

SCENE 7

(THE BUS STOP)

(CHAD crosses. A GAL from the bar lustfully follows him. A GUY from the bar follows her. As CHAD crosses off, the GAL and GUY connect.)

(MATILDA and EARL enter. With a clearing of her throat, MATILDA halts the frolicking. The GAL and GUY dash off)

MATILDA

Just as I feared. Oh, where's Dean? He should be here by now.

(DEAN rushes on)

DEAN

Sorry, I'm late, Mom!

MATILDA

Oh there you are, my golden child!

DEAN

Mom, why'd you want to see me?

MATILDA

Oh, Dean, I'm sending you back to the Stonewall Jackson Military Academy.

DEAN

What?

MATILDA

You're all packed. I made cookies for the bus.

DEAN

But I don't want to go back to Stonewall Jackson!

MATILDA

Now, now there's nothing better for a child than a strict military upbringing. Isn't that right, Earl? That's enough, Earl.

DEAN

But I just got here yesterday! Why do I have to leave?