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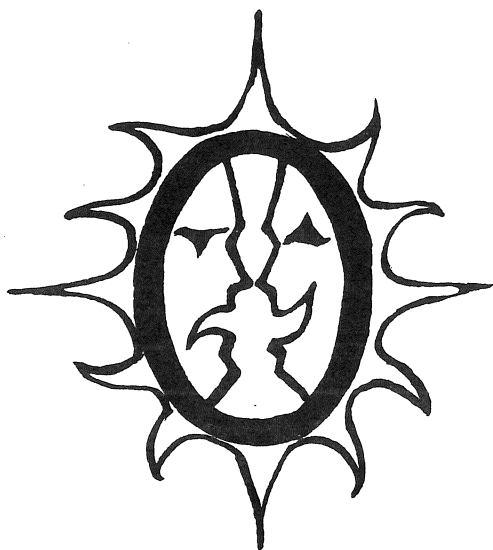
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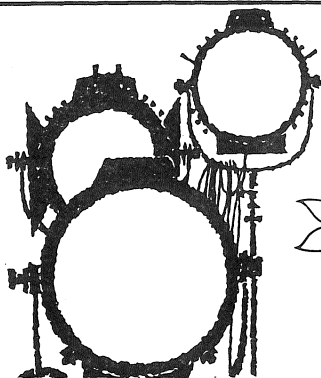
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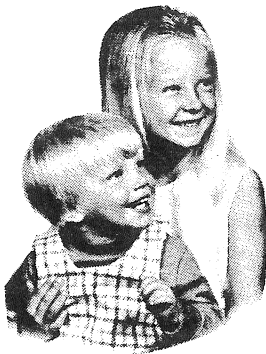
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### *Scene Synopsis*

**SCENE:** The living room in the home of Professor Thomas Turner, in a mid-western university town.

**ACT 1:** Late fall. A Friday evening.

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**CHARLES W. DODRILL**, Director of Theatre at Otterbein since 1958, holds an A.B. degree from Glenville State, an M.A. from Kansas University and a Ph.D. from Ohio State. Dr. Dodrill is past-president of the Columbus Arts Council and the Ohio Speech Association, and he is the current National Vice President of Theta Alpha Phi Dramatics Honorary. He is responsible for many innovations in the Otterbein Theatre activities, including the "guest star" series and the Summer Theatre program.

**FRED J. THAYER**, Designer-Technical Director at Otterbein since 1960, is a graduate of Bowling Green University with an M.A. in Theatre. He has completed residency requirements for the Ph.D. at Ohio State. Mr. Thayer has also designed for the University of Toledo, Toledo Children's Theatre, Bowling Green and the Huron Playhouse. Among the 75 productions he has designed and technical directed (about 60 at Otterbein) *Twelfth Night* and *Othello* are his recent favorites.

**ROBERT CROSBY**, Chairman of the Dept. of Speech at Ohio Wesleyan University, joins the Otterbein Summer Theatre again to direct Shaw's fine comedy, *Misalliance*. Holder of the Ph.D. from Indiana University, Dr. Crosby has directed over 100 productions, with special interest in Shakespeare, American drama and children's theatre.

**ED VAUGHAN**, a recent Otterbein graduate from Columbus, returns to the Summer Theatre for the second season, this time to direct *A Shot in the Dark* and to act in the other productions. An outstanding actor with about 20 acting roles during his college career, Ed plans to pursue college teaching. Ed was recently awarded the Outstanding Senior Theatre Award.

**DENNIS ROMER**, an Otterbein graduate from Miami, Florida, returns for a third season, this time to direct *All My Sons* and to act in the other productions. An outstanding actor with about 25 major college production roles, Dennis has accepted a position as actor with the Wayne State University Hillsberry Repertory Theatre. He plans to pursue a professional career.

**PETIE DODRILL**, a Penn State graduate with an M.A. in Theatre from Ohio University has worked as an actress, director, designer and costume designer for several theatres. She functions as Costumer and Children's Theatre Director at Otterbein. She created a Creative Dramatics program for the Westerville Recreation Department and she teaches dramatics at Gahanna High School.

