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NEWSLETTER EDITORS
Helen and Wilma [redacted]

Time sure flies here it seemed like only a week ago we had a meeting and now we gathered for our 31st. meeting. We still seem to be signing up new members. Our latest couple Judy and Ruth came to us via Mara in Italy. Our thank you goes out to Mara, who I know would love to be here to meet with all you lovely gals. We had twenty gals here to visit with each other. Pam, Berne, N. Y. Crystal, Menands, N.Y. Caroline, Troy, N.Y. Michelle, Saratoga, N.Y. Winnie, Schenectady, N.Y. Billie, Windsor, Vt. Jean, Plattsburg, N.Y. Louise and Evelyn, Waterbury, Conn. Joyce, So. Norwalk, Conn. Suzann, Hartford, Conn. Sue and Betty, Rochester, N.Y. Kathy, Syracuse, N.Y., Judy and Ruth, Leverton, Long Island, Joyce, Whitehouse, N. Jersey Doreen, Orange, N. Jersey Helen and Wilma.

Doreen, of N.J. made the meeting last month, and liked us well enough she became a member this month. Glad to have you with us Doreen.

If you'll note we have quite a variety of cities represented here. Wilma & I are the only ones from Albany, where these meetings have started. Of course we had Pam and Joel at one time from Albany, but now they live out in God's good country, where the air is crisp & clean. Pam and Joel bought a home in the country, and have themselves some animals, horses, and some gardening. Joel was under the weather last night so she had to miss the meeting. Hope your feeling better Joel.

For all these lovely gals I had made a meal of Meat Loaf, Baked Macaroni, creamed cauliflower, cole slaw, olives apple-pear sauce, bread & butter, cake coffee. As usual they all ate well.

Had a surprise visit from Suzanne Wallace-- lets see! the last time we saw her was two years ago up on the Island, when she came with Karen Riggs. Enjoyed their company then and sure did enjoy her visit last night. Do come up more often Suzann.

Our entertainment last night was a viewing of some slides Winnie brought to show some of the gals who went to the Dream 74, in Oregon.

Pam will have a dress fashion show at our Nov. gathering.

Sue and Betty stayed after the other gals left and helped Wilma and I to clean up. Usually Dennie & Jo stay to help clean up, but due to Jo being ill they didn't make the meeting.

In Sues letter, which Wilma has put in the front of her section, Sue tells how friendly the Canadian Sisters were to her and Betty up there, but I would like to say how much I felt their warm and charming ways when some of them were here at a few of the gatherings. It seems that they always have a smile for all their sisters. Wilma and I had planned to visit Canada this past summer, but unfortunately I had to go in the hospital for surgery, but we'll get to see them soon.

Was sorry to hear from Dennie that Jo had been taken to the Hospital with a heart attack. Jo I do hope that you are on the road to recovery and get up here to be with us in Nov. Do as the Doc. tells you, no hard work and slow up on the drinking. We all want to see you back.

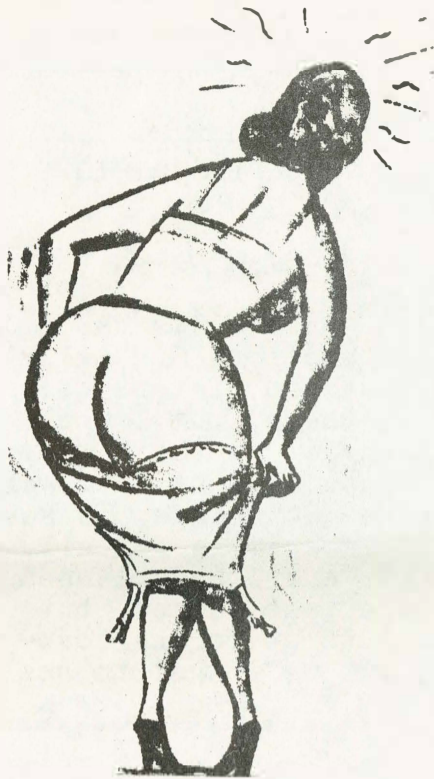
Dennie my dear, you slow down too, I hear your working hard, cleaning the house, caring for the children and then running up to see Jo. We all missed you, and want you around for a long time to come. God be with the both of you and take care. HELEN

Judy and Ruth our new couple from Long Island sure made themselves welcome to all their sisters with their nice smile and warm personality. Ruth came out in the kitchen and pitched in and did the dishes with Betty and I. Usually the first visit is hard for most T.V.'s and their wives, but with Ruth it was different, she seemed well at ease and talked with everyone. I was happy to see this, as I talked with Judy and Ruth Judy told me that Ruth had taken his T.V life in stride, helped him dress his age and took the time to learn all about why some of our husbands have to dress.

