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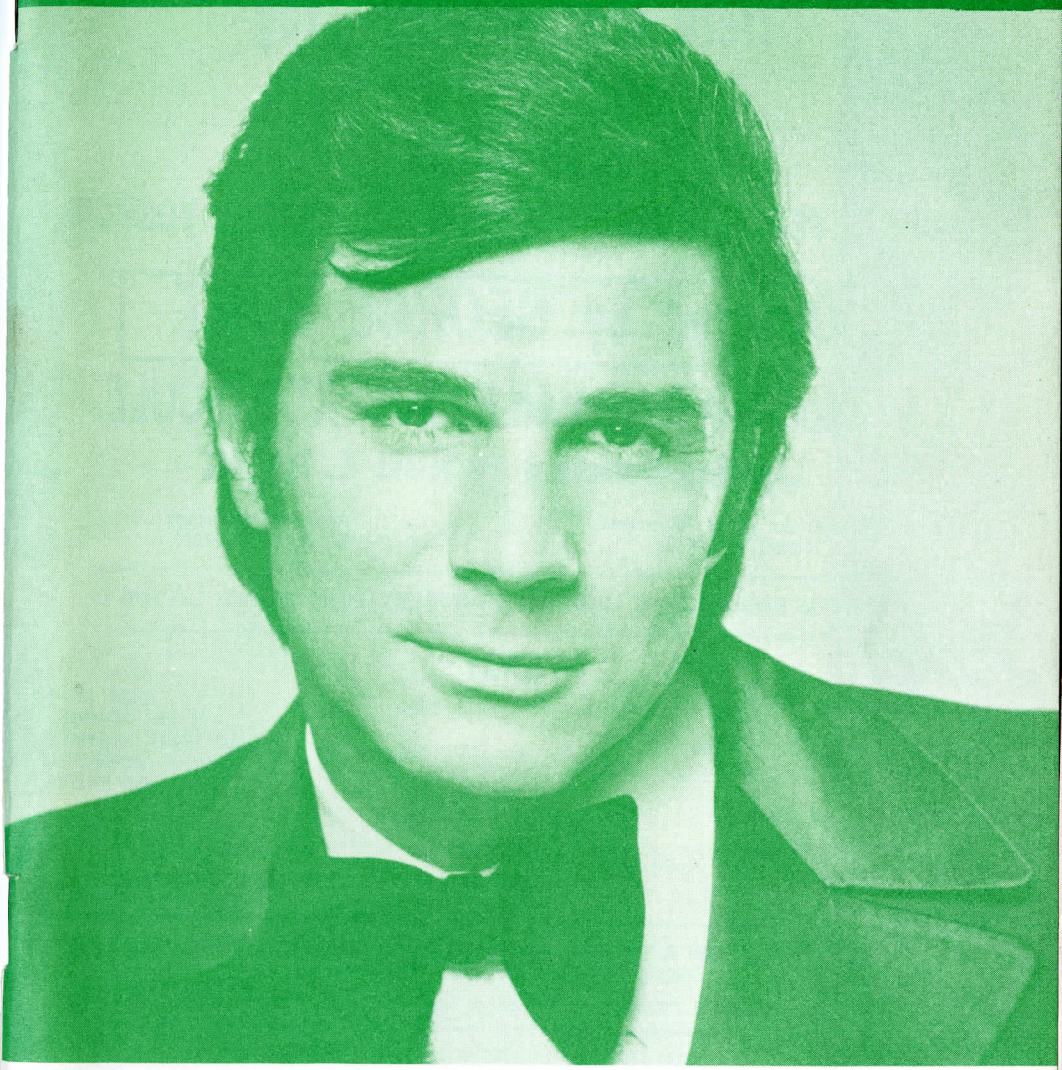

