

John Bryans Hail from 'Continent' Find Living in Sandy Very Casual

Scarcely six weeks ago talented and charming Mr. and Mrs. John Bryan left the "continent" to make their home in Sandy. Mr. Bryan, whose specialty is lily propagation was asked by Jan De Graff of Oregon Bulb Farms to come to work for him in Oregon.

John is English — all the way from his British tweeds to his bowler hat — and his wife Willy comes from Amsterdam. The couple and 15-month-old daughter, Daphne, resided in France for the past two and a half years.

Casual Living "Shocking"

Both from countries steeped in culture and tradition, the Bryans were a little "shocked" at the relaxed attitudes toward life in America. But the new mode of life was "the simplest thing in the world to adjust to."

They distinguish Americans as "fantastically hospitable people, who seem always on holiday." Mrs. Bryan had never known women to appear on the street with "things in their hair" (curlers) and "wearing pajamas" (casual sport togs). Where Willy was brought up, such attire was worn in the home only before one's family.

John Raises Lilies

Every Britisher has an innate love for gardening, and John is an expert in horticulture.

While in France, Bryan was employed as an apprentice at the world-famous Vilmorin-Andrieux Gardens, where he was contacted by de Graff. "Jan de Graff is decidedly the most

famous lily man in the world," Bryan said.

Upon finishing specialized schooling, John worked for three years at the Royal Horticulture Gardens near London. He took a job in landscaping Parisian highways for the next three years.

Gardened in Biella

Then, to take advantage of a scholarship award and to broaden his knowledge of horticulture, John went to the picturesque woolen town of Biella in northern Italy. He was asked to stay on for four years.

During this time, he wrote numerous articles on horticulture which were published in gardening magazines throughout Europe. Also, during his European career, John appeared on a regular TV program explaining simple gardening to housewives.

Willy Excels Musically

Willy, understandably enough, leaves the gardening to her husband, and then pursues her own forte as a musician. She studied harp playing and music education at the Amsterdam Conservatoire of Music.

She has taken many years of piano lessons, including specialized study of Bach and Beethoven, and was the protegee of Phia Berghout, internationally famous harp recorder. She played the harp for the American Church in the Hague in Holland.

Willy's versatile talents were in demand in Europe, as she accompanied a Bulgarian singer

in public performances, and excelled in church and folk music for various occasions. Her music was broadcast on the Dutch radio, and many of her piano pupils were chosen to broadcast.

She taught for three years during their residence in France, when the Bryans lived on the Ile St. de Louis — an island in the middle of the Seine River — in a style "tres chic."

Americans Appliance Conscious

The couple observed many differences in the values and attitudes toward life on the two continents which they attribute to the contrasting intellectual and cultural traditions. In England, John relates, people will stand to listen to a concert out of a natural love for music.

Willy says that Europeans harbor a complete misunderstanding about Americans — their big cars, many modern appliances, and highway systems. She realizes now that these conveniences are not indications of "snobbery" in the capitalistic nation.

Both observed "no style to the dress" here, and that up-to-date appliances are emphasized more than timely hair styles. Willy cannot understand the need for America's modern kitchen with all the prepared foods in the super markets.

They arrived via the Polar Route in Seattle, and John expressed concern with the initial impression he made. He said he emerged from the plane carry-

ing an overcoat, bumbushoot, bowler hat, and the baby's chamber. Sandy impressed the Europeans as a "sleepy little village seething with human kindness."

Landscape Design Course Announced

Design and planting of public and private landscape areas will be highlighted at a special landscape study course at Oregon State University Oct. 26 to 29, according to Donald J. Martel, head of the OSU department of landscape architecture.

This will be the third in the series of four Landscape Design Study Courses that make up the landscape design program of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, sponsored in this area by the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, in cooperation with the OSU cooperative extension service and department of landscape architecture.

The series was set up to help garden club members, people in the landscape profession, and other interested persons gain a better understanding of the landscape needs of homes, gardens, parks, roadsides, and city developments.