You know as we go along I find that there are more wives who are beginning to take a broader look into the art of cross dressing. Sure glad to have such fine people as Judy and Ruth with our other sisters.

Anyone going down Long Island way are welcome to stop in and say hello to Ruth and Judy.

So sorry to hear that our good sister Louise from Conn. is not feeling up to par. Seems he'll be going back into the hospital, this time for surgery. Both Louise & Evelyn came up last night but Louise couldn't dress as he was in pain, but he had to come up and see the girls. I wish you a speedy recovery back to good health, so that we may see you and Evelyn back enjoying life as it was meant for you both, and that you may be able to dress with your sisters.



Say there I put a small article in last month's paper about T.V.'s treatment of their wives. I am happy to say I have received some good comments from some of you gals out their. Wilma has put one of the letters in her part of the paper so that you can see it. Now ladies! how many of you accept your mates as cross dressers simply because your afraid to lose them. Now how many of you ladies are accepting your mates cross dressing simply because you think your sex status will

Count that change? day lost when you don't get HELL for something. Now if you ladies are thinking along the lines that I am, I accept my mates cross dressing simply because this is what makes him happy, and our life together a merry one. Second I find that

Sorry to have missed these gals Elanda, Terri, Josie, Leah, June, Lorraine, Jo. At least if your mate dresses you can be with him and his friends, or would you rather have him be a football bug, or a golfer when you would hardly have a chance to see him. In every walk of life there is someone doing something we don't particularly like, but then it is none of our business, as we do not support that person and have no right to condemn them. It is the same with cross dressing, who has the right to say it is right or wrong when these men are the supporters of the family, protect you from harm, put a roof over your head.

My chat with Joyce from Conn. When Joyce first started to come to the meetings she was a he, who when dressed made a lovely she, fair in skin, no beard to speak of, and small fine features. (Some real women should look so good.) Joyce had the strong desire to be a complete woman, so strong was his desire that he began to see Dr. [redacted] on having the operation. Let me say that Joyce was not married, no children involved, so that by having the operation he would be hurting no one. Of course there was his job to consider and how he would live after. His mother knew of his operation two days before he was to have it. He doesn't know how she found out about it, but he was certainly relieved as he didn't have to keep it from her until later. Joyce has now had the operation as of July 17 and coming along fine, health good, outlook on life as a woman good, now her next step was to tell her supervisor of her wish to work as the woman she was, a few days of thinking how to tell him, now the time came. Being friends with the super she just came out and told him the whole story. His answer was that it was alright by him, but that he would have to tell it to the big wheel up front. So it took Joyce another few days to get up enough nerve to talk to him, after telling him she had to wait a few days for his answer. (agony to wait) in the meantime Joyce went down and had her license changed, insurance taken care of and the Social security card changed, with all this she had no problem as all they asked for was the letter from her Dr. who had performed the operation. Now back to her big super for his ans. could she or could she not work as a woman. Now he tells her he hasn't had time to check it out as yet, but he would, then Joyce told him about his feats he had just done and that he only had to show the letter from the Dr. for proof. Finally the super said it would be alright as long as the work was done right, well this completed the thrill of being a woman for Joyce, her dream come true. I can say good luck Joyce in your choice of life

At least if your mate dresses you can be with him and his friends, or would you rather have him be a football bug, or a golfer when you would hardly have a chance to see him. In every walk of life there is someone doing something we don't particularly like, but then it is none of our business, as we do not support that person and have no right to condemn them. It is the same with cross dressing, who has the right to say it is right or wrong when these men are the supporters of the family, protect you from harm, put a roof over your head. Wilma and I live two lives and enjoy the two. We have our friends who are straight people and who know nothing about his dressing, then we have our T.V. life Today when there is so much strife in the world, I think you would be happy to find that there could be happiness found right in your own home if you can just make yourself stop and analyze yourself, do you close your mind to the subject of cross dressing or do you try to read up on the subject. I find it only fair to keep an open mind, until you can find proof that it is something that could harm you. I have had many of the T.V.'s in my home and to date I have not found any reason to tell my Wilma not to dress, nor do I find that any of the other gals do any thing that I could say was shameful or harmful to our way of living. I am happy to say that all the wives that have been here are in agreement with me that there is no harm done in their cross dressing. I hope I have not bored you with my little story. It is time for me to say good night and God bless you all and take care. Until next month



"I lost my draft card."

