

Brides '89

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Honeymoon is an essential part of the wedding process

Anyone who tries to tell an almost-married couple that the honeymoon is not an essential part of the wedding process, has perhaps never himself taken the big step.

Escaping to an exotic island hideaway or to the relative privacy of a provincial park campground can restore the souls and strength of the bride and groom, who have likely been working day and night to assure that their wedding would be a day to remember.

Not to take advantage of the traditional getaway could leave the newlywed couple a little shell-shocked. Months of furious activity, punctuated by the whirlwind of the wedding day and then, all too suddenly, everything comes to an abrupt halt.

The honeymoon could effectively act as a buffer between the previous months and the return to a more routine life. Take time just to lie on a beach, walk through the woods, bicycle together, and to talk, getting to know each other in your new capacity. After all, something crucial has changed. Friday, you weren't married. Sunday, you are.

No matter how anxious you were or how sure that you were taking the right step, the situation is still a lot for a newly-married couple to swallow.

In fact, an article in *The Bridal Guide,* a bi-monthly publication, states that depression can be triggered by the fact that the couple having ''forsaken'' all others, must now shift allegiances from parents to spouse.

Psychologists even have a name for the ''blue'' feeling that can overcome the novices: ''Post-attainment blues.''

The feeling is not unlike that of a roller coaster ride: In the first minutes, the cars climb the steep hill to the highest peak, laboring, laboring, laboring. But the breathtaking anticipation of what lies ahead keeps us in our seats.

Suddenly, and briefly, we're at the top, teetering on the crest of an incredibly steep, but incredibly exhilirating hill. The feeling as we rush to the bottom, with the wind rushing at our faces, is comparable to the butterflies and breathless anticipation we feel on our wedding days.

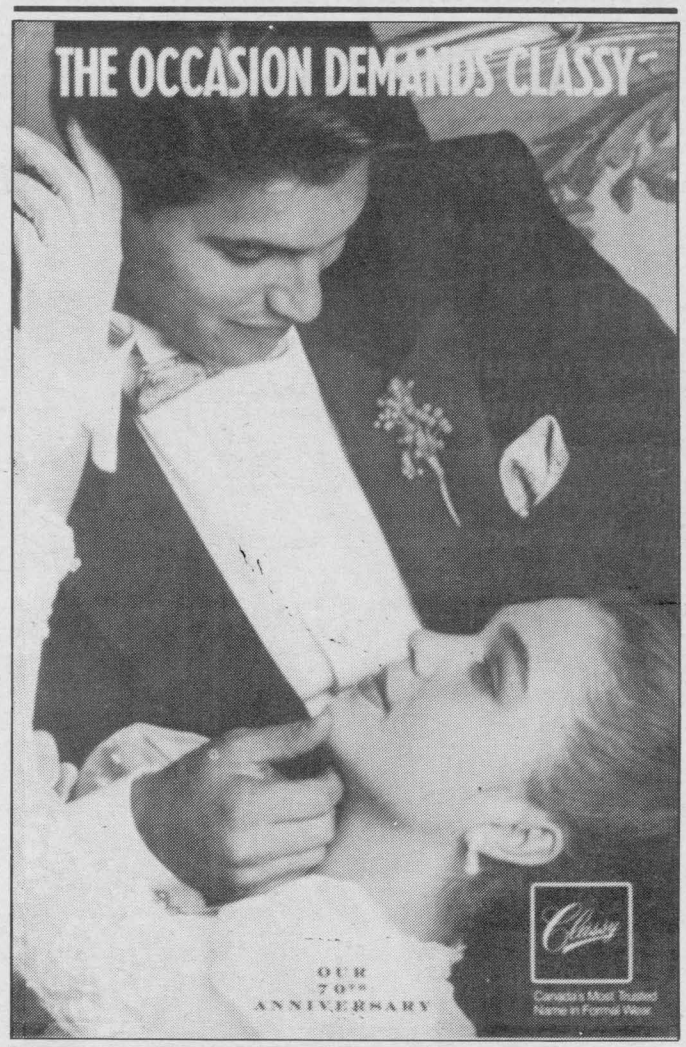
Then, all too soon, we are at the bottom of the mountain and the roller coaster sails easily over the smaller ''ups and downs'' of life.

We look back at the hill, with feelings similar to those we may experience at saying goodbye to an old friend for the last time.

But the honeymoon can absorb the ''post wedding bell blues.''



Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Sauvé (Rosabelle) of Kenyon Street West in Alexandria were married in Glen Nevis on May 6, 1939.



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If reservations are needed — as they would be if you planned to spend time in a hotel — book well ahead of time to avoid disappointment of no vacancy. Airline reservations made months ahead of time could mean significant savings on ticket prices.

If you plan to go overseas, apply for your passport immediately. The first step is to go to an offical passport photographer.

Your photos could take a week or more for delivery. And remember that once you have applied for a passport, the government must approve your request and prepare the booklet for you. That can take time. Better to start early so that you and your new spouse don't have to cancel airplane reservations at the last minute.

If travelling by car across Canada — a most beautiful and bountiful country — prepare in advance trying to obtain maps of the provinces or information about spectacular attractions or lodgings. Remember that automobile fuel can cost about 10 cents or so more per litre in Northern Ontario than here in the Eastern region. Budget accordingly.

Weeks before you're scheduledd to depart, make a list of all the last-minute items to be packed and keep it in a convenient location, so that you can add items as you think of them.

And last, but not least, relax and enjoy this special time you'll have together; the first days of your new life together.



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The 1980s wedding is unequivocally elegant and, with the return to formal attire and attitudes, the wedding celebration is, at every stage, a reflection of the renewed appeal of tradition.

Equally dramatic is the return to romance, seen in details large and small — lacy trains and veils, creamy pearls, fresh flowers adorning everything from the altar to the wedding cake.

With the care and precision that goes into planning every aspect of the wedding, it's only logical that gifts for the wedding party should harmonize with this gentle, traditional, yet very elegant mood.

Particularly appropriate are heirloom-quality personal and desk accessories which reflect the special relationship between the bride and groom, and their attendants.

When such items are monogrammed and dated, they are likely to be even more cherished as mementos of a day all will remember joyfully for years to come.

