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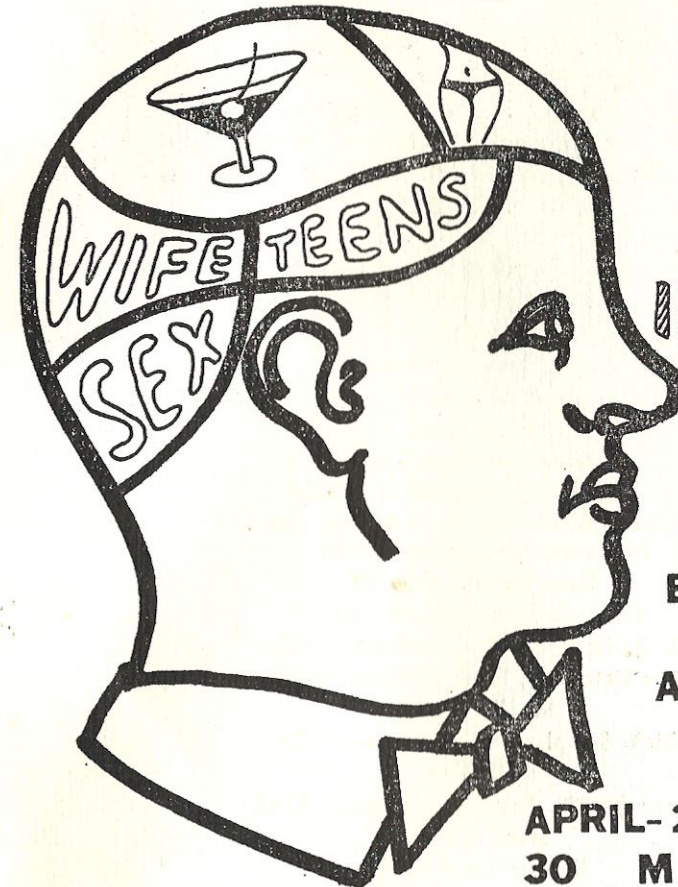
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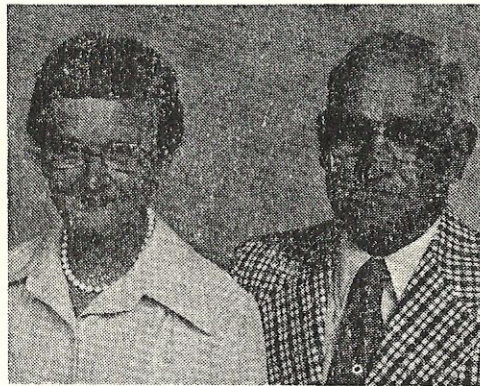
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The Impossible Years

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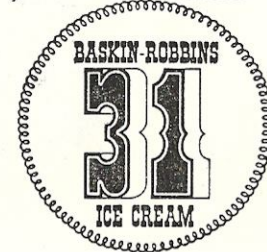
The Impossible Years is a comedy hit about two wildly impossible teenagers whose father is a popular and successful psychiatrist. He has authored a best seller on sex problems in modern life that provides all the answers. However, he is completely baffled when faced by these problems at home.

The 17 year old daughter is an independent girl who shocks her parents when they discover she is not a virgin. They are somewhat relieved to find out she is secretly married. Since the marriage license was taken out under an assumed name the identity of her husband worries them.

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The Impossible Years

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

All the action takes place in the den and living room of the Kingsley home in Old Westbury, Long Island.

ACT I

- Scene 1:* A late afternoon in spring.
Scene 2: Saturday morning about ten o'clock.
Scene 3: A week later, mid-morning.

ACT II

- Scene 1:* The following evening.
Scene 2: The following morning.
Scene 3: Same day, mid-afternoon.

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Our Director . . .

Cyndy Williams

The Impossible Years is Cyndy's first venture into directing for Red Mask. However she has been active backstage and has appeared in our productions of *Forty Carats* and *A Thousand Clowns*. Cyndy graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a major in theatre. While there she gained experience in a variety of areas from acting and directing to costumes and props. Cyndy is employed by Time-O-Matic, where she works in the purchasing department.

Our Technical Director . . .

Liz Miller

Appeared in seven Red Mask Plays, the three most recent were *Cactus Flower*, *Blithe Spirit*, and *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*.

Have worked backstage and directed *Monique* and *Curious Savage*.

Past president and current member of the board of directors.

Speech therapist for Bismarck, Henning, Potomac and Armstrong schools.

Son, Matt, is a junior at DHS and daughter, Marti is an eighth grader at North Ridge Junior High.

Our Stage Manager . . .

Aggie Christman

Aggie is presently holding the office of Red Mask treasurer along with serving on the Board of Directors. She has worked backstage on many jobs and committees including costuming, membership, programs. Aggie also enjoys helping with Red Mask Children's Theatre. On stage she appeared with Red Mask as Tiffany in "*Mary Mary*" and with Danville Light Opera as Ernestina in "*Hello Dolly*". Aggie teaches 5th grade in Westville. Both she and husband Rich are serving on the Red Mask Building Committee.

