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"HOLIDAY FOR LOVERS"

June 24-29, 1969

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Presents

Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien

in

"HOLIDAY FOR LOVERS"

By

Ronald Alexander

with

BRIGID O'BRIEN

Jane McDonough

Robert Theis

Robert Morgan

Ken Gilman

Directed by ROBERT PAINE GROSE

Production Designed by ROBERT D. SOULE

Production Stage Manager
LOUIS DiMARIO

Technical Director
JEROME ROSENBERGER

ENTIRE PRODUCTION UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MR. LITTLE

CAST

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| Robert Dean | | PAT O'BRIEN |
| Betsy Dean | | CAROL GRONSTAL |
| Connie McDougal | | JANE McDONOUGH |
| Joe McDougal | | ROBERT MORGAN |
| Maid | | LINDA EARP |
| Margaret Dean | | BRIGID O'BRIEN |
| Paul Gattalin | | KEN GILMAN |
| Henri Berchat | | ROBERT THEIS |

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I

- SCENE 1. A hotel in New York. The month of June.
SCENE 2. A hotel in Paris. Seven days later.
SCENE 3. A hotel in Seville, Spain. Ten days later.

ACT II

- SCENE 1. A hotel in Rome, Italy. Two weeks later.
SCENE 2. Paris. One week later.

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Manager Marguarite Ortman
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ROBERT PAINE GROSE (Director) is renowned for his work as a Designer and Decorator as well as a Director. He was trained at the University of Maine, N.Y.U. and the Traphagen School of Design. Mr. Grose was Designer at the Grand Theatre in Ontario for four years before becoming the Resident Director for the Pinehurst, N. C. Theatre. In 1964 he became Director of the Swan Theatre in Milwaukee and for five years he was co-producer and director of the famed Berkshire Playhouse in Stockbridge, Mass. A few of Mr. Grose's most recent directing credits include Roger Smith in *Sunday In New York*, Howard Duff in *Under The Yum Yum Tree*, Jeannie Crain in *The Philadelphia Story*, Johnny Desmond in *Oklahoma!* and Marie Wilson in *The Solid Gold Cadillac*.

ROBERT D. SOULE (Production Designer) returns to Sullivan for his second season as Designer at The Little Theatre-On The Square after delighting audiences and reviewers alike with his strikingly beautiful and workable scenery for *The Student Prince*, *Oklahoma!*, *Glad Tidings*, *Guys And Dolls* and other productions. Born in Bushnell, Illinois, he attended Western Illinois University, served in the U.S. Navy, and attended Pasadena Playhouse before becoming a member of the United Scenic Artists. Mr. Soule's New York credits include the scenery and lighting for *Riverwind*, *The Tattooed Countess*, *The Enchanted*, *Chic*, *The Golden Six*, *Orpheus Descending*, *Greenwich Village, U.S.A.*, the original production of Tennessee Williams' *Garden District* and the 1964 World's Fair *Wonderama*. After leaving Sullivan last season, Mr. Soule traveled to Scotland to co-ordinate the scenery for the Providence Repertoire Company's productions at the Edinburg Festival.

PRODUCTION STAFF FOR MR. LITTLE (Continued)

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May 9, 1969

Mr. Guy S. Little, Jr.
Producer
The Little Theatre-On The Square
Sullivan, Illinois

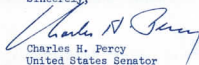
Dear Mr. Little:

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and to the Little Theatre-On The Square.

Your past thirteen years has provided no small measure of enjoyment to the people of Central Illinois, and The Little Theatre is a symbol of success to the small cultural outposts across the land.

You have every reason to be proud of your fine accomplishments, and I do wish you a very successful season.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Percy
United States Senator

QUOTE . . .

"If and when Guy S. Little, Jr. writes his memoirs, the book should be titled, 'How to Succeed in Show Business by Really Trying'".

Wayne Allen, Editor
State Journal and Register
Springfield, Ill.

"The Miracle of Sullivan". That's what they call it in show business circles . . . With much hard work, overcoming trials and tribulations, the stage-struck young man makes good . . . and the gala finale - if only Irving Berlin hadn't thought of it first - could be a rousing chorus of "There's No Business Like Show Business".


