-: Patrons (continued) :-

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Meyer Dr. O. J. Michael Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Miller Matt Miller Marti Miller Mary Miller Mr. and Mrs. James Miller Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller Gertrude Milaskey Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan Virgie Musk Priscilla Neeley Lawrence Newtson Rick Newtson Ometa O'Connell Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Palfi E. Robert Pape, III Nina Payne Mr. and Mrs. David Porter Mr. and Mrs. Tony Potter Mrs. Kasey Povelones Mr. and Mrs. William Prast Mrs. Dean Quin Mr. and Mrs. John Raftery Jan Randall Dr. and Mrs. Alden Rarick Mr. and Mrs. Ray Redenbaugh Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rew Wilma Rich Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robbins Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rogers Florence Roos Beatrice Rose Mr. and Mrs. Fred Royalty Virginia Royalty Frances Ruda Judy Rudnicke Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rush Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sanders Mr. and Mrs. George Satterwhite Mr. and Mrs. William Satterwhite Jerry Savesky Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schatz Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Schoon

Dr. and Mrs. William Shaffer Patricia Shedlock Sheraton Inn Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Sherer Mr. and Mrs. John Slezak Mr. and Mrs. Marden Smith B. J. Smith Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith Mr. and Mrs. Win Smith Mr. and Mrs. Gene Songer Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spain Max Sperling Marie Spiering Mr. and Mrs. David Stein Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart Florence Strawser Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stultz Mr. and Mrs. Gene Surina Mr. and Mrs. David Swartz Dr. and Mrs. Robert Talty Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Timmons Mr. and Mrs. Neil Von Lanken Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vinson Mrs. Elton Wagner Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wagner Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace Robert Warbritton Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ward Frances Watkins Betty Watson Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver Mr. and Mrs. Merle Weaver Jack Wilkinson Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson Dorothy Wilson Mr. and Mrs. Dink Wise Judge and Mrs. Henry Wise Helen Wolff Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright Mr. and Mrs. James Yeazel Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young Mr. and Mrs. Julian Yudin

"The Best Man" . . . wants for his favorite lady, ~ beautiful flowering and foliage plants from

DANVILLE GARDENS 1307 Cleary

1 free foliage plant to each man who brings this ad to Danville Gardens.

The Kathryn Randolph Theatre

presents

Red Mask Players

in



Produced by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

February 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18

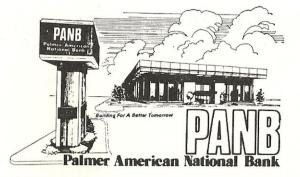
-: Patron Sponsors :-

Bud Electronic Supply Co. Danville Gardens Mr. and Mrs. Doug Herr McMullen Travel Agency Mervis Industries Dr. and Mrs. S. K. Neeley Palmer-American National Bank Second National Bank Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shafer Steel Craft Products Tru-Flex Metal Hose Co. Tridan Tool & Machine

-: Sponsors :-

Alexander's Sporting Goods Autotron Inc. **Bank of Danville Barkman Chevrolet Sales** Mr. & Mrs. James D. Beebe **Butler the Florist** C & V Erectors Castle Business Equipment Co. Allen Cooke Danville Electric Supply Danville Floral Co. **Danville Wholesale Paper Depke Welding Supplies** Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dougherty East Lake Veterinary Hospital First National Bank of Danville Fleming-Weller, Inc. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gentry Golden Oil Co. Greene, Lowenstein & Hren **Gulick Pharmacies Harding Pharmacies** Henning Machine & Die Works Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hesser

Hour Glass Restaurant Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hussman **David Isaacson Real Estate** Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMurray Man, Inc. Marsters Sign Co. **Meis Department Store** Mr. and Mrs. James A. Miller Goodloe E. Moore, Inc. Mr. and Mrs. William Payne O. D. Pepple **Gary Resh** Zola Russell Shick Supply & Equipment Co. 610 Tap **Bill Smith's Auto Parts Stover Engineers** Tee Pak, Inc. D. W. Tyler Company **Don Williams Travel Agency Radio Station WITY** Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Vogel Wolford Insurance Agency



THE BEST MAN . . .

a political drama by Gore Vidal

directed by Bob Canetta

William Russell, the ex-Secretary of State, is a wit and scholar with liberal principles. Joseph Cantwell is a ruthless and hard-driving young man, a dirty fighter who will let no scruples stand in the way of his ambitions. And Arthur Hockstader is an ex-President who loves politics for their own sake, and is determined to have the final say in the selection of his party's candidate. The final outcome makes *The Best Man* a fascinating play which comes shockingly close to many of the political truths with which we have recently been dealing.



