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Mickey Rooney
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in

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by

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Gene Ross

David Cooper

Carlene Watkins

Featuring

John Galt

as

Raymond

Directed by Gene Ross

Scenery Designed by Robert D. Soule

Lighting Designed by Michael Ritoli

Production Stage Manager

Technical Director

LEE GEISEL

MICHAEL RITOLI

Cast

in order of appearance

The Cop Gene Ross

Elinor Travis Beverly Dixon

Howard Travis MICKEY ROONEY

Teddy Parker David Cooper

Raymond Weaver John Galt

Dolores Carlene Watkins

Synopsis of Scenes

The action of the play in the

New York apartment of Elinor Travis

Act I

Scene 1 — A few days after Christmas

Scene 2 — The next morning

Act II

Scene 1 — Late the following morning

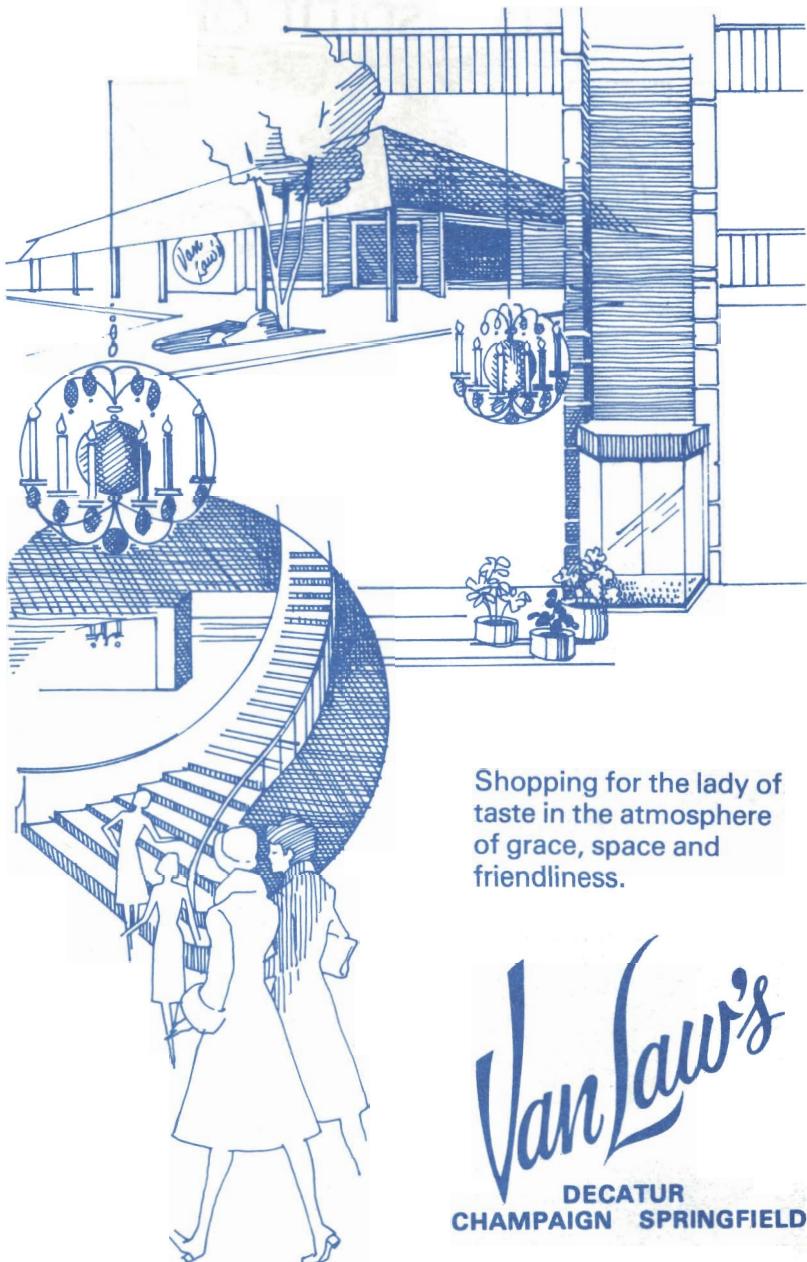
Scene 2 — New Year's Eve Day.