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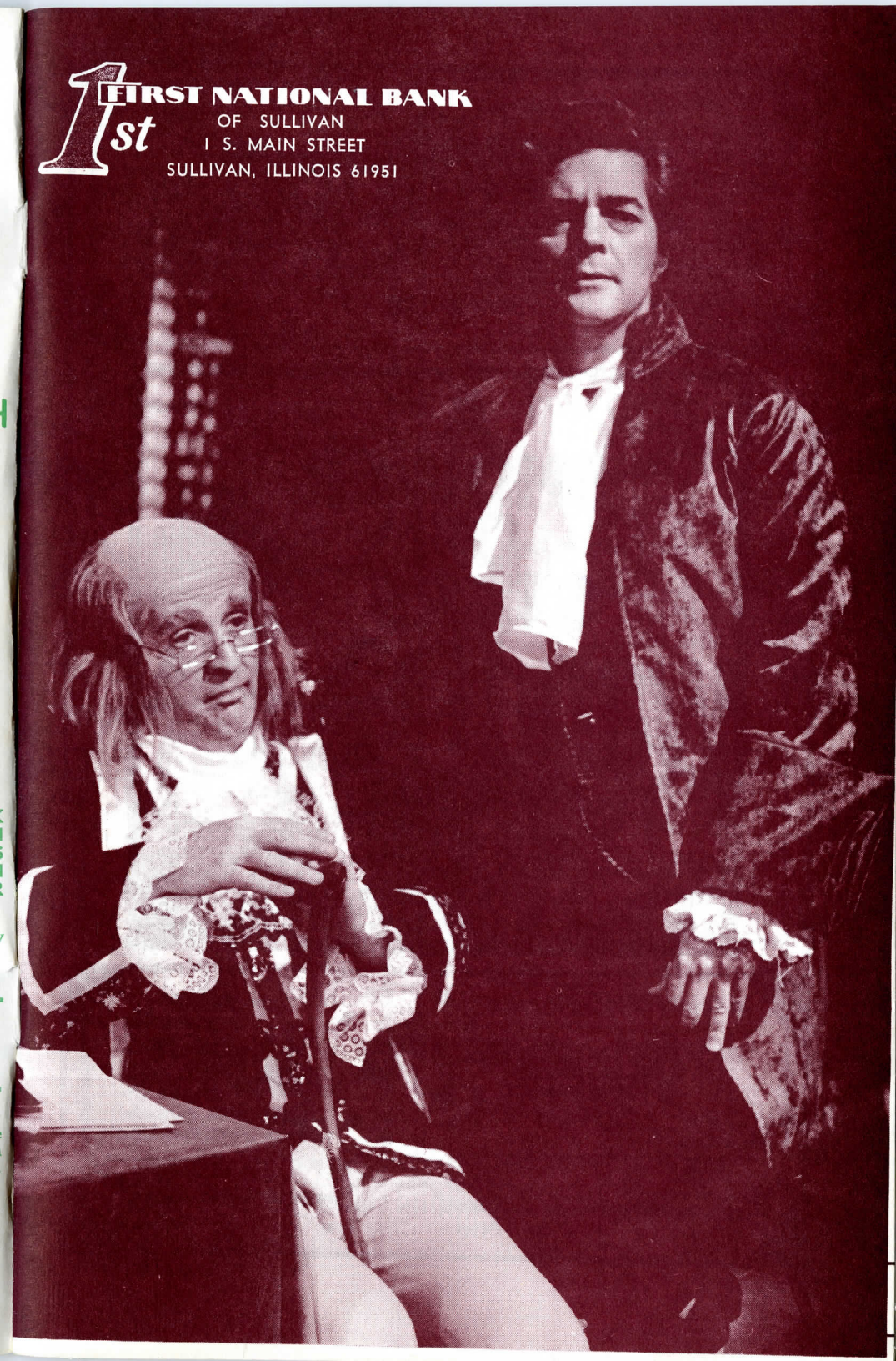

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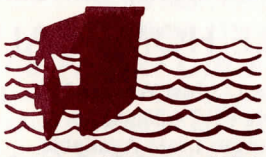