PEPSI COLA BOTTLING COMPANY 211 S. BOWMAN AVE.

SPRITZ JEWELERS

DIAMONDS WATCHES GIFTWARE

51 ON THE MALL

442-1500

DANVILLE

THE BEST MAN

(Synopis of Scenes)

Place: A presidential Convention in New York *Time:* Summer, July, 1976

ACT ONE

- Scene 1: An American hotel suite.
- Scene 2: Senator Joseph Cantwell's suite. The same evening.
- Scene 3: William Russell's suite. The next afternoon.

ACT TWO

- Scene 1: Cantwell suite. A few minutes later.
- Scene 2: Russell suite. A few minutes later.
- Scene 3: Cantwell suite. A few minutes later.
- Scene 4: Russell suite. The next afternoon.

* * *

There will be a 15-minute intermission following ACT I. At this time restrooms and refreshments are provided at the lower level of the theatre. We request that refreshments be confined to the lower level and that there be *NO SMOKING* IN ANY AREA OF THE BUILDING. Thank you.



BLACK'S HARDWARE

620 N. Gilbert

442-9300

HARDWARE, HOUSEWARES SPORTING GOODS TOYS AND GIFTS HOBBIES — FREE CITY DELIVERY —

Backstage and Behind The Scenes

Director Bob Canetta
Producer Sara Jo Ward
Stage Manager Alfreda Klingensmith
Set Construction Dwight Sherer Bob Canetta
Properties
Lights and Sound Ed Grove
Stage Furnishings Aggie Christman
Make Up Susie Brooks Nancy Van Soest



lt's the real thing. Coke.

DANVILLE COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY

Our Director . . .

BOB CANETTA

This is Bob's third time at directing plays, the first was Red Mask's production, *Last of The Red Hot Lovers*, and second in Danville Light Opera's, *Take Me Along*. Bob has had many Red Mask roles, a few to mention are in *A Thousand Clowns*, *The Curious Savage*, *Everybody Loves Opal*, and *Wait Until Dark*. He has also appeared in major roles in *Seascape*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *The Gingerbread Lady* at Urbana's Station Theatre. Bob figures he has acted in about fifty plays in the past, he has a degree in Theatre from Colorado State College. Bob is Chief of Audiology and in the Speech Pathology Service at Veterans Hospital.

Our Stage Manager . . .

ALFREDA KLINGENSMITH

Alfreda is working as our Stage Manager for the second time this season, Janus, the first, and now The Best Man. Last season, Alfreda had three roles in three of four productions — the nurse in The Sunshine Boys, the intellectual girl in Play It Again, Sam, and Nanny in The Effect of Gamma Rays On Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds. She also worked back stage on last year's play, Ten Little Indians and this summer she was the Stage Manager for Sunshine's II Ltd.'s, Come Blow Your Horn. Alfreda has lived in Danville the past seven years and works in the Danville District 118 schools as a general music teacher.

Giftwares — Stationery — Greeting Cards — Lamps School Supplies — Office Supplies — Books Games — Art Materials

Since

Woodbury

- 125 VERMILION AT THE FOUNTAIN, ON THE PARK MALL -

Phone 446-9158

GENERAL APPLIANCE CO.

Admiral Gibson



Fedders Kitchen Aid

"See The Experts"

ARCHIE WALKER

153 ON THE MALL

JACK WALKER

Cast of Characters

(In Order of Appearance)

Dick Jenson
First Reporter
William Russell George Mahan
Second Reporter Deb Kotcher
Third Reporter Bob Tolliver
Alice Russell Sara Jo Ward
Mrs. Gamadge Anita Winstead
Arthur Hockstader Max Sperling
Mabel Cantwell Socedia (Deesha) Davis
Bill Blades Bob Knapp
Joseph Cantwell Jim Wingo
Senator Carlin David Van Soest
Dr. Artinian Charles Beadles
Sheldon Marcus B. J. Smith



FULL LINE OF MATERIALS YOUR ONE STOP BUILDING MATERIALS & LUMBER YARD.

