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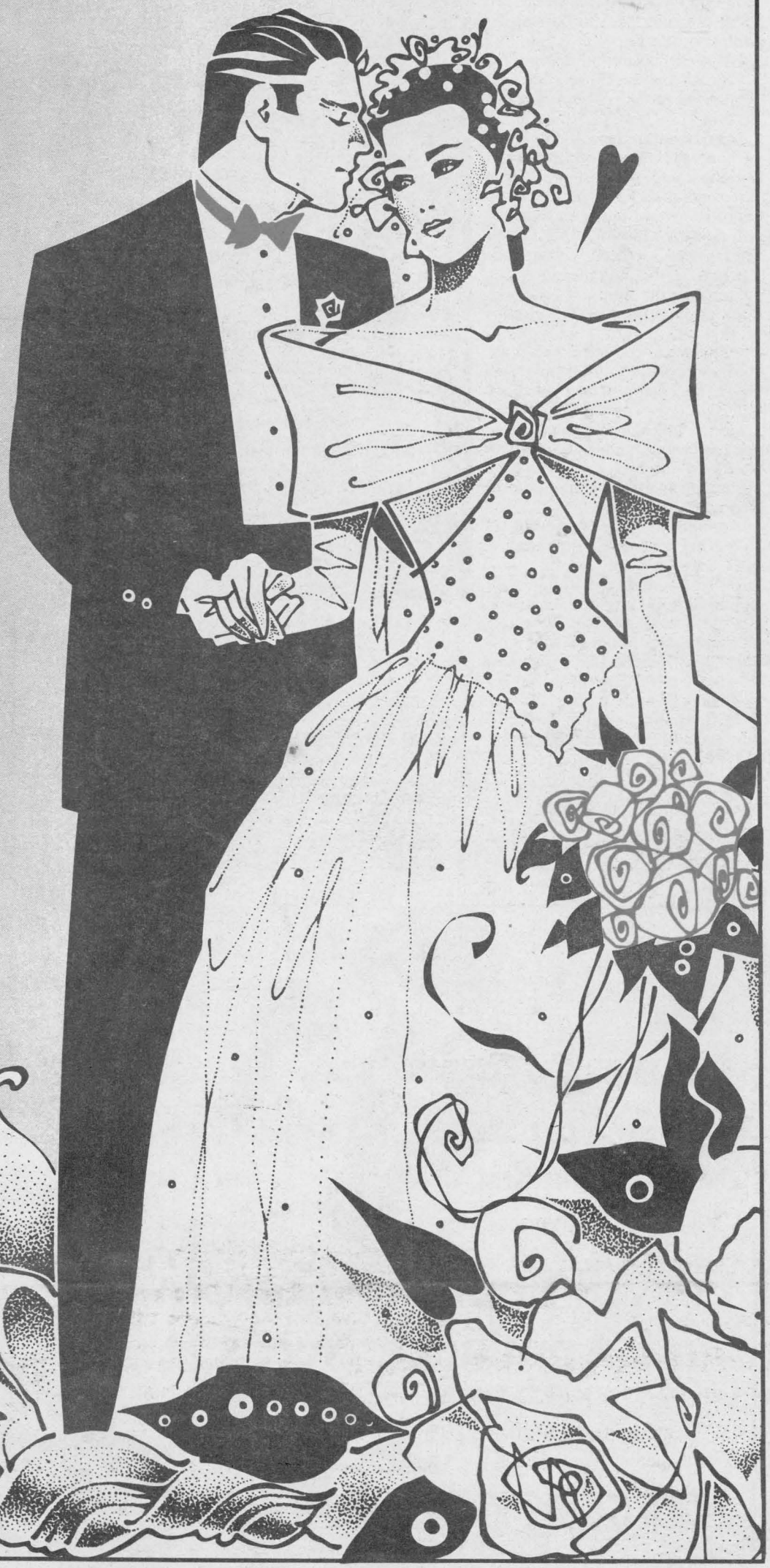

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Brides 1993

It's never too early to plan for the Day

By Scott Ferrier
***News* reporter**

There's tuxedos to rent, halls to rent, invitations to be mailed, flowers to be ordered, rings to be bought, photos to be taken...

No wonder couples are engaged for a year or longer. Those items just scratch the surface of what needs to be done.

In Alexandria, there are a variety of stores and services which cater to various needs. And listed below is just a brief scratch-the-surface synopsis of stores and the latest trends.

It all starts with a ring. After all no engagement is official without one.

Rae Spooner, manager of Desrosiers and Hope Jewellers in Alexandria, says that the classics work.

"Traditional engagement rings are the most popular. Conservative rings like a small diamond on a gold band sell well. Prices start at $250," says Spooner. Other, more exotic stones, such as emeralds, rubys and blue sapphires are more expensive but have gained popularity over the past 10 years.

