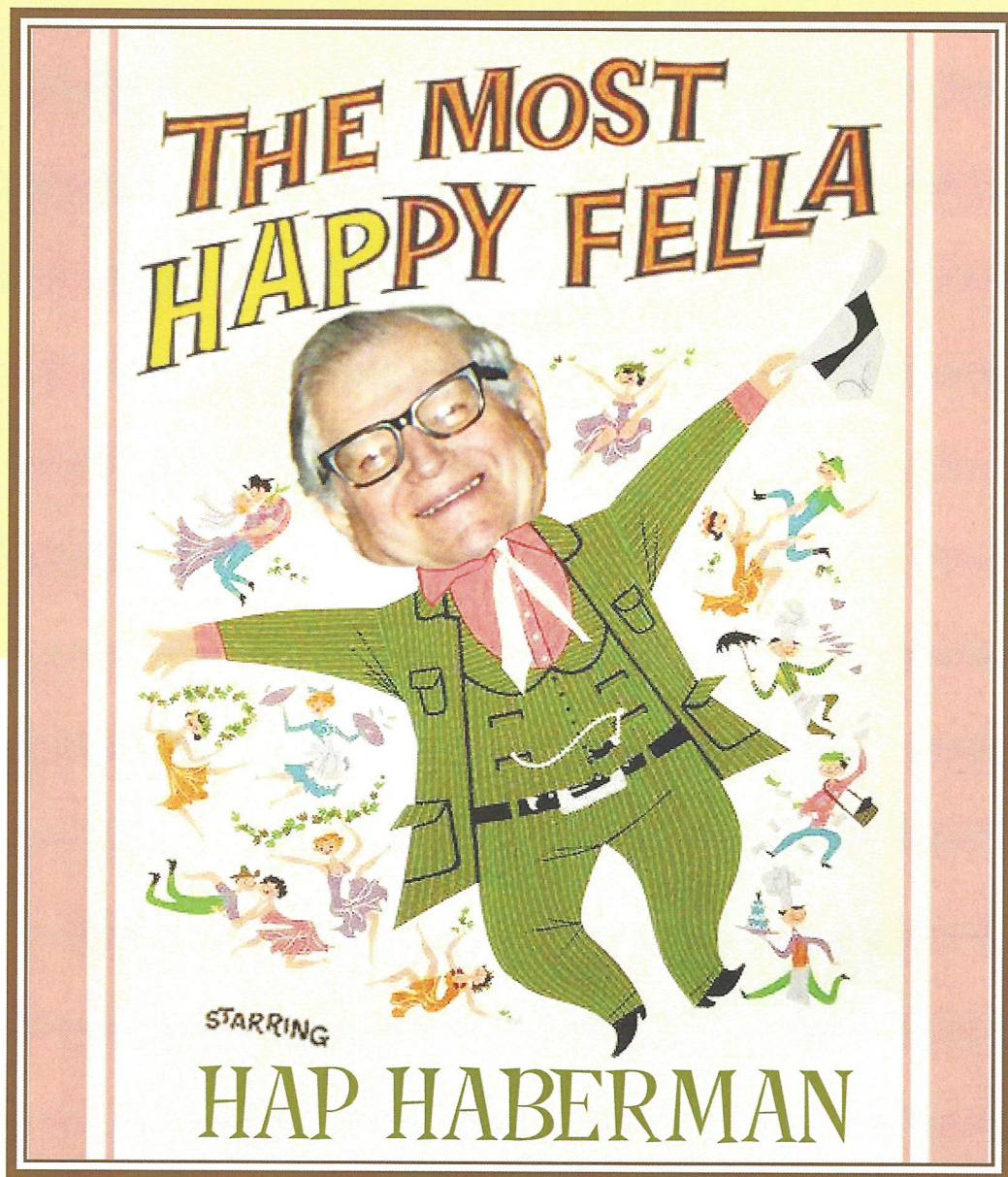


The Black Hills Playhouse and its Alumni Association
Proudly Present:



A MOST HAPPY MEMORIAL CELEBRATION
Curtain at 4PM on Sunday, May 27TH, at the BHP

It's Time to Celebrate? "Oh, let us have it!!"

HAP'S VERY FAVORITE PART

Gathering for Cocktails, Cuisine and Conversation

Featuring HAP'S Choice of Scotch & Soda

or ELLIE'S Choice of Martini or Cosmo

or Wine for lovers of fruit that's properly liquified

"A CENTURY (well, almost) OF HAP"

A Lovingly Crafted Video Presentation of HAP'S Multi-Faceted Life

Fondly Produced and Narrated by Daamen Krall

TOASTING AND ROASTING

Words of Wit and Wisdom (or at least, words) from a few

Distinguished Dignitaries (or in HAP'S words, UNCURED HAMS)

