# Melodrama comes to Meadow Brook

Mesadow Brook Theatre closes its season on a note of gaiety and lightheated fun, as an old-standard of mesange. The Drunkard, opens through years of "Marcus Brudy" (April 24). Final performance will be May 18.

"The Drunkard," roiginally written by W.H.S. Shift and first staged by showman P. T. Barnum in the 1860's is returning in its Michigan premiere of the updated version adapted by Brotherod, with lyrics and music by Barry Manllow, Manllow, who farms as Bette Mider's producer and arranger, is currently enjoying popularity as a fleger and composer with such hits as "Mandy" and "Its attender, and Terri McRay as Illing, and the vastly popular with such hits as "Mandy" and "Its attender, and Terri McRay as Illing, and the vastly popular with such hits as "Mandy" and "Its attender, and Terri McRay as Illing, and the vastly popular with such hits as "Mandy" and "Its as "Mandy



By WILBON LINDSEY

Groves High School presented on April 38th a sold-out program entitled "A Tribate to Duba Ellington or hearing the Duba Ellington Duba Ellington in the Duba Ellington or hearing to the Duba Ellington or hearing to the Ellington. I was extremely carlons to see what had happened to what was on questionably one of the finest critical gargengines ever assembled.

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I'm not going to pretend a long close affesty for this man't muck, although an awareness and an appreciation for it has existed in one as long as I can remember.

I will stick primarily to the facts and impressions as I saw and heard them on their night. It was quick a surprise to me and I know the band was placed in an arrivard position by the lengthy reminiscences of several exmembers as to the undestable a truit gations of the Dube and some of his usually this soloitst over the pear.

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HE PLAYED what the majority of his audience wanted to hear, and what the suddence wanted most were tunes they were familiar with. Duk-enver agreemed artistically, though his newer arrangement innovations will probably leak out on visyl for years to come.

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