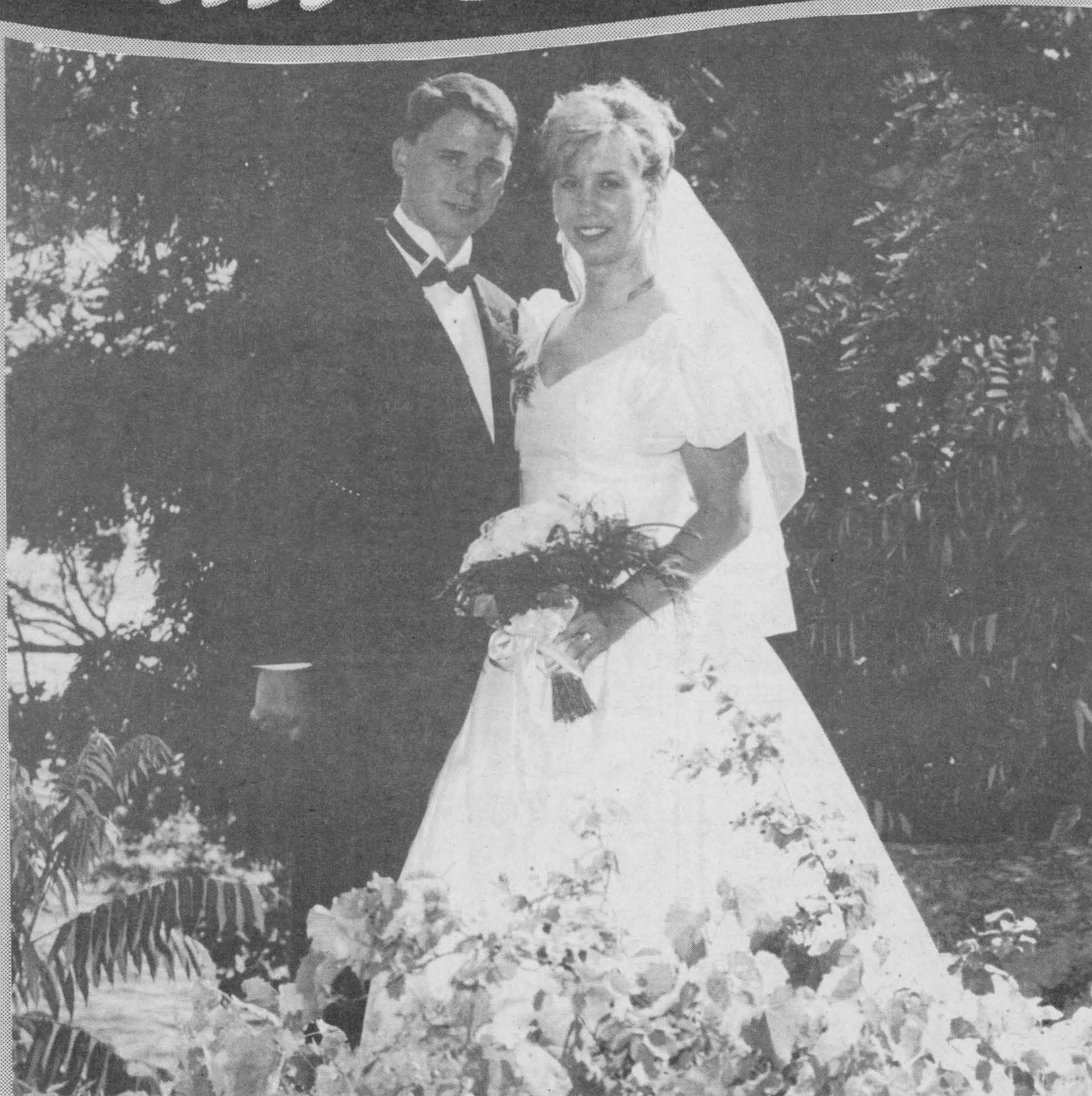


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Two-dimensional marriage

Doug and Maryln Casselman of Cardinal recently celebrated a 40th anniversary. Their wedding day outfits were tacked up on their front porch with printouts of their faces included. Cool.

