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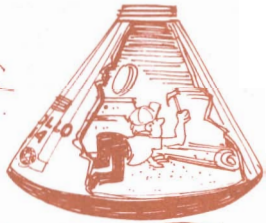

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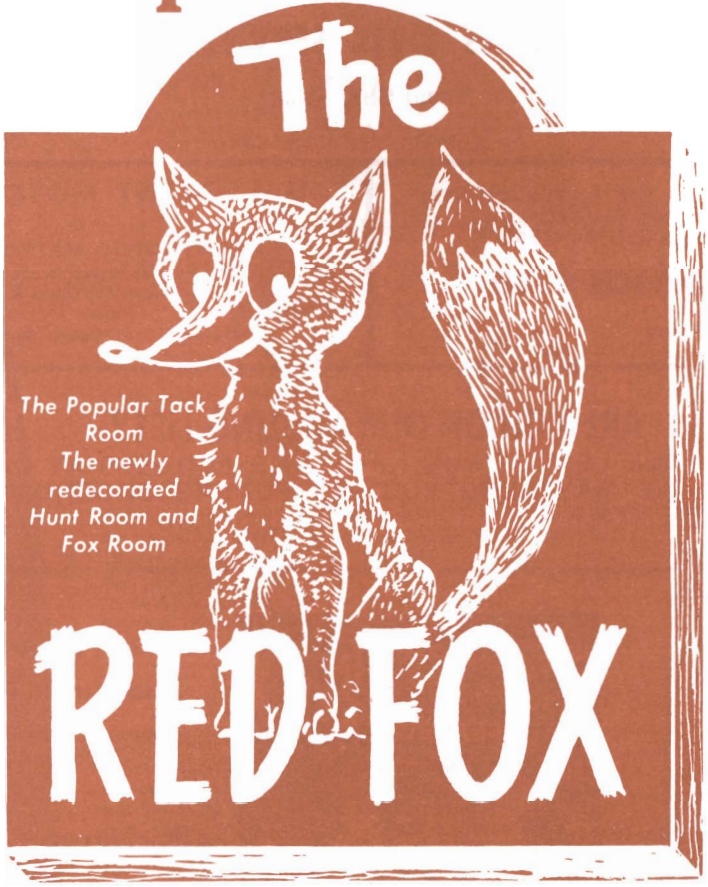

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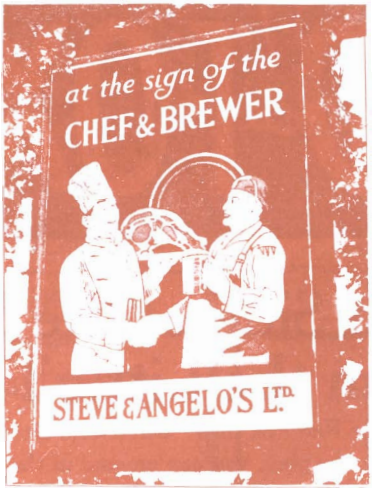

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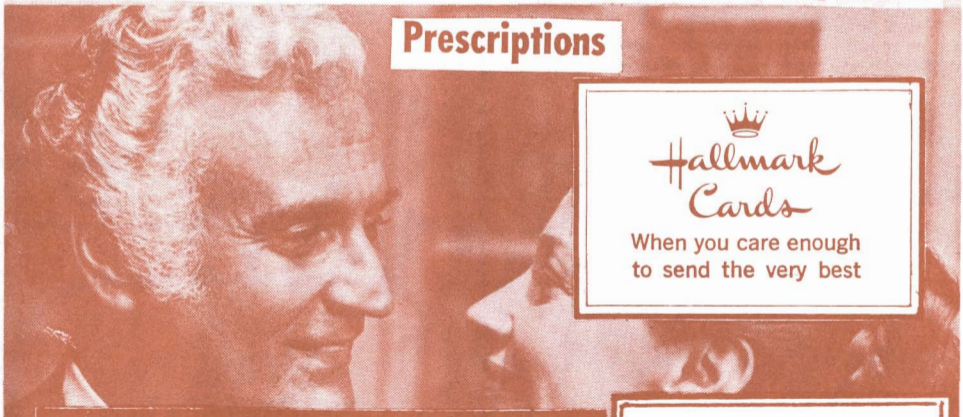

