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NOTES ABOUT TONIGHT'S CAST

- A. HOWARD FIELDSTEEL (Mr. Frederick Ritter), a New Yorker, played with a Red Cross Travel Group while in service, has played with Honedale, Pa. Summer Theatre, and with Johns Hopkins University Barnstormers.
- WILSON R. STAPLES (Mr. Huxley Hossefrosse) is business manager of Ann Arbor Civic Theater, and is a member of the Board of Directors, but appears in a cast for the first time, in this production.
- ARTHUR NEVINS (Mr. Spindler) from New York, a University of Michigan English Major, has played previously with the Summer Players at Londonderry, Vermont and has appeared in the University one-act, "Home of the Friendly."
- CARL F. CONRAD (Mr. Ralph Twiller) in his first year with Civic Theater, has appeared as the lead in a laboratory production of George Kelly's "Flattering Word." He played in "John Loves Mary" with the Long Beach Players and has also worked with the Laguna Beach Players.

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- RALPH B. GUY, JR. (Teddy Spearing, playing Tuesday evening) from Dearborn, Michigan where he began interest in a well developed high school dramatic program. Although in the University he is preparing for Law School, he played the lead in "Home For the Friendly" and in Angell Hall one-acts.
- HERB ROVNER (Teddy Spearing, playing Wednesday evening) played a hit character part in "Home For the Friendly." He is on the Michigan Daily Staff as a special news writer.
- A. B. CRANDELL (stage manager), long-time member of Civic Theatre and member of the Board of Directors, has appeared in Civic Theater production of "Kiss and Tell," "My Sister Eileen," "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" and recently in laboratory roles. Mr. Crandall's outstanding work has been in character-dialects.
- NANCY I. McGEE (Mrs. Paula Ritter), bookholder for two major productions. While she has played in a Tennessee William's one-act this is Nancy's first role in a major production for Civic Theatre.

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MARJORIE STEWART (Mrs. J. Duro Pampinelli) formerly played with Kansas State Players. She appeared in "Night Must Fall" and played Mrs. Birling in "An Inspector Calls."

ROBERTA McCLURE (Mrs. Nelly Fell), formerly at the University of Nebraska, has had roles in "Double Door," "Ladies of the Jury." played Roseling in "As You Like It." This is Roberta's first role with Ann Arbor Civic Theatre.

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MARGARET NICKERSON MARTIN (Miss Florence McCrickett) has worked in radio for many years as script writer and producer. She has done Radio Theater in Jackson and was seen in a major role in Civic Theatre's "Kiss and Tell."

JEAN FINLAYSON HOLZER (Jenny) began interest in Theater at Stevens College. She appeared in "An Inspector Calls," Civic Theatre's October production.

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ELIZABETH PATTERSON (Mrs. Clara Sheppard) played with the Little Theater of Weston Springs, Illinois, and at Dobbs Ferry, New York, while at The Masters School. Previously working only in production with Civic Theatre, this is her first time with the cast.

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