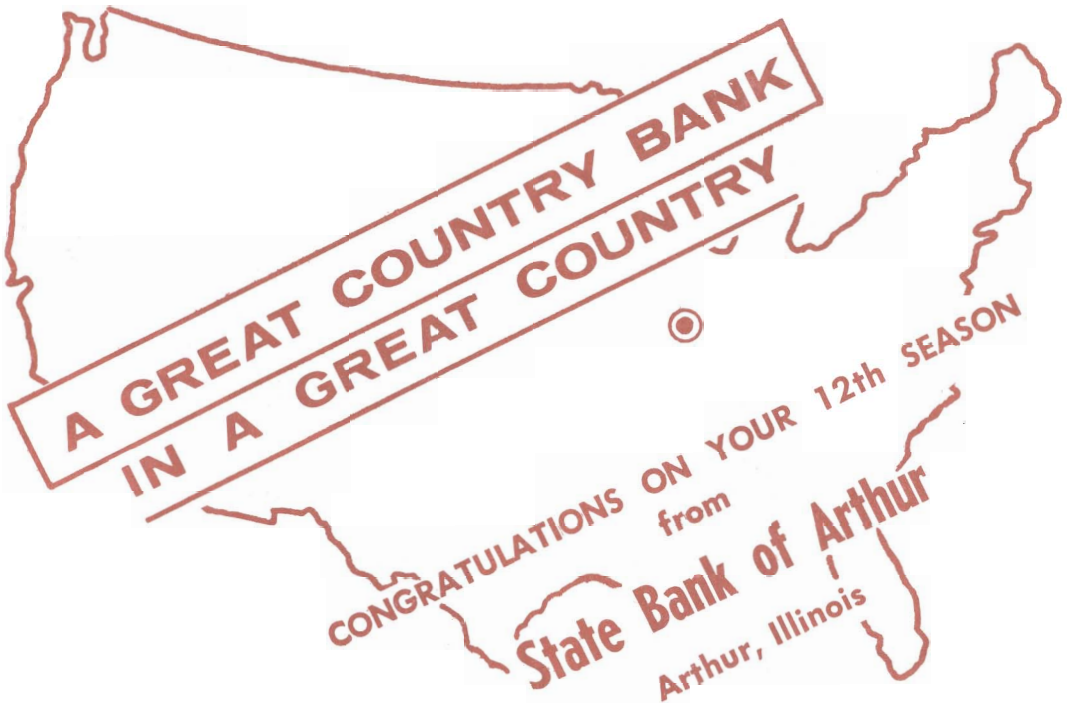
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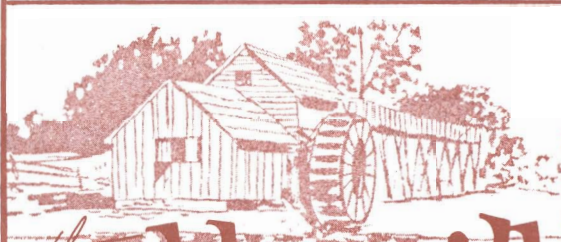
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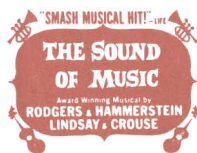


