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Auditions are open to all dancers, however, the June concert has already been cast. Auditions will be held this fall for the 1994-95 season.

"We're hoping to get more boys in the school," said Hatch, who has an 11-year-old son, Ryan, who is involved in the school's all boys class. Hatch also has a 9-month-old daughter, Rachel.

"But, she's not dancing, yet," she said.

Hatch started taking ballet lessons when she was 5, began to get

more serious when she was 12 and joined a small company when she was 14.

"The fun and enjoyment I got in being in a dance company is the reason I wanted to start one," said Hatch, a 10-year Farmington resident who now lives in Novi.

Hatch, who received a degree in dance in 1980 and has been teaching 20 years, has operated the Farmington studio since 1984 and concurrently ran another school in southwest Detroit.

Some of the students went on to flourish in dance including one

who toured in a show of Dirty Dancing and another who teaches dance therapy.

"But, I think for the majority of the students, it's a nice recreational thing to do," she said. "It's an enrichment to their lives and a skill they will have with them forever. I guess what we would really like to do is full-length ballets and as much performing for any community or civic activities as possible. We want to have purposeful performances."

Spring brings Lyme disease

The high risk season for Lyme disease begins in spring and continues until September, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

"People and pets who live or work near or enter wooded or marshy areas are most at risk to contract Lyme disease because these areas are home to the tiny tick that can carry a special kind of bacteria," said Dawn Hafeli, program director.

"When the tick bites, it can pass along the infection that causes Lyme disease," Hafeli said.

With a few precautions, however, the chances for being bitten by the tick can be reduced greatly. The Arthritis Foundation offers the following suggestions:

■ Check yourself, children and pets for ticks often:

■ Wear light-colored clothing to help see ticks.

■ Wear long sleeves when in wooded areas and tuck pants inside boots;

■ Wear other protective clothing;

■ Clear away brushy or grassy areas around the home.

"If there is a chance that you have been bitten by a tick, it's important to know the early warning signs of Lyme disease," said Hafeli. "These include flu-like symptoms out of flu season, an expanding skin rash and joint or muscle pain."

If left untreated, Lyme disease can cause serious nerve or heart problems as well as a disabling type of arthritis. Fortunately, early treatment of Lyme disease symptoms with antibiotics can prevent these more serious medi-

cal problems.

Throughout the spring and summer seasons, especially the week of June 6-12, which is Lyme Disease Awareness Week, the Arthritis Foundation is encouraging people to find out more about this disease.

For more information about arthritis, including a free brochure titled Lyme Disease, call the Arthritis Foundation Chapter at 1-800-968-3030 or 810-350-3030.

The Arthritis Foundation is the source of help and hope for an estimated 37 million Americans who have arthritis. The foundation supports research to find ways to cure and prevent arthritis diseases and seeks to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.

Girl Scouts plan to saddle-up

Calling all girls who are between 9 and 14 years old and are interested in Western horse back riding.

There is still room in "Saddle Up," a week long program sponsored by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. "Saddle Up" will take place from Aug. 8-12 and Aug. 15-19 at Camp Innisfree, near Howell.

The girls will arrive at 9 a.m. and return home each afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Some of the activities include: Daily Western riding lessons, horse care, horse related activities, and much more. Girls

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also make new friends and will improve their riding skills.

"Saddle Up" is open to all age 9 through 14 years old. The cost is \$171 per girl (\$165 for currently

registered Girl Scouts). Bus transportation for the second session is available from Farmington Hills at AMC Old Orchard Theater.

It's a perfect opportunity for girls to sign up with their friends! For information or registration questions, call 964-4478, ext. 282. Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth largest council in the United States and provides leadership, cultural, and personal development opportunities for more than 31,000 girls in Wayne and southern Oakland counties.



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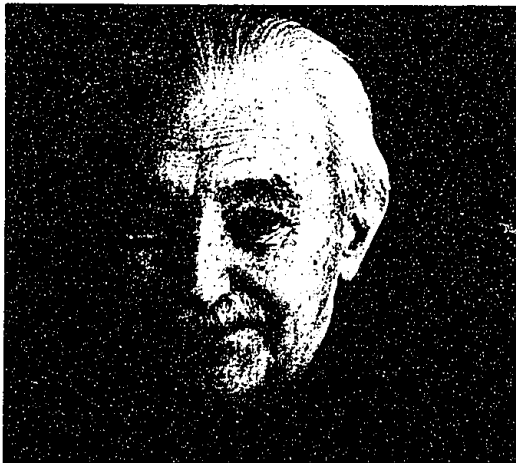
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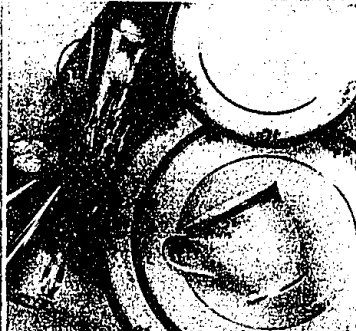
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