A simple gold wedding band remains the mainstay. Prices start at $100.

Barbara's store and PaddY's are two local shops which rent tuxedos.

Paddy's employee John Hope says that basic black tuxedos are the most popular. Colorful cummerbunds, bowties and flowery vests are just beginning to make inroads.

Mike Barabra, owner of Barbara's, says that tails are making a comeback.

"Everything that goes around comes around."

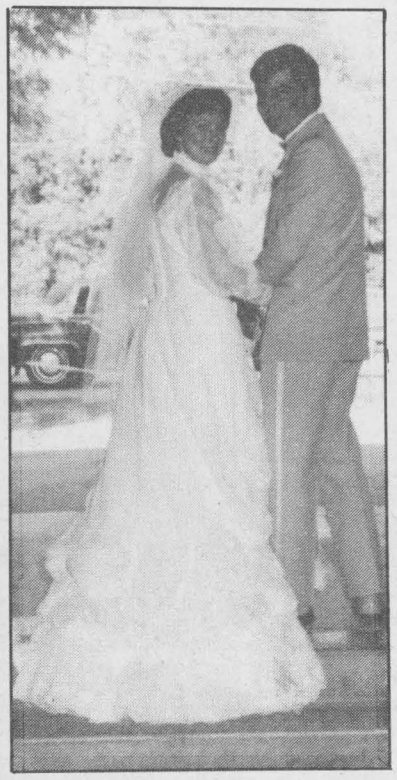
Renting a tuxedo can cost $89 to $120. The style, brand name and various features determine how much the tux will cost.

Barbara recommends that people come into his store, which features catalogues by Classy and Syd Silver, to select the tuxedos about one month in advance. They should arrive at the local store about five days before the event. He makes custom alterations on sleeves and cuffs.

Another potential trouble spot is flowers.



Raymond Brunet, Marielle Hamelin married at Sacred Heart Church May 1992



Micheline Brunet, Daniel Cholette married May 1988

Sheila Olson, owner of Town and Country and Flowers, says that a catalogue which shows various arrangements helps give the customer an idea of what to get. The average order ranges somewhere between $300 and $500.

Corsages, boutonnieres and centrepieces are just a few of the items which need to be selected. The catalogue also contains individual pictures of flowers and the months when they're in bloom.

Then there's the rental of a hall for the after wedding reception. Depending on the scale of the reception, you could be shelling out some big bucks.

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What's hot, what's not

Honeymoon-vacations popular choices in the 1990s

Honeymoons are more than what they used to be. They are as much vacations as they are love escapes in the 1990s.

People are looking for all-inclusive getaways where there are plenty of sports activities when they are planning their honeymoon, says Romeo Richer of Alexandria Travel.

Southern resorts where everything is included in the vacation price are the main choice of couples seeking a romantic get-away after tying the knot.

One of the more popular locations is Jamaica. Other locations include the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Cuba.

And taking a southern all-inclusive does not mean you need a lot of money, says Richer. For example, a couple can go to a resort in Cuba for about $650 each.

When you look at the cost of a motel, meals and other out of pocket expenses, a southern getaway may not be any more expensive then taking a trip to Niagara Falls.

Time is the main reason why some couples end up going domestic for their honeymoon. Southern packages are often for seven days so people with only a few days off cannot take them.

For them, vacations right here in our own backyard are usually what they are looking for.

The Falls is still the choice of some honeymooners, but Richer admits: ''It's not what it used to be.''

Other domestic locations included Quebec City, the Laurentians, Ottawa, Toronto (sports fans often like to take in a Jays game), and heading out west, Vancouver and the Rockies.

Still popular as well is the famous Poconos resort in Pennsylvania. The fact that it has plenty of activities and is an all-inclusive destination, like the southern resorts, continues to place it on the top of many honeymooners lists.

Europe is also the choice of some people with plenty of money and time. Richer suggests a couple of months and a Eurorail pass are necessities to tour the continent.

Richer suggest couples plan their honeymoon at least three months in advance. ''Less than that, you're playing with the odds.''

It's never too early to plan for the Day

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about 450 people.

Heinz Kaswurm, owner of the Georgian House, says that the restaurant cannot only accommodate the reception but the ceremony itself can be held in the garden out back.

Depending on the type of reception that's requested, the Georgian House can seat 45 to 140 people in its dining room. And they can provided a variety of choices such as barbecue, buffet or a formal dinner for $10 to $25 per person.

But perhaps the best tip that any groom or bride could receive is to purchase a wedding planner. Found in some book stores, the planner provides a checklist of things that must be done and also provides a timeline for when they should be done such as talking to the clergy four months in advance.