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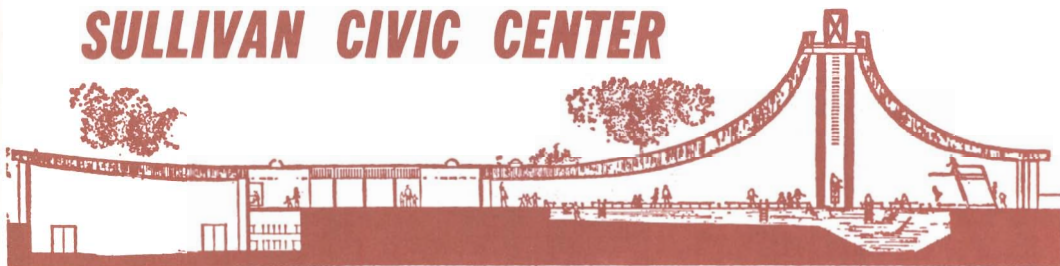
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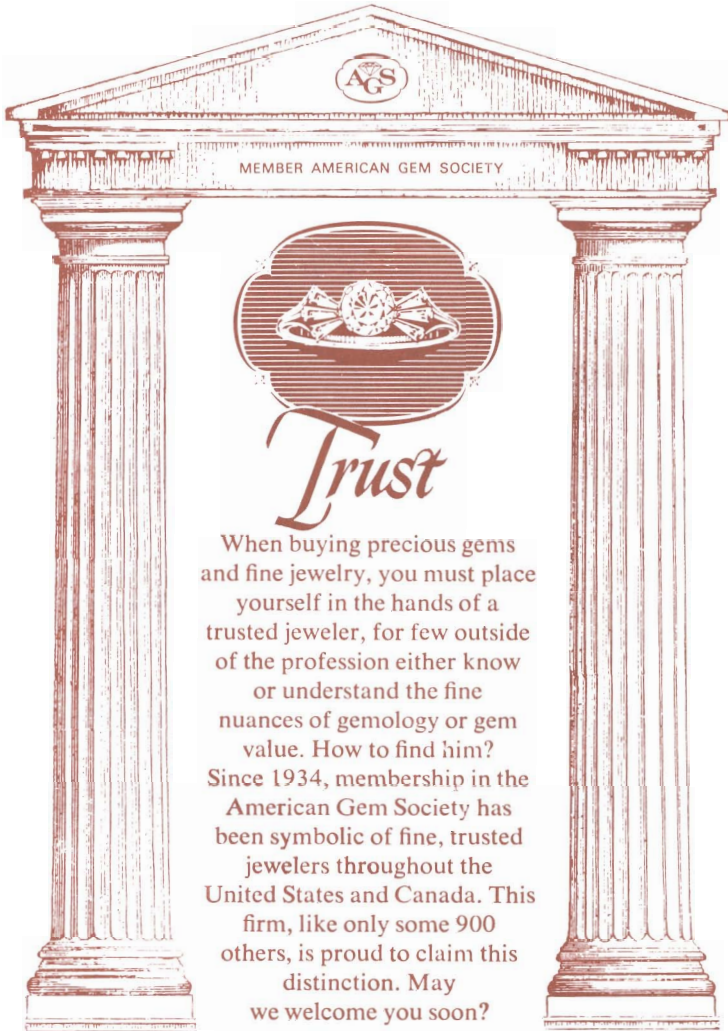
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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

KATHARINE HOUGHTON (Annie Sullivan) skyrocketed to stardom in the currently released *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?*, this year's top movie starring Miss Houghton's aunt, Katharine Hepburn, the late Spencer Tracy, and Sidney Poitier.

The young actress' resemblance to Miss Hepburn, backed up by her thorough acting background both on stage and in television, made her the ideal choice, visually and vocally, to play Miss Hepburn's daughter in the film.

After graduating from Sarah Lawrence College with a degree in philosophy and art, she auditioned for Garson Kanin and won a role in his Broadway play *A Very Rich Woman*. Miss Houghton had completed two months with the Repertory Theatre in New Orleans when she was signed by Stanley Kramer for the role in *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?* Between times she appeared on television, portraying Ophelia in *The Hawk* series and in the critically acclaimed ABC special *The Confession*.

Miss Houghton's father, Ellsworth Grant, produces institutional documentary films for business firms and government. Her mother, Marion, is a writer and historian, specializing in early New England history. In her free time, which Katharine manages to steal from her skyrocketing career, she paints, makes etchings by the acid-bath process, likes to cook and sew, making part of her own wardrobe. Outdoors, she swims, ice skates and rides jumping horses. Immediately before coming to Sullivan, Katharine Houghton starred in *Sabrina Fair* in Ivoryton, Connecticut.

RALPH FOODY (Keller) joined the Little Theatre-On the Square company this season in *Guys And Dolls* with Jane Kean playing the role of Lt. Branigan. He has since been featured as Jud Fry in *Oklahoma!* with Bruce Yarnell, as Harrison Howell in *Kiss Me, Kate* and as Sgt. King in last week's *No Time For Sergeants* with Peter Marshall. During the winter season, he appeared with Dan Dailey in *The Odd Couple*, with Fabian in *Stalag 17* and with Jane Russell in *Catch Me If You Can*. Mr. Foody will be remembered for his outstanding character portrayals as Dr. Lyman in *Bus Stop* with Edd Byrnes, the Captain in *Mister Roberts* with Tab Hunter, Ben in *The World of Suzie Wong* with Robert Reed and Johnny in *Lullaby* with Rosemary Prinz at the Little Theatre-On the Square.

BARBARA LEA (Kate) was last seen in Sullivan as Grace in *Bus Stop* with Edd Byrnes during the 1965 season. Shortly after leaving Sullivan, Miss Lea moved to the West Coast where she has been very active in theatre appearing in productions of *The Lower Depths* and *Nude With Violin* at the Art Theatre in Phoenix, Arizona and the lead in *Guest In The House* in Los Angeles. Miss Lea has also been featured in *My Three Angels* with Alan Mowbray and in *Pygmalion* with Hugh Marlowe in Port Huron, Michigan. Barbara will be remembered by Central Illinois audiences for her character roles in *Solid Gold Cadillac* with Marvin Miller and Violet Carlson, *The Seven Year Itch* with Eddie Bracken, *Gigi* with Margaret O'Brien, and *Sundays In New York* with Gary Conway. At present she is getting an M.A. in Drama at U.C.L.A. and San Fernando Valley State College.