Silverplated picture frames — to be filled afterwards with a portrait of the newlyweds — would be appreciated by male and female attendants alike.

Choose a simple, unadorned frame for the best man or an usher, a romantically old-fashioned one, all curves and curlicues, such as a Victorian picture frame, for a maid of honor or bridesmaid.

A silverplated Victorian style purse mirror, another classic design, also would reflect the bride's appreciation of an attendant's support, as would a simply elegant, yet very evocative heart box, perfect for holding jewellery or potpourri, in gleaming full lead crystal.

Sterling keychains are ideal presents for both ushers and bridesmaids. Choose a classic rectangular style for males, a more delicate one (adorned perhaps with a muse strumming a lyre, impish cupids, or a graceful shell design) for females in the wedding party.

A silverplated letter opener would be another excellent option for the best man or usher. As something he would use each day, it would be a constant reminder of happy times and special people.

For a bridesmaid or the maid of honor, a crystal vanity jar with silverplated top would be a lovely — and very personal — selection, occupying a place of honor on her dressing table.

Whatever your choices are, however, remember that quality is as important as design, because a gift of thanks to a special attendant on an unforgettable wedding day should endure as long as the memories themselves — a tribute to love and friendship, and a lasting reminder of good times shared.



Mr. Harry Leonard of Vankleek Hill and Teresa Smith of Lot 18 Conc. 4, Kenyon Township, were married in Greenfield on May 7, 1955. The couple now lives in Ottawa. Mr. Leonard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leonard Sr. and the bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith. The bridesmaid was Nancy Smith and the best man, Allan Ambrose McCormick.



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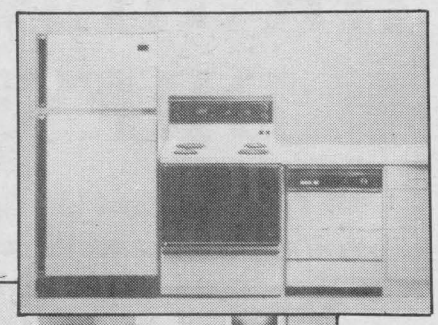



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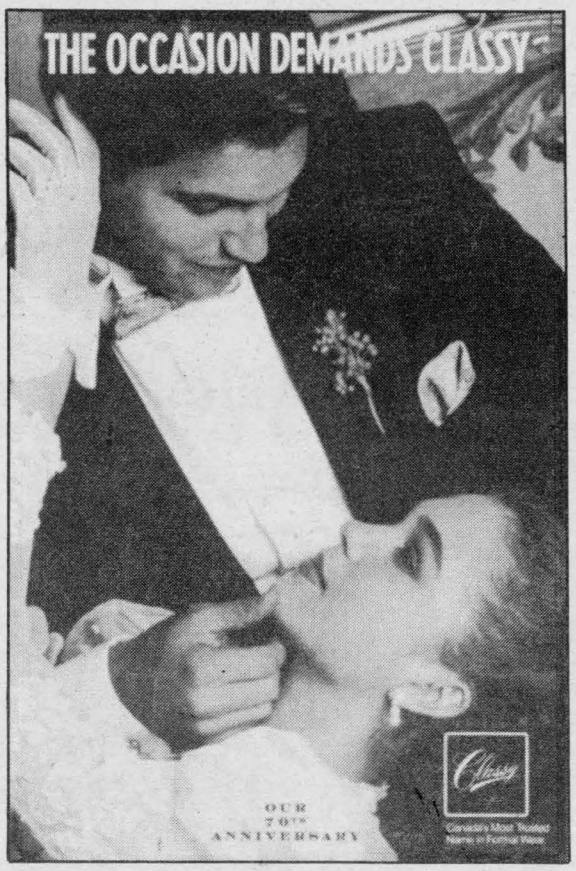

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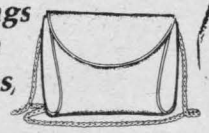

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Formal fashions still a popular alternative to more contemporary dress designs

"Unlike their older sisters who were married in peasant dresses and no makeup, brides today tend to choose elegant gowns and all the trimmings," says Glenn Roberts, Creative Beauty Director for Elizabeth Arden.

"These formal fashions and the traditional pomp that accompanies them require thoughtfully planned makeup that is appropriate, contemporary and, most of all, very pretty."

This season's bride has a vast range of makeup shades to choose from, shades that are truly contemporary and eminently compatible with bridal gowns — both the bride's and those of her attendants.

"Pinks, peaches, mauves and corals are the colors best for brides, and in them are shades that will work with any coloring outfit," says Glenn.

With pinks on the lips and cheeks, the eyes coordinate with shades of soft purple, Glenn suggests. With corals, the eyes will complement nicely in medium blues. Peach tones on lips and cheeks can be beautifully offset by eye shadows in soft greens and peaches.

Mauves can be used to create a very contemporary "monochromatic" face — with all the features wearing different shades of the same color palette. Lips and cheeks in the soft mauves coordinate with eyes shadowed and lined in deeper mauve shades.

With the overall feeling soft, a bride should be sure to wear enough color and plenty of mascara to emphasize the eyes, in order to avoid looking washed-out in her white gown and veil.

"Also bear in mind that makeup tends to disappear in photographs, so experiment ahead of time with snapshots," Glenn says.

Planning ahead is sound advice for virtually every aspect of the bridal outfit, and it also extends to skin care and hands, Glenn points out. "Proper skin care should begin on a regular basis well ahead of the wedding day. This means a daily regimen specifically for your skin type, which includes cleansing, toning and moisturizing."

Hands that cut the cake should be soft and beautifully manicured, so give them early attention too. Since beautiful nails don't happen overnight, weekly professional manicures (or thorough at-home versions) should begin at least a month before the wedding. And don't forget daily use of moisturizer or hand cream.

Finally, after the bridal wardrobe, hairstyle and makeup are decided upon, be sure to try them all together. If possible, do it in the place where the ceremony will be held, in the actual wedding lighting and with the eye of a trusted friend looking on. Then make any necessary adjustments — a deeper shade of lipstick, more definition on the eyes, etc.

"If you've done as much planning ahead and dress rehearsal as possible, wedding day preparation should be relatively fail-safe, and you will be a beautiful, confident bride," Glenn says.

