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As Mame suggests, we've "opened a new window" this year — several in fact.

Last fall we offered season tickets for the first time (other than those held by our Special Members, of course), and more than 200 of you responded. We hope you have been pleased enough with the shows you've seen to not only renew your subscription, but to help the Company further by urging



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Second, SLOC at last has a home. We purchased the Beth Israel Synagogue on State Street. At first it'll be a meeting place, rehearsal hall and workshop, but later—perhaps in 1972—it will be a performing home.

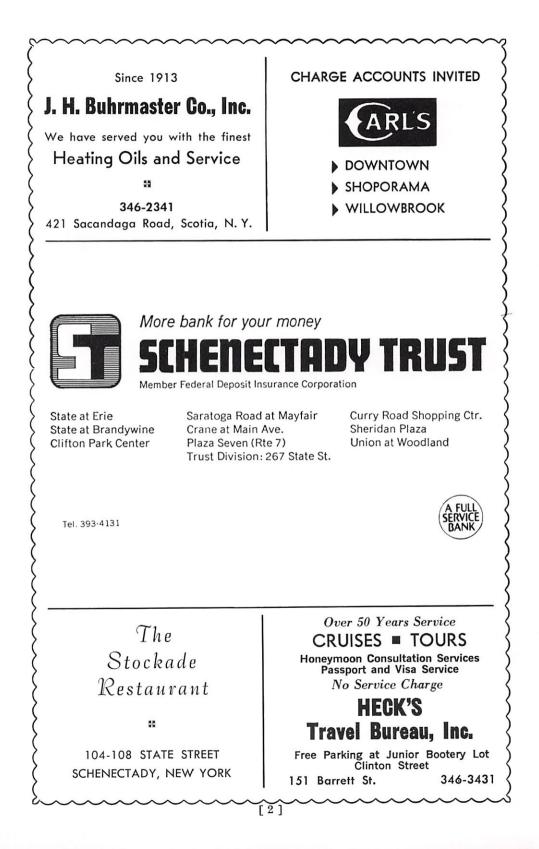
Which brings us to the third new window (you might call it another ticket window!), a special production to raise the extra funds it will take to adapt our new home to our needs. *SLOC in Concert* is a gala on-stage program of the most popular numbers from our most successful shows, featuring many of our well-known performers. We hope you'll come—May 22 at Linton High School.

Without the support of you, our audience, in the past, now, and in the future—we wouldn't be anywhere, but with it, there's no telling how many "new windows" we can can open. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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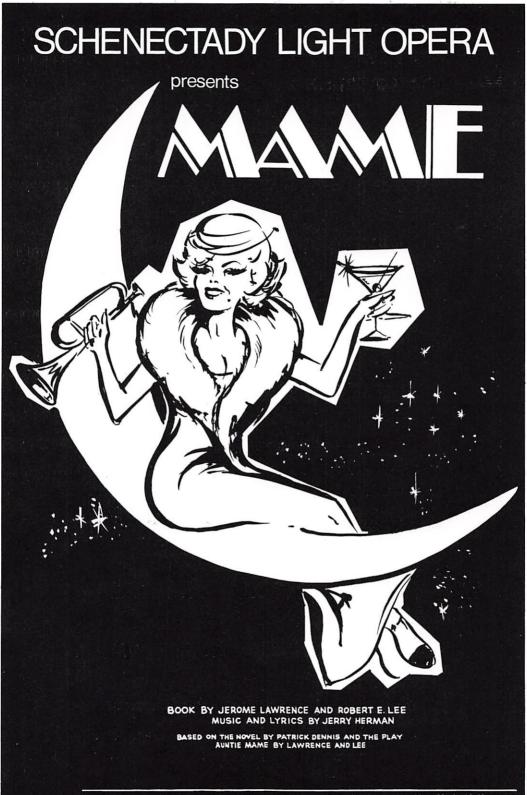
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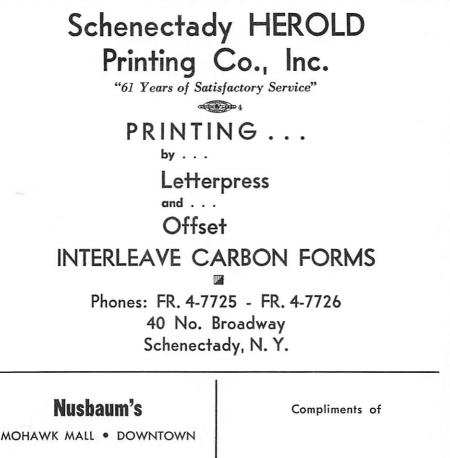
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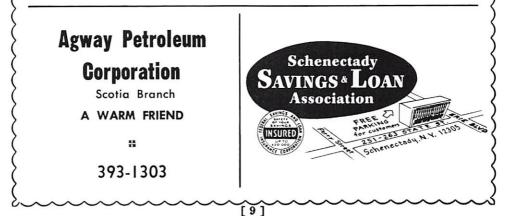
Patrick Dennis, an orphaned youngster, is suddenly delivered to his Auntie Mame, his only living relative, but thank God the one who knows how to live.