Shirley Althoff
Globe-Democrat Sunday Magazine
St. Louis, Missouri

"The Little Theatre-On The Square - The story behind it does read a lot like a Pollyanna plot . . . Sullivan's chief claim to fame formerly was the lush corn and soybean fields which grow up around it in east central Illinois. Now it boasts of a highly successful star Equity summer stock theatre - probably the only one in the country not near a large metropolitan or resort area . . . During the past few seasons, the list of celebrities who have appeared at the theatre reads like the cast of a Hollywood extravaganza".

Marathon World Magazine

"On most every evening from May to October, the courthouse square is crowded with cars bearing out-of-county and out-of-state license plates and people mingle in front of a brightly painted building on the north side of the square. They come to Sullivan to see live actors and actresses and hear live music and song. To see the same kind of performances at another professional-Equity theatre such as the one in Sullivan, they'd have to travel to Chicago or St. Louis or beyond".

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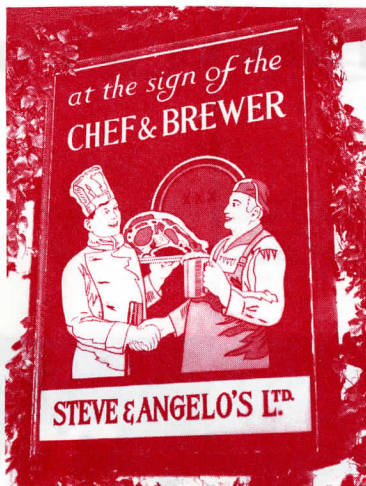
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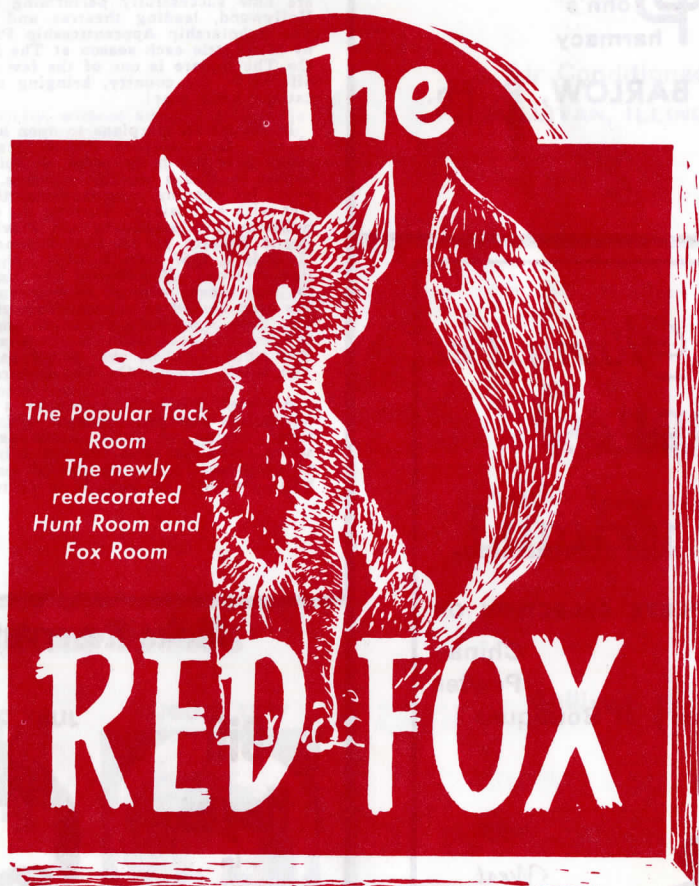
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With the opening on May 31st of one of Broadway's most recent hits, *Cactus Flower*, starring Joan Caulfield, Guy S. Little, Jr., producer of The Little Theatre-On The Square, continues his dedicated efforts to bring live, professional theatre to central Illinois audiences.

At the age of six, Guy S. Little, Jr. laid plans for a future in theatre. Through the years of growing up and in selecting educational fields, he pursued his ultimate goal—a theatre of his own some day. A University of Miami graduate, Mr. Little furthered his theatrical education by taking post graduate courses at Columbia University and the American Theatre Wing. He served his apprenticeship at the Keene, New Hampshire Summer Theatre in 1951 and worked the following two summers at the Gateway Musical Playhouse near Atlantic City.

