

They Always Were Laughing

A re-imagining of the creation of the Village of Barrington Hills

Written and directed by
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CAST (in order of appearance)

<u>Character</u>	<u>Cast member</u>	<u>Role in “Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?”</u>
Nonie Bard	Penny Horne ¹	Producer
Bill Horne	Ted Horne ¹	George MacCauley
Jeanne Fentress	Lexy Zachrich ³	Rita Marlowe
Jerry Corbett	Jim Voris ¹	Masseur
Tony Bateman	Brian McManus ²	
Harold Smith	Richard Chambers ¹	Irving LaSalle
Ralph Bard	Craig Zachrich ³	Producer
Andrew Dallstream	Mike Smith ²	
Orville Caesar	Jim Bramsen ³	
Newt Noble	Bryan Cressey ²	
Jane Noble	Nancie Tobison ²	
Tom White	Walt Smithe ¹	
George Van Hagen	Ned Loughridge ²	
Denison Hull	Frank Konicek ¹	
Gina Reinhardt	Betsy Bramsen ³	
Joe Estes	Denny Schlemmer ³	

¹ A member of Barrington Play Reading Group

² A member of Second Set

³ A member of both groups.

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“One thing I remember about my parents and their friends
when I was growing up, they always were laughing.”

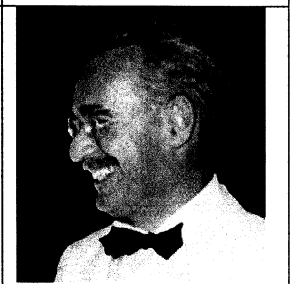
— Eway McLaughlin

Remembering Sixteen Remarkable Men and Women of the Countryside

Nonie Bard (1913-1998) – Stanford '34. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas. She spent the year after graduation as a journalist in Japan and was one of 24 outstanding American college students invited to be a delegate to the first Japanese-American Student Conference in 1935. Met (and later married) Ralph Bard in San Francisco. Great tennis player. While not a rider, she organized the annual Hunt Balls for the Fox River Valley Hunt. First female member of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills. Lived on Brinker Road. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.



Bill Horne (1893-1985) – Princeton '13. Vice President of Needham, Lewis and Brorby Advertising. Father of Ted Horne. Drove an ambulance on the Italian front during World War I. Friend of Ernest Hemingway. Worked with Walt Disney to sell War Bonds during World War II. President of the Countryside Association. Founding member of the Barrington Polo Club. Member of Barrington Riding Club and Fox River Valley Hunt. Board member of Barrington Hills Country Club. Lived on Otis Road. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.



Jeanne Miles Fentress (1915-1993) – Wellesley '37. Actress extraordinaire. Lived with her husband Wendell on Spring Creek Road. President of The Garden Club of Barrington. Her founding of the Barrington Play Reading Group in 1943 is commemorated by the "Fentress Founders Award," which is given each year to the female member of BPRG who was able to "give it her all" that season, as Jeanne had done, in a part or parts that showed versatility, zeal and real go-for-broke attention to her characterization.



Paul "Jerry" Corbett (1905-1972) – Vice President, Johnson & Higgins Insurance Brokers. Married to Barbara "Bibs" Bateman (Tony Bateman's sister). "There were only about six of us here when we all met, so we married each other!" President of the Barrington Hills Country Club. Member of the Fox River Valley Hunt. Lived on Bateman Road. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.



Donald "Tony" Bateman (1902-1958) – Brown Univ. '24. President, Griswold & Bateman Warehouse Co., Chicago. Son of Floyd Bateman. Brother of Larry Bateman and Bibs (Bateman) Corbett. Married Betts Hart in 1933 (sister of Polly Hart; daughter of H. Stilson Hart). Uncle of Pam (Bateman) Masse. Member, Barrington Hills Country Club. President, Countryside Association. President of the Fox River Valley Hunt from 1946-57. Lived on Hart Road. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.



Harold Byron Smith (1909-1990) – Princeton '31. President of Illinois Tool Works. A resident of Countryside since 1932 when he married Polly Hart (of Hart Road, whose sister married Tony Bateman). Co-founder of the Barrington Polo Club (with Tony Bateman, Jerry Corbett, and Bill Horne). Succeeded Newt Noble as president of the Countryside Association. Second President of the Village of Barrington Hills. Lived on Donlea Road. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.



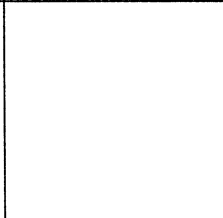
Ralph Bard (1909-1996) – Princeton '33. Private investor and venture capitalist. Air Intelligence officer in the Marine Corps. Son of Ralph Bard, Sr., who was Under Secretary of the Navy in World War II. Board member, Shedd Aquarium. Life trustee of Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. Chairman of the Chicago Horticultural Society. (The Gateway at the Chicago Botanical Garden is named for him.) Lived on Brinker Road. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.