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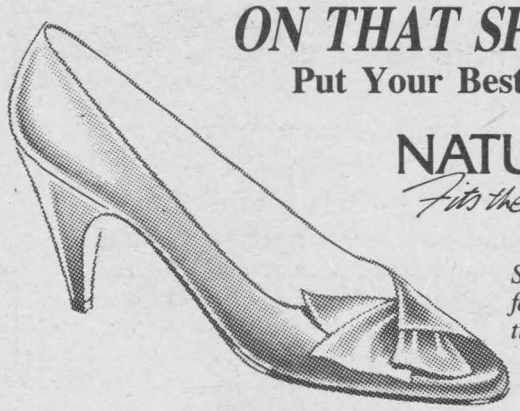

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How to choose a hairstyle as radiant as your smile

At a time when more and more brides have full-time careers, it's easy for a woman to overlook a simple detail like her hair. With lunchtime and after-work hours spent rushing from dress fittings to showers to meetings with caterers and florists, it almost takes a superwoman to do it all.

"There are so many details involved in planning a wedding that even the most organized bride might overlook her hair, particularly if she's trying to keep her career on track while planning the event of a lifetime," says Xenon, international creative director for the Helene Curtis Professional Division.

The easy approach

According to Xenon, it's easy to have a wedding hairstyle that is as radiant as your smile and flattering as your dress — if you count on the skills of a professional hairstylist.

"Today's working woman, more often than not, counts on a professional hair stylist to give her a look that is polished and professional," he says. "It only makes sense to leave the worry over your wedding hairstyle to the person who keeps you looking great every other day of the year."

Helpful tips

Xenon offers these suggestions to help you look your beautiful best on the big day:

•Consult with your stylist soon after you've set the date. You will want to discuss hairstyle options, including whether or not you want to grow your hair out.

•Your stylist may be at the church, or wherever you plan to dress for the wedding, to style your hair. Ask well in advance, so that he or she can arrange his or her schedule. And, see about having your stylist do your bridesmaids' hair as well. There may be a fee, but the finished results will be well worth it.

•Consider a perm, three to four weeks in advance, to give your hair the body and support it needs to look its best throughout all of the wedding festivities.

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•Begin using a moisturizing hair care line. A moisturizing hair care system will help to strengthen and revitalize the hair. The added shine you'll have will really show in your wedding portraits.

•If your stylist will not be assisting you on the day of the wedding, take time to rehearse your bridal style with your stylist the week before so you'll know exactly how to do it on the day of the wedding.

Practice makes perfect

Practising your bridal style will give you added confidence. After all you shouldn't have a care in the world on such a special day, especially not how your hair's going to look.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paquette (nee Emilee St. Pierre) were married in St. Raphael's, June 23, 1924. Mr. Paquette is deceased; Mrs. Paquette lives in Alexandria.



Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron (nee Nora Tobin) were married on Oct. 11, 1938 at St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria. The couple lives in Alexandria.



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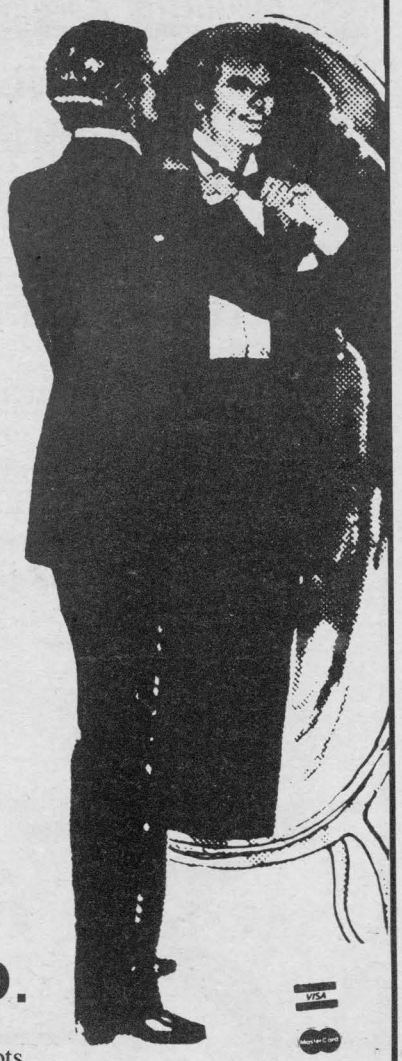

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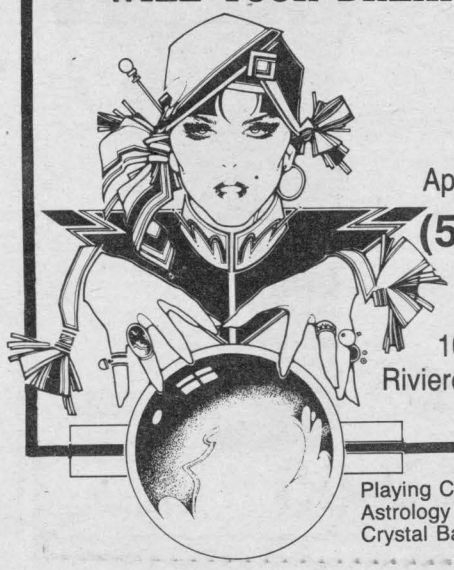

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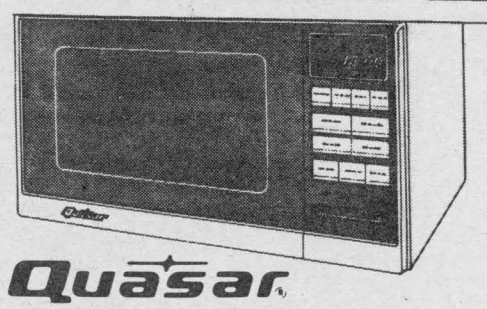

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Families are changing, too, and the traditional wedding planners — the bride and her mother — often are working and have little spare time for the details involved in planning a proper wedding.

Both bride and bridegroom are older and often are well-established in careers. They have little planning time, and a more defined outlook on life and the way *they* want their wedding to be.

They also, in many cases, are more accustomed to dealing with professionals in various fields — people who can help them accomplish their tasks properly.

