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The Schenectady Light Opera Company welcomes you to an evening of out-standing musical fare — the Rodgers and Hammerstein favorite, "Carousel." Both "Carousel" and our spring show, Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus," are ambitious undertakings, consistent with our aim of bringing superior productions to our community.

Between these two productions we are planning a Christmas television program, and a benefit concert. The Christmas TV Show will be presented over WRGB on December 19.

In appreciation for the excellent cooperation of the Schenectady Museum in providing rehearsal facilities, we are planning a concert for the benefit of their piano fund. This performance will be held February 3rd and 4th in the Paige School auditorium beginning at 8:15 in the evening. You are cordially invited to attend this special show, which will utilize the finest talent available in the Schenectady Light Opera Company.

Our objective of presenting finer musical productions is greatly encouraged by your continued patronage. We are particularly grateful to our Special Members, who have contributed to the improvement of existing company facilities.

We invite you to participate actively in Schenectady Light Opera Company productions — either on stage on behind the scenes. If you are interested in any phase of our activities, please contact any of the officers of the Company, or attend our organization meeting for "Die Fledermaus."

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To persons or students between the ages of 16 and 30, residing within 50 miles of Schenectady, and planning vocal study—we of the Light Opera Company urge you to watch for announcements of the auditions for 1956.

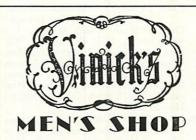
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5.	(Reprise) Mister Snow			
6.	When the Children Are AsleepCarrie and Mr. Snow			
7.	Blow High, Blow LowBilly, Jigger and Men			
	Hornpipe			
9.	Soliloquy Billy			
10.	Soliloquy Billy Finale—June Is Bustin' Out All OverNettic and Ensemble			
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	ACT II			
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12.	A Real Nice ClambakeNettie, Julie, Mr. Snow and Ensemble			
13.	Geraniums in the WinderMr. Snow			
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- DOROTHY KOENIG—(Carrie)—Graduate Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A. in Music . . . studied Curtiss Institute of Music . . . worked with N.Y.C. Center Opera Co. . . . has done radio and TV work.
- MADELYN YOUNG—(Nettie)—B.S. and Masters in Music, University of Missouri . . . recital and concert work throughout midwest . . . Solo work with Univ. of Missouri . . . symphony and opera quartette work . . . first SLOC appearance.
- ROBERT COLLER—(Billy)—Graduate of Boston University of Music . . . has appeared in many Gilbert & Sullivan operas . . . has sung leads, been director and musical director for the SLOC productions . . . technical director at Potsdam Teachers College for "Oklahoma" and sang the lead . . . has done professional work with Key, New Hampshire Summer Theatre and Opera Theatre, Kennebunkport, Maine.
- J COLEMAN WHITE—(Enoch Snow)—Cornell University Graduate . . . Business Manager, Policy Making and President of SLOC . . . producer of "Yeoman of the Guard" . . . member of Board of Directors . . . has previously had principal parts.

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- JACK NEWKIRK—(Dr. Seldon)—Graduate King's College, Oxford, England . . . singing coach, past member of SLOC Board of Directors . . . had lead in "Music in the Air".
- SHIRLEY PHILLIPS—(Louise)—Graduate of Music in Potsdam State Teachers College (major in French Horn) . . . has been chorus master, associate producer, chorus member and a lead in "Sweethearts" . . . music teacher at Brown School.

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- VERNON WATTENBERGER (Director)—Attended Comptor Junior College, University of California . . . producer "New Moon" . . . active in Civic Players . . . has done extensive radio work.
- HELEN WHITE (Musical Director)—B.S. in Music from Western Michigan College of Education . . . attended Fred Waring's Workshop . . . has done chorus work, music coach and director of previous shows, also song leads.
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