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Although "Mr. Roberts" marks the closing of another year, it is actually a milestone in our planned efforts to make the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre a respected, full grown, and necessary organization in our community. Our overall aim is to provide greater and expanding opportunities for all people to pursue a recreational hobby and give vent to natural talent. In bringing the theater close to the community we feel that we are fulfilling that need. The continued growth of our organization depends upon you and your support of our newly elected officers who will take over at the "Oscar Award" banquet. I know that your support of their efforts will result in the fulfillment of our charter and will provide greater theater entertainment for Ann Arbor, by Ann Arborites.

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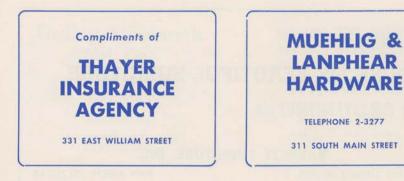
ABOUT THE DIRECTOR - JAMES D. BRILEY

Civic Theatre audiences will remember James Briley as the director of the first play of the current season, **The Happy Time.** An Ann Arbor resident and a graduate student in the University Department of Speech, Jim has been active in several campus productions, and Drama Season shows. With Civic Theatre, he has appeared in **Holiday**, and is a member of the Board of Directors.

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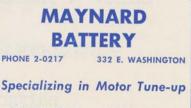
CAST NOTES

KENNETH MacDONALD (Mr. Roberts), president of the Civic Theatre this year, was last year's winner of the Best Actor award sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce for his work in **Holiday.** Ken brings real experience to the role of **"Mr. Roberts"**, since he was a Navy pilot in World War II with the rank of Lt. (jg), which is the same as that held by "Mister Roberts." He is sales manager of the Washtenaw Broadcasting Co., WPAG and WPAG-TV.

WILLIAM MEHEGAN (The Captain), although a newcomer to Civic Theatre is no newcomer to the stage, having been in twenty-five plays in the last thirteen years, and having played twenty-one leading roles. During World War II, as a bombardier with the U.S. 8th Air Force, he was shot down over Germany and spent one year in a POW camp. He is presently a teacher in Ypsilanti High School.

RAE KIESTER (Lt. Ann Girard) has the distinction of being the only woman in the play. Formerly chairman of the University of Michigan Dames Drama Group, Rae is an Ann Arbor resident while her husband is in the Graduate School of Dentistry. She recently directed a Civic Theatre Workshop one-act play, and has had acting experience in Highland Park, Michigan, and Jacksonville, Florida.





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DONALD C. KNOPF (Mannion) makes his first appearance with Civic Theatre. A resident of Pittsfield Park, and a member of the Ann Arbor Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Knopf is an engineer with Kaiser-Frazer Corporation.

CHARLES G. FOSSATI (Insigna) is another former Navy man who is making his debut with Civic Theatre. He has had acting experience in the U. of M. Spanish plays. He is employed as a sales representative for Marchant calculators.

ROBERT P. LOGAN (Ensign Pulver) has formerly appeared with Civic Theatre in **Holiday** and **Ten Little Indians.** A lifelong Ann Arbor resident, he is a past member of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society and the PED-Ford Chorus. During the war he was a sergeant in the Air Force. He is a sales representative for Gulf Refining Company.

GERARD SCOFIELD (Wiley) is a veteran of Civic Theatre although he is making his first appearance before the lights. Last year he won an Oscar as the man who contributed most to Civic Theatre. This was a culmination of five years as stage manager, set designer, technical director and general handyman behind the scenes. On the Board of Directors, he is Vice-President and Business Manager of Civic Theatre.

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ALEXANDER AZARY (Stefanowski), Oscar award winner as best supporting actor in the 1951-52 season, has been active in Civic Theatre for two years. He has appeared in **The Spider** and **Holiday.** He is a methods and standards engineer at Argus Cameras, Inc.

PHILIP SPEAR (Dolan) has lived in Ann Arbor since his return from service in the Navy in 1945. A member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, he is employed at the Overbeck Book Store. This is his first theatrical venture.

PAT QUINN (Dowdy) is well known to Ann Arbor radio audiences as a news commentator and salesman for Station WPAG. Civic Theatre welcomes him to its ranks with this performance.

ROY STROZZI (Doc) hails from Mexico City. In Ann Arbor he is an instructor in the English Language Institute at the University. This is his first appearance with Civic Theatre.

MARK FLEISCHMAN (Gerhart) is a student in the U. of M. speech department and has most recently appeared in **Right You Are If You Think You Are.** He has played in stock theater at Will-O-Way, Bucks County Playhouse, and the Highland Park Summer Theater.

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EDWARD MEYERS (Lindstrom), a former resident of Grand Rapids, has been active in the Civic Theatre Workshop group, and recently appeared in the one-act **Cream Puff Queen.** He is a senior clerk with Gulf Relining Company.

JOHN BIXBY (Chief Johnson) is a U. of M. student and Ann Arbor resident. He has done backstage work for Civic Theatre, and has also assisted with the Arts Theater Club children's plays.

ANTHONY GEORGILAS (Shore Patrol Officer) is a graduate speech major in the U. of M. He recently appeared with Play Production in **Right You Are If You Think You Are.** This is his Civic Theatre debut.

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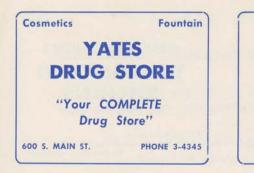
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