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Tevye...

Fiddler on the Roof

ROBERT HOUSTON
as Tevye

DIANA STEWART
as Golde

CHRISTOPHER GIBBS
as Lazar

SADIE BROWN
as Yente

ROBYN HOUSTON
as Tzeitel

JAN FULFORD
as Hodel

LYNDA POYNTER
as Chava

DIGBY EDGECOMBE
as Motel

DAVID PIPE
as Perchik

HUGH SWEENEY
as Fyedka

Golde...

BERNIE READE
as the Fiddler

CAMPBELL SOUTER
as the Rabbi

TERRY KELLIHER
as Mendel

BILL BRUNSDON
as Mordcha

BRIDGET ALEXANDER
as Sphrintze

PAULINE DAVIDSON
as Bielke

JUNE KEOUGH
as Frumasarah

JILL TOBIN
as Grandma Tzeitel

ROSS ALEXANDER
as Avram

BILL BECKETT
as Moishe

GERALD BROWN
as Label

ANTHONY BEWLEY
as Nachum

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as Yakov

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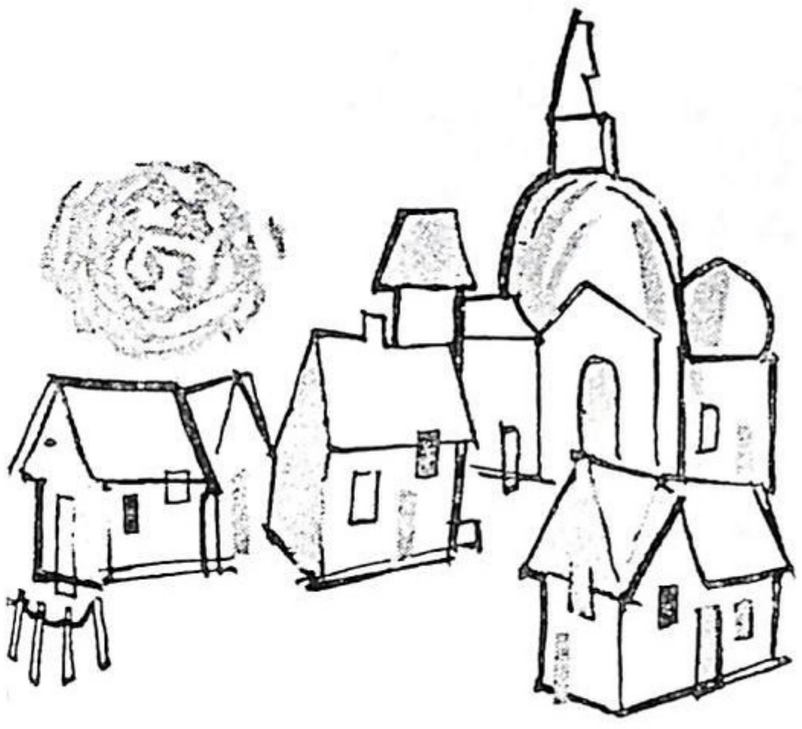

Fiddler on the Roof

ANATEVKA: A small village in Russia 1905, on the eve of the Russian Revolutionary period.

ACT ONE

PROLOGUE
SCENE 1: KITCHEN IN TEVYE'S HOUSE
SCENE 2: EXTERIOR OF TEVYE'S HOUSE
SCENE 3: INSIDE TEVYE'S HOUSE
SCENE 4: THE INN
SCENE 5: OUTSIDE THE INN
SCENE 6: TEVYE'S BACK YARD
SCENE 7: TEVYE'S BEDROOM
SCENE 8: STREET AND MOTEL'S SHOP
SCENE 9: TEVYE'S BACK YARD

ACT TWO

PROLOGUE
SCENE 1: OUTSIDE TEVYE'S HOUSE
SCENE 2: VILLAGE STREET
SCENE 3: RAILWAY STATION
SCENE 4: STREET AND MOTEL'S SHOP
SCENE 5: OUTSIDE TEVYE'S HOUSE
SCENE 6: SOME DAYS LATER
SCENE 7: EXODUS