LARRY BREEDING (James) is fast becoming a familiar face at the Little Theatre-On the Square. A member of the company for two seasons, he was featured as Scott in *What Did We Do Wrong?* with Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien and last week as Irvin in *No Time For Sergeants* with Peter Marshall. This season Larry has also appeared in *The Student Prince, Oklahoma!* and *Kiss Me, Kate*—a show in which he not only performed but was also technical director for the entire production. Last season Larry was seen in *On A Clear Day* with Jack Haskell, *Sweet Charity* with Will Hutchins, *Show Boat* with Bruce Yarnell, and *Funny Girl*

with Gardner McKay. Larry will be a senior at MacMurray College this fall and plans to attend U.C.L.A. for his Master's Degree in film directory.

MELVA WILLIAMS (Viney) has won acclaim as an actress, dramatist, musician and teacher. Her dramatic credits include the leads in Genet's play, *The Blacks*, which had a successful run at Chicago's Studebaker Theatre, and Euripides' *Medea*. She has appeared as a guest artist on television and radio, and has done many TV commercials. Miss Williams is also organist and choral director at one of Chicago's oldest churches, and she currently holds the position of speech specialist in the Chicago public school system, where she is engaged in the work of developing oral language abilities among the youth of the city. She has written and produced several plays, and has traveled throughout the United States as a concert artist and orator. Theatre-goers in the Chicago area saw Miss Williams this summer in *Here Today* with Jane Russell and Tony Dow.

JOHN KELSO (Doctor) has been a regular at the Little Theatre-On the Square for eight seasons exhibiting his talents as an actor, director, singer, dancer, and stage manager for many productions. Last week he both directed *No Time For Sergeants* with Peter Marshall and played Ben Whitledge, Will's buddy. This season, John has directed Robert Horton in *Picnic*, Ann Sothern in *Glad Tidings*, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien in *What Did We Do Wrong?* He has also been featured as Hubert in *The Student Prince* with Peter Palmer, Nathan Detroit in *Guys And Dolls* with Jane Kean, Will Parker in *Oklahoma!* with Bruce Yarnell and Bill Calhoun in *Kiss Me, Kate* starring Patricia Morison.

John starred as Pseudolus in Guy Little's touring production of *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* and received rave reviews throughout the country. Barbra Streisand and the Smothers Brothers were among his associates when he appeared at St. Louis' Crystal Palace. This past winter John appeared at Pheasant Run Playhouse in *The Odd Couple* with Dan Dailey and in *Voice Of The Turtle* with Terry Moore.

BILL HADDAD (Anagnos) delighted audiences last week with his performances of two roles in *No Time For Sergeants* with Peter Marshall. Bill was seen early in the show as the Draft Man and later portrayed General Bush. A favorite at the Little Theatre-On the Square, Bill has appeared this season as Ruder in *The Student Prince* with Peter Palmer, as Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys And Dolls* with Jane Kean, as Max Detweiler in *The Sound Of Music* with Dorothy Collins, as Andrew Carnes in *Oklahoma!* with Bruce Yarnell, and as one of the gangsters in *Kiss Me, Kate* with Patricia Morison.

Last season Bill was featured with Will Hutchins in *Sweet Charity* and with Betty Ann Grove in *South Pacific*. He has previously appeared in *Here's Love* with Julia Meade, *Camelot* with Betty Ann Grove, and the touring production of *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*.

JEAN WEBSTER (Aunt Ev) is making her fourth appearance of the season, having been featured in *The Student Prince* with Peter Palmer, *Guys And Dolls* with Jane Kean and *The Sound Of Music* with Dorothy Collins. Active backstage as well as onstage, Miss Webster has also been the costume designer for the Little Theatre-On the Square this season.

Miss Webster has appeared at the St. Louis Municipal Opera and in summer stock theatres in the Chicago area and in Ohio. Walter Pigeon, Tab Hunter, Tom Poston, Marie Wilson, Betty Ann Grove, Spring Byington, Diana Dors, Tom Ewell, Jan Murray and James Darren are among the stars she has worked with. Besides acting and appearing on television commercials Jean and her husband Bill Tsokos own and operate a theatrical firm for which she is the costume designer.

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