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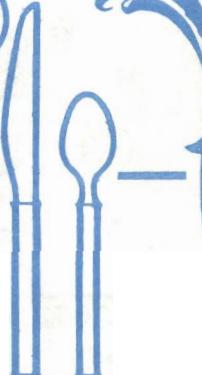
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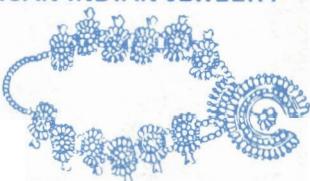


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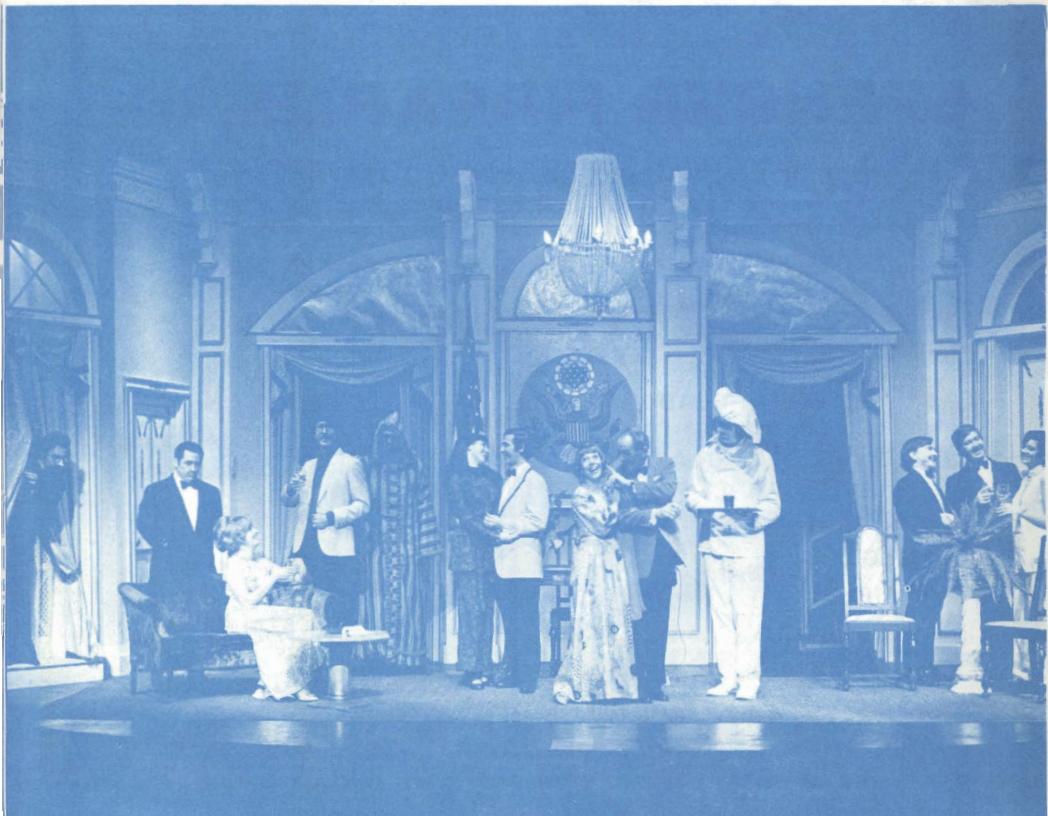
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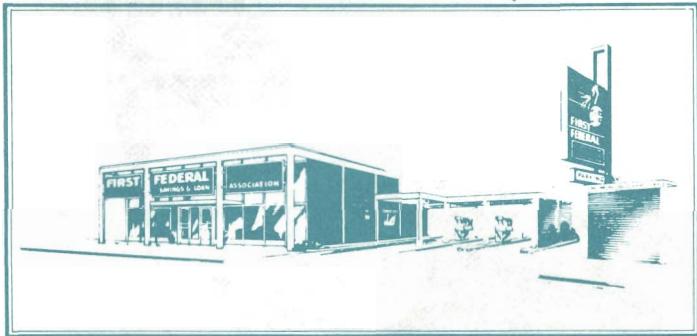
