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**"THE GOLDEN YEARS"**

A John B. Rogers Production



**WEST VIEW HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC FIELD**

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EPISODE I "THE WEST VIEW STORY"

EARLY HISTORY TABLEAUX

Charles Schafer	Irene Fichter	Carol Glessner	Raymond Heil
Howard Fichter	Betty Gossett	Joanne Leslie	Edward Meinert
Charles Fichter	Ann Schafer	Barbara Jensen	Dennis Marino
Russell Urben	Margueritte Hollenberger	Kathi Jensen	William Schafer
James Hollenberger	Janice Borland	Patty Schafer	John Hollenberger
Doris Kern	Ruth Hosick	Alan Gaus	

EPISODE II — "MOUNDBUILDERS"

HIGH PRIEST

Don Meckler

MOUNDBUILDERS

Ray McDonald	Walt Boehme	William Anderson	Harvy Work
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EPISODE III — "RED MAN IN LAND UNKNOWN"

INDIAN FLUTE PLAYER

Jim Corsello

FLUTIST

Barbara Rohm

INDIAN CHIEFS

Bob Beisnecker

Dave Marino

LITTER BEARERS

Dave Corley.	Robert VonMoss	Jim Maggio	Ed Graf
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INDIAN BRAVES

Howard Kratz	Bob Moran	Ross Mohler	Ralph Kummer
John Roberts	John Leech	Chuck Schafer	Al Nudi
Chuck Sovek	Ted Nellin	Lou Nardozi,	Russ King
Phil Williams	Bob Hanna	Jack Gressang.	

SQUAWS

Joanne Ruffolo	Lucy LaValle,	Yolanda Segreti	Jeniy Pullin
Rose Marie Volpe	Rose Acone .	Clemintina Nudi	Mary Serrone
Angeline Volpe	Marcy Cuda	Rose Mazur	Leona Briski

INDIAN GIRLS

Jayne Mazur	Marie Furguele	Caroline LaValle	Darlene Briski
Millie Segreti	Marie Segreti	Nina Lee Cuda	Linda Briski
	Barbara Acone	Betty Acone	

INDIAN BOYS

Michael Nudi	Luigi Nudi	Joseph Nudi	Earl Nudi.
Carl Nudi	Wayne Foley	Tommy Nudi	Peter Nudi
	Eddie Paul LaValle	Patrick Nudi	

INDIAN PRINCESSES

Adela Marche

INDIAN MEDICINE MAN

Adolfo Marche

EPISODE IV — LAND GRANTS, CLAIMS AND CONFLICTS

QUEEN ELIZABETH

Charlotte Guckert

SIR WALTER RALEIGH

Charles Schafer

KING JAMES II

William Anderson

EARL OF SALISBURY

Walt Boehme

CHARLES II

Ray McDonald

WILLIAM PENN

Don Meckler

ENGLISH SOLDIER

Louis Stephany

FRENCH SOLDIER

Frank LaValle

AMERICAN SOLDIER

Jack Mentzer

EPISODE V — THE FIRST SETTLER

CASPER REEL SR

Howard Fichter

EPISODE VI — AN INDIAN RAID ON REEL

CASPER REEL SR

Howard Fichter

INDIANS

(SAME AS EPISODE III)

SCOUTS

(SAME AS PROLOGUE)

HORSEMEN

(SAME AS PROLOGUE)

EPISODE VII — GIRTY'S RUN

SIMON GIRTY

Watson Reel

INDIANS

(SAME AS EPISODE III)

EPISODE VIII — A NEW PEOPLE TO A NEW LAND

PIONEER MEN

Charles Schafer	Russell Urben	James Atzert	Earl Hanna
Howard Fichter	James Hollenberger	William Steidle	Watson Reel
Charles Fichter	Dory Meinert	Marco Batcha	Preston Reel

PIONEER WOMEN

Esther Hollenberger	Irene Fichter	Martha Meinert	Louise Hartung
Leona Rudge	Betty Gossett	Marguerette Hollenberger	
Doris Kern	Ann Schafer	Margaret Hammel	

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**"THE GOLDEN YEARS"**  
Synopsis of Scenes  
Greeting to you as we present the thrilling story of the founding, growth and development of West View . . . .

# Delicious

A brilliant scene in which the Anniversary Queen, "Miss North Hills" and the May Queen welcome the audience to the enactment to follow. Surrounded by Royal Princesses, "The States," "Miss Columbia," "The Queen's Cadets," "The American Jackies," "The Nation Queens" the Queens receive the tribute of the Royal Subjects as they pass down through the Avenue of Flags . . . .