EDITORIAL

I have often said to various people, when explaining about TVism, that there are but few activities, the study of which reveals more about human behavior than that of TV. This is because it has ramification in all kinds of areas. This is a fact that is not immediately apparent: neither to man TVs nor to psychiatrist.

I see myself as having four functions: as your president of TVIC here in Albany and the Editor of your TV Journal. First of course, is to find TVs by any means and helping to bring them out of their closets and letting them know they are not alone.

Second, to provide entertainment and means of communication and self expression through our Journal.

Thirdly, I feel that it is my obligation to pass along ideas, that help one to understand, accept and explain to others, and to live with what for all of us has been a difficult thing. Since so much material and ideas come my way, I would be remiss as I see it, not to pass these on to you. How else could I do it but by an editorial? Now, some may call these "preaching" if they think I am trying to hand down from above all the answers, which I most assuredly am not, since I don't claim to know them myself. Or they can be called "teaching" which is a little closer to the truth, insofar as circumstances and fortune have given me access to material, experience and expressions that have been denied to many others. Having experienced, expressed and learned, it is only reasonable to pass this on to someone else in the form of teaching.

There are teachers and teachers. Essentially the job of teaching nearly means relating and explaining something one person knows to persons who do not know it. But the secondary aspect of teaching is not merely to provide facts for people, but to stimulate them with ideas--- to plant seed as it were for them to cultivate, develop and hopefully to harvest. If I expected all the people who read these editorials to believe them as they first see them, I would be a bigger fool than I think I am. But if I can set forth some idea of mine in such a fashion that causes, you to think, I will have done this part of my job. Even thinking in order to disagree is better than coldly accepting, someone else says. So I set forth various ideas that come to me, Elaborate upon them, work out a conclusion and then make this into an editorial with the help of all, that there are sufficient among the readers who will read then think to make it worth while.

DUES: Obviously you raked over the cash in order to join our club-- the next question is "WHY DO I HAVE TO KEEP PAYING DUES? FOR WHAT?" The dues support the activities of our club and to help disseminate information on TVism in the hope and belief that additional information may help society as a whole just might better understand us, that we might

better understand ourselves, and that others who are still struggling out of the morass of doubt and conflicting information may benefit from some organized information. The large part of the dues go for the publication of the TV journal.

ARE WE GETTING BIGGER?: Yes, the scope of TVIC Albany's activity is bigger than you think. In fact much bigger than I thought we would be when I started back in Jan. 1972. I was pleased when I received my first member from Canada. But now I am getting letters from all over Europe. I have heard from the following countries so far and I hope many more in the future. England, South Africa, Italy, Australia Sweden, West Pakistan, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, New South Wales, France, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Denmark, Belgium, Australia and Mexico.

Personally I am very proud of this kind of coverage in just 3 years of operation with NO advertising. It has all been done with the help of all you members and subscribers.

I hope all of you both in America, Canada and Foreign lands who receive our TV Journal will spread the word further to those in your own countries and in neighboring ones.

WILMA

NEXT GATHERING NOV 16th.  
Let us know of your coming 4 days in advance.

BOOKS :

We have a wonderful TV lending library. We have over 200 books. If you are interested, drop me a line.

FLYER:

In case you're wondering about the extra flyer enclosed with your Journal, it's from some nice people from Plattsburg, N.Y. that I just become acquainted with. They will really go out of their way to help you get just what you want. After you have tried them, drop me a line and let me know what you think of their service.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of eight new members.

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| F.M. | Rochester   | N.Y.   |
| E.B. | E. Cornith  | VT.    |
| R.G. | Syracuse    | N.Y.   |
| A.U. | Warrington  | Fla.   |
| C.S. | Elkland     | Mo.    |
| L.M. | Downsville  | Canada |
| G.H. | Poultney    | Vt.    |
| J.G. | Orchard Pk. | N.Y.   |

Diana Lee S. [redacted], [redacted] Buffalo, N.Y. 14213, is in the hospital with a serious leg problem and can't walk. Do drop this sister a get well card and cheer her up.

