

## back to her family

By Dan Lewis

Miss Lund's figure attracted a lot of attention, especially at 20th Century-Fox, which picked up its option.

The studio is keeping her busy. In "Land of the Giants" she plays a passenger aboard a commercial airliner which has been sucked into another planet where only hostile giants live. The series is about the plane's crew and passengers struggling for survival in constant hide-and-seek with the strange inhabitants of the planet.

Deanna's father, Arthur Lund, was a lawyer, and one-time member of the Illinois State Legislature, who moved the family from Chicago, where she was born, to Daytona Beach when she was 8 years old.

She had studied drama at

Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., but married her high-school sweetheart and didn't finish school. The marriage ended four years later and Miss Lund moved to Miami with her two young children.

She worked as a secretary during the day and attended modeling school at night, then returned to Daytona Beach to start a modeling school of her own.

"But I left and went back to Miami," she recalled, "because my husband wanted a reconciliation and I didn't want it."

Her children were 1 and 3 years old at the time, and Deanna moved into an old apartment in a run-down building and took a job renting

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cars at the Miami Airport at night.

Deanna got into commercials in Miami, then became the weather girl at a local channel. That led to small parts in four locally short films.

Then came a big decision: to go to California or New York to further the career.

"New York gave me visions of pandemonium, so I picked California," she said. She had met a Hollywood agent on one of the films in Florida, and he sent her a plane ticket and paid for a week in a Hollywood hotel while she got

settled.

"Tony Rome" made the difference. The idea of playing a stripper didn't overjoy Deanna, but it was a means to get back to Florida.

Her family's reaction after seeing the picture varied:

"My grandmother thought it was my mother in the part. One of my sisters was upset because I wore her panties, which had been a Christmas gift to her, and my other sister was upset because I didn't get Frank's autograph for her. My mother? She thought I was too heavy."