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Look through the cast and the production staff. You will see a large number of new names. If you have an interest in any aspect of play production, please feel free to come to one of our regular monthly meetings. These are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Come — we will soon have you to work, joining in the pleasure and satisfaction of a good production with these new members as well as our experienced members.

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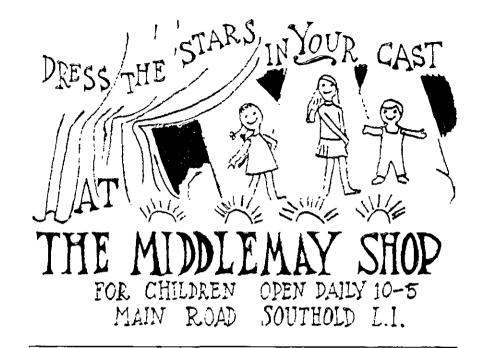
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GERTRUDE REYNOLDS (Celia) — 1964 was a good year. One of the reasons for this is that in 1964 Gertrude Reynolds joined the NFCT. Since then she has become one of our leading ladies, successfully appearing in Blythe Spirit, The Potting Shed, Write Me a Murder, and her favorite — Mary Mary. The last because "Mary was such a fun gal to be for the six weeks of rehearsal time!" Gert has also been a star at back stage work. Consider these jobs which were all well done, and then you will understand why she is one of our assets in all fields of production. Producer, lighting technician, property manager, house manager, prompter. To top those off she also found time to serve a two year stint on the Board of Directors. We feel that this will be another of our better productions. Why not; we have Gert opening it for us.

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HAL YOUNG (Andrew) — How do you list the credits of a man like Hal? You don't. You simply panic every time he starts to talk about moving to some place like St. Lucia. You look for him at every try-out hoping that he will show up. You hope that he will not be too tied up in his own life and say that he will not be able to give you a hand at the theatre. You simply know that what Hal does will be done right. And most of all you hope that if he gets a part that you too will get one, for you know that it will turn out to be the fun that everyone keeps talking about.

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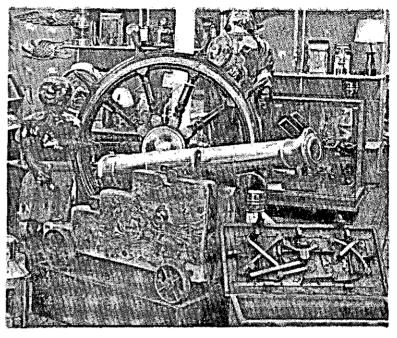
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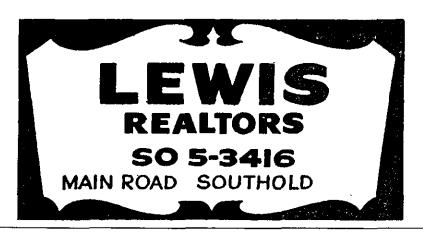
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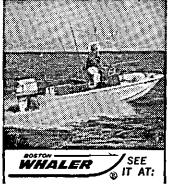
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PATRICIA TUCKER (Marian) — This is Pat's first appearance with the NFCT. Having recently arrived from Ankara, Turkey to take up residence in Orient, and a teaching position at the Greenport School, she was introduced to the theatre group by her sister and brother-in-law; the Richmonds.

Her previous experience with theater runs the gamut of characters from Agnes Gooch in "Auntie Mame" to Helena in "A Midsummer Night's Dream". She has worked with several repertory theaters in Philadelphia including The Summer Shakespeare Festival. We realized at tryouts that we had a real find in Pat, and we are hoping that she will be with us for a long time to come.

KATHY CAHILL (Joanna) — One of our younger members, 14 years old, a sophomore at Mercy High School in Riverhead, and the oldest of ten children, Cathy has become one of our troopers. Other than her interest in the theater she is in the glee club, the Forensic club, and cheerleading. For the NFCT she has doubled in the musical "She Loves Me" as a member of the chorus and the young date of Mr. Lizst in the Cafe Imperiale. She also worked on the set of "Bell Book and Candle". Cathy's future interests are varied. She either wants to be a Broadway actress, a teacher, or a social worker. Come to think of it they do have a lot in common.

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Alice Dart (Emma Littlefield) — We were talking to some members of the community the other day, and naturally we asked them if they were planning on coming to the play. They said that they were, and in the conversation it came out that one of the reasons for their plans was that they had heard Alice had a part. "We always enjoy Alice so much on stage" was the comment they made, and to put it mildly we couldn't agree with them more. It seems to us that one of the reasons that Alice is so enjoyable on stage is just because she seems to be having such a good time herself. Alice has appeared with us in "Romanoff and Juliet", "Guys and Dolls" and who can forget Tituba in "The Crucible"?

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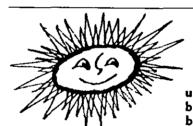
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PAUL TRAUTMAN (Perry Littlewood) — We asked Paul to give us some background material for his write up. This is one time that we had a good idea, for as you will gather from some of the information below a younger mind can be very refreshing.

Paul was a daffodil in the first grade. (Not many actors have that distinction). He was also a spaceman in sixth grade and a precocious kid in the NFCT's production of "Happy Time". (This was one of the first plays that this writer saw at the NFCT, and I would like to add that I can still remember Paul's characterization. I think he did a fine job.)