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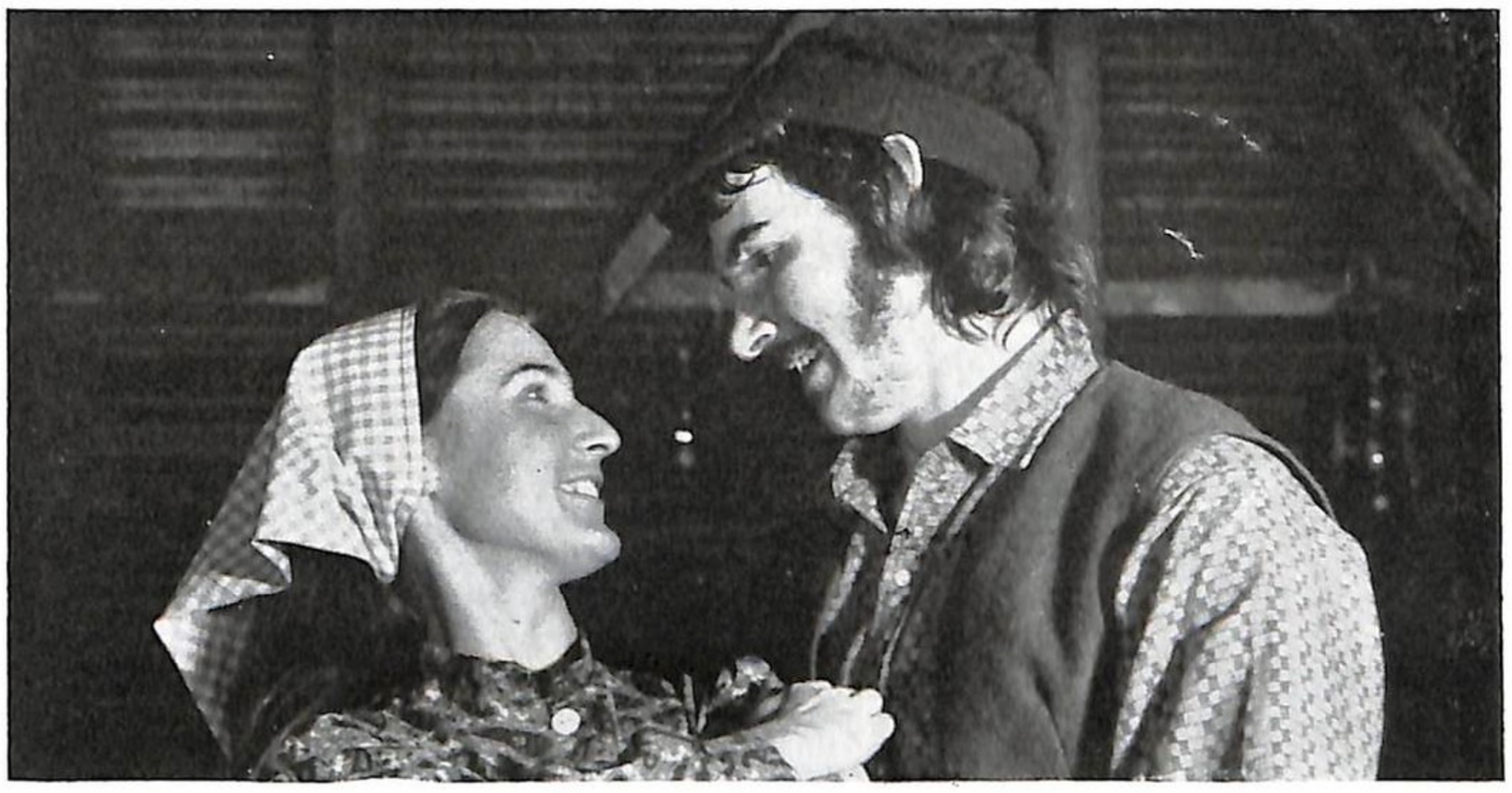
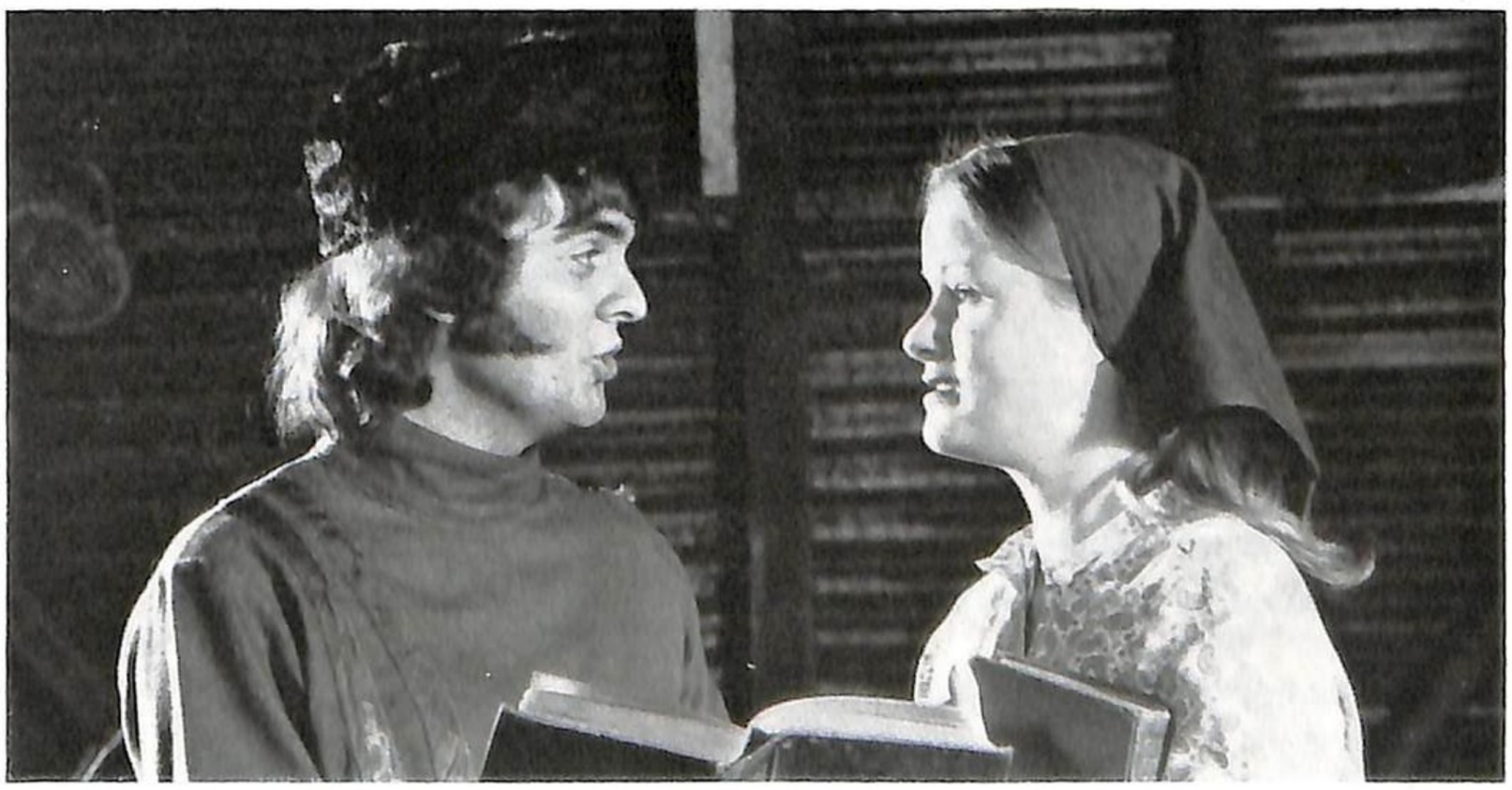


