

Open Fund Drive



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These members of the Peninsula Committee for the Philharmonic Orchestra set up shop this week as they put their drive for funds to support the orchestra under way. Affiliate groups from Santa Barbara to San Diego have set a combined goal of \$360,000. Working the South Bay area for contributions, outlined in six types of memberships, are, from left, Mmes. Kenneth Watts, James Daily, John A. Hughes, co-chairman; Herbert Jones, past president; and Edward Cleveland. (Press-Herald Photo)



MR. AND MRS. HENRY SPECHT
... Celebrating Anniversary

Reception Today

Honors Couple On 40th Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Specht, 1641 Greenwood Ave., will be honored at a reception this afternoon from 2 until 4 p.m. at their home in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

The Open House, to which a large number of friends and relatives have been invited, will be given by the couple's five children, all graduates of Torrance High School. They are Mrs. Donald B. Kincheloe (Barbara), Redondo Beach; Williard Specht, Culver City; Mrs. Charles Schooley (Donna) of Torrance; Jim Specht, Anaheim; and Mrs. Marilyn Spear, Torrance. Also on hand for the anniversary celebration will be the couple's fifteen grandchildren.

Other special guests at today's party will be Mrs. Specht's sister, Mrs. Mary Schlager and another sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Rein, all of Kersey, Colo.; and Mr. Specht's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Specht of Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Specht were married Jan. 24, 1928 in Scottsbluff, Neb. They came to Torrance in 1942.

Mr. Specht has been employed by the City of Torrance since 1952 and Mrs. Specht works for the Torrance Unified School District.

They have been members of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance for the past 20 years.

Madrecitas 'Bridgeon' To Honor New Members

Las Madrecitas Auxiliary of Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopaedic Hospital revives traditional "bridgeon" at its first meeting of the year, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at Western Federal Savings, Del Amo Financial Center, to honor provisionals who were brought into full membership at the Installation Luncheon in January.

After the business meeting, a buffet luncheon and bridge party with a Valentine theme, are being planned by hospitality chairman, Mrs. Sidney Fleischman.

According to Mrs. Edward Sokolski, president, plans will be discussed for the next money-making event, the annual fashion luncheon

in June, with proceeds to be applied towards the auxiliary's \$33,000 pledge to provide a six-crib ward on the pediatric floor of Orthopaedic Hospital.

New members being honored are Mmes. Joseph Thomas, Richard Saroyan, William Speich, Arlie J. Blood, Robert Bostic, John Ashford, A. G. dilorio, Fredrick Gledhill, Samuel Cunningham, Cleve Stoskopf, John Foster, Jack Sides.

Also, Mmes. Charles Miller, Sidney Fleischman, Stanley Antell, Mary Whitthorne, Floyd Hathaway, Jack Novak, Ralph Wenger, J. D. Amsden, George D. Cooksey, Ned Davey, Gene Fruhling, Ernest Jacobs, Frank Rutkosky, H. R. Semroth and George Csengeri.

For Philharmonic Orchestra

Area Campaign Launched

More than 70 women of the Peninsula Committee for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra kicked off a fund raising drive in this area for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra on Thursday Jan. 25 at a champagne brunch at the home of Mrs. E. S. Breneman in Palos Verdes Estates.

Mrs. James C. Foley, president of the Peninsula Committee introduced Mrs. Marion Murray of the Southern California-Hollywood Bowl Association and presented the local chairmen of the fund drive, Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. E. S. Breneman.

Members of the Peninsula Committee believe that the finer things of life such as the Philharmonic Orchestra cannot be taken for granted and they realize that it's very existence depends heavily on the 23 Affiliated Philharmonic groups raising money to support it.

In opening the fund drive in the South Bay area, chairmen pointed out that music and art

make for a better balanced life and that cultural attainment should be a hallmark of this generation.

It was announced that letters of appeal would be sent to all businesses and individuals, with memberships of six types, ranging from \$10 contributing membership, to \$25,000 Founders Membership.

