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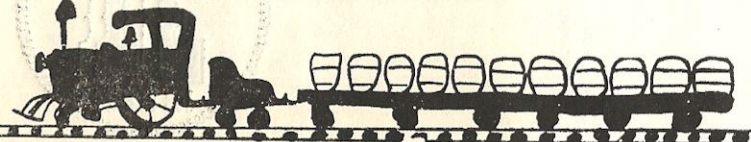
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Neil Simon has provided us with a good piece of theatrical literature and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this small but talented cast.

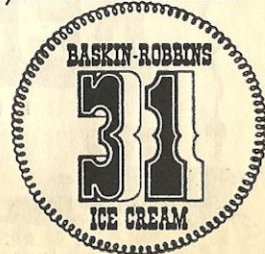
All of us who worked on the play have felt that there is a lot more to it than just a slick comedy with a lot of laughs. I am grateful to each member of the cast for their efforts at "getting into" their characters in the depth that they have.

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Our Director . . .

Dr. Robert Canetta is Chief of the Audiology Speech Pathology service at the Danville Veterans Administration Hospital. He has a B.A. degree in Theater Arts from Colorado State University. He has appeared in several Red Mask plays including *A Thousand Clowns*, *Curious Savage*, and others.

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Cyndy Williams has appeared in Red Mask's *Forty Carats* and *A Thousand Clowns*. She has also performed elsewhere in productions including *Miser* and *You Can't Take It With You*. Off-stage she has worked in lighting, properties, and costumes with Milikin Summer Showcase and Eastern Illinois University. Cyndy is employed at Time-O-Matic.



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Wayne Sherman performed in *A Thousand Clowns* as well as working backstage for that production. He also worked backstage for the play *Curious Savage*. He has appeared in several hit plays including *Teahouse of the August Moon* and *Shootout at Noon*.

His wife, Chrystal, has appeared on the Red Mask stage in many of the childrens plays. They have a twenty-one month old son named Billy.

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ACT 3

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Max Sperling (Barney)

Max is a newcomer to the Red Mask stage. This is his debut on stage.

Max is a past president of the Rotary Club and has been very active with United Fund and is on the Y.M.C.A. board. He enjoys gardening, bowling, and golf. He graduated from Danville High School and majored in the College of Commerce at the University of Illinois.

Max was a wholesaler in Danville for many years and is now associated with Mervis Industries.

Both he and his wife, Selma, are natives of Danville. They have two sons, Allen and Jeffrey.

Dorthea Perry (Irene)

Dorthea has performed in many Red Mask plays. She received the Katy award for best performance in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and won merit awards in *Catch Me If You Can* and *Any Wednesday*. Her latest Red Mask play was *Everyone Loves Opal*.

Dorthea is a real estate broker and is currently running for County Recorder of Deeds. Her husband, Lloyd, is a school teacher at East Park Junior High School and her daughter, Diane, is a third year medical student.

Dorthea has been in Red Mask since 1948. She is a member of the Danville Light Opera and also sings professionally.



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Liz Miller (Jeanette)

Liz has appeared in a number of Red Mask productions including *The Happiest Millionaire*, *Black Chiffon*, *Mousetrap*, *Delicate Balance*, *Send Me No Flowers*, *Cactus Flower*, and *Blithe Spirit*. Also she has directed the Red Mask productions of *Monique* and *Curious Savage*. She has won merit awards for *Send Me No Flowers* and *Cactus Flower*. She is a past president as well as a current member of the Red Mask board of directors.

Liz is a speech therapist for schools in Bismarck, Henning, Potomac, and Armstrong. She received her B.A. in general speech and dramatics and her B.S. in speech therapy. Her hobbies include reading and traveling. Her husband "Tex" is a guidance counselor at Danville High School. She has two children, Matt, a junior at D.H.S., and Marti, an eighth grader at North Ridge Junior High School.

Cyd Pacot (Bobbi)

Cyd has appeared in many plays such as *The King and I*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Odd Couple*, *Sunday In New York*, and *Funny Girl*.

Cyd is a Graduate of Danville High School and has attended Danville Junior College. She is now working as a chiropractor's assistant.

Her mother, Barbara Vinson, has performed with Red Mask and won a Katy for the play *Any Wednesday*. Her brother, Bruce Pacot, is studying dance with Merce Cunningham in N.Y.C.

Cyd enjoys writing poetry and has a great interest in music. Also she is currently studying voice with Le Roy Hamp in Champaign and piano with Mrs. Porietis of Danville.

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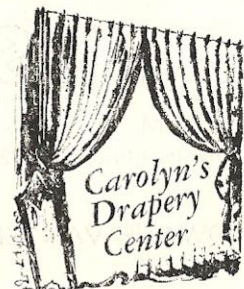
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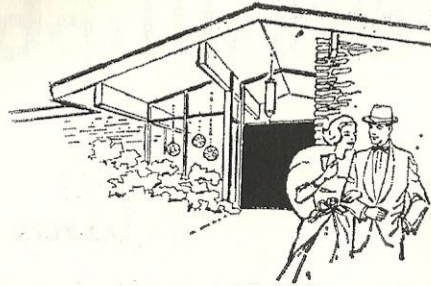
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Letter From the President . . .

It is time to turn up the bright lights, as you are ushered into the Kathryn Randolph Theatre for the start of a new season.

This season, you will see three good productions that, we think, will entertain you and get your minds off this hurried, scurried life we live in.

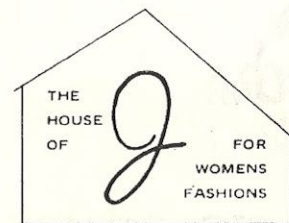
Each opening night reminds me of the radio productions, some years back, called *First Nighter*, in the little theatre off Times Square. I even recall the sponsor . . . Campana's Italian Balm. Well, back to our opening show.

We present to you, a delightful group of four people. Three of them you know as very talented people. The fourth is a newcomer, who I think will surprise a lot of people with his ability. We hope to have Max around for a long time.

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