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Ballet Russe At Auditorium Theatre

Five new ballet productions will be introduced to Chicago by the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo when it opens today at the Auditorium theatre for its annual Christmas-week season of glamorous Russian dancing. The engagement of the company begins December 26 and closes Sunday, January 5.

All of the ballerinas who have delighted local audiences in the past few years will return. Leonide Massine, artistic director, will dance in many of the ballets. The list of leading ballerinas includes Alice Markova, Alexandra Danilova, Mia Slayenska, and Nathalie Krassovska. In the list of male dancers, which is perhaps the most impressive ever presented by a Russian ballet, will appear the names of Andre Eglevsky, Igor Youskevitch, Frederic Franklin, Marc Platoff, and Roland Guerard.

The outstanding novelty of the recent New York season of the Monte Carlo dancers was a new production of Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker." While this has been a popular number for many years abroad, it has never before been done in its entirety in this country by a leading ballet organization. The leading role is danced by Alice Markova who had previously danced it many times in London.

Another novelty will be "Poker Game," built on an original score by Stravinsky. This ballet is a creation of George Balanchine. Alexandria Danilova as the "Queen of Spades," Alicia Markova as the "Queen of Hearts" and Marc Platoff as the "Joker" are conspicuously cast.

Massine's latest ballet creation, "The New Yorker," with music by George Gershwin, employs almost all of the solo dancers in the company, including Massine himself. Characters copied after cartoons by Helen Hokinson, William Steig, Peter Arno, and other artists appearing regularly in the magazine "The New Yorker," dance in this fast-moving picture of life in New York after dark.

A second new Massine ballet called "Vienna—1814" has a score by Von Weber. This is a series of divertissements and character dances which are held together by a little drama of Vienna in the Napoleonic era. The fifth novelty of the Monte Carlo Ballet's Chicago season is "Serenade," the choreographic creation of George Balanchine set to the music of Tchaikowsky's "Serenade for Strings." This might be called "counterpoint ballet," as the patterns of the dance has been designed in a manner suggestive of musical counterpoint.

The complete schedule for the Chicago engagement of this world famous company is as follows:

Dec. 26. Poker Game, Capriccio

Espagnole, The Nutcracker; Dec. 27, Serenade, Baiser de la Fee, Gaité Parisienne; Dec. 28 (matinee), Poker Game, Spectre de la Rose, The Nutcracker; Dec. 28 (evening), Sylphides, Scheherazade, Vienna-1814; Dec. 29 (matinee), Boutique Fantasque, Baiser de la Fee, the New Yorker; Dec. 29 (evening), Sylphides, The New Yorker, Bacchanale, Capriccio Espagnole; Dec. 30, Scheherazade, Afternoon of a Faun, The Nutcracker; Dec. 31, Serenade, Poker Game, The New Yorker, Vienna—1814; Jan. 1, Swan Lake, Petrouchka, Gaité Parisienne; Jan. 2, Swan Lake, Boutique Fantasque, Afternoon of a Faun, Capriccio Espagnole; Jan. 3, Serenade, Poker Game, The Nutcracker; Jan. 4 (matinee), Sylphides, Petrouchka, Vienna—1814; Jan. 4 (evening), Swan Lake, Scheherazade, Gaité Parisienne; Jan. 5 (matinee), Serenade, Bacchanale, Spectre de la Rose, Vienna—1814; Jan. 5 (evening) Baiser de la Fee, The New Yorker, The Nutcracker.

Girl Scouts Publish Volume of Poems At Tribute To Mrs. Eddy

The publication of a volume of poems by Birdsall Otis Edey, with a short biography of the author by Mildred Adams Kenyon, has been announced by the national headquarters of Girl Scouts in New York City, according to an announcement received by Mrs. Roy O. Nereim, Commissioner of the Highland Park Girl Scout Council. Called "Builders" the book has been published as a memorial to Mrs. Edey, former National Commissioner of the Girl Scouts, who died last year.

Mrs. Edey's keen interest in Girl Scout activities during her twenty-one years' association with the organization won for her a great many friends. A statement from national headquarters regarding the publication reads: "In publishing this book of her poems we are in some measure continuing the work she was devoted to at the time of her death, as the proceeds from its sale will be used entirely to provide funds for training scholarships for volunteers."

"Builders" can be purchased through bookstores or authorized department store agencies for one dollar. Copies may also be obtained from the National Equipment Service of the Girl Scouts at 14 West 49th street, New York City.

During her association with the Girl Scouts, Mrs. Edey served five successive terms as president from 1930 to 1933. In the latter year the office and title, National Commissioner, was created for her. She was a delegate to the sixth international conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts at Foxlease, Girl Guide leaders' training camp near London, in 1930, and to the eighth international conference at Abellboden, Switzerland, in 1934. At the time of her death Mrs. Edey was chairman of the Girl Scout International Committee in this country.

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This is a total of 13,642,673 transactions amounting to 584,028, reported by the banks of the year by the American Bankers Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Edey will host a family Christmas Day at the Highland Park Hotel, 14 West 49th street, New York City.