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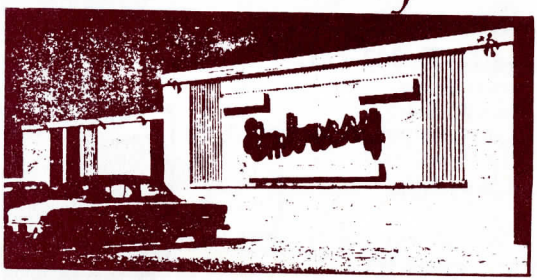

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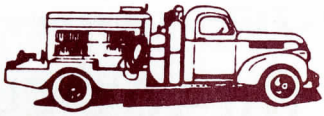

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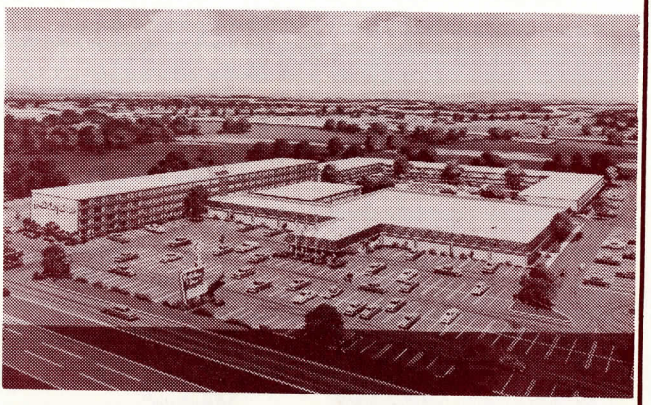

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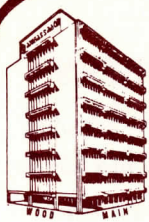

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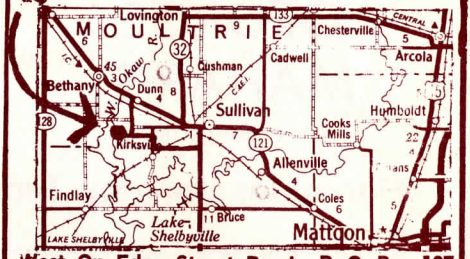

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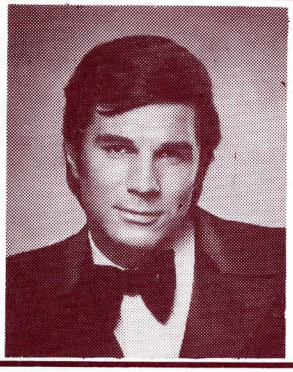

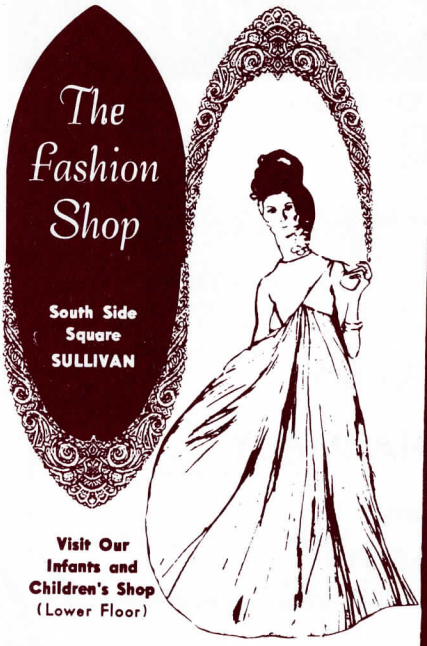

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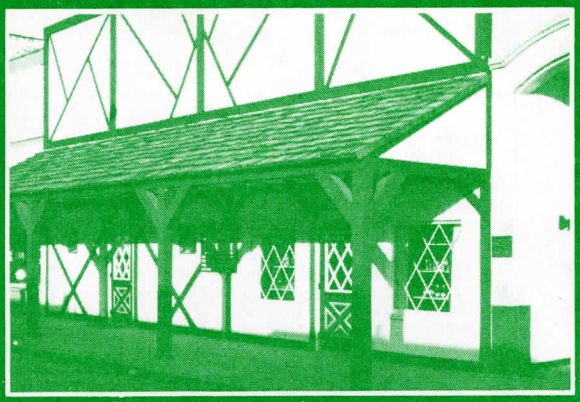

