



## North Little League

Little Leaguers from the north end took part in a parade in West Bloomfield this year to kick off the season. The march up Orchard Lake Road was part of the formal opening ceremonies for the popular pastime. (Evert photo)

# North student is first for Michigan opera

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"I love singing and I don't think I would give it up for anything," declared Lisa Gibson, North Farmington sophomore.

Miss Gibson has the distinction of being the first high school student in the state to sing for the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Asked how she got involved in singing, she replied, "When I was a little kid, I sort of liked singing. I used to hum songs and tunes all the time."

"I find it a real challenge to sing the harder songs. The more challenging the songs, the more I love singing."

WITH ONLY four years of competitive experience under her belt, she has already won two scholarships, a \$50 grant from the Farmington Musicale and \$500 from Interlochen Music Camp.

"I just want to keep on trying. I love singing and I think it is the greatest thing in the world."

She continued, "I would like to go to Indiana College, it is a real good school for singing. If I am good enough maybe I can turn professional."

Asked if her singing interfered with school, she said, "Once in a while it does. I can remember once during final exams, I would study behind the stage." She sings either classical or modern music.

She said, "A great deal of things compel me, but I guess my teacher does the best job of it."

HER VOICE teacher, Ms. Jan Purdy said, "Lisa's capabilities are unlimited, she can go as far as she wants to go."

"I think she is best in opera, it is definitely her most capable field," added Purdy.

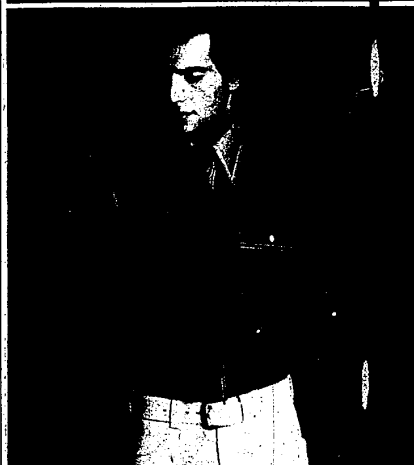
"I think a lot of Lisa, she has a tremendous amount of ability and talent. She is one of the most gifted pupils I have ever taught," Purdy concluded.



## Faxon opens headquarters

Jack Faxon, Democratic candidate for the 17th district congressional seat which includes Farmington, Southfield and Redford Township, opened a campaign headquarters recently at 21702 Grand River, Detroit.

Faxon identified "runaway inflation, crime, threatened plant closings which could affect jobs in the area, and tax loopholes" as the key issues in the campaign.



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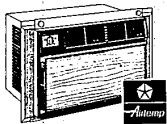
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