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Renewing wedding vows one way to rekindle the romance

By Scott Ferrier
***News* reporter**

Eric and Mary Cordrey felt a sense of déjà-vu on October 23, 1992.

Standing in the Church of St. John the Evangelist (Church in the Wildwood) South Lancaster, the happy couple were married.

But what made this ceremony unusual was that the couple had already lived together as man and wife for 50 years. The couple, who live in St. Telesphore, Quebec, renewed their wedding vows on their 50th anniversary at 5 p.m., the exact hour and date that the first ceremony was held.

And Mary says that it was better the second time around.

The entire ceremony was turned into a family affair.

Their daughter, Susan Brent, was the bridesmaid. Their son Martin walked his Mom down the aisle and the couple's daughters — Wendy Legare, Donna Compton and Carolyn Lahnemann — were the bridesmaids. And to top off the ceremony, granddaughters Violet and Rebecca Compton were the flowergirls.

"Yes, it was very unusual to have the family there when we were married a second time. But it was a wonderful experience," remembers Mary.

"We had many of our old friends there. It was just great," says Eric.

Renewing your vows, or getting married all over again as many spouses look at it, has been gaining popularity. For many, the second ceremony is a way to do things right while for others it's a way to rekindle the romance.

"Those two are still in love with one another. They're still romantic which is amazing after 50 years of marriage," says Susan, their eldest daughter.

Eric and Mary met one another about 54 years ago in Owen Sound, Ont. "I took a shining to him," says Mary.

They wanted to be married but were too young and had to wait for a few years. Eric, a flight engineer who worked in the Canadian Armed Forces, was transferred to an Alberta station.

"When I turned 18, I took the train out there, Eric picked me up at the station at 10 in the morning and at five o'clock that afternoon we were married in front of his army buddies," says Mary.

She stayed with Eric out west and followed him to Moncton, New Brunswick where he was transferred in the mid 40s. He was to fly overseas but during his six-month tenure in Moncton the war ended.

The couple moved back to Owen Sound where Eric worked for a diesel engine distributor and eventually was transferred to the Montreal locale. They now live on a small farm in St. Telesphore, Quebec.

They spent nearly a full year planning the wedding, including a reception afterwards.

But just like their first one, the pair never went on a honeymoon. But Mary hopes they'll be able to get away some day.

And if they celebrate their 75th anniversary, will they renew their wedding vows again?





Eric and Mary Cordrey married the second time on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at St. John Evangelist Church South Lancaster October 23, 1992

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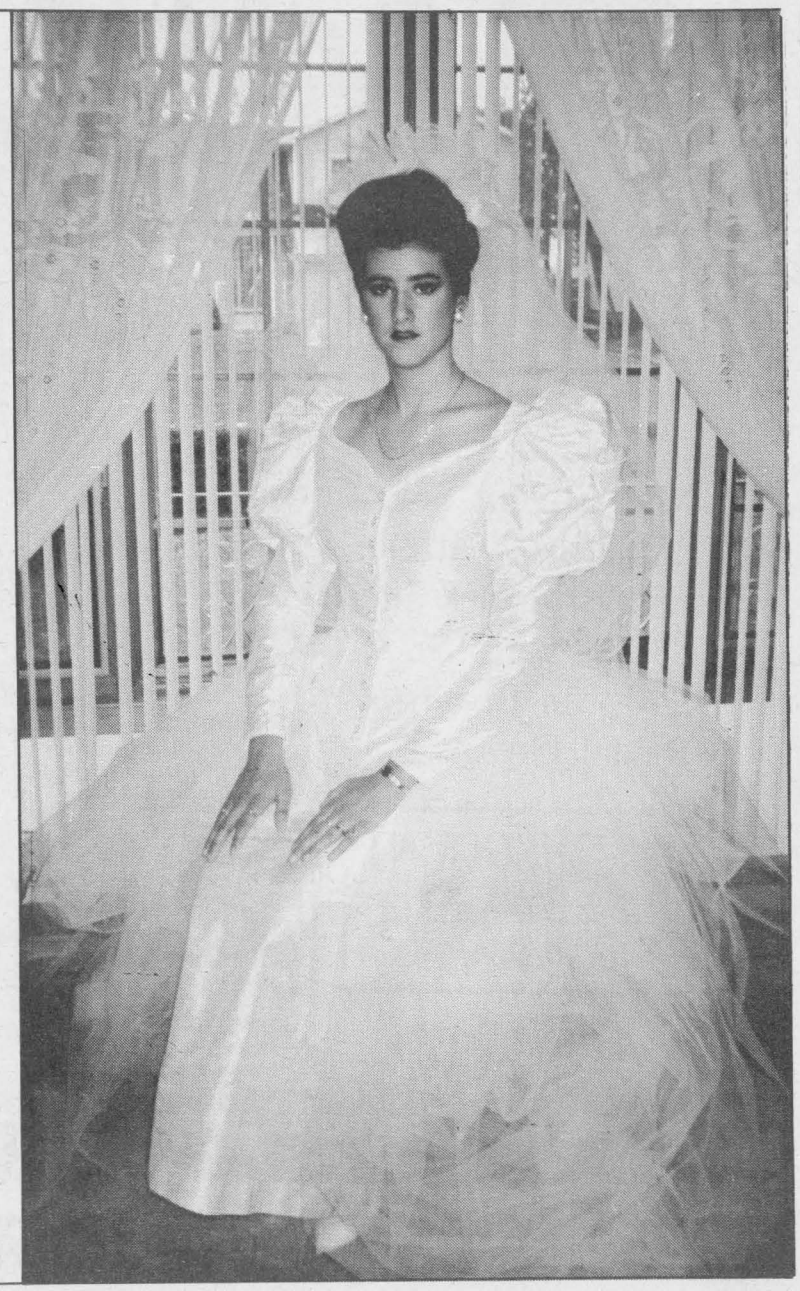

