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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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In keeping with our policy of good entertainment by North Fork people, we are presenting the first of three plays of the 1963-64 season — Critic's Choice by Ira Levin.

Tonight's performance is a light comedy, a frothy bit of fluff, meant only to offer you an evening of fun and entertainment.

If you are a season subscription holder, you have two more entertaining shows to look forward to. If you are a member, you know of our future plans. If you are neither, why not? It is not too late to join for the fun ahead.

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**ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Frederic Newell gave up the professional theatre to become a vice-president of Associated Hospital Service of New York. His love for the theatre, however, was not to be denied. While with Blue Cross he was given the opportunity to direct and produce several dramatic productions for the benefit of the organization's employees.

While living in New York City, he was an active member of the Amateur Comedy Club, where he played many acting roles under professional direction. He has been directed by such greats of the theatre as Howard Lindsay, Gene Lockhart, Austin Strang, and Charles Coburn. He has acted with Julie Harris, Judith Anderson, Kent Smith, and Walter Abel. His interest in that group was rewarded by his being made an honorary ex-president when he left.

For the past few years his inspiration and talent have helped in many North Fork Community Theatre productions. NFCT patrons will remember him for his roles in "Romanoff and Juliet" and "Born Yesterday" and for his excellent direction of "The Glass Menagerie" and last season's "The Hasty Heart".

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**HALLOCK YOUNG** (Parker) —began his acting career with the role of "Henry Aldrich" in a Riverhead High School production of "What A Life". After serving with the U. S. Navy, he moved to Vermont where he became active with the Chester (Vt.) Players. For this group he played leading roles in "Candlelight", "Ladies In Retirement", "The Peddler", "Londonderry Air" and "A Thousand Flerbs". For four years running Hal's group was first prize winner in a series of one act productions in Woodstock, Vermont sponsored by the Nellie Gill Competitions of that city. He is now a building contractor and designer in his native Riverhead. This role is his first for the N. F. C. T.

**PAT SEAMAN** (Angela)—resides in Greenport and is the mother of three young children. Before joining the North Fork Community Theatre her only experience had been in church and choral singing. After singing in the workshop production of "Guys and Dolls", she went on to play in "The Happy Time". Her fine performance as the Scotch mother of the madly hilarious French family in this opus won her critical acclaim. Last season she appeared as one of the merry baseball widows of "Damn Yankees". She has also done stunts in make-up and costumes for the NFCT.

**VERNON APPELT** (John) — with his first appearance in "Born Yesterday" in the fall of 1961, was bitten with the "acting bug". His role of the drunken suitor in "The Happy Time" won roars of laughter from the audience. This was followed by the part of "Digger" in "The Hasty Heart". He has had a varied experience backstage, including stage manager for last season's "Damn Yankees". He appeared with James Moreno's summer theatre in "Mr. Roberts", "Anniversary Waltz", and "The Little Hut", and backstage in "Streetcar Named Desire" and "Everybody Loves Opal".

**JACK MOFFAT** (Dion)—is well known to NFCT audiences. Since he joined the group in the fall of 1960 he has been active in every production in some capacity. While residing in New York City he studied dramatics under NBC's Albert McCleery and voice with Mary Ledgerwood at Carnegie Hall. He had a regular program with Station WFUV-FM and appeared as a singer at "Wee Small Hours" and "Chateau Florence" in New York City. Upon return to his native Southold he became active in the NFCT. He has had major roles in "Romanoff and Juliet", "Night Must Fall", "Glass Menagerie", "The Hasty Heart", and "Petticoat Fever". He played the role of Sky Masterson in "Guys and Dolls" while also serving as musical director. Last season he directed the hit musical "Damn Yankees".

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**ANN McDONOUGH** (Essie)—hails from New York City and teaches at Southold High School. Ann is a member of the Speech Association of America and was president of the Dramatics Club at Miserecordia College. She was a stage manager for the college production of Anouilh's "Antigone". For the NFCT she has done Props for "The Hasty Heart", costumes for "Damn Yankees", and was assistant to the director for "Petticoat Fever". This is her first speaking role for the NFCT.

**AUDREY NEWELL** (Charlotte)—is a resident of Laurel. Like her husband, Fred, she was active in the Amateur Comedy Club of New York City. Some of her many acting roles were in "The Plough and the Stars", "Hay Fever", "The Prisoner of Zenda", "The Idiot", and "Fanny's First Play". She also played with James Moreno's North Fork Summer Playhouse, in "Tunnel of Love", "Anniversary Waltz", and "I Am A Camera". Last year Audrey directed the Christmas program for the Southold Historical Society. This year she will direct the Christmas program for the D. A. R. For the NFCT, she has played in "Romanoff and Juliet", "Born Yesterday", and "Glass Menagerie", and appeared in the leading role of last month's workshop production, "Sorry, Wrong Number".

**RUTH OBERLANDER** (Ivy)—played the difficult role of Amanda in Noel Cowards' "Private Lives" for the Monmouth Theatre Group of N. J. and was the drama director of the occupational therapy division of the Marlboro Mental Institute of N. J. She now lives in Riverhead and for the Riverhead Guild has played an important role in that group's production of "Curious Savage" and was assistant director of "Bell, Book and Candle". Last season she painted scenery for "Damn Yankees" for the NFCT.

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