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Thanks to you for your wonderful support of our many attempts to be the people's theater in Ann Arbor. We are happy to report that our first production of the 1953-54 season, "Three Men on a Horse," was a success both artistically and financially. This success was due to the efforts of one man, Mr. Ted Heusel, the Director, who stepped in to play a leading role when a man who will long be remembered in Ann Arbor was taken from us on the eve of opening night. I wish to thank you on behalf of The Ann Arbor Civic Theater and myself, for bearing with us during this trying time of misfortune.

Tonight we bring you our second offering, "Home of the Brave," under the able direction of Bill Mehegan. There are both an excellent cast and crew who have worked long and hard to make this the most enjoyable evening you have had in the theater for some time. If you enjoy our presentations tell your friends and make up a party to see our next production in April. Again thanks to you for your continued, deeply appreciated support of this, your Civic Theater.

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You will all remember Bill as the stern character who played the part of the Captain in "Mr. Roberts." We are very fortunate to have so capable a director at the helm of this production. Bill is reasonably new to Civic Theater; however, he is a veteran when it comes to the stage. During the last 13 years Bill has participated in 26 plays of which 22 were leading roles. We think Mr. Mehegan has done a fine job in moulding these six personalities into an army outfit that we are sure you will enjoy. His experience in the army gives him much of this capability. During World War II, as a bombardier with the United States Eighth Air Force, Bill was shot down over Germany and spent over a year in a POW camp. Presently, he is working on his doctor's degree in English at the University of Michigan.

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**NOTES ABOUT THE CAST**

- MARK FLEISCHMAN (*Coney*) can be remembered for his part as Gehart, a sailor, in "Mr. Roberts." Mark has been affiliated with a summer theater group in Ogunquit, Maine, where he appeared with Ezio Pinza, Wally Cox, Richard Arlen and others. He is now majoring in speech at the University of Michigan.

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- LEE JACKSON (*T. J.*) is a newcomer to Civic Theater and also is making his debut before the footlights tonight. He hails from Royal Oak and am sure will be recognized by some of our patron neighbors. He is a junior in the English Department at the University.
  
- CARL GINGLES (*Doc*) perhaps can be remembered in a Civic Theater production in 1949. He played the part of George in "All My Sons." Carl is a dentist and a resident of Ann Arbor.

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- GILBERT LEE FINEMAN (*Mingo*), although a newcomer to Civic Theater, is not making his debut on stage. Gil played the part of Burbage in "Elizabeth the Queen." He comes from Detroit and is a senior in the Speech Department at the University.
  
- BILL WENRICH (*Finch*) makes his first appearance on stage tonight. Bill is a junior at Ann Arbor Hgih and we are sure you are going to see more of him in future productions.

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- BRUCE LAWRASON (*Major*) is also making his first appearance with Civic Theater. He has played in various high school and college productions, one of which was in the daring role as Danny in "Night Must Fall." While with the Little Theater in LaFayette, Louisiana, he was the Producer in "Light Up The Sky." He is presently employed with the Ann Arbor News as copy editor.

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SCENE 1. Hospital room, two

SCENE 2. The office, two day

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