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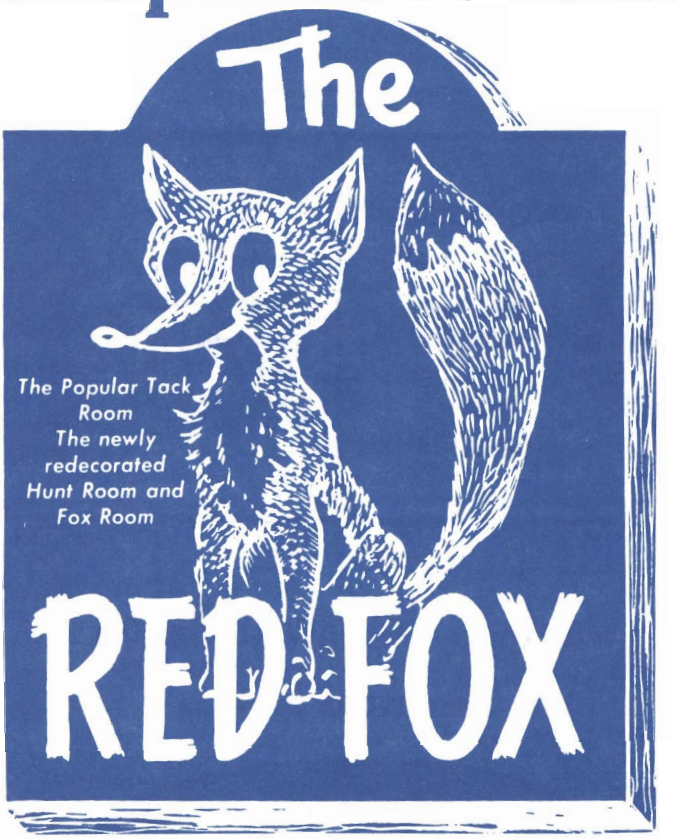

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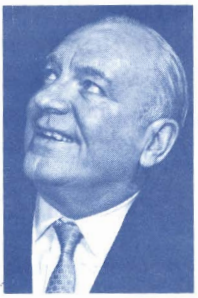

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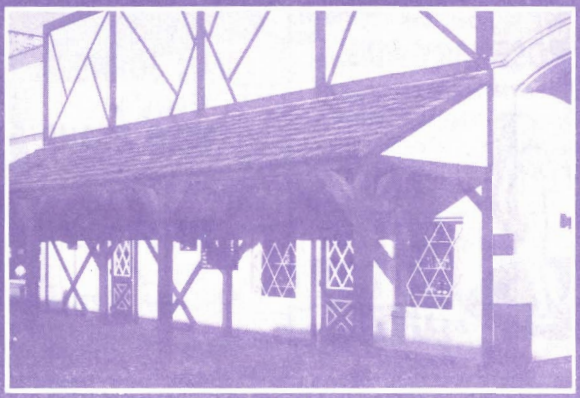

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About the Director . . .

STUART BISHOP as a Director-Designer, has served in many theatrical areas including summer stock, college, community theatre and off-Broadway. In New York he directed the production of "The Candy Apple", "My Dear Miss Trilby" and co-authored and was assistant director of "She Shall Have Music" and "Sweet Miani". In previous seasons he has been associated with the New London Players in New Hampshire, Meadowbrook, Melody Top and the Chateau DeVille Dinner Theatres. Mr. Bishop is a Resident Director in his seventh year at Milwaukee's Melody Top Theatre and comes to The Little Theatre -On The Square after directing all of the musical productions there this season. His first engagement in Sullivan was as Director for "There's A Girl In My Soup" with Van Johnson last season. After leaving Sullivan, Mr. Bishop will direct the National Tour of "Kiss Me Kate" with John Raitt.

About the Costume Designer . . .

MATHEW JOHN HOFFMAN III has held the position of Resident Designer of Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater, Michigan and designed for Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College, Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven, Connecticut, Gateway Playhouse and Red Barn Theatre in Bellport, Long Island, State University College, Geneseo and Suffolk Community College. His long list of credits include many Shakespearean productions and productions of "The Women", "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof", "Three Penny Opera", "Guys And Dolls", "Camelot", "South Pacific", "Showboat", "Carousel", "The Student Prince", "The King And I", "Annie Get Your Gun", "George M!", "Gypsy" and "Can-Can". Mr. Hoffman is an adept dancer, actor and set designer in addition to his talents as a Costume Designer.

