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A legacy from a rich uncle turns all topsy-turvy when a light bulb explodes and Adam and Evelyn Adams face the hilarious consequences of getting what they wished for in Canton Festival Theater's summer production of David Steinbeck's "Adam Should'a Had 'Em" playing at the Lewis Street Playhouse on Saturday, August 7th at 7pm and Sunday, August 8th at 2pm.

Struggling to make a go of life in the 1930's, Adam and Evelyn (Larry Arnold and Christina Woodworth) want to start a family. However, their careers as architect and dress designer don't allow them much time to plan. When a mysterious check arrives in the mail, Evelyn hires a wise-cracking Arkansas maid (Patti Meldrum) to help around the house; but a devilish imp (Robin Jarvis) stirs the world of reality and Adam finds himself carrying the baby. Evelyn and the maid have all they can do to keep their nosey neighbor Calvin (Paul Kinney) and dress shop owner Freda Farkle (Diane Brown) from guessing the secret. It doesn't help that crazy Doc Twiddle (Joe Clark) believes every word.

Canton Festival Theater is one of the oldest summer theater groups in the state of Missouri. This summer marks CFT's second season in its new home, the Lewis Street Playhouse. Tickets for "Adam Should'a Had 'Em" are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Festival Friends under the direction of Susie Welker will also offer intermission desserts in the Playhouse lobby. Production proceeds go toward bringing the historic stage back to its former glory when it welcomed travelling shows as the Miller-Starr Opera House at the end of the 19th century. For more information, call the Lewis Street Playhouse office at 573-288-0014 or check the web at showmecanton.com.

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