Hodel *Perchik*



Fyedka *Chava*

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

1: Prologue — "Tradition"
2: "Matchmaker"
3: "If I were a Rich Man"
4: "Sabbath Prayer"
5: "To Life"
6: "Tevye's Monologue"
7: "Miracle of Miracles"
8: "The Dream"
9: "Sunrise Sunset"
10: Bottle Dance
11: Wedding Dance

ACT TWO

1: "Now I Have Everything"
2: "Tevye's Rebuttal"
3: "Do You Love Me?"
4: "The Rumour"
5: "Far from the Home I Love"
6: "Chava Sequence"
7: "Anatevka"

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Here in Anatevka we have traditions for everything . . . how to eat, how to sleep, how to wear clothes. For instance, we always keep our heads covered and always wear a little prayer shawl. This shows our constant devotion to God.

Our men are separated from women during prayers so the men can concentrate and not be diverted.

Our mothers kindle the Sabbath candles which are a symbol of joy.

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Glass, once a precious object, is sacrificed at a wedding in order to avoid greater misfortune.

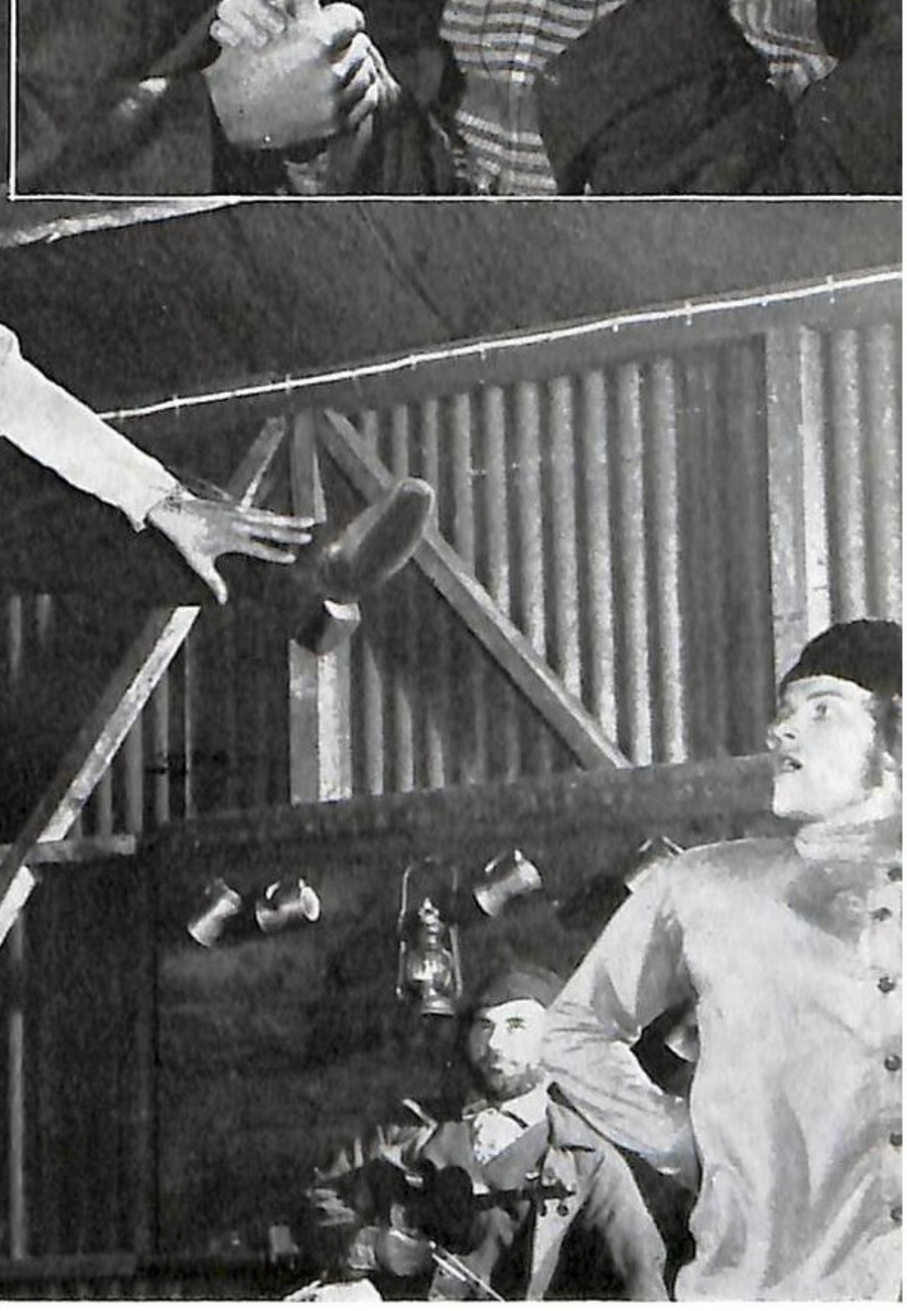
Our men and women dance separately because of an ancient belief that women were not always clean.

