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Although Vivian Vance starring in *The Marriage-Go-Round* on May 25th marks the first show of the 1968 spring-summer-fall season at The Little Theatre-On The Square, this production will be the ninth opening for producer Guy S. Little, Jr. this year. Immediately after presenting Rosemary Prinz in *A Girl Could Get Lucky* in December-January in Sullivan, Mr. Little left for Phoenix, Arizona where he was engaged as producer for the 21st season at the famous Sombrero Playhouse. While in Phoenix, Mr. Little presented Howard Keel, Ray Walston, Kathryn Crosby, Mildred Natwick, Cornelia Otis Skinner and other greats of American show business in addition to Ann Sothern, Robert Cummings and Vivian Vance. . .all who will appear in Sullivan this season. Mr. Little returned to Sullivan in time to remodel the balcony of the theatre, removing the old projection booth and elevating the seats; and installing a new curved stage curtain—all to celebrate the opening of the 12th season in Sullivan.

Long before Mr. Little opened the Grand Theatre back in 1957, he hoped and planned that someday he would have a theatre where musicals and plays could be presented. He got his first job in professional theatre as an apprentice at the Keene, New Hampshire Summer Theatre in 1951 and worked the two following summers at the Gateway Musical Playhouse near Atlantic City.

After graduation from the University of Miami, Mr. Little took graduate courses at Columbia University and The American Theatre Wing before returning to central Illinois in the spring of 1957 to look for a theatre location.

Not having success locating a suitable theatre in any of the larger cities in downstate Illinois, Mr. Little decided to lease the movie house in his native Sullivan. Since the opening of *Brigadoon* on July 3, 1957, Mr. Little has presented 112 major productions—both plays and musicals—featuring many outstanding stars and supporting casts from Broadway, Hollywood, TV and Opera. The first season ran nine weeks and had an attendance of 8,000. The Little Theatre-On The Square was open for twenty-four weeks last year and had an attendance of 80,000. . . .a most gratifying increase! The Little Theatre-On The Square also has a Children's Theatre which presents productions for young audiences on Saturdays during late June, July and August. Mr. Little strongly believes that stock should be a proving-ground and workshop for young talent to develop as actors-singers-dancers and technicians. Thirty outstanding apprentices are accepted each year from over 100 applicants; these young students who have come from most every state

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In addition to his productions in Sullivan, Mr. Little managed the Piccolo Playhouse in Joliet and has had touring productions that have played leading theatres in Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Connecticut and New York. Mr. Little works year around booking outstanding stars such as June Allyson, Dennis Weaver, John Payne, Margaret O'Brien, Julia Meade, Linda Darnell, Marie Wilson, Eddie Bracken, Joe E. Brown, Margaret Truman, Cesar Romero, Mercedes McCambridge, Andy Devine, Gardner McKay, Alan Young and Carl Betz.

Mr. Little has directed many of the productions, designed and built the scenery, and has appeared in many of the shows. His favorite roles include Mr. Snow in *Carousel*, Lt. Cable in *South Pacific* and Kenneth in *Call Me Madam*.

Guy met his wife, Jerili, when they were both studying theatre at the University of Miami. Jerili has starred in many productions in Sullivan and on tour and has established a following wherever she has performed. The Littles have been married fourteen years and have two children, Vanessa, age twelve and Sean, age six. Both children have been active in the Sullivan productions.

The operation of a star theatre for twelve years in a town with a population of less than 4,000 has been called "the miracle of Sullivan" by theatre historians. Guy S. Little, Jr. gratefully salutes the faithful central Illinois audiences who have patronized The Little Theatre-On The Square since 1957.

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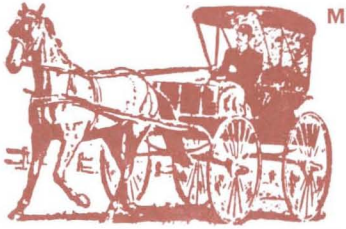

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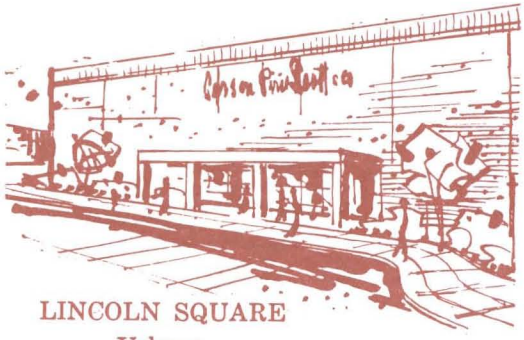

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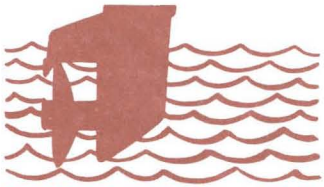