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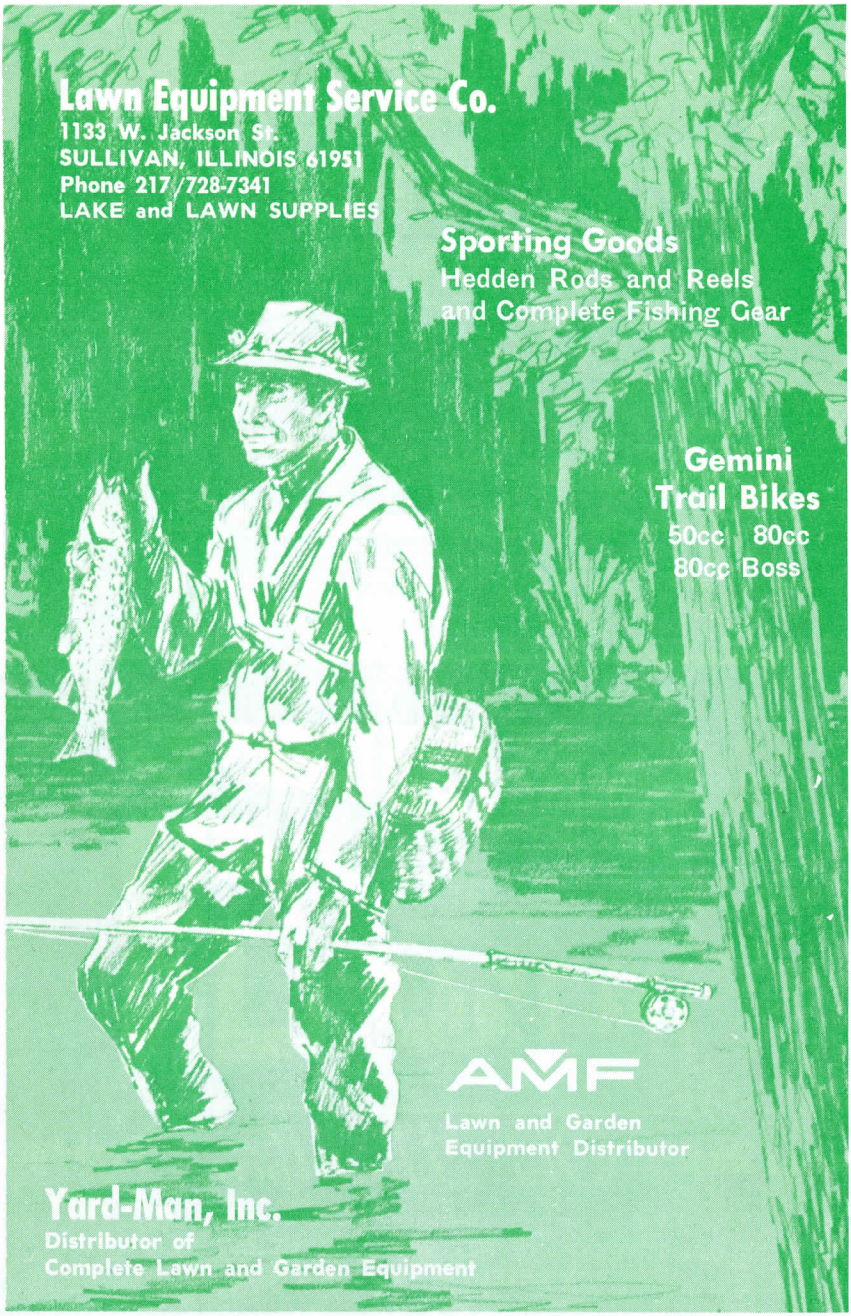
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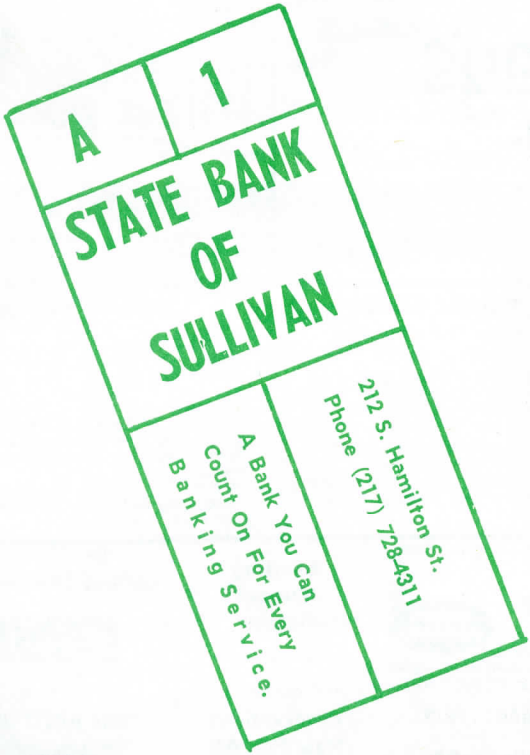