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Shopping for the wedding gown of your dreams will be a special occasion. You'll feel like a princess and your mother may shed a tear when she first catches a glimpse of you in white. By remembering these helpful hints, rest assured that you and your gown will be a perfect match.

1. After you, your fiancé and your families agree on the type of wedding to plan, begin looking for gowns you like. Mark the pages of dresses you like best and carry them with you when you shop. Remember that the time of day of the marriage ceremony and the degree of formality at the celebration determine the proper style of dress for each member of your wedding party.

It's wise to begin the search for wedding attire shortly after you two become engaged, allowing at least four to six months for delivery of the dress and veil you've selected. A savvy shopper will start by enlisting the assistance of a full-service bridal salon that is truly interested in helping her look her very best on her wedding day. If you advise a consultant where and when your wedding will take place and how formal it will be when you make your appointment, she'll no doubt have several gowns to show you when you arrive.

3. Analyze your figure type and note a few simple guidelines. A princess line creates a slimming effect and a dropped waist is flattering to almost all figure types. If you're think, satins and linens add curves and grace to your walk. A decorative bodice with a scoop or V-neck style attracts attention to the upper body. Shorter brides should opt for vertical lines that give an illusion of height and shop the special petite collections by many leading manufacturers. Taller brides can feel confident wearing sophisticated, sweeping lines.

4. Remember that white doesn't always mean white. White can refer to candlelight, ivory and winter white. Your choice of fabric — silk, organza, taffeta, chiffon — may offer the opportunity to achieve the ideal shade that flatters your skin tone.

5. Quality construction of your gown, headpiece and veil is a must. Make certain that buttons and other trims are securely handsewn, not glued on.

6. Choose a gown with an attractive back, perhaps with a charming bow or exquisite lace detail. After all, you'll be standing with your back to the congregation for most of the ceremony and you'll want to look your best from every angle.



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A Scottish touch adds some class

By Scott Ferrier
***News* reporter**

The tuxedo-clad groom impatiently waits at the altar as his bride-to-be marches down the aisle and the organist plays *Here Comes the Bride.*

The best man and the ushers, who all look alike in their rented tuxedos, turn around to absorb the spectacle.

After the couple makes their vows, they attend the wedding reception and then take off for a romantic honeymoon to live happily ever after.

This is a scene that's played out throughout Glengarry County dozens of times each and every year.

But residents who are proud of their Scottish heritage and want to display that pride at the most important event of their lifetime there is an alternative to the traditional wedding.

Everything is the same as a traditional wedding, expcept the tuxedos worn by the groom, bestman, ushers or others in attendance are nowhere to be seen. Instead they're wearing kilts, sporrans (pouch) and dress jackets with square silver buttons.

''This adds a bit more color to the wedding,'' says Julia Danskin, co-owner of Danskin's in Maxville. The 25-year-old store rents and sells kilts, jackets and other Scottish items such as jewelery and musical tapes.

''People with a Scottish name really want to be identified and I can think of no better way than this. People are more interested in their heritage and they wear their tartan with pride.''

The rental of the kilt, jacket, sporran, garter flashes, belt and bowtie costs about $110, similar to the rental price of a tuxedo. Customers must purchase their own socks and dress shirt.



Julia Danskin, co-owner of Danskin's in Maxville, shows the garb which a prospective groom may wear to the altar. The two main pieces are the kilt and a dress jacket which features square silver buttons, this one is known as a Prince Charlie. Staff photo — Scott Ferrier

Julia says that much of the store's business is done in the summertime, the traditional time for weddings. She adds that although all of the store's wares are made of natural fibres such as wool or tweed — grooms, ushers or a bestman can be comfortable wearing the Scottish garb.

