ACADIAN BALLET OFFICERS - A civic company, the Acadian Ballet Company, formed in Lafayette, will present "Coppelia" as their first production Feb. 25 at 8:15 p.m. and at a Sunday children's matinee on Feb. 26. Officers of the group discussing the forthcoming coming production are, from left, Mrs. Warren Greenwood, vice president; Mrs. Thomas Pournell, treasurer; Mrs. Kathryn "Kitty" Richardson, secretary; and Mrs. J.W. Vildibill, president. Dancers in the company are selected by auditions.

'COPPELIA'

Acadian Ballet Co. Schedules Debut

"Coppelia", a ballet in three acts will be presented at the Lafayette Municipal Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 25 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 26 in a special children's matinee. The full length ballet is being produced as the first ballet performance of the Acadian Ballet Co., a resident, nonprofit civic ballet company formed in Lafayette for local and area dance students. This professional dance group was formed through the efforts of Mrs. Frank Gerami and Mrs. Hugh Comrey, coordinators, and the support of civic-minded people of the community. The ballet company will perform in Lafayette as well as in outlying communities.

A dance student who is accepted into the Acadian Ballet Company, following auditions, has only one requirement to meet: He or she must continue to maintain an interest in ballet lessons a week with his or her present teacher. There are no fees connected with belonging to the Acadian Ballet Co. Mrs. Gerami emphasized that all costumes for the ballets will be furnished by the company.

The company was formed," Mrs. Comrey said, "for the benefit of young dancers of this area--an opportunity to continue their interest in ballet instruction and to serve as a nucleus for building up a local ballet company. Also, with the number of festivals, the Mardi Gras and other entertainments presented in South Louisiana, a professional dance group to serve as a nucleus and to build up a repertory of full-length ballets, something that has never been presented in Lafayette."

The audience will be entertained by the entire Senior and Junior companies.

OFFICERS OF THE ACADIAN BALLET COMPANY ARE MRS. J.W. VILDIBILL, PRESIDENT, MRS. ELIZABETH GREENWOOD, EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT; MRS. KATHRYN RICHARDSON, TRES; MRS. TOM FARMER, TREASURER.

Mrs. Gerami pointed out that the late Lionel Billerey, who headed the Lafayette Community Concert Association, encouraged the formation of the Acadian Ballet Company. "I hope," he said, "that this movement would create a need for the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra to perform with the Acadian Ballet Company.

Choreography for "Coppelia" is being written by Gaston Bute, a native of New Zealand and a member of the Royal Academy of New Zealand. Mrs. Bute is now a native of Lafayette.

Mr. Bute and his assistant choreographer and artistic director are Mrs. Gerami and Mrs. Comrey. Mrs. Gerami and Albert are also dance directors of the Acadian Ballet Company.

The Corps de Ballet for "Coppelia" will include the senior and junior companies. In the Senior Company are Joyceang Langlais, Claire Haymann, Sheila Bourny, Rebecca Dinsdoll, Kathy Gerami, Jacque Zerxniwe, Kay Mary Domingueaux, and Janet Domingues.


Mrs. Bute will dance the lead role of Swanhilda in "Coppelia". Male dancers are Guy Duhan, Stephan Hartens, Mickey Zerxniwe, Randolph Holst, and Frank Gerami. Duhan will have the role of Franz. Dr. Comrey will be played by local cast member professor Emlyn Vincent. The doll will be danced by Rosalie Bute. The male character will be Zerxniwe and the Misses Langlais, Domingueaux and Schell will dance the major roles will be Mrs. Bute, Mrs. Jarrel and Spanish Doll; Miss Janice Lutzing as Spanish Doll; Miss Zerxniwe as the lover boy; and Zerxniwe as a boy.

Tickets are available at the box office of the Lafayette Municipal Auditorium, P.O. Box 50021, O.C.S. Lafayette, 70509, or by phone at CE 2-2833 in Lafayette.

Tickets for "Coppelia" are available at the box office of the Municipal Auditorium, P.O. Box 5002, O.C.S. Lafayette, 70509, or by phone at CE 2-2833 in Lafayette.

The ballet will be presented in colorful costumes with special stage decorations and lighting by Clarence Richard. Sound will be done by W.C. Whitten, Mr. Whitten is serving as technical director. The orchestra will be conducted by Mr. Richard. Publicity is being handled by Harold Wenon and Marco Marmalak.

Mannequins in Dr. Comrey's Toy Shop will be made by Becky Gerami, Michelle Jarrel, Doris Vildibill, Alonda Andrus and Ronnie Holst. Ronald Holst and Miss De Valcourt will be the duke and duchess and Miss Mirel will be the lady-in-waiting. Hartens will be the page.

The ballets will be danced by the entire Senior and Junior companies.