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Are you giving a wedding shower? Make it a fun time for all who attend

Planning a wedding shower?

There are plenty of ways to make this event easy and fun...for the bride, the guests and for you!

One way is to give the shower a theme. This will guide guests, in a nice way towards gifts the bride and groom will truly appreciate or will find a use for as they begin life together.

According to Bride's magazine, it is perfectly acceptable to mention on the shower invitation stores where the bride is registered.

Bride's also reports that many department store bridal registries now list the housewares department so this allows an even wider choice in gift purchasing.

If the bride is not registered, she'll thank you for listing her favourite bath or decorating colours on the invitation.

For a kitchen gadget shower you might headline your shower invitation, "Cook's Delight" or for a bath theme, "Decorate the bath!" and then carry theme through...gift bars of soap could be game prizes at a bath shower.

And for wedding gift ideas, a new line called Rubbermaid II offers pretty bath items in gift boxes.

Consider the couple's taste

You could also plan the shower around the decorating tastes of the bride and groom. For example

the invitation could read: "A Country Shower...Janet and Dave are lovers of old fashioned treasures and homespun natural goods, so think "downhome country" for this shower!! Cards with a calico print or artwork of pottery and baskets would add to the idea and help convey what you have in mind.

Don't forget important details like enough seating, arranged for sociable conversation, fresh

flowers or other decorations and soft music in the background.

You may need someone to help you welcome guests and introduce people to each other, as well as give a hand serving refreshments, someone to note gifts and giver as packages are opened.

Prior to the shower, cover the basics with those helping you so minimum direction will be necessary while guests are present.

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Many guests coming to your wedding will have attended various other weddings during their lifetime. So, you probably will want to give them something to take home that makes your special day stand out in their memories.

There are many favours you can give your guests, the most common being the personalized bud vases, picture frames and silk flowers in vases. It is wonderful for guests to receive wedding favours to help keep the memory of the event alive.

Seeing as it takes a lot of thought and time to find the right favour for your wedding, you might as well choose something that the guests will want to take home. There is no sense in buy-

ing favours that will be left at the end of the evening. No couple wants to be stuck with 50 left-over favours!

While there is nothing wrong with giving flower vases, some couples want to give something a little more unusual.

Creative favours do not necessarily mean expensive favours. There are plenty out there that you and your guests will enjoy and surprisingly cost very little.

Giving out creative favours not only improves your chances that every guest will leave with a gift, but that your wedding will be remembered for a long time to come.

Following are some items that your guests will enjoy and will

not be too expensive either.

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Gibson - Byers

On Saturday, October 3, 1998, **Shelley**, daughter of Sandy & Verna Gibson of Iroquois and **James**, son of Alan & Marilyn Byers of Morrisburg, were united in marriage at the United Church of Iroquois. We would like to thank our wedding party; Best Man Aaron Fleming; Matron of Honour Cathy Gibson; Ushers Johnny Schenck, Dave Francis, Chris Belanger & Colin Morency; Bridesmaids Genevieve Briggs, Kim McInnis, Becky Pena and Judith Schraner. Special thanks to our parents, families and close friends for making it a day we will never forget.

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The crowning touch to your wedding day may well be the mode of transport you decide on for the wedding party.

Whether a limo, an antique vehicle, a horse drawn carriage, a pickup truck, a horse and buggy, a tractor and wagon, or just a nice shiny new car; the decision may be dictated by your finances or your lifestyle. The transportation should be a joint decision between bride and groom. Where you live and the time of year may well have a bearing on this part of your wedding day as well.