About the Director . . .

GEORGE BUNT has been associated as director and choreographer for seven seasons at The Little Theatre-On The Square. Some of his more recent directing and choreographing assignments in Sullivan include *The Great Waltz* with Marion Marlowe, *Hello, Dolly!* with Virginia Mayo, *Li'l Abner* and *Promises, Promises* with Peter Palmer, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* with Barbara Rush, *Anything Goes* with Frank Sutton and *Company* with Janis Paige.

Mr. Bunt is also an accomplished dancer, who appeared in the Broadway productions of *Maggie Flynn* with Shirley Jones, *Superman* with Jack Cassidy and *Minnie's Boys* with Shelley Winters.

Recently Mr. Bunt choreographed *Cabaret* with Judy Carne, *Guys And Dolls* with Jane Kean, *Meet Me In St. Louis* with Jane Powell, *The King And I* with Betsy Palmer and *Hubba-Hubba* at Goodspeed Opera. Off-Broadway Mr. Bunt choreographed the popular *Lady Audley's Secret* and *Oh, Coward.*

Just before coming to Sullivan this season, Mr. Bunt choreographed *F. Scott Fitzgerald And The Last Of The Belles* starring Richard Chamberlain and Blythe Danner, a film made for television to be aired on ABC in the fall. He will return to Sullivan later this season to stage *Irma La Douce* and other musical productions, and in between, he will choreograph *Kiss Me, Kate* with David Canary at the Cincinnati Playhouse and choreograph two Eastern summer package tours.

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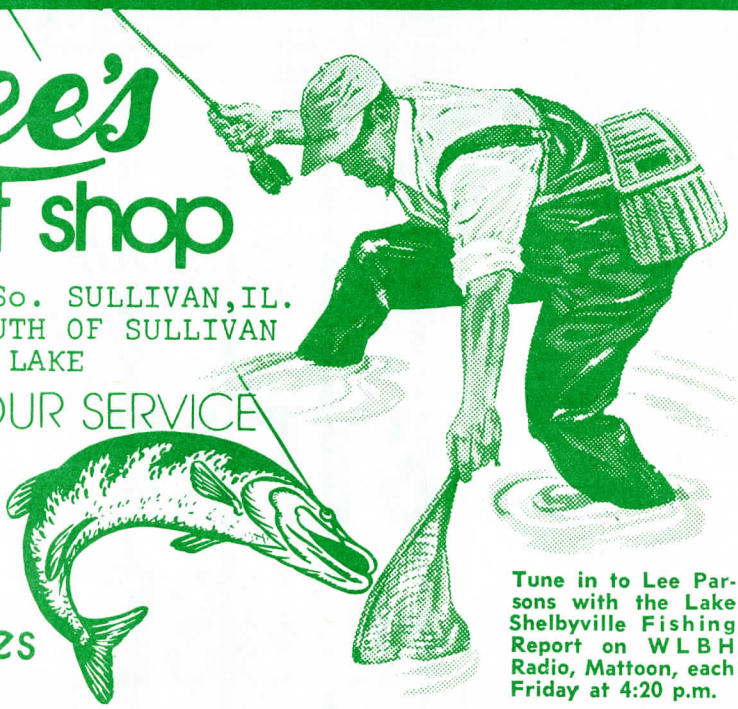