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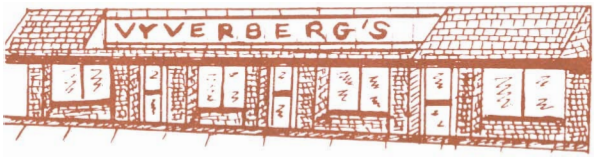

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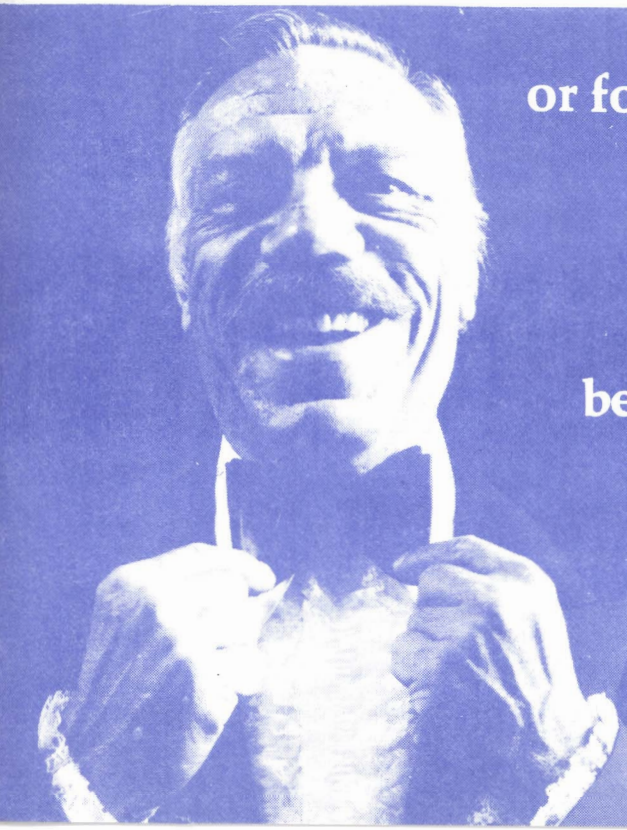

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"Ooh My Feet"	Cleo
"Somebody, Somewhere"	Rosabella
"Most Happy Fella"	Tony and Ensemble
"Standing On The Corner"	Herman, Clem, Jake, Al
"Joey, Joey"	Joe
"Abbondanza"	Pasquale, Giuseppe, Ciccio
"Sposalizio"	Ensemble
"One Bride"	Postman
"Benvenuta"	Pasquale, Giuseppe, Ciccio, Rosabella
"Don't Cry"	Joe

ACT II

"Fresno Beauties"	Male Ensemble
"Love And Kindness"	Doc
"'Appy To Make Your Acquaintance"	Tony, Rosabella
"You Understand"	Marie, Cleo
"Big D"	Herman, Cleo
"How Beautiful The Days"	Tony, Rosabella, Marie, Joe
"Young People Got To Dance"	Marie, Tony Rosabella, Dancers
"Warm All Over"	Rosabella
"I Like Everybody"	Herman, Cleo
"I Love Him"	Rosabella, Cleo
"I Love You"	Rosabella
"My Heart Is So Full Of You"	Tony, Rosabella
Hoe-Down	Rosabella and Dancers
"Mamma, Mamma"	Tony
Reprise: "Abbondanza"	Pasquale, Giuseppe, Ciccio
Reprise: "I Like Everybody"	Herman and Cleo
"Song Of A Summer Night"	Doc and Ensemble
"Please Let Me Tell You"	Rosabella
"Time To Go"	Joe
"Gonna Come Home"	Tony, Marie, Cleo
"I Made A Fist"	Herman, Cleo
Finale	Ensemble

