

Our Town

**By
Thornton Wilder**



**Oct. 25, 26, 27
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**MSU Union Auditorium
3rd Floor**



STARKVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE

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(Produced by special permission arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.)

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The entire play takes place in Grovers Corners, New Hampshire.

CAST

(In Order of Appearance)

STAGE MANAGER	Sam Dudley
DR. GIBBS	Bob Wolverton
JOE CROWELL	Andy Erickson
HOWIE NEWSOM	David Cook
MRS. GIBBS	Joan McMinn
MRS. WEBB	Elizabeth Hawkins
GEORGE GIBBS	Dee Downer
REBECCA GIBBS	Jennifer Beal
WALLY WEBB	Douglass Thompson
EMILY WEBB	Charlotte Haynes
PROFESSOR WILLARD	Marvin Salin
MR. WEBB	Jack Carroll
WOMAN IN AUDITORIUM	Peggy Wolverton
MAN IN AUDITORIUM	Bill Parrish
SIMON STIMSON	Charles Thomas
MRS. SOAMES	Helen Eaves
CONSTABLE WARREN	Monroe Dewberry
SI CROWELL	Jordan Krane
BASEBALL PLAYER	John Helms
DEAD WOMAN	Shirley Carley
DEAD WOMAN	Katherine Conroy
MARGARET CRAIG	Jan Zeppelin
JOE STODDARD	Ron Walker

SHIRLEY CARLEY is feature editor for Starkville Daily News. Her previous stage experience includes a small part in the Columbus Little Theater's "Our Town" 30 years ago. Shirley's hobbies include tennis, bridge, cross-stitch, and singing with the Symphony Chorus. Married to C.T., they have three daughters and one son.

KATHERINE CONROY has been a very active member of SCT, appearing in five productions and working back stage on several others. Her most recent role was "Bess" in "Close Ties." President of MSU Veterinary Wives, a member of the Aldersgate Church choir, and a Sunday School teacher, Katherine and her husband Jim have three children.

JAN ZEPPELIN, SCT's first president, directed "The White Sheep of the Family" and is presently serving on the Board of Directors. She and her husband Tom have two "Jennifers" (one is their retail store and the other is their daughter) and a son Daron.

RON WALKER, an Energy Education Specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service, has participated on stage in two previous roles. Ron served as House Manager for the 1983-1984 season. He and his wife Barbara have four children. Ron enjoys reading (1932-1945 history) and music.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES

CO-DIRECTORS Bob Anderson, Mary Eleanor Anderson
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Madeline Branton
PUBLICITY Jennifer Stevens
COSTUMES . . . Marsha Williams, Barbara Bouchillion, Inez Thomas
MAKE-UP . . . Barbara Bouchillion, Faye Hutto, Harriet Mastin,
Katherine Conroy, Jami Conroy, Jeri Mangum,
Betty Frnka, Ellie MacNeill, Sharon Powe
PROGRAMS Shay McDonnall
PROPS. Edith Teasley, Ross Williams,
Steve Head, Norman Tramel
HOUSE MANAGER Howard Schickedanz
LIGHTS Edwin Ellis, Kelly Balius
OPENING NIGHT PARTY Jean Snyder, Frances Fortenberry
SOUND Joan Embree, Kelly Balius
PLATFORMS . . . Ralph Olivieri, Shannon Olivieri, Kelly Balius
PHOTOGRAPHY John Beal

ACTORS APPEARING ON STAGE

SAM DUDLEY, a newcomer to Starkville Community Theatre, is a Professor of Communication at MSU. He is currently hosting the "Mississippi Roads" series being broadcast on Mississippi ETV. His previous experience includes a small part in "Dream Girl" in 1954 and the Readers' Theatre production of "John Brown's Body." Sam's hobbies include reading and tennis. Married to Pinks, they have two grown children.

BOB WOLVERTON, Vice President for Academic Affairs at MSU, is a founding member of SCT, past president, and presently serves on the Board of Directors. He has had numerous roles in previous SCT productions but says that he was best typecast as the father of the bride in "Plaza Suite." Bob is on the Fine Arts Advisory Committee for Starkville Public Schools and is on the Board of Directors for the Starkville-MSU Symphony Association.

ANDY ERICKSON actively participates in VIVA as an eighth grader at Henderson Junior High School. He plays drums in the junior high band and has been in several plays and musical productions, including the role of the bellboy in SCT's "I Remember Mama." Active in Civil Air Patrol and 4-H, Andy is also an altar server at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. His mother and father are Dick and Joanie Erickson.