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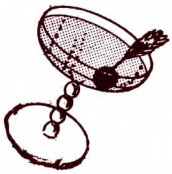

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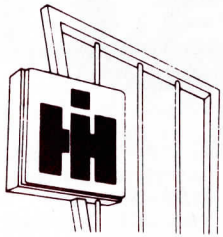

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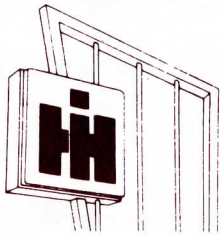

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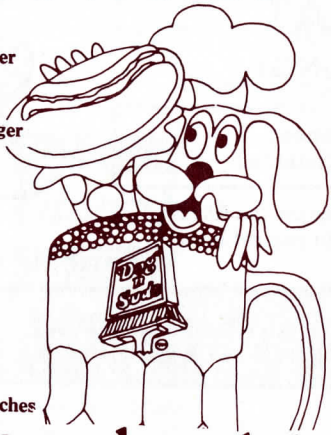

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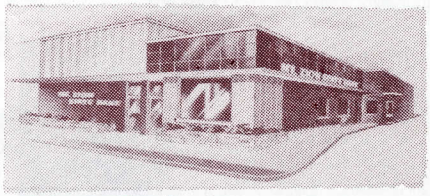

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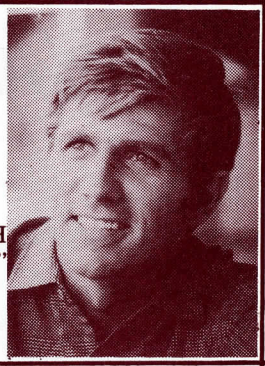

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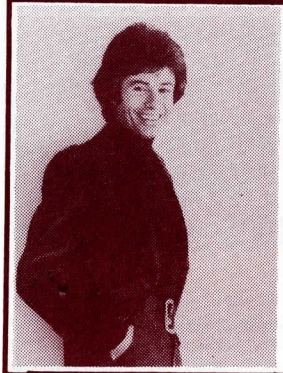

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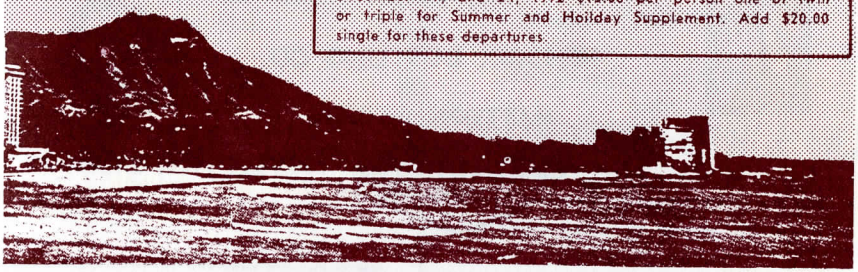

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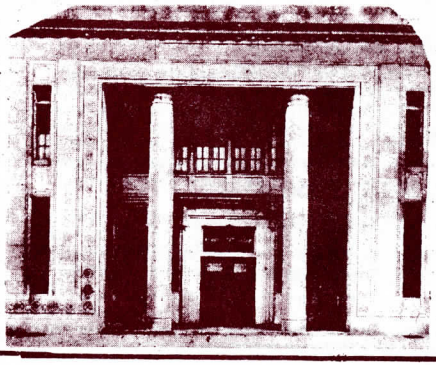

