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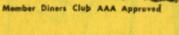
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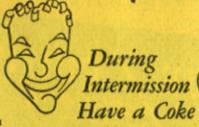


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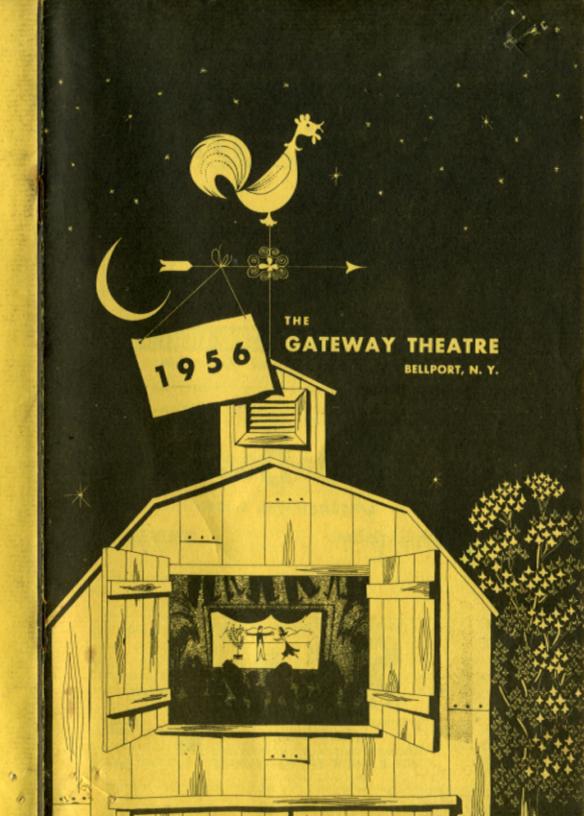
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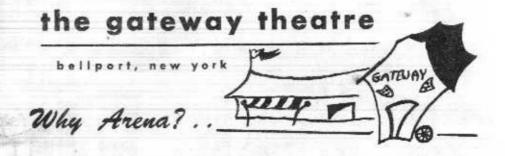
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An audience favorite at Gateway last season was **86b Duval** who will be remembered for his rugged portrayal as Hal in Picnic, Paris in The Crucible and Witch Bay in Dark Of The Moon, Mr. Duvall has appeared with the McClean Summer Theatre in Virginia and the Arena Theatre in Washington, D. C. After completing his studies at college in Elsah, Illinois, he served in the U. S. Army for 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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Ten years ago Ruth Vickers made her stage debut as Corliss Archer in Kiss and Tell with the Bellport Summer Theatre, Since then she has studied acting at college in Illinois, has appeared with C. W. T. in New York and has been seen on the stage at the West Hampton Playhouse. Miss Vickers is one of Gateway's founders and aside from her duties as Company Manager she also teachers acting in the Cateway Theatre workshop. She has won critics praise for her portrayals of Gigi, and as Millie in Picnic. One of her favorite roles was that of Bessie Watty in The Carn Is Green. Miss Vickers met Stan Allan, station manager of WPAC, after a Gateway performance of Years Ago in which she had been appearing with Jay Jostyn. They were married in 1954.



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. Sammer 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. Same of his favorite roles include Prametheus in Prometheus Bound, Peer in Poor Gynt and Casanova in Camino Real

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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 Reportory 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 Galeway 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 Minnosota 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 Dalls and Captain Southard in The Caine Mutiny, Mr. Barbata has an exceptionally fine baritone singing voice and when in New York sang the part of Melchior in "Amahl and The Night Visitors."



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Ralph 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 Stroudsburg. 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 experience in theatre. He has appeared Off-Broadway in the Black Frigrs production of Angelic Doctor, and in Hallywood 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, Keene Theatre in Kacne, 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 Coburn, Zazu Pitts, and Mickey Rooney.

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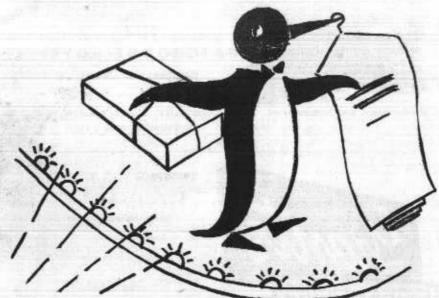
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