Once married, our women, in order not to attract other men have their hair shaved off and wear a wig on formal occasions.

We say to you: Mazeltov (good luck) and L'chaim (to health)!

Fiddler on the Roof

Lazar



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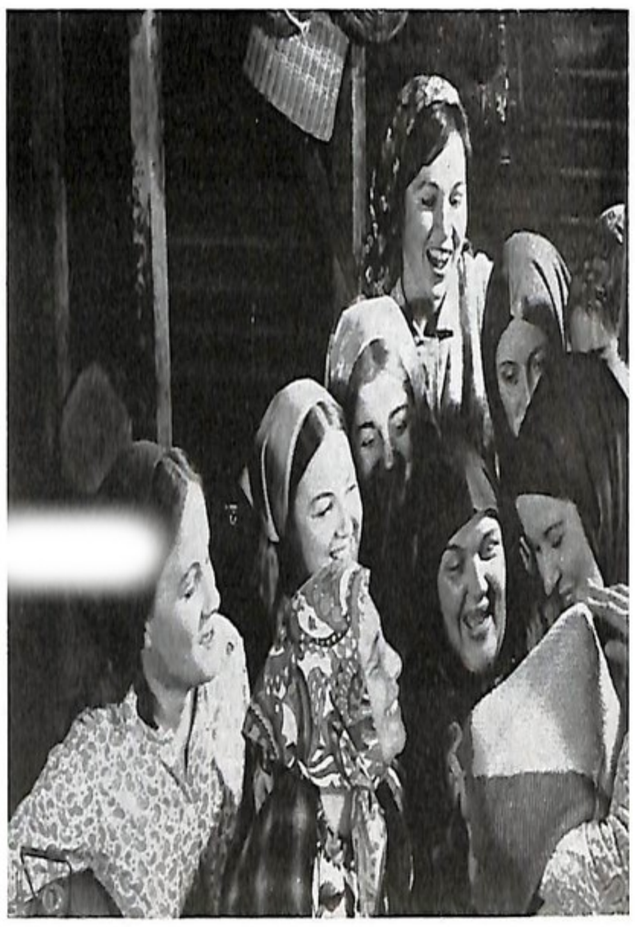