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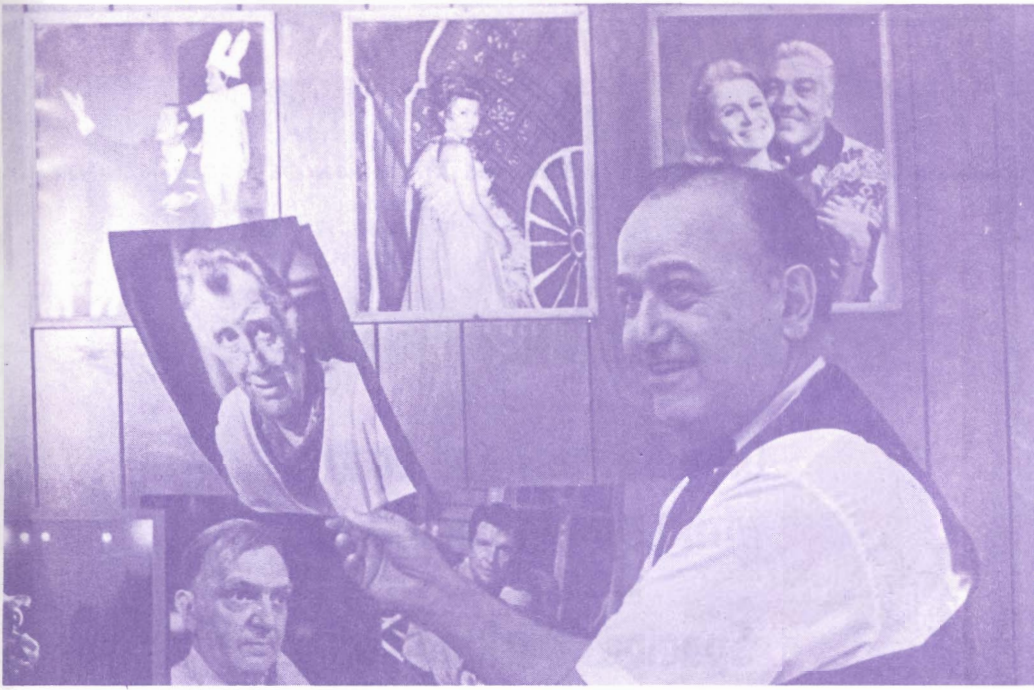

