

NORMA YOUNG, MANAGING DIRECTOR



SYNOPSIS OF SCENES:

ACT I

Scene 1: Thursday night. Near the bank of the Salinas River. Scene 2: Late Friday morning. The bunkhouse. intermission

ACT II

Scene 1: Friday evening. The bunkhouse. Scene 2: Late Saturday evening. Crook's lean-to.

ACT III

Scene 1: Sunday afternoon. The barn. Scene 2: Sunday night. Near the bank of the Salinas River.

produced by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service

Music and lyrics by Joe Carder

staff

DIRECTOR......Norma Young DESIGNER....Joan Eckles STAGE MANAGER....Jack Guthrie CREW: Julie McClane, Joe Carder, Pat Woods, Tom Jackson, Rick Bailey, Lynda Ivey, Dick Rusmisel, Margie First, Jac Alder, Dan Dalton, Claude Lyon, Jr., Coy Moble, R. E. Hutchinson.

Theatre Three thanks to:

Lawrence Joseph, photographer - Orr-Reed Wrecking Company, building materials - WFAA's Mr. Don Thompson, sound tape -Gene Diskey, lighting equipment - George L. Dahl, Inc., program art-work - Hundley Boat Concessions, harnesses - Jan Renfro, hairstyles.

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GEORGE is played by ROBERT DRACUP, one of Theatre Three's original founders. Absent from the arena stage for more than a season while fullfilling New York acting and Dallas film-making engagements, Mr. Dracup will be remembered for his "Billy" winning performance in "Home of the Brave" as well as leads in "Look Back in Anger" and the prize-winning one-act play "And Someday I'll Die".

LENNIE is played by DENIS ADAMS who makes his initial appearance for Theatre Three in tonight's role. Mr. Adams' professional acting career includes roles for Casa Manana in Fort Worth, Margo Jones' theatre and television work on "Route 66" segments filmed in Dallas. He is active in Dallas' thriving film industry serving as a production manager, set designer or actor. CANDY is played by ETHAN ALLEN whose stage credits would fill volumns. A charter member of Actor's Equity, Mr. Allen has played in every manner of production from tent theatre to the most illustrious New York theatres. We are honored to include him in our acting company.

THE BOSS is played by BOB COWAN. Mr. Cowan's long association with Theatre Three dates back to his first acting assignment in the first season, 1961. Since that production of "Sabrina Fair", he has appeared as Caesar in "Julius Ceasar", as the reformer Arden Rencelaw in "The Drunkard" and as one of the multi-dutied performers in last fall's "A Thurber Carnival".

CURLEY is played by JOE CARDER, director of Theatre Three's children's theatre, Pinwheel Playhouse. Formerly on the staffs of Front Street Theatre in Memphis and The Mummers in Oklahoma City, Mr. Carder has also served in Theatre Three's acting company this season including roles in "Count Dracula: Or, A Musical Mania from Transylvania", "A Thurber Carnival", "Oh Dad (etc.)", and "The Tender Trap"

CURLEY'S WIFE is played by CAROL LEWIS who comes to Dallas from New York. An active career there saw her frequently on national television including Caesar's Hour, The Patti Page Show and The Polly Bergen Show. On the legitimate stage she created the role of Maria in the 1960 Off-Broadway production of "And the Wind Blows".

SLIM is played by JIM BRANNON, a resident of Lancaster making his initial appearance on the arena stage. After an early show-business career that included a wide range of activities from gospel singing to sportscasting, Mr. Brannon turned to the practice of law. Recently re-engaged in stagework by his daughter and the excellent Lancaster Little Theatre, he has played major roles for that company in "Born Yesterday" and "The Girls in 509".

CARLSON is played by CHARLES GRAHAM, another New York native who has relocated in our city. Attracted to Theatre Three's audition call by a love of Steinbeck's story, Mr. Graham received his initial stage assignment with this role of Carlson.

WHIT is played by PAT WOODS, one of Theatre Three's staffers working fulltime as the director's assistant. Mr. Woods has appeared on the arena stage this season in "Oh Dad (etc.)" as well as major roles for the Pinwheel Playhouse including "The Pied Piper", "Thirteen Clocks" and the current production of "The Tempest".

CROOKS is played by THEODORE MITCHELL who makes his fifth appearance for Theatre Three in tonight's play. Mr. Mitchell's record of contributions to some of Theatre Three's biggest box-office hits makes him the official "good luck actor in any show. The hits he has helped create include 1962's "The Member of the Wedding", 1963's "Purlie Victorious", 1964's "Emperor Jones" and last spring's popular production of "The Time of Your Life". Since his recent retirement from retailing, Mr. Mitchell devotes considerable time to his hobby of Spanish and his avocation of acting.

Dear Patron,

Welcome to Theatre Three's fortieth production "Of Mice and Men" which marks the beginning of our fifth year as Dallas play producers. To the many who support us with regular attendance and to those who are new to our "cult", we offer a birthday promise: we promise to work at keeping your playgoing a personal pleasure and not a civic duty.

The production of good plays produced as professionally as possible has always been our aim. Our loyalty to any playwright we select is strong. Our loyalty to you, our patron, is strongest. When we ask you to come and see us and ask your friends to come and see us, it's because we want you to enjoy yourself in our company.

BUT, understand, we're not against civic duty. There's one coming up soon for all of us. It's a cause we've espoused in our programs before: The Community Arts Fund. This year our urging is more urgent. Why? Because, in addition to the Dallas Symphony, the Dallas Civic Opera, the Dallas Metropolitan Opera Association, the Dallas Summer Musicals and the Dallas Theatre Centre -- we're included in the common fund drive. So please plan to help. The subsidy Theatre Three will recieve from the Community Arts Fund will be a substantial aid toward that goal of keeping your playgoing one of the favors you do yourself. We're not forgetting: it's a favor to us, too.

Sincerely yours,

Norma Young, Managing Director

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