Smart brides and grooms book their limousine service early; at least 6-8 months in advance. Bookings taken now are for next years' weddings. Speaking with James Byers of Byers Limousine Service we learned that it is best to book as early as you can and then if they are indeed booked for your special day, they can often rent an additional car to take care of your needs, or at least steer you in the right direction. He adds that Friday evening weddings are becoming fashionable and notes that a discount is often provided on the limo service. Speaking of service, when you book a Byers Limo, you are getting the finest service in Eastern Ontario. The Byers family provides "Wheels for your wedding" so you can ride in style on your special day. The champagne and berries as well as the red carpet that will be rolled out just for you courtesy of your driver, who will be decked out in a tuxedo are part and parcel (the whole nine yards as it were) of the excellent service you can expect. Serving Eastern Ontario, Byers' are ready to accommodate

Getting to the church on time

your needs in style and with respect. While there is no time limit set on the use of the limo service for your wedding day the normal occurrence sees the driver arrive about one-half hour before the bride is set for the ride to the wedding service. Often two trips then see the bridesmaids taken first to the service location and then the maid of honour, the bride and her parents in the second trip. The limo will be tastefully decorated in the bridal party colours-as per the bride's request (bows, pom-poms, ribbons, or flowers and of course the traditional heart shaped "Just Married" on the rear deck). Two limos are available through Byers and so the guys and the gals can be transported to the service simultaneously. This is particularly good for large wedding parties. The limousines can transport a maximum of six comfortably in the rear and if necessary two in the front. The heavy season for booking limos for weddings runs the end of May to mid-October, although there seems to be no slow period, since the phone rings pretty steadily year-round with people choosing to marry at various times of the year, rather than sticking to the summer season weddings. Good advice would be to book a limo in case anything happens to the alternate plan whether it be a horse and carriage or other; just in case they cannot show due to weather conditions. Always better safe than sorry. It is such thoughtfulness that encourages the business to grow and business is so good that James hints there may be another limo coming to join the Byers stable of long, white limos on the Broken Second just outside of Iroquois.

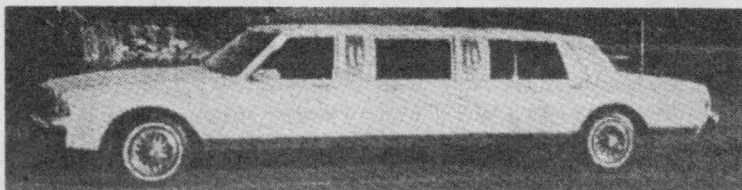
If you choose an antique vehicle, it may belong to a friend of a friend or a relative. No matter be sure you book it, whether money is involved or not, the owner will need time to ensure you are satisfied. A driver may need to be appointed and perhaps a very important issue is that you realize this vehicle may not travel at the speeds we are used to today and so may require more time to get to the destination than others in the wedding party.

Various others mode of transport can be used, depending upon the wishes of the bride and groom, or the families thereof or even the bridal party. There have been new red manure spreaders pulled by brand new tractors decked out in ribbons and streamers and fitted with a throne for the happy couple! Whatever works...there are horse drawn buggies and then there are very special carriages, like that of Morewood's Duke family. Denzel and Margaret Duke have half-a-dozen carriages and raise heavy horses as well. The favourite of wedding couples is a white, reproduction Victorian-era carriage that was built by Amish craftsmen in Indiana (in the 1998 Winchester Parade of Lights, Santa rode in it). The elegant white carriage, complete with red velour seat and roof liner hosts the happy couple in the seat with the coachman seated outside the roof and higher in front. A wonderful touch to any wedding, the cost depends on the travel distance for transport of the horses and carriage and the time the ensemble is needed. Pictures set before older rural churches or rail fences make the nickel plated

