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# Dancers To Perform 'Electric Playground'

Harriet Berg's Festival Dancers will explain some of the concepts involving energy when they present "Electric Playground" Sunday, Feb. 28, in Clarenceville High School's Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Middle Belt north of Seven Mile. Curtain time will be 2:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Clarenceville Entertainment Series.

TICKETS ARE available in Clarenceville schools and at the auditorium box office which will be open Feb. 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mrs. Berg, dance coordinator of the Jewish Community Center, Detroit, conceived "Playground" as a means of explaining to children such scientific concepts as the difference between kinetic and potential energy, the princi-

ple of the jet plane and the transformation of energy from one form or object to another.

THE FESTIVAL Dancers group is a modern dance company composed of wives and mothers who are dancing instructors as well. Music will be performed by a combo known as "Crab Nebula."

# Amusements Basic Orchestra Is Redford Symphony For 'Mature Audience' Has Flute Soloist

A young flute soloist, Susan McLain, will be the guest artist at the annual family concert of the Redford Civic Symphony. The concert will be given Sunday, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m., in Thurston High School cafeteria, 26255 Schoolcraft.

She will be heard in "Il Cardellino" Op. 10, No. 3 for Flute and String Orchestra by Vivaldi.

THE ORCHESTRA will open the program with the Masanelli Overture by Aubert.

For the second number, John Gajec the symphony's conductor has chosen Divertissement, by Jacques Ibert.

"Mature audiences" are preferred by jazz pianist Count Basie and his orchestra. They don't like playing what they call "Mickey Mouse" music because it's not basic, and they're not about to try to take on a new audience.

Basie, who has been in the big band business for 37 years, should know whereof he speaks.

WHEN HE plays in Clarenceville Friday evening, Feb. 26, he'll be playing it "by ear." The Basie orchestra has no prearranged program for its concerts, but plays what the audience wants to hear, so long as it's in the familiar Basie idiom. The orchestra will give a concert in the Louis E.

Schmidt Auditorium of Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middle Belt, north of Seven Mile, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Sponsor is the Clarenceville Entertainment Series. A few tickets are still available for \$2.50 at the auditorium box office or by calling Mrs. Henry Ellis, 474-2720, or Mrs. John Statin, 474-5459.

BASIE COMES to Livonia from a series of concerts in the Chicago area. Before that he was in New Orleans.

Future plans include a two-week Caribbean cruise on Queen Elizabeth II. Having a big band cruise is a recent innovation which is meeting with a good deal of success.

Then the band is set for a tour of Europe in April and May, but will be back in time for their twice-annual three week engagement in the Tropica in Las Vegas in June.

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