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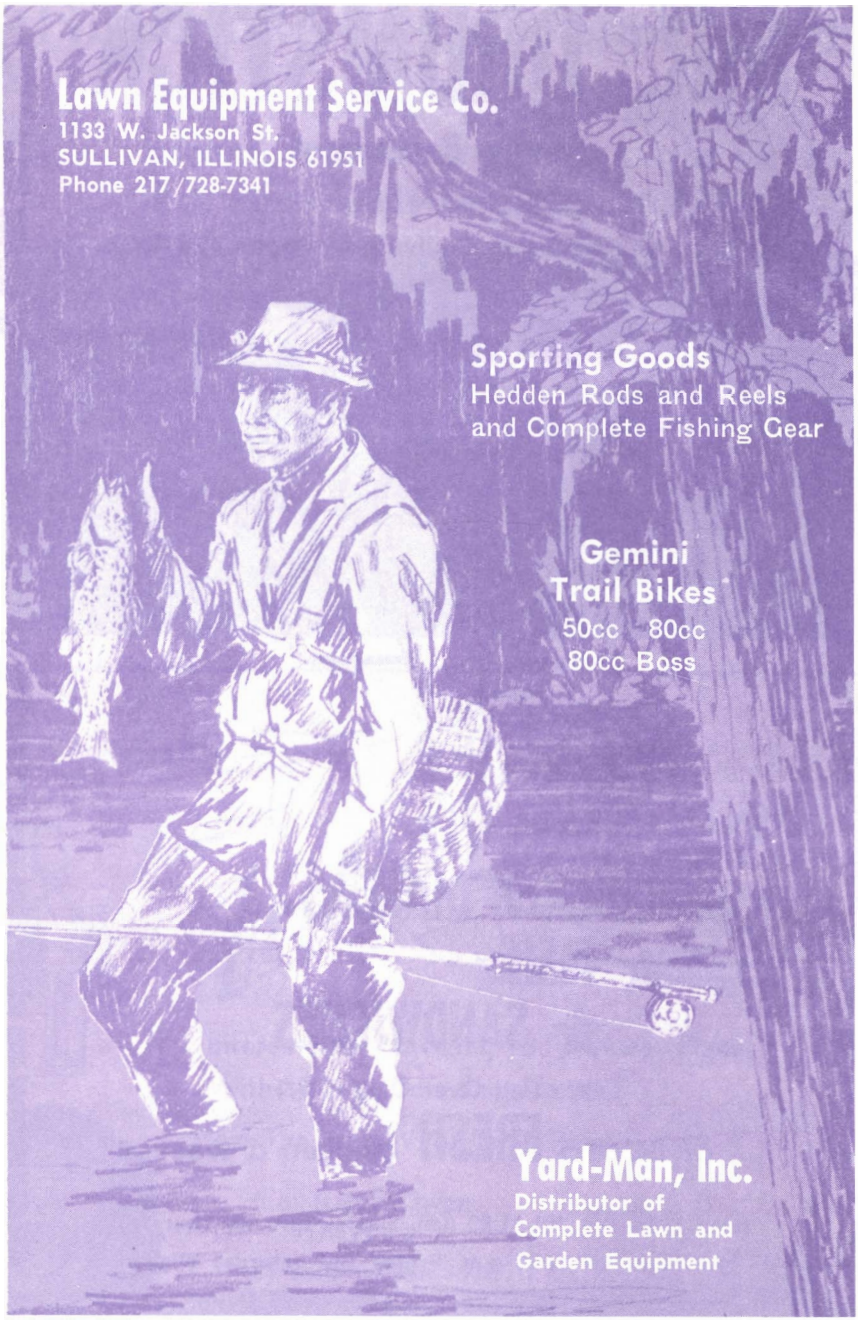
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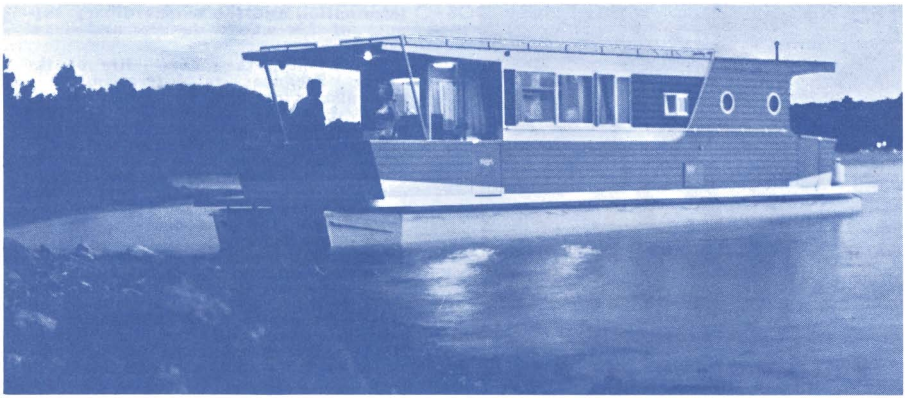

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Education is an important factor in pursuing a career in theatre, according to Guy Little, Jr., whether it is to finalize in being a producer, actor or technical artist and he has dedicated his life to the continuous study of all phases of theatre. After graduation from the University of Miami where he met his wife, Jerili, and three seasons of doing the "dirty work" of being an apprentice in Eastern stock theatres, he returned to the mid-west to scout for a location to open a musical theatre. Buffeted by skeptics in larger area cities, he finally settled for leasing the old Grand Movie house in Sullivan for his first attempt at bringing professional stock theatre to central Illinois. It proved to be a wise decision since sixteen years later, The Little Theatre-On The Square is a reflection of one man's dream and determination and the extraordinary support of his entire family and loyal theatre patrons.