A graduate of Southold High School he has been "catching education and dust for twenty-one years". (No dust shows in this performance.) It is nice to have Paul back with us after his educational leave of absence.

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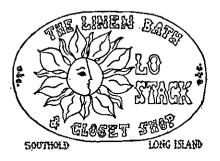
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DICK DRIES (Otis Clifton) — Dick, like so many of our members, is a man of many and varied talents. He has not been with the NFCT for a few years due, to a packed time schedule. He was in our first, and possibly best remembered musical "Guys and Dolls". He was also in our second big musical "Damn Yankees". Since then he has appeared in "Inherit the Wind" and "Teahouse of the August Moon" as a member of the Sayville Musical Workshop.

Dick currently resides on Nassau Point, and is teaching Spanis's at Southold High School. He spent 9 years in the army, nine of which were in Europe. He has studied 3 summers in Mexico — working toward a Ph. D. in Spanish, and he studied for a year at the University of Arizona on a sabbatical leave again doing work toward his doctorate. In his "spare" time he fishes, swims, rides, and bowls. May we take this time to simply say Welcome back to the NFCT Dick.

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Clacia's accomplishments, which are many, could be listed here, but she is more to the NFCT than just a bunch of credits. We are pround to have her with us.

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

We have started a new season with the North Fork Community Theatre, and to say the least it looks as if it will be a good one. One of the signs of this is the fact that we have a lot of new faces in the group this year, and what's more many of our group who have not been with us for awhile are back again.

We are changing our format a little bit this year also. We have decided that instead of having the musical in the winter, as we usually do, we are going to produce it in the spring. That is another reason for us to be excited. It will be another original by our own musical author — Jack Moffat. His last two "The Peanut Butter Prince", and "There Comes A Time" were two of our biggest successes, so now you may have an idea as to why we are looking forward to this one. We hope you enjoy yourself tonight, and will continue to be with us for the rest of the season. Thank you for coming, and now — on with the show.



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A DISSERTATION ON WHY WE ARE UNABLE TO ANNOUNCE IN THIS PROGRAM OUR SCHEDULE OF PLAYS FOR NEXT SEASON

Dave Detrich

In November of each year the Playreading Committee holds its first meeting. The chairman and several volunteers meet with high hopes and great expectations. They have heard rumors that this is a long, hard job. How could it be? There are so many great — well, at least good — plays we haven't done. It will just be a process of selecting three we want to do. Easy job? Ha!

The first meeting goes smoothly. Each member has a number of suggestions. These go on a list. All go home to read, read, read.

The second meeting discloses the problem. The number of different opinions equals the number of members of the committee. One play is discarded because it has been done by all the high schools. Another play has an unsuitable theme. Others we can't cast. This one has unpleasant characters. That one is supposed to be funny or suspenseful and isn't. We can't do this musical because it relies too heavily on one or two people. Too much accent on dancing in that musical, Look at the problems in costuming that one. How many sets

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does it have? That many! We can't stage it, then. Our audiences won't like that one. And on and on and on.

At this point all but a few plays have, been eliminated and no one is happy with those left. Now add more plays to the list and then back to reading.

The third meeting comes. By this time it is agreed that plays will be selected according to our more or less standard formula: 1) a serious play, 2) a musical or other large cast show, and 3) a comedy or mystery. Now plays can at least be discussed by general category. However, the criticisms don't stop; all the old ones and some new ones are heard. On and on until the list is whittled down to almost nothing. Then more plays are added.

This process continues. Sometimes plays which have been turned down earlier in the year made it back on the list. It is safe to say that every play we have done in the past several years was once turn-

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ed down by an earlier play reading committee. A couple of years ago the following report was given at our May meeting: "The Playreading Committee has met 17 (!) times. We have narrowed our list from five to twenty-two."

However, the deadline approaches. It is expected that the plays will be announced at the June general meeting. Now the members are trying to reach a decision on those plays which have survived so far (though a new entry at the last moment may steal acceptance). It is no longer a question of choosing the best but choosing the one that will give us enjoyment in doing it and give you enjoyment in watching it done. And after all has been said, this is our only purpose.

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Ann E. Detrich joined the group in 1962 and has worked both on and off the stage. She has appeared in PAJAMA GAME, CRITIC'S CHOICE and KISS ME KATE. When the need arose she has also appeared as the show stopping Dragon in THE PEANUT BUTTER PRINCE. Off stage she has been Props Chairman, Stage Manager, Costumes Chairman, Prompter, and most recently in charge of the box office. This year she has also taken on the additional responsibility of ticket manager. She is married to David Detrich, this year's President. They live in East Marion with their one-year old son Stephen and their pet cat Boston, who appeared in last season's production of BELL BOOK and CANDLE.

ANNE RICHMOND

Anne has been a member of the NFCT since last year when she, luckily for us, played the piano for "She Loves Me". Along with her husband Jon she was active in the "Peanut Butter Prince" (Assistant to the Director) and "Bell Book and Candle" (Publicity and Properties).

Prior to moving to the North Fork she worked with various amateur groups, including the Bryn Mawr Repertory Theatre in Pennsylvania. Anne and Jon now reside in Orient with Bismarck (a large Great Dane) and three cats. She is a member of the Greenport High School Science department.

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