Realizing the struggle of young artists, Mr. Little has helped talented youngsters begin their professional careers in theatre, many of whom are now successfully performing in New York, Hollywood, leading theatres and on television. The Scholarship Apprenticeship Program offered by Mr. Little each season at The Little Theatre-On The Square is one of the few such programs offered in the country, bringing over 300 applications each year!

In finalizing his plans to open his own theatre in 1957, Guy tried to find a location in larger cities near his home town of Sullivan but was unable to find a suitable location. Too, his proposal for opening a professional theatre was not met with enthusiasm. Turning his efforts back to Sullivan, he leased the old movie house, The Grand Theatre, for his first Summer of Musicals. On July 3, 1957, Guy S. Little, Jr., presented his first musical, *Brigadoon*. The first season ran for nine weeks with an attendance of 8,000. Guy has been quoted as saying, "Sometimes it seemed that there were more people on stage than in the audience"! Last season, the 12th, which ran from May until October, over 80,000 persons attended The Little Theatre-On The Square!

Although primarily known as a producer, Mr. Little has directed, designed and built scenery, taken charge of props, acted as lighting and sound technician and performed in many of his productions. To the delight of many steady patrons, he may be seen in a chorus scene or a

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Producer Guy S. Little, Jr.

walk-on part, briefly, without advance notice. He has performed in major roles such as, Mr. Snow, in *Carousel*, Joe Taylor, Jr. in *Allegro*, Mr. Foley in *Never Too Late*, Michael O'Neill in *The Moon Is Blue* and last season, as Count Hugo Detlef in *The Student Prince*.

Guy and his wife, Jerili, met when they were both attending the University of Miami. They have been married for 15 years and have two children, Vanessa, age 13 and Sean, age 7. Jerili is a favorite performer of Sullivan audiences and Vanessa is already making her impression in theatre by appearing in major productions at The Little Theatre-On The Square each season. Sean made his debut at the age of four as his father's son in *Carousel* and proved his 'ham' ability would bear watching.

Guy S. Little, Jr. acknowledges his successful operation of professional stock theatre in a city of less than 4,000 population with gratitude to the loyal central Illinois audiences who faithfully attend The Little Theatre-On The Square each year.

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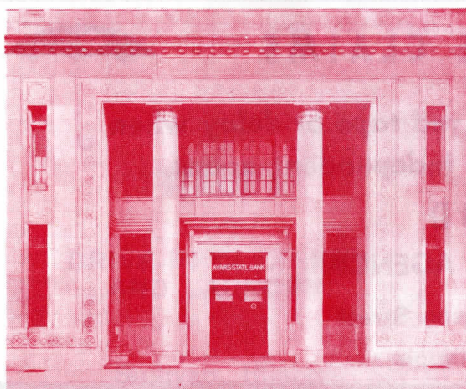
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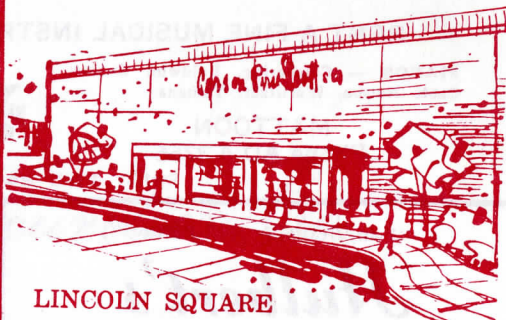
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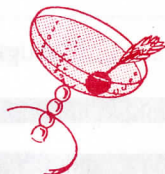
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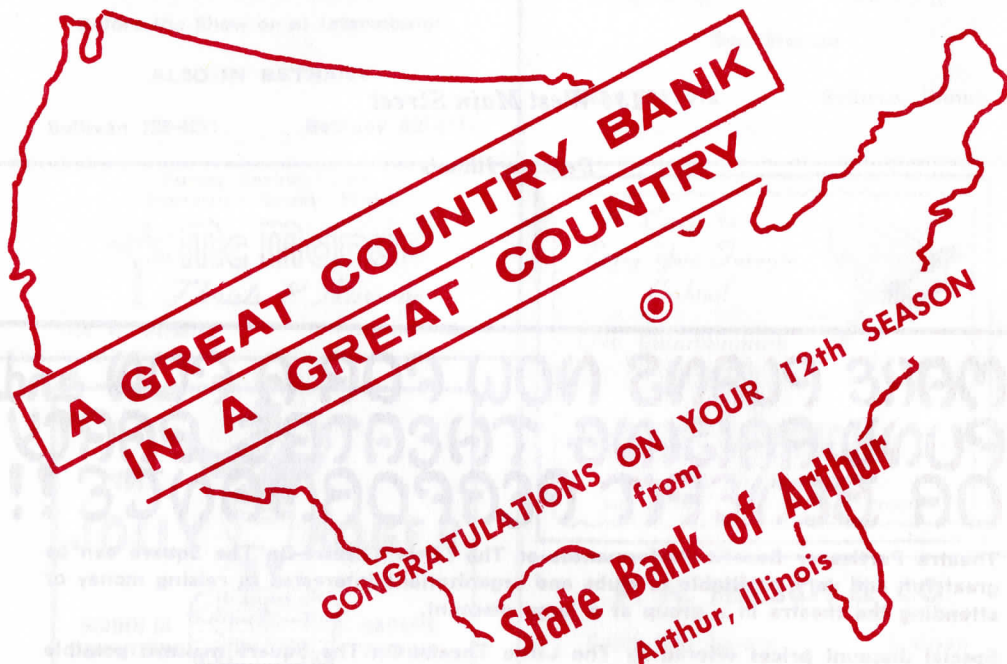
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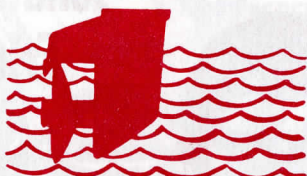
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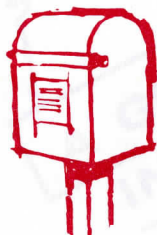