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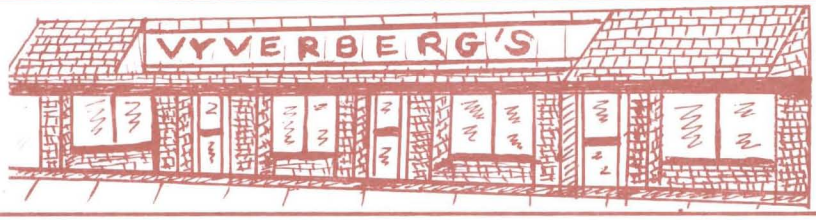

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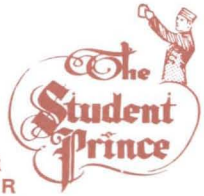

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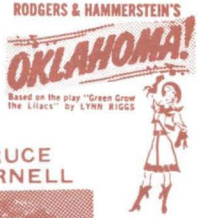

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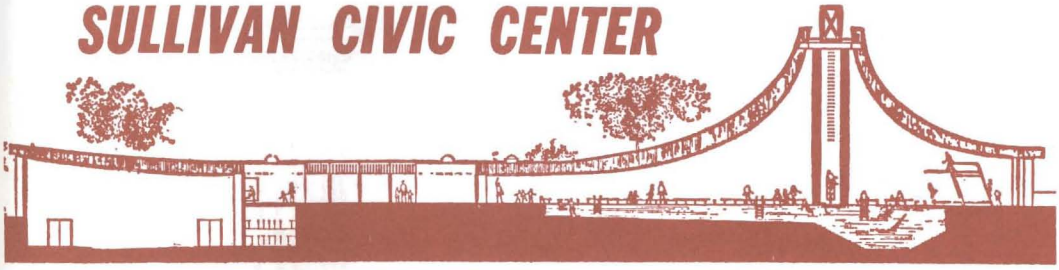

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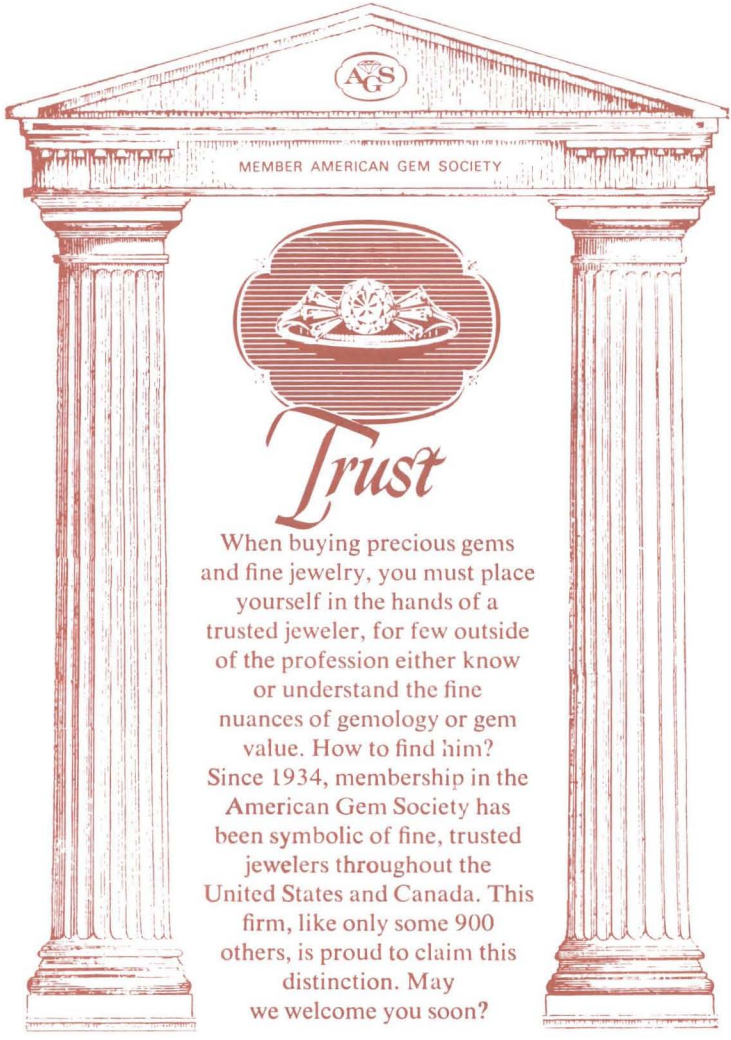

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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

ROBERT CUMMINGS (Jim Bolton) has starred in 108 motion pictures, four TV series, and has made guest appearances on many of the top television shows. He directed and co-produced *The Bob Cummings Show* for five years. and currently it is still shown all over the U.S. and the free world. Due to his enormous activity in Hollywood and TV, most people forget that Mr. Cummings had his beginnings on the Broadway stage.

