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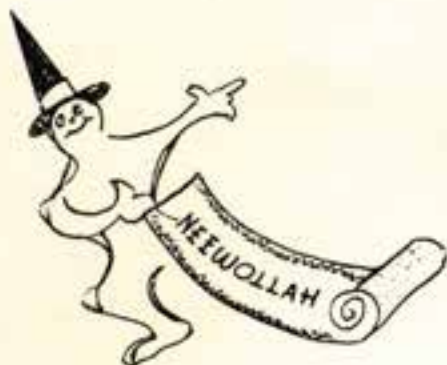


OCTOBER 28, 29, 30, 31
& NOVEMBER 1, 1969
INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

**KANSAS'
LARGEST ANNUAL
CELEBRATION**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 28 through November 1

Sonny Meyers Carnival — Downtown Area

— FREE STREET ACTS —

October 28 and 29, Tuesday and Wednesday

8:00 p.m. Oliver! On stage of Memorial Hall.

October 30, Thursday

8:00 p.m. "Country Music Spectacular" on stage of Memorial Hall.

The Ray Price Show, with Wanda Jackson,
Billy Gray, Rodney Lay, M.C.

October 31, Friday

4:00 p.m. Kiddies Parade in downtown Independence.

8:00 p.m. Coronation of Queen Neelah XXVIII on stage of Memorial Hall.

10:30 p.m. Coronation Ball — Civic Center.

November 1, Saturday

11:00 a.m. Grand Parade in downtown Independence.

8:00 p.m. "Neewollah Follies of '69" on stage of Memorial Hall.

Don Cherry, Archie Campbell, Mike Caldwell,
The Speakeasy Singers, Ted Weems' Orchestra
with Ted Weems, Jr.

10:00 p.m. Dance at Civic Center The Mob



Greetings from the Generalissimo

WELCOME . . . Come and enjoy the spirit of Independence as shown by Neewollah. It has been the greatest privilege of my life to work with the wonderful, dedicated people who are the backbone of Neewollah.

We present with pride "Neewollah, 1969" . . . "Oliver!", "Country Music Spectacular", a beautiful Queen Coronation, better parades and more interesting "Follies of 1969".

We hope you have enjoyed receiving as much as we have enjoyed giving.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "G. Burks Sherwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative loop at the end.