Enter the bridal consultant, who can save money, time and effort. As a professional, the consultant knows what needs to be done and how to do it best — within the budget.

Many bridal consultants charge 10 to 15 per cent of the cost of the wedding. Flat fees and hourly or daily rates also are acceptable.

The key is that this is not an added expense, but a way to save money. The consultant, even after her fee, probably will be able to coordinate a better wedding — because of her contacts — than if the bride had spent the full amount herself on the wedding.

We're a nation of "do-it-yourselfers," but we realize it sometimes pays to let a professional make sure it works.



Mr. and Mrs. William Jeaurond (nee Rita Chenier) were married in Alexandria on March 25, 1940.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jeaurond (nee Diane Lefebvre) were wed on June 11, 1966 in Glen Robertson.



Mr. and Mrs. Rene Jeaurond (Carole) were married in Hawkesbury on December 29, 1973 and now reside in Alexandria.



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Personal silver keepsakes: The perfect gifts for everyone in your wedding party

The byword for weddings today is traditional, as wedding-goers around the country are attending more formal, elegant gatherings. From the ceremony and wedding finery to the flowers and gifts for the bride, groom and wedding party, everything follows the current trend to lavish, individualized weddings.

And, a key ingredient in any traditional wedding is the bridal party — those old and new friends, family and loved ones that help make a most important day perfect.

Say special thanks to the bridesmaids and ushers with a lasting gift that shows heartfelt appreciation and will always be treasured. Select something personal for each individual.

In fact, according to *Bride's* magazine, personalized gifts are the most popular presents for attendants today. "A personalized gift shows that you have put a great deal of thought into the selection of a gift," says Jo-Ann Bloomberg, an associate editor of *Bride's*. "It should have special meaning based on experiences shared."

One of the longtime favorites for any special wedding party is a lasting gift of silver. "The ideal memento for the wedding attendants is something that is permanent and lasting, with intrinsic value, such as sterling silver," says Gerard J. Monaghan, president of the Association of Bridal Consultants.

"Silver jewellery or jewellery-related gifts are always remembered by the recipient long after the wedding day.

And, according to Silver Information Centre, there is an ever-widening assortment of affordably priced shining silver gifts from which to choose. Many of them can even be engraved or personalized with initials and wedding dates.

Traditionally, each bridesmaid receives an identical gift, as do the ushers, and honor attendants are usually acknowledged with something a little more special. But, tradition can be broken and each attendant given a personal gift chosen especially for him or her.

If you're looking for a truly memorable gift, consider these sentimental ideas.

•For him: Give a man in the forefront of fashion silver cuff links for his French cuff shirts, a handsome sterling belt buckle, a money clip or a key ring. For the man who likes to be pampered, a sleek silver razor is a good gift suggestion.

•For her: Romance is in the air, so gift bridesmaids with elegant silver makeup brushes, compacts or perfume flacons to grace a vanity or tuck into a purse; silver barrettes to wear on the wedding day; a dainty pin or a bookmark tucked into a pocket datebook to help remember those special pre-wedding dates.

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Tips on the modern wedding

When it comes to her wedding, the contemporary bride often mixes traditional and modern concepts that influence not only the ceremony and her gown, but also the wider arena of marriage and her relationships.

Brides today are older than they were, but that does not rule out a large, traditional ceremony and a long white gown. However, it is also chic to be married in a tailored suit.

The key to a successful wedding is deciding on one with which the bride and groom are comfortable. The new trend in weddings for the '80s must reflect the personality of the couple getting married.

The most important factor in '80s weddings is the freedom of expression to create your own unique ceremony and a reception that reflects your ideas.

Because today's bride is older, she often has an education and career experience behind her. Her tastes are more sophisticated and so are her expectations of her relationship with her spouse.

A new balance

Not only does she value her marriage, but also the career that she has worked to obtain. Chances are she will strive to create a balance between the time she spends with her husband and the time she allocates for her job. Time management is important to most young couples making the transition between single and married life.

Matrimony has experienced a resurgence in the '80s but it incorporates a new breed of togetherness. Women today enjoy more career freedom than their mothers, but also have rediscovered traditional ideas. Today's bride is likely to advocate equality, dual careers, and sharing the tasks of parenthood but have more traditional values as well.

With education and career freedom comes the fact that the bride of today has done travelling outside her hometown. She may have gone away for college and then relocated to a city with career opportunities. This means it is less likely that the bride of the '80s will marry her high school sweetheart.

Therefore, chances are that the bride and groom are from different parts of the country. This leads to innovative ideas to get the friends and relatives from both sides to mix and mingle at different weekend events such as barbecues, picnics and cocktail parties.

Behind the trend

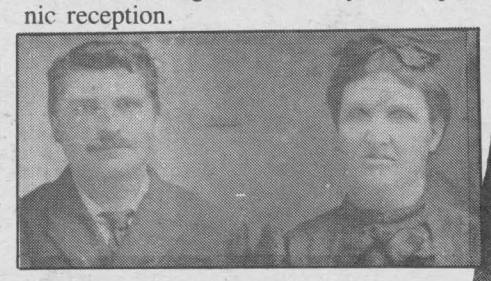
What this translates about the new trend in weddings for the '80s is that they are an intimate interpretation of the couple to be married, reflecting their ideals, goals and lifestyle.

Much of the previous criticism of the institution of marriage revolved around the idea that, once you were married, you had to disregard the person you were before. Most of today's couples have more defined goals before marriage, so they have a clearer sense of their own identity and needs.

There is also a new trend involving the groom. He is more involved in the planning of the wedding. With couples striving toward equality, it is only natural that the groom become more of a participant than a spectator.

The wedding day is acknowledged as a day the couple can share, rather than considered to be a day reserved solely to "give away" the bride.

Today's couple has a new maturity and freedom reflected by how they choose to celebrate their marriage. Wedding choices are varied and numerous, ranging from large, formal, traditional weddings to an outdoor wedding in the country with a picnic reception.



Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Lajoie (nee Marie Rose Robillard) were married on April 10, 1883 in Glen Nevis. Until a name-change, Mr. Lajoie was Ferdinand Couturier. A family reunion of their descendants is planned for October 7 in Alexandria.



