#### Breaking in the act

Kathy Heard of Rochester will sing favorites from her new nightclub act, accompanied by John Anderson at the theater organ, Friday-Saturday, June 8-9, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the Merrie Melodic Theater in MeadowFrock Mall, Avon Township, Ms. Heard will present a combination of old favorites, blues and show tunes. Her background in theater adds dimension to her musical tal-nt. On screen will be Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in the MGM hit "Girl of the Golden West." Tekets are available in advance at the Merrie Melodie Theater box office, 375-0011.



## Anvil salesman tackles tough job

By SUE ROSIEK

It's going to be tough, but Joe Guest has visions of polishing his acting tal-ents all the way to the professional

For starters, he's concentrating on learning his craft in community the-aters and acting schools throughout the

area. But his goals are set and the desire

burns.
"I'll give myself to age 30. If I can't make it by then, I'll try something else. But I think I can (make it) and I'm going to try. That's why I make the 21-mile trek out to Will-O-Way (an apprentice acting school) in Bloomfield Hills a few times each week," said Guest, a Garden City resident.

Is he good?

Is he good? "Yes," replies a confident Guest. "Yes," replies a confident Guest. "People I know and respect and a few directors have said so. And I'm determined to be good," adds Guest. to want to be good," adds Guest. At 22, Guest calls himself a late bloomer. Although interested in acting in high school, Guest said he opted for a part-time job and some extra spending money.

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"Having a little money out-weighed

my love for the theater at that time. I regret it now, but I can't go back," he says.

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So he forges ahead. Guest debuted in the Garden City Civic Theater production of "Don't Drink the Water" in April. He played a 65 year-old eccentric priest who practiced magic.

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Afterwards he shopped around for another play and noticed an ad for the Will-O-Way Apprentice Theater in Bloomfield Hills. The acting school was just completing casting for "Music Man" and asked Guest to audition for one of the few remaining parts. SAVETHISAD

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He got a part and, now through June 23, Guest spends his Fridays and Saturdays onstage as Charlie the Anvil Salesman at Will-O-Way Theater. The show is under the direction of Celia Merrill Turner. Guest's next goal is an audition at Meadow Brook Theater at Oakhand University in Rochester and possibly to attend acting school.

Guest says he always knew he had a theatrical streak. It just took a little time to find his niche.

"I always therese City. But in radio you hee had same person every day because the best merse City. But in radio you because the best merse City. But in radio you because the best merse City. But in radio you because the best merse City. But in radio you because the best for same person every day because the best for same person every day because the same for the same to be seen the same for the same to be somebody different — not that I dislike being loe Guest. It's a challenge to put on another coat and make the character believeable. Acting offers a chance to stand in somebody's else's shoes," explains Guest.

The fleedging actor says his radio au-

explains Guest.

The fledging actor says his radio audience reaction just couldn't compare to that of performing before a theater audience.

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"In radio it's you and the microphone and the little black box. You might get a letter or a call but it takes time. In theater the audience reaction is spontaneous and immediate."

With characters like an eccentric old priest and Charlie the anvil salesman under his belt, Guest says he's acquired a new sense of determination.
"I'm versatile and I've proved it," says Guest.

In the meantime Guest supports himself by working as an aircraft jet requer at Detroit Metro Airport, the recently was switched to the afternoon shift and it could crimp his acting style.
"It it does, I'll just have to find something else. I've made up my mind."

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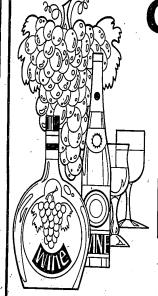
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