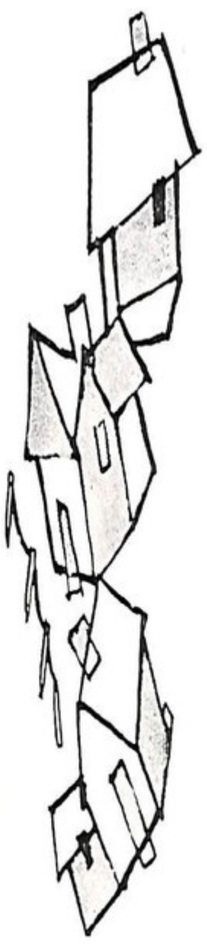

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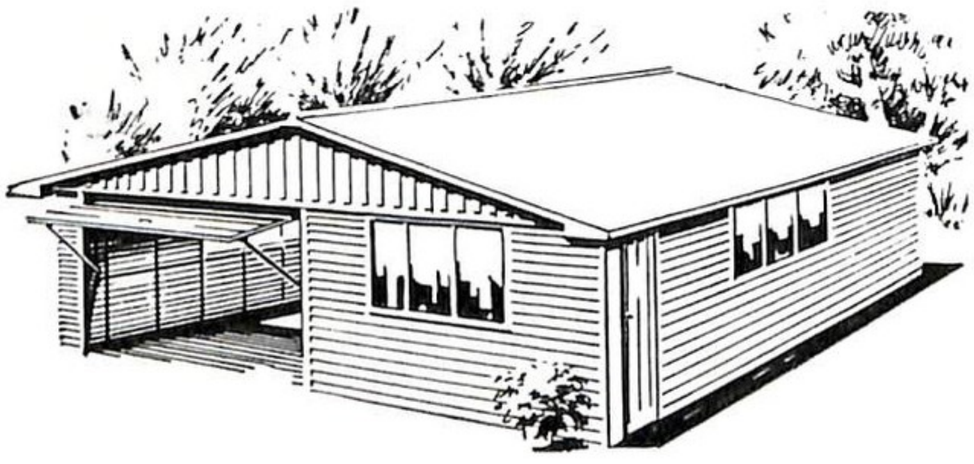

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The Jews of Anatevka, a village in Tzarist Russia, are peasants. Tevye, the dairyman, tells how their strength derives from age-old TRADITION.

At home, his wife, Golde, and five daughters prepare for the Sabbath. Yente, the matchmaker, tells Golde the butcher, Lazar, hopes to marry Tevye's eldest daughter, Tzeitel. Golde is delighted but fears Tevye won't approve. Tzeitel, in love with the tailor, Motel, can only guess what Yente proposes. With her sisters, Hodel and Chava, she sings MATCHMAKER, MATCH-MAKER.

Meanwhile, Tevye, obliged to pull his cart because his horse is lame, sings IF I WERE A RICH MAN. He meets Perchik, a student, who agrees to teach Tevye's daughters in exchange for food. He joins the family in the peace of SABBATH PRAYER.

Tevye joins Lazar at the inn and is persuaded to let Tzeitel marry Lazar. The men sing the toast: TO LIFE.

Tzeitel begs Tevye not to insist on the match. She and Motel confess to a secret betrothal. Tevye is shocked: the papa should choose his daughter's husband. But impressed by Motel's courage and the depth of Tzeitel's feelings, gives his consent. Motel sings: MIRACLE OF MIRACLES.

Prompted by respect for Golde's bitter tongue, Tevye chooses the middle of the night to tell her of the change. Pretending a nightmare, he tells how Fruma-sarah, Lazar's first wife, and her own Grandma Tzeitel, long since dead, appeared in his sleep. Golde, reduced to terror, agrees Motel is the man for Tzeitel: THE DREAM.

At the height of the traditional wedding, SUNRISE SUNSET, Russian demonstrators smash the gifts. Troubles spread. Perchik joins the fight against the Tzar, but first asks Hodel to marry him: NOW I HAVE EVERYTHING. Tevye, again unable to resist a daughter, gives his blessing. Timidly he breaks the news to Golde: DO YOU LOVE ME?

The village hears Perchik has been arrested and sent to Siberia. Hodel joins him there: FAR FROM THE HOME I LOVE.

The Tzar decrees all Jews must leave Anatevka in three days. Even Tevye, whose third daughter Chava, married a Russian, cannot be spared. The villagers mourn for the sorry place which has been their home: ANATEVKA. They leave to start new lives in Poland, the Holy Land, America . . .

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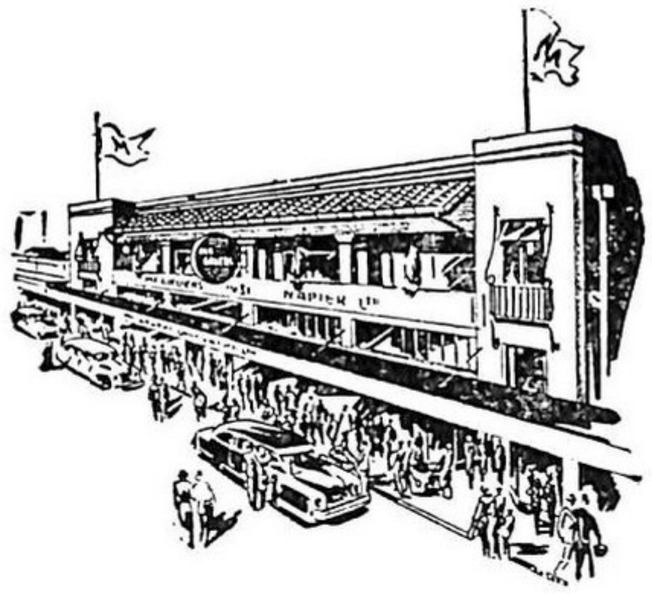