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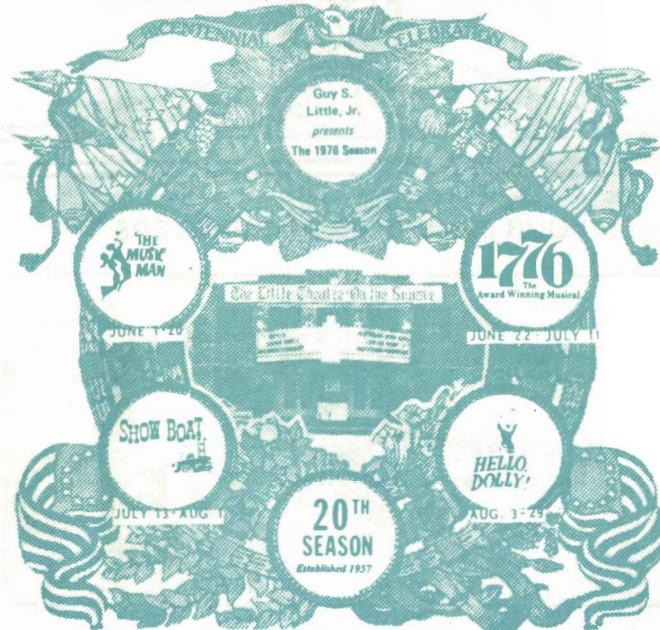
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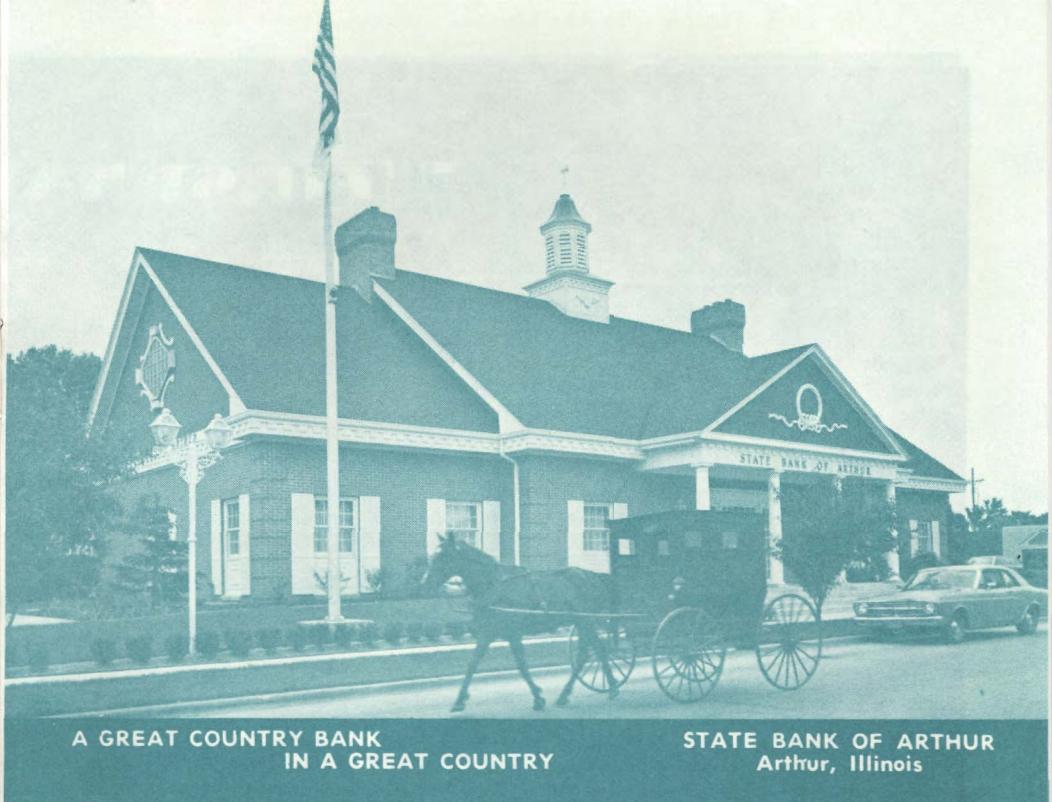
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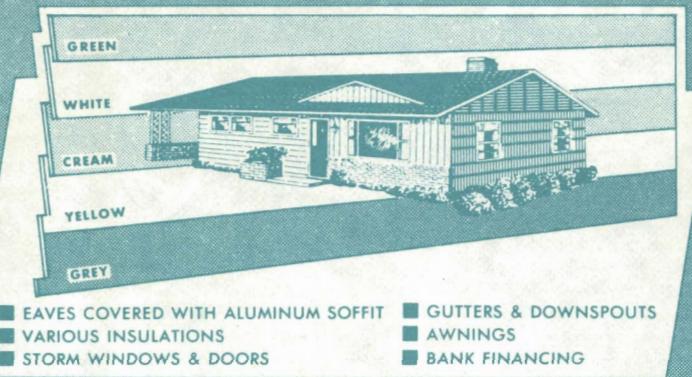
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writing a 30-minute children's animated special.