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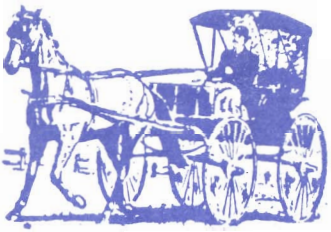

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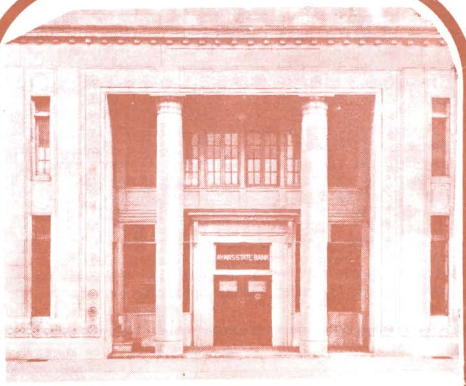

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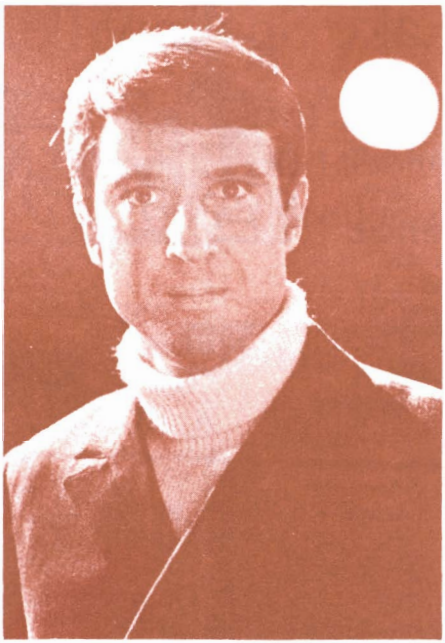

In 1957, a young University of Miami graduate, Guy S. Little, Jr., opened a "live theatre" in his hometown of Sullivan, Illinois with eight weeks of musical productions opening with *Brigadoon*. From a season of eight weeks and a total attendance of 8,000, the young producer's efforts to bring cultural entertainment to central Illinois paid off in 1970 with more than 90,000 persons in attendance in twenty-six weeks.

From the simple reference of Guy Little, Jr's "Summer Of Musicals", The Little Theatre-On The Square and Guy S. Little, Jr., are now acclaimed in numerous newspapers, magazines and other publications as "The Miracle of Sullivan" and the "Miracle Man" and labeling Guy Little, Jr. the "David Merrick of the mid-West".

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. Each season, he offers an Apprenticeship Scholarship Program for 25 to 40 talented students, most of them on the college level with considerable drama, music, dance and technical theatre educational background. The Little Theatre-On The Square is one of the few theatres in the country which offers such an apprenticeship program and affords the apprentices to perform and work with stars.

Guy met his wife, Jerili, while both were attending the University of Miami and they have been married for 17 years and are the parents of Vanessa, aged 15, and Sean, 9. The entire family has taken part in the theatre operation in various ways; Jerili has appeared in more than 60 productions on the Sullivan stage along with other appearances in many mid-West theatres; Vanessa is following the footlight career, holding her Actors' Equity membership for five years now with many acting roles behind her; Sean alternates his interests between theatre, his own puppet shows and an avid curiosity about farming although, he has made several stage appearances, also.

Although Guy is primarily known as a producer, he has never outgrown his habit of pitching in where needed, and little does the audience know that in the eleventh hour on opening nights, he may have been assisting in some technical, costume or administrative duty just moments before curtain time. His rare appearances on stage in mostly small, minor parts are just another aspect of his versatility and diligence—or it might be termed his "do-it-yourself" attitude, in order to get the job done in the best way possible. He has directed, designed, built scenery, taken charge of props, acted as lighting and sound technician along with some major roles on stage. However, most of his time is spent scheduling his long season, negotiating for new musicals and plays and for the outstanding "right stars for the right productions" from Broadway, Hollywood and television. His staff and apprentice company is selected after interviews and auditions in New York, Chicago and Sullivan and he personally casts all the roles in all of his major productions after holding over 400 hundred auditions each year.

