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Mousetrap

by **Agatha Christie**

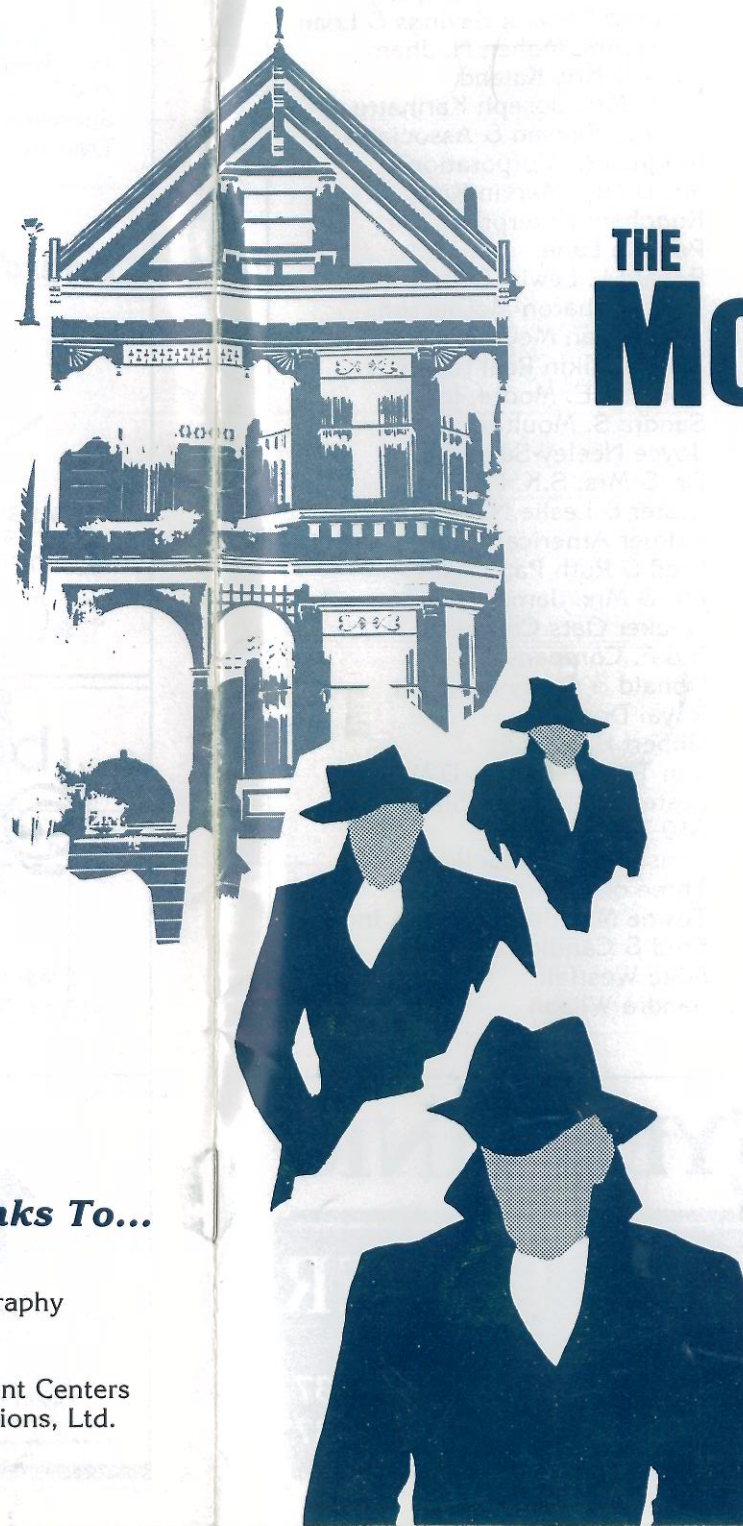
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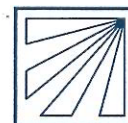
Welcome to the opening production of Red Mask's 53rd season. If this is your first time in our theatre, I sincerely hope you enjoy the evening, make new friends, and return for the rest of the subscription. If you are a "seasoned member," introduce yourself to the new people near you, tell them about our other activities, help them find the refreshments during intermission, and bring them backstage after the play. We'd like to meet them too.

Did you read the President's letter in the October *Asides*? Did you try the "party" idea? Danville's Red Mask Players is one of the oldest community theatre organizations in Illinois and its reputation is founded on quality work and good fun. Pre-show or post-show events can be very festive. Be part of the action. What better way to help support the arts and also have fun?