Andrew Dallstream (1893–1962) – Millikin Univ. '15. Senior partner, Dallstream Schiff Hardin & Waite. Army officer, WW I. President, Chicago Bar Association. President, Barrington Hills Country Club. Secretary, Fox River Valley Hunt. Chairman, Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals. First President, Village of Barrington Hills. Lived on Brinker Road. “If any one man may be said to have saved the Barrington Hills area from becoming a speculator's paradise, it was Andrew Dallstream.” – Barrington Courier-Review.



Orville Caesar (1892 - 1965) – Auto mechanic, inventor and inveterate tinkerer, who founded and served as Chairman and CEO of Greyhound Bus Lines. Owner of the Round Barn property and of Dorvillee Farms. President of the Barrington Hills Country Club. Member of the first Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills. Lived on Brinker Road. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.





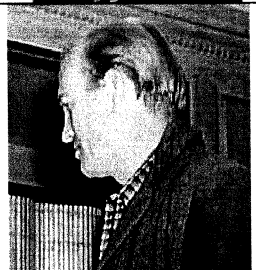


Newt Noble (1907-2003) – Princeton '29; Harvard M.B.A. '31. President of Lake Mortgage Co.; founder and chairman of Evanston Federal Savings & Loan. Member of Chicago Realty Club and Lake Zurich Golf Club. President of the Countryside Association. Co-founder and President of the Countryside School Board. Member of the Village of Middlebury Board of Trustees. “He was logical, not haphazard.” Lived on Bateman Circle. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.



Jane Valentine Noble (1913-2003) – Smith College; Univ. of Chicago '35. Lifelong homemaker. Married Newt Noble in 1937. President of the Barrington Garden Club. Member of The Woman's Board of the Art Institute of Chicago. Founder of the Art Institute's Barrington Community Associates. She was “always open for new fun, very sparkly.” Lived on Bateman Circle. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.



<p>Tom White (1913--) – Northwestern Univ. Managed the family’s cotton business after his father’s untimely death in 1933. Brother of Loretta White, Broadway and film actress. Married Esther Gruehle and moved to the Countryside in 1940. His son Lawrie later married a niece of Harold Smith. Kenneled the Fox River Valley Hunt hounds at his farm during WW II. Became Joint Master of Fox Hounds in 1954, then Master of Fox Hounds after Denny Hull’s resignation in 1956. Lives on Sutton Road. Oldest living member of the Barrington Hills Country Club.</p>	
<p>George Van Hagen (1923--) – Grew up on Wakefield Farm (now Bellwood) on County Line Road. Member of the Fox River Valley Hunt since 1940. A carrier pilot in World War II, he was shot down and rescued by a submarine. “I dreamed about coming back to Barrington and fox hunting.” Historian of Barrington and the Countryside. Commander, V.F.W. Post No. 7706. Author of 1997 Barrington Courier-Review article on Barrington area one room schools, entitled <i>Lessons from the Past</i>.</p>	
<p>Denison Hull (1897-1988) – Harvard ’21. Architect. Greek scholar. U.S. Army officer, World War I. Son of five-term, Republican U.S. Congressman, Morton Hull, from Hyde Park. Designer of the First Unitarian Church, 57th and S. Woodlawn. Translator, <i>Aesop's Fables (as told by Valerius Babrius)</i>; <i>Homer's Iliad</i>; <i>Homer's Odyssey</i>; <i>Xenophon on Horsemanship</i>. Author, <i>Hounds and Hunting in Ancient Greece</i>. Master of Fox Hounds, Longmeadow Hunt (Winnetka). Master of Fox Hounds, Fox River Valley Hunt 1939-1956.</p>	
<p>Gina Reinhardt (1913-1984) – Pine Manor College ’33. Daughter of Jay Cardwell of Oak Knolls Farms. Married “Spider” Reinhardt in 1942. Mother of Vicki Fitch & Tucky Reinhardt. Secretary of the Riding Club of Barrington and the Fox River Valley Hunt. (Later, Master of Fox Hounds, Fox River Valley Hunt, 1960-80. “Without the stability of Gina’s leadership during those 20 years, the FRVH might not have survived the changes that had occurred in the Barrington area and communities surrounding it.”)</p>	
<p>Joe Estes (1910-1988) – Iowa State Univ. ’32. President of Haeger Potteries Co., which was founded in 1871 in Dundee and which casts the “Oscar” for the Play Reading Group. Member of the Barrington Hills Country Club. Member of the Fox River Valley Hunt. Member of the “Friar’s Club.” Member of the Ranchero Visitadores in Santa Barbara, California. Father of Lexy (Estes) Zachrich. Member of the Barrington Play Reading Group.</p>	

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