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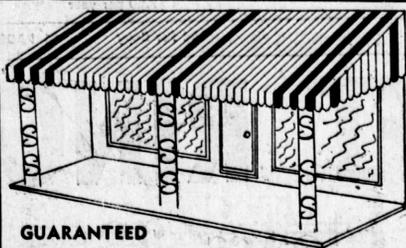
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brunelli, 5426 Sharynne Lane, and Bettie Thomas, 1215 Crenshaw Blvd., were named this week as local representatives of the California Accordion Guild, recently incorporated non-profit organization for advancement of the accordion and improvement of standards of instruction and performance.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Joseph Lloyd Saunders, son of K. G. Saunders, 1542 W. 223rd St., for the fall quarter at the Colorado State University. Saunders averaged a grade point total of 3.70 out of a possible 4.00.

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MARINE INVADERS . . . These two California Marines will participate in "Operation Big Land," the amphibious assault of their home state by members of the Hawaii-based 1st Marine Brigade of the Pacific FMF. The landing will take place at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, in early April. The Marines will arrive here by ship during the last week of this month. Pfc. Jerry W. Evans (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Letcher of 21818 S. Halldale Ave., and Pfc. Robert L. Chandler, of Buena Park. The two Marines are members of the 1st Brigade's Reconnaissance Company. (Official Marine Corps photo)



NOT GREEK, BUT RUSSIAN . . . Going over some exercises and vocabulary in Russian are Mrs. Irene Rydelek and members of the Russian Club at South High School. The recently formed club meets after school each week to get instruction in Russian. If the program is a success, it will be expanded to a regular class. Shown are Frank Reynolds, Max Stanton and Steve Granakas.

South High Tries Russian Language Classes

If any top-level Russian visitor chooses to repeat Anastas Mikoyan's recent visit to the United States, there is a group of 15 South High School students who are hoping they will be able to understand what he says—in his own language.

A newly-formed Russian Club at the school meets once a week after school to learn the Russian language. They are under the tutelage of Mrs. Irene Rydelek, SHS French and German teacher, who also knows several other languages. If the program this spring proves successful and maintains student interest, a Russian class may be added to the South High program this fall.

Principal Bruce Magner reported. The 15 students chosen for the club meet at 3 each Wednesday afternoon to get instruction in speaking the language. All of the students currently are taking either French or German and are making at least a "B" average in the class.

THE RUSSIAN language is not considered as easy to learn as the more commonly-offered French, German and Spanish, since it has 32 letters, has a variety of case endings not common in English, and uses the Cyrillic Alphabet, which is quite different from the English.

For instance, although the word "student" is pronounced nearly the same in Russian as in English, to the American reader it appears to be spelled "cmtydenm."

Despite its difficulty, the students seem to be quite interested, Magner reported. The club has drawn several new members since the sessions began last month.

The teacher, Mrs. Rydelek, holds bachelor's and master's

degrees from the University of Buffalo and is familiar with several languages. She turned down government and United Nations jobs involving her language training because she preferred teaching.

DURING A recent visit to the school, Dr. Ali Naghi Fassa, president of the Academy of Asia in Teheran, Iran, complimented Mrs. Rydelek on her mastery of foreign languages. He said that in Russian and other languages, her pronunciation was nearly flawless. This, he said, is not common for Americans or for any person trying to speak another language.

"Americans frequently are criticized for failing to speak other people's languages," declared Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner. "It is true that European schools place more emphasis on foreign languages than American schools. But, until 'Sputnik,' we had a hard time trying to get students to take any more than the required foreign language for college. The trend since then, however, seems to be changing. We are glad to offer courses which seem to fit the needs of our students. This Russian Club is a step in that direction."

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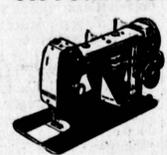
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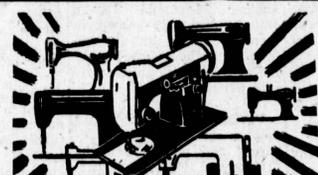


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