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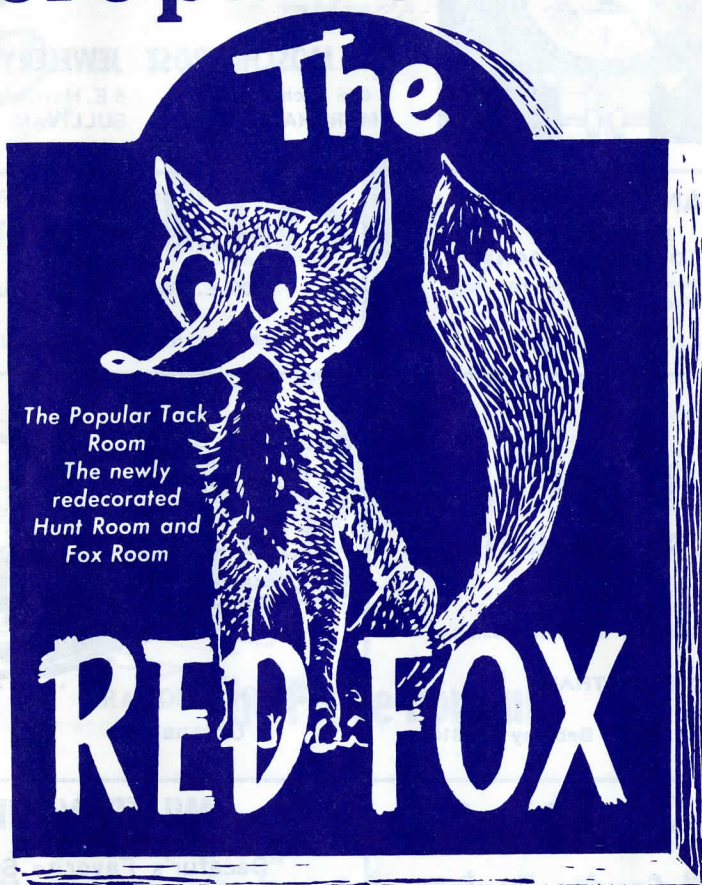
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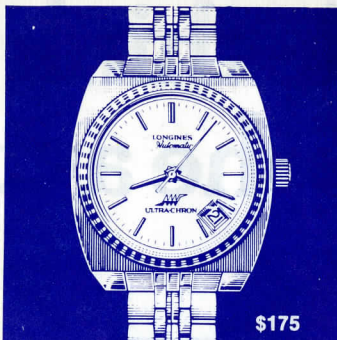
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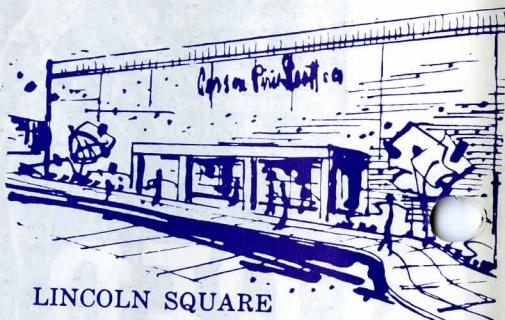
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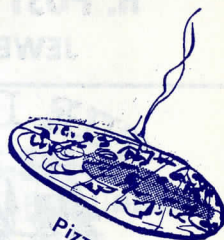
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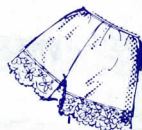
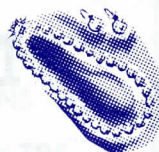
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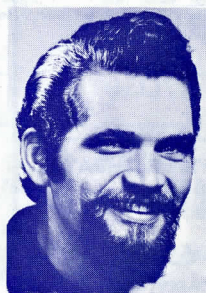
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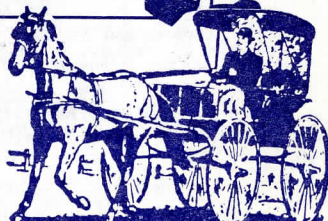
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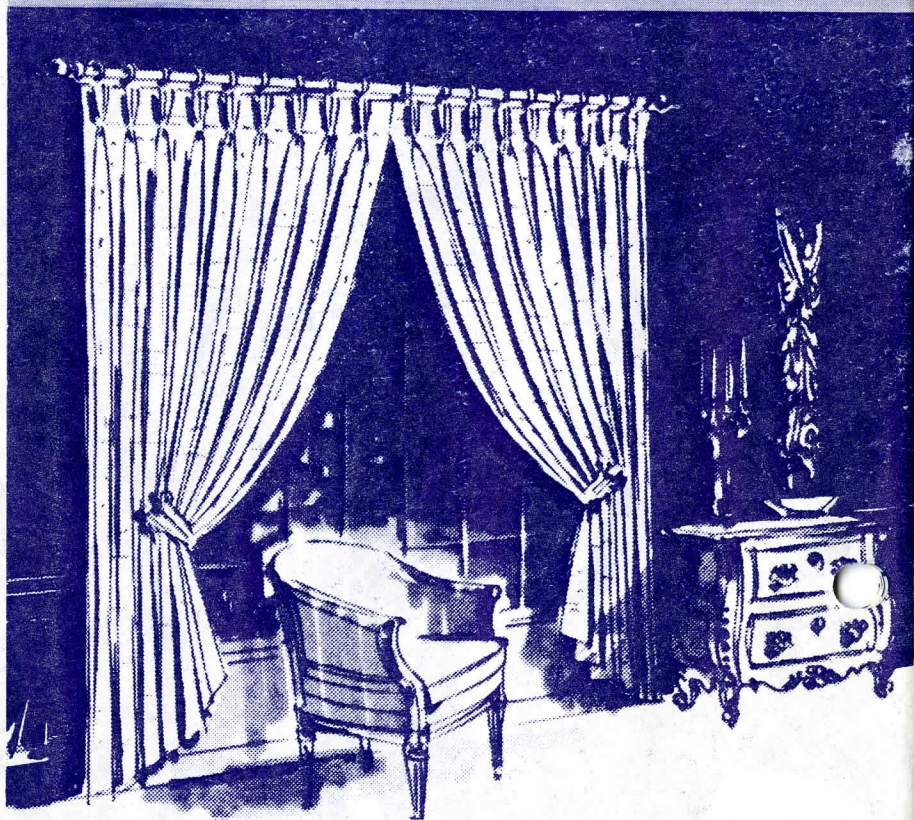
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In the early years of The Little Theatre-On The Square, only musicals were presented for perhaps eight or nine weeks during the summer months. The first musical staged was *Brigadoon* which will be presented for the third time this season. In the initial years, the theatre operation was referred to as Guy Little, Jr.'s, "Summer of Musicals" but after thirteen years, it is "The Miracle of Sullivan". Syndicated news media have written about this miracle and the miracle-man in numerous newspapers and magazines, almost always introducing the theme of "Broadway in the Country".