G. Burks Sherwood,
Generalissimo

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1959



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1960



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1961



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1962 & 1964



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1956 & 1965



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1963



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1967



WAYNE REED
1968

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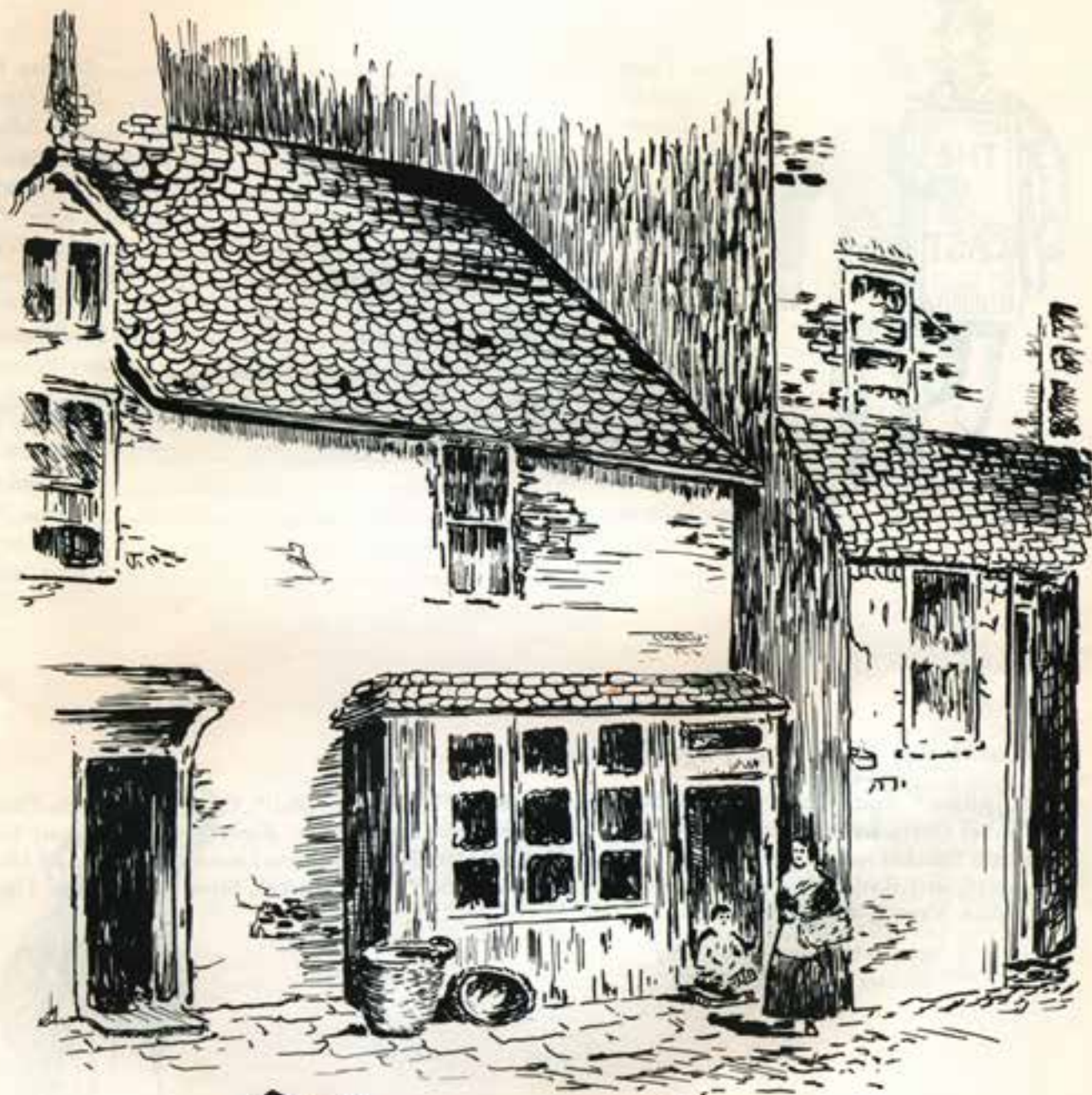
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Oliver!

Book, Music and Lyrics by Lionel Bart

Based on the novel, *Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens

CAST OF CHARACTERS



Oliver Twist	Stephen Plute
Mr. Bumble	James Johnson
Mrs. Corney	Liz Miessler
Old Sally	Zelda Grauerholz
Mr. Sowerberry	Bill Ketchum
Mrs. Sowerberry	Joan Veron
Charlotte	Ann Wilkin
Noah Claypole	Chuck Burroughs
The Artful Dodger	David Hill
Fagin	Paul DeJarnett
Bill Sikes	Garry Bowersock
Nancy	Barbara Schmidt
Bet	Nancy Reid
Charley Bates	Perry Hanson
Mr. Brownlow	John Reid
Mrs. Bedwin	Martha Payne
Dr. Grimwig	Bill Ketchum
Old Lady	Bo Campbell

Workhouse Boys and Fagin's Gang:

Phil Aitken*, Brandt Bish*, Donald Burt, Johnny Buser**, Billy Campbell*, Doug Clark, Justin Clark, Whitney Davis, Lynn Donart, Danny Gross*, Jerry Hiatt*, Todd Keeley, Rusty Kelley*, Michael Ketchum*, Eric Layton, Stephen Layton*, Bryan Maskus, Steve Neifing*, Steve Leonard**, Craig and Mark Palmer*, Jeff Rutland*, Mark and Reid Scofield*, Steve Sell*, Mark Tarry*, Steve Tarver, Matt Thayer, Mark Vance*, and Mark Powell.