The "behind-the-scenes" life of the young producer is interesting and exemplary for the twenty to thirty talented young apprentices accepted each season for professional training in all phases of theatre. He assists in areas which need a helping hand in any and all departments and if audiences could see his actions before, during and after some of the performances, they might see him working at his desk a few moments before a performance, greeting patrons as the doors are opened, taking orders on the box office phones, sewing the last minute touches on a costume, putting on make-up for a walk-on part in the show and many other countless small and large details. He is a perfectionist and employs only the most outstanding production staff from hundreds of interviews in New York, Chicago and applications throughout the country. Over four hundred auditions for performing talent are held each year and only the most talented performers are selected for appearances on the Sullivan stage.

Guy's wife, Jerili, his daughter, Vanessa, and son, Sean, are all talented in the performing arts and have appeared in numerous productions throughout the years. Jerili is acclaimed in other leading theatres as well as in Sullivan for over sixty leading roles in plays and musical productions.

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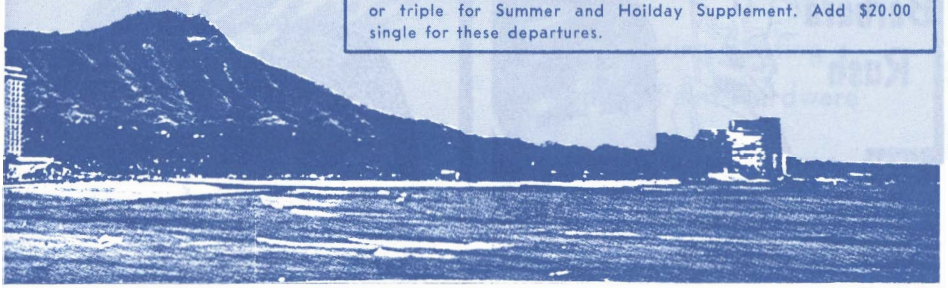

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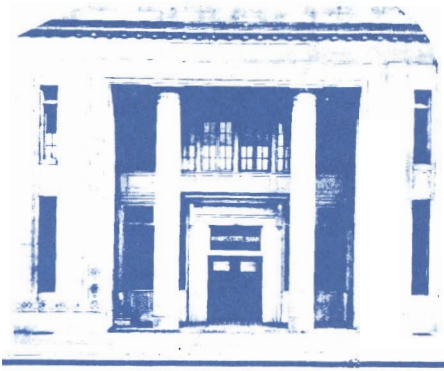

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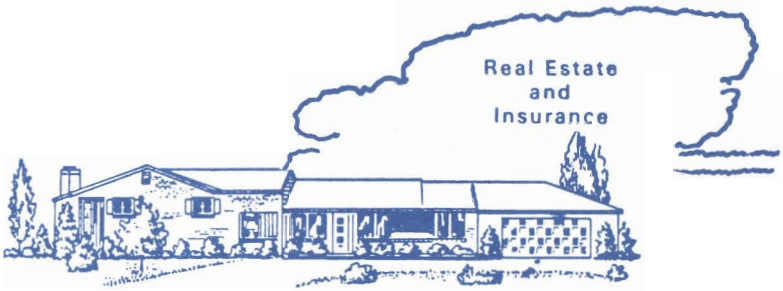

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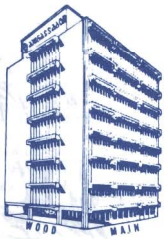