DAVID COOK, who will direct our next production, "The Philadelphia Story," is a valued member of SCT because of his behind-the-scenes work in set design and construction. He has also had several previous roles with SCT, as well as with other community theaters. Director of Psychology at Rolling Hills Retardation Center and a graduate student in Clinical Psychology at MSU, David is also a "retired" nurse.

JOAN McMINN has appeared on stage many times in numerous musicals, operettas, and operas. A former member of the Clemson Little Theatre and Auburn TV Players, Joan has had one previous SCT role as "Harriet" in "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Presently serving as Choir Director at Trinity Presbyterian Church, she is married to Bill, the new Dean of the College of Architecture, Art and Planning at Cornell University. They have two children, Kevin and Tracey.

ELIZABETH HAWKINS, a newcomer to our stage, is the Technical Editor and Information Specialist at the Mississippi Water Resources Research Institute at MSU. She is the wife of EO and the mother of Douglass and Haley. Active as a board member and treasurer of the Starkville Symphony Association, Elizabeth lists walking as one of her favorite pasttimes.

DEE DOWNER is a student at Starkville High School. Although this is his first SCT play, he played Peter in "The Diary of Ann Frank" when he lived in Atlanta. Active in the youth activities at First United Methodist Church, Dee is nearing completion of the requirements for the Eagle Scout Award in Boy Scouts.

JENNIFER BEAL, a sixth grader at Armstrong Middle School, is active in the VIVA group and plays saxophone in the band. She has taken piano lessons for five years and lists watching tv as her favorite pasttime. Jennifer is the daughter of John and Mary Lee Beal.

DOUGLASS THOMPSON is a ninth grader at Henderson Junior High School and participates in the VIVA program. A member of First United Methodist Church, Douglass enjoys stamp collecting and painting.

CHARLOTTE HAYNES, a junior at Starkville High School, enjoys art, dancing, and modeling. Her previous experience includes two school plays, "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "Murder Hometown Style," a play written by her eighth grade VIVA class.

MARVIN SALIN, after playing a wimpish undertaker and an obnoxious clown in two previous SCT performances, said that he has again been typecast in this play as "a boring, bland professor." A Professor of Biochemistry at MSU, Marvin is the father of two sons, Andy and Todd.

JACK CARROLL, our present SCT President, is the Coordinator of the Energy Extension Center at MSU. He has been in four other SCT productions and is a member of Aldersgate Methodist Church and choir and the Coordinator of the Youth Program. He is the Co-President of the Starkville Academy Band Boosters. Married to Charleen, they have two children, Bubba and Tonia.

PEGGY WOLVERTON is performing for the first time on the SCT stage, "having waited 50 years for just the right part." Her previous theater experience has been in helping her husband, Bob, and daughter, Laurie, with lines and acting as chief broom sweeper before and after the shows. Married to Bob, they have four adult children and one grandson.

BILL PARRISH is a newcomer to the SCT stage but was involved in theater in high school. Head of the History Department at MSU, Bill is married to HelenSue.

CHARLES THOMAS, a veteran SCT member, has appeared in two previous SCT productions, "You Can't Take It With You" and "Curious Savage." Employed by the Poultry Science Department at MSU as a Professor of Genetics, Charlie and his wife Inez have one daughter and two grandsons.

HELEN EAVES is a newcomer to the SCT stage but has worked on make-up for three previous productions. She graduated from MSU last spring with a degree in social studies and is presently taking a graduate course in southern history. A member of the Calvary Baptist Church choir, Helen and her husband Doyle have three sons, Clint, Kevin, and Chad.

MONROE DEWBERRY, a veteran SCT member, has performed in three plays, directed "Barefoot in the Park," and will direct our spring production "40 Carats." Bursar at MSU, Monroe has four sons, Derek, Mark, Todd, and Stephen.

JORDAN KRANE is a fifth grade student at Sudduth Elementary School. He was Davy in the 1983 children's summer production, "Five Little Peppers." The son of Dale and Maria Krane, Jordan enjoys hiking and sports.

JOHN HELMS, a junior at Starkville High School, is active in the Aldersgate Methodist Youth Group and Boy Scouts. John played "Thayer" in last year's production, "Close Ties."

FROM THE DIRECTORS . .

This play has been a joy to direct. We hope we have reached a standard of production worthy of Thornton Wilder's beautiful prose. We have had a dedicated cast who worked well together, and willing and efficient people to do crew. This combination makes the directors' jobs easier. Our thanks to each one of you.

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