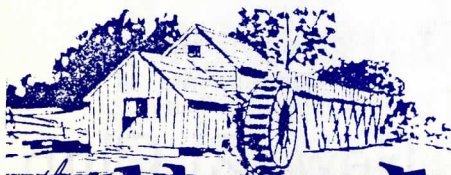
Guy Little, Jr.'s education and training in all phases of theatre make him aware that young persons aspiring to a career in theatre need professional training. Therefore, he offers an Apprenticeship Scholarship Program each season for 25 to 40 talented students. The Little Theatre-On The Square is one of the few theatres in the country which has such a program—most theatres require tuition for their training program.

Guy met his wife, Jerili, while both were attending the University of Miami, from where they graduated. They have been married for 16 years and have two children, Vanessa, age 14 and Sean, age 8. The entire family has taken part in the theatre operation in various ways: Jerili has appeared in over fifty productions on the Sullivan stage along with starring in other midwest theatres; Vanessa is following in the footlight career, holding her Actors' Equity membership for three years now with many fine acting parts behind her; Sean alternates his interest between theatre and an avid curiosity about farming, although, he has had several good stage appearances, also. Although Guy is primarily known as a producer, his rare appearances on his own stage delight the steady patrons. He usually assigns himself to walk-on parts which are brief but a necessary part of the show and little does the audience know that perhaps he was assisting in some technical, costume or administrative duty just moments before and after his appearance. He works in any department which might be in need of trained services, if he feels that department needs extra assistance. He has directed, designed, built scenery, taken charge of props, acted as lighting and sound technician along with some major and minor roles on stage. However, most of his time is spent scheduling his long season, negotiating for new musicals and plays and for the outstanding stars from Broadway, Hollywood and television, staffing the theatre with top directors, musical directors, choreographers, scenic and costume designers, technical directors and the other necessary staff personnel. Mr. Little personally casts all the roles in all of his major productions and selects the apprentice company after auditions in New York, Chicago and Sullivan.

