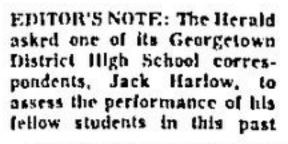
## Standing ovations for 'Green Gables'



weekend's three-night presentation of "Anne of Green Gables", His allegedly unblased capsule comment on the school's version of the hit musical: "absolutely

## Parade results

The Georgetown Agricultural Society's Little Miss Halton Hills Float took first prize for the best overall float following last week's Santa Claus parade in Georgetown. Little Miss Leslie Ann Staddon and five of her princesses were featured on the float, the first ever entered by the Society.

The Lionettes "cake float" was honored as the best service club entry and the Georgetown Figure Skating Club won the best non-commercial float award.

Sponsored by the Georgetown Lions Club and entitled "Golden Christmas" in honor of the 50th year under the organization, the parade had 37 entries including bands and

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LITTLE THEATRE

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In its three nights onstage at Georgetown High School, "Anne of Green Gables" drew some 1,300 spectators who consistently gave the cast and crew standing ovations for their superb production.

The student actors spent a great deal of time in rehearsal - about two hours every day after school - to perfect their first presentation of the season. Matching their effort were members of the production crew itself and the school band, which provided accompaniment.

Before each performance, there were two and a half hours of work involved in make-up, stage preparation, costumes, sound and lighting, to name just a few facets of the overall production.

The band performed very well for the play, with the sound and light crews also doing a good job. Together with the performers onstage, the group effort made for a glowing success.

Faculty co-directors Joan Silk and Judith Harrison and music director Ralph Ursel were extremely pleased with the resulting presentations.

Opening night Thursday saw the performers very keyed up before an audience of 317, but the standing ovation that followed the presentation - the first time an opening night performance has won such

acclaim · was evidence enough that the cast's effort was remarkable from the start. The co-directors were simply elated.

FULL DAY The first night's long, tiring performance, of course, preceded another full day at school for east and crew; then came another two hours getting into costumes and make-up.

But while the actors were not at their performing "peak". sister, Marilla, decide to keep they took the stage like true the child anyway. As the years professionals and, except for a go by, Anne becomes best few minor mistakes, delivered friends with a girl named a performance as good as or Diana Barry and "enemies" better than that of the previous with a boy named Gilbert evening. The record audience of 537 again gave them a standing ovation for a truly number of problems, decides

magnificent performance. Saturday brought a chance to rest and time to freshen up for closing night, which would be the finest presentation of the three that were performed

Thursday and Friday nights, east members looked (not surprisingly) nervous at the start of their production when they sang "Anne of Green Gables" but by the time they finished the song, they were more relaxed.

Saturday night, however, they took the stage, looking confident right from the start, before nearly 500 people.

One of the spectators commented that it was just too bad they didn't have a regular theatre in which to perform. Anyone who saw the play, or

has read the book knows the basic story:



HALTON HILLS SHOPPING CENTRE

However, the dye that Anne In the lurn-of-the-century had bought from a peddlar, town of Avonlea on Prince turned her hair green. Edward Island, Matthew Another main event in the Culhbert, an old bachelor. story was the announcement goes to the railway station to pick up an orphan boy, who was to help Matthew on the

farm. However, a fouled-up

message left someone else

talkative young girl named

REEP CHILD

Matthew and his spinster

Anne, humiliated by a

to dye her hair a beautiful

raven black, declaring that

"the world has laughed long

waiting at the station - a very

Anne.

enough". .

that Anne had won a scholarship to Queen's College. The runner-up, also from Avonica School, was Gilbert Blythe. Upon hearing the announce-

ment, Matthew Cuthbert, is overwhelmed by the excitement and has a heart attack. STAY ON

Anne cancels her college plans, to stay at Green Gables, when Gilbert Blythe appears on the scene and the two youngsters decide they might possibly be good friends, since they were after all "good enemies". Romance blossoms, Gilbert kisses Anne and exits ecstatically.

The play closes touchingly, Anne and Marilla set scated at the kitchen table, quiet in

Outstanding among generally excellent performances were those of the main characters, including Brenda Archer as Anne, Bill Marchant as Matthew, Becky Reid as Marilla, Chris Gorin as Diana Barry, Ken Kuhl as Gilbert and Lori Kentner as Mrs.

As Anne, Brenda's solo "Gee I'm Glad I'm No One Else But Me" demonstrated that she can sing as well as act; it was superbly done. Brenda perfectly fit the role for which she'd auditioned, for, as anyone would agree, she acted as one would imagine Anne herself

Also very well done was "We Clearly Requested (A Boy)", sung by Anne, Marilla and Matthew. At the orphanage, Anne did a very funny song

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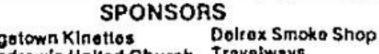
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## A few of the characters whose performances in the Georgetown and District High School production of "Anne of Green Gables" helped draw over 1,350 people during a three-might run which began last Thursday. Becky Reid (above) played the stiff and proper Marilla who eventually softens by the end of the play to show a deep, genuine love for Anne. Ken Kuhl (left) played the romantic interest in the play as Gilbert Blythe, the school brat who becomes very fond of Anne. Seated with "Gilbert" is Phil Brennan who played Cecil, a local farmer and one of Anne's classmates. (Herald photo)

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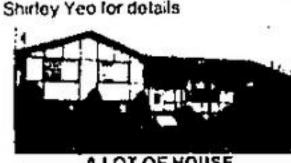
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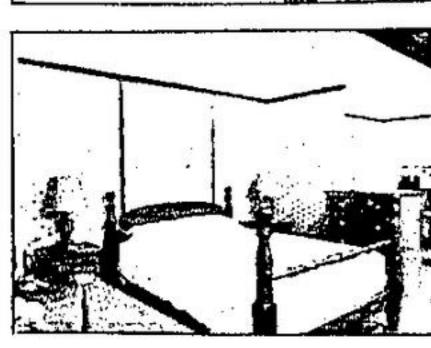
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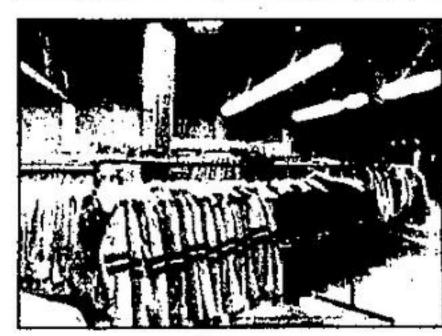












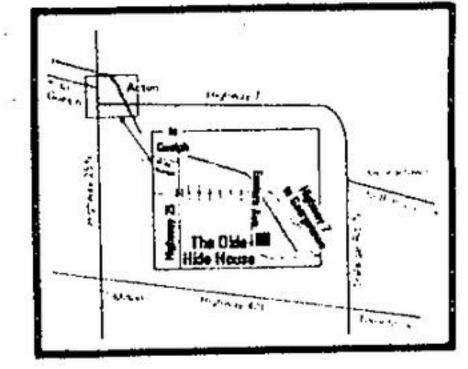
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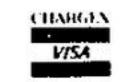


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