With Cocktails as needed to build endurance

FOND REMINISCENCES OF HAP

Sharing of sporadically accurate memories and anecdotes from one and all

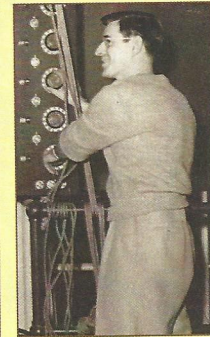
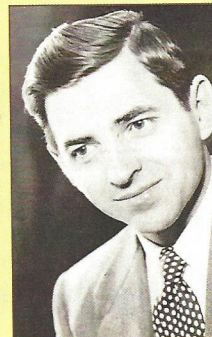
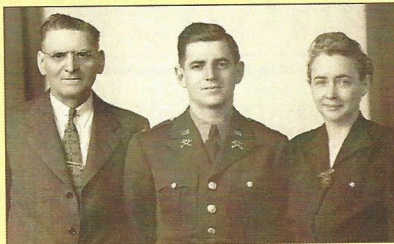
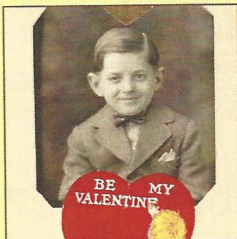
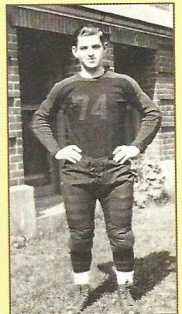
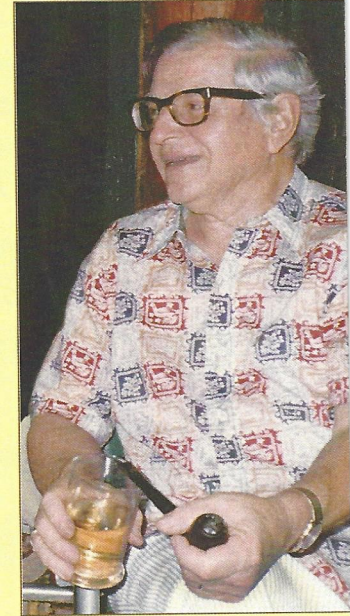
With Cocktails as needed to maintain endurance

HAP'S OTHER VERY FAVORITE PART

Enjoying tunes from the many BHP musicals HAP directed and/or acted in

While reconnecting with treasured friends on the Playhouse grounds

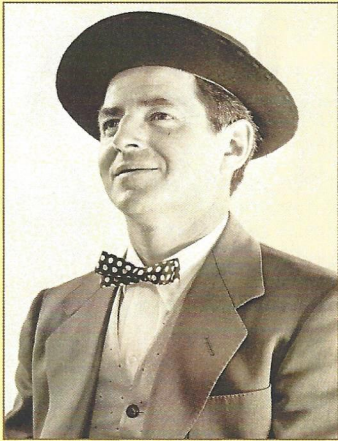
With perhaps a farewell cocktail -- or a "just a small half"?



Quotable Hap of Many Hats ...

Writer Hap: "Old Santa is a little late in composing this year's Christmas letter, and Mrs. Santa is giving him the delicatessen treatment – hot tongue and cold shoulder. She keeps forgetting she's just a subordinate Claus. (A little academic joke for all you English majors.)"

Observational Hap: "I've noticed there's something insidious in our air that's causing my hair to turn to fat and slide toward my hip pockets. Have tried a tonic that gives temporary relief, but brings on a bad headache and unsettled stomach."



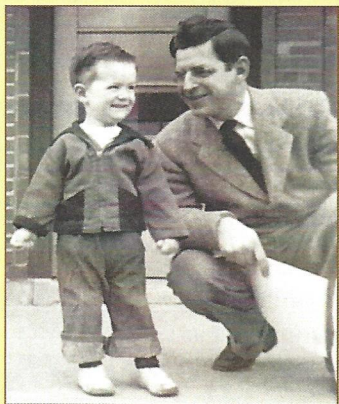
1963 BHP; Hap in Harvey

Husband Hap: "We attribute our long marriage to a fifty-fifty partnership – I tell Elinor what to do, and she tells me where to go."

Philosophical Hap: "I try to be as optimistic as the little girl who went out to the barn on Christmas morning and, finding it littered with manure, went romping through the place shouting, 'There's a pony in here somewhere!'"

Raconteur Hap: "Not so long ago Elinor suffered a slight shopping setback. She took an item to a salesgirl and asked, 'How much is this handbag?' The girl replied, 'Lady, that's an ice bucket.' They remember her in stores."

Director Hap: "I recently set out to revive THE SHOW-OFF, a 45-year-old play that needed plenty of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and could have used a heart transplant as well."