With the growth of an operating budget for an orchestra which performs 42 weeks a year, the Affiliated Philharmonic Committees from Santa Barbara to San Diego are striving for a goal of \$360,000. This is the combined committees' share in supporting the Southern California's Symphony Orchestra now going into its 50th year.

Key women, who each have teams of volunteers, working for this goal, in this area, are Mmes. J. Glennon Cahill, Edward Cleveland, C. H. Graham, John S. Grischy, Ernest C. Holme, Jr., Stuart Ripley, Franklin A. Steinko and Kenneth Watts.

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Welcome Home Party

Honors Local Servicemen

Two 1966 graduates of South High School, James Vojtecky and Charles J. Hrehor, became second lieutenants in the United States Army in ceremonies at Fort Benning, Ga., on Dec. 11, 1967, after completing Officers Candidate School.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vojtecky Sr., 3205 Dalemead, and Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hrehor, 3211 Winlock Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Vojtecky flew to Fort Benning to attend the ceremonies and had the honor of pinning the Second Lieutenant bars on both boys.

The two boys, close friends all through school, volunteered for the service on the "Buddy Buddy Plan." They were both sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, for their basic training and then to Fort Lewis, Wash. for AIT. From Washington, they were sent to Fort Benning for Officers Candidate School.

The two Torrance servicemen were on furlough at home during the holidays. Friends and neighbors turned out to give them a warm welcome and to congratulate them at a party given by their parents at the Vojtecky home.

At the end of their furloughs, the two soldiers were separated for the first time. Charles returned to Fort Benning for six weeks of heavy artillery training and will then be sent to Fort Ord to serve as an instructor.

James left for Fort Lewis, Wash., where he will serve as an instructor for four to six months.

In all probability, their next destination will be Vietnam.

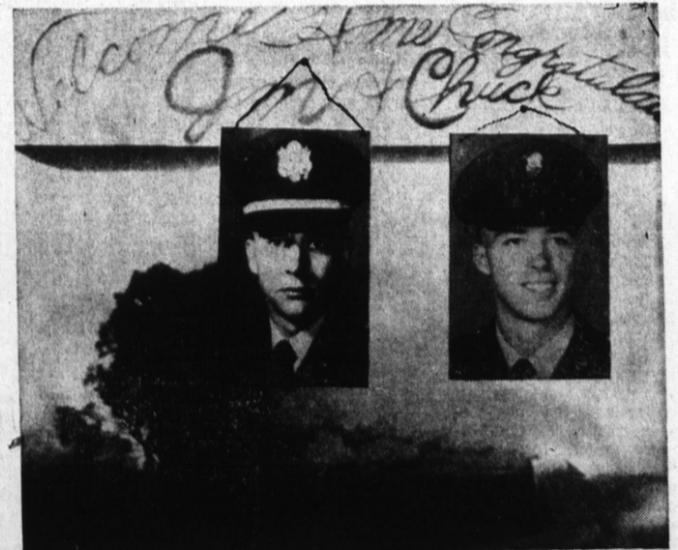
The Vojteckys are proud parents of another son serving his country, Paul Jr., who is with the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam and was unable to be home for the holidays.



AFS Candy Sale Under Way

To swell the funds for the AFS program of bringing foreign students to Torrance to live with American families and attend American high schools, a mammoth candy sale is now in full swing and will continue until Feb. 9. Getting set for the sale are, from left, Erkki Leikoski from Finland, eating a candy bar, Bruce Rector, Erkki's American brother; and Richard Ouellette, South High freshman, counting the boxes, while Mrs. Arthur Orrell, at sale headquarters, checks out sales chart with Bjorn Gunnarsson of Iceland looking on. Mrs. Ray Brown is chairman of the project.

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DISPLAYED WITH PRIDE

Large pictures of the honor guests, James Vojtecky, left, and Charles J. Hrehor, right, were proudly displayed across the front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Vojtecky, Sr., on Dalemead Ave. when the Vojteckys and the Charles Hrehors honored their sons at a "welcome home" party. The boys who became second lieutenants in the United States Army in Fort Benning, Ga. in December, were home on leave for the holidays.