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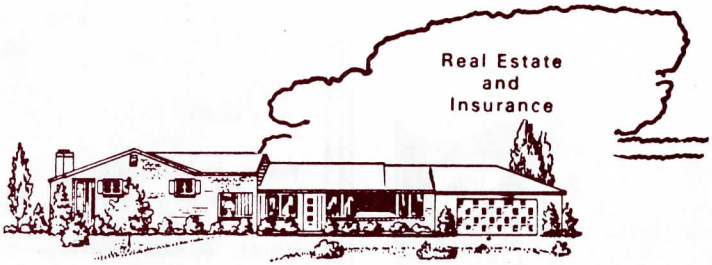

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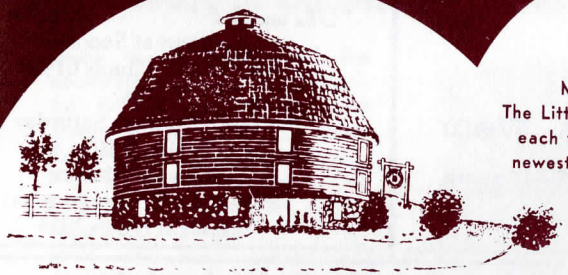

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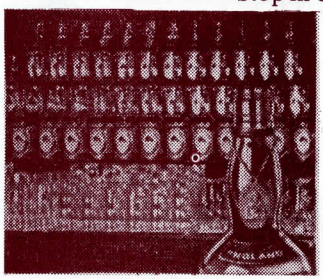

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Who's Who in the Cast. . .

GEORGE MAHARIS (Charlie Bickle), who gained stardom in tv's *Route 66*, believes in extending his talents. In the past year he made his musical-comedy debut in *Company* and has become a popular personality on the night club circuit. He has also been a regular guest on the *Tonight* show with Johnny Carson.

Maharis grew up in the Hell's Kitchen district of New York and studied drama with Lee Strasberg. His early New York stage appearances include John Van Druten's *Dancing In The Chequered Shade, 27 Wagons Full Of Cotton* opposite Maureen Stapleton, Jean Genet's *Deathwatch* and Edward Albee's *Zoo Story*. His widely acclaimed role of Jerry in the latter, won him a test for the Rocky Graziano role in the film *Somebody Up There Likes Me*. Although Paul Newman got the part, Otto Preminger was so impressed with Maharis' test that he cast him in the role of Newman's brother in the movie *Exodus*.

That film role led to his being cast as the star of *Route 66*, which became one of television's most popular series. While working in the series, Maharis starred in a number of motion pictures including *Satan Bug, The Happening* with Anthony Quinn and *Quick Before It Melts* with Robert Morse.

On television one of his favorite dramatic vehicles was Chrysler Theatre's *A Small Rebellion* in which he co-starred with Simone Signoret and for which he won an Emmy nomination. His role in *The Monk*, an ABC-TV Movie of the Week, led to his being cast in the network's suspense series *The Most Deadly Game* for the 1970-71 season.

This year he has appeared in a *Cannon* episode, a movie for television entitled *The Storm* opposite Elizabeth Montgomery and an adaptation of A. E. Hotchner's best-selling short story, *The Brave And Happy Life*, which will air as part of an ABC-TV anthology special. In addition to gues'ing on the Johnny Carson show, he is a frequent panelist on *Hollywood Squares*.

The actor's talents as a singer have been revealed in his new cafe act. He has been a hit with audiences at the Royal Box of the Americana Hotel in New York, the Shamrock in Houston and various Playboy Hotels.

Maharis is a world traveler when his busy schedule permits and is also an accomplished artist. He has had one-man exhibits at major galleries and is one of three artists who executed the ceiling murals for New York's Lunt-Fontane Theatre.

