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The Western Players

Present

"OUR TOWN"

THE CAST

Stage Manager .................................................. Larry Siria
Assistants ......................................................... John Blair, Jim Motsinger
Dr. Gibbs .......................................................... Cecil Mabe
Joe Crowell ....................................................... Don Griffis
Howie Newsome ................................................. Eddie Pfingston
Mrs. Gibbs ........................................................ Patsy Gray
Mrs. Webb ........................................................ Lorine Cooksey
George Gibbs ..................................................... Charlie Logsdon
Rebecca Gibbs ..................................................... Sherrill Scanlon
Wally Webb ........................................................ John D. Conn
Emily Webb ........................................................ Dinah Funk
Professor Willard ............................................... Charles L. Wade
Mr. Webb ............................................................ Frank S. Hammond
A Lady Reformer ................................................ Peggy Houchin
The Rabble Rouser .............................................. Don Patterson
Patron of the Arts ............................................... Millie Wood
Simon Stimson .................................................... Eddie Hocker
Mrs. Soames ...................................................... Susan Moses
Constable Warren ................................................ Paul W. Brooker, Jr.
Si Crowell .......................................................... Craig Williamson
Baseball Players ................................................... Corky McCormick,
                                                     John D. Conn, John Blair
Sam Craig .......................................................... Warren H. Kessler
Joe Pollock ........................................................... Bill Shuck
Farmer McCarthy ............................................... Bill Wortham
People of the Town: John Blair, Billy Brooker, John D. Conn,
                      Chester Day, Ann Downing, Peggy Grider, Peggy
                      Houchin, Yvonne Houchin, Jacquita Irby, Warren Kessler,
                      Beverly Kowalski, Corky McCormick, Betty Lou Miller,
                      Jim Motsinger, Suzy Norman, Don Patterson, Carolyn
                      Paton, Eddie Pfingston, Ann Pile, Bill Shuck, Sandy
                      Stone, Charles L. Wade, Millie Wood, Bill Wortham, Al
                      Young.

Act I: The Daily Life
Act II: Love and Marriage
Act III: A Glimpse of the Hereafter
There will be ten minute intermission between acts.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Russell H. Miller ............................................ Production Director
John L. Minton ................................................. Production Coordinator
Eddie Hocker ..................................................... Box Office Manager
Stage Manager ................................................... Chester Day
Assistant to the Director ................................. Judy Criswell, Pat Patterson

Technical Staff

Script Assistants ............................................ Beth Graham, Judy Criswell
Properties ......................................................... Gloria Cooper,
                                                     Susan Shirley, Ted Urban
Lighting ............................................................ Dick Covington,
                                                     Judy Criswell, Corky McCormick, Joe Burgess, Gloria
                                                     Cooper, Benny Vickous, John O'Daniel, Bill Wortham,
                                                     Virginia McMunn.
Sound and Special Effects .............................. Charles Wade,
                                                     Corky McCormick, Kim Benson.
Make-up .......................................................... Pat Patterson,
                                                     Susan Shirley, Ann Pile, Gloria Cooper, Peggy Grider,
                                                     Charles Wade, Carroll Hart, Bill Steenbergen.
Costumes ......................................................... Ann Pile,
                                                     Ted Urban, Yvonne Houchin, Carolyn Patton, Virginia
                                                     McMunn.
Publicity ......................................................... Kay Anderson,
                                                     Susan Shirley, Ann Pile, Peggy Grider, Joe Burgess, Ted
                                                     Urban, Peggy Sloan.
Programs ......................................................... Susan Shirley,
                                                     Warren Oakes.
Officers of Western Players

Chairman of Executive Board.......................... John L. Minton
Assistant Chairman........................................ Charlie Fleener
Secretary........................................................... Alice Chumbly
Business Manager.............................................. Ed Hocker
Stage Manager.................................................. Charles Wade
Public Relations Manager.................................... Kay Anderson
Personnel Managers................................. Pat Patterson and Patsy Gray
Program Coordinator...................................... Larry Siria
Social Chairman................................................ Wendy Harrison

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ABOUT “OUR TOWN”—

Brooks Atkinson called “Our Town” a hauntingly beautiful play. In his history of the placid New Hampshire town, Thornton Wilder has transmuted the simple events of human life into unusual reverie. He has given familiar facts a deeply moving philosophical perspective. “Our Town” is less the portrait of a town than the sublimination of the commonplace and in contrast with the universe that silently swims around it, it is brimming over with compassion.

“Our Town” was first produced and directed by Jed Harris. It opened at the Henry Miller Theatre in New York City on February 4, 1938. It ran for over a year and won the annual Pulitzer Prize for drama for that season. The original cast included Frank Craven (Stage Manager), his son John Craven (George Gibbs), and Martha Scott (Emily Webb). Miss Scott left the cast and was replaced by a then unknown young actress named Dorothy McGuire. When “Our Town” was sent on tour with Eddie Dowling as the stage manager, Teresa Wright assumed the role of Emily. In the movie version Frank Craven, Martha Scott, and William headed the cast.

Thornton Wilder won his first Pulitzer Prize with “The Bridge of San Luis Rey,” a philosophical novel, in 1927. It became a best-seller and gave Wilder an international reputation. In 1943, his play “The Skin of Our Teeth” won the Pulitzer award.