Mame Dennis is what Cafe Society was all about — a New Yorker Profile, a sparkling Burgundy at the Algonquin Round Table and best of all, the kind of angel who made Christmas in the words of columnist Frank Sullivan, "so great we're thinking of making it an annual event." Beauregard Burnside, her knight in shining Confederate gray, leaves her a widow with the means to carry on, and brave girl, she certainly can do that!

With exuberant aplomb, she rearranges Patrick's future into the happy holiday she always knew it would be, complete with a new youngster to bring up in the Venetian style of "Divertitevi un po" which, as we all remember, means "Whoopee."

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Synopsis of Scenes

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The action takes place in Mame's Beekman Place apartment and various locales in which she becomes involved during a period from 1928 to 1946.

Act One

Scene1—Somewhere in New York 1928Scene2—Mame's ApartmentScene3—Hallway of Mame's ApartmentScene4—Mame's BedroomScene5—Mame's Livingroom (and around New York)Scene6—Mame's ApartmentScene7—Shubert Theatre—New HavenScene8—Salon Pour MessieursScene9—Mame's Apartment

Scene 10-Peckerwood

Act Two

- Scene 1-Prep. School and College (and Singapore)
- Scene 2-Mame's Apartment
- Scene 3-Mame's Apartment (six months later)
- Scene 4—Upson Farm
- Scene 5-Mame's Apartment
- Scene 6-Mame's Apartment-1946

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Musical Numbers

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Act One

Mame Overture	
St. Bridget	Agnes and Patrick
Its' Today	Mame and All
Open a New Window	Mame and All
The Moon Song	Vera, Mame and All
My Best Girl	Patrick and Mame
We Need a Little ChristmasMame, H	Patrick, Agnes, Ito and Beau
The Fox HuntUncl M	le Jeff, Patrick, Cousin Fan, other Burnside and Cousins
Mame	Beau and All
Finale—Act I	

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Act Two

Entr'acte

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Mame (reprise)	Patrick
My Best Girl (reprise)	Patrick
Bosom Buddies	
Gooch's Song	Agnes
If He Walked Into My Life	Mame
Its' Today (reprise)	Mame and All
My Best Girl (reprise)	Patrick
Open a New Window (reprise)	Mame
Finale—Act II	

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Trumpet

Mike Canonico Pat Renzi Donald Boucher

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Cast

(in order of appearance)

