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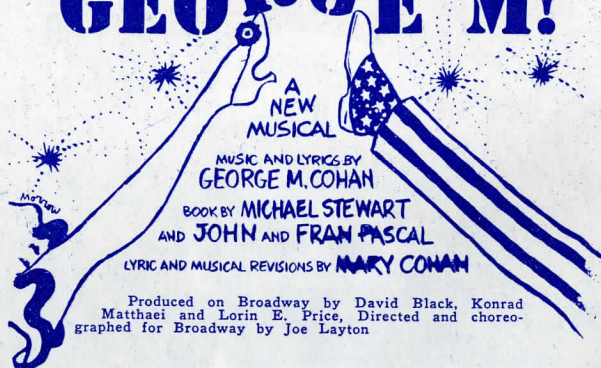
"GEORGE M!"

July 29 to Aug. 10, 1969

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JAMES E. ROGERS

CAST

(In Alphabetical Order)

WILLIAM ARTHUR	Dr. Webb, E. F. Albee, Ben Chief, Alderman Haley
BOB BOGDANOFF	Dressmaker, Judge Anspacher
JIM BRETT	Louis Behman, Freddie (Fay Templeton's Secretary)
GEORGE BUNT	Specialty in Popularity
CYNTHIA CLINE	Ethel Levey
CAROL CULVER	Josie Cohan
LINDA EARP	1st Little Girl, Mrs. Red Deer, Girl in Fay Templeton's Apartment
LEONA EVANS	Agnes Nolan
DENNIS GRIMALDI	Living Statue, Norbert T. Hartry, Director
CAROL GRONSTAL	Mrs. Baker, Madam Grimaldi, Ma Templeton
BILL HADDAD	Sam Harris
BILL HAYES	George M. Cohan
RANDY HUGILL	Violinist
LINDA HUTSON	2nd Little Girl, Twin, Secretary
JOHN KELSO	Jerry Cohan
JERILI LITTLE	Nellie Cohan
PAM MANUEL	Acrobat
NIKKI NEWELL	Dress Maker's Assistant, Fay Templeton
JEAN OBRECHT	Twin
JAMES E. ROGERS	Tap Specialty, Specialty in Popularity, Actor in Strike Scene
BARBARA SAMUEL	Living Statue, Maid in Harris and Cohan Office
DIETRICH SNELLING	W. F. Burkhardt, Jr., Walt (Stage Manager)
KATHY WELSH and LUCIA WARNES	Card Girls
DAVID WESTPHAL	Archie, Sharp Shooter
JACK YANTIS	Living Statue

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Synopsis of Scenes

Prologue	ACT I Scene 1	
Providence, Rhode Island, 1878	Scene 2	
"Always Leave Them Laughing"		Jerry Cohan & 1st and 2nd Little Girl
On Stage, Columbia Theatre, Cedar Rapids	Scene 3	
"Musical Moon"		Nellie and Jerry
"Oh You Wonderful Boy"		Josie
"All Aboard For Broadway"	Scene 4	George, Nellie, Jerry, Josie
Street in Cedar Rapids		
"Musical Comedy Man"	Scene 5	Cohans and Company
Madam Grimaldi's Boarding House	Scene 6	
Adams Street Theatre, Various other theatres, New York, 1901-1903		
"All Aboard For Broadway"		Company
"I Was Born In Virginia"		Ethel
"Twentieth Century Love"	Scene 7	Ethel and 4 Cohans
In Front of the Savoy Theatre		
"My Home Town"	Scene 8	George
Stage of the Liberty Theatre, New York		
"Billie"		Agnes
"Push Me Along In My Pushcart"		Jerry and Nellie
"A Ring To The Name Of Rose"		Agnes and Boys
"Popularity"		Josie, James E. Rogers, George Bunt & Company
"Give My Regards to Broadway"		George and Company
	ACT II Scene 1	
Office of Harris and Cohan and Fay Templeton's Apartment		
"Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway"		George and Maid
"So Long Mary"		George, Sam Harris, Maid, Freddie and Ma Templeton
"Down By The Erie Canal"	Scene 2	Fay Templeton, Secretary, Little Girl & Co.
Onstage, New Amsterdam Theatre, New York		
"Mary's A Grand Old Name"	Scene 3	Fay Templeton
Rector's Restaurant, Jan. 1, 1907		
"All Our Friends"	Scene 4	Sam & Company
Street Outside Rector's Restaurant	Scene 5	
The Years 'Till 1919		
"Yankee Doodle Dandy"		George, Agnes, Jerry, Josie, Nellie
"Nellie Kelly"		Josie, Nellie, Jerry, George & Boys
"Harrigan"		George, Jerry & Boys
"Over There" and "You're A Grand Old Flag"	Scene 6	George, Nellie and Company
The Years 'Till 1937		
"The Man Who Owns Broadway"	Scene 7	Company
Midtown, New York, February, 1937	Scene 8	
Stage of the Alvin Theatre, New York		
"I'd Rather Be Right"		George
"Give My Regards To Broadway" - Reprise		George and Company
"Yankee Doodle Dandy" - Reprise		George and Agnes
"I Want To Hear A Yankee Doodle Tune"		Company
"Give My Regards To Broadway"		Company