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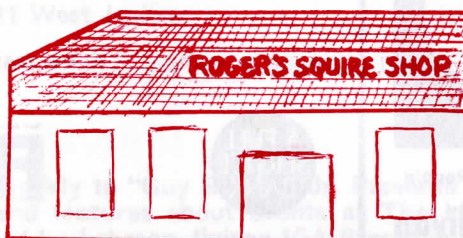
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Sullivan, Illinois

Dear Mr. Little:

Illinois is very proud of The Little Theatre On The Square, because year after year it has brought the best in entertainment to the Central part of our State.

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My best wishes for a successful season.

Sincerely,

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4th District, Illinois

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Producer
The Little Theatre On The Square
Sullivan, Illinois 61951

Dear Mr. Little:

On the occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary of The Little Theatre On The Square which you will be observing on May 31, I want to join the many friends and patrons in extending my congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

The Little Theatre On The Square of Sullivan, Illinois has a nation wide reputation for the excellence of the performances given. As the producer, I know you take justified pride in your accomplishments and you are to be commended for the quality and variety of material presented. May you continue to add to the pleasure and culture of the people of Illinois.

Sincerely,

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April 18, 1969

Mr. Guy S. Little Jr., Producer
Little Theatre-On The Square
Sullivan, Illinois

Dear Mr. Little:

I want to extend my best wishes to the Little Theatre-On The Square as you prepare for another great season.

The service you are performing in bringing top-flight talent and splendid entertainment to people throughout central Illinois deserves the appreciation of all of us who enjoy a good night at the theater.

My congratulations to all of you who help make this fine contribution to the cultural life of Illinois possible.

Sincerely yours,

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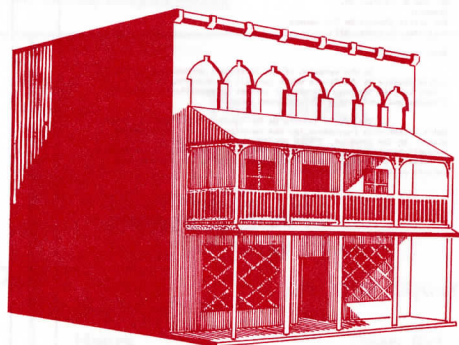