DAVID COOPER (Teddy) is a Capricorn with Aries rising, an avid tap-dancer and an "Oklahoma hick" at heart. His mother started him dancing at the age of four, and twenty years later David was dancing professionally in the musical *HAIR*.

A singer as well as an actor and dancer, Mr. Cooper has worked in many stock, resident and dinner theatres throughout the country. His appearances range from the classics to musical comedy. He is a familiar face to television viewers from his many commercials. Currently he can be seen in commercials for townhouses, tires, beer and banks, among others.

CARLENE WATKINS (Delores) began working with Mickey Rooney in *THREE GOATS AND A BLANKET* last April in Houston. She also traveled to Seattle, Wash. and Scottsdale, Arizona with the company and then returned to Austin, Texas to appear as Tiffany in *MARY, MARY* starring Marjorie Lord. Carlene is a graduate of the University of Texas and now resides in New York City.

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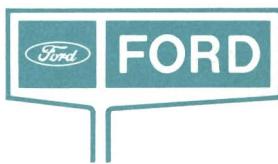
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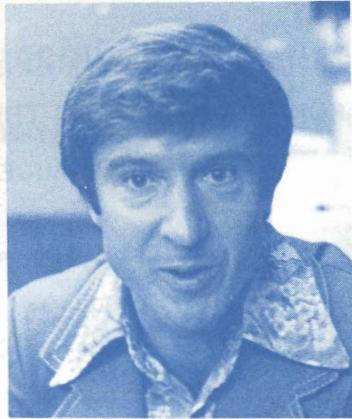
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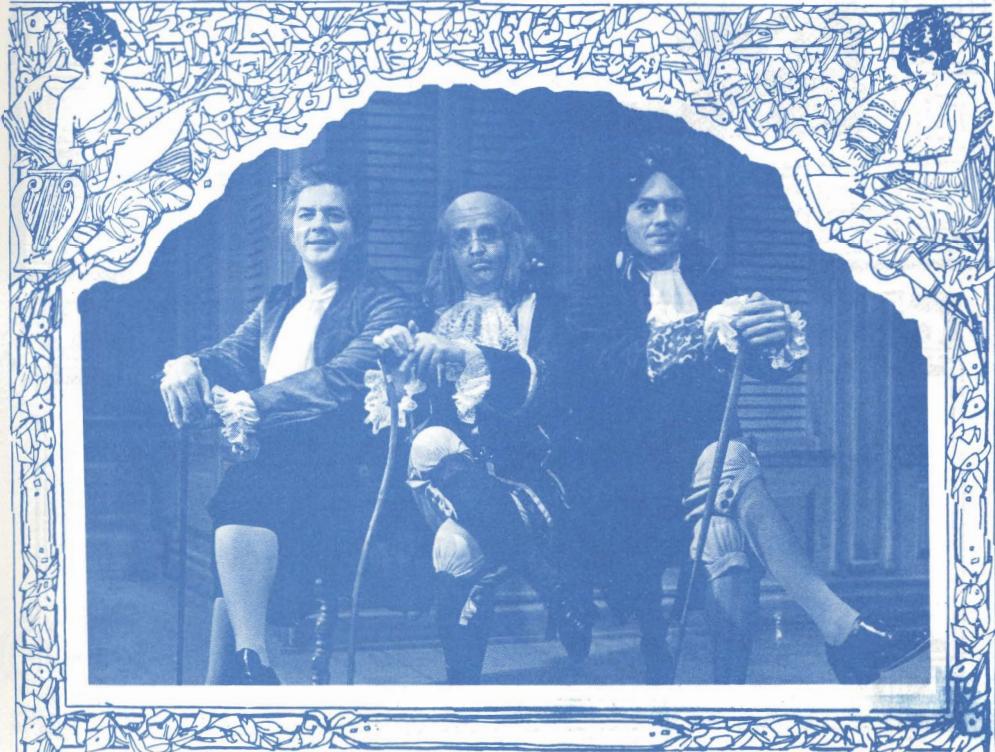
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BRUCE KIRLE, MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Bruce Kirle has served as musical director at the Little Theatre-On The Square since its production of HAIR two seasons ago. Mr. Kirle conducted HAIR in Philadelphia and Washington, then returned to the Little Theatre with reproductions of SUGAR, FUNNY GIRL, NANNETTE, GIGI, OKLAHOMA, GODSPELL, GYPSY, SUPERSTAR, MY FAIR LADY AND SOUND OF MUSIC.