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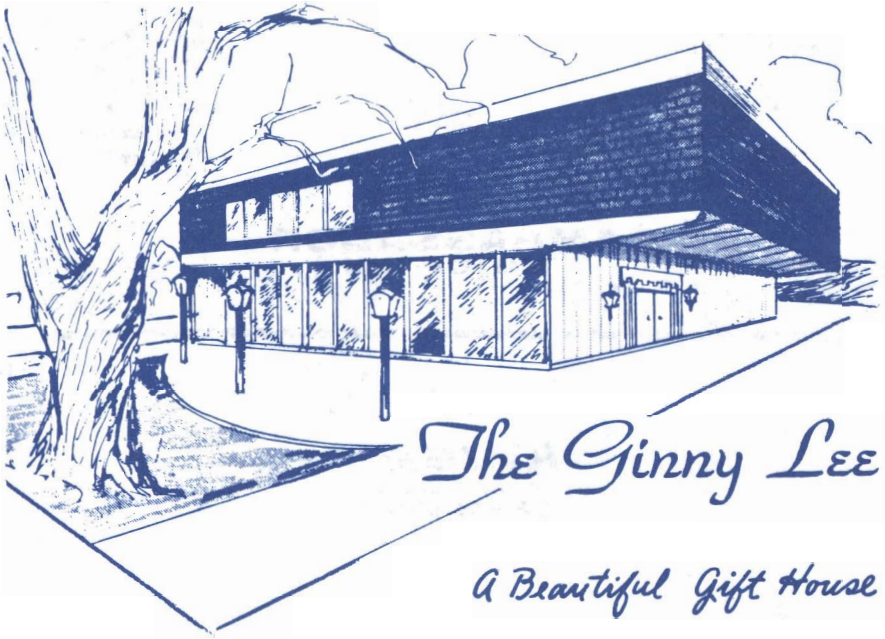

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Who's Who in the Cast . . .

HELEN WAGNER (Eleanor, Henry's wife) is known to her CBS TV fans as Nancy Hughes on the ever-popular *As The World Turns* series, but she is known to her personal friends as a charming, attractive lady with a warm, spontaneous smile and a wonderful sense of humor.

A native of Lubbock, Texas, Miss Wagner was inspired to a career in theatre by hearing an aunt sing on the old Redpath-Horner Chautauqua Circuit and shortly after graduation from high school, gave a recital at which she played the organ, piano, violin and sang, "like the old vaudevillian who changed hats for every entrance." Her aunt's influence had taken hold!

Miss Wagner studied at Illinois' Monmouth College, earning degrees in dramatics and music and after graduation, headed for New York to continue her voice and piano training, finding experience and enjoyment as a soloist in various churches.

The St. Louis Municipal Opera Company gave her her first important singing job and later, she won a part in the Oscar Hammerstein-Sigmund Romberg production of *Sunny River*, playing the only non-singing role because she could act. Following came a part in *Oklahoma!* and a tour with the Theatre Guild Shakespearean Company, Broadway and off-Broadway appearances, Gilbert and Sullivan tours in mezzo-soprano roles, hospital benefits and even a Christmas-season job selling dolls at Macy's!

Turning to modeling on television, she broke into the medium by modeling wristwatches and within a short time, moved to dramatic parts on many of the top programs. She made the pilot film for *As The World Turns* and has been with the series from the beginning — seventeen years.

Miss Wagner is married to producer Robert Willey and they live in the country near New York City. She laughingly reveals that they may have to move out in order to make room for her husband's collection of standard gauge trains, if he collects many more.

DONALD MAY (Henry II, King of England), who is well-known for his role as Adam Drake on CBS' television series, *The Edge Of Night*, makes his debut at The Little Theatre-On The Square. A native Chicagoan, Mr. May, with his parents, lived in Chicago until he was 9, Houston, Texas until 14, Cleveland until he was a sophomore in college and then in Oklahoma City.

Starting out with a pre-med course at Western Reserve University, he later switched to a fine arts and drama major at the University of Oklahoma. After graduating, he went to New York where he made U. S. Army Signal Corps films and did some off-Broadway acting. After a year of study at the Yale School of Drama, he joined the Navy for service in the Korean War and achieved the rank of lieutenant while serving as a gunnery officer on a destroyer. After service, he returned to New York where he subsequently appeared on television in *Studio One, Kraft Theatre* and *Philco Playhouse*, hosted the *West Point* series and appeared in summer stock productions. Some of his tours include *The Warm Peninsula* with Julie Harris and *The Caine Mutiny* with William Bendix.

Under contract with Warner Brothers, Mr. May starred in two television series, *The Roaring Twenties* and *Colt .45* as well as in feature films for Warners and Disney. In his role as Adam Drake, he joined *The Edge Of Night* CBS series in 1967 and has become one of the most popular daytime stars in the medium.

Mr. May is married to actress Ellen Cameron and they live on Long Island with their two sons, Christopher and Douglas. When not busy with TV duties, he pursues his hobbies, golf and sailing.

