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Performers auditioning for stardom

were asked to remain, reading for specific roles and displaying their footwork in a routine demonstrated by the

Some 100 hopefuls turned up at the Birmingham Theatre two days last week to audition for openings in the cast of "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" the pre-Broadway musical hit playing there.

It was a "chorus line" of would-bastars, as each took a turn in the spot light, to dance, sing and read for parts in the show.

Performers showing real promise

work in a routine demonstrated by the dance rapiding to a routine problem. Selections were made Friday, with week. Former cast members have eligible full religions back home or into other shows, according to a theater spok storage of the promise of the problem.

AMONG THE new cast members is Donna Watton of Birmingham, who



plays Virginia Lear, the tomboy. She recently returned to the Detroit area to do a demonstration tape for a major

oo a demonstration tape for a major record contract.

Marcus Neville, understudy, goes into the lead male role of Eddie Ryan.
Angelina Floredlisi takes over the role of Sister Lee, the crotchety nun. Sister-Michael Anthony is now played by Mary Buehrle.

Mary Buehrle.

Dave Cowles will be understudy for the roles of Eddie and Louie Schlang.

Author John Powers' humorous books about growing up Catholic in Chi-

cage parochial schools are the basis for the lively production. It's the longest-running attraction the Birmingham Theatre has ever had.

"Patent Leather" originally opened in March and the run has been extended several times, mostly recently through Labor Day. The fourth show on the season's subscription series subscribers have been offered by the continuing show. Series subscribers have been offered tickets for an additional performance, a credit for next season or a refund.



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Buehrle describes her theatrical back-ground to show's producer-director (the ominous black shadow).

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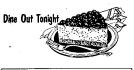
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