Guy is blessed with parents who believed in his ability to succeed in opening a professional theatre and Mrs. Guy S. Little, Sr. has not only made a few appearances on stage in the early years but has been in charge of the ushers and box office during the past thirteen years. Guy S. Little, Sr. who has been a successful farmer and farm manager for many years, has served as the theatre's business manager and jokingly refers to himself as "A Dollar-A-Year Man".

The attendance at The Little Theatre-On The Square has been truly a "miracle", rising from the original 8,000 to over 80,000 in just the few summer months of operation each year. Attendance this season, with 26 weeks duration, is expected to go over 85,000 persons.

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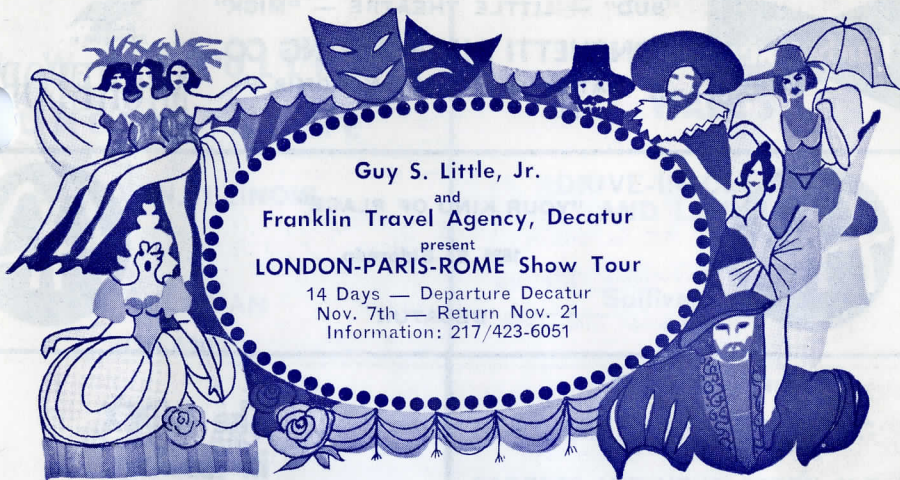
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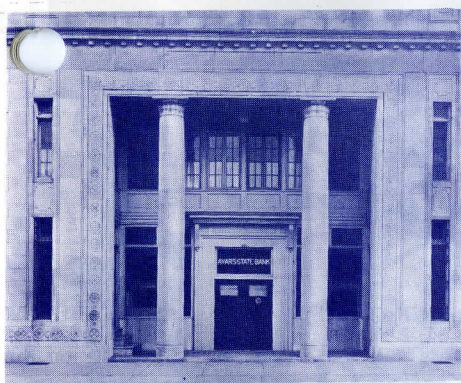
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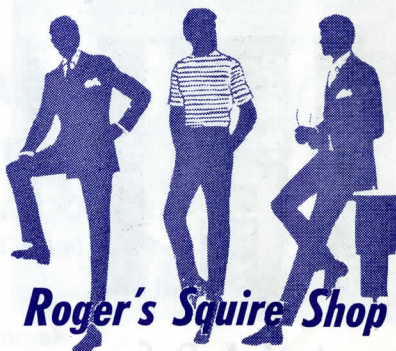
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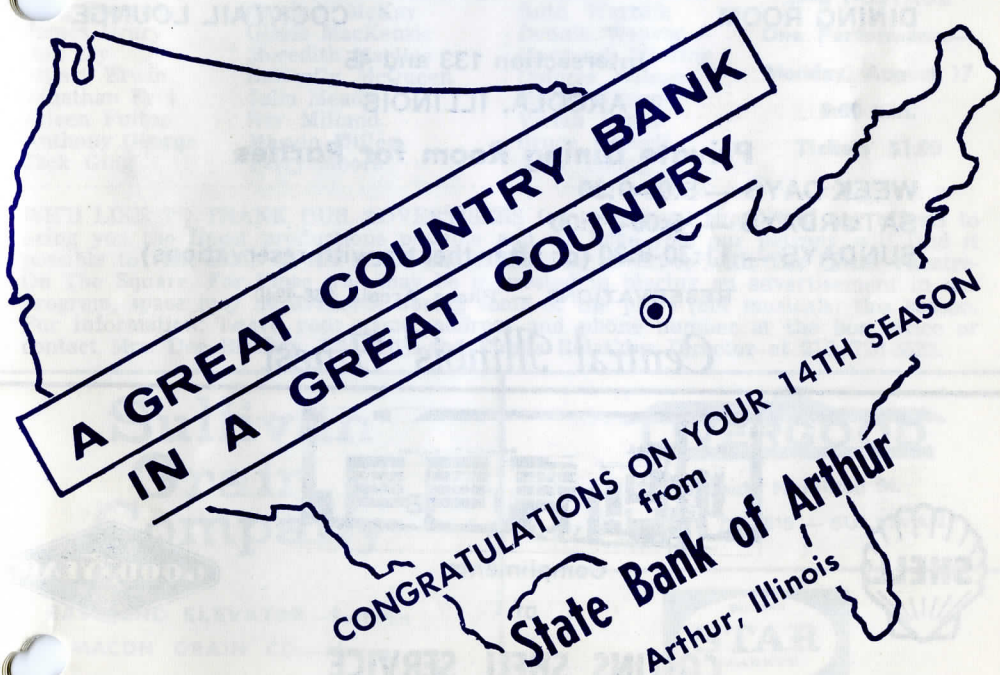
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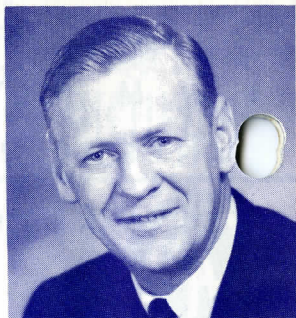