''You can't even think of wool without sweating baskets,'' laughs Julia.

''They have blends of tweed and wool that are a bit cooler. A kilt isn't too warm because it doesn't run down to your ankle. You may only be a little damp around the middle because the material is so thick.''

Tartan tableclothes or handkerchiefs can also be thrown into a Scottish flavored wedding. A piper may play in the church or pipe the couple in and out of the church.

But people should find out the color of their tartan well before the wedding.

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This spring, there's good news in the air for every woman who's ever complained that she's "always a bridesmaid and never a bride."

According to *Bride's* magazine, 1990s fashions for bridesmaids are tasteful, stylish and prettier than ever. From showstopping evening gowns to updated classics, these dresses were made for celebrating.

Here are *Bride's* magazine's favorite styles for 1990:

Elegant: Long, body-skimming silhouettes will be making waves at weddings this year. Dresses may be strapless — tied in a soft bow at the bust with delicate lace sleeves, or covered, with a jacket for the ceremony.

Maids will be dressed in head-turning colors like indigo, aubergine, deep emerald and saffron. And don't forget black; this sophisticated color looks stunning alone, spectacular when contrasted with white or rich jewel tones.

Romantic: Ballerina-inspired styles have full tulle skirts and fitted corset bodices in eyelet or velvet. Or dresses may evoke the '20s, with sheer layers and drop waists, to be worn with long strands of pearls.

Colors range from palest pastels — seashell pink, morning-sky blue, celery green — to classic navy and white.

Country: Folkloric touches will enhance wedding parties in 1990. Watch for colorful embroidery, lace-up bodices, pinafores with full skirts and flouncy white petticoats.

Cotton prints, such as gingham checks and garden florals, grace pretty sundresses for summer weddings. Silhouettes may be short and simple, or float on layers of ruffles.



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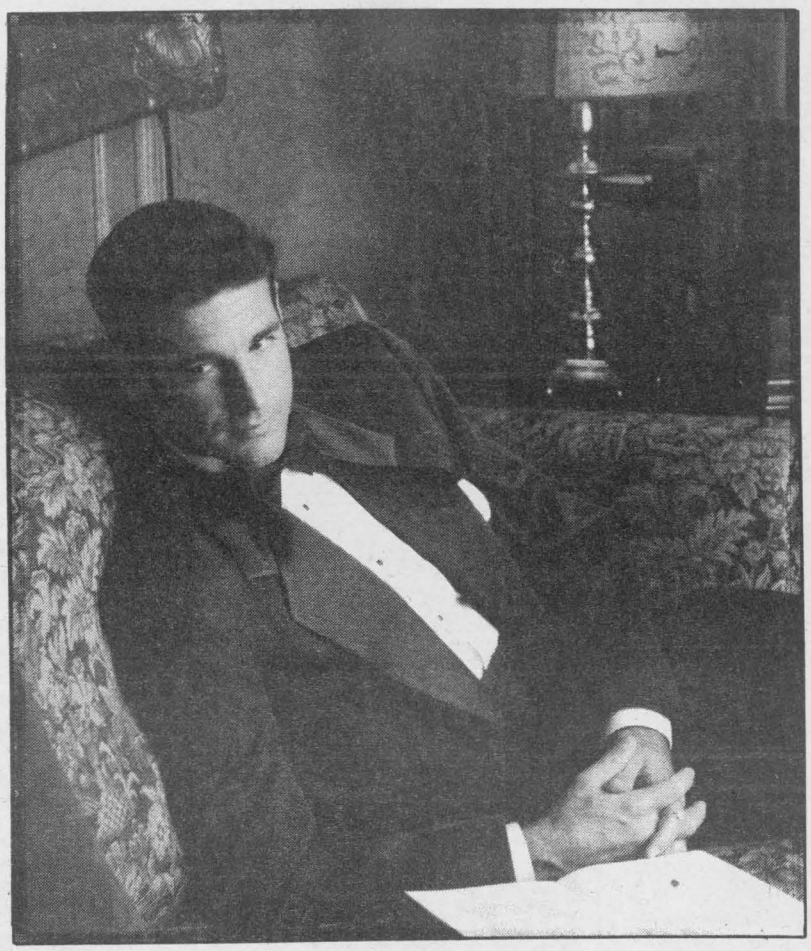