## M O R E N E W S :

## STOPE DRESSING:

Mr Michael B [REDACTED], P.O.B. 1721  
Albany, N.Y. 12201.

Mike has gave up dressing and is about to be married. Please do not send any mail to the above address.

Good luck Mike. Come and see us sometimes.

## SICKNESS:

You all know Jo and his lovely wife DEnnie of Peekskill, N.Y. who were at almost all are parties.

Well I'm sorry to say that Jo had a heart attack and is in the Peekskill hospital.

As I can't give out Jo's address you all can send him a Get Well card at my p.o.box.

Mr. G.D. % P.O.Box 4021  
Albany, N.Y.

Get well fast Jo and get back to see us all again.

## MAGAZINE:

Carel Avery

% Executive Imports Intl. Suit 1102  
210 Fifth Ave.

New York City, N.Y. 10010

has put out a magazine that is Bizarre-Unique and Unusal. It has thousands of personal adds and photos. It is called "In Crowed". She has sent me a copy to look over and I think that it is a very good swinger magazine. If interested drop carel a letter.

TO PAULINE of ~~SEALAND~~ CALIF.  
LONG BEACH

Chris O [REDACTED]

Long Beach, Calif. 90802.

Phone [REDACTED]  
would like you to phone or write to him.

## FANTASY LAND BALL:

Eva Brown and Sussie Collins have teamed up to bring ~~you~~ you their first Fantasy Land Ball. It will take place at the Malibu Hotel in Lakewood, N.J. on Saturday, Nov. 16, 1974 at 8:30 P.M. For tickets or more information, write or call Sussie Collins

209 [REDACTED] Pt. Pleasant, N.J.  
Phone [REDACTED]

## FROM T.A.O.

The New Zealand Supreme Court has decided that post-operative male to female TS Carol De Winter, 30, is legally female. De Winter was then convicted by the court of prostitution and fined \$400. She had been forced to take a genetic analysis which showed she is genetically male, among other tests.

Guam; A Guamanian pre-op reports that sex change surgery is still available in Japan but is no longer being encourage

## letters to the editor

Dear Wilma and Helen.

I must tell you of the most wonderful vacation that I beleive that I have ever had, and also pay tribute to the most wonderful sisters that we have in Canada.

Our vacation started out in Albany, as you well know, and we had a most wonderful day spent with you and Helen. This has become tridition, as we did this last year, and injoyed it very much, the only regret that I have, is that Albany is so far, and we can not do it more often. One Sunday out of the year is so short, although we did have a wonderful visit in August, for a short weekend.

We arrived in Canada on Sept. 25th, and I called a TV that I have never met, but have written to. He came and picked us up, and took us and introduced us to his family. This was Lynn [REDACTED] his wife Margeratte and three lovely children, we stayed there hours, and he then took us to the home in Hamilton, and it then little late to go to where these wonderful people planned for us to stay, so the [REDACTED], Whom I had never met, but have writing for some time. gave up their bed room for us to stay for night, and the next day, Dianne [REDACTED], Sheerie's wife, took Betty a shopping, and I met their lovely children. After that we had supper at their house. After that we took off for Toronto for Laurette's house, Brother Tom rode with us, and he was also very nice.

We met Laurette for the first time on Thursday night, as her brother Leo, and being the first time that we had ever met this wonderful person, never writting to her or anything, I again stated that I felt that I was imposing on him, and being strangers, etc, thought that we should go to a motel. Well! he come up with the most beautiful answer I have ever heard, that was, "There is no such thing as strangers, only friends that have never met" when we left the following Monday, he stated now we are friends that have met. I thought that this was just great. We met his sister Laurette, on Saturday, and she is the most passable, and darling little girl that I have ever met.

Laurette has a friend that we did not see near enough, name of Madge, she is a G.G. and the most wonderful lady that one could hope to meet, and I do hope of seeing all of these wonderful people again. (when you do Helen and I would like to make the trip with you)

In closeing, I want to say that I have never met such friendly, and warm hearted people in all my life, and the way they welcomed us into their homes, treated us so good is just unbelievable. I do hope that you will have room to reproduce this paper, as most of them get it, and I would like to think that this in some small way would say thank you. S. BILLINGS, ROCHESTER, N.Y.

