Bolger holds audience in palm of his hand

By CORINNE ABATT
Once in love with Ray Bolger—
always in love with Ray Bolger. Any
throught to the contrary was immediactly erased when the 74-year-old
song-and-dance man peeked around
song-and-da

But Bolger fans rallied to almost fill the house for the single performance and welcome him with thundering applause.

Once on stage he walked down the Stairs, up the atise and took a seat, thyped his rakish hat back and said jamas y'' I thought we were cancelling the stairs. The stairs was the said took and said jamas y'' I thought we were cancelling to the said to the said

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"All Things Bright and Beautitul" will premiere today at a benefit for homeless animals. The film, sponsored by the Michigan Humane Society, is based on Dr. James Herriot's best-selling novel of the Same name. It will be shown at 8 p.m. at the Prudential Town Center in Southfield, with proceeding going for care and shelter of homeless animals. For reservations, call the Michigan Humane Society at 646-6110.



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the whole audience into his hip pocket with that impromptu bit of action. Consummate entertainer that he is, there was never a moment in the hour and a half that followed that attention

Every movement, every word and gesture are worth watching. To miss even one is to miss part of the show. The crook of the finger, the flick of the eye, tip of the hat, shake of the the—all emblelish the story whether it is sung, spoken or both together as is Boiger's style.

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AS IF TO return all the love he said

he felt coming from the audience, he put on a marathon performance that would have wilted 90 percent of the dancers half his age.

He did everything from soft shoe to rock, interspering the dances with narration and song. He sprinkled in hits of his own philosophy. Put on a Happy Face," and sang and narrated he "Over the Rainbow" story which ended with his impersonation of the Scarcerow hanging limply from the microphone stand.

Later he traced the development of his own dance style with the song. "And They all Left a little on the

ville performers he watched and borrowed from.

rowed from.

His song and dance, "Once in Love with Amy," from the stage hit "Where's Charley?" complete with audience sing was intended to conclude the show. But there were two ercores to answer four standing ovations.

tions.

One was a humorous comparison between the politicians of yesterday and today, drawing on his early years in Boston. Mass. for the likes of 'Honey Fitz.'' John F. Kennedy's grandfather.

The second encore was a spoof of a humof-the century burlesque dancer, Carrie Finell. It came on the heels of an impromptu speech about love and

the importance of a theater like this local one in keeping entertainment all and intimate. Before when he goes into his case of the state of the sta

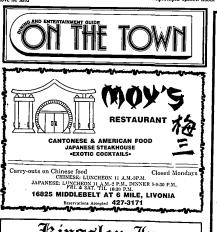
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