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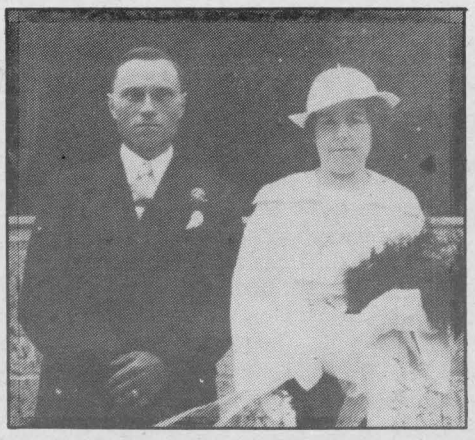

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Clavette (nee Harriette Emberg) were married at St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria in August, 1937. The best man was John A. McCuaig and the bridesmaid, Clara McDonald.



Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Lalonde (nee Monique Dicaire) were wed on October 14, 1961 in Ste.-Justine-de-Newton, Que.

Rating the best gifts

If your recollection of getting married include memories of thoughtful, but useless bridal shower and wedding gifts, take heart.

A recent survey sheds light on what are considered perfect, and perfectly awful, wedding presents.

The 1,000 people surveyed identified the ''Top 10'' best wedding gifts, as well as the worst choices: Knick-knacks, plaques and figurines.

The ''Top 10'' wedding gifts, according to the survey are:

1. Dishes (11.2 per cent);
2. Linens/bedding (11.2 per cent);
3. Pots/pans and toasters (tied at 7.7 per cent);
4. Towels (5.6 per cent);
5. Silverware/cutlery (3.9 per cent);
6. Television sets (3.5 per cent);
7. Vacuum cleaners (3.1 per cent);
8. Irons and washing machines/dryers (tied at 2.8 per cent);
9. Coffee makers and bedroom sets (tied at 2.5 per cent);
10. Microwave ovens (2.3 per cent).

The survey also reveals that money doesn't play a pivotal role in rating best wedding gifts (coffee makers tied with bedroom sets in ninth place).

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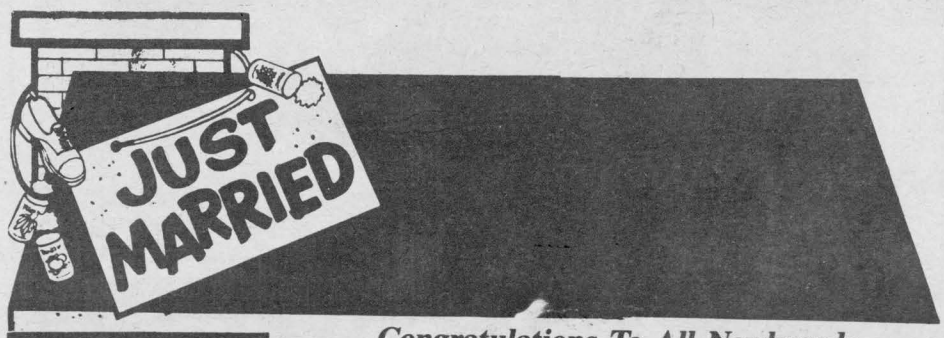



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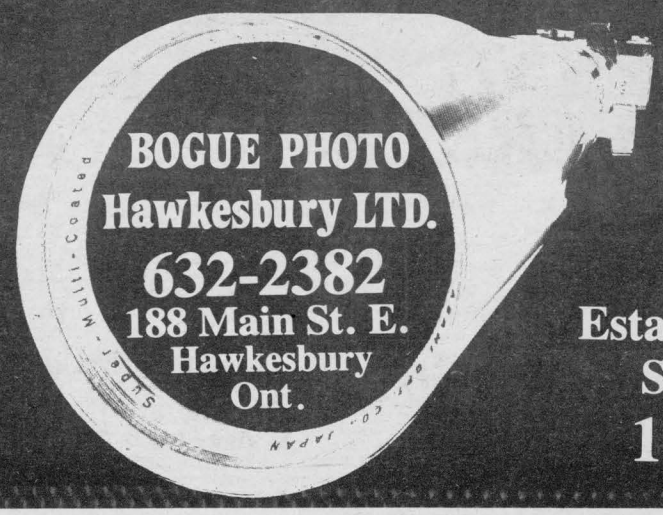

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Rated the number one "all occasion" anniversary gift item, red roses have always offered even the busiest individual the welcome advantage of versatility. Usually purchased in arrangements of one, three, five or seven, roses fit any budget.

Whether the choice was a single rose or a dozen, a typical month in 1987 found 400,000 anniversary buyers, about 13,000 daily, purchasing a variety of rose gifts nationwide.

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary this year, you should remember that a gift of roses is the perfect way to recapture the romance of young love, and allows you, the sender, to deliver an eloquent message suited to your partner's tastes.

In Victorian times, shy husbands used small rose bouquets called "tussie-mussies" to communicate devotion, trust and love. A modern-day anniversary "tussie-mussie" could contain the number of red roses representing the months or years a couple has spent sharing happy moments together — six roses for six years, 24 roses for 24 years, etc.

So, it's the anniversary of your first date. How about a gift of gourmet dining at an exclusive restaurant? Send your invitation attached to a rose bud vase with a card describing the romantic evening you have planned.

If the gift you have selected for your special someone is unsuitable for wrapping — (how do you tie a bow on a vacation or a new car?) — here are two alternatives. Give the lucky recipient a dozen, half-dozen or even a single red rose, along with a card describing your "unwrappable" gift. Wrapping your gift card in an innocent looking box with a rose trim is another clever and intimate idea.

When selecting a rose arrangement for your anniversary, remember roses have a "language" of their own, and there are a number of vibrant colors suitable for every occasion.

- The red rose symbolizes love, respect and courage.
- Pink roses carry the message "You're gentle and graceful."
- Deep pink roses say, "Thank you."
- Light pink roses convey admiration.
- A white rose says: "You're heavenly."
- Red and white roses tied together indicate unity.
- Yellow roses signify joy and gladness.
- A bouquet of roses in full bloom means gratitude.
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Pearls: The bride's best friend



Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson (Jean) of Lancaster were wed on September 5, 1964 in Cornwall and are the parents of Kelly, Jennifer and Wendi.