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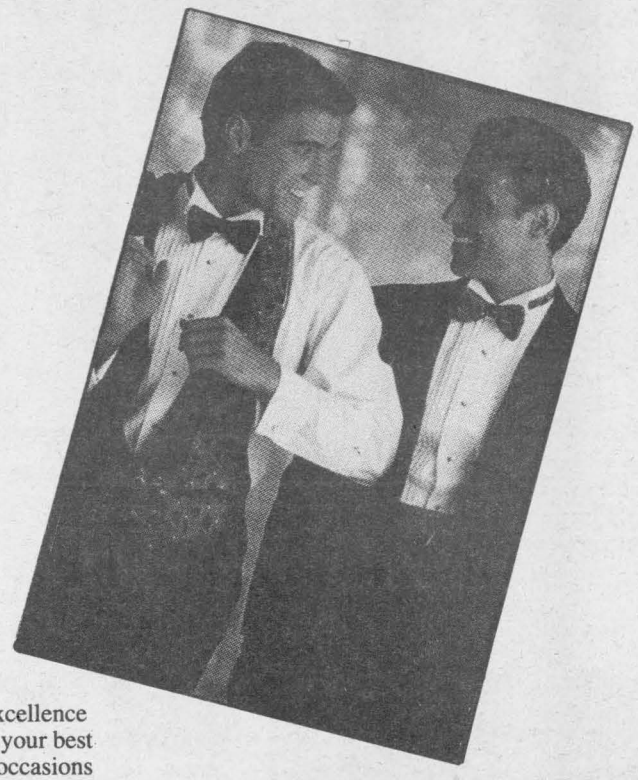

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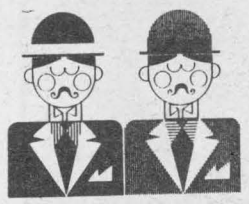

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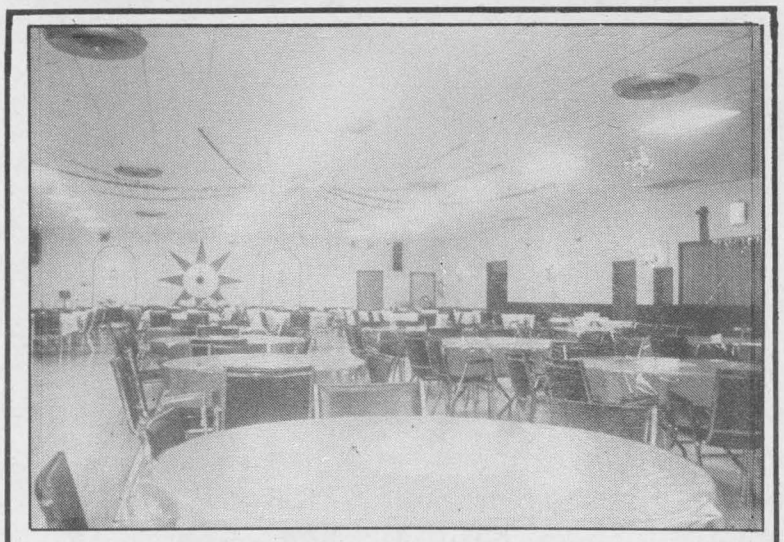

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The last thing you need when you return from your honeymoon is the news that the aspiring amateur photographer you've asked to take pictures has turned your day of wedded bliss into an experiment gone awry.

Trusting someone other than a professional, if you are serious about having good photographs of your day, is not a wise idea. There are no second chances; if photos are missed or not taken properly, there is no getting them back.

A professional photographer is a qualified artist, often with years of professional training, who can expertly and smoothly shoot all kinds of weddings under any kind of conditions.

Only a professional photographer can capture the romantic moments between the bride and groom, and even add to them through his or her experience in posing and photographic technique.

But once you have decided to go with a professional photographer, there still is the question of which photographer to choose.

A photographer's reputation is important, as is how satisfied other couples have been with his or her work.

Things to watch for are: creativity of poses, sharpness of pictures, special effects available (e.g. use soft focus filters or lens), accuracy of exposures and of course, how many and what size of pictures you get for your money.

Anyone who is considering large blow-ups of pictures (e.g. 30 by 36 inches) may consider having their wedding shot by a photographer using medium format camera equipment.

But it is generally accepted that with the quality of film now available, having a wedding shot by a photographer using 35 mm. equipment is fine for normal blow-ups.



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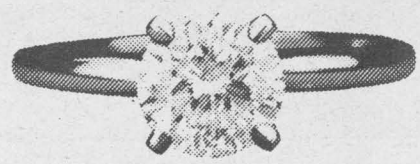

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Cultured pearls for a cultured bride

Several millennia ago, legend has it, a great Hindu god dove into the sea to acquire a single, exquisite pearl as a gift for his daughter on her wedding day. Today, that legend has been absorbed by many cultures around the world and has become a tradition that is generations old.

