

roup's 12th show

earn money. By day I'm a stock runner in the city. By night I'm a greaser."

Adam Joseph, 18, a summer show rookie who plays the part of Doody, explains, "I always wanted to do theater and would kick myself whenever I passed up a chance. But 'Grease' is there for me with a built-in social life. I like it. It's what I want."

Jyll Blakeslee, 18, plays Rizzo. "We're kids and grown-ups at the same time here. Just yesterday I forced myself to smoke a cigarette for my character." Aspiring to be a professional performer, Blakeslee is currently producing a tape of her original songs.

To many, Pam and Ron blink into existence at tryouts in late spring, enjoy their waking hours with 12-through 18-year-olds, and vanish sometime in late August.

In fact, Ron is an independent data processor. Pam is a playwright and, sometimes, a performing arts instructor.

They share their life with their son, Christopher, who has been a part of the Teen Summer Theater

since age 5. They regularly participate in the activities of the Port Washington Play Troupe, Port Singers and school theater programs.

In fact, the Meadows were considered such a valuable asset to Port Washington teens that the Community Chest named them Citizens of the Year in 1978.

Pam and Ron Meadows are not the first people who have thought of doing something like this but, for them, the chemistry seems just right. The result is quality productions and a throng of satisfied teenagers. No one really understands why, but when you put Pam and Ron together with some teens, it's a case of true love.

Peter Nissen is a sophomore at Yale University. He has performed in every production of the Teen Summer Theater since he "came of age." Tickets for "Grease" are on sale for \$2 at The Card Shop, 933 Port Washington Blvd., and at Salon Two Ninety, 290 Main St., Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.