## EPISODE I — THE WEST VIEW STORY

An epic of a tidal wave of freedom loving men and women sweeping on to a new world rich with natural resources beyond the dreams of the ages . . . . They came to seek the right to worship according to their likes; to live their lives untouched by tyrant's rule. With dauntless courage they dared the unknown.

## EPISODE II — THE MOUNDBUILDERS

Once an ancient people inhabited this area. They were born, ate, drank, loved, fought and died in the valleys and plains. Then in the same mysterious manner in which they came, they disappeared.

## EPISODE III — THE RED MAN IN THE LAND UNKNOWN

For countless moons before the coming of the white man, the council fires of the powerful Seneca burned in this part of Pennsylvania. Here the Indian lived, mated and then passed on to the land of the Great Spirit. . . .

## EPISODE IV — LAND GRANTS, CLAIMS AND CONFLICTS

The ignorance of the geography of the recently discovered continent, America: the thirst for dominion, and the fabulous material wealth which was believed to lie concealed beneath the surface of the New World were elements of confusion that can be appreciated at their proper value in the present state of civilization.

## EPISODE V — THE FIRST SETTLER

Casper Reel Sr., a trapper and expert skin dresser, and Revolutionary soldier, pushed his way into the virgin forest of this area, found a large spring and decided that here, beside this spring, he would build his home and in this vast grove he and Elizabeth would set up a family altar of which future generations would be proud.

## EPISODE VI — INDIAN RAID ON REEL

Returning at evening from a day's hunting, he discovered tracks of Indians and fearing an attack he hurried into his cabin and not a moment too soon.

## EPISODE VII — GIRTY'S RUN

Simon Girty a white Indian renegade who, with a renegade Indian band, terrorized the white colonists and took anything of value to be sold or traded at a later date. Girty having a greedy desire to obtain and control the loot for himself, is said to have taken the valuables from the storage place and buried them along one of the tributaries of the Allegheny River.

## EPISODE VIII — A NEW PEOPLE TO A NEW LAND

The early settlers came this way, saw the rich soil and decided to stay. They cleared the land with the hope ever bright, made their homes and worked from morn 'til night.

## EPISODE IX — REMEMBER THE SABBATH

It was over the winding trails, down the river and across the forest to what was their home that our ancestors brought with them the courage, fortitude and another priceless gift . . . THEIR FAITH IN GOD.

## EPISODE X — EVERGREEN HAMLET: A UTOPIA

A colony from Pittsburgh under a Lawyer, William Shinn, was attracted to the spot by its wild and beautiful scenery. Land was purchased, the village laid out and laws established for its government remote from the dirt and smoke of the city and the rest of the world. This government was set up as an independent government, self sustaining and including everything plebeian. It was intended as a modern Utopia.