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 fourteen 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".

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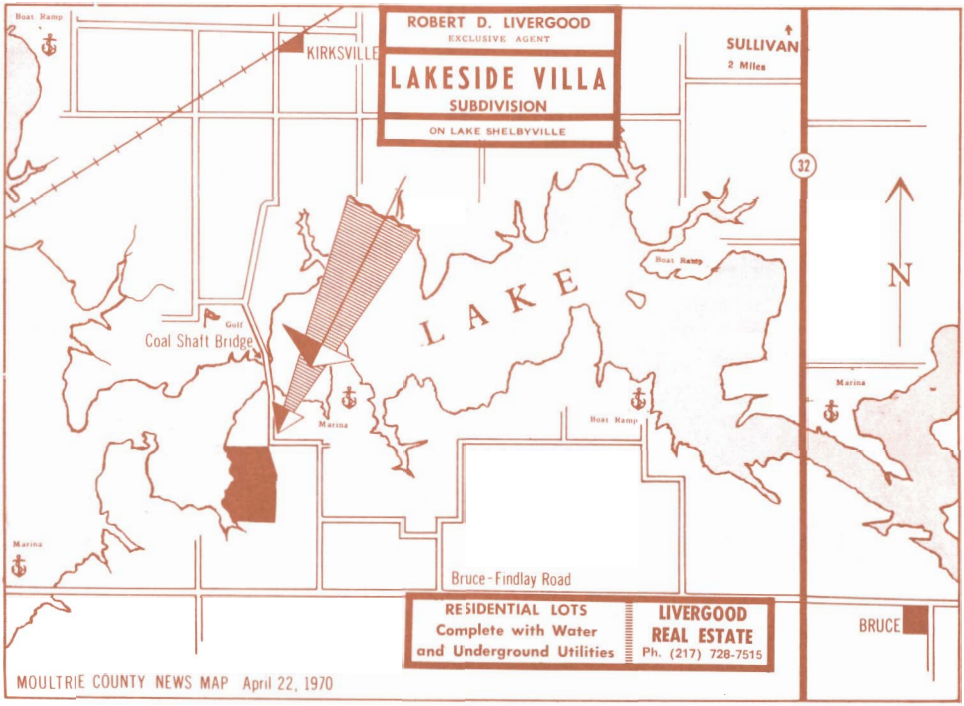

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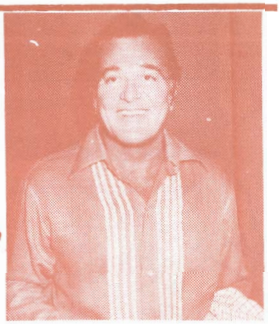

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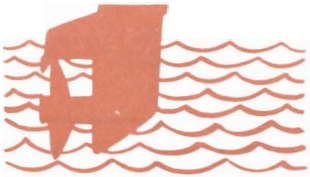

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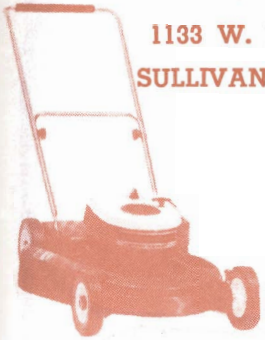

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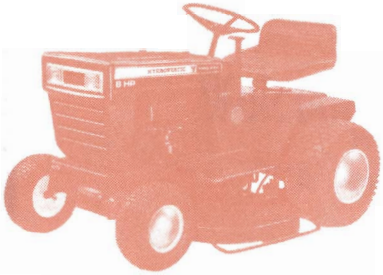