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CHARLES H. PERCY
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United States Senate
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May 9, 1969

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

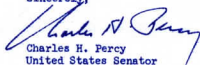
Dear Mr. Little:

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

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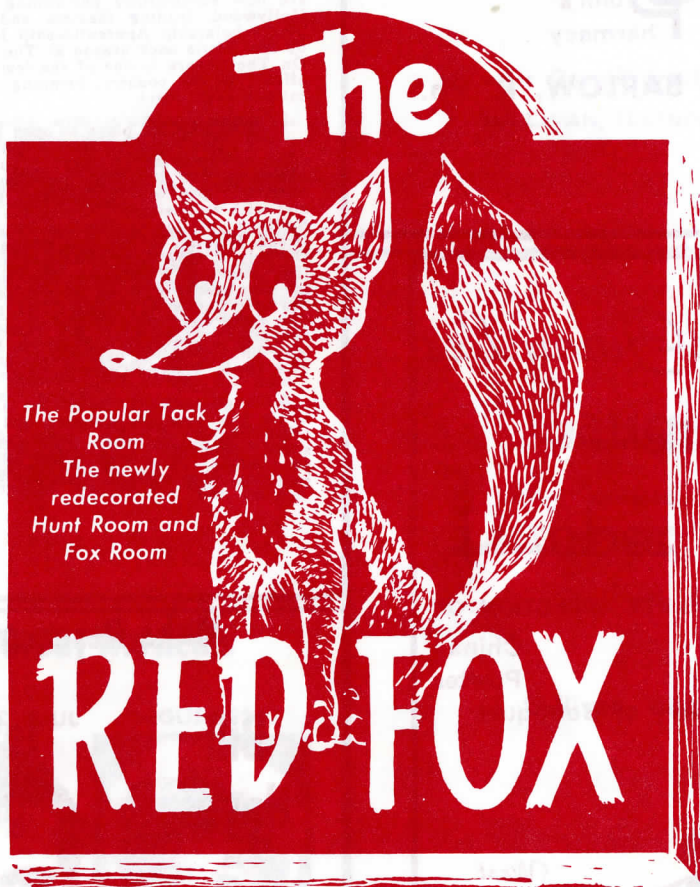
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With the opening on May 31st of one of Broadway's most recent hits, *Cactus Flower*, starring Joan Caulfield, Guy S. Little, Jr., producer of The Little Theatre-On The Square, continues his dedicated efforts to bring live, professional theatre to central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