Mr. and Mrs. George Magin (nee Josephine Brunet) were married on October 16, 1922 at Sacred Heart Church in Alexandria.

Ever since history's first bride said the first "I do," pearls have been a bride's best friend. Once considered mystical gems with the power to ensure long life and prosperity, today pearls are perhaps the perfect jewel to accompany a blushing bride down the aisle.

"A fine strand of pearls is probably the best single jewellery item a bride can wear," states Linda Weichenrieder of *Modern Bride* magazine.

"Not only are pearls elegant, traditional and always in fashion, but they complement almost any bridal design as well. They seem to have the unique ability to pick up and enhance the glow of a woman on her wedding day."

Indeed pearls, which come in a variety of shapes from round to baroque, in colors from white to black, and in lengths from choker to opera, will surely flatter any woman and the gown she chooses to wear.

With the wide array of different bridal designs on the market today, all it takes is a little fashion savvy and good taste to select the perfect strand of pearls to suit a particular look.

For off-the-shoulder, scoop and boat necklines, shorter strands of pearls in single or multiple layers are the key. For high and "V" neck styles, long strands of pearls can create a regal, yet demure feeling.

Just as a woman will consider the style of gown when selecting the right length of pearls for her, she should also take into account what color pearls go best with her skin and hair tones.

Experts say that creamy pearls with a golden overtone look best on women with dark skin and dark hair. Off white, cream colored pearls are perfect on women with olive and fair complexions and dark hair. And rose or slightly pink-hued pearls are smashing for those with fair complexions and blonde or red hair.

When shopping for pearls, keep in mind that lustre (the clarity of the reflecting surface of the pearl) and orient (the deep seated glow that seems to come from within the heart of the pearl) are two important factors that influence price.

While natural pearls are the most expensive, they are also very rare. Cultured pearls, which are also fine jewellery, are considerably less expensive.

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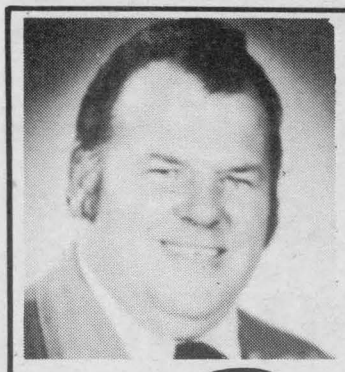

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An additional new twist to the old pearl tradition

The ''traditional bride'' is in transition. Now, more than ever, the bridal gown, wedding ceremony and honeymoon are becoming reflections of individual tastes and personalities . . . couples want to express their personal styles in every aspect of their lives.

A bride's first opportunity to ''show off'' her style is in the way she dresses for her special day. The traditional white gown is just one option today.

Some new twists are textured, printed, transparent and iridescent fabrics that have been styled in decolletage, off-the-shoulder looks, sheer bishop sleeves or with back interest.

Avant-garde styles

The bride's personal style will also be expressed in the jewellery she chooses to accessorize her special gown.

Pearl jewellery has become quite avant-garde; styles mix pearls with colored gemstones, ''knit'' pearls in bib-like constructions for the neck, combine different sizes and shapes of pearls in one piece for textural interest, and juxtapose their roundness in geometric settings for eye-catching contrast.

Pearls are always elegant and exquisite, and their rarity and beauty has historically made them the object of many a woman's desire . . . and, expecially, on her wedding day, they come to symbolize the purity of her love.

New looks

Some of the newest pearl jewellery styles today's bride can be looking for:

•South Sea pearl drop earrings in dramatic new lengths, often topped with a swirl of gold and diamonds;

•Tiny keshi or ''seed'' pearls combined with different millimeter larger sizes in a multi-strand twisted choker . . . sometimes with a large colored gemstone centrepiece such as amethyst or blue topaz;

•A collar of pearl-tipped ''branches'' of gold in an airy, loose construction that lays on the collarbone;

•Wide gold cuff bracelets shot through with a lightning bolt of cultured pearls or open work designs sprinkled with pearls and diamonds;

•On-the-ear style earrings featuring teardrop-shaped mabe pearls set in a gold bezel with diamond accent;

•Single strand of gray pearls enhanced with a diamond and ruby centrepiece with frosted crystal drop;

•Twisted strands of Biwa pearls with heart-shaped mabe pearl clasp.

Tradition gives significance and meaning to life's experiences, and it must be preserved. Pearls are a part of the wedding tradition — and they have been updated in jewellery styles that reflect the changing fashions and personal tastes embraced by today's brides.

For more information about pearl jewellery, Jewellery of America offers a booklet entitled, ''What You Should Know About Cultured Pearls,'' which answers questions about the origins, quality, types and care of pearls.

JA will send it to you free of charge simply by writing to them at: Jewellers of America, Inc., 1271 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY 10020, Dept. MB.





Mr. and Mrs. Elie Massie (nee Albina Major) were married in Lancaster on August 28, 1924. The couple resides in Alexandria.

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Couples should be sure to make careful small appliance choices

Many couples, excited at the prospect of planning their wedding, forget that the items that they list on their department store bridal gift registry have an impact that can last many years after the wedding.

How? Often couples are extremely busy . . . arranging receptions and picking music for the ceremony . . . choosing china patterns and deciding bathroom colors . . . so busy that choosing items for everyday use falls by the wayside. Worse yet, the items are chosen with no thought given to their usefulness.

Questions to consider

Choosing small electric appliances for a new household can be easy. Here are several easy questions for couples to consider before choosing the right appliances for their lifestyle. Spending just a little time discussing them could make life after the wedding much easier.

•Will we be eating together . . . or will we both be so busy that eat and run will be more our style?

•Do we prefer to eat out, or eat deli food, or home-cooked meals? It is important for both bride and groom to know one another's food likes and dislikes.

•Who will do the cooking? Simple as it seems, many couples do not discuss this important issue. If one spouse will do the majority of the cooking, that person should get the majority vote on the appliances chosen.

•Do we like to entertain? If so, are we likely to have small, intimate dinner parties or are large, "after-the-game" bashes more our style?