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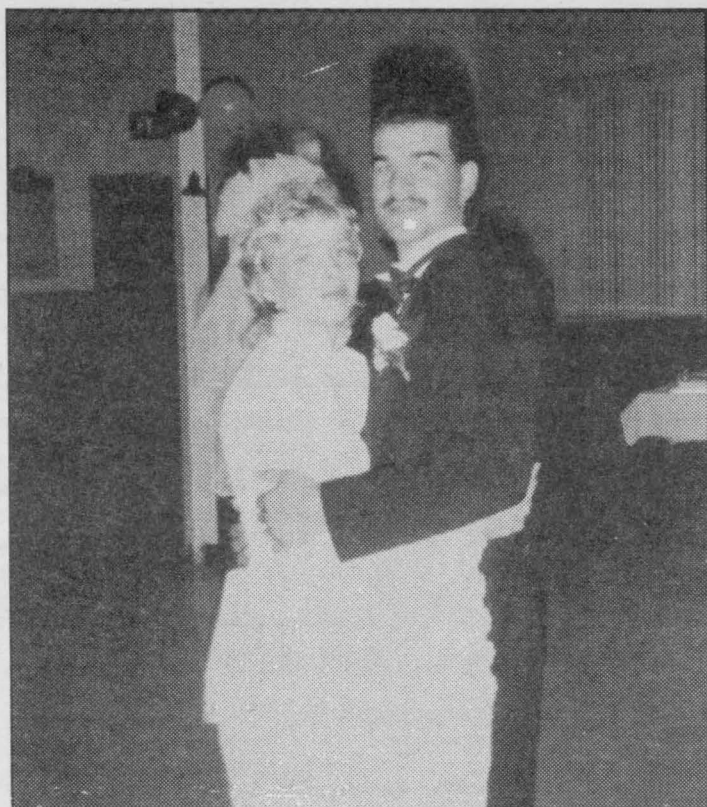
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Holmes - Whitford

Steven & Amanda Whitford (nee Holmes) were married on Saturday, July 17, 1999 at the Christ Church at Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg. The happy couple would like to thank family and friends for all their love and support. Special thanks goes out to Garson, Sherri, Amanda, Eddy, Amy, Jamie, Jessica, Amber, Alysha, Jenna for being with the couple on their happy day. The couple now reside on Irena Road, Iroquois.

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Shower

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Games? More than one person has groaned at the thought, but they can help break the ice for guests just meeting one another.

Amusing Anecdotes

Here is a suggestion. Have two sets of matching numbers prepared. Each arriving guest receives a number while the duplicate is attached to their gift.

As the bride opens each gift, she calls out the number and the guest with that number must relate some funny incident, perhaps from marriage, a first date or a situation of their choice.

You can tie this idea in with a kitchen or bath shower theme by having the guests relate their craziest experiences in the kitchen or a bathroom.

Guests can vote on the winning story and to collect the prize, the

winner must sing a stanza from a favourite "in the shower" tune for a bath shower or perhaps create an "ode to a vegetable" for a kitchen shower. If the winner was voted the funniest story teller, there would probably not be too much trouble with this assignment.

Have a Great time

Above all, plan the shower to provide a happy event for your guest of honour and do simplify gift buying for your guests with a little direction.

Finally, allow yourself time to join in the festivities. Planning ahead with a fun shower theme will help assure you and your guests of the best possible time.

Party Favours

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* Small fishbowls filled with live goldfish. These pets make a great

gift for guests to take home to the kids and hopefully, can ensure that people will not put it on a shelf and forget about it. Every time they look at the fish, they will be reminded of your wedding.

Transportation

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harness on the gleaming backs of the horses as they stand patiently waiting for the bride and groom just perfect.

No matter the mode you choose, make certain everyone in the wedding party has a way to the service and the reception. The travel portion of the wedding day is important and should be stress-free. Leave it to the professionals to ensure you a safe, fun and comfy ride.