The pearl, a symbol of love and purity, is perfectly fitting for the bride. Its lovely and magical appearance has captured the hearts of brides for centuries. Neither gaudy nor flashy, the pearl possesses an ethereal and demure personality that reflects the warm glow of a bride on her wedding day.

Once, due to their scarcity, natural pearls were reserved for only the very wealthy. But about 80 years ago, man discovered the secret of how to coax oysters into producing enough pearls to put them within the reach of all. Such a pearl is now termed "cultured," and although it is helped into maturity by man, it is still considered as fine a gem and a very close cousin to the natural pearl.

Just as nothing should be faked on the wedding day, the jewellery to be worn should be as real as the emotions felt on this memorable occasion. Imitation pearls that are almost entirely made of synthetic and sometimes organic chemicals have no intrinsic value and no place in the wedding party. Unlike imitations, cultured pearls can be worn with pride long after the 50th anniversary for they will always remind a woman of that very special day in her life.

To make sure that the bride has the right cultured pearls to suit her, there are several factors to remember.

When selecting cultured pearls, choose the best quality you can afford. Look for pearls that have a bright, clear lustre and a deep inner glow. Try to select pearls that are relatively free of noticeable surface blemishes such as cracks, bumps or blisters, which can detract from the overall beauty and shorten the life of a pearl.

When selecting pearls for the bride, matching the length and style of pearls to a particular gown design is important. One- to three-strand pearls princess or choker length pearl necklaces best accentuate off-the-shoulder or scooped-neck gowns and help to frame the face as well. High or closed neck gowns call for longer strands of pearls to create a slim and smooth silhouette.

As far as earrings are concerned, remember that drop earrings tend to make the face appear longer while stud and button earrings have a shortening effect.

When it comes to selecting pearl color, women with lighter hair and fair complexions tend to look best in cultured pearls with a slight rose tint, while creamy off-white hued pearls complement darker hair and skin tones.



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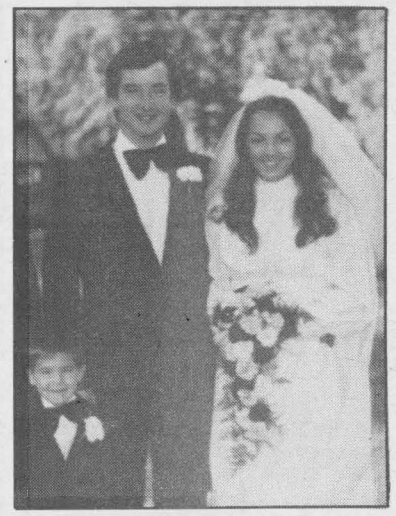

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Consider bridesmaids if pre-wedding panic sets in

Perhaps she's the older sister who comforted you when you fell off your bike. Or maybe she's your best friend from kindergarten who's never been more than a phone call away. And maybe she's your fiancé's sister, who has warmly welcomed you into her family.

No doubt you've already selected that special group who will stand beside you as you speak your wedding vows. Your bridesmaids may be members of your family, his family or close friends, and they're thrilled to be a part of your special day.

But the honor of the invitation isn't always enough. It's important that you truly make them feel like part of the celebration from that first excited phone call when you spilled the news of your engagement to the moment you toss your bouquet into their enthusiastic arms.

So while you're finding yourself caught up in the thrill of being a bride, keep the following considerations in mind. Your bridesmaids will be forever grateful!

1. Politely ask them to be in your wedding, don't just inform them that they must be part of the wedding party.

2. If choosing a maid- or matron-of-honor between two close friends is causing hurt feelings, why not have two honor attendants? You can divide the traditional duties between them and enjoy the extra support they will provide.

3. Always remember that being a bridesmaid is a financial obligation. The cost of a dress, shoes, hosiery, accessories, transportation, accommodations and a wedding gift may have to be considered before your prospective attendant can make a definite commitment.

4. Remember the fragile feelings of the youngest members of your wedding party. Try to include your flower girl in as many wedding activities as possible, and present her with a pretty locket or bracelet to wear in the wedding.

5. Don't feel obligated to ask someone to be in your wedding party just because you participated in theirs.

6. Do your best to be discreet with personal information such as weights and measurements. Ask your bridal salon to use the information confidentially and don't discuss with outsiders who had to order what size dress.

7. Treat each bridesmaid with the same courtesy, even if she's a relative of your fiancé's and the two of you aren't close.

8. Take into consideration that all your bridesmaids may not be perfect sizes. It's important to choose a dress style that will flatter each of them. Remember that the more the dresses complement their fingers, the better your wedding party will look overall.

9. With expenses in mind again, if you select a more expensive dress for your bridesmaids, perhaps you could provide their shoes and accessories.