Mr. Kirle began his career as piano soloist with the famous Boston Pops Orchestra when he was fifteen years old. A graduate of Columbia University in New York, he has conducted some of America's favorite musicals in this country and in Canada. He has worked with many stars including Rich Little, Dorothy Collins, Rosemary Prinz, Robert Morse, and Mimi Hines.

As a composer, his productions of CAUTION: A LOVE STORY, THE NO PLAYS (published by Winterhouse) and BUT MOST OF US CRY IN MOVIES have been produced at LaMama, off Broadway. Mr. Kirle has appeared at a number of leading clubs across the country including the legendary Five-Spot in New York.

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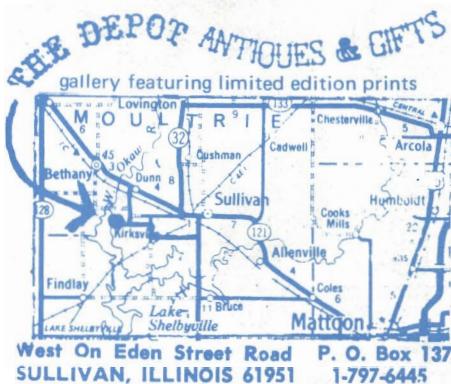
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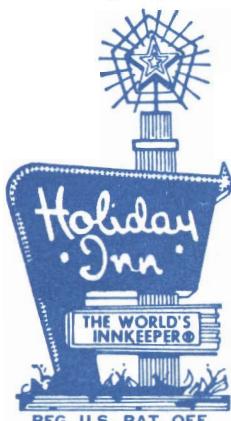
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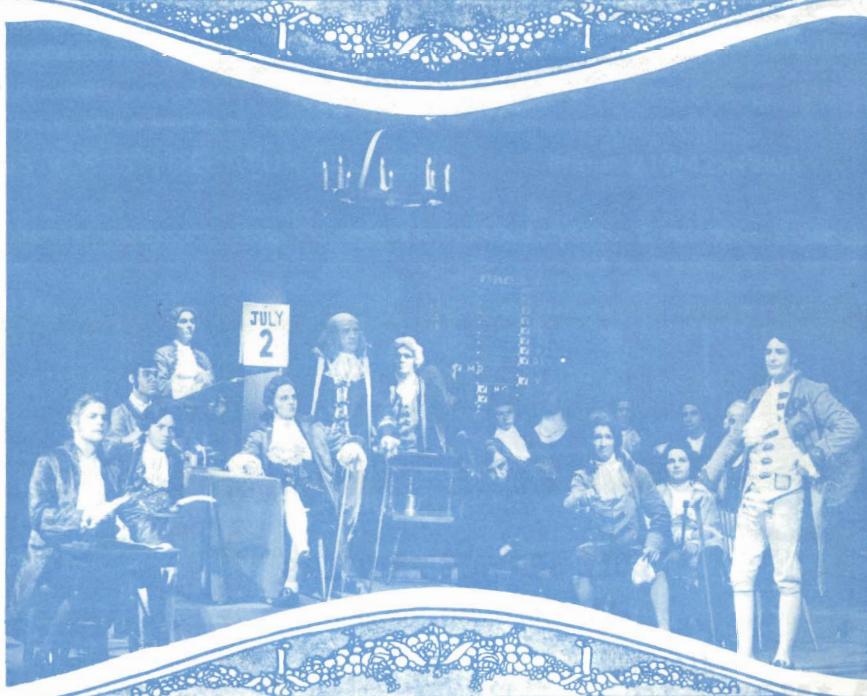
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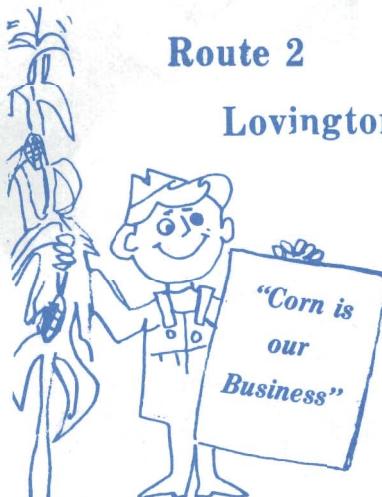
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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

MICKEY ROONEY (Howard Travis). How many actors can sing and dance as well as act, play virtually every musical instrument in the band, compose music and, for good measure, do an impressive job as a director? Not many, obviously. The star whose name quickly comes to mind when one thinks about that much artistic versatility is, of course, Mickey Rooney. Mickey Rooney made his vaudeville debut at age two (in a routine with his parents, the late Joe Yule and the late Nell Carter) and his film debut at age three. Faithful Rooney watchers remember the **MICKEY McGUIRE** two-reelers when the five