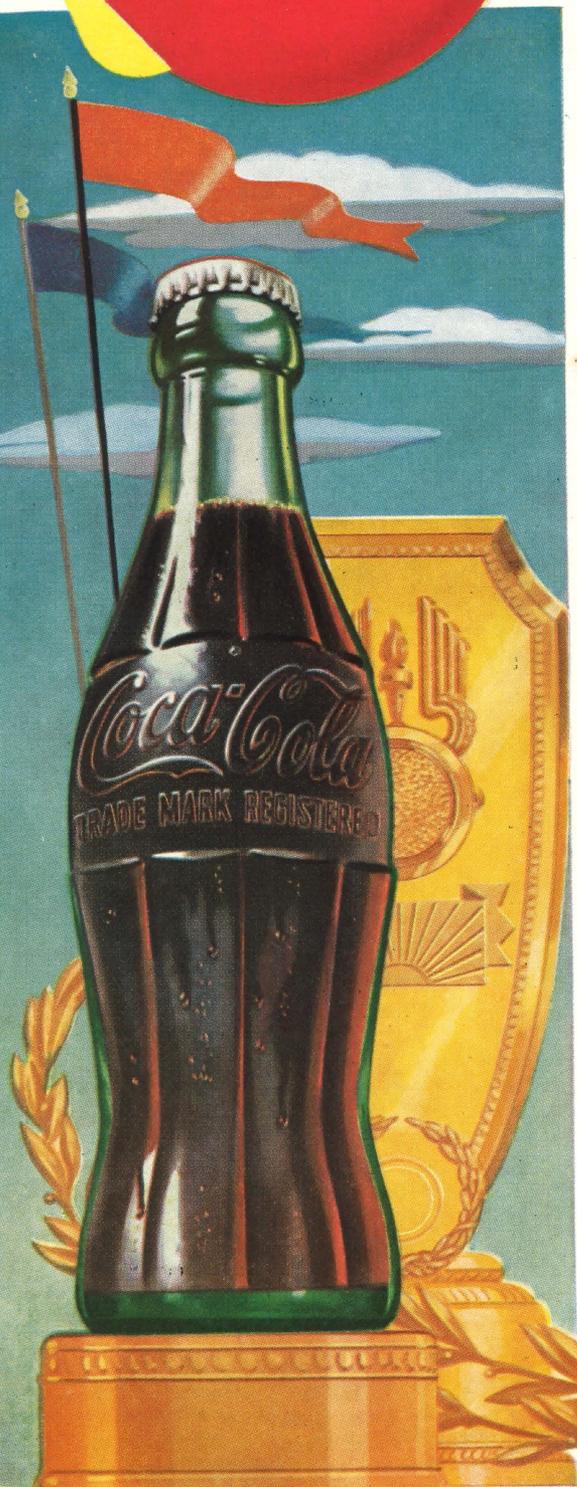
## EPISODE XI — A VOLUME IN BLACK

On April the 12th, 1861, news of the assault on Fort Sumter reached the Pittsburgh area in the great excitement all other interests were forgotten or set aside. The 14th and 15th Military companies from all sections of the county began to render their services to the government through the authorities at Pittsburgh. The first detachment actually started for Washington on April 17th and the others followed almost immediately. . . .

At last the war was over. The union cut off the parasite known as slavery and the confederacy to retain what they thought rightfully theirs . . . .

## EPISODE XII — THE COMING OF THE RAILROAD

After the disbanding of the Evergreen Colony much of the land was purchased by Matthew Cridge who headed a movement to build a railroad from Bennett's Station to the Village, named Evergreen Hamlet. It was a great day for the entire community when the first train came down the gleaming tracks on the newly completed railroad.



### EPISODE XIII — BIKES . . . BUSTLES . . . AND MUSTACHES

If you were a gay blade in the nineties, you courted your best gal on a bicycle built for two. It is "Twenty Three Sleazo" if you want the slang word in those nostalgic days of the high-wheel bike, leg-o-mutton sleeves, "horseless carriages" and the stunts with the fring o' top . . . But let's listen as the "Can Can" dancers are introduced. Let's join the fun . . .

### EPISODE XIV — JUST FIFTY YEARS AGO

In this first election the peoples ticket won a sweeping victory and all men elected were to play important parts in the new borough's history. The election over and the infant borough on its way, the third issue of the town's paper published, the Borough fathers' first ordinance. . . .

### EPISODE XV — READIN' 'RITIN' AND 'RITHMETIC

Our early settlers realized that in order to build a foundation for a new life for the future generations to come, their children must learn to read and write. To fully appreciate the great strides education has made, we only have to look in on West View's first school. We "sit in" as the LITTLE MOTHER OF WEST VIEW, Miss Elizabeth Boal, teaches the "THREE R's" to the small urchins later to become our parents and grand parents. . .

### EPISODE XVI — THE WEST VIEW PARK

Work was started on the West View Park in the year 1905 and was incorporated that same year. The actual opening of the park was on April 6, 1906 to the pleasure of everyone concerned. The different concessions, rides, and lunch stands were built around the natural lake, named Kilkarney. When the park opened the only buildings and rides were the Dance Pavilion, the Roller Coaster, and the Band Stand, which is still standing as an historical landmark. Then there was only one dirt road. Since that time the Park has grown with the Borough and has been enjoyed through the years by the young and old.

### EPISODE XVII — DEDICATION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A growing civic pride made it imperative that the new Borough have a municipal building where Borough business could be conducted. This dream was realized with the dedication of such a building on Ridgewood Avenue with quarters for one of the fire companies also. . . The ceremonies took place on Friday evening, June 1, 1906, preceded by a parade of firemen from all three companies, the customary green flares and the band playing, "Everybody Works But Father". While Ridgewood Avenue was lined with cheering citizens.

### EPISODE XVIII — THE VILLA SCHWITTER

The history of West View would not be complete without mention of Mr. Fred Schwitter whose death in Switzerland on March 15, 1909, brought to an end a fabulous career of fifty years in this country.

Mr. Schwitter was born in Switzerland in 1847 and came to America as a penniless boy of 19. He opened a dairy of his own on a 100 acre farm and made his fortune. He built a fine home on the heights overlooking the "Schwitter Plan" calling it the "Villa Schwitter". In this fine home and also in the Old Donegal Inn, which he also built, many lavish parties were held; one honoring Swiss Royalty.

