

MC CLUER HIGH SCHOOL

presents

THE RAINMAKER

by N. Richard Nash

Directed by Mrs. Billie Teneau
March 20, 21, 22, 24, 1969

THE CAST

H. C. Curry Gerald Parker

Noah Curry Terry Behle

Jim Curry Gary Lowe

Lizzie Curry Donna Cartwright*

File Greg Tyc

Sheriff Thomas Kerry Schmidt

Bill Starbuck Dan Gaynor

STUDENT DIRECTORS: Marilyn Gomerich

Steve Maxwell

"A cloudburst of a hit. A romantic comedy you'll never forget."

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SYNOPSIS

At the time of a paralyzing drought in the West, we discover a girl whose father and two brothers are worried as much about her becoming an old maid as they are about their dying cattle. For the truth is, she is indeed a plain girl. The brothers try every possible scheme to marry her off, but without success. Nor is there any sign of relief from the dry heat. When suddenly from out of nowhere appears the Rainmaker. While the Curry men carry out the Rainmaker's strategy, the Rainmaker turns his magic on Lizzie. And rain does come, and so does love.

SETTING: In a western state on a summer day in time of drought.

ACT ONE: Day

Fifteen minute intermission. Audience appreciation gift presented.

ACT TWO: That evening

ACT THREE: Later the same night.

A cutting from THE RAINMAKER will be presented at the District Play Contest at Florissant Valley Community College March 28.

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Scenic Crew		Chairman Asst. Chai	Diane Richardson*
Debbie Baker Vanessa Briscoe* Sue Buchholz Joan Burrow John Finn*	Linda Freeman Pat Garrett* Marilyn Garvey Deborah Gerding Pat Hagan	Lila Hill* Becky Jones Allen Jury	Barb McClaskey Bill Rauch Barb Voss* Jan Wolfsberger Peggy Wood
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Program Cover and	Poster Design .		Nancy Day*

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John Jolley Bob Mayo Tim Schroeder Dave Wiese Ken Kilmer Ken Saxe Tom Shuff

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ABOUT THE CAST

- GERALD PARKER (sophomore) is making his debut in this performance.
- TERRY BEHLE (senior) as a sophomore, appeared in <u>Our Town</u> and was in the one-act play, "The Private Ear."
- GARY LOWE (sophomore) was in a freshman play and served as student director for The Man Who Came to Dinner.
- DONNA CARTWRIGHT* (senior) played Chloe in <u>Dinny</u> and the <u>Witches</u>, won the best dramatic actress award for her portrayal of Baby Doll in "The Long Stay Cut Short" in the '67 One-Act Play Festival, was Titania in a cutting from <u>Midsummer Night's Dream</u>, and directed "The Apollo of Bellac"—winner of the best play award in the recent One-Act Play Festival.
 - GREG TYC (senior) played roles in "The Valiant" and "The Leader."

 He was also student director for The Desperate Hours.
 - KERRY SCHMIDT (senior) has had roles in <u>The Skin of Our Teeth</u>, <u>Our Town</u>, and <u>The Desperate Hours</u>. He played J.C. Three in "Will the Real Jesus Christ Please Stand Up?" and had a role in "Needlework."
 - DAN GAYNOR (sophomore) is making his debut in this performance.

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AUDITORIUM FUND

The McCluer Auditorium Fund, started by McCluer students, was recently approved by the Ferguson-Florissant Board of Education. The money contributed to this fund will be used for no purpose other than the eventual building of an auditorium at McCluer. All money contributed to this fund is legally tax deductible. THERE WILL BE STUDENTS IN THE HALL DURING INTERMISSION AND AFTER THE PERFORMANCE TO RECEIVE YOUR CONTRIBUTION. If we all work together, we may eventually have that auditorium that provides appropriate stage facilities and comfortable seating for everyone.

SPECIAL THANKS

Appreciation is extended to all faculty members, parents, and other friends whose patience and cooperation helped to make this production possible. Special thanks is given to Miss Joyce Daley for her supervision of the set building and her creativity in making the fireplace, and to Mrs. Eschbach and Mr. Dale Davis for their help in preparing the program. The assistance given by Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman of Pioneer Antiques and Mr. Charles Harke of the Florissant Treasure House in providing properties is also appreciated. The Florissant Valley Community College gave valuable assistance in costuming. Mr. Richard Teneau designed the set.

This production was prepared by the McCluer Drama and Speech Department, The National Thespian Society Troupe 787 (an honorary dramatic society), and other interested students of McCluer High School.

THESPIAN MOTTO

"Act well your part; for there the honor lies."