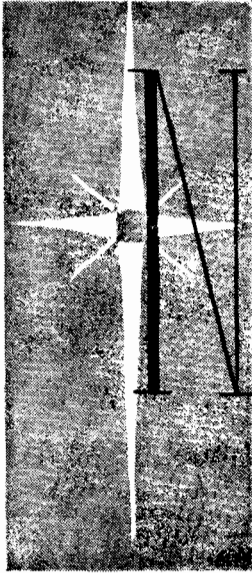




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Ella is ever young because of her direction of "The Children's Theatre" of Western Springs. Her goal is to promote children's theatre throughout the community.

Ella's direction is ever fresh because of her attendance of the summer seminars held at Northwestern and other universities. She also attends all the National Conferences of Directors.

Ella is also very active in "The Western Springs Theatre" where she has participated in many productions, such as "Gigi", "Sabrina Fair", "The Corn is Green" and "Caesar and Cleopatra."

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GEORGE HANSEN

George Hansen (Jupiter) has been with the group for 6 years. He has worked on set construction and lighting, and is this season's president. Last season's audiences will remember him in "The Tender Trap" and "An Inspector Calls".



RON HOLOUS

Ron Holous (Mercury) is a four year member, and is this season's vice-president. He will be remembered for his roles in "Sabrina Fair", "Lost Horizon" and "My 3 Angels". This summer Ron worked at Boulder Hill in summer stock. He is a Good-man student.

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WILLIAM HATTAN

William Hattan (Sosie) makes his debut with us tonight. Although he is a new member, he shows promise of becoming a good actor and a valuable asset to our group.



DONN BRINER

Donn Briner (Trumpeter) will be remembered for his fine portrayal of Inspector Goole in last season's "An Inspector Calls". Donn is responsible for the set of "Amphitryon 38". Among his many talents is the ability to locate unusual props.



BILL PALMER

Bill Palmer (Warrior) makes his debut tonight on stage, but backstage is another story. His help and willingness to get the job done makes

him a most valuable member.



VIRGINIA HARRIS

Virginia Harris (Alkmena) has now totaled 14 years of fine acting. She is this year's treasurer, ticket chairman, and ad sales chairman.

She has appeared on our stage in "Ladies in Retirement", "High Ground" and last season's "Picnic". Active in every operation of the club Ginny still has time to see to her 4 children.

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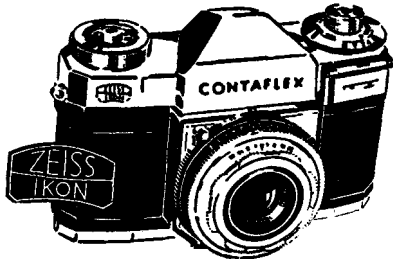
Herb Alberts (Amphitryon) comes to us from the Naperville group where he spent 3 years acting in such plays as "Come Back Little Sheba", "Tender Trap", "The Night of January 16" and "Sabrina Fair". He has spent many of his weekends working on set construction.



BARBARA HERCEG

Barbara Herceg (Nenetza) makes her debut tonight on our stage. She has done summer stock at Boulder Hill and has danced her way to a B.A. degree with the National Assoc. of Dance Masters.

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BETSY TABER

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DIANE VANDERHOOF

Diane Vanderhoof (Queen Leda) has been with our group for a year. In that time she has worked on make-up, wardrobe, set painting and set construction. Last season's audiences will remember her fine portrayal of an old maid school teacher in "Picnic."

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Our plans for this year include expansion in every capacity. Our membership drive is now in effect and membership is open to any individual who is interested in theatre. Ron Houlous is their year's membership chairman. Anyone interested in membership can call him at Woodland 8-5385.

Property is now being sought for a future permanent site. Anyone knowing of any available property can call Joe Schiavo at Woodland 8-5878.

New cushions for the comfort of our audiences and new lights for unusual effects have been purchased by the group.

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Set Design by Donn Briner

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(In order of appearance)

Jupiter	George Hansen
Mercury	Ron Holous
Sosie	William Hattan*
Trumpeter	Donn Briner
Warrior	Bill Palmer*
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Scene 1. Outside Alkmena's bedroom

Scene 2: A room in the palace

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Hercules' conception is celebrated in the Hesiodic poem of "The Shield of Heracles" and in one of Pindar's Pythian Odes. Aeschylus and Euripides both wrote an "Alkmena", Sophocles an "Amphitryon"; all three plays are lost to us. Platus adapted his "Amphitryon" from a Greek original. In Ovid's "Metamorphoses", Alkmena describes the childhood of Hercules. The renaissance rediscovered Plautus; and Camoes adapted Amphitryon for a festival in Coibra. Some believe that Shakespeare borrowed from the Latin play for his "Comedy of Errors". In Moliere's "Amphitryon" which borrows some scenes from a fairly effective comedy by Rotrou, the situation is touched with much finesse. The pathos of the story was stressed in Heinrich von Kleist's nearly tragic "Amphitryon". Jean Giraudoux took up the tradition of Moliere in "Amphitryon 38" implying that 37 versions had preceeded his. His delightful Alkmena refuses to betray her humanity for any bribe of immortality, reducing Jupiter to the plaintive and unprecedented role of a friend.

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