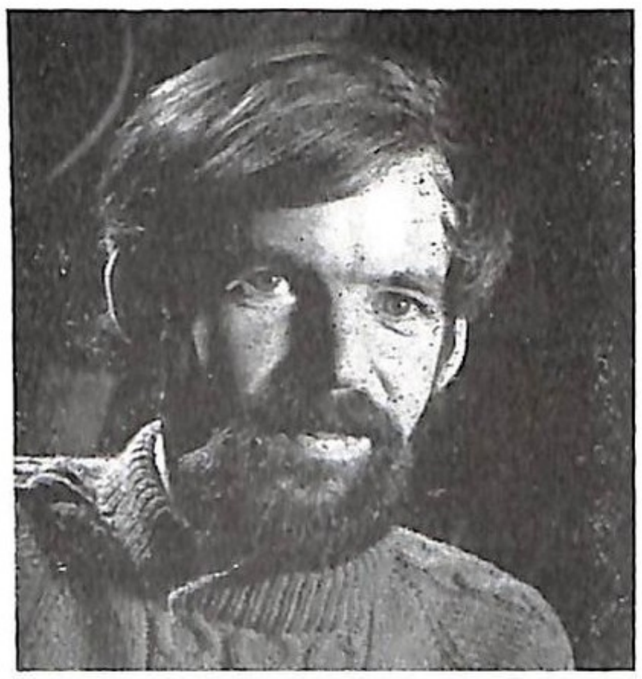

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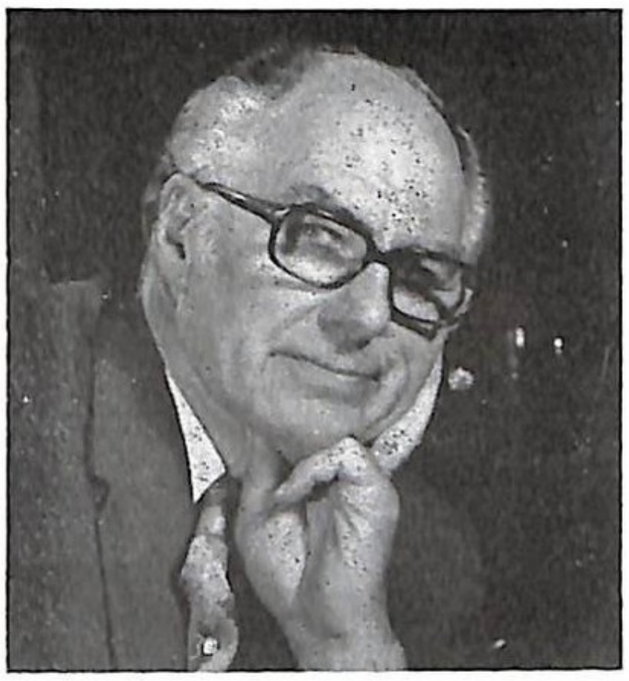

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After announcing, last year, our intention to alter and extend our premises at Ahuriri, the Executive Committee have been working very hard to obtain an early start on this building programme. A restaurant theatre will certainly be an asset to Hawke's Bay from both an actors' and the public's point of view.

This does not, however, mean that we will forgo our major productions in the large theatres but rather it will enable us to present a wider variety of theatre (keeping in mind that some productions are more suited to a smaller, more intimate theatre).

During the year we have also given our full support, in conjunction with other societies and drama groups, to holding a drama school tutored by nationally-known personalities. This week-long school will take place in January 1974 and will cater for all age groups from 11 upwards.

On top of all this, you will see tonight the fruition of months of rehearsal in this year's major production of "Fiddler on the Roof". In my opinion, there is no need to say any more about this production as the high standard that has been attained will speak for itself.