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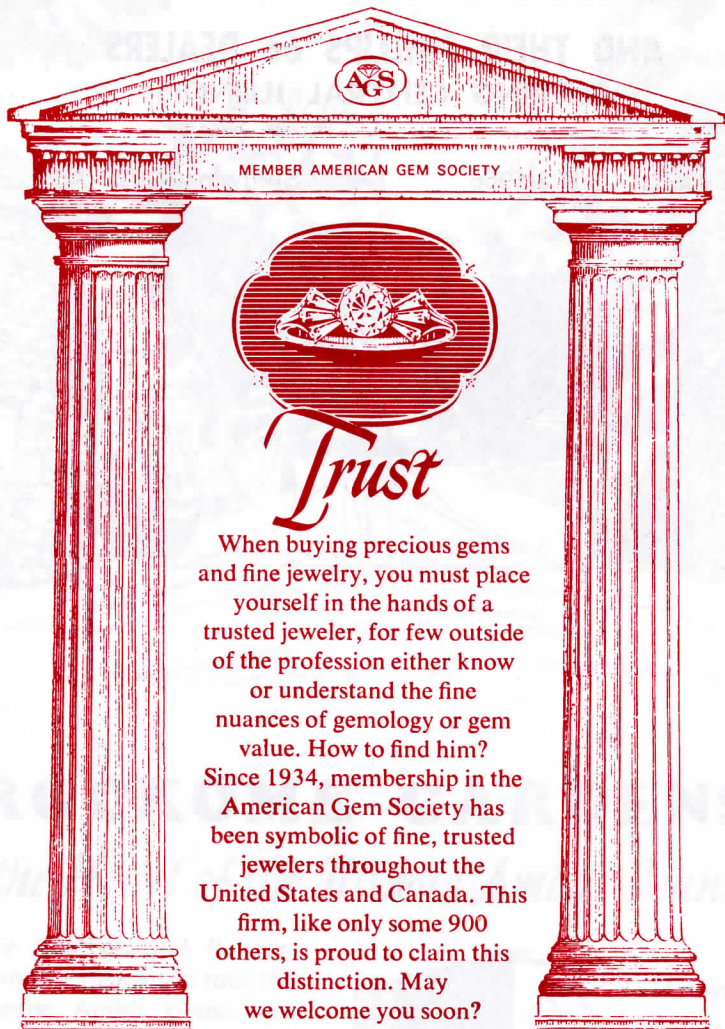
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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

PAT O'BRIEN (Robert Dean) beloved veteran of seven entertainment fields for over forty years, has appeared at The Little Theatre-On The Square on three other occasions prior to this season. In 1963, Pat and his wife, Eloise, made their first appearance here in *Dear Ruth*, returning in 1965 to do *Love and Kisses* and last season, in *What Did We Do Wrong?* Besides his stage roles, he is outstanding for his talents in motion pictures, radio, television, night clubs, lecturing and recording.

Mr. O'Brien will long be remembered for his starring movie roles in *The Story of Knute Rockne*, *Fighting Father Dunne*, *Bombardier* and *The Fighting 69th*. He also starred in the television series, *Harrigan and Sons*. He has guest starred on nearly all of the major television shows including *The Jack Parr Show*, *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Tonight Show*, *The Virginian* and *The Red Skelton Show*. In 1958, Mr. O'Brien returned to Broadway to create the starring role in *Miss Lonely-Hearts* which won high praise from the critics.

Mr. O'Brien's performance in the original Broadway play, *The Front Page*, lead Howard Hughes to take him to Hollywood to play the lead in the movie version. He was an immediate success.

Because of his enduring popularity, his interest in and concern for his fellow-man, Pat O'Brien is one of the profession's most awarded citizens. He has been honored as an actor, an intellectual, a sportsman, a humanitarian and is a two-time winner of the coveted Father of the Year Award. He recently returned from an entertainment tour in Viet Nam.

Mr. O'Brien's book, "The Wind at My Back", has been a best seller throughout the country. Later this summer, he will star as Capt. Andy in *Show Boat* in Atlanta and tour with Eloise and Brigid in *Holiday For Lovers*.