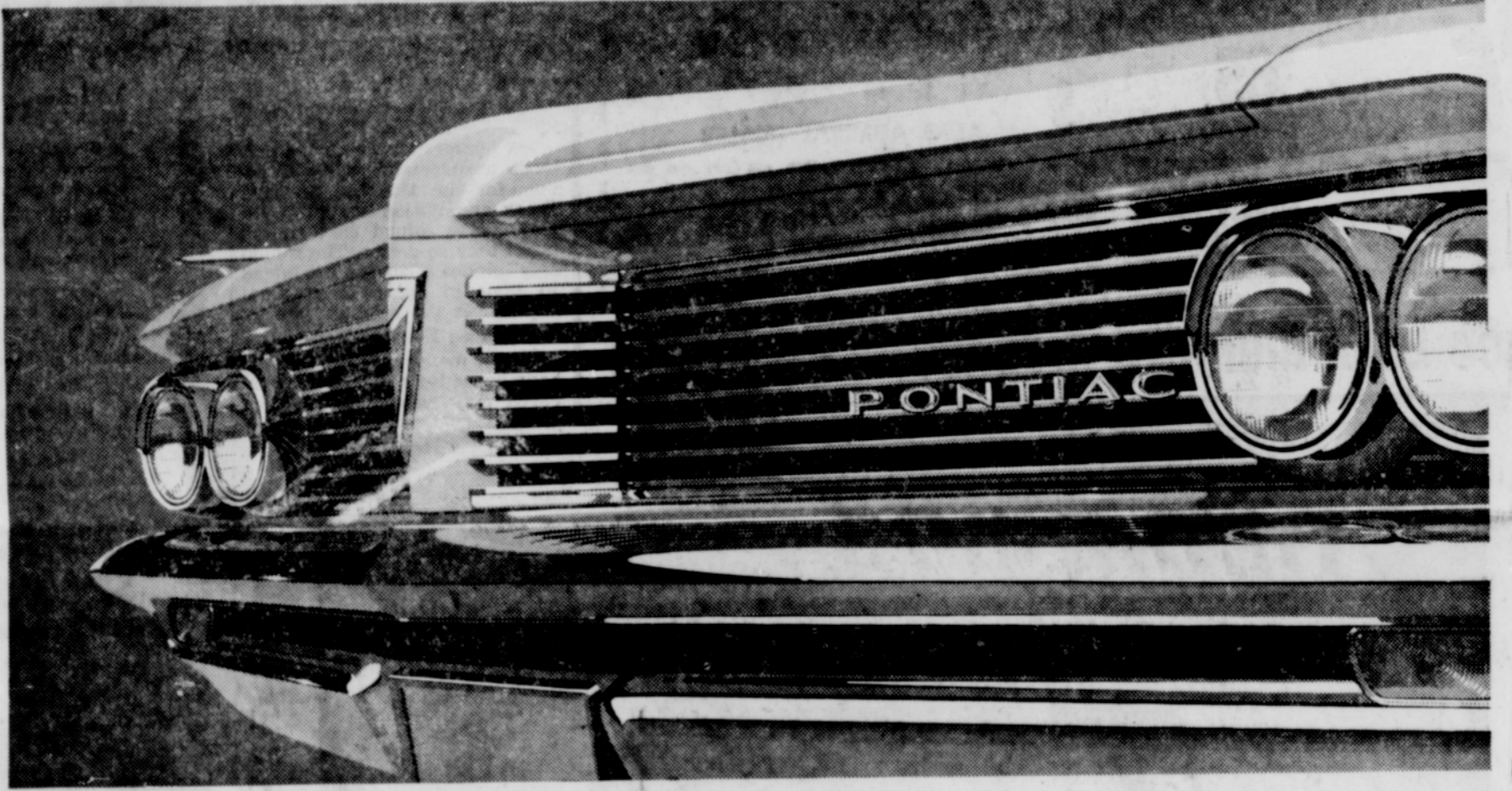
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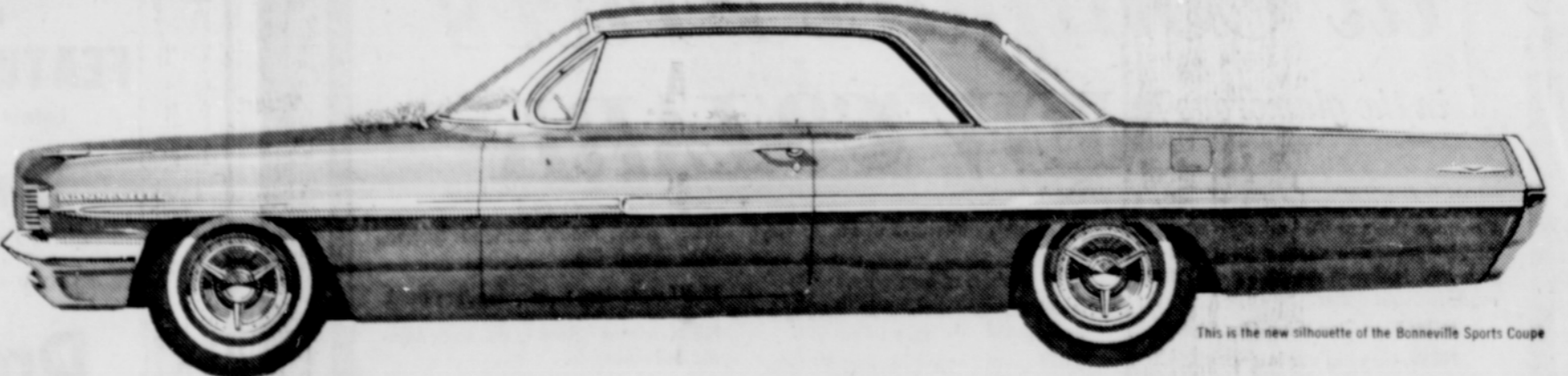
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