

LOCAL COUPLE VISITS MARDI GRAS, CARIBBEAN

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lynn, 1208^{1/2} Greenwood, returned recently from a three week trip to the Mardi Gras, Jamaica, Haiti and Puerto Rico loaded down with souvenirs and fond memories of colorful people and events there.

The trip was a Christmas present from Mr. Lynn to his wife who found a model air-liner, tickets and itinerary on top the television set Christmas morning. However, theirs was not the usual tour afforded most tourists who visit the Mardi Gras.

After leaving Torrance February 28, they spent six days in New Orleans and were treated to a spectacle they will never forget. While Mayor Albert Isen was in Memphis, Tenn., during the "All-America City" awards, he met New Orleans Mayor De Lesseps Morrison and informed him that the president of the Torrance Planning Commission and his wife were planning a trip to the Mardi Gras and arranged for a meeting. Little did the Lynns know what was in store for them.

Visit Mayor Morrison they attended a different pageant every night, only as spectators, however. Only on the last day of the celebration are the tourists allowed to actually participate.

"You never heard such cheering and screaming as when the natives throw bau-



At Journeys End

After returning from the Mardis Gras and the Caribbean, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lynn take time out to try on some jewelry they literally had to "grab for" during the celebration in New Orleans. Authentic Calypso records, their prize souvenirs, and Jamaican Yo-Yos, are in foreground.—Press Photo.

bles and beads from the floats," according to Mrs. Lynn. Every day there is a parade and hundreds of necklaces, bracelets and jewelry of all kinds are thrown to the

crowds. The Lynns were fortunate to grab a few pieces that weren't broken for souvenirs.

On Mardi Gras day everyone parades in costume complete

with mask, and everyone walks. No cars, bicycles or other modes of transportation allowed.

I Am a Green Stamp
Mrs. Lynn caused quite a commotion with her costume which was designed to make her look like a book of Green Stamps. It was green and white with "We Give S & H Green Stamps" stamped all over it. She even had a couple of green stamp books on her feet and one hanging from a green cummerbund. Her green and white dirndl skirt had "S & H" stamped on it in red.

From out of nowhere a little old lady approached her and wanted to take her picture. She thought nothing of it at the time because everyone goes wild with cameras during the festival.

Just the other day she received a letter from the lady, saying that she had forwarded the picture to the president of the S and H company and that he was carrying it around with him. They are also going to send her a gift.

Mr. Lynn carried out the theme of Pegasus, the flying horse, in his costume. He had red and black horses sewn on his denim pants and shirt and wore a red and white paper hat covered with Pegasus decals and the "All-America City" badge. They both said they felt just slightly silly in these get-ups, particularly because they had to meet the mayor in them. But everyone else was in something equally ridiculous, so it wasn't too bad.

Keys to City
While they were in New Orleans, they were presented miniature keys to the city by the

mayor which opened up a fair-land of activity for them before continuing to Haiti, Jamaica, Havana and Puerto Rico.

This swing to the south was even more exciting for the Lynns as they were able to see many interesting things and learn a great deal from the native customs and life there. In Haiti they witnessed what they thought was a real "voodoo dance" ceremony, but later learned it was strictly for their benefit. The real voodoo or self-synopsis, is usually confined to Christmas.

On the Island of Jamaica they were treated to a number of memorable experiences—the most interesting being to watch the natives load the banana boats at Port Maria adjoining Ocho Rios.

They explained that the bananas are loaded from barges propelled by long poles to the liners and are loaded on the boats by a human conveyor belt which never stops. The experience was even more interesting after the Lynns talked the natives into singing "Day O" while they worked; needless to say, the Lynns ate bananas in every size, shape and description while they were there.

Dennis, the Menace
One day they toured the interior of Jamaica in a small English auto driven by a guide who called himself "Dennis the Menace." And he was. They covered 60 miles of beautiful terrain with a commentary by Dennis that never stopped. He described the boxite installations and government projects as they traveled with a never-ending banter that made the trip very entertaining. His form of ad-

dress to Mrs. Lynn was "lady" which prompted her to remark, "I've never been called a lady so much as on that day."

Another interesting side-light in Jamaica was a guided tour of the Hope Gardens by the US Customs official, A. Launcelot Baugh, a native Jamaican. He cancelled all his appointments one day and showed the Lynns sights normally seen by the average visitor. The vivid colors of the flowers and the gardens was almost blinding—a typical characteristic of Jamaican flora. They also visited native pottery sheds, brick yards, slaughter houses, and the market section which was similar to LA's Farmers' Market but carries only straw items.

They returned March 21 with a number of souvenirs including authentic calypso records,

Table Setting Exhibit in Redondo Soon

An exhibit, "Table Settings '57," will be held April 15-April 20 at Curt Wagner's, 1729 S. Catalina ave., Redondo Beach. The show will feature California trends in the coordination of table appointments—silver, stainless steel, crystal, and ceramics. The exhibit has been designed by Sal Jon Bue, a graduate of the Art Center school in Los Angeles.

picked up in Jamaica. For their two children Brian, 8, and Barton, 4, they brought native yo-yos made of pods; straw shoes, a miniature alligator, and a host

Two-Year-Old Has Birthday Party April 1

Fredy Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Crawford, 3205 Sonoma, was honored at a birthday party commemorating his second birthday, April 1.

Attending were Ron, 14, his older brother; Lora Sue, 7 months, his younger sister; Jackie Bethea, Barbara Ann Bethea, Kathleen Hauser, Kathy Pervorser, and Jan and Kevin Lackey.

An Easter theme was carried out in the decorations and refreshments.

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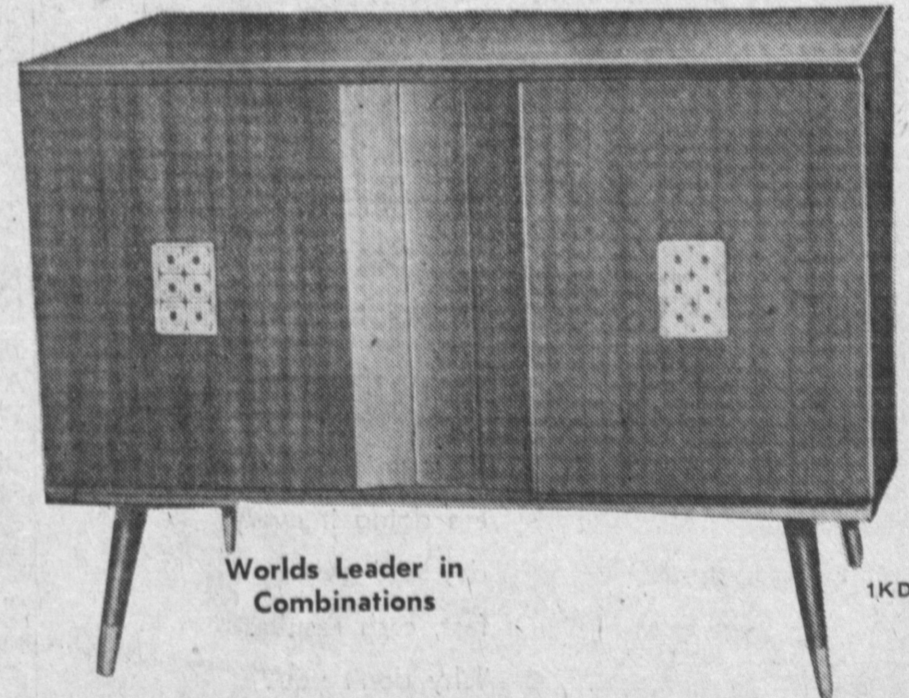
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