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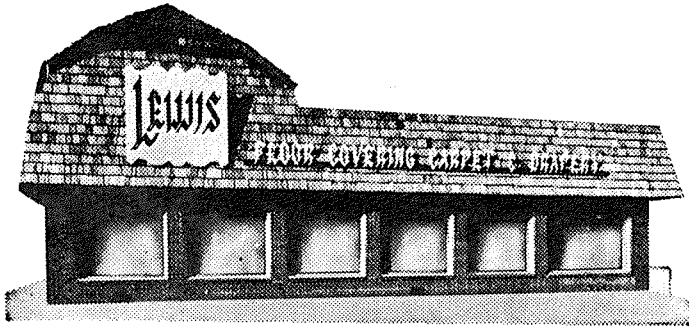
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**for the remainder of the season . . . .**

Theatre 7 will present a full compliment of comedy entertainment for the Decatur community.

In the planning stage is another of our minor productions, tentatively scheduled for January, in between our major efforts. We expect to put on one of our highly popular "mellerdrammers" with hissing and booing and cheering and lots of laughs in store for the audience. Also under consideration is a cabaret musical production and an evening of one-act avant-garde drama.

On January 11th and 12th, we will be conducting auditions for "A Visit To A Small Planet," a comedy by Gore Vidal. This will be our second major production of the season and will be given here at Eisenhower High School Auditorium on February 17th, 18th, and 19th.

In the Spring, we will present our third musical and the final show of the season, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "enchanted evening" entitled "South Pacific." Again we plan to employ a professional director for this production in order to bring the highest caliber of musical entertainment to our Decatur audiences. A great deal of talent and help will be needed for this show and we invite singers, dancers, and workers in the community to join us and get in on the fun and applause.

In addition to the above plans, Theatre 7 will continue to present various one-act plays, lectures, and demonstrations for clubs and organizations through-out the season. We also conduct workshops for both members and interested non-members in the many phases of theatrical activity.

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### about our director . . . .

COLEEN HARMAN is making her debut tonight as a director of a major production for Theatre 7. Last season, she was the director of the highly successful Chancel Drama "Boy With A Cart" by Christopher Fry. Coleen has had a great deal of acting experience both in Decatur and elsewhere. She was a member of the Decatur Little Theatre of previous years and played with the Pandora Players, where she appeared as Stella in "A Streetcar Named Desire." She played at the Fort Knox Little Theatre in "Harvey" and "The Royal Family" and played the heroine, Madge, in "Picnic." For Theatre 7 she played the female lead of Maggie in "The Man Who Came To Dinner." She won Jay-Jay awards two years in a row for her roles in the mellerdrammers "Dirty Work At The Crossroads" and "Lily, The Felon's Daughter." This past summer, Coleen played the part of Rose, the young heroine, in the mellerdrammer "Deadwood Dick." She is one of the regular backstage workers on sets for every show and last year served as Secretary and executive board member for Theatre 7. A native of Decatur and the mother of two daughters, Coleen is employed at Illinois Power Company.

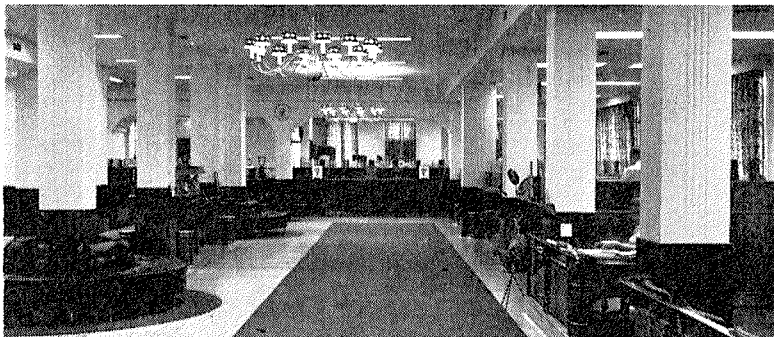
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#### who's who in the cast . . . .

ORV GRAHAM is perhaps best known in the Decatur area as the Orv Graham of WSOY radio. Theatre 7 knows him as our current president and as the director of "Born Yesterday" and the mellerdrammer "Dirty Work At The Crossroads." Tonight he is known to you as ALAN BAKER. Orv has appeared at Millikin in "Romeo and Juliet," "The Miracle Worker," and the musical "The Song of Norway." This past September he played in "Never Too Late" with Andy Devine at The Little Theatre in Sullivan. He appears as emcee for various clubs and events throughout the area.