Once these questions are answered, choosing the right appliance is a snap. Elizabeth Kathan, a Bridal Registry Consultant for Oster, has several hints for engaged couples.

She recommends that couples register only for those appliances that they know that they will use. Any unnecessary appliances will sit, unopened, in a closet or cupboard taking up space.

What to choose? Busy working couples need time-saving appliances such as a convenient sandwich grill and an automatic egg cooker. Couples who entertain may need a coffeemaker, a warming tray, a fondue or a wok . . . and maybe a waffle grill.

For limited space

Even couples who prefer not to cook need small electrics . . . perhaps a small coffeemaker for visitors and a can opener for emergencies. And every couple can use a blender. Couples with limited counter space might like the convenience of an all purpose appliance such as the kitchen centre unit.

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"Don't leave any of these choices to your guests," concludes Kathan. "Your guests do not want to decide what color appliances you need, how many speeds your blender should have or whether you need a clock on your coffeemaker. That information should be on the registry print-out."



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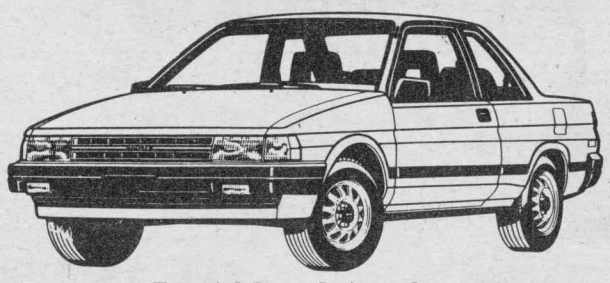

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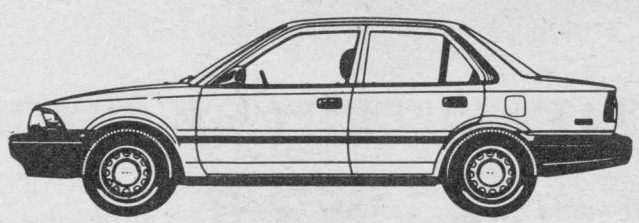

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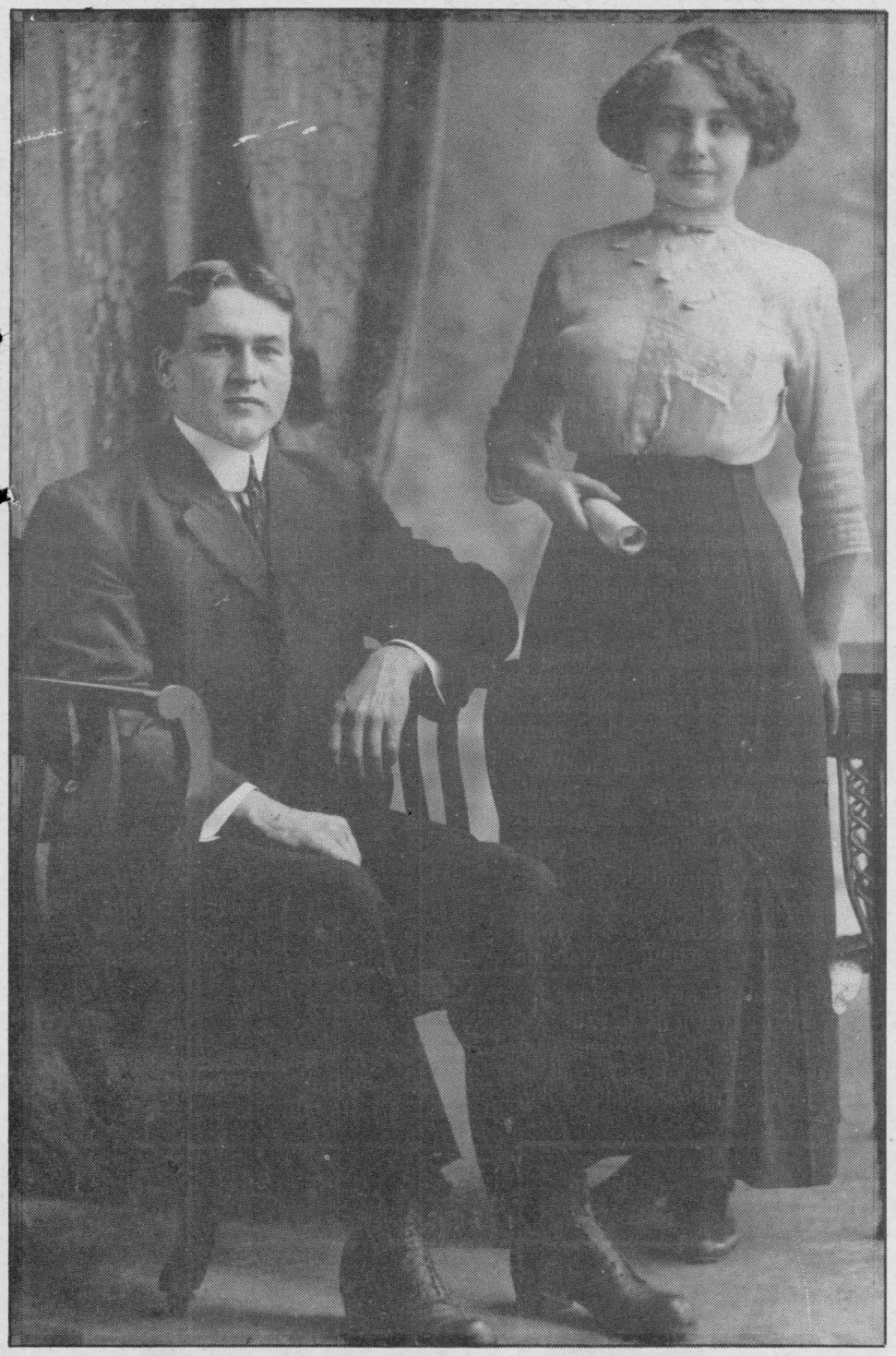

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sauve (nee Berthe Aubin) were married in Valleyfield, Que. on April 1, 1913 and live out their married lives in Lancaster.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Filion (nee Marie-Claire Poirier) were wed in St. Raphael's on August 1, 1964 and will celebrate their 25th anniversary this year.