Patrick Dennis, age 10	Jack Clarke
Agnes Gooch	Sue Marilynn Winik
Vera Charles	Helen Hughes
Mame Dennis	
Ralph Devine	Řed Sutton
Bishop	Joseph Dolan
M. Lindsey Woolsey	Jerry Shelton
Ito	Frankie Alvarez
Doorman	William Gray
Elevator Boy	
Messenger	Dale Atwell
Dwight Babcock	Alan Hughes
Art Model	Sally Ann Zollo
Dance Teacher	
Leading Man	
Stage Manager	Dick Frieberg
Madame Branislowski	Sylvia Horwitz
Gregor	Bill Hawthorne
Beauregard Jackson Pickett Burnside	E. James Cole
Uncle Jeff	Frank Blum
Cousin Fan	Joyce Witting
Sally Cato	Marion Foster
Mother Burnside	
Patrick Dennis, age 19-29	
Junior Babcock	Steve Misenhimer
Mrs. Upson	Marjorie Feiner
Mr. Upson	Joe Early
Gloria Upson	Elaine Soellner
Pegeen Ryan	Karen Koch
Peter Dennis	

Chorus

Marion Addison Charles Antemann Dale Atwell Frank Blum Jane Coffey Kathleen Collier Beverly Cunningham Joe Dolan

Marty Misenhimer Steve Misenhimer Bill Paparella Carme Savage Kathy Savage Ruth Shelton Joyce Witting Molly Wright William Gray Patrick Hession Karen Koch John Lehman Marion Foster William Wright Gene Zola Sally Ann Zollo Elaine Soellner

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Dancers

Donna Cerniglia Kathleen Collier Dana Gabriel Debbie Pigliavento

Jamie Gilliland

Tony DiLeva Allan Foster Dick Frieberg Steve Misenhimer Bill Paparella Eleaner Pigliavento Dick Thompson Irene Van Steele

Who's Who in Mame

- MARILYN ABRAMS, Mame Dennis, is making her second appearance on the SLOC stage; previously, she sang Maria in Sound of Music. Marilyn has also played major roles in Gypsy, Pajama Game, Little Mary Sunshine, and Come Blow Your Horn, all produced by the Albany Civic Theatre. In student days at Cornell, of which she is a graduate, she performed frequently with the University Theatre. Marilyn also has an M.A. in English from S.U.N.Y. In her spare time, she busies herself as an interior decorator, a charter member of the Women's Committee for the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and an interviewer for the Cornell College of Arts and Sciences.
- HELEN HUGHES, Vera Charles, played Domina in SLOC's 1970 production of Forum, and in 1964 she played the title role in Menotti's The Medium, also for SLOC. Helen has played numerous roles with the Schenectady Civic Players, Albany Arena Theatre, Union College Mountebanks, Equity Community Theatre and American Savoyards, both in New York City, and various summer stock companies. Last fall, Helen taught a beginners' acting course under the auspices of the Civic Players and is currently teaching a continuation course. She is a graduate of the Syracuse University Drama Department.
- SUE MARILYNN WINIK, Agnes Gooch, is a newcomer to the Company and indeed to the tri-city area, which is not to say that she lacks experience. She has performed with the Lambertville Music Circus and the Circle Players, both in New Jersey, and with the Gateway Playhouse (Bellport, L. I.) and the Sterling Forest Summer Theatre. Sue has a B.S. in Radio and TV from Syracuse University and is currently Creative Director and Women's Program Director at WQBK Radio. Interesting note: Sue is the Schatz Stationery Girl on all their commercials.
- JACK CLARKE, Patrick Dennis the younger, is playing his first principal role with the Light Opera Company. Last fall, he sang in the chorus of Menotti's Globolinks. A sixth grader, he has appeared in student productions, band, and chorus at the Lincoln School, Scotia. His father, Varro, is Stage Manager of this production, and Jean, his mother is in charge of Audience Services.
- TIMOTHY D. KOCH, Patrick Dennis the older, is familiar to the SLOC audience as Riff in West Side Story and Hero in Forum. Last fall, he appeared as Joe Brennan in the Schenectady Civic Players' production of Lovers. Tim is a graduate of the State University College at Oneonta, where he appeared in a number of undergraduate productions. He teaches ninth grade English and coaches the wrestling team at the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Junior High School.
- ALAN HUGHES, Dwight Babcock, has until this production left SLOC activity to his wife, Helen. Since 1959, however, he has appeared in a number of shows with the Civic Players, the most recent being Mary, Mary in 1968. Alan is Schenectady's only independent stock broker and is a member of the City School Board.
- FRANK ALVAREZ, Ito, is making his debut with SLOC. He has previously worked with Albany Civic Theatre, most recently in Guys and Dolls. Frank studied at Wagner Sign Arts in Boston and owns a sign painting business.
- E. JAMES COLE, Beauregard Jackson Pickett Burnside, last appeared with SLOC as Captain Von Trapp in their 1968 production of Sound of Music. Since then, he has performed with the Schenectady Civic Players in Spoon River Anthology and Little Foxes. At Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, where he is Director of Vocal Music and drama director, Jim has directed a number of major productions. He attended Boston University, the University of Massachusetts, and S.U.N.Y. at Potsdam.
- KAREN KOCH, Pegeen Ryan, is on the SLOC stage for the first time, although she worked on tickets for West Side Story and Forum. Karen is a graduate of the State University College at Geneseo and teaches fourth grade in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School System.
- JERRY SHELTON, M. Lindsey Woolsey, is playing his first principal role for SLOC; he is a veteran of singing and dancing choruses, most recently the Chorus of Shepherds in Amahl. With his wife, Ruth, he is co-chairman of costumes for the Civic Players, and he is a member of the SLOC Board of Directors. Jerry is a Directory Supervisor—Field Operations with the New York Telephone Company.

