

For Women

Newsboy-Composer Makes Debut Tomorrow



The clowns, "Jolly" and "Folly," portrayed by Wayne Linville and Dorothy Renfro, will supply a good time at the fun at School 33's presentation of the operetta "Princess Anna" tomorrow night.

By RUTH ANN HAMILTON

ROMANCE IN an imaginary kingdom at the turn of the century will form a setting tomorrow night for the debut of a 13-year-old Indianapolis Times carrier with a bright future as a composer of music.

He is John Schlenck, eighth-grader at Whittier School 33, whose own operetta, "Princess Anna," will be presented by Whittier's 8-A class in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock tomorrow. About 45 pupils will take part.

A lucky accident that brought two piano into the home of John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Schlenck, Woodruff Place, gave the lad his start as a composer before he was 5 years old. As a tot, he'd sit at the extra piano and improvise counterpoint while his two pianist sisters did their regular practicing.

"DURING John's first week as a first-grader at Whittier School," recalls the principal, Mrs. Georgia Lacey, "he dismayed his teacher by begging to play the piano; then amazed her at the end of the week by playing back—with complete harmonies—all the little songs she'd taught the class."

That was when School 33 realized it had an exceptional child on its hands. Since then, teachers have done their best to provide a well-rounded educational experience for him. The Indianapolis Times route is part of the plan.

GIFTED with absolute pitch, the soft-spoken blond pupil has been able from an early age to identify the major composers by style and to identify music he hears from a memory of the printed score. His own compositions tend toward the



Princess Anna, enacted by Ann Carlson, complicates affairs in her mythical kingdom by falling in love with a strolling troubadour, played by Robert Walden. They're eighth-graders at School 33.

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Getting John to practice is no problem at all.

"You can't pry him away from a piano," Mrs. Lacey observes. For more than a year, the young musician has been a student with Edwin Biltcliffe, of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

The libretto for "Princess Anna" was written by John's mother, Mrs. Josephine F. Schlenck. In charge of the music is Mrs. Kate Morrison, and Mrs. Miriam Bates is dramatic director.

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