In February of this year, Mr. Maharis played the starring role in *Jeremy* at Pheasant Run Playhouse in St. Charles, Illinois. Later this summer he will star in *How The Other Half Loves* for the Kenley Players in Ohio.

BOB MOAK (Jeremy Troy) made his first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square during the 1971-72 Christmas-New Year holiday season with Lyle Waggoner in *Boeing-Boeing* and has returned to enthusiastic audiences to be featured in *There's A Girl In My Soup* with Van Johnson, *The Mousetrap* with Noel Harrison, *13 Rue de L'Amour* with Rosemary Prinz and Tom Poston, *Under Papa's Picture* with Eve Arden and as Ben Franklin in *1776* with Bill Hayes.

Mr. Moak has been an actor-director at the Cleveland Playhouse for over a decade and a featured actor for both the Cherry County Playhouse in Traverse City, Michigan for sixteen seasons and the Kenley Players in Ohio.

Other productions in which Mr. Moak will appear in Sullivan this season are *Charley's Aunt* with Dick Sargent and *Irma La Douce* with Lesley Warren.

EDGAR MEYER (Sven Ivorsen) has appeared on the Sullivan stage since 1968 when he made his debut in *Marriage-Go-Round* with Vivian Vance. A graduate of Goodman Theatre, Mr. Meyer has been a most sought-after actor. He has appeared in both leading man and character roles opposite a host of top stars in TV, film and on stage. For his role in *The Biggest Thief In Town* at Chicago's Ivanhoe Theatre, he was nominated for a Joseph Jefferson Award for "Best Supporting Actor". Recently at Ivanhoe, Mr. Meyer played Father Matias for 25 weeks in *Status Quo Vadis* and shortly before this he appeared in the National Company of *Harvey* starring Shirley Booth and Gig Young.

Mr. Meyer's most recent appearances in Sullivan were in 1971 with Noel Harrison in *The Mousetrap*, Durward Kirby in *Plaza Suite* and Marion Marlowe in *The Great Waltz*. He also played his present part in *Jeremy Troy* with Mr. Maharis at Pheasant Run Playhouse earlier this year.

JEAN JOHNSON (Kathryn Troy) is a popular actress-singer-dancer who is well-known to midwest theatre audiences for her featured roles in *Allegro, Man Of La Mancha, Carousel, Roar Of The Greasepaint, Brigadoon, Winnie The Pooh, Stingiest Man In Town, The Prince And The Pauper, Cinderella* and many more.

Miss Johnson's busy schedule is the result of conscientious work after graduating from Northern Illinois University majoring in Speech, studying at Goodman Theatre and Actors Workshop with Ted Liss in Chicago, voice study with Henri Noel and Veregene Miller at Northwestern University, dance with Dublay School of Dance, Evanston School of Ballet and with Gus Geordano.

Here Lies Jeremy Troy marks Miss Johnson's debut at The Little Theatre-On The Square.

MARCY VOSBURGH (Tina Winslow) is making her first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square although she is seldom "at large" in other theatres throughout the country. Just a few of her latest credits include the touring company of *There's A Girl In My Soup* with Robert Horton and featured roles in *Any Wednesday* with Don DeFore and *The Star Snangled Girl* with Tommy Roe. *Love In E Flat, The Seven Year Itch* with William Shatner at Pheasant Run Playhouse in St. Charles, Illinois and many varied roles for Goodman Theatre in Chicago. Some of her Goodman appearances have been in *Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolfe?, Never Too Late, George Washington Slept Here, Come Blow Your Horn* and just before coming to Sullivan, *The Lady's Not For Burning*.

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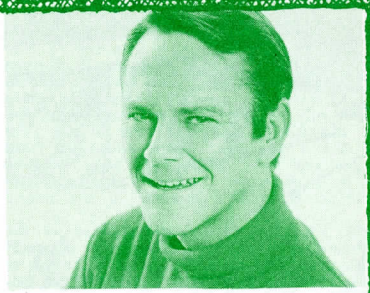

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