Who's Who in Mame (Continued)

- MARJORIE FEINER, Mrs. Upson, has appeared previously in SLOC's productions of Oklahoma!, Music Man, and My Fair Lady; she directed Sound of Music. Marjorie has also served the Civic Players in numerous capacities, most recently as chairman of the Play Directors Committee.
- JOE EARLY, Mr. Upson, co-chaired publicity for SLOC'S production of the Menotti operas last fall, and he has performed with the Schenectady Civic Players. This is his debut on the SLOC stage. Joe has a B.S. from Siena College and is a Research Analyst with the New York State Tax Department.
- ELAINE SOELLNER, Gloria Upson, played in the orchestra for SLOC's West Side Story and performed the demanding role of Emily in Giobolinks. She sang Amahl in the Burnt Hills Methodist Church production of the Menotti opera and is an active member of various dramatic and musical groups at the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, where she is in her junior year.
- MARION FOSTER, Sally Cato MacDougall, has been active in SLOC since 1959; to list every capacity in which she has served would be folly. Last season, she played in the Civic Players' widely acclaimed production of No Exit. Marion is currently a member of the SLOC Board of Directors and has recently ventured into lighting direction for both SLOC and the Schenectady Civic Players.
- RED SUTTON, Ralph Devine, performed in SLOC's productions of Sound of Music and West Side Story. He has been active also with the Schenectady Civic Players and the Slingerlands Community Players.
- JANE COFFEY, Mother Burnside, has been with the Company for over twenty-three years, her first show being Patience in 1947. She founded the Pashley Players and is currently active with innumerable musical groups. Jane teaches elementary music at the Charlton Heights School in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School District. In addition, she is Pre-School and Elementary Chairman of the New York State School Music Association.
- FRANK BLUM, Uncle Jeff, joined SLOC in 1952 and has worked, both on stage and off, with every production since. He last appeared as a Protean in Forum. Frank is President of Schenectady Paper Box Company.
- JOYCE WITTING, Cousin Fan, played Sister Sophia in SLOC's Sound of Music, sang the solo from the orchestra in West Side Story, and appeared in the Chorus of Shepherds in Amahl. She has performed opera in Buffalo, sings with the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society and the Burnt Hills Methodist Church Choir, and directs the Burnt Hills Methodist Church Junior Choir.
- SYLVIA HORWITZ, Madame, first appeared with SLOC in their 1951 production of The Chocolate Soldier and now plays her eighth role with the Company. She tours area schools with a Mini-Opera group, has performed with the Civic Players, and is active in the Etude Club and A.A.U.W. Music for Performers. Sylvia is a graduate of the University of Maine.
- BILL HAWTHORNE, Gregor, has worked on production committees for the last two SLOC shows. He is the Editor of our SLOC Newsletter and currently is appearing with the Merrimoppets Children's Theatre. Bill is a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford.
- STEVE MISENHIMER, Junior Babcock, appeared previously in West Side Story and Amahl. He has also worked properties for two SLOC productions. Steve is a junior at Voorheesville High School, where he is active in dramatics.
- TIM CHAPMAN, Peter Dennis, appeared last fall as a shepherd in Amahl and the Night Visitors. He is a fifth grade student at the Pashley School and specializes in generating unexpected, unprecedented crises.

