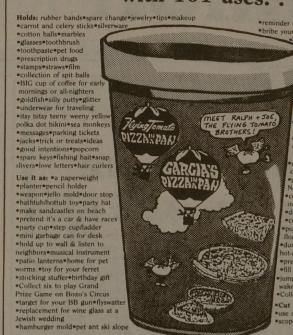
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DALLAS (AP) — Prima ballerina Nathalie Krassovska remembers arriving in New York in the late 1930s riving in New York in the late 1930s as a slightly bedraggled rising star in the glittering company of Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

The Atlantic crossing came after weeks of waiting for permission to

leave Europe.

'We never knew when the boat will come," said Krassovska, who now runs a dance school in Dallas. "We took classes every day and we were very poor. We sometimes didn't get money to eat."

The company finally made the voyage, arriving in New York on the same day it was scheduled to open at the Metropolitan Opera House.

"(Choreographer Leonide) Massine didn't even say hello,' Krassovska recalls. "He said 'quickly quickly, take your places.' It was af-ternoon and we rehearsed and then the same night we performed. That was some fine experience to remem-

Nikita Talin, who also lives in the Dallas area, took an overland route to the Ballet Russe, leaving his native Chicago to join Ballet Russe briefly in the late 1930s and again from 1941 to 1947.

Krassovska and Talin first came to Dallas in the late 1940s when they took guest teaching spots at a dancing school. They both chose to make

their homes in the city. In the meantime, danced as a prima ballerina with the London Festival Ballet and was a guest dancer with several other com-

By Jim Earl

Talin also danced in Euro house in McKinney, a or about 25 miles north of Dall

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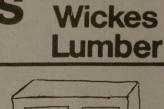
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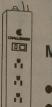
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