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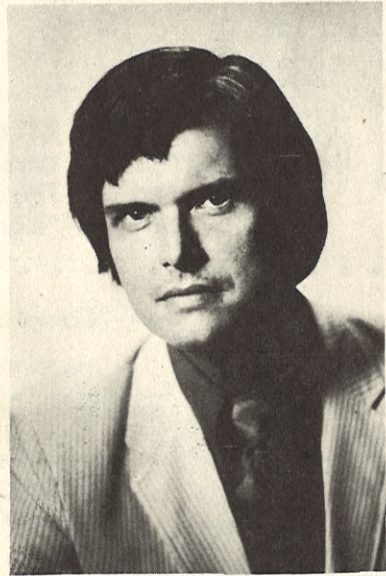
## ABOUT OUR RESIDENT DIRECTOR

Robert W. Thompson's background includes twenty-five years of theatre. Born into a theatrical family, Mr. Thompson received many years of early training. Later, as a professional entertainer, he performed in vaudeville, burlesque, the orpheum circuit, night clubs, assembly halls, barns and straw hat circuits across the nation.

He attended the University of Texas where he received both Bachelor and Master of Fine Arts degrees. He also studied at the New York Conservatory of Dance and Mime and the Frei Conservatory in Berlin.

For the past decade Mr. Thompson has taught, directed, designed and lectured at various universities and amateur groups. He has written numerous articles encouraging the establishment of more amateur participation in the theatre. He feels that community theatre has tremendous potential as a creative outlet for both its participants and audiences. "The enthusiasm of community adults and young people giving of their talents to create living theatre is, in my opinion, a process more exciting than almost any other theatrical arrangement."

Bob's wife, Anne, Shares his love of the theatre, being talented in her own right, both on stage and back stage. They have three children and live in Home Park.



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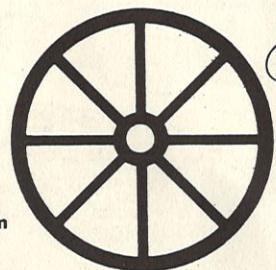


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At our gala awards banquet in June, "Jay-Jays" were presented for the '72-'73 Season:

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| Best Actress . . . . .                 | Barb Keagle, Sound of Music                                       |
| Best Actor . . . . .                   | Jim Kleckner, Dark of the Moon                                    |
| Best Supporting Actress . . . . .      | Joan Koleff<br>Diary of Anne Frank                                |
| Best Supporting Actor . . . . .        | Sue Morton, Sound of Music  |
| Best Actress in a Minor Role . . . . . | Don Morton, Sound of Music<br>June Berry<br>Diary of Anne Frank   |
| Best Actor in a Minor Role. . . . .    | Hank Haynes<br>Dark of the Moon                                   |
| Cameo Performance . . . . .            | Diana Boron<br>Dark of the Moon                                   |
| Cameo Performance . . . . .            | Mark Sorensen<br>Sound of Music                                   |
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## *Cast*

(in order of appearance)

Don Baker . . . . . Myke Wilkinson

Jill Tanner . . . . . Diana Boron

Mrs. Baker . . . . . Dorothy Cargill

Ralph Austin . . . . . Bob Muschal

## *Synopsis of Scenes*

The entire action takes place in

Don Baker's apartment on East 11th Street

in New York.

### *Act One*

A Morning in June

### *Act Two*

*Scene 1:* A moment later

*Scene 2:* That night



## *Production Staff*

Director . . . . .	Robert W. Thompson
Producers . . . . .	June Berry & Bob Muschal
Stage Manager . . . . .	Sue Morton
Set Design & Decoration . . . . .	Joan Koleff
Set Construction . . . . .	Don Morton, Sue Morton, Bob Muschal, June Berry, Eric Morton, Steve Morton, Al and Joan Koleff
Sound . . . . .	Judy Mathieson
Costumes . . . . .	Ada Mae Choate
Props . . . . .	Sue Morton, Greg Hjort
Make-up . . . . .	Robert W. Thompson
Lighting . . . . .	Tom Grabowski
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# On Stage Tonight...