year old talent-loaded moppet impersonated the cigar chewing, derby sporting Fontain Fox comic strip character. Those who tuned in on The Mick later remember all the fun in the *Andy Hardy* series intermingled with all the sage advice of Lewis Stone's Judge Hardy.

Judy Garland was an absolutely perfect vis-a-vis for Mickey in many an unforgettable MGM musical. Everyone has his favorite Rooney/Garland nostalgia, but who hasn't got a special memory niche for their great duet in the Gershwin's *CAN YOU USE ME?* in *GIRL CRAZY*. For what once was called a three handkerchief picture, *BOYS' TOWN* tops anything else in the 30's. *CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS* was pretty special, too, and all those who just said they don't make movies like that anymore are absolutely right. In a more innocent age, *NATIONAL VELVET* was a box office champ, with Rooney top-cast with the young Elizabeth Taylor. He was an ideal Huckleberry Finn, winningly Saroyanesque in *THE HUMAN COMEDY*, O'Neill's adolescent in *AH, WILDERNESS!* to the last growing pain, and as captivating a Puck as ever cavorted in *A MID-SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*.

In 1939 Rooney received a special Oscar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. He was nominated for an Oscar the following year for his performance in *BABES IN ARMS*. Another nomination in 1943 for his performance in *THE HUMAN COMEDY* and a supporting actor nomination in 1956 for *THE BOLD AND THE BRAVE* followed.

He has been nominated for television's coveted Emmy four times, for his title portrayal of *THE COMEDIAN*, for *PINOCCHIO*, for the one man show *EDDIE*, and for *SOMEBODY'S WAITING* on the Dick Powell Theatre.

