

No Elvis Presley fan, Linda shops in State Street record store for her type of musician—Tchaikowsky.

Linda and her mother literally saw "every show in town," including Mike Todd's "Around the World."

Window shopping, a woman's weakness, is indulged in by Yunglings. Store here is Marshall Field's.



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High point of tour was trip to "Top of the Rock," Chicago's newest observation tower in heart of city.



Outside Prudential Building, Linda collects a few souvenirs of visit to show family back home. Her prize-winning trip lasted five days.



the making of a Kitchen Queen

by Kevin V. Brown

IN A BIG family of good cooks and hearty eaters, Linda Yungling was just a small nuisance in the kitchen when, at 10, she began adding water to ready-mix cakes and fighting her way to the oven. Later, when she gained confidence (and no one was looking), she tried real recipes. Even this wasn't enough.

"If I liked some ingredients (like walnuts), I'd add more than the recipe called for," she remembers. "Sometimes I'd throw things in that weren't even in the recipe, or ignore things that were."

Linda was sixth of eight children in a pioneer California family (her great-grandfather crossed the plains in a Conestoga wagon), and her early experiments were tolerated with benign amusement by her mother and older sisters. Now 15, she's getting more respect.

It started a few months ago when one of Linda's endless experiments produced a walnut cookie topped with coconut macaroons. Sometime later a reporter for the Sacramento Union appeared at the Yunglings' home in suburban Fair Oaks and announced that Linda's creation had won Family Weekly's national recipe contest for teen-agers.

Mrs. Yungling took the news in stride ("All my daughters are good cooks," she says casually), but for Linda it was like a fairy tale. She had never been farther East than Reno, Nev., and her grand prize included a five-day all-expense trip to Chicago.

Linda and Mrs. Yungling stayed at the world-famous Drake Hotel on Chicago's beautiful Lake Shore Drive, had dinner in the Drake's exclusive Camellia House (Linda knew enough French to order steak from the menu), shopped along State Street and, among other things, saw "The Diary of Anne Frank," Mike Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days," England's Royal Ballet, the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Art Institute, and—a real miracle!—had orchestra seats to the fabulous musical, "My Fair Lady." On Sunday they attended services in the tower chapel of Chicago's renowned First Methodist Church.

Did all this inspire the California miss to devote more time to her cooking so she might some day become a world-famous culinary expert?

"Oh, no," says Linda, an "A" student in high school, "I'm going to be an engineer!"

(For the prize-winning recipe that won Linda her gala holiday in Chicago, turn to page 12.)

Linda Yungling,
winner of Family
Weekly's teen-age
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