ELOISE O'BRIEN (Mary Dean) was just beginning a career as a talented actress when she met and married the struggling young Irish actor in 1931. It has just been in the last twelve years of their 38 years of marriage that Mrs. O'Brien has returned to appear with her husband on stage. They have appeared in leading theatres throughout the country in *Father of the Bride*, *Time Out for Ginger*, *Absence of a Cel-lo*, *Never Too Late*, *Our Town* and the current show in Sullivan, *Holiday for Lovers*.

BRIGID O'BRIEN (Margaret Dean) made her professional debut with her parents in *Time Out For Ginger* at the Canal Fulton Theatre in Ohio. While in her teens, she organized her own legit company of talented youngsters of the neighborhood, *The Kids Next Door*, and directed and starred in such productions as *The Boy Friend*, *Music Man* and *Peter Pan*. She has just recently sold the title of her company to the song group, *The Kids Next Door*. Brigid wrote and directed such shows as *The Kids Next Door And How They Grew*, *The Kids Next Door Give Their Regards To Broadway*, and *The Kids Next Door Bring Back Vaudeville*. She has been featured in musical and dramatic productions at Immaculate Heart College, in *Rough Stuff*, a Children's Show on tour, and in the telefilms of *The Hour Of St. Francis* and *Documentary On Immaculate Heart College*. Miss O'Brien appeared with her parents in Sullivan last year in *What Did We Do Wrong?*

JANE McDONOUGH (Connie McDougal) has made numerous appearances at The Little Theatre-On The Square including leading roles in *Funny Girl* with Gardner McKay, *Oklahoma!* with Bruce Yarnell and *Kiss Me, Kate* with Patricia Morison.

Miss McDonough appeared with Gary Merrill in *The Impossible Years* and with Ruth Roman in *The Killing Of Sister George* at Pheasant Run Playhouse and with Zsa Zsa Gabor in *Blithe Spirit* at Mill Run Playhouse this past spring.

Jane has appeared with such stars as Kathryn Crosby, James Darrin, Gary Lockwood, Brandon DeWilde, Dwayne Hickman, Molly Picon, Tab Hunter, Tom Ewell and Gloria Swanson.

She played the nurse in *Romeo and Juliet* and the part of Margaret in *The Lady's Not for Burning* at the University of Chicago's Court Theatre, toured a USO circuit for the Armed Forces and has appeared in TV commercials, radio and night clubs. Miss McDonough appeared with Durward Kirby at The Little Theatre-On The Square this season in *The Impossible Years*.

ROBERT THEIS (Henri Berchat) made his first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square in the first production of this season by playing Senor Sanchez in *Cactus Flower* with Joan Caulfield and Anthony George. He next appeared with Durward Kirby in *The Impossible Years* in the part of Dr. Harold Fleisher.

Mr. Theis' recent stage credits include Captain Andy in *Show Boat*, Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls* and Ed Busby in *The Days and Nights of Beebe Fenstermaker*. He has appeared on television in the CBS Repertory Workshop, the Actor's Workshop of KTVI in St. Louis and commercial films. He has done extensive radio work in Chicago, Cincinnati and Racine, Wisc.

Bob has spent most of his theatrical career in educational theatre, both as a student and for a short time, as an instructor. He has a B.S. degree in English-Theatre at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio and an M.A. in Theatre from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo.

Upon leaving Sullivan, Bob will go to Wayne State University in Detroit to further his study of all phases of theatre.

ROBERT MORGAN (Joe McDougal) 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 was raised in California and 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*. He was seen with Jimmy Cagney in the film, *13 Rue Madeleine* and for the past nineteen years, Robert has been a farmer near Melvin, Illinois!

KEN GILMAN (Paul Gattalin) makes his first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square in this production. Mr. Gilman attended Bowling Green University where he appeared in productions of *Finian's Rainbow*, *My Fair Lady*, *Sand Box*, *Zoo Story* and *Thurber Carnival*. He appeared at The Huntington Playhouse in Cleveland in *Pajama Game* and *West Side Story*. He recently was featured in *Little Mary Sunshine* at Chicago's Ivanhoe Theatre and with Ann Jeffreys in *Light Up The Sky* at Pheasant Run Playhouse. Immediately before coming to Sullivan, Ken was featured as Nicky Arnstein in *Funny Girl* for twelve weeks at In-The-Round-Theatre in Chicago.

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