BIL LARRICK, whom you will see tonight as BUDDY BAKER, has been busy both backstage and "on the boards" for Theatre 7 during the two years he has been a member of the group. He played Gremio in "Kiss Me, Kate," Benny Southstreet in "Guys and Dolls," Dudley Bostwick in "The Time Of Your Life," and the villian, Craven Sinclair, in "Lily, The Felon's Daughter." He also has appeared in our USO shows, once playing Santa Claus for the airmen at Chanute Field. Bil is a native of Decatur, studied as an Art Major in college, and is employed by Firestone.

SHEILA MYERS appears as the excitable MRS. BAKER. She made her debut with Theatre 7 in "The Man Who Came To Dinner." Since then, she has appeared in the mellerdrammer "Dirty Work At The Crossroads" and in "Born Yesterday" last season. She has done USO and Variety Shows for the group. Sheila has a Music Education degree from Oberlin College and is presently teaching music part time at Washington School. She is married to a chemical engineer and the mother of three children.

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by

Neil Simon

## CAST

(in order of appearance)

Alan Baker .....	Orv Graham
Peggy Evans .....	Van Watkins
Buddy Baker .....	Bil Larrick
Mr. Baker .....	Jack Gogek
Connie Dayton .....	Donna Graham
Mrs. Baker .....	Sheila Meyers
A Visitor .....	Georgia Spelvin

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The Time: The present.

Act I

Six o'clock in the evening, early fall.

Act II

Immediately after.

Act III

Late afternoon. Three weeks later.

There will be two ten minute intermissions.

This play is produced by Theatre 7 through special arrangement with Samuel French.

## PRODUCTION CREWS

General Production Chairman ..... Dorothy Cargill

Producer ..... Ron McGregor

Assistant Director and Stage Manager ..... Bob Ruski

House Manager ..... Rowena Woodard

Ticket Chairman ..... Pat Garver

**Props:** Ruth Saddler, Chairman; Sue Donovan, Robbie McCollister, Pat Garver, Francy Melnik.

**Costumes:** Ginny Hurd and Jackie Gover, Co-Chairmen; Bev Klaven, Karen Longbons, Dave Hutton, Chuck Landram, Mary Balamos, Mary Doty, Dee Midden, Charlene Ely, Florence Ray.

**Make-Up:** Eileen Ruski, Chairman; Bil Larrick, Bob Ruski.

**Lighting:** Ken Robertson, Chairman; Paul Samuels, Jim Ehrhart, Gary Zinn, John Gilbert.

**Sound:** Jim Ehrhart and Jim Weilepp, Co-Chairmen.

**Set Construction and Stage Crew:** Charoline Robb and Marjorie Sangster, Co-Chairmen; Dave Hutton, Bill Noble, Bob Augspurger, Chuck Landram, Ron McGregor, Jack Robb, Bob Ruski, J. B. Weilepp, John Blodgett, Bob Doty, John Dickey, Jack Woodard, John Gilbert, Bob Bauer, Ruby Longbons, Jane Christman, Bette Brinkoetter, Ann Swearingen, Florence Ray, Betty Gogek, Judy Hennigs, Connie Dickey, Becky Woodard, Donna Graham, Phyllis Miles, Ann Midden, Dee Midden, Ann Condon, Karen Longbons, Mary Bauer, Nancy Mendenhall, Lisa Young, Jon Elliott, Neal Elliott, Jean Elliott.

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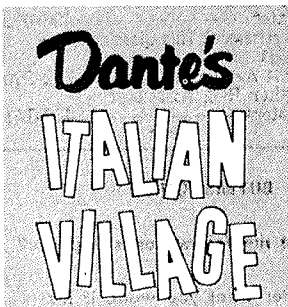
### who's who in the cast . . . .