AND MORE LETTERS :

Dear Wilma and Helen.

We have returned from our visit and have returned to normal. It was a real pleasure to meet you and your wife.

I can understand now how easy it is for you to address us girls with perfect ease. Wish I could do as good. You and Helen made me feel so much at home and I want to thank both of you for that, I hope in the October visit I can be more relaxed and be more convincing as a girl.

I was like Alice in Wonderland seeing all those girls and being one of them. I can only say thank you for opening up your home to us girls, that were once in the closet, and for allowing us to get out of the closet.

I close for now and again say that Saturday night was the most enjoyable night of my life, for I never really ever met any other TV's in person before.

Love Kathy.

Richard C. [redacted]  
Syracuse, N.Y.

(Editors note; Here is a letter all you members who say you are coming and are just afraid to come out of that closet. To be helped, you must try and help yourself.)

Dear Wilma & Helen:

Once again, both Pat and I would like to thank you both for the delightful evening we spent with you and the other girls last month. It was a genuine pleasure and we hope to be able to see you again in November.

When I got the newletter the other day I had to agree wholeheartedly with Helens comments on the ladies in our life. The understanding wife is indeed a unique and wonderful person and I shudder when I think of how I sometimes take Patty for granted. This especially brought to mind when one meets others who are not as fortunate as we are and would give anything for their mates understanding or even tolerance. My love and admiration to all those super people.

Well I hope you and all the other girls have a good time at the October gathering. Pat and I sure wish we could be with you.

Until we see you again, take care.  
As Always Mary Jane

Fred M. [redacted]  
Rochester, N.Y. 14617.

(Ed. Note. Wives please take note to this letter. You can see what a wonderful life you both can have when you try to understand why he must dress at times. Next time come along with him and see for yourself what really goes on and meet and talk to the wives of other TV'S.)

Dear Wilma:

Lynn McMillan, from Bamalea called the other night, and said that she had been in contact with you. She and a few of the

, the other girls are trying to get some of friendship group going, around Toronto, so perhaps she will be pestering you for details on the Albany operation. Of course, it does take some kind of leadership, strong but not restrictive. I think that was why FPE didn't get off the ground, here anyway.

I think that I have mentioned to you before, as to what my feelings are, in this weird and lovely world of ours, frowned on by that "normal" society. I think that they are the losers, they can't think of love in terms other than SEX. They seem to miss the point, in the teachings of the MAN in the BOOK. HE kept saying, love, love, but never once connected it with sex, and, if we can't love one another for just being what we are, then I don't want that world out there. Sure we all have different "hangups", but, if we were all the same, wouldn't it be awful? As long as these "hangups" aren't foisted on others, then I think that the only requirement for membership in any group, should be this unquenchable urge to be a woman, regardless of the ability to "pass".

Speaking of passing, I don't know whether I am kidding myself or not, but I do get around in public a lot, and as you can see, I am far from the prettiest. I think that the most important thing is to be comfortable with yourself, and you exude confidence in people that you meet, that you are what you profess to be. That, and as you say, dress for ones age.

Lynn has mentioned that she may visit your group, sometime before the end of the year. If she does, I think that I would like to join her, that is if we may?

Love, Jacqueline.

J. [redacted]  
x 203 Port Hope,  
Ont., L1A 3W3 Canada.  
(Ed. Note: It would be a pleasure to give any help I & Helen can give to get your group going. You are all welcome to come down to see us anytime.)

Dear Wilma:

Oh! Yes! An item of value. Don't try to stretch eyelash adhesive. It loses its best characteristics of adhesion after a few months following opening. TRUE! I FOUND IT OUT NOW IN A COUPLE OF INSTANCES.  
Jean E. , Plattsburg, N.Y.

Well this is all the room I have this month for letters. I am sorry if yours did not make it, but I'm sure it will be there next month.

I hope that you have found all these letters interesting and will send me many more. Wilma.

Next gathering Nov. 16th. Lets us know of your coming 4 days ahead. Christmas Party Dec. 14th. Bring a gift under \$5 that you would like to receive for the GRAB BAG.

# The transexual family

Chicago Daily News

CHICAGO — A family with three boys who dress and live as sisters was described today as the nation's first case of triple transexualism.

The report further confuses the roles of environment and heredity in a problem that finds individuals with a body of one sex and the mind of the opposite.