Electric Supplies
Hardware

Paint
Kitchen Cabinets

446-6120

508 W. WILLIAMS

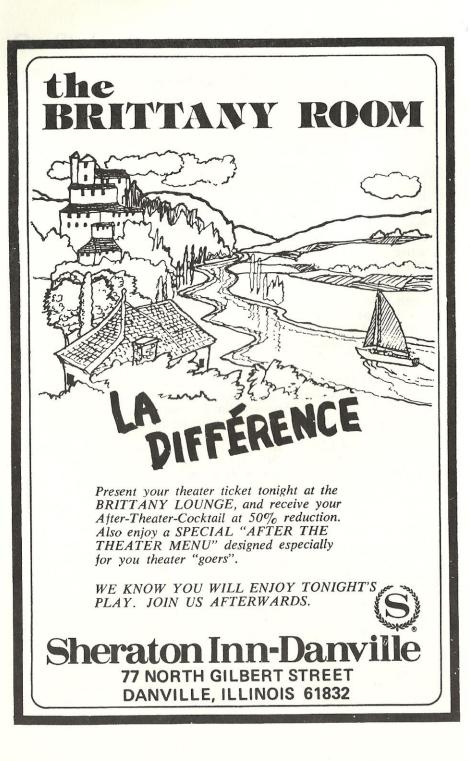
DANVILLE

On Stage Tonight . . .

- BILL EVERTS (Dick Jenson) Back once again from his most recent appearance as Denny in the fall production of *Janus*, Bill portrays a very different character in this vehicle. He has been long associated with Red Mask and Light Opera. Bill works for a local newspaper. Bill and his wife, Mollie, have a daughter and are momentarily expecting another child.
- KEVIN J. McDOUGAL (First Reporter) This is Kevin's third appearance in a Red Mask play. Last season he was in *Ten Little Indians*, after making his debut the previous season in *Reserve Two for Murder*. Kevin is a member of the Thespian Society. Employed in Danville, Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bolden.
- GEORGE MAHAN (William Russell) George appeared last season as Roger, the butler in *Ten Little Indians* and has worked on the stage crew in other Red Mask plays. He has had roles at Danville Light Opera, one being in their production of *My Fair Lady*. Living in Danville since 1974, George works as a Project Analyst in Data Processing.
- DEB KOTCHER (Second Reporter) A native of Westville, Debbie is a sophomore at Danville Junior College, hoping in the near future to be a gym teacher. This is Deb's second appearance at Red Mask, her first as the gym teacher in *The Impossible Years*. She has proven to be a dependable stage crew member in other plays at Red Mask.
- BOB TOLLIVER (Third Reporter) Bob appeared most recently in *The Impossible Years*, for which he won a Katy Award. Being active in Red Mask for several years, he is now serving as Vice President. Bob lives in Danville with his wife, Debbie, and two sons, Craig and Marc, all of whom are active in Red Mask, Danville Light Opera and school productions.
- SARA JO WARD (Alice Russell) After graduating from the University of Illinois and receiving a degree in Musical Theatre, Sara is back in Danville working for the Metric Education Program. Sara Jo has had several roles in children's plays at Red Mask, one, *Come Back Little Sheeba*. One summer in California, at Rolland's Theatre Festival she had a role in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. While in college she toured with the performing Young Illini in Florida and was active in Urbana's Station Theatre, last seen there in *Showboat*, among others.
- ANITA WINSTEAD (Mrs. Gamadge) Beginning in Schlarman High with a role in *Guys and Dolls*, Anita added with roles in *Applause* and *Gypsy* in Danville Light Opera. Anita has been with Red Mask before when it was Theatre 601. She has attended Danville Junior College in computer programming and in the near future plans to study clowning at Ringling Brothers Clown College, Clearwater, Florida.

On Stage Tonight . . .

- MAX SPERLING (Arthur Hockstader) Max, a Danville native, graduated from Danville High School and University of Illinois. He has two sons and for twenty-one years operated his own business but is now associated with Mervis Industries. Max's credits are roles in *Last* of the Red Hot Lovers, and Sunshine Boys and last being Come Blow Your Horn. He has served on the board and is now a second Vice-President and Membership Chairman.
- SODECIA (Deesha) DAVIS (Mabel Cantwell) Deesha has previously been in the Red Mask productions, *Curious Savage*, and *Reserve Two* for Murder. Deesha received her AB degree from Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina. She is involved in many organizations in the area, some include, Director of the Illinois Council with Learning Disabilities, secretary for Danville's A.A.U.W., Girl Scout leader, active in church and school activities. Deesha soon will be in a real estate agency.
- ROBERT KNAPP (Bill Blades) Since moving to Danville a year ago, Bob's first Red Mask credit was last season's *Ten Little Indians*. Bob has had past acting experience in Wisconsin in a comedy, *Natalie Needs A Nighty*. Bob, his wife Lois, and two daughters, Pam and Elizabeth, are residents of Danville with Bob employed as a pharmacist at Veterans Hospital.
- JIM WINGO (Joseph Cantwell) Jim's first appearance was in Red Mask's production of *Mary*, *Mary*, then *Forty Carats* and third, *Curious Savage*, as the Senator. Jim is currently a Systems Analyst in Danville. Jim and wife, Lois, have two children — Kristi and Ronnie.
- DAVID VAN SOEST (Senator Carlin) Becoming a veteran of Red Mask, this in Dave's fourth role; his other three in order were — The Impossible Years, The Sunshine Boys, and Play It Again, Sam. David won the Katy Award for the latter play in his role as Allan Felix. Originally from New Jersey, Dave graduated from Indiana State and presently teaches Spanish and French at East Park Junior High. Congratulations are in order for Dave and his bride, Nancy.
- CHARLES BEADLES (Dr. Artinian) Chuck is comparatively new to Danville, being here a year and one-half. He is a dentist at Veterans Hospital and he and his wife, Anne, have five children. Chuck has been mobile in the past but that hasn't stopped his participating in local theatres. He has been involved in stage crews and as stage manager for several plays in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Since moving to Danville, Chuck has been stage manager in Danville Light Opera's productions.
- B. J. SMITH (Sheldon Marcus) Since 1944, B. J. has been a dedicated Red Mask veteran. He has won a Katy Award and two merit awards in the past. His last appearances were in *Wait Until Dark*, and *Come Back Little Sheeba*.

