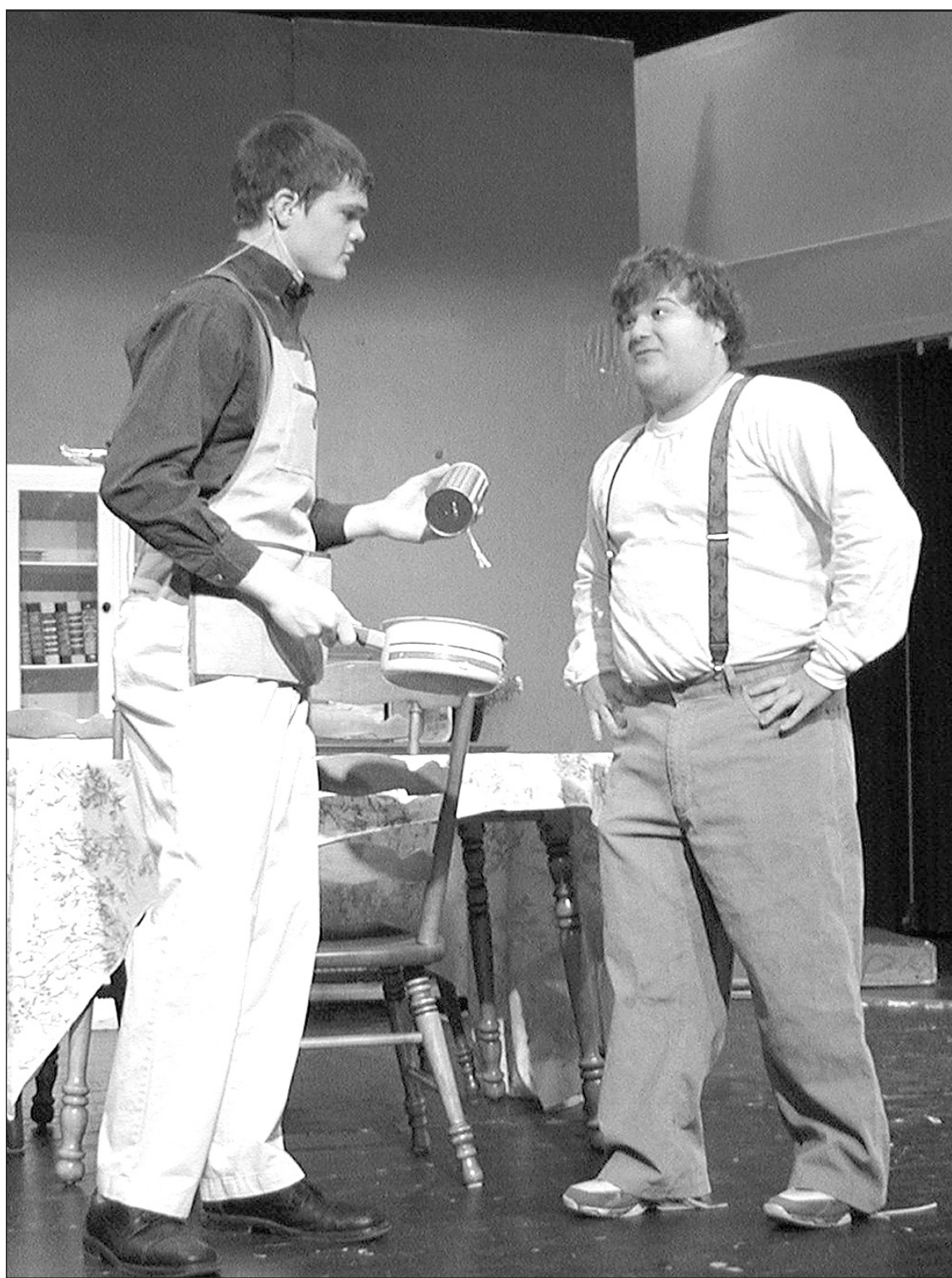




ON STAGE, Ashley Horton (above) stretched to the side while talking Jordan (below left) talked with Ethan Merrill about the firework their to Annamarie Larue, who plays the role of Miss Horton's mother. Daniel characters' made.



Students prepare to make people laugh

The stage came to life Thursday evening as students at Decatur Community High School ran through their lines for the upcoming All-School Play.

For the last seven weeks, a handful of students, freshmen through seniors, have practiced their lines, worked on the set and picked out the perfect costumes for the upcoming production, "You Can't Take it With You" by Moss Hart.

Director Leigh Davis said the students will present the play at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium.

The show is a comedy of a family

where members are all independent and like to do things their own way, set beside another family that is quite strict and business-orientated. The two have to merge because of their children.

Even though the play is set in the 1930s, said Miss Davis, it matches what is happening in the world today, including the country's economic situation.

Tickets for the play are \$4 and can be purchased from any cast member or at the door.

Cast members include Annamarie Larue as Penelope Sycamore; Ashley Horton, as Essie; Rhiannon

Davies as Rheba; Daniel Jordan as Paul Sycamore; Ethan Merrill as Mr. De Pinna; Nolan Henningson as Ed; Hunter Nedland as Donald; Jacob Helm as Martin Vanderhof; Jacinta Carter as Alice, Jaxen Alstrom as Henderson; Jay Wessel as Tony Kirby; Joe Hirsch as Boris Kolenkhov; Makenzie Nelson as Gay Wellington; Chris Larson as Mr. Kirby; Amanda Marshall as Mrs. Kirby; Serena Stacy as Olga Katrina; Gatlin Reichert as The Man; Jaxen Alstrom as G-Man 1; Toby Peters as G-Man 2; and Nakita Bose as Tonya Kirby.



AT PRACTICE on Thursday, Rhiannon Davies (above) put a cloth on the table on stage while Jacob Helm (left) sat in an oversized chair.

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