FLOYD KING (Geoffrey, The Middle Son) has made an enormous hit with Sullivan audiences and critics alike in last season's roles as Cornelius in *Hello, Dolly!*, Motel in *Fiddler On The Roof*, Herman in *The Most Happy Fella*, Marryin' Sam in *Li'l Abner* and again this season in *1776* as Richard Henry Lee, Monsignor Ryan in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, as Billy Crocker in *Anything Goes* with Frank Sutton, Motel in *Fiddler On The Roof*, Mr. Dobitch in *Promises, Promises* and Harry in *Company*. Mr. King has toured in the national companies of *Half A Sixpence* and *Walking Happy*, and is a familiar figure in off-Broadway productions, major TV shows and stock theatres. Just before returning to Sullivan this year, he appeared in *Norman, Is That You?* in Louisville, *Tom Jones* in Cincinnati and has made numerous TV commercials.

ALLAN CARLSEN (Philip, King of France) made his Sullivan debut in *Paris Is Out!* with Pat O'Brien and later was seen as Jean-Pierre in *13 Rue de L'Amour* and as Thomas Jefferson in *1776 with Bill Hayes*, as Perchik in *Fiddler On The Roof*, Sheldrake in *Promises, Promises* and Peter in *Company*. A member of Chicago's Goodman Theatre, he was featured in *The Royal Family, The Importance Of Being Ernest, Assassination, 1865* and *The Ruling Class*. At Ravinia Festival, he was seen as Jake Clatt in George Keathley's production of *Look Homeward, Angel*.

THOMAS H. LONG, JR. (Richard Lionheart, The Oldest Son) makes his first appearance at The Little Theatre-On The Square although he is well-known at Chicago's Drury Lane, Goodman and Candlelight theatres, in such productions as *The Pleasure Of His Company, Lion In Winter, Send Me No Flowers, Philadelphia Story, The National Health, The Odyssey Of Madeline Gimple, Anne Of The Thousand Days* and *Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew*. Mr. Long was cast consistently while attending Wilson College in Shakespearean roles as Gremio in *Taming Of The Shrew*, Brutus in *Julius Ceasar*, MacBeth in *Macbeth* and Richard III in *Richard III*.

Mr. Long has performed with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in *The Pleasure Of His Company* with the Kenley Players in Ohio, Elitch Gardens in Colorado, Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine, Playhouse In The Park in Pennsylvania and the Beverly, Hyannis and Cohasset theatres in Massachusetts. Shortly before coming to Sullivan Mr. Long was a member of the resident company of the Peninsula Players in Fish Creek, Wisconsin and played the Vagabond in *The Tavern*, Jack Chesney in *Charley's Aunt* and Sergeant Match in *What The Butler Saw*.

KATHY TAYLOR (Alais, A French Princess) has been one of the most popular ingenues at The Little Theatre-On The Square during the current season after making her debut as Mrs. Adams in *Forty Carats* with June Lockhart. She has been featured as Arlene Kander in *Paris Is Out!* with Pat O'Brien, Hope in *Anything Goes* with Frank Sutton, Hodel in *Fiddler On The Roof* with Shelley Berman, Peggy Olson in *Promises, Promises* with Peter Palmer and as April in *Company*.

Miss Taylor is a native of Denver, Colorado and was educated at the University of Northern Colorado, where she appeared in numerous roles, including Aldonzo in *Man Of La Mancha, Lysistrata* and *West Side Story*.

J. P. DOUGHERTY (John, the Youngest Son) first was seen at The Little Theatre-On The Square at the age of twelve when he played the part of the Artful Dodger in *Oliver!* with John Carradine in 1966. Since that time, he has returned to appear in the Sullivan productions of *Hello, Dolly!* with Virginia Mayo, *Little Me* with Harvey Korman, *Man Of La Mancha* with Bruce Yarnell, *Cabaret* with Meredith MacRae, *Fiddler On The Roof* with Shelley Berman and many Children's Theatre productions. In his home town of Lincoln, Illinois, Mr. Dougherty has been a favorite performer in educational and community productions, recently playing the title role in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. He is currently in his sophomore year at Southern Illinois University, majoring in Theatre.

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