

## Doll shop ballet makes debut in Lincoln gym

VISTA — Following the Christmas parade on Saturday, Vistans will be treated to a special Christmas performance by the Vista School of Classical Ballet at 7:30 p.m. at Vista's Lincoln Middle School.

Margrete Neumann, the school's director, has created a ballet for children especially for the Christmas season, "The Ballet in the Doll Shop."

Neumann, who opened her school in Vista more than 20 years ago, is trained in the Russian technique and studied with the Wroslaw Opera Ballet School in her native Germany. She danced with the Solinger State Theatre for more than five years and toured extensively.

After coming to the United States, she continued her studies to improve her teaching skill at the University of Washington under Ruthanna Boris, formerly a ballerina with the American Ballet Theatre, and with John Barker in New York, a leading authority in the west on the Russian technique.

The ballet tells the story of a lonely dollmaker, Papa Tinker, who is unable to sell his dolls. When Papa Tinker falls asleep in his shop, the dolls, each from a different country, come to life and present a show to curious passers-by. Papa Tinker awakes and is delighted to find his shop filled with customers eager to buy his dolls.

The show will also be presented Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Lincoln Middle School and Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Potter Junior High School in Fallbrook.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults. Children under 12 are free. They will be available at the door on the day of the performance and at the studio, 149 Oceanview Drive, Vista. For more information call 726-2422 or 724-8105.



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Above, from left, Angela Thompson will play a snowflake, Laurie Veniman, a fairy, and Sandra Kerr, a snowflake, in "The Ballet in the Doll Shop" tomorrow at Lincoln Middle School. Above right, Melinda Kellogg, left, will be a beautiful American doll while Laura Vitous

## Christmas ballet program to be presented here Saturday

Margarete Neumann's Vista School of Classical Ballet will present a special Christmas performance Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Potter Junior High School's Bowers Auditorium.

The show will feature selec-

tions from Shostakovich, character dancing and musical solos performed on the flute and harp.

The evening's main attraction will be "The Ballet in the Doll Shop," choreographed especially for children by Neumann, who operated a

studio in Fallbrook for many years.

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BALLET PROGRAM at Bowers Auditorium Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. will feature these young ladies, from left, Mary Frances Dicus, Laura Vitous, Melissa Winters, Mindy Kellogg and from Fallbrook, Angie Thompson.