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Brian Skoog has worked on the set construction of "Send Me No Flowers" and designed the program covers for the past five Red Mask plays and a children's theatre. Last season, Brian and his wife, Susan were in charge of programs. Brian is a Danville teacher and owner of BES Designs, a shop dealing in handcrafted accessories and antiques.

Director

We are very proud and happy to have as our director Mrs. Tom Lewis. Jean is most qualified for her position, having majored in speech and drama at MacMurray University and the University of Illinois. She has taken an active role in civic affairs for many years. She has been on the Board of Directors of the Childrens Home for nine years and is currently on the Board of the YWCA. She is the mother of two girls, Molly, who is attending the University of Illinois and Mrs. Vinson Reynolds who is teaching at Danville High School. Jean has directed our Children's Play for the past nine years. She directed last year's Spring play "Barefoot In The Park." We want to publicly thank Mr. Tom Lewis for sharing his lovely, patient, Jean with us.

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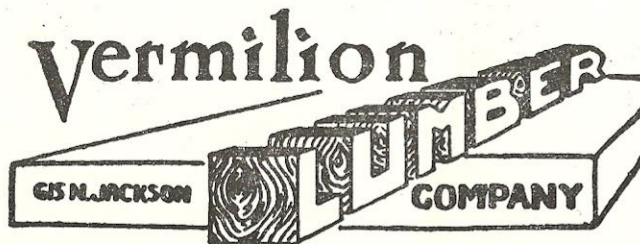
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BOB WRIGHT as Tobias is participating in his 13th Red Mask play. He started back in 1940 at the YWCA as Tallant in *The Late Christopher Bean* . . . A past president, Bob instituted the custom of the Kathryn Randolph Awards—and won a “Katy” himself in the 1957-58 season for *Affairs of State*, repeating in *Never Too Late* nine years later.

ALICE KIRBY (Claire) — brings her delightful Southern charm to the Red Mask Stage tonight. This gracious lady is a veteran of The Red Mask Theatre having appeared in *The Heiress*, *Lo and Behold*, *The Happiest Millionaire*, *The Third Best Sport*, and *Holiday For Lovers*. She has also served on various casting and play selection committees.

JUNE GARD (Edna) — This is June's first appearance in a Red Mask production. She is the wife of Lynn and the mother of Lynda, 16. She has worked in the office of Holmes Brothers for the past 21 years. She is a past President of the Danville Humane Society, presently as Treasurer.

HARRY COX (Harry) — the second cast member making his theatrical debut on the stage tonight. Harry is the father of a sixth grader, as well as two college students attending the University of Cincinnati. He is a distributor of automotive parts. An active member of St. James Methodist Church, Harry is currently serving on the Official Board.

ELIZABETH MILLER (Julia) — No newcomer to the Stage, having appeared in *The Happiest Millionaire*, *Black Chiffon*, *The Mouse Trap*, and *Send Me No Flowers*. She is the speech correctionist for the Northern Vermilion Special Education Co-operative. A past President of Red Mask Women's Guild, she served as Treasurer of the Board last year. Liz has done backstage work and served on many committees.

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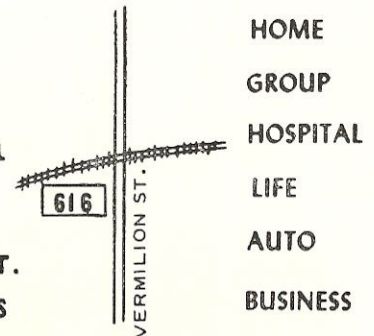


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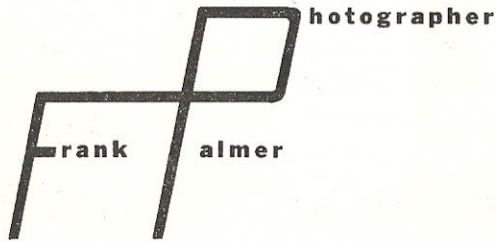
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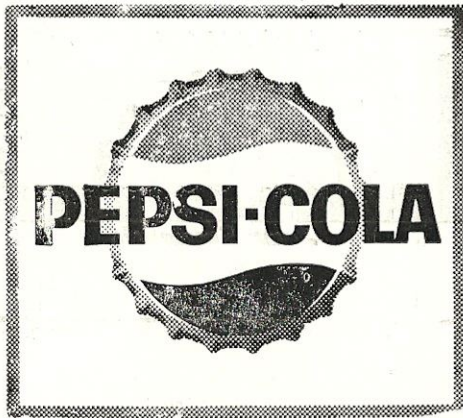
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A very special salute goes to the members who have been willing to help on the membership teams. Many of these people have spent hours of their time contacting prospective members. Since they do this (some year after year) without receiving any recognition, we would like to pay tribute to those who put forth special efforts in our membership campaign this year.

One such person is the winner of our membership contest, Norma Day. She surely must have set a new record when she sold 298 memberships. Another is Bob Wright, who placed second in the contest. Bob has helped in membership campaigns for a number of years and is always one of the top sellers.

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