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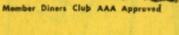
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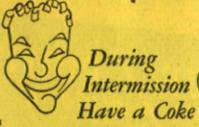


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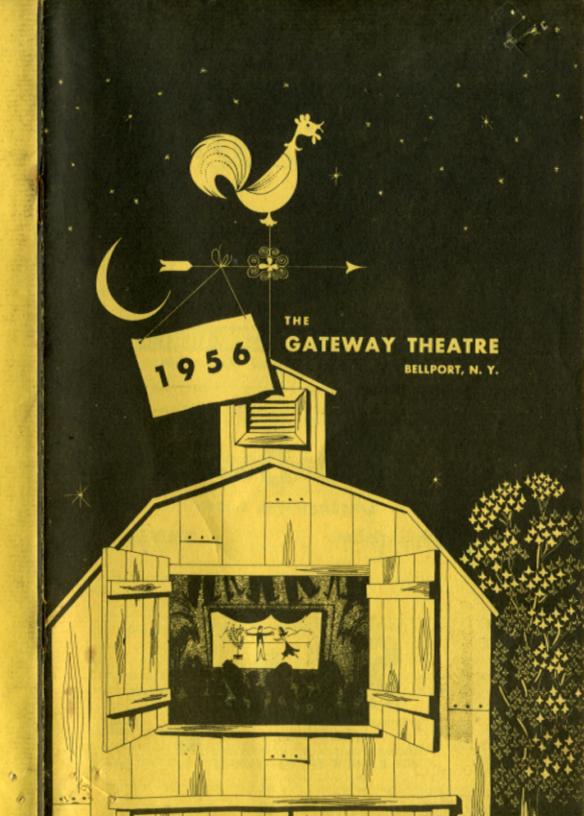
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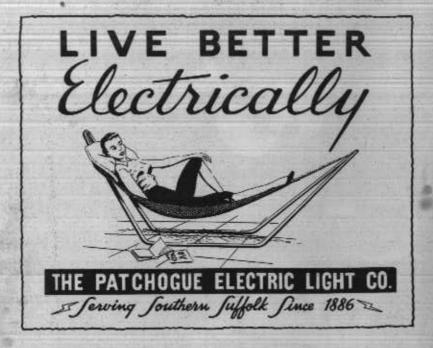
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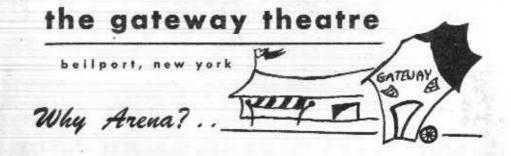


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An audience favorite at Gateway last season was Bob Duvall who will be remembered for his rugged portrayal as Hal in Picnic, Paris in The Crucible and Witch Boy in Dark Of The Moon, Mr. Duvall has appeared with the McClean Summer Theatre in Virginia and the Areno Theatre in Washington, D. C. After completing his studies at callage in Elsah, Illinois, he served in the U.S. Army far 2 years. This past winter he appeared at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York and studied acting with Sandy Meisner. This season marks his third with the Gateway Players.

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Regular patrons of the theatre will remember Joe Sommer who thrilled audiences his past 2 years with the Gateway Players as Tom in Lady's Not For Burning, Charles in Blythe Spirit and Gaston in Gigi. Mr. Sommer returns to Bellport after a winter of acting at Carnegie Tech. in Pennsylvania. He is originally from North Carolina and studied acting at Oberlin College and Carnegie Tech. During the summer of '49 he appeared with the Putney Summer Theatre in Vermont, Some of his favorite roles include Prometheus in Prometheus Bound, Poer in Peer Gynt and Casanova in Carnino Real.



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About the Author:- Frederick Knott is an Englishman and was born in Kiukieng, China. Educated in England, he shone at tennis, at which he captained Cambridge University. In 1937 he visited the United States for the first time as a member of the Oxford-Cambridge tennis team which played against Harvard-Yale at Newport, R. I. There Knott observed some of the social satisfactions enjoyed by top tennis players, and this helped him create the character of Tony Wendice in "Dial M for Murder."

At the outbreak of World War II, Knott entered the British Army and served for six years, ending up as a Major in the Artillery.

After the war he decided upon a career as a dramatic writer, and served a year as a trainee with the J. Arthur Rank film organization in London. Though he was beginning to earn a moderate living by writing film treatments, he decided that if he was ever to get anywhere, he would have to write a novel or play of his own.

This was the impetus for writing "Dial M for Murder."

About the Play:- The fact that "Dial M for Murder," is called a mystery drama shows the persistence with which old descriptives, long outgrown, are continued on the stage, and take on new meanings. For this is a play about murder in which there is no mystery at all - at least for the audience - only suspense and anxiety. Such a play cannot be ticketed merely as a "suspense play" because every play comprises suspense, or should.

The calling of a modern-type murder play by the old-fashioned term "mystery drama" brings to mind the fact that another term for this kind of entertainment has also lost its original meaning. That is the term "melodrama," a combination of melody and drama stemming from the days when transparent plots and cheap dialogue were put over by the persuasive help of implausible music play from offstage.

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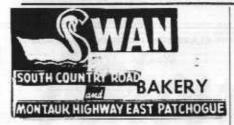
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Returning to Gateway for her second season is Marge Barnett of New York City. Miss Barnett has acted abroad with the Oxford Players, in England, at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, and the American Repertory Theatre in Berlin, Germany. In this country she has acted in Indiana, the Wareham Music Circus in Mass, and the Crosscroads Playhouse in Washington, D. C. She was also heard over the radio waves while in Berlin, Audiences will remember Marge Barnett as the mother, Flo, in PICNIC, and as Susan in CAT AND THE CANARY.



A new face this season at Gateway is 6'4" Ray Barbata who hails from New York. He was educated at Queens College and while in the Army performed with the Special Service productions of "You Can't Take it with You" and "Good News." He has appeared with the Nisswa Summer Theatre in Minnesota for 2 seasons. Last summer he was with the Barn Theatre in Kalamazoo, Michigan. There he played such parts as Big Jule in Guys and Dolls and Captain Southard in The Caine Mutiny. Mr. Barbata has an exceptionally fine baritane singing voice and when in New York sang the part of Melchior in "Amahl and The Night Visitors."



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Rolph Smith is a product of New York University, University of Southern California and Idaho State Callege, He comes to Gateway from Pennsylvania where he was director of Drama at the State teachers College at East Straudsburg. He was also director of drama at Norwalk High School, Norwalk, Connecticut, During the summer last year, Mr. Smith was technical director at the Bushkill Playhouse in Bushkill, Pennsylvania. Previously he was technical director with the St. Paul's Players in Washington, D. C. This is his first season with the Gateway Theatre and will act both as technical director and as a director of the productions.



A resident of New York City Milt Commons has had varied experionce in theatre. He has appeared Off-Broadway in the Black Friars production of Angelic Dactor, and in Hollywood California played in Abies Irish Rose and At War With The Army, Some of the theatres who have used his talents are the Kennebunkport Theatre in Maine. Sombrero Playhouse in Phoenix, Arizona, Konne Theatre in Keene, New Hampshire, Playhouse Theatre, Houston, Texas and the Allenberry Playhouse in Pennsylvania, Mr. Commons has performed with such notable performers as Edward Everitt Horton, Charles Caburn, Zazu Pitts, and Mickey Rooney.

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