When the depression interrupted his engineering studies at Carnegie Tech, he was invited to attend the American Academy of Dramatic Arts on a scholarship. After six months, he wanted to go back to engineering but was persuaded by his acting teacher, the noted Charles Jellinger, to give acting a try. He did. Since then he has appeared with many of the great ladies of stage and screen.

Although grateful for his many awards and nominations, he is most proud of his "Emmy" as "Best Actor" for his dramatic performance in *Twelve Angry Men.*

Aside from his current films of *The Carpetbaggers, Beach Party, What A Way to Go, Promise Her Anything,* and *Stagecoach,* Mr. Cummings may be seen in the soon to be released *The Five Golden Dragons,* recently completed on location in Hong Kong.

He starred on Broadway opposite Ann Sothern in *Faithfully Yours* and *The Wayward Stork.*

On leaving Sullivan, Mr. Cummings will tour with the entire cast for 10 weeks in many of the leading eastern theatres.

PAMELA SHOOP (Doris Owen) has been preparing and training for her first love, the theatre, for many years. She has appeared in many outstanding productions including *Music Man, Amahl and the Night Visitors, Spoon River Anthology* and as Abigail in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible.*

She received rave reviews and outstanding audience response for her performance as Madge in the Little Theatre-On the Square's previous production of *Picnic* opposite Robert Horton.

HOWARD PLATT (Walter Owen) recently appeared with Gig Young in *Nobody Loves An Albatross* and with Don Ameche in *The Pleasure of His Company* at Drury Lane Theatre, and, immediately before coming to Sullivan, he was featured as Alan in *Picnic* starring Ron Ely at Pheasant Run Playhouse.

He received his dramatic training from James R. Downing, formerly of the Actor's Company of Chicago. He has played hundreds of roles in Community and Professional theatres.

His favorite characterization among the many he has done is Abraham Lincoln. He presents a program of Lincolnia and Americana throughout the Chicago area.

EDGAR MEYER (Stan Herman) is rejoining the *Generation* company for his third and final show this season for the Little Theatre-On the Square audiences.

Mr. Meyer enjoys the enviable reputation of the "actor's actor". His versatility was clearly seen as he slipped easily from Paul Delville in *Marriage-Go-Round* opposite Vivian Vance to the very different character of Howard Bevans in *Picnic* which starred Robert Horton.

Just before coming to the Little Theatre-On the Square, he appeared in the Chicago premiere of *Adam and Id* with Dick Kallman and Lyn Bari. Mr. Meyer was last seen on Broadway with Dennis King in *The Greatest Man Alive.* His more recent credits include a 33 week run of *Nobody Loves an Albatross* with Gig Young at the Drury Lane Theatre, *Once More With Feeling* with Cyd Charisse and *Holiday for Lovers* with Pat O'Brien.

ROBERT OSBORNE (Winston Garand) who was featured in *Picnic* last week, gives us a second chance to enjoy his work by recreating his role of the young lawyer which he has played in many theatres throughout the country.

He recently made his motion picture debut in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.* You will also remember him as Gillie in the popular day-time TV serial of *The Young Marrieds.*

His other television appearances include *The Beverly Hillbillies, Alcoa Presents, The Bob Newhart Show, The Untouchables* and *The Desilu Playhouse.* He is one of the original members of the Desilu Theatre, appearing in many of their TV shows. In addition to his talents as an actor and singer, he is the author of *Academy Awards Illustrated* with a foreword written by Bette Davis.

DAVID ROSENBAUM (Ken Powell) has enhanced his original training with Uta Hagen and Herbert Berghof with three seasons of rigorous stock appearances at Cincinnati, Palm Beach and White Sulphur Springs, N. Y. With Geraldine Fitzgerald, he appeared in Saroyan's *The Cave Dwellers* off Broadway and also with Elaine May in *Not Enough Rope.* He has toured with Sam Levene and Menasha Skulnik in *Seidman and Son,* with Skulnik again in *The Zulu and the Zayda* and *Enter Laughing,* and with Molly Picon in *Dear Me, the Sky is Falling.* Last summer he appeared in the distinguished Eugene O'Neill Festival at Waterford, Conn., in a new play, *The Indian Wants the Bronx.* He has also appeared in New York in *Evenings with Chekhov* and in a New Dramatists Committee presentation of *Does a Tiger Wear a Necktie?* in addition to appearing in *Mytarization of Hilda* with Vivica Lindfors.

ROBERT D. SOULE (Production Designer) "debuted" 21 years ago as a scenic designer at the Sombrero Playhouse in Phoenix, where he also designed the past winter season. He earned his diploma at the Pasadena Playhouse. Since then he's been responsible for production designing in most of the major theatres in the United States, including Hawaii.

The past 16 years Mr. Soule has called New York City his home, while designing some 30-odd off-Broadway shows—among them *Suddenly Last Summer, Riverwind, Greenwich Village U.S.A.,* and *Orpheus Descending.* The Radio City Music Hall and the '64 World's Fair *Wonderama* have also felt his creative touch.

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