A group of investigators from the Hall Psychiatric Institute at Columbia S.C., said transexualism usually occurs in only one son, the youngest.

The oldest of the three, Murray/Mary, 26, began showing interest in feminine clothing as a small child. With the aid of hormone therapy, she passes successfully as a woman, "dates men, likes to be petted and cuddled but avoids sexual intimacy," wrote Dr. Robert

F. Sabalis in the American Psychiatric Association Journal.

The second child, Paul/Peggy, 21, like Murray/Mary a cosmetologist, began hormone therapy after leaving high school.

"The focus of her present discomfort is her fiance who has been told that she is a

'hermaphrodite,'" Sabalis said.

The third child, Junior/Julie, 16, has been isolated from the older Siblings because the parents fear their feminine influence. He/she cross-dressed secretly. The mother says proudly that Junior/Julie cooks and keeps house for her.

# Manhattan's mania for funky nostalgia

HAVE you heard about the drag race in New York?

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Female impersonators have become the rage. The staid old Plaza Hotel has installed a drag revue, "Manhattan Follies," in the Persian Room. Another drag show, "French Dressing," is doing land-office business at Shephard's in the Drake Hotel on Park Avenue. Yet another, "Zou," is the Blue Angel's current attraction

These fashionable night spots are running neck to neck in impressions of Judy Garland, Marlene Dietrich and Carol Channing. Even the imitable Bette Midler has her imitator.

The trend in funky nostalgia is, of course, a keynote of the seventies and New Yorkers can't get enough of it, as if drag were a natural way of life.

The theater, too, has its transvestite hit, "Camille," which everyone told me not to miss when I was back East recently.

It is indeed one of the best and

only because he looks a bit like William Bendix and is the only hairy-chested Marguerite I've seen.

Nevertheless, Ludlam gets right into the role and stays with it. He's obviously studied the old MGM movie of "Camille" and patterned his performances after Greta Garbo's, giving it the same husky-voiced, bare-shouldered, long-necked intensity

Ludlam is almost credible, since he's a very skillful performer with a splendid gift for mimicry. He somehow makes us forget the ridiculous aspect of his portrayal, which surfaces in hilarious asides to the audience, like Marguerite's comment that she could never go back to the "cucarachas and ratones" of her impoverished girlhood after the luxuries of a courtesan's life.

An extremely clever comic, Ludlam never misses a trick, yet he's never out of character. And he's directed the play with a lot of sincerity, considering how much he's kidding it.

While the mid-19th century French period is preserved in the settings and costumes, Ludlam's adaptation is very free and shot through with anachronistic humor, some of it quite coarse, but much of it slyly funny.

CHARLES LUDLAM in "Camille" (left) and Sacha as Bette Midler are rage of New York

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funniest shows in town, though it's performed on a stage the size of a goldfish bowl at the tiny Evergreen Theater in Greenwich Village.

The production is by the Theater of the Ridiculous, a much-acclaimed and prolific company, which has achieved status and respectability through grants from the New York State Arts Council and the National Endowment to the Arts.

They work independently and generally do original shows with titles like, "Turds in Hell," "Whores of Babylon," "Eunuchs of the Forbidden City" and "Hot Ice."

Needless to say, they specialize in hip satire and, more to the point, low-comedy camp, which is the basis of their "tear-jerker" version of Alexandre Dumas' play, "Lady of the Camellias."

Since Dumas' old chestnut is ripe for camping, the Ridiculous troupe has a field day with "Camille" adapted and directed by Charles Ludlam, who also plays the lead role of Marguerite Gautier.

His portrayal is extraordinary, if

④ Not all the female roles are played in drag. Lola Pashalinski makes Prudence, Marguerite's fair-weather friend, a marvelously bitchy harpy.

But Marguerite's faithful servant, Nanine, is drolly caricatured by Jack Mallory who looks like a drag Marjorie Main.

The leading man is Bill Vehr, whose Armand Duval is effectively straight-faced. The company, which has been together since 1967, has a distinct ensemble style, sort of Mad Magazine out of the old-time melodrama.

Ludlam, who's one of the troupe's founders, doesn't ordinarily take drag roles. His "Camille" is remarkable and shows real genius.

I don't know any other actor with his range for farced-up tragedy. Even Marguerite's death scene is a howl.