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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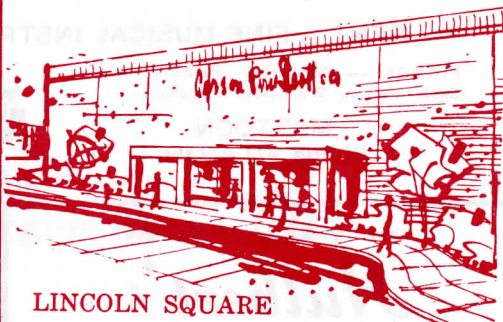
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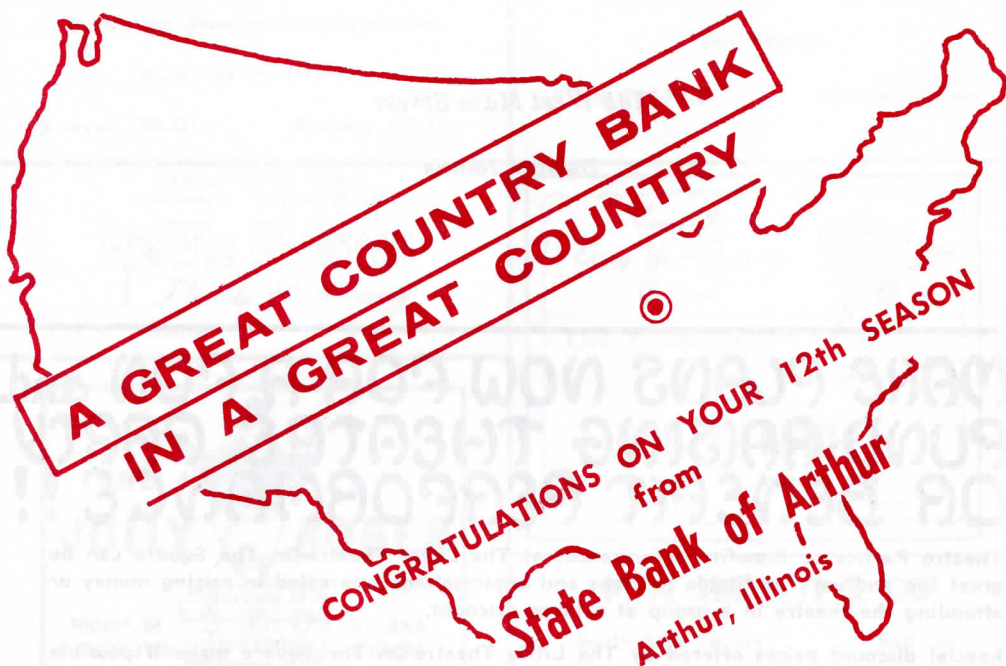
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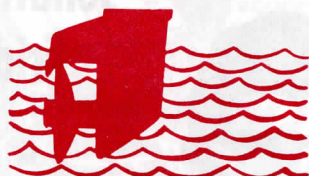
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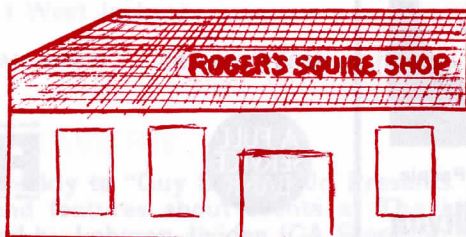
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Mr. Guy S. Little, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Little:

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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Mr. Guy S. Little, Jr.
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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RICHARD B. OSLIVE
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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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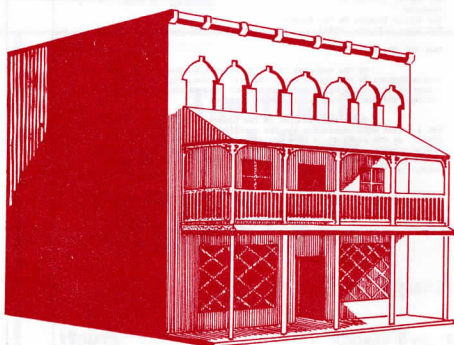