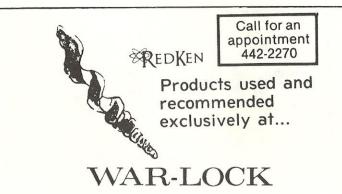


Danville's Oldest Bank FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Danville Main at Walnut Member F.D.I.C.

Acknowledgements

Thanks From Red Mask To . . .

DANIEL'S FURNITURE STORE MR. BILL MILLER DANVILLE JR. WOMEN'S CLUB PHOTAGRAPHY BY JOHN JOAN AND DICK KNIGHT THE COMMERCIAL NEWS VERMILION SPIRIT WITY WDAN WIAI WICD WCIA





The Plant Shed

HOUSEPLANTS, TREATMENT & CARE

Owners John and Pat Bowers 443-3116

7 E. Fairchild Danville, Illinois 61832

Play Committees

Casting Bob Canetta, Barb Cavanaugh, Joan Vogel
Play Selection
Bill Schatz, Dorothy Tolliver
Publicity David Van Soest, Bob Tolliver
Membership Max Sperling
Tickets and Box Office Barbara Cavanaugh
House Jane Price
Program Advertising Joan Vogel
Program Patrice Watts, Norma Day



Your Independent Insurance Agent Serves You First

446-7950

116 North Walnut Street

507 East Fairchild Street Danville, Illinois 61832 Phone (217) 446-3636

Electric Automotive Shop

Complete Auto Electrical Repair Speedometer & Cable Service

DON MEEKER



128 N. VERMILION ST.



GILBERT AND NORTH STREETS DANVILLE, ILLINOIS 61832

"HAVE AN ENJOYABLE RED MASK SEASON"

THE SATURDAY BANK



1212 N. Cunningham Urbana, Illinois Phone 384-2901

SPORTING GOODS

--- YOUR YEAR AROUND TOY SHOP ---POOLS --- ARCHERY --- OUTDOOR GAMES DOLLS --- WHEEL GOODS

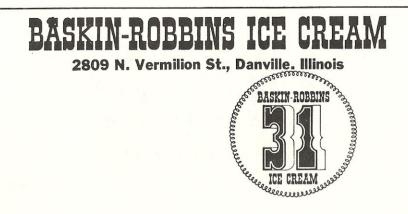
Coming Attractions . . . Red Mask

DON'T DRINK THE WATER a comedy by Woody Allen April 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 1978

This Woody Allen hit takes place inside an American embassy behind the Iron Curtain. An American tourist, caterer by trade, and his family of wife and daughter rush into the embassy two steps ahead of the police who suspect them of spying and picture-taking. But it's not much of a refuge, for the ambassador is absent and his son, now in charge has been expelled from a dozen countries and the whole continent of Africa. Nevertheless, they carefully and frantically plot their escape, and the ambassador's son and the caterer's daughter even have time to fall in love.

There are sixteen parts in *Don't Drink The Water*, four women's parts and twelve men's parts, varying in sizes and ages. Try-outs will be held at the Theatre, Sunday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. Director will be Liz Miller.

DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA will present *CAROUSEL* by Rodgers and Hammerstein at the Masonic Temple on May 12, 13 and 14, 1978. For tickets call 446-5664.