Production Staff

Producer	Fran MacMillan
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Orchestra Manager	Jane Sullivan
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Production Manager	Clark Gittinger
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Stage Crew	Bob Chapman, Claire DuCharme, Millie Ey, Clark Gittinger, Al Harned, Carl Hauke, Craig Hauke, Dick Lupi, Pat Montenard, Dan Mills
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Who's Who in Production

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- FRAN MAC MILLAN, Producer, came to SLOC during their production of The King and I. In the ensuing years, she has served two years as Vice-President—Artistic Operation, two as Vice President—Community Operations, and two as President. Fran's husband, Don, and her five children have also served the Company in various capacities.
- CARMEN SGARLATA, Director, has previously directed Guys and Dolls and Can-Can for SLOC. He has performed ten roles most recently that of Pseudolus in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. He has also worked with the Schenectady Civic Players. A graduate of St. Michael's College, Carmen is a Claims Supervisor with the Hartford Insurance Company's Delmar Office.
- DON MEALY, Musical Director, was Musical Director for the Menotti operas last fall, Assistant Musical Director of West Side Story and Set Designer for Forum. He has previously been associated with the Ithaca Opera Company, Cornell Octagons, Moravia Summer Theatre and Kiniya Summer Theatre. Don is co-chairman of lighting with the Civic Players, and this season designed the lighting for Lovers and Joe Egg and was on the lighting crew for The Little Foxes and Spoon River Anthology. He recently directed Johnny Appleseed for the Pumpernickel Players of Shenendehowa. Don is a graduate of Ithaca College and a former member of the Ithaca College Concert Choir under Gregg Smith. The Choir made several recordings for Columbia Records and gave the premiere performance of Stravinsky's Requiem Canticles.

ORLANDO PIGLIAVENTO, Choreographer, has appeared as performer, director, and choreographer in several SLOC shows, including Most Happy Fella, How to Succeed, She Loves Me, and West Side Story. He also was choreographer for the Civic Players' production of The Boy Friend. A graduate of Siena College and the State College at Oneonta, Orlando teaches fourth grade at the Glenhaven School. He and his wife, Eleanor, are co-owners of the Orlando School of Dance.

KATHLEEN ANN COLLIER, Special Assistant to the Director, has served various theatre groups in virtually all areas of production and performance. She is presently Costumer for the Schenectady Civic Ballet Company's production of Carmina Burana and co-choreographer of Camelot for the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. Kathy attended the University of Utah and Russell Sage and has previously worked in Fashion Coordination and Display Design for G. Fox & Co. in Hartford, Conn.

- CLARK GITTINGER, Production Manager and Set Technician, served as Set Technician for SLOC's A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum and She Loves Me. He has worked on set construction and Stage Crew for every show since 1966. Clark is an Engineer at the G.E. Corporate Research and Development Center.
- VARRO CLARKE, Stage Manager, has worked with the past seventeen SLOC shows, ten times as Stage Manager. At the Schenectady Civic Playhouse, he was Stage Manager for The Odd Couple and Arsenic and Old Lace, and he has worked both on and off stage for the Pashley Players. Varro is an active parishioner of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Burnt Hills, and an avid Model Railroader. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, he is a Senior Systems Analyst with the New York State Thruway Authority.

Who's Who in Production (Continued)

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ANNA POLESNY, Set Designer, designed for the Civic Players' award-winning No Exit, Dark Lady of the Sonnets, and Spoon River Anthology. This production marks her debut with the Light Opera Company. Anna teaches art at the Scotia-Glenville Junior High School.