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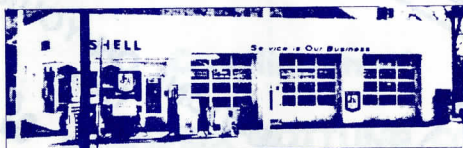
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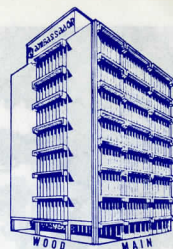
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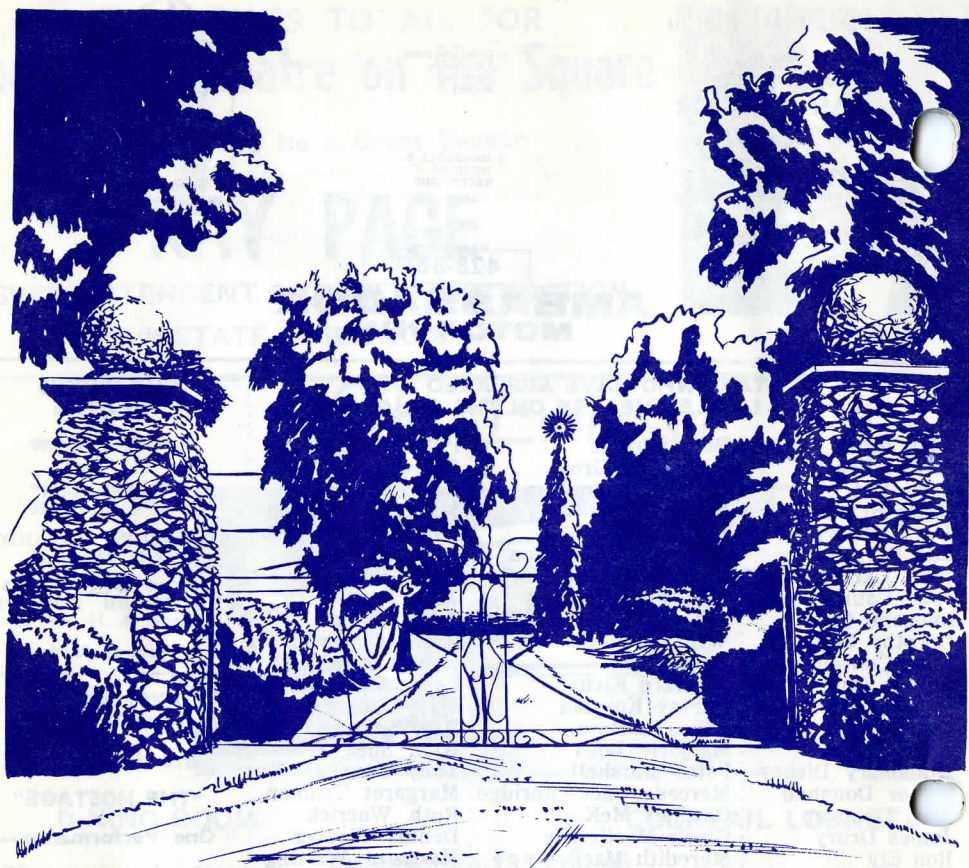
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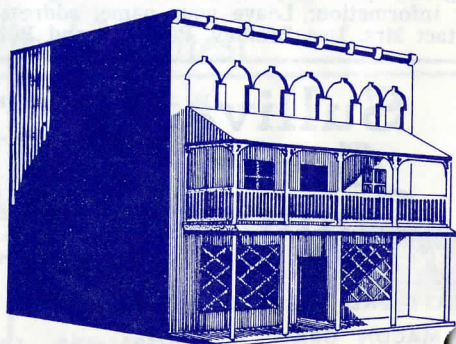