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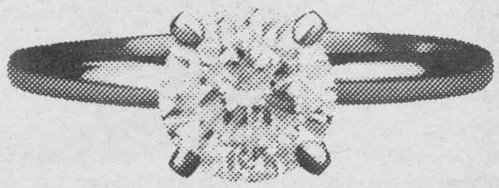

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brewer (nee Marjorie Gartshore) were married in Montreal in September, 1940. The Brewers live at RR3, Alexandria.

Choose a date, pick a place, order flowers and invitations, reserve a photographer and a caterer. Do these activities sound familiar? Any bride and groom will recognize them as the planning activities for that all-important day — the wedding.

In addition to these steps, there are many more that the two of you will need to address. To ensure that all the wedding plans go smoothly, and that you have time left over to take care of yourselves, follow this simple guide to wedding preparations strategies.

First, remember always to plan in detail. There are many things to do before your wedding day arrives, and things will fall into place if you plan out every small detail. Second, allow as much time as possible to put everything together. With these two tips in mind, your plans can be effortless.

After choosing the wedding date, the bride can shop for a gown. Plan on spending a few full days visiting several bridal boutiques. Bring your mother or maid of honor along to help you on and off with the gowns. Once you decide on a gown, the bridal shop-keeper will help you schedule intermittent fittings right up until the week before your big day.

Schedule separate days for finding your bridesmaids' dresses. Try to choose a style that will look good on most figures. Your bridesmaids will also need to schedule fitting sessions to be sure the dresses fit them and that they are all the same length.

And, grooms, choose both your tuxedo and the ushers' tuxedos. Fitting sessions must also be scheduled with the tuxedo tailor.

Next, with several months before the wedding, the two of you should spend time planning your beauty and grooming strategies. For example, devise an engagement exercise and diet plan. Exercise together at least three times a week to slim and tone your bodies.

Try cycling, walking or playing racquetball — these are fun activities you can do together that keep you in tip-top shape.

Chart out a balanced diet from the basic food groups: Fruit and vegetables; dairy; meat, fish and poultry; and bread, cereal and grains. As you get busy, try not to skip meals; it's not healthy.

Also, try to cut out snacks whenever possible. However, if you must snack, reach for fruit or vegetables such as oranges and carrots — they are rich in vitamins A and C which can keep hair and skin healthy.

Since your hair and facial skin are your two most visible features, be sure to care for them properly. Start by shampooing daily with a good shampoo and conditioning system.

With clean and healthy hair, you can style and shape your hair into your desired wedding day look. Try styling it this way several times in the weeks before the wedding, and be sure to have it trimmed.

In addition, wash your face twice daily with a mild cleanser. Both of you should follow this with a light moisturizer for softness. Men, this procedure not only cleans your face, but softens your beard bristles for obtaining a close shave.

Once the two of you have all your wedding plans in place and have taken the proper steps to look and feel your best, you'll be able to fully enjoy that very special day.

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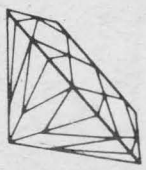



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More newlyweds thanking attendants with jewellery

Taking part in the approximately 2,500,000 weddings this year will be a whopping 10,000,000 bridesmaids and ushers. For most, it's an experience that's an honor and usually a lot of fun, too.

To say a special "thanks," more newlyweds are presenting their bridal parties with something gold. Why? They know that karat gold is a token of enduring sentiment and quality. What's more, gold jewellery is available in a variety of styles to fit any budget.

When shopping, it's wise to choose a gift the bridal party can wear at the wedding. If the bridesmaids are wearing skin-baring necklines with a lingerie look, perhaps a gold chain necklace is "right." The usual herringbone chain is now updated by a feminine bow centrepiece.

For evening glamor

Also, there are dainty links, sometimes adorned with stations of hearts, bows or semi-precious stones. A new type of woven chain is diamond cut and sparkles, creating evening glamor.

If the wedding attire is ultra-formal and elbow length gloves are being worn, a beautiful gold bracelet is the perfect gift. Simple yet elegant, a gold bangle is etched with flowers and can be engraved with initials or a message. Lacy link bracelets are often accented with one dangling charm — a reminder of the wedding day.

As many brides opt for an ensemble look — a short jacket over a halter type dress — gold pins can be an important addition. Many designs are new but look "antique" or have a geometric art deco flavor. Both decorate the shoulder or collar in tasteful fashion.

Consider individual preferences

Don't forget to consider individual personalities when shopping for gifts of gold. Ask yourself, "Does she have short hair and love earrings? Are rings her passion?" These items are also available in gold in a multitude of looks.

Feminine gold ruffles that softly contour the face or gold beaded drop earrings will look great at the wedding and thereafter.

Stackable, thin gold rings can complement an already existing collection. In this case, look for bands accented with semi-precious stones or in varying colors of gold.

Gold is also suitable for the ushers. Consider a classic gold collar or tie bar if the wedding look is informal. To complement the ascot of a morning suit, a handsome gold tac in ribbed or woven texture is appropriate.

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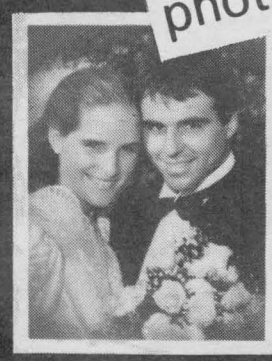





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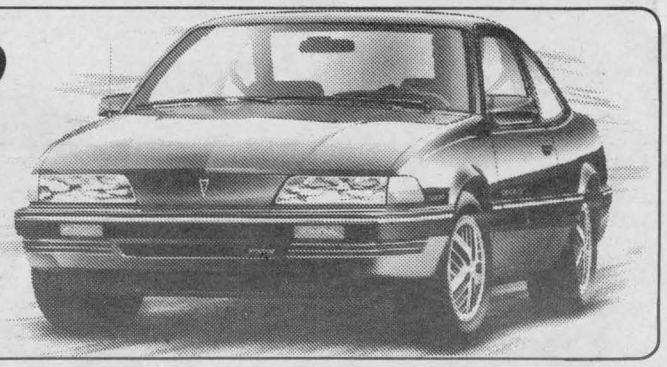

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