Eight weeks of work have helped season first-time Red Mask Director Wolfe and, with the veteran team of Producer Fred and Stage Manager Marty, Jim has his Cast and Crew ready to thrill you and chill you. After the murder has been solved, stage lights are out, and house lights are up, stop backstage and meet the troupe. It's no mystery; they really are friendly.

James D. Beebe

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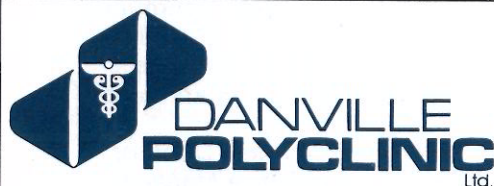
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From the Director...

"What would life be if no one had the courage to attempt anything?"...Vincent Van Gogh

For years I have been toying with the idea of directing a Red Mask play. I felt I had ample qualifications, having directed a dozen plays for Catlin High School and even a Shakespearean drama for DACC's College for Kids. Yet, there was that small ounce of inferiority, that "not quite good enough for Red Mask" feeling that held me back.

Thank you, Mr. Van Gogh, for inspiring me to fulfill another goal (however, I'll do my work with both ears, thank you). The past few months have been a real pleasure; meeting new people, working with talented actors and crew, and seeing old Red Mask friends whom I've been away from for several years.

Also, thank you Miss Agatha for giving me such an excellent script to begin my new venture. Combining this wonderful masterpiece with the dedication of the Red Mask "gang," and the support of my wonderful family, how could any fledgling director possibly go wrong?

Jim Wolfe

Director...

Jim Wolfe

Jim is probably better known around Red Mask as an usher, although he did appear in the 1984 one act *Today a Little Extra*. He has also been seen on other Danville stages as the Emcee in *Cabaret* and as Rooster in *Annie*. Jim teaches fifth grade at Catlin and is drama director for their high school. He and his wife, Toni, have one son (Robin), one dog, two snakes, and a frog. Life is very interesting around the Wolfe household, to say the least.

Stage Manager...

Marty Howrey

Active with Red Mask and Sunshine II for the past nine years, this is Marty's seventh production as a stage manager. She is particularly pleased to have the chance to work with Jim Wolfe in this capacity (quite different from when she cleaned the false eyelashes he wore as the Emcee in *Cabaret*). Marty and husband Dave are proud parents of John (a sophomore at ISU) and Meg (an apprentice with the Joffrey Ballet in New York).

Producer...

Fred Legg

Fred says he "wanted to be a producer ever since he met former classmate Millie Trares's famous husband George Schaefer." A veteran of community theatre, he was last seen with cottage cheese on his head as Mr. Waldgrave in *The Nerd* for Sunshine II Productions, Ltd. Having regained his dignity (and lost the odor of sour milk), Fred is a welcome addition to this production.

Cast of Characters (In the order of their appearance)

Mollie Ralston.....Sandy Parker
 Giles Ralston.....Kurt Finley
 Christopher Wren.....John Dowers
 Mrs. Boyle.....Jennifer A. Cole
 Major Metcalf.....E.K. (Pete) Wolgamot
 Miss Casewell.....Gaye Garner
 Mr. Paravicini.....CB Kirby
 Detective Sergeant Trotter.....William Satterfield



TIME: The Present

PLACE: Monkswell Manor Guest House

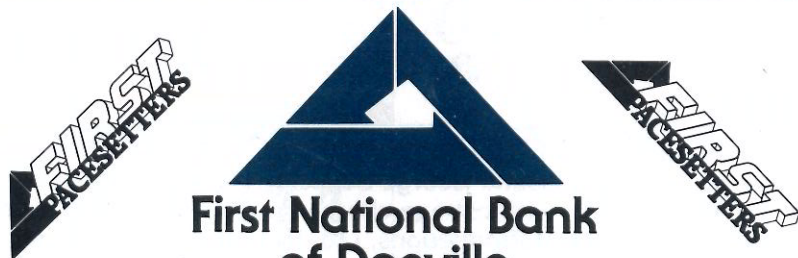
ACT I

Scene 1: Late afternoon
 Scene 2: The following day after lunch

ACT II

Ten minutes later

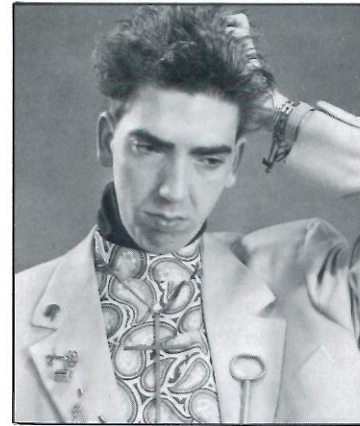
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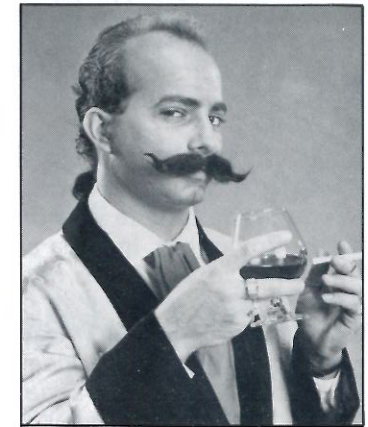
"Everyone thinks I'm guilty."