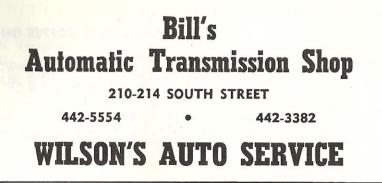
Barbara McKinzie Interiors

Fine Fabrics — Wallcoverings Furniture — Lamps (217) 443-1950 1506 Sherman, Danville, Illinois 61832

HOME OFFICE — BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Agent

Off. Phone: 446-8039 Res. Phone: 446-8215 15 E. Liberty Lane Danville, Illinois 61832



Members of the Board

Barbara Cavanaugh Roberta Fehling Bill Garrison Ed Grove Susan Hussmann

Jean Lewis George Mahan Liz Miller Jane Price Dwight Sherer

Max Sperling

Red Mask Officers

President Susan Frick
First Vice President Bob Tolliver
Second Vice President Max Sperling
Secretary Roberta Fehling
Assistant Secretary/Historian Bess Castle
Treasurer Susan Hussmann
Assistant Treasurer Barbara Cavanaugh
Theatre Custodian — Hershel Woodard



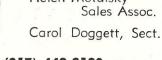
RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CALL 442-8133 julian yudin Dorothea Perry Sue Porter Realtor Helen Motulsky

Carol Gallinat, Mar.

Sales Assoc.

FULL REAL ESTATE SERVICE

MLS 425 n. gilbert, danville (217) 442-8133





111 W. Fairchild --- 446-6763 1101 E. Main - 442-0235



Style & Regular Cut New Man Hairpieces

Dick Murray's Corner Barber Shop

407 North Gilbert Street Danville, Illinois 61832

Phone (217) 446-0606



DANVILLE'S ONLY SUBURBAN BANK

Vermilion at Newell Avenue

443-4488





We're Here For You... HARRIS REAL ESTATE

Rex Harris Dick Harris 910 N. Gilbert 442-8444



-: Patrons :-

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Acton John Adamson Glenn Altman Al Andrews Mr. and Mrs. Donald Arment Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Arnold Mr. and Mrs. Ed Aston Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Arnholt Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ball Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barkman Mr. and Mrs. Jay Barnett Mr. and Mrs. Julian Belcher Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beynon Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beynon Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackwell Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blue John M. Bookwalter Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Bosworth Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brainin Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bredenberg Mr. and Mrs. Robert Britton Dr. and Mrs. William Buchanan Christy Bulkeley R. David Finks Betty Bullock Mr. and Mrs. George Burow Evelyn M. Camp Sam Cannon Bess Castle Francis Caudill Hazel Cavanaugh Betty Cheesman Mr. and Mrs. Richard Christman Mr. and Mrs. Phil Coffing Mr. and Mrs. John Cooke Dow Cooksey Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cossey Mr. and Mrs. Billy Crabtree Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Craig Jean Crawford Mr. and Mrs. George Crews Julia Crum Barbara Darbutt Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Day Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dazey Mr. and Mrs. Raul de la Vega Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dobbins Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dolan Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Drews Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dyar George Edmund Dr. and Mrs. Harlan English Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Erickson Mary R. Evans Mr. and Mrs. Gene Faas Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Farmer Harry Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Finkle Mr. and Mrs. Hank Fishman Mr. and Mrs. Dale Foster Mr. and Mrs. Randy Foster Lee Frey Mr. and Mrs. Roger Frick Mr. and Mrs. William Garrison Irma Geise Celine Geisman Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gerberich Leah Goff Betty Grant Dr. and Mrs. Jack Griffiths Mr. and Mrs. John Grootenhuis Mr. and Mrs. Russell Guin Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hales Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hedgepeth Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heller Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henley Rosalie Henry Mr. and Mrs. John Heskett Mr. and Mrs. Garry Hinkle Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hoeflinger Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hosch Mr. and Mrs. Sam Howie Gertrude Hughbanks Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson Benson Jewell Dr. and Mrs. Mohan Jham Catherine V. Johnson Mr. and Mrs. Steven Johnson Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Judd Helen Kamile Mr. and Mrs. John Kentner Alfreda Klingensmith Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kopp Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kraich Helen Laker Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lashbrook Dr. and Mrs. Phil Laurence Mrs. Chris Leins Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Leverenz Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis Mr. and Mrs. Richard Livengood Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Linman Mrs. Ben Louck Louis C. Lowenstein Robert McBride Ronald McDaniel Kevin McDougal Helen McDuffee Kathy McFarland Jack McKinzie Mr. and Mrs. George Mahan Margaret Manning Mr. and Mrs. Sam Margolin E. Ruth Martin Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Meachum Martha Mervis Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mervis