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Cast of Characters

(In Order of Their Appearance)

Doctor Jack Kingsley	Bob Tolliver
Linda Kingsley	Judy Martinek
Abbey Kingsley	Nancy Kay
Alice Kingsley	Barb Judy
Ricky Fleisher	Chas. Tiger
Richard Merrick	Paul Symanski
Miss Hammer	Deb. Kotcher
Francine	Lori Ross
Wally	Bill Dukes
Dennis	K. C. Royalty
Andy	Brian Sager
Bartholomew Smuts	Gary Proietti
Doctor Harold Fleisher	Adrian Collier
Arnold Brecher	David Van Soest
Irwin Kniberg (Boy)	Andy Rennick

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On Stage Tonight

Doctor Jack Kingsley played by Bob Tolliver

Bob has appeared in several Red Mask productions namely "A Thousand Clowns", "Come Back Little Sheba", and "Cactus Flower". Bob majored in speech and drama at Indiana University. He has worked in commercial television production, advertising, and publicity. His wife, Dorothy and two sons Craig and Mark have also appeared in Red Mask productions.

Linda Kingsley played by Judy Martinek

Judy is a newcomer to Red Mask. She played the lead in a High School production "Family Nobody Wanted". She resides in Covington with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Martinek and plans to attend Purdue University in the fall.

Abbey Kingsley played by Nancy Kay

Nancy is an 8th grader at North Ridge Jr. High. She has appeared in several school plays namely "Diary of Anne Frank" and "Thunder on Sycamore St.". She has also appeared in the Red Mask childrens production "King Cole's Ct." Nancy lives at home with her mother Kay, a teacher at DJC, and her father Bob, a baseball coach at DHS.

Alice Kingsley played by Barbara Judy

Barbara has had leads in a number of Red Mask productions including "John Loves Mary" and "Seven Year Itch". She holds a coveted Katy and two merit awards for Red Mask performances. Barbara has served on the board and has done back stage work also. Husband Harold is an active Red Masker. They have a son Scott.

Ricky Fleisher played by Charlie B. Tiger

Charlie is a newcomer to Red Mask and to Danville having moved from Hawaii in February of '76. He has been a radio announcer for 3½ years and is currently employed by WITY. He was married in Hawaii to Renamay and hopes to own his own radio station in the future.



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Richard Merrick played by Paul Symanski

Paul has several Red Mask plays to his credit plus winning the P. Bellew Symanski role in Garceau's "La Camerata" while at the University of Illinois. He is married to Barbara. They have three children, Paul, Elizabeth, and Greg.

Miss Hammer played by Deb Kotcher

Debbie is a newcomer to Red Mask. She is a senior at Westville High School and lives with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kotcher. She has appeared in several high school plays namely "Labors of Love" and "Hattie Hateful".

Francine played by Lori Ross

Lori is a newcomer to Red Mask adult productions. She has appeared in the Red Mask children's production of "Princess and the Swineherd". She is a senior at Danville High School and has appeared in "Mash" and "Room 222". Lori lives with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross. She plans to attend the Univ. of Illinois and major in theater and communication.

Wally played by Bill Dukes

Bill is a newcomer to Red Mask. He appeared in the Light Opera production "Funny Girl". Bill lives with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Dukes, and plans to attend Eastern University in the fall.

Dennis played by K. C. Royalty

Dennis is not a newcomer to Red Mask having been in a number of Red Mask children's productions. He is a Junior at Danville High School and lives with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Royalty. At Danville High he appeared in "MASH" and "Room 222". He is a member of the DHS Marching Vikings drum section.

Andy played by Brian Sager

Brian has appeared in several stage performances namely "Show Boat", "Bye-Bye Birdie", and "South Pacific". He is 23 years old and is presently employed at the University of Illinois Extension Service.

Bartholomew Smuts played by Gary Proietti

Gary is not a newcomer to Red Mask having appeared in "Wait Until Dark". He has appeared in many Schlarman High School plays namely "Harvey", "Guys and Dolls" and "Crucible", and in the Light Opera productions of "South Pacific", "Applause" and "1776". He is presently studying for a degree in elementary education.

Doctor Harold Fleisher played by Adrian D. Collier

Adrian is a newcomer to Red Mask but by no means new to dramatics. He attended Forest Hills High School in special dramatic section and graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology. He appeared in "West Side Story", and "Harvey". He is originally from London, England. He moved to Danville two years ago from Craig, Colorado and currently hosts WITY's morning talk show Lay it on the Line. He is married to Nancy.

Arnold Brecher played by David Van Soest

David, although a newcomer to Red Mask, has appeared in several high school productions. He lives in Westville and has taught Spanish at East Park Junior High School for two years.

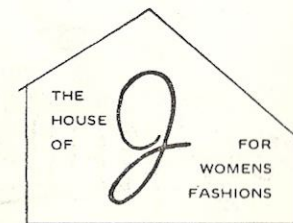
Irwin Kniberg played by Andy Rennick

Andy is a newcomer to Red Mask but not to the stage however. He has appeared in the productions "Gypsy" and "Take Me Along". He is a sophomore at Danville High School and has appeared in the High School production "Fiddler On the Roof". Andy lives with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Corky Rennick and plans to become an actor.

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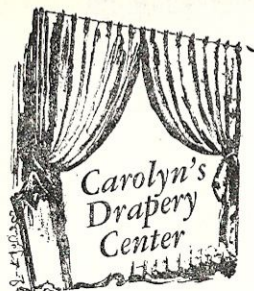
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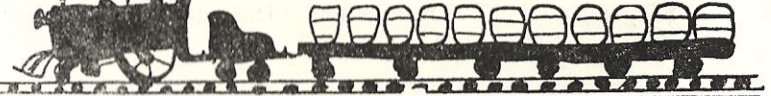
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