

# 'The Gin Game' opens Nov. 20

The Birmingham Theatre's first season under the direction of the Nederlandse Organization will open Tuesday, Nov. 20, with D. L. Coburn's "The Gin Game."

The Pulitzer Prize winning play will star Phyllis Thaxter and Larry Gates.

The play is a bitter-sweet comedy of two elderly people who meet in the final phase of their lives in a nursing home.

Walter Kerr, New York Times, calls "The Gin Game" "humor and home truth in a nutshell." Bob Lape, ABC-TV said, "The Gin Game" is funny, sad, profane, eloquent, stunning, touching and beautiful."

STARS OF "The Gin Game," Phyllis Thaxter and Larry Gates, have been involved in stage, film and television for more than three decades. Ms. Thaxter was seen most recently as Superman's earth mother in "Superman." She also has appeared in dozens of live television plays including "The Doll's House," "Alfred Hitchcock Presents," "Barnaby Jones" and "NBC Movie of

## Theater

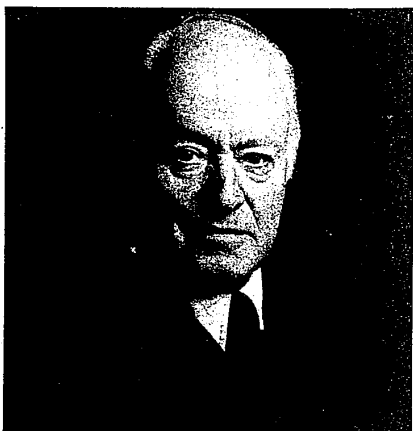
the Week." Last winter she played Birdie in "Little Foxes" with Anne Baxter and Gates.

Gates' career spans 40 years. He has appeared in numerous highly acclaimed television specials in the last several years including "Pueblo," "The Missiles of October" and "Backstairs at the White House."

He recently co-starred in the successful Broadway play "First Monday in October" with Henry Fonda and Jane Alexander.

The Birmingham Theatre will offer a special preview for senior citizens at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.

Tickets are available in advance at the box office or on the evening of the performance. For further information contact the Birmingham Theatre box office at 644-3533.



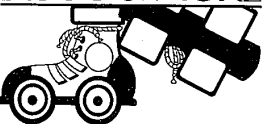
Larry Gates costars in "The Gin Game" at the Birmingham Theatre, in the season's opening show.

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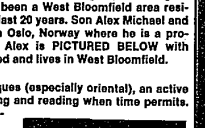
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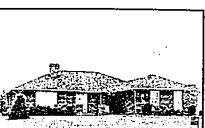
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