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BETTY GRABLE (Billie Dawn) began planning for her Broadway success almost as soon as she could walk. At the age of 4, Betty was in dancing school and at the age of 7, made her professional debut. Within a few years, she had progressed so far that the Fox Company offered her a movie contract.

Her first stint was a specialty number in *Go Places*. Then she became a member of the Fox chorus and danced for a year. Next, Betty tried out with 1500 other beauties for a dancing part in Eddie Cantor's picture *Whoopee*. Her work in that picture drew the attention of movie makers.

Miss Grable then decided to try another medium. She obtained a part in the Barbara Stanwyck-Frank Fay stage production *Tattle Tales*. Ted Fio Rito, the band maestro happened to catch the show and offered Miss Grable a job with his orchestra. She joined his band in San Francisco and discovered that her voice was ideally suited for torch songs.

In two years at R.K.O. her importance and popularity grew. At the end of that time, she was offered even a better contract by Paramount and accepted. During the two years at Paramount, she was cast as a college girl in one picture after another.

After that Twentieth Century-Fox made the best of many contract offers, but before she signed, she got the studio to agree to permit her to do *Du Barry Was A Lady* in New York. The rest is theatrical history. Betty was only a supporting player in *Du Barry* but her role made her the toast of Broadway.

From the time she started at 20th Century-Fox until she wound up 13 years later in *How To Marry A Millionaire*, Betty set an all-time record of a dozen straight years in the list of ten top box-office stars, and eight straight years as Number One Female Box Office Star. Her films included *Tin Pan Alley*, *Moon Over Miami*, *A Yank in the RAF*, *Springtime in the Rockies*, *Pin Up Girl*, *The Dolly Sisters*, *Mother Wore Tights* and more than a dozen others.

Since Betty decided to free-lance, she made one picture, *Three For The Show*, at Columbia, and two Chrysler Shower of Stars TV shows, returned to 20th Century-Fox to co-star with Robert Cummings, Sheree North and Charles Coburn in Nunally Johnson's *How To Be Very, Very Popular*. She last appeared on B'way and the Chicago stage in *Hello Dolly*. She also starred in Las Vegas in *Guys and Dolls*.

She is one of Hollywood's best horse-women. She also bowls and plays tennis. Betty lives in Las Vegas.

ART KASSUL (Harry Brock) returned to Sullivan this season to direct the opening production, *A Thousand Clowns* and reverts back to actor in the role which has won him his second nomination for the Joseph Jefferson Best Actor Award in the Chicago area this year.

Mr. Kassul has over 200 stage credits which include roles in *The Odd Couple* with Alan Young, *Life With Father* with Mary Stuart, *Glad Tidings* with Ann Sothern, Captain Andy in *Show Boat* and last season's *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*.

A versatile performer, Mr. Kassul has appeared at Chicago's leading theatres in comedy, drama and musicals, has been Guest Artist at Ohio State University and this winter appeared in St. Louis at the Falstaff Theatre in *Everybody Loves Opal* and *Visit To A Small Planet*.

Television commercials claim a good bit of Mr. Kassul's time when he isn't acting or directing a stage production.

GAVIN MOONEY (Paul Verrall) made his first Sullivan appearance as Albert in *A Thousand Clowns*. Since starting in theatre in Chicago, Mr. Mooney's home town, he has appeared in more than 90 stage productions, including the role of Dexter, opposite Geraldine Brooks in *Philadelphia Story*, with Howard Keel in *South Pacific*, Fay Bainter in *Glass Menagerie* and

M' For Murder with Colleen Dewhurst. In New York, he worked with the Irish Players *Three By Synge*, portraying the Tramp in *The Shadow of the Glen*. On television, he has been seen in *The Defenders*, *Hawk*, *Edge of Night*, *Dragnet*, *Ironside* and the *Blondie* ser-

ies. He recently appeared as Mitch in *Street-car Named Desire* with Beatrice Straight in Hollywood.