### EPISODE XIX — THE WEST VIEW CADETS

While they didn't call it juvenile delinquency in those days, people were aware that idleness was not good for growing boys. To take care of them the West View Cadets were organized in 1908 and one hour was spent in military drill and the next hour in playing basketball or other sports.

### EPISODE XX — TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN THE WORLD

The year is 1917 and America is going to War . . . . . West View watched her volunteers enlist . . . . . And then . . . . . it was all over and a measure of peace returned . . . . .

### EPISODE XXI — THE ROARING TWENTIES

Just when you think that people should settle down to plain living, a new era began . . . . . Women cut their hair . . . Men made gin in the bathtub . . . . . Home brew was the cats pajamas . . . . and everyone danced the Charleston.

### EPISODE XXII — THE SEIGE OF DEMOCRACY

Once again the god Thor demanded human sacrifice and blood. And from West View went brave young Americans to respond to his cry . . . . .

### EPISODE XXIII — THE ATOMIC AGE

The war came to an end. . . . 1948 was a year that astrologists predicted would be a violent year. And it was. Ghandi was assassinated, and General Eisenhower said he would not run for president. . . . There were strikes, the Berlin blockade was started and taxes were raised. . . . again. A new party was started in the South, but the people elected Truman for another four year term. Television was begging for attention, and getting it. . . . and the cold war was getting colder. . . . But the big thing was that which was called THE ATOMIC AGE.

### FINALE — THE GREAT WHEEL OF PROGRESS

Before you a great wheel of progress is taking form. . . . with West View as its hub. . . . With each spoke carved from one of her past achievements, we see West View serving the nations of the world.



**PIONEER BOYS**

Alan Gaus	Edward Meinert	Jim Hollenberger	Hurbert Dietrich
Raymond Heil	Dennis Marino	John Hollenberger	
Richard Heil	William Schafer	Thomas Meinert	

**PIONEER GIRLS**

Janice Borland	Joanne Leslie	Patty Schafer	Claudia McBurney
Ruth Hosick	Barbara Jensen	Peggy Meinert	
Carol Glessner	Kathi Jensen	Mary Ann Mills	

**EPISODE IX — REMEMBER THE SABBATH**

**MINISTER**

Casper Reel

**PEOPLE**

(SAME AS EPISODE VIII)

**EPISODE X — EVERGREEN HAMLET; A UTOPIA**

**OLD FASHION WOMEN**

Marie Velha	Mary Ellen Borland	Peg Gerlovic	Mary Vogel
Vesta Skornicke	Mickey Mills	Rose Marziale	Mary Belle Chaney
Helen Collins	Irene Perston	Polly Obermire	Lyd Fiore

**OLD FASHION MEN**

Edward Skornickel	Wayne Fischer	Jack Tracey	Jake Fiore
John R. Collins	Raymond J. Preston	Jerry Chaney	Henry W. Marziale
Richard Sherman			

**EPISODE XI — A VOLUME IN BLACK**

**ANN**

Peg Gerlovic

**WIDOW BROWN**

Norma Morrison

**WIDOW BROWN'S SON**

Jed Hutchison

**WOMEN**

(DOUBLED FROM EPISODE X)

**DRUMMER**

**OFFICER**

Byron Schlog

**LINCOLN**

J. Kness

**GRANT**

**LEE**

**CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS**

Jack Braunlich	Jim Thompson	Tony Richardson	David Lewis
Bill Crouthamel	John Beebee	Jack Maura	Roy Richwein
Tom Wilson			

**EPISODE XII — THE COMING OF THE RAILROAD**

**HELPFUL HERRY**

Henry W. Marziale

**LATE COMER**

Rose Marziale

**MEN AND WOMEN**

(DOUBLED FROM EPISODE X)

**EPISODE XIII — BIKES, BUSTLES AND MUSTACHES**

**BIKES, BUSTLES AND**

**MUSTACHES**

**EPISODE XIV — JUST FIFTY YEARS AGO**

**MEN**

(DOUBLED FROM EPISODE X)

**EPISODE XV — READIN', 'RITIN' AND RITHMETIC**

**OLD FASHIONED GIRLS**

Jane Ann Sweitzer	Karen Butler	Marie Kropf	Janis Barbin
Sally Ann Wilson	Margaret Herdt	Susan Bollen	Janet Jarvis

**OLD FASHIONED BOYS**

Billy Dickson	David Harck	Tommy Bennett	Richard Kessler
Raymond Skornickel	Anthony Zikesh	Kenneth Kessler	