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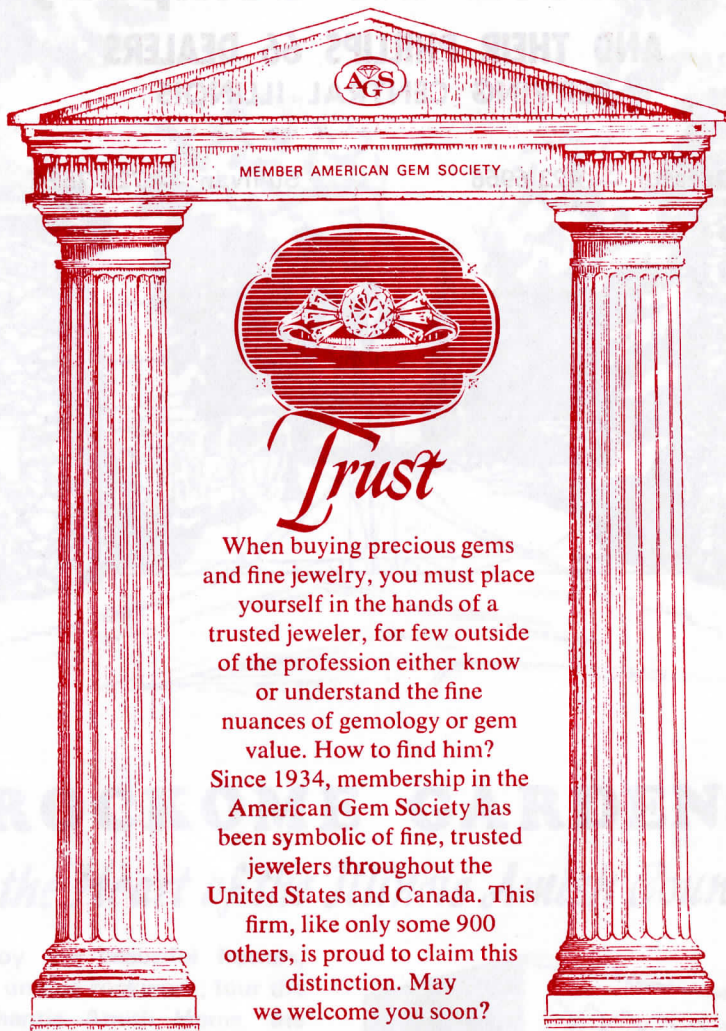
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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

BILL HAYES (George M. Cohan) is an extremely versatile leading man, having sung leading tenor roles in *The Student Prince*, *The Mikado*, *South Pacific*, *The Merry Widow*, *Fanny*, and *Foxy* and leading baritone roles in *Oklahama!*, *Of Thee I Sing*, *Carousel*, *Music In The Air*, *Anything Goes*, *Happy Hunting*, *She Loves Me*, *Camelot* and *On A Clear Day You Can See Forever*. He has danced in *On The Town*, *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn*, *Where's Charlie?*, *Miss Liberty* and *Bye, Bye Birdie*.

A native of Chicago and a graduate of DePauw University, Mr. Hayes began his professional career as a member of the national company of *Carousel*. After getting his master's degree in music from Northwestern University, he toured the country in *Funzapoppin* winding up in New York City. There he made his Broadway debut in *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Me and Juliet*.

He has also played leading roles in *The Dark of the Moon*, *Who Was That Lady*, *Sundays in New York*, *Green Grow the Lilacs*, *Brigadoon*, *The Fantasticks*, *Superman*, *Out of This World* and *The Moon Is Blue* in America's leading theatres.

To some, Bill is best known for his television appearances on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Perry Como Show*, *The Hallmark Hall of Fame*, *The Tonight Show*, *The Mike Douglas Show* and *The Bell Telephone Hour*.

His record "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" sold over two million records. He starred in the motion pictures of *Stop! You're Killing Me* and *The Cardinal* and performed on thousands of radio shows.