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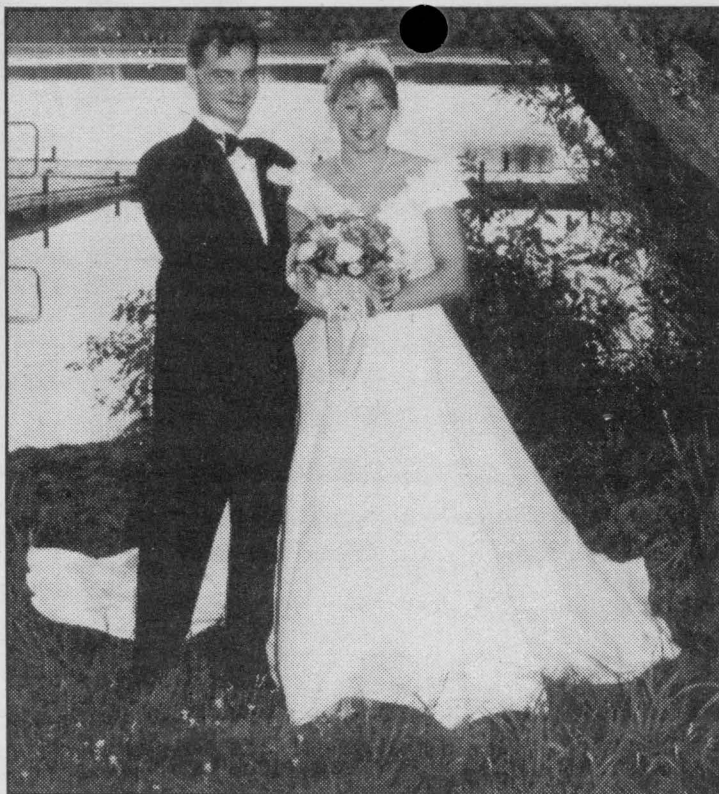


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Video tape your wedding this year

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But with the added dimension of motion and "real time" taking a video is a little more complicated. Here are some tips to videographing your special day.

The 180 degree rule: this is one of the hardest concepts to visualize in print, but if you can grasp the idea, it will make your videos a lot more professional looking and help them flow. Imagine, if you will, Hockey Night in Canada. Pretend the Habs are on the left and the Leafs are on the right. Throughout the hockey game the camera angles all come from one side of the arena. If the camera angle was to suddenly switch to the other side of the arena it would suddenly look like Habs and Leafs had switched ends without the period changing. You will notice the same sort of thing in car chases in movies. If a car zooms from the left side of your television to the right side of your television, the next shot of the car will maintain that left to right motion.

Let's say you are in a church filming the bride walking down the aisle. If you take a shot from the left side of the church and

then cross over and take a shot from the right side it will look (when you watch it later on television like the bride is walking into the church and then walking out.

Use a tripod: Steady cams are a blessing, but some are better than others and nothing beats the smooth pans and tilts you can achieve with a tripod. If you use more than one camera you can have one on a tripod and another for more "informal" steady shots"

It is also important to remember that camera movements can look quite violent if done to quickly. Pan, zoom tilt and walk with the camera slowly. If you have access to a wheel chair this can help you get smooth moving shots. Try to make all of your shots last at least three seconds unless you are doing a rapid fire montage.

Above all have fun and remember that the day is about two people building a life together, not winning an oscar.

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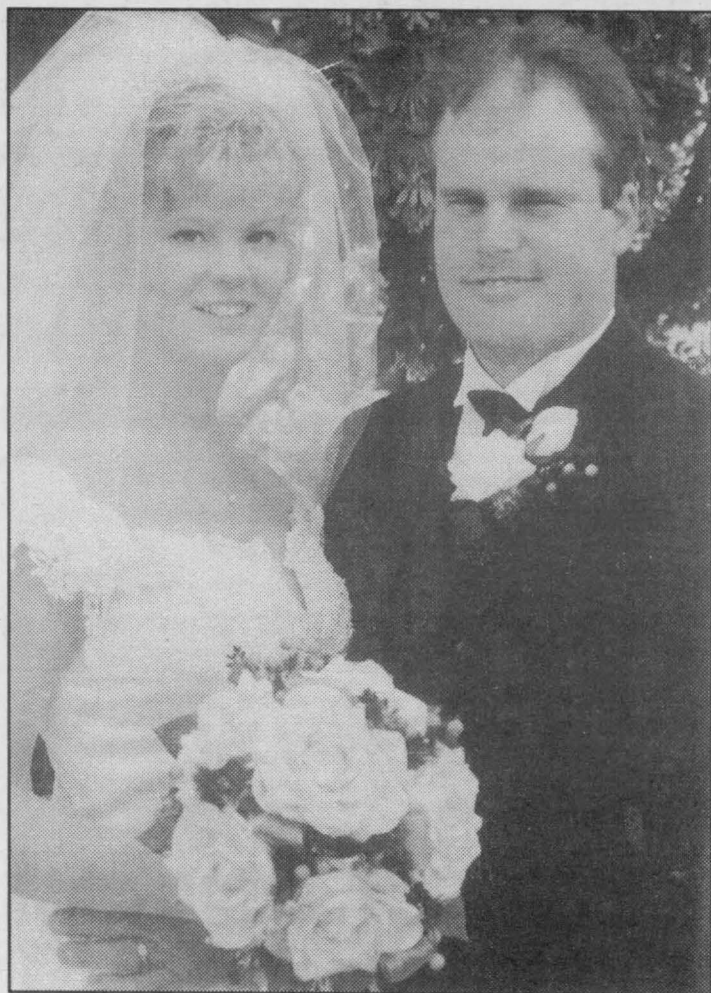