EDGAR MEYER (Ed Devery) enjoys the enviable reputation of the "actor's actor". His versatility was proved at The Little Theatre-On The Square in his first appearance with Vivian Vance in *Marriage-Go-Round*, Robert Horton in *Picnic* and *Generation* with Robert Cummings. Mr. Meyer was last seen on Broadway with Dennis King in *The Greatest Man Alive* and more recently in *Nobody Loves An Albatross* with Gig Young, *Once More With Feeling* with Cyd Charisse, *The Corn Is Green* with George Chakiris and *The King and I* with Patricia Morison. At the Sir John Falstaff Theatre in St. Louis, Mr. Meyer acted and directed *Take Her, She's Mine* with Walter Pidgeon, *Holiday for Lovers* with the Pat O'Briens and *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* with Kathryn Crosby. Before returning to Sullivan, he appeared in *The Time of the Cuckoo* at The Ivanhoe Theatre.

JOHN KELSO (Eddie Brock) appeared in *A Thousand Clowns* but made his first appearance here in 1959 and is now in his tenth season as a member of the resident company of The Little Theatre-On The Square. Last year, he played the role of Sakini and directed *The Teahouse of the August Moon* with Ron Ely, played Charlie Davenport in *Annie Get Your Gun*, directed *Do I Hear A Waltz?* starring Patricia Morison, played Jerry Cohan in *George M!*, Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man*, Herbert in *You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running* with Imogene Coca and directed *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*.

Mr. Kelso has appeared in Chicago area theatres and most recently, was featured with Dan Dailey in *The Odd Couple*. In St. Louis, he appeared with Virginia Graham in *Barefoot In The Park* and Marie Wilson in *Born Yesterday*, and directed the Academy Award Winning Actor, Gig Young, in *Nobody Loves An Albatross*.

GERTRUDE BERMAN (Mrs. Hedges) is a skillful actress who is in constant demand for featured stage roles, modeling and television commercials. She has delighted Sullivan audiences with her numerous appearances here, most recently with David Nelson in *Happiest Years*, with Robert Horton in *Picnic* and Ann Sothern in *Glad Tidings*. Miss Berman seems to have a talent for accepting long-running engagements as is evidenced by her six months run in Chicago in *Barefoot in the Park* and her recent 15 weeks run of *Don't Drink the Water*. She has been featured in *Lullaby* with Peggy Cass, *Light Up The Sky* with the late Gypsy Rose Lee, *Goodbye, My Fancy* with June Haver, *Anything Goes* with Andy Devine, *Philadelphia Story* with Jeanne Crain and at The Little Theatre-On The Square in *Bye, Bye Birdie* and *Ok-lahoma!*

ROBERT MORGAN (Senator Hedges) began his career in theatre at the famed Pasadena Playhouse along with Dana Andrews, Don DeFore and Robert Preston. A native of New York, Mr. Morgan grew up in California and was educated at Los Angeles City College before returning to New York to make his Broadway debut in John Patrick's *The Story of Mary Suratt* which starred Dorothy Gish and Kent Smith. Mr. Morgan's other theatre credits include appearances with Shirley Booth in *June Moon*, Mady Christians in *Craig's Wife* and Zazu Pitts in *Cordelia*. Last season, at The Little Theatre-On The Square, Mr. Morgan appeared with Pat O'Brien in *Holiday for Lovers*, and played Buffalo Bill in *Annie Get Your Gun*.

BILL HADDAD (The Assistant Manager) has been a favorite comedian at The Little Theatre-On The Square for the past six seasons. During the 1969 season, Mr. Haddad was seen in *Cactus Flower* with Joan Caulfield, *The Impossible Years* with Durward Kirby, and was featured as Sitting Bull in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Mr. McIlhenny in *Do I Hear A Waltz?* with Patricia Morison, Sam Harris in *George M!* with Bill Hayes, Ludlow Lowell in *Pal Joey* with Margaret Whiting, Marcellus in *The Music Man* and Herb Miller in *You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running* with Imogene Coca and King Donovan.

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