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Babysitter's A Ballerina

Andrea's Goal: National Academy--With Help

By EMORY DANIELS

A lot of teen-agers spend the summer earning money babysitting and ironing to buy the latest fashions for the new school year.

But not Andrea St. Mary. Andrea is babysitting and ironing to attend the National Academy of Ballet in New York beginning Sept. 9.

Andrea, 15, and a high school sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank St. Mary of 28015 Inkster Rd., Farmington.

She has been awarded an \$800 scholarship from the Academy's school but needs an additional \$2,400 to pay for tuition and room and board for the entire year.

Her parents have gathered \$1,600 to insure completion of the first semester, but are seeking a willing patron to sponsor their talented daughter for the remaining \$800.

DURING JULY, Andrea attended a month's session at the National Academy of Ballet. That trip alone was quite an honor, and little did she realize that mere was to come. Aspirants from many states and abroad submit applications, but only a small percentage are selected to attend the Academy, and then only after careful screening.

Andrea has wanted to attend the summer course since she was 13 and during the two years saved \$475 from part-time jobs to make the trip.

While at the school, she attended classes from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m., six days a week. Academic subjects were worked in with the aesthetic courses and discipline and decorum were highly stressed.

The school is headed by Thalia Mara who is a European prima ballerina and an author of several ballet books. The institution, which is the only European ballet school in the U.S., is rated as the top school for serious and theatrical ballet in New York City.

AFTER GRADUATING from the summer session, Andrea returned to Farmington unaware of the impression she left on her instructors.

SHOWING RARE form for a girl of 15, Andrea St. Mary of Farmington displays her artistic ballet ability

The school called her parents and told them their daughter was a gifted dancer with unusual talents which should be further developed.

In fact, her grasp of the art impressed the school so much it offered Andrea an \$800 scholarship—the first time in the history of the school that it offered a financial grant.

"We, of course, feel honored that Andrea was accepted and because of her diligence, dedication and potential while there was awarded a partial scholarship of \$800 and encouraged to return for the full term," says Mrs. St. Mary.

The school is very select with class sizes running from seven to eight students. Last June's graduating class was only seven. Academic levels run from the fourth to twelfth grades.

THE CURRICULUM for Andrea's sophomore year will include: regular high school academic courses; Russian and French; sewing; costume design; staging; ballet techniques; piano lessons; music appreciation; and fencing. This will require a minimum of three hours of homework a night.

Andrea will be leaving in a couple of weeks for New York and will be leading a close eye on the mail from home, hopeful of news that a patron will provide \$800 for the second term.

The National Academy of Ballet is sending a letter of recommendation to the Farmington Jaycees who have said they will consider sponsoring Andrea.

Farmington Public Schools have also been contacted and are reviewing scholarship sources to offer assistance in applying for a grant.

St. Mary explains that most Academy students are sponsored by their state or city governments or by a local civic or art group.

ANDREA'S INTEREST in the art probably stems from the fact her mother is a dancing instructor. She began dancing at age four and during the past school year took lessons two-three times a week and all day Saturdays.

Her life has been completely dedicated to mastering the hardest art, ballet. She maintains a strict diet and constantly exercises to keep the proper weight.

Although ballet builds muscles for other sports, there is not another sport which strengthens ballet dancers. In fact, Andrea has had to give up swimming and gymnastics because she started developing a muscle in her shoulder.

While not earning money, Andrea lives classical music and ballet and will spend hours at a time listening to "Swan Lake."

Among her trophies are two first place awards in Detroit competition.

Following high school graduation, she hopes to join a professional ballet company on tour. And that tour may well include a performance at Farmington East Junior High School where Andrea has been a student for the past five years.

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Producer-Director Roy Roy cast the play at 8:30 p.m. with Riley Tadlock getting the lead as Newton Reece.

Tadlock has been with the group for three years and has appeared in several past productions. Sandra Scott was cast as his wife, Mary, and Nancy Milne as his daughter. Both are newcomers to the Wayne Players.

Other castings are Carl Schuman as Reece's boss, D. Barston Trumbull, and Millie Roy as one of the Reece's neighbors.

Before the season opens, the Wayne Players will perform a one-act play written by one of its members, Ed Moorehead. The piece won second prize last year in state competition.

"Powder 31" will be presented Sept. 20-22 in the John Glenn High School auditorium in Westland. Friday and Saturday performances will start at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday's at 7:30 p.m.

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