**TEACHER**

Mrs. Paul Darges

**BAD BOY**

Alan Jensen

**EPISODE XVI — THE WEST VIEW PARK DOUBLE D FROM EPISODE XIII**

**QUARTETTE**

Frank Ransick	Ralph Kummer	Ross Mohler	Lewis Scull
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**TANDEM BIKE COUPLES**

Mary Furgiuele	Vincent Furgiuele
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**BIG BIKE MAN**

B. Schwartz

**CROQUET PLAYERS**

Janet Rudolph	Carloyn Gross	Elizabeth Turner
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**BADMINTON PLAYERS**

Linda Jensen	Judy Bird
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**EPISCOPALIAN PICNIC**

Mrs. Arther Burkhardt	Donna Harris	Marlyn Hartung	Margaret Swartz
Mrs. Sally Wentzel	Pam Randall	Lynn Menzel	Laura Jean Menzel
	Dennis Foley		

**SUFFERGETTES**

Mrs. Helen Bennett	Fern Burns	Mary O. Schwartz	Betty Power
<b>MEDICINE DRUMMER</b>	<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHER</b>	<b>COMIC COP</b>
Bob Weinzetl	Horace Bennett	William Wentzel	Richard Smith

**BRIDE and GROOM**

Mrs. Laura Menzel	Mr. Steve Menzel
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**LIFE GUARDS**

Cliff Geeting	R. S. Weinzetl Sr.
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**BALL PLAYERS**

Auggie Schwab	John T. Power	Tony Ruffolo
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**LADY IN RED**

Mrs. Eleanor Smith
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**MINNIE AND ELMER**

Mrs. Mary Kratz	Arthur Burkgardt
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**BATHING BEAUTIES**

Mrs. Lucille Borland	Joan LaMantia	Mrs. Clara Young	Mrs. Hermine Weinzetl
Mrs. Margaret Visokey	Diane Esposito	Mrs. Helen Geeting	

**CAN CAN GIRLS**

Deanna DeMaria	Daren Thomas	Earbara Harrison	Doris Hacke
Arden Thomson	Mary Ann Rickard	Betty Harrison	Eileen Costolo
	Barbara Fairley		

**TEETER-TOTTER GIRLS**

Jane Ann Sweitzer	Sally Ann Wilson	Karen Butler	Marie Kropf
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**POLICE GAZETTE GIRLS**

June Meckler	Beverly Bossett	Judy Heinsberg	Janit Wise
	Ruth Schwartz	Mary Wasileski	

**ACROBATS**

JoEllen Hilger	Janice Hammel
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**EPISODE XVII— DEDICATION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

<b>F. C. MARTSOLF</b>	<b>D. J. COTTER</b>	<b>A. H. MC MULLEN</b>	<b>HARRY GOEHRING</b>
Horace Bennett	Arthur Burkgardt	William Wentzel	Bob Weinzetl

<b>MISS LOTTIE CHAMBERS</b>	<b>MISS ROSE MUZZIO</b>
Helen Bennett	Fern Burns

**EPISODE XVIII — THE VILLA SCHWITTER**

<b>THE COUNTESS</b>	<b>MRS. SCHWITTER</b>	<b>MR. SCHITTER</b>
Pat Kirk	Joan Serbiske	Jack Tracey

**LADIES**

Pat Luke	Pat Good	Bernadine Primola	Sara Primola
Carol Donatelli	Janice Hack	Pat Lunardi	Nora Splane

**SWISS DANCERS**

Gail Reynolds	Susan Barr	Joe Kelly	Bob Marciniak
Joyce Jackson	Mary Jane Hammel	Bruce Abel	Paul Schlemmer

**EPISODE XIX — THE WEST VIEW CADETS**

	<b>CADETS</b>		
Alan Jensen	Raymond Skornickel	Anthony Zikesh	Kenneth Kessler
Billy Dickson	David Hauck	Tommy Bennett	Richard Kessler

**EPISODE XX — TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN THE WORLD SOLDIER****SAILOR****NURSE****EPISODE XXI — THE ROARING TWENTIES****CHARLESTON GIRLS**

Yvette Louzel	Connie Chaney	Audry Von Schlick	Ginny Glessner
Jo Ann Ley	Diana Schaughency	Carol Braun	Rita Neuch
	Adelela Marche	Naomi Jackson	

**CHARLESTON BOYS**

Don Meckler	Ray McDonald	Walt Boehme	William Anderson
	Adolfo Marche		

**EPISODE XXII — THE SEIGE OF DEMOCRACY**

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**EPISODE XXIII — THE ATOMIC AGE****FINALE — ENTIRE CAST**