(*) denotes boys in Fagin's gang

(**) denotes pauper assistants

Londoners:

Sherri Schneider, Dave and Rachel Torbett, Bill Fitzpatrick, Sam Alvey, Paula Masters, Stephanie Plute, Patty Maness, Mary Jo Wint, Becky Jo Welch, Kay Shoemaker, Debbie Pasternak, LeAnn Mailes, Sheila Bair, Gustavos Bernal, Claretta Campbell, Kate Emert, Cheryl Aitken, Betty Meyer, Mary Lou Palmer, Dana Aitken, Dee Ann Troutman, Sandy Brisbane, Judy Nickel, Delma Crawford, Tom Troutman, Mike Keeley, David Smart, Fred Dice, Christopher Shaver, Benny Beurskens, Greg Reeder, Kenneth Farver, Mike Linn, Jim Miller, Lori Bruening, Kristin Crumrine, Lisa Pollock, Patty Brisbane, Beth Maxwell, Kim Wilson, Barbara McKenzie, Becky Reed, D. A. Willbern, Jr., Steve Orr, and Marcia Willbern.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Time: About 1850
London, England



ACT I

- Scene 1 The Workhouse.
Scene 2 The Workhouse Parlor.
Scene 3 The Sowerberry Funeral Parlor.
Scene 4 The Sowerberry Funeral Parlor.
Scene 5 Paddington Green.
Scene 6 The Thieves' Kitchen.

ACT II

- Scene 1 The "Three Cripples."
Scene 2 The Brownlow Home.
Scene 3 The Thieves' Kitchen.
Scene 4 The Workhouse.
Scene 5 The Brownlow Home.
Scene 6 London Bridge.



"Oliver!" was first performed at the New Theatre, St. Martin's Lane, in London, June 30, 1959. It closed in 1966 after 2,618 performances.

New York audiences saw "Oliver!" for the first time at the Imperial Theater, January 6, 1963. The New York Show closed in November of 1964 after 774 performances.

The film version of "Oliver!", a Columbia release, received Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Choreography in 1968.



Bill Sikes
Garry Bowersock

Nancy
Barbara Schmidt

Bet
Nancy Reid

Oliver
Stephen Plute

The Artful Dodger
David Hill

Fagin
Paul DeJarnett

Mrs. Corney
Liz Miessler



Mr. Bumble
James Johnson

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Charlotte
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Mr. Sowerberry
Bill Ketchum

Mrs. Sowerberry
Joan Veron

Dr. Grimwig
Bill Ketchum

Mrs. Bedwin
Martha Payne

Mr. Brownlow
John Reid

PRODUCER ~ DIRECTOR



Fred Wilkin

Georgia High

"You can't keep a good man down," the old cliché goes . . . And it's even harder to keep a good team down. The team of Wilkin and High has been collaborating on Neewollah productions regularly for several years. Fred has been in the limelight with roles in "Auntie Mame", "Guys and Dolls", "The Music Man", "My Fair Lady", and, most recently, "South Pacific". In 1966 he served as Generalissimo.

Georgia's contributions to the Neewollah theater have always been behind the scenes, as associate producer for "South Pacific" and "My Fair Lady", as assistant director for "Auntie Mame", and, in 1966, as director for "The Sound of Music".

"Oliver!" is one of the most difficult shows ever attempted by Neewollah — a challenge to both the staff and the cast. Challenges have never intimidated the Neewollah theater in the past, however, and we feel that "Oliver!" will provide playgoers with an exceptional piece of theater and fine family entertainment.

PRODUCTION STAFF



RACHELLE WYCKOFF
Production Coordinator



TIM EMERT
Associate Producer



BILL WOODS
Stage Manager and
Set Design



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KETCHUM
Choreographer



DALE CASTEEL
Musical Director



DANA AITKEN
Vocal Director



JIM CARPENTER
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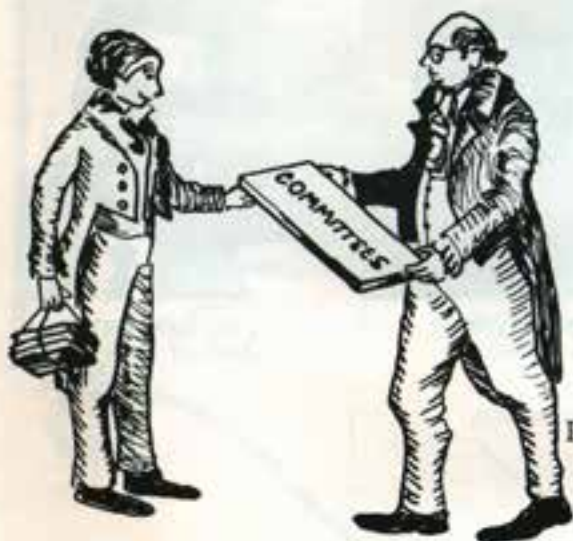
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BETTY GIDEON
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WOODWINDS	Jo Oliver, Harold Burris, Joyce Teghtmeyer, Dr. George Jones, Jr., Stan Underwood.
PIANO	Regina Schicke.
PERCUSSION	H. Wayne Adams, Bob Hille.