- ROSEMARY MILLER, Set Painting Coordinator, handled the same chairmanship for Amahl and Globolinks. She worked on set painting for How to Succed, She Loves Me, Sound of Music, and Forum. Rosemary has worked on painting and lighting for the Civic Players, and she has performed with the Merrimoppets Children's Theatre. A graduate of Spencer Business School, she is employed in the Data Processing Department of Ellis Hospital.
- EDWARD KUON, Costumer, has worked on costumes for Amahl and Globolinks, designed sets for West Side Story, and designed costumes for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Ed is Display Manager of Wallace's Department Store.
- TED RAUTENBERG, Sound Technician, has worked on all SLOC shows since 1952, either in the orchestra or on the Sound Committee. He has been Sound Director for over thirty productions, including the highly complex Help, Help, the Globolinks. He is also a member of the SLOC Board of Directors. A graduate of Amherst College, Ted is a physicist at the G.E. Research Laboratory.
- EUGENE F. KIERCE, Lighting Director, is working with SLOC for the first time. He is Lighting Designer for the Capital Artists' Resident Opera Company and worked for three years with the Tri-City Opera Company, Binghamton, New York. 'Gene is a Senior System Analyst with the General Electric Company.
- ESTHER RORICH, Makeup Chairman, has done makeup or sung in the chorus for a number of previous productions. She has worked also with the Civic Players. Esther teaches fifth grade at the Howe School.
- BEVERLY CHAPMAN, Properties Mistress, was Associate Producer of SLOC's Amahl and Globolinks. She has worked back stage with all productions since My Fair Lady, serving as Properties Mistress for Most Happy Fella, Paint Your Wagon, How to Succeed, and West Side Story. Bev has also worked properties for a number of shows at the Civic Playhouse. Beverly is a Registered Nurse, having graduated from New England Deaconess Hospital and Boston Lying In.
- AL HARNED, Transportation Chairman, has worked on Stage Crew and Transportation for the last six shows. He was Stage Manager for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. A graduate of Union College, Al is a Senior Analyst for Mohasco Industries.
- DIANE BUCKLEY, Rehearsal Secretary, has served in the same capacity for three previous shows. She is a former Vice-President—Company Operations and former Social Chairman. Diane is currently serving a three-year term on the SLOC Board of Directors, and she is Secretary of the Tri-City Council on Community Theatre.



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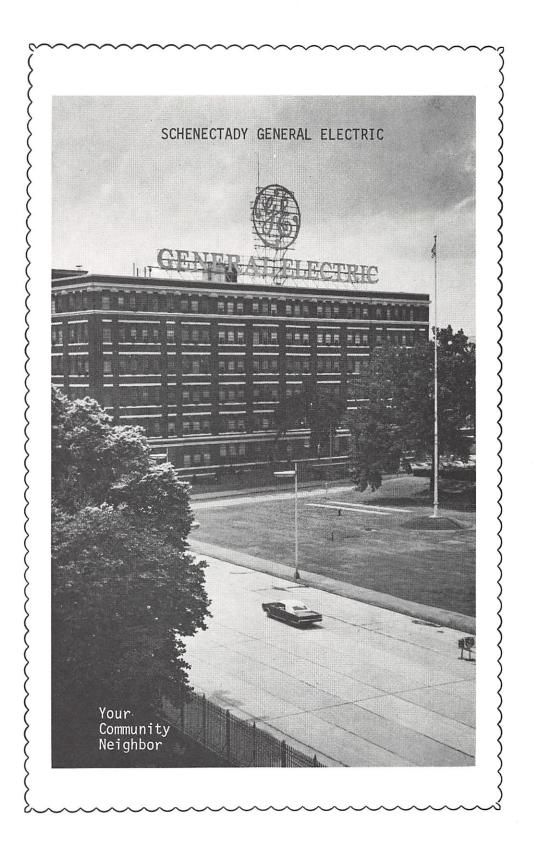
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