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LeBreton - Cook

Brinston United Church was the setting for a pretty country wedding on Saturday, July 10, 1999, uniting **Julie Anne LeBreton & Shawn William Cook**. Proud parents were Don & Willa LeBreton and Bill & Betty Cook. Shawn & Julie wish to extend special thanks to their attendants and all who helped celebrate their special day.

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One of the most important tasks that the bridal couple must complete is the overwhelming job of writing Thank You notes to ALL who sent gifts. The job of send-

ing these notes is so time con- *Please turn to page 8*

The perfect toast

Toasts at weddings are very personal ways to celebrate the good fortune and future happiness of the bride and groom. Traditionally the Best Man offers the first toast to the newly married couple either at the start of the reception after the wedding party is seated or after the cake is cut. Often, the Best Man writes and edits this important toast numerous times to make certain it sounds just right.

To help those making the toast to the beaming newlyweds, there are a few tips to follow...

- * Don't be too long winded.
- * Stand to give the toast-remain seated to receive one.
- * Prepare ahead of time.
- * Mention those you are toasting by name, your relationship to them and a thought about their good fortune.
- * Add a witty anecdotes wherever possible.
- * Speak slowly and loudly enough for all to hear.
- * Do not forget to cap off the toast with a hearty "Cheers!"

Generally the Best Man acts as toastmaster and prepares a list of the order in which each person

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Thank You

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suming because they must be written; a verbal thank you is just not enough. The only verbal note that can be sent is a telegram, which can get costly when send-

ing a large number of guests.

Wedding gifts are given to both the bride and groom. When writing a thank-you-note, be sure the signature reflects both of them.

Writing the notes is not just the task of the bride, so be sure to put the groom to work as well. One idea is for the groom to write to his friends and the bride to hers. It is fine to sign only one name, so long as the writer says,

for example: "Tyron and I thank you for the wonderful toaster."

Make sure the gift is specifically mentioned in the note, keeping in mind that monetary gifts should never be referred to by dollar amounts. A guest should be able to see that the couple appreciated, as well as remembered the gift that was given to them.

The note should say exactly

how the gift will be used. Additionally, if the gift needed to be returned, either because it was a duplicate or it simply could not be used, never inform the sender, a simple thank you is enough.

Be prompt in sending the thank-you notes. Although it is perfectly acceptable to send a thank you up to three month after the wedding, couple should start writing before the wedding for those gifts receive in advance. This eliminates a lot of work and informs guests that the gifts were received and not lost during shipping.

Finally, couples should share any special memories they have with their guest from the wedding. Not only will they be thanking the guest for the gift, but most importantly, they will be thanking him or her for coming to and celebrating the happy occasion with them.

Toast

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will make a toast. There is an established protocol which the couple may or may not choose to follow:

Rehearsal dinner/party:

- * Best Man toasts the bride.
- * Bride toasts the groom.
- * The groom toasts the bride's mother.
- * The bride's father may toast the grooms' parents.

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- * The Best man toasts the bride and groom.
- * The groom toasts the bride and her family.
- * The bride and groom toast one another.

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