JACK GOG EK, who portrays MR. BAKER, is no stranger to Theatre 7's audiences. He has appeared in five out of our seven previous productions, including our initial effort, "Light Up The Sky" and last Spring's "Kiss Me, Kate." He won Theatre 7's Jay-Jay award for Best Actor two years in a row for his acting in "Guys And Dolls" as Nathan Detroit and as Harry Brock in "Born Yesterday." Jack appeared in "The Man Who Came To Dinner" as Banjo and in our USO shows. Jack is Vice-President of the group and his wife, Betty, is active backstage on all our shows. They have two boys and a girl.

DONNA GRAHAM plays the part of CONNIE in tonight's production. Besides being the wife of our president, she is also our membership chairman. She appeared as the Poor Wretch in our first mellerdrammer, "No Mother To Guide Her." (Her husband played The Hero in that show.) She had the role of the manicurist in "Born Yesterday" last Fall. Donna is active in the backstage work that Theatre 7 offers their members. She began her Community Theatre work in Indianapolis, Indiana and Hillsdale, Michigan.

VAN WATKINS is making her Theatre 7 debut tonight as PEGGY. A native of Casey, Illinois, Van is a newcomer to Decatur, having spent this past year working in Los Angeles as a long distance telephone operator while studying part-time at U.C.L.A. She worked on her B.S. degree at Eastern Illinois University where she was a Theatre Arts major. While there, she appeared as Stella in "A Streetcar Named Desire" and in "Take Her, She's Mine" as Molly.

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In the spring, Theatre 7 honors those members who distinguish themselves through their acting efforts and their contributions of service. At our Awards Dinner, held last June, at the end of the 1965-66 season, the following were honored for having done a superlative job:

Jack Gogek, Best Actor, major production—"Born Yesterday."

Bev Klaven, Best Actress, major production—"Born Yesterday."

Paul Swearingen, Best Supporting Actor—"The Time of Your Life."

Bev Klaven, Best Supporting Actress—"Kiss Me, Kate."

Dick Harris, Best Actor, minor production — "Lily, The Felon's Daughter."

Coleen Harman, Best Actress, minor production—"Lily, The Felon's Daughter."

The Theatre 7 Awards of Special Merit are the highest honors we can bestow. The citation reads, "in recognition of extraordinary contribution toward furthering the ideals of Theatre 7, the executive board warmly acknowledges your unselfish contribution of time, energy and devotion you have so conscientiously given." The 1965-66 season Award of Special Merit winners were: Ralph Donovan, Pat Garver, Charoline Robb, Ken Robertson, Marjorie Sangster, Tom Snyder, and Jean Waldera.

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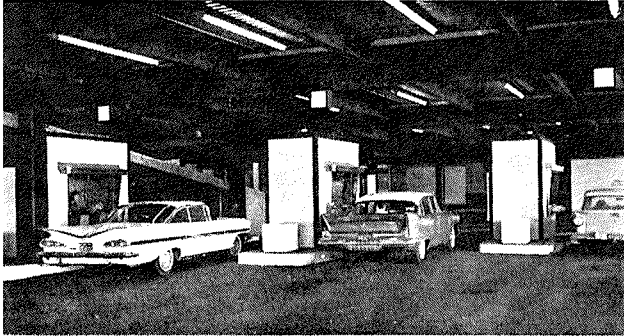
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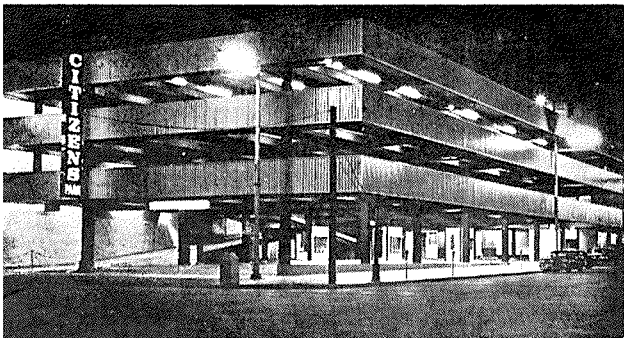
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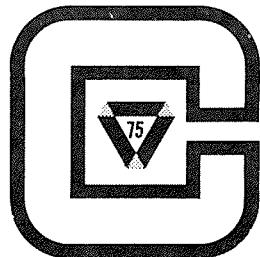


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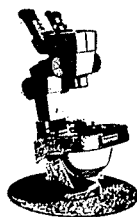


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