JERILI LITTLE (Nellie Cohan) has appeared in over 50 productions at The Little Theatre-On The Square since 1957. This season, she played the part of Mrs. Durant in *Cactus Flower* with Joan Caulfield and Anthony George and played the leading role of Stephanie (the role played by Miss Caulfield) opposite Jack Kelly in the play in Canal-Fulton, Ohio, for one week after the show closed in Sullivan. This season, Jerili has appeared opposite Durward Kirby in *The Impossible Years* and with Patricia Morison in *Do I Hear A Waltz?*

JOHN KELSO (Jerry Cohan) is one of Sullivan's most versatile and favorite actor-directors since 1959. This season, Mr. Kelso directed and played the part of Sakini in *The Teahouse of the August Moon* with Ron Ely, played Charlie Davenport in *Annie Get Your Gun* with Rosemary Prinz, and directed *Do I Hear A Waltz?* starring Patricia Morison. Just before coming to Sullivan this season, Mr. Kelso directed the opening production of the new Falstaff Theatre in the Spanish Pavilion in St. Louis, *Nobody Loves An Albatross*, starring Gig Young.

LEONA EVANS (Agnes Nolan) appeared in the opening production of this season as Toni in *Cactus Flower* with Joan Caulfield and Anthony George and then in the part of Francine in *The Impossible Years* with Durward Kirby. She has won featured roles in many Sullivan productions since her outstanding performances in the 1967 season's *On A Clear Day You Can*

See Forever with Jack Haskell and *Sweet Charity* with Will Hutchins.

CAROL CULVER (Josie Cohan) is not a stranger to the Sullivan audiences. She has appeared at the Little Theatre-On The Square since 1965, singing and dancing in *Camelot*, *110 In The Shade*, *On A Clear Day You Can See Forever*, *Showboat*, *Funny Girl* and *Here's Love*. She was a featured dancer in *Sweet Charity* with Will Hutchins, in which she led the frug. She recently appeared in *Charity* at Minneapolis.

This season, Miss Culver was featured as Lotus Blossom in *The Teahouse of the August Moon* with Ron Ely and as a lead dancer in *Do I Hear A Waltz?* with Patricia Morison.

NIKKI NEWELL (Fay Templeton and Dressmaker's Assistant) made her Sullivan debut in *Annie Get Your Gun* with Rosemary Prinz and followed that in the part of Jennifer Yaeger in *Do I Hear A Waltz?* with Patricia Morison. Miss Newell has appeared in other leading theatres throughout the country in featured roles.

JAMES E. ROGERS (Tap Specialty, Specialty in Popularity, Actor in Strike Scene) is appearing for the first time in Sullivan this season. He has been featured in *Annie Get Your Gun* as The Wild Horse and received an ovation each performance for his specialty dances. Mr. Rogers is, also, the Assistant to the Choreographer, George Bunt.

DENNIS GRIMALDI (Norbert T. Hartry, Director of "I'd Rather Be Right" and Living Statue) appeared with Patricia Morison in *The King And I* and was Rolf in *The Sound of Music* with Dorothy Collins in Chicago before coming to Sullivan to make his first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square in *Annie Get Your Gun*. He appeared as Vito in *Do I Hear A Waltz?* last week.

BILL HADDAD (Sam Harris) has been a favorite actor with Sullivan audiences for six years. He brought down the house each performance this season as Sitting Bull in *Annie Get Your Gun* with Rosemary Prinz and with his antics in the ceremonial dance to "adopt" Annie into the tribe. He just finished playing the part of Mr. McIlhenny in *Do I Hear A Waltz?* with Patricia Morison and later this season, he will play Marcellus in *The Music Man* with Peter Palmer and Aniko.

JIM BRETT (Louis Behman, Freddie (Fay Templeton's Secretary) made his first Sullivan appearance this season in *Annie Get Your Gun* with Rosemary Prinz and next, with Patricia Morison in *Do I Hear A Waltz?* Mr. Brett has played leading theatres in Chicago and other parts of the country in plays, musicals, conventions and Revues.

WILLIAM ARTHUR (Dr. Webb, E. F. Albee, Ben Chief, Alderman Haley) made his first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square last season after singing for two seasons at the St. Louis Muni Opera. Sullivan audiences have heard his outstanding baritone voice in *The Student Prince*, *Guys And Dolls*, *Oklahama!*, *Kiss Me, Kate*, *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Do I Hear A Waltz?*

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