10. It's nice, but not necessary to accept financial responsibility for their travel expenses or accommodations. At the very least, provide them with information on hotels or inns in the area, and offer to make their reservations for them.

11. Don't be so enthralled in your planning that you forget to communicate with each bridesmaid during your engagement period. Let them know how your plans are progressing and how they might lend a hand.

12. Plan to send them all a schedule for the pre-wedding parties, rehearsal and the wedding itself. Include arrival times, a hint on proper dress and maps for any events they'll be attending.

13. Consider treating these close friends and family members to a "Bridesmaids' Day" a few weeks before the wedding, which might include a shopping trip, lunch or beauty makeovers at a local department store.

14. Keep your single bridesmaids up-to-date on the single men in the wedding party. Try to introduce them to the groomsmen who will escort them ahead of time so they can feel comfortable with each other.

15. Never treat your attendants as props in a wedding extravaganza. Remember how special each one is to you and your fiancé.

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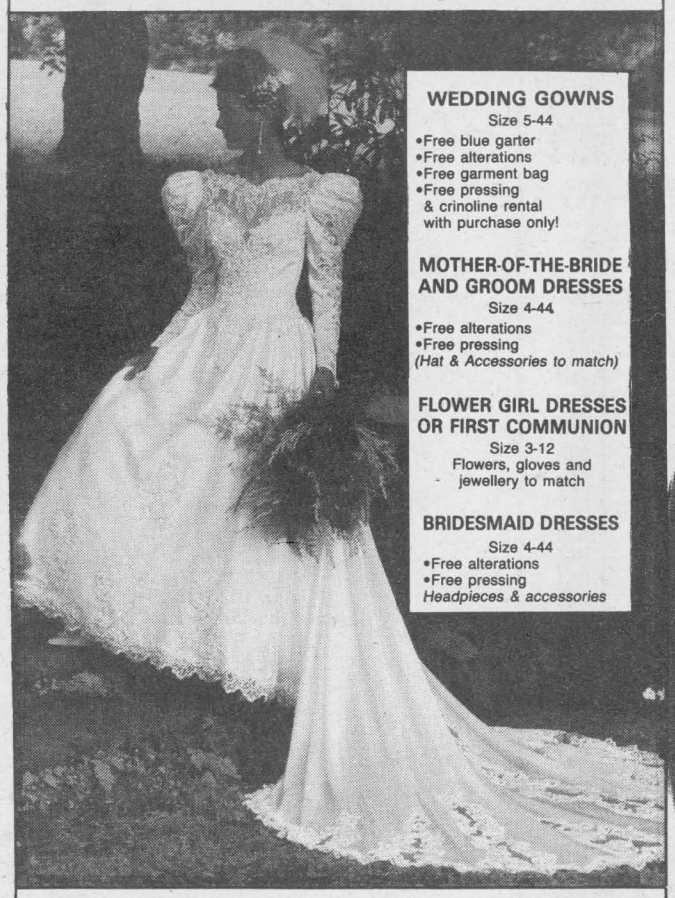

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Since so many brides-to-be own a computer or have access to a system at work, wedding planning by way of the computer has finally entered the bridal market. Months of work and preparation go into the typical wedding. With the assistance of your personal computer, you can keep track of a myriad of details — from the engagement to the first parties you throw in your new home.

Store the names, addresses and telephone numbers of your invited guests on your database. You can keep track of who gets invited to particular celebrations, such as engagement parties, showers, bachelor parties and rehearsals. Out-of-town friends and family might require overnight accommodations, a special set of directions, someone to meet them at the airport or special menus at the reception. On your computer, you can record as much data as you need. You can even assign guests a priority ranking so that your guest list can be trimmed tok meet a certain budget.

Some software packages provide you with a pre-programmed questionnaire. Use this when interviewing florists, photographers, caterers or others who will provide service to you, adding your own questions or deleting those that don't apply.

As you move through your planning process, your computer program helps you to remember necessary appointments on your calendar. It reminds you that certain decisions must be made and that bills are coming due on a certain date. If you've delegated a particular task to your maid-of-honor, best man or other member of the wedding party, you can use your computer to track the progress.

Having trouble deciding who will sit near whom at the reception? Some computer programs make experimenting with seating arrangements a snap.

As the gifts begin arriving, you can set up your own personal registry, noting which gifts were received and whether or not the sender was appropriately thanked.

And when the last thank-you note has been sent, keep the information accumulated during your engagement in a safe place, for it will serve as a permanent record of your wedding. You'll want to retrieve the data for future use in sending holiday greetings, open house invitations or even birth announcements in the years ahead!

Wedding planning software is available through mail-order establishments, selected bridal retailers and in some computer stores across the country. Just be sure the program you find is compatible with your computer system and printer.

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