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ABOUT THE CAST

(In order of their appearance)

JOAN SMITH (Edith)—this versatile young woman will be remembered as the wacky chorine, Billie Dawn, in the 1961 NFCT production of "Born Yesterday". The birth of her fourth child necessitated a leave of absence from theatrical activities until the following season when she did the set decorations for "The Happy Time" followed by a stint as producer of the musical hit "Damn Yankees". Her last acting roles were as Claire Wilson in "Petticoat Fever" and as Mollie Ralston in "The Mousetrap".

GERTRUDE REYNOLDS (Ruth)—was preceded on the NFCT stage by her daughter, Honor, who played the difficult role of the hallucination ridden child in this season's production of "The Crucible". A long time summer resident of the North Fork and now residing year round in Mattituck, Gertrude was previously active with the Nutley (N. J.) Little Theatre where she was seen in "Cuckoo's on the Hearth", "Berkeley Square" and "Letters to Lucerne".

JACK MOFFAT (Charles)—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 N. Y. C. This young man might well be called "Mr. NFCT", for since his return to his native Southold in 1960, he has been active in every phase of our community theatre. He has had major roles in "Romanoff and Juliet", "Night Must Fall", "Glass Menagerie", "The Hasty Heart", "Petticoat Fever", "Critic's Choice", "The Mousetrap" and "The Crucible". After doing the musical direction and acting the role of Sky Masterson in "Guys and Dolls", he directed "The Happy Time". He has since directed "Damn Yankees", "Pajama Game" and this season's outstanding musical hit "Kiss Me Kate". Last summer he acted in, directed and produced "Separate Tables", the first summer production attempted by the NFCT. This summer he will direct and perform the only male role in "Ladies in Retirement" to be produced by the NFCT as part of the Southold Town's 325th Anniversary celebration.

DAVID DETRICH (Dr. Bradman)—his first year with the NFCT has been a busy one for Dave. He acted as assistant director and performed the difficult role of Thomas Putnam in this season's production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible". He next acted in a minor role in "Kiss Me Kate" while at the same time performing efficiently backstage as stage manager. He teaches at Southold High School and lives in East Marion.

FRAN OSMER (Mrs. Bradman)—this lovely mother of seven children has been an active member of the NFCT since 1958. She served on the production staff of "Bus Stop" and did make up for "All My Sons", "Romanoff and Juliet" and "Night Must Fall" while serving simultaneously as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the NFCT. She was in charge of hand props for this season's hit musical "Kiss Me Kate". Her last acting bit was in "Damn Yankees".

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Edith (a maid) Joan Smith
Ruth Gertrude Reynolds
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Dr. Bradman Dave Detrich
Mrs. Bradman Fran Osmer
Madame Arcati Audrey Newell
Elvira Maureen Moffat

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I

SCENE 1—Before dinner on a summer evening

SCENE 2—After dinner

ACT II

SCENE 1—The next morning

SCENE 2—Late the following afternoon

SCENE 3—Early evening. A few days later

ACT III

SCENE 1—After dinner. A few days later

SCENE 2—Several hours later

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AUDREY NEWELL (Madame Arcati)—is a resident of Laurel. Like her husband, Frederick, she was active in the Amateur Comedy Club of N. Y. C. 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". With James Moreno's Summer Playhouse she played in "Tunnel of Love", "Anniversary Waltz" and "I Am A Camera". For the NFCT she has played in "Romanoff and Juliet", "Born Yesterday" and "Glass Menagerie" and had the leading role in the workshop production of "Sorry, Wrong Number". The News Review said of her performance in last season's NFCT production of "Critic's Choice", "the highlight of the evening was Audrey Newell as the mother of the aspiring playwright. Her sense of timing and engaging accent completely charmed the first nighters". Last spring she directed the successful production of "The Mousetrap" for the NFCT.

MAUREEN MOFFAT (Elvira)—shares the love of theatre with her husband, Jack. NFCT audiences will remember her as the Cockney maid in "Night Must Fall", the ooh la la French maid, Mignonette, in "The Happy Time", one of the singing dancing baseball widows in "Damn Yankees" and from that torrid "Steam Heat" number in last season's "Pajama Game". She was the only woman in a cast of nine in "Hasty Heart". In last summer's production of "Separate Tables" she demonstrated her dramatic ability in the dual roles of Sybil, the unhappy daughter and Ann, the spurned wife. Maureen has also directed the make up committees for all NFCT productions.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

CLACIA YOUNG—just a little over a year ago Clacia joined the NFCT and was promptly put to work as prop girl for "Pajama Game". She then moved downstage in the difficult role of Mrs. Carswell in last season's mystery melodrama "The Mousetrap". Before moving to Riverhead, Clacia was active with the Chester (Vt.) Players. For four years running this group won the first prize for a series of one act plays in Woodstock, Vt., sponsored by the Nellie Gill Competitions of that city.

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