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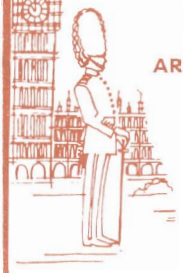

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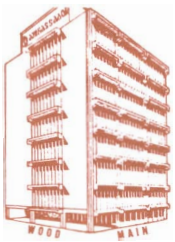

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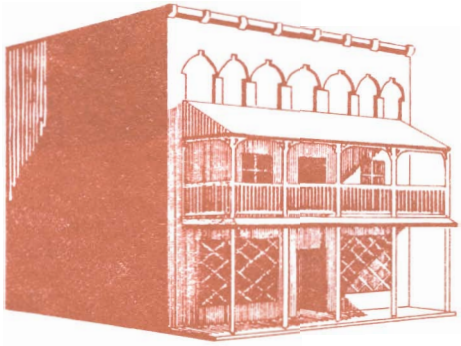

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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

BRUCE YARNELL (Tony) received nightly standing ovations when he appeared last season as Don Quixote in *Man Of La Mancha* at The Little Theatre-On The Square. Mr. Yarnell's six feet five inch frame and rugged good looks, together with a magnificent singing voice and his fine acting, make him one of the most talented and sought-after young stars in both New York and Hollywood. He was an athlete in school, began his singing career with the Roger Wagner Chorale and understudied Robert Goulet as Lancelot in the original *Camelot*, and won the Theatre World Award for the lead role in the Broadway musical, *The Happiest Girl In The World*. Bruce began his three-year contract with NBC-TV by portraying the deputy marshal in *The Outlaw* series and then appeared with Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine in the movie version of *Irma La Douce* as well as guesting on *Bonanza, Hogan's Heroes* and *Wide Country*.

A half dozen years ago he made his first plunge into opera, playing Marcello in *La Boheme* in Seattle. Last season, he was featured in *Billy Budd* at Chicago's Lyric Opera and earlier this year in *Madame Butterfly* at the Philadelphia Grand Opera. He starred opposite Ethel Merman at New York's Lincoln Center's revival of *Annie Get Your Gun* which was so successful that it was moved to the Broadway Theatre for an extended run. At the City Center in New York, Bruce has starred in *Carousel* and after first appearing as Curly in *Oklahoma!* in Sullivan, he was invited by Richard Rodgers to repeat the role at Lincoln Center during the summer of 1969. For many years, a regular favorite at the St. Louis Muni Opera, Bruce starred there in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown, The New Moon, 110 In The Shade* and *Carousel*. Sullivan audiences remember his initial appearance here as Ravenal in *Show Boat* in 1967 in addition to *Oklahoma!* and *Man Of La Mancha*.

JOAN NELSON (Rosabella) was recently seen in New York City as Eileen in *Wonderful Town* opposite Elaine Strich and in the Broadway musicals, *Lovely Ladies, Kind Gentlemen* and *Here's Where I Belong*. After making her professional debut at The Little Theatre-On The Square in *The Sound Of Music* in 1964, Miss Nelson moved on to Repertory Theatre where she was featured as Laura in *The Glass Menagerie* and as Julie in *The Rivals*. Stock appearances have included Sophie in *The Star Spangled Girl*, Marion in *There's A Girl In My Soup*, Toni in *Cactus Flower* and Laurey in *Oklahoma!* Joan toured the Eastern theatres as Magnolia in *Show Boat* and was seen off-Broadway as Lydia Languish in *All In Love*, which was also presented on NBC television. Before returning to Sullivan for the first time since 1964, Joan appeared in Charlton Heston's movie, *Anthony And Cleopatra* which was filmed in Spain this spring.