Although new to Theatre 7 audiences, MYKE WILKINSON has some 30 plays to his credit, including Man of La Mancha; Promises, Promises; Skin of Our Teeth and his favorite, the role of Richard the Lion Hearted in Lion in Winter.

A native of Peoria, Myke is a Senior at Millikin University who will receive his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in June. He worked in Millikin's Summer Showcase Theatre for the past two seasons, last year as one of the paid performers; and he has directed several university productions. Myke plans a career in the theatre, either acting or directing.

DIANA BORON has been involved in theatre since her Belleville high school days when she appeared in Merry Wives of Windsor and Carousel. A Millikin graduate who is a medical technologist at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Diana joined T7 in 1972 when she was cast as Hermia in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Since then she has appeared in Night Must Fall, Barefoot in the Park and Dark of the Moon, for which she won a Jay-Jay.

Her most recent endeavor was co-producing Fiddler on the Roof. However, although she finds the production aspect of theatre satisfying, Diana's first love will always be acting.

DOROTHY CARGILL is a charter member of T7 and served as secretary for two years. She has appeared in numerous plays which include Crucible, Arsenic and Old Lace and, most recently, the Community College production Inherit The Wind. Her backstage talents are varied, and as most T7 members she has "done" props, make-up and costumes for many, many shows. Dorothy is married, has 4 children and 2 grandchildren; and she teaches at Warrensburg-Latham Elementary School.

One of T7's busiest people, BOB MUSCHAL first appeared in Night Must Fall in spring of 1972. Then followed the role of Velasco in Barefoot in the Park, a supporting role in Dark of the Moon and, most recently, the priest in Don't Drink the Water. Bob also has many backstage talents, and last year produced our first Dinner/Theatre, Diary of Anne Frank. Bob is an auditor for Continental Insurance Co.

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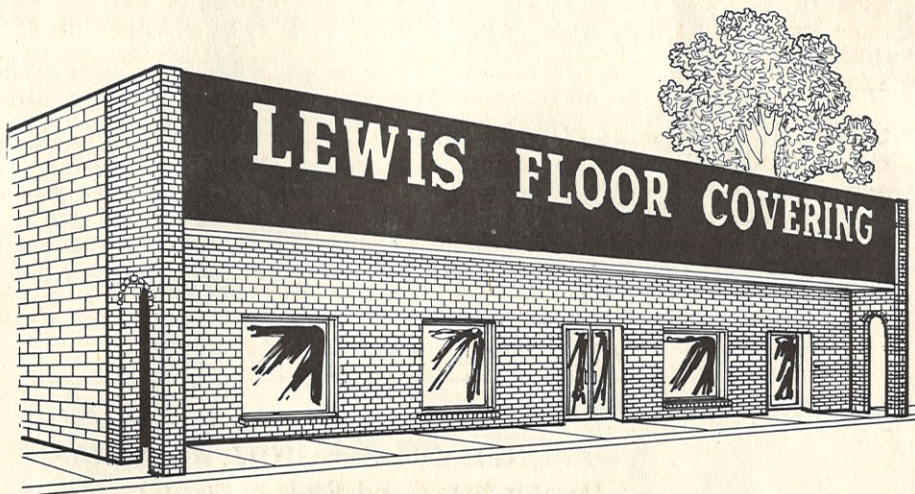
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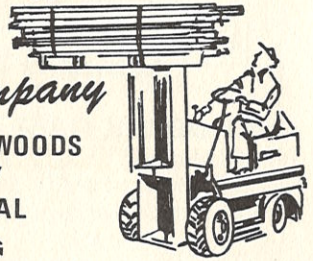