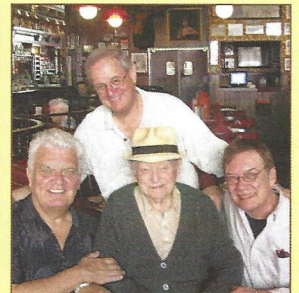
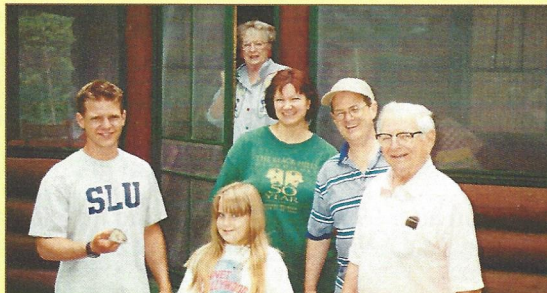
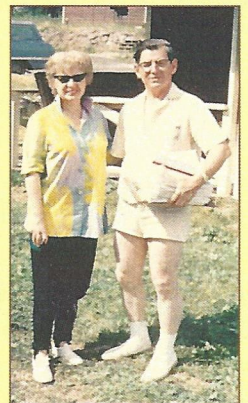
Poetic Hap in Rhyme Time ...

"Peering Through the Showroom Window

New model, you've changed so since yesterday's car,
I want you but, frankly, our body styles jar.
Your lines are much sleeker, more trim, near perfection --
While mine are all going the other direction."

"Stretch Pants

If you'll give this item a chance
Your charms it will greatly enhance.
Its stretch is uncanny
'Twill fit a small fanny
Or cover an awesome expanse."



Highlights of Hap's 99.33% of a Century

1918 – Sunny, ever-cheerful LeRoy Day Haberman, is born May 20, to soft-spoken parents Gladys (Jenkins) and Zeno in Watertown, SD, fittingly nicknamed “Happy” through early school years.



1931 – Family moves to nearby Huron to open Zeno’s new diner, the Delite Shop. By high school, Hap also works there, and plays marimba, letters in football, writes school paper’s joke column.



1935 – Meets lifelong sweetheart Ellie Keck at her twin brother Sam’s dance band practices, soon after attends Huron College then USD, switching from journalism to drama under Doc Lee.

1941 – Summer apprentice at Ivoryton Playhouse, takes 1st shot at Broadway after. Lands great WNAX radio job but enters Army two months later where Lt. Hap becomes expert artillery trainer.



1945 – Days after marrying Ellie at Ft. Jackson, SC, Hap gets packed off to Europe for 16 bleak snowy months. Following heavenly Black Hills honeymoon, Hap returns to USD to earn MA degree.

1947 – First of 42 beloved summers at Doc Lee’s new Black Hills Playhouse, where Hap plays mostly comic leads. Thrilling 2nd and final shot at Broadway follows with many auditions, paltry results.



1949 – After 1st teaching job at U of Conn, enters Stanford U to earn PhD. Son Jim is born three years later, then Hap teaches for 2 bleak snowy years at U of Buffalo, NY, vowing never to return.

1958 – Back at Stanford, earns PhD after endless delays, teaches at Ventura and Compton Colleges, explores writing career. BHP summers lend happy continuity, where Hap now mainly directs.



1963 – Ventura College hires Hap and becomes blissful home base for 27 great years. Opens new theatre complex, directs many plays and musicals, and mentors countless students.

1974 – Big year: Jim’s 1st wedding, Hap and Ellie’s 25th BHP season celebrated, and purchase with sister Lois of Remington Rd cabin, where rustically joyous summers amid scenic splendor follow.



1979 – Another big year: thrilling sabbatical adventures all around Britain, and the birth of 1st magnificent grandchild, Brent. Summers start to split more between BHP and cabin time.

1988 – A mere nine years after Brent, 2nd magnificent grandchild, Kate, is born. After Hap’s retirement, they move to balmy Channel Is., and eventually to wild and snowy Deadwood.



1994 – More fabulous events: Jim and Sharon’s Cleveland wedding, capped next year by crowning honor of Haberman Hall dedication to Hap and Ellie at BHP’s 50th anniversary celebration.

1998 – Following a nostalgic winter’s stay in Yankton, plus recovery from Ellie’s broken arm, they move to upgraded comforts at Rapid City’s Fremont apartments. Travels continue unabated.



2000 – Hap retires reluctantly after their 42nd BHP summer, with the double-whammy of his rotator cuff injury and Ellie’s decreasing mobility from arthritis. Travels still continue, less ambitiously.

2000 – As Ellie’s deepening ailments have made her fully wheelchair-bound, Hap diligently serves as devoted caretaker, but a disastrous fall completes her incapacity and she must go into nursing care.



2010 – Hap moves to Westhills Village as his self-care abilities diminish, still drives daily to sit with lifelong sweetheart Ellie. Hap mourns her Feb. 2013 passing at her touching life celebration in May.



2014 – Returns to Calif. to live with Jim and Sharon, enjoying daily scotch-and-soda to the very end, many reunions with dear friends and family. Thrilled by news of great-grandson Kester’s 2016 birth.

2017 – Health in sharp decline soon after 99th birthday, extended hospital stays follow. After a serene week in home hospice care, Hap peacefully journeys on to rejoin his Ellie on September 14.