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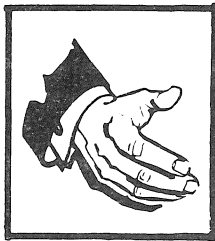
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**DEEM BRISTOW**, a senior from Dayton, brings a wealth of experience from Wright State University Theatre and the Fort Harrod Drama Production of the *Legend of Daniel Boone*. Major roles include Claudius in *Hamlet*, Polo in *A Hatful of Rain* and Organ in *Imaginary Invalid*.

**CHRIS CHATLAIN**, an Otterbein senior from Wooster, is a member of the acting company. She has appeared in *The Music Man* and *The World of Carl Sandburg* at Otterbein and in *Blood Wedding* and *Bells are Ringing* at the Arena Fair Summer Theatre.

**ROBERT FORTNER**, a recent Otterbein graduate from Indianapolis, serves as Scenery-Lighting assistant for the summer. Bob has worked actively off-stage and he appeared in several Otterbein productions, including *The Subject Was Roses*.

**BILL GOLDSMITH**, a Bowling Green State University junior, is a graduate of Westerville High School where he appeared in many theatrical productions. Major roles at Bowling Green include *The Lark* and *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*.

**DAVID GRAF**, an Otterbein senior from Lancaster, is a member of the acting company. Recent major roles include Big Daddy in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Toby Belch in *Twelfth Night*, Mr. Sessman in *Heidi* and Brabattio in *Othello*.

**ANN HOUSER**, an Otterbein graduate from Detroit, serves as Box Office Supervisor and also works with costumes. She has worked extensively in all offstage areas, and she has supervised Theatre box office activities for two years.

**BEC HOLFORD**, an Otterbein junior from California, is a member of the acting company. Recent major roles include *The World of Carl Sandburg*, Olivia in *Twelfth Night* and Elaine Harper in *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

**STEPHANIE LEWIS**, an Otterbein graduate from Upper Arlington, returns for a second season as a member of the acting company. An outstanding actress with about 20 acting roles in her college career, she appeared this season as Madrigal in *Chalk Garden* and Desdemona in *Othello*.

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**GAYLE PILIE**, an Otterbein senior from Buffalo, N.Y., is a member of the acting company. A transfer from Defiance College where she played leads in *The Lark*, *The Impossible Years*, *Star Spangled Girl* and *Mourning Becomes Electra*, she appeared here in *Heidi* and *The Bald Soprano*.

**MARC SMYTHE**, an Otterbein senior from Sylvania, returns for a second summer theatre season. He has appeared in twelve major productions at Otterbein, including Harold Hill in *Music Man*, Harold in *Black Comedy*, Roderigo in *Othello* and Launcelot in *Camelot*.

**CATHY TROPF**, **JULIE SICKLES** and **JULIANNE WITSBERGER** are college apprentices to the company. Cathy is a sophomore senior from Sylvania where she appeared in leads in *Antigone* and *The Miracle Worker*. Julie is from Canton where she recently appeared in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Julianne is from Delaware and her very active background includes leads in *Brigadoon* and *Up the Down Staircase*.

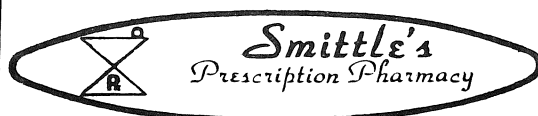
**JON MORELLI** and **DAVE SMITH** are high school apprentices for the 1971 season. Jon is from Canton where he has appeared in about 15 productions, including roles at the Canal Fulton Summer Theatre. Dave is from Gahanna and his primary interest is design and technical work. He has worked extensively with lighting, scenery and sound.

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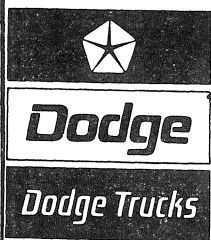


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