Rooney has made more than 100 feature films. His enormous popularity is underscored by the Theatre Owners of America naming him box office champion three years running, 1938-40.

In 1944, as a member of the Armed Forces, he was assigned to the famous JEEP show and until his discharge in 1946 he traveled 150,000 miles, entertaining more than two million soldiers. During the Korean conflict, Mickey took his own trip of entertainers to Korea and Japan.

The versatile star has scored too, as a director having helmed an episode of Jean Arthur's TV series and unofficially served as director of his own TV series, *MICKEY*. A talented musician and composer, and member of ASCAP, the "Mick" plays nearly every musical instrument in the band and has written several pop and classical songs. In recent seasons, Rooney was a sensational hit on the Los Angeles stage as a star of *A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM*,

which he took to Houston for another great success. He was co-starred in *AMBUSH BAY* for United Artists a story about marines, World War II filmed in the Phillipines. In Rome, he starred with Vittorio Gassman in *THE DEVIL IN LOVE* for Warner Brothers.

One of the most in demand guest stars, he frequently guests on every important Hollywood and New York based show, including memorable appearances with Red Skelton, Danny Thomas, Dean Martin, and Lucille Ball. He has just completed a four month sell-out run at Drury Lane Theatre in Chicago and has also just completed a starring role with Gene Hackman in Stanley Kramer's *DOMINO PRINCIPLE*. He has been seen frequently on Hollywood Squares, Johnny Carson, Merv Griffin and many other TV shows including the Dick Cavett Special. Mickey is soon to be seen in his own new film production *INTRODUCING SUSIE*.

BEVERLY DIXON (Elinor Travis) most recently graced the Broadway boards in *NO HARD FEELINGS* understudying Nanette Fabray and playing her good friend Bonnie. The same year she stood by for Sylvia Miles in the off-Broadway play *NELLIE TOOKE AND COMPANY*. Prior to that she toured in *APPLAUSE* playing the part of Karen, standing by for Luaren Bacall. Her career started after she graduated from UCLA and joined *THE PERSONALITIES*, Billie Barnes first revue. Then she went to N.Y. and was promptly hired at the Copacabana as a "Copa" girl. Directly after she went on summer tour as the ingenue in *PAL JOEY*. A sequence of shows followed: Brenda in *PAJAMA GAME*, national tour, understudied to Babe in *ALL FOR MARY* (opposite the late Edward Horton, Blanche in *STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE*, and the three wonderful female roles in *PLAZA SUITE*. Commercials and soap operas have taken up the remainder of her energies.

GENE ROSS (Cop/Director) most recently co-starred in the musical *DAMES AT SEA* with Yvonne DeCarlo. Prior to that, he toured the country with Mickey Rooney in *THREE GOATS AND A BLANKET*. He appeared on Broadway with Shelley Winters in *MINNIE'S BOYS*. Other recent stage roles include Mayor Crane in *NEVER TOO LATE* with Eddie Bracken, Barney in *LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS*, Dr. Chumley in *HARVEY*, Solomon Bozo in *EVERYBODY LOVES OPAL*, Inspector Levine in *CATCH ME IF YOU CAN*; Felix in *THE ODD COUPLE*, and Whitney in *ANYTHING GOES* with Edie Adams. Some of the other performers Gene has worked with include Marie Wilson, Mamie Van Doren, Anne Baxter, Sue Anne Langdon, Hal March, Andy Griffith, Tom Ewell, and Bob Cummings. Gene has made many radio and T.V. commercials and films including *A BULLET FOR PRETTY BOY* with Fabian, recently shown as the CBS-TV Thursday Night Movie. He may currently be seen in starring roles in AIP's top box office hit *DON'T LOOK IN THE BASEMENT* and *SCUM OF THE EARTH* and soon to be released *DON'T HANG UP* and *KEEP MY GRAVE OPEN*. Gene has just completed filming *DRIVE-IN*. Mr. Ross hails from North Carolina and has a BA from SMU and a law degree from UNC. His hobbies are bridge, cooking, eating and dieting.

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