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"I enjoy myself greatly."



"All trains should have been met."

On Stage...

Sandy Parker (Mollie Ralston): Active with Danville Light Opera, Sandy is making the transition from light musicals to drama in her first production on our stage. Then, like Garbo, she will mysteriously disappear...finally moving to Northern Indiana to be with husband Don!

Kurt Finley (Giles Ralston): A graduate of Catlin High School, where he performed in *The Sting*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, and *Let It Rain*, Kurt is making his debut on the Red Mask stage. He is from a family of actors (sisters Cheri and Darla and father Larry have been seen in DLO and Sunshine productions). Away from the theatre, Kurt is attending DACC and employed in the Sports Department of the *Commercial-News* and the men's department at J.C. Penney.

John Dowers (Christopher Wren): John begins his fourth season with Red Mask and just finished a summer of performing with Sunshine II Productions, Ltd. He is happy to be making the jump from "A" to "C" (former roles were Anthony, Algernon, Axel, and an angel)! Off stage, John is the treasurer for Red Mask and works in the Circulation Department at the *Commercial-News*.

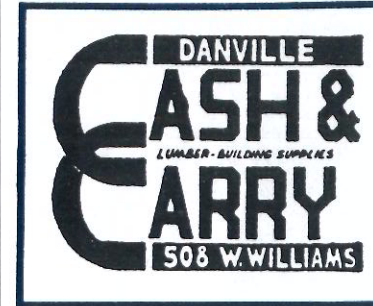
Jennifer A. Cole (Mrs. Boyle): Jennifer says she is excited about playing Mrs. Boyle, a very different character from her last appearance on our stage as Renee in the female version of *The Odd Couple*. Jennifer teaches Choral Music in Covington, Indiana and, in her spare time, enjoys singing with the Vermilion Festival Chorus and playing in the Danville Symphony Orchestra.

E.K. (Pete) Wolgamot (Major Metcalf): A past president of Red Mask Players (1943-44), Pete appeared in eight productions between 1941 and 1951 (*Petticoat Fever*, *Personal Appearance*, *Junior Miss*, *Suspect*, *Rebecca*, *You Can't Take It With You*, *Life With Father*, and *Two Blind Mice*). Needless to say, we welcome him back to our stage.

Gaye Garner (Miss Casewell): Last seen as Esther in *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, Gaye has been an active participant with Red Mask since 1983. Gaye says each play gives her a new set of challenges but, more importantly, new friends. Off stage, Gaye is wife of fellow Red Masker David, a Red Mask Board member, and assistant Public Defender, and an accounting student.

CB Kirby (Mr. Paravicini): Another newcomer to the Red Mask stage, CB is from Sullivan, Illinois where he was active at the Sullivan Little Theater. He was seen this summer in Sunshine's production of *Carousel*. CB is now living in Urbana, works at Timpone's Restaurant, and performs in churches as a Contemporary Christian Singer.

William Satterfield (Detective Sergeant Trotter): Bringing experience from high school plays and college musical productions, William is another new face to Red Mask audiences. He is pursuing an English degree at Indiana State University, employed at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, and is active with the Vermilion Festival Chorus.



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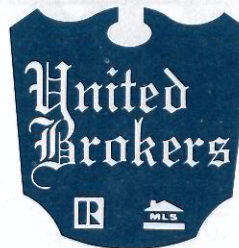
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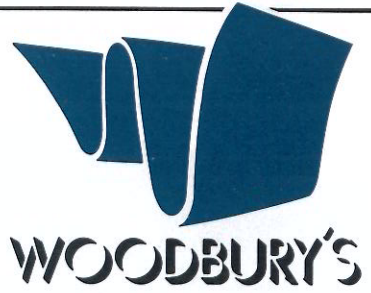
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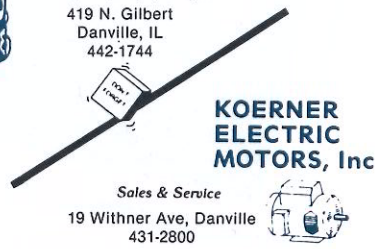
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