

# Lagniappe

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## Guests at 'The Wedding' Recall Homey Touch

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IT'S BACK to earth again for Mary Sue and "Jack" Roniger, who were among the lucky 500 guests at Lynda and Chuck's White House wedding.

Asked to comment on his impression of the ceremony and festivity, Jack, a former Marine buddy of Chuck, said, "It was a lot more homey and personal than we expected. Friends of Chuck were treated on a par with friends of the Johnsons. Everyone was most courteous and cordial to us."

When Jack reached Chuck in the receiving line following the wedding, Chuck greeted him, "Hi, there's my Tulane med student friend!"



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All the guests were given miniature bags of rice so they could shower the bride and groom with the typical wedding grain on their departure, but Jack said they came down the stairway so unexpected and suddenly hardly anyone got a chance to throw rice. "My wife," he said, "took her bag home for a souvenir."

The Ronigers' wedding gift to Lynda and Chuck was a lithograph of the "The Bakers Dance" from the Twelfth Night Ball which Mary Sue had created herself. Mrs. Roniger is a Newcomb art school graduate and is presently teaching art at St. Martin's School.

What did Lynda and Chuck think of it? "I don't suppose they've seen it yet," replied Jack. "We had to hand it over to the Secret Service on arrival."

IRMA M'CHESNEY, who recently returned from Mexico, whither she journeyed with her sister, Myril Starrett, and nephew Stephen Starrett, both of Memphis, brought back memories of Acapulco she'll cherish for a long, long time.

Seems the Mexican Film Festival was in progress and because of her friendship with producer Walter Lang, she was out one evening with Lee Marvin, Marlon Brando, Lucille Ball, and Terry Moore. Irma was particularly impressed with Brando.

"He does everything in his power to introduce you and see that you don't miss a thing," she said. "He has never been my favorite but it's only a fool who won't change her mind."

"Jerry Lewis truly made himself persona non grata, as I'm sure you've already read. The man who got the most attention from the female population was William Holden."

POTPOURRI—Deb "Chiqui" Pipes wings to Cali, Colombia, on Christmas Day (along with sister Elizabeth and chum Priscilla Jordan) to represent the U.S. in the Inter-

national Sugar Festival down there . . . Corinne and Bill Scoggin returned to nothing but trouble from their recent trip to Florida; their house was burglarized and their pet cat "Snooks" died; the silver lining came when friends presented them with a schnauzer puppy and the Garden District patrol apprehended the robbers and recovered the loot . . . Spring Fiesta girls are still chatting ecstatically re the "artistic decorations" whipped up by Ethel Pico for their Christmas eggnog party.

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OVERHEARD over an oyster patty at a Yuletide bash: "I can think of only three people I really hate—two are friends and one is my sister-in-law." . . . Del Williams, Saints' offensive guard, is playing Santa Claus today, and will repeat tomorrow and Saturday in the Gentilly Woods shopping center as a favor for friend Norman Kurpier . . . Henry Moity is also impersonating St. Nick; he visits homes of friends and takes Christmas orders from the kids. "But I'm a traffic problem while driving in my costume," he says. "So many other motorists point me out to their children they're not looking where they're going and could end in a crackup."

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HITHER AND YON—Alberto Fowler, city international relations director, in Touro with hepatitis; no visitors . . . Mrs. J. L. Winfree entertaining a couple of distinguished guests, Mrs. John J. McKeithen and Mrs. H. L. Hunt (of Dallas), via the luncheon route in the Roosevelt's Rendezvous Room. Same spot: Mrs. Roger Wilson discussing plans for her new home with architect John Fraser of Houston . . . Gayle Weeks chatting animatedly while dining a deux with a handsome, unidentified male in the Vieux Carre restaurant. Also present: waiter-captain Peter Gary back on duty after several weeks of serving 'em up in Huntsville, Ala. . . . Vilma and Stockton Jefferson readying the red carpet to welcome daughter Alyce Lee home from Northeast Louisiana State College, Tuesday, for the Christmas Holidays.

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SHOW BIZ—Bobby Hackett will bring his horn, and Pete Fountain and Eddie Miller will join in a jam session for Judy West's closing night at Storyville tomorrow p.m.; Judy goes from here to Nashville to cut two singles for Jerry Purcell, Al Hirt's manager. "But I'll be back some day," she vows, "I've fallen in love with the town." . . . As the new Flamenco club debuts tonight on Bourbon st., the other one, Chateau Flamenco, on Chartres, is keeping apace; latter has imported a new male dancer, Antonio Vega, from Huelva in the south of Spain, to join Luisa Escobar and company; Ciro's still in New York and Rosa Montoya expected back soon from Spain . . . A singing Saint and a singing policeman, Ray Rissmiller and Jerry Marshall, respectively, will share the Press Club "mike" with Anna Maria Alberghetti at 9 p.m. tomorrow; should be quite an entertaining evening!