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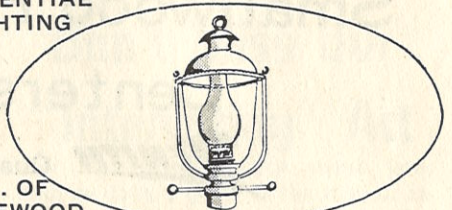
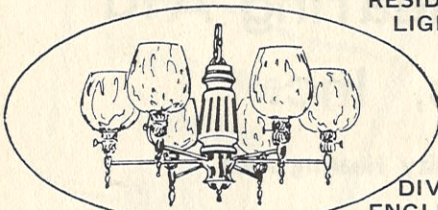
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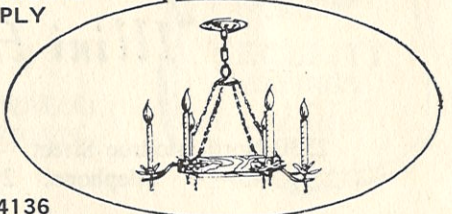
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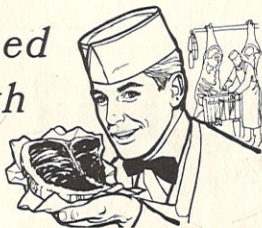
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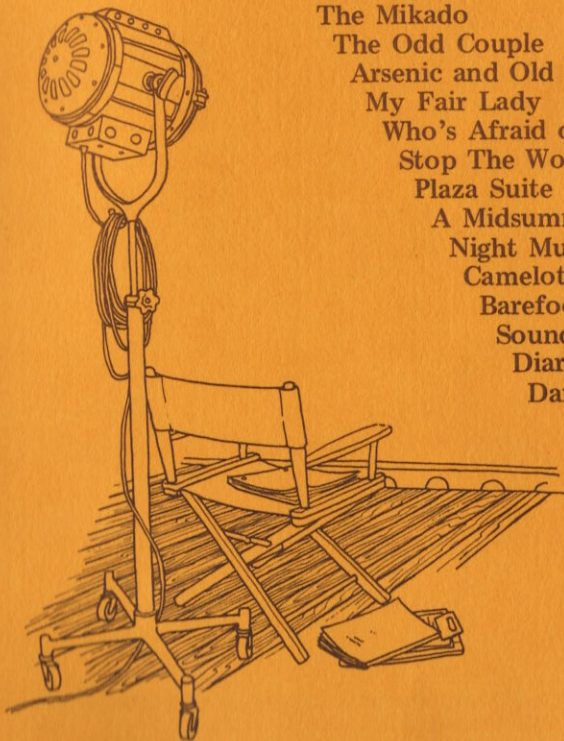
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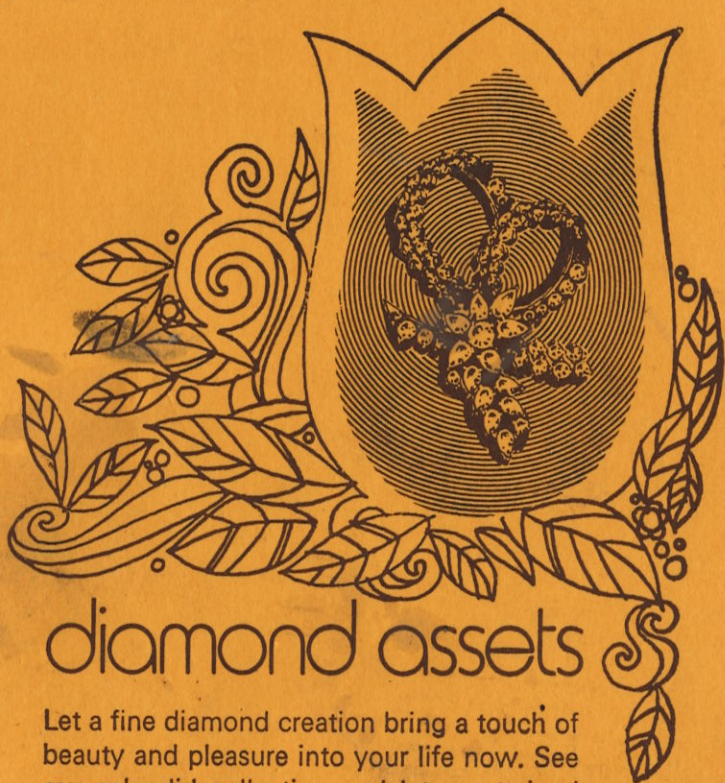
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