

★ Steelband wedding in UK stops traffic ★



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HUDDERSFIELD, England. — A Calypso band of eleven West Indians, playing their own special type of rhythm at a Huddersfield wedding, attracted so many pedestrians and motorists that traffic in Manchester Road was held up for a time last week.

The band, — the Sunrise Calypso band — played Caribbean music outside St. Thomas's Church before the arrival of the bride. Most of the men of the band are from Trinidad.

When the smiling couple — 27-year-old Mr. David Matheson and 24-year-old Miss Theresa Douglas, — both from Grenada — appeared after the ceremony at the church door, the band struck up with the "Wedding March".

Then as the couple walked slowly down the church steps and into the waiting taxi the band changed to the rhythm of the popular "Banana Boat Song".

Several of the West Indian spectators stirred by the music began dancing.

The wedding ceremony

which was attended by about a score of people was performed by the Vicar the Revd. G. Pavey.

The bride, who was dressed in white satin and lace, carried a bouquet of artificial white flowers.

Most of the members of the band are Trinidadians. It was the biggest wedding of West Indians ever seen in Huddersfield.

Picture shows the bride and bridegroom leaving the church after the wedding — and the steelband in action.