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ART DESIGN Jeanie Woods, Melinda Bailey, Norma Reed.



THE WORKHOUSE BOYS: First Row: Jeff Rutland, Steve Tarver, Whitney Davis, Donald Burt. Second Row: Brandt Bish, Steve Leonard, Philip Aitken, Steve Sell, Mark Palmer, Doug Clark (behind), Lynn Donart, Steve Layton, Todd Keeley, Perry Hanson, Mark Vance (behind), Danny Gross, Rusty Kelley, Craig Tarry. Third Row: Justin Clark, Bryan Maskus, Reid Scofield, Steve Neifing, Michael Ketchum, Mark Tarry, Billy Campbell, Eric Layton, Matt Thayer, Mark Scofield, Jerry Hiatt (in front of Mark). Not pictured: Johnny Buser and Mark Powell.

ASSISTANTS

Special Assistant to the Director: Margaret Goheen.

Program: Barbara Emert and Bernice McNiel.

Oliver Art Work: Barbara Emert.

Cast Photographer: Doyal Plute

Backstage Mother of Workhouse Boys: Ruth Holley.

Cast Party: Jackie Layton and Carol Leonard.

"Oliver!" produced by special arrangement with Tams-Witmark, New York.

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... and all others who agreed to help after this program went to press.



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Queen Neelah XXVIII

Crowning by

ROBERT B. DOCKING

Governor of Kansas

Friday, October 31

8 p.m. Memorial Hall

Lee Woodward
KOTV, Tulsa
Master of Ceremonies

Starring
The Mob

Coronation Ball

10:30 p.m.
Civic Center

QUEEN NEELAH XXVIII CORONATION



Organ Prelude Juanita Atkisson

Master of Ceremonies Lee Woodward

The Mob Act

Queen Candidates Pageant Number

Neelah Debs Dance

Presentation of Queen Candidates, Division I

Queen Candidate Talent Acts

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3.

Presentation of Queen Candidates, Division II

Farewell — Queen Neelah XXVII Miss Diane Talley

Presentation of the Governor of Kansas Robert Docking

Announcement of Category Winners and Presentation of Trophies

Beauty

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Becky Bish, Jan Yerkes, Jeanne Scott

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Debi Bellm, Sheila Bair, Diane David.

(Bottom Row:)

Debbie Pasternak, Kay Michels, Suzie Sells



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Thursday October 30th



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GRAND PARADE

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In Memory of Parker Willett, who, for many, many years, was a member of the Parade Committee and worked diligently in that capacity. Parker died January 30. He will be greatly missed.



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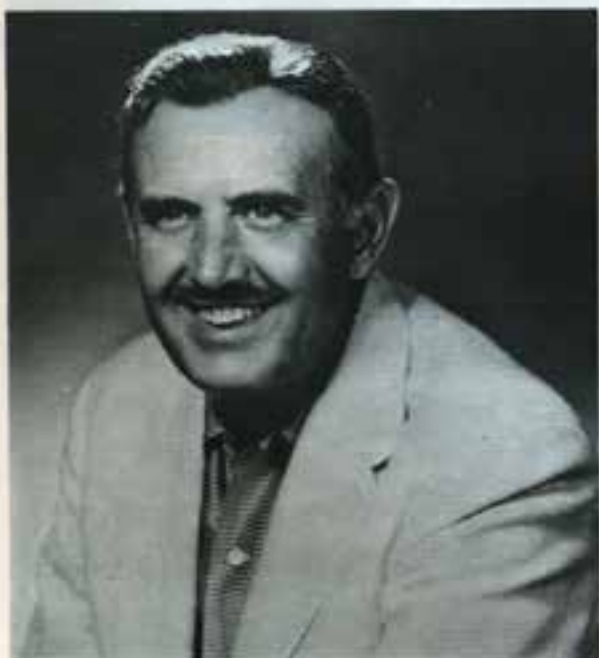
"FOLLIES OF '69"
Saturday November 1st



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