DAVID DWIGHT (Joe) appeared opposite Eileen Fulton and finally won her heart in last fall's production of *The Star Spangled Girl* at The Little Theatre-On The Square. Mr. Dwight made his Sullivan debut last season in *Little Me* with Harvey Korman and remained to play opposite Meredith MacRae in *Cabaret* and in *Man Of La Mancha* as The Innkeeper. David has been the announcer-host for his own radio show, *Music In The Morning* and appeared as Emile DeBeque in *South Pacific* at Chicago's In The Round Dinner Theatre. At Eastern theatre, he has sung leading roles in *Brigadoon, The Fantasticks, Three Penny Opera, Damn Yankees* and *Celebration* and has been featured in productions of *The Lady's Not For Burning* and *The Zoo Story*. David will remain in Sullivan to appear as Perchik in *Fiddler On The Roof*.

FLOYD KING (Herman) made an enormous hit with audiences and critics alike when he made his Sullivan debut as Cornelius in *Hello, Dolly!* earlier this season. After graduating from the University of Texas, Floyd performed at the Alley Theatre in Houston and later joined the National companies of *Half A Sixpence* with Tony Tanner and *Walking Happy* with Norman Wisdom. Mr. King has appeared off-Broadway in productions of *Tom Jones, The Beggar's Opera* and *Lady Windemere's Fan* and his many television guest appearances include *N.Y.P.D.* and *The Edge Of Night*. Before coming to Sullivan, Floyd was featured as Chuckles, the Chipmunk in *A Thousand Clowns* with Peter Breck at the Tampa Show Boat Theatre.

CONNIE SHAFER (Cleo) made her initial mark with Sullivan audiences as Harvey Korman's 'Boom-Boom' girl in last season's *Little Me*. After graduation from Butler University with a major in Dance and Theatre Arts, Miss Shafer studied dance in New York. At the Allentown Summer Theatre she was seen as Panacea in *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, Rose in *George M!* and Sister Berthe in *The Sound Of Music;* at the Rochester Music Theatre, Connie was featured as Calamity in *Calamity Jane*, Mitzi in *Fiorello* and Muriel in *On A Clear Day You Can See Forever*. After appearing in Sullivan this past season in *Cabaret, Mame, Man Of La Mancha* and *Brigadoon*, she was seen with Arlene Francis in *Pal Joey* in Palm Beach, Florida.

RENEE ROGOFF (Marie) charmed Sullivan audiences as Mrs. Molloy when she sang "Ribbons Down My Back" in *Hello, Dolly!* Last season she appeared at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago in *You Can't Take It With You* as the drunken actress and in the midwest premiere production of Edward Albee's *Everything In The Garden*. With the Pittsburgh Opera Company, Miss Rogoff was featured in *Cavelleria Rusticana* and *Carmen*. Renee has acted and sung in a great variety of other plays and musicals in New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago including *Kismet, The Sound Of Music, The King And I, Kiss Me, Kate, South Pacific, Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Two For The Seesaw, Othello* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Immediately before coming to Sullivan, she was featured in the JEFF Award-winning production of *Man Of La Mancha* at Chicago's Candlelight Playhouse.

DAVID WILLIAMS (The Doctor) appeared on Broadway with Gwen Verdon and Richard Kiley in *Redhead* and with The NBC-TV Opera in eight productions. In addition, Mr. Williams has been featured with the New York City Opera, Linz Opera in Austria, Kaisers Lautern in Germany and the Staatsoper in Munich. His stock roles have included Charlie in *Brigadoon*, Sid El Kar in *The Desert Song*, Alfredo in *Roselinda* and Ladislaw in *Roberta* at Lambertville Music Circus, Hyannis, St. Louis Muni Opera, Westport and for the Kenley Players in Ohio. Mr. Williams has sung with the N.Y. Philharmonic and NBC Symphony and is currently on the faculty at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas.

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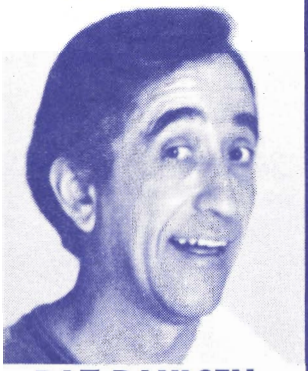

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