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LITTLE THEATER (LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA) PAPERS

The collection contains scrapbooks containing programs, tickets, advertisements, photographs and newspaper clippings about this Lynchburg, Virginia, theater group.

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The Little Theater League of Lynchburg, Virginia, was formed in 1920 by a group of interested women. The first production, three one-act plays, was presented in 1921, and was well received. On 3 February 1921, the first board of directors was elected, bylaws were adopted and committees were appointed.

At first, the Little Theater met in the Hill City Masonic Hall. In 1922, the theater had its own home, "a converted wing of an old tobacco warehouse on Sixth Street." The theater group continued to work toward a more permanent theater building, and, in April 1930, ground was broken for a new facility on Rivermont Avenue. The first production in the new theater was presented in December 1930. Lynchburg became "the first city in Virginia to build its own amateur theatre." The Lynchburg group also assisted in the formation of community theater groups in Altavista, Clifton Forge, and Radford, in Virginia, and in Ronceverte, West Virginia.

In 1958, the Little Theatre, with the Civic Music Club and the Art Center, supported the idea of a fine arts center with all of the arts under one roof. A new facility was planned and was opened in 1962 as the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. The Little Theatre, "At the Sign of the Lamp," held its final productions in its home on Rivermont Avenue and entered a new life as a part of the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center.

["Curtain Going Up," *The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center, Its History...* (Lynchburg: Lynchburg Fine Arts Center, 1962), pp. 6 ff., Lynchburg Fine Arts Center Papers, Mss., MS2090, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]