On behalf of the whole company, I invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy a night of complete theatre. Thank you for your patronage.

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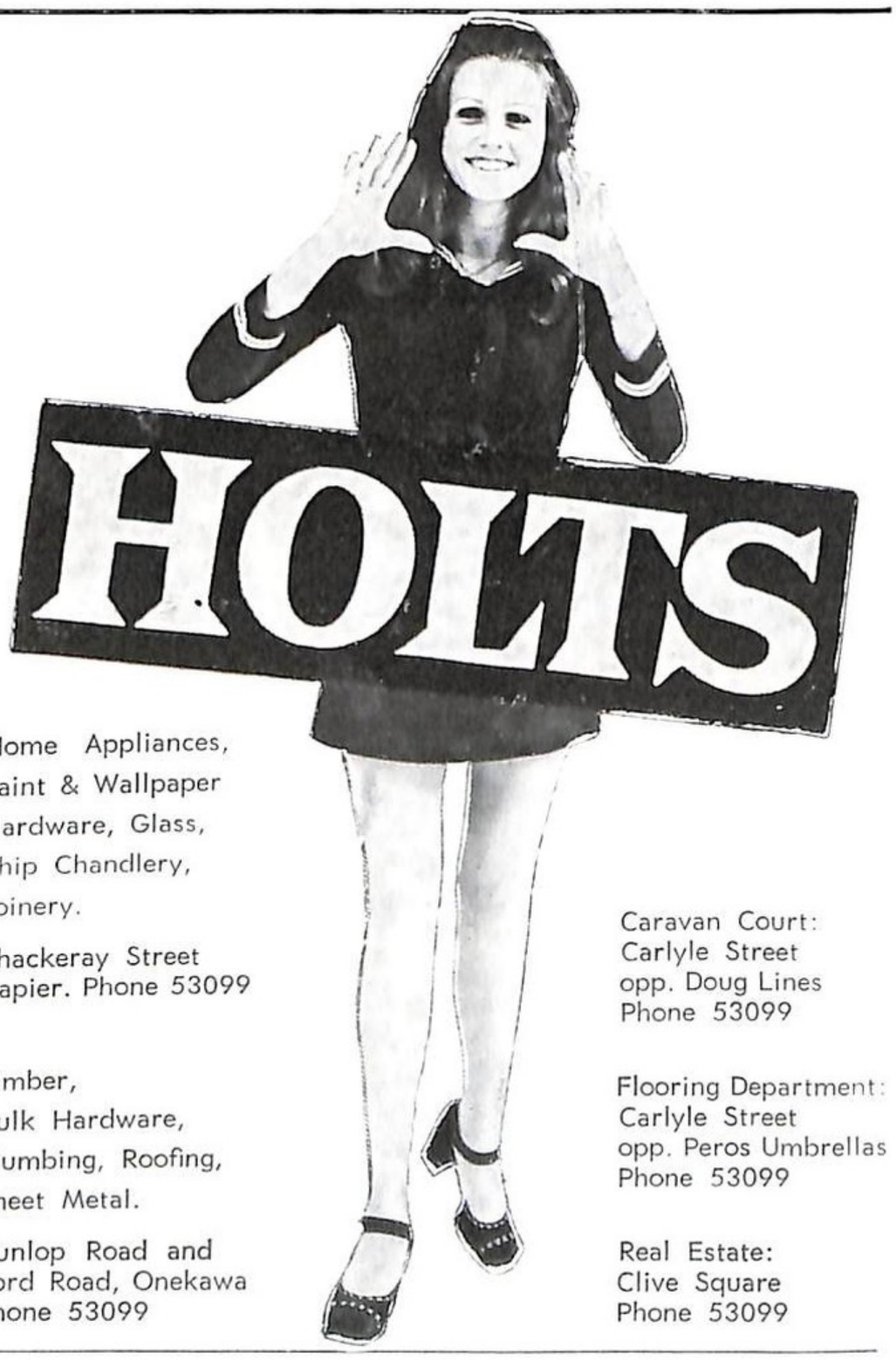

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