

Schedule G Income Averaging (Form 1040) showing tax tables and calculations for 1979-1982 averaging period.

Has your income risen? Averaging can bring savings

By Robert Metz, Newspaper Enterprise Assn. (Twelfth of 14 articles)

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Form with instructions for cutting taxes and saving money, including fields for name, address, and city.

Peopletalk

Morris upstages Bombeck - The funny lady got upstaged by Morris the cat in Boston, Me. magazine reports.

Grave ratings - The Motion Picture Association of America has gone to court to prevent the producers of the movie 'It Spelt on Your Grave' from using its 'R' rating.

Nixon live on radio - Richard M. Nixon will discuss past and present U.S. foreign policy during a live interview on ABC Talkradio on Friday.

Quote of the day - Billy Graham, replying in an article titled 'Heroes, Sex and the Bible' in the March issue of Forum magazine to the question 'Is the sexual plague of the 80s a warning from God?' 'You can decide that. The Scripture teaches that God judges nations, families and individuals when people break the moral law.'

Glimpses - Byron Janis will celebrate his 40th anniversary as a concert pianist on the Feb. 1 airing of the Johnny Carson show.

A friend in need - Lisa Wheeler, one of the stars on NBC's 'Facts of Life,' says she received some much-needed moral support from Brooke Shields following their first meeting at a party in 1979.

Almanac - Today is Tuesday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 1984 with 335 to follow.

Lottery - Connecticut daily Monday: 086. Play Four: 896.

Weather Today's forecasts

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Winter storm warning for northeast Massachusetts, interior Rhode Island and eastern interior Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Snow ending by afternoon - Winter storm warning in effect. Today snow ending by afternoon with total accumulation 4 to 8 inches.

Another snow holiday - Oak Street resident Raymond Hodgdon, 9, takes his plastic sled down the hill in Center Park this morning, a happy youngster on his third snow holiday this month.

Manchester GOP to hear Baldrige - Malcolm Baldrige, secretary of commerce in President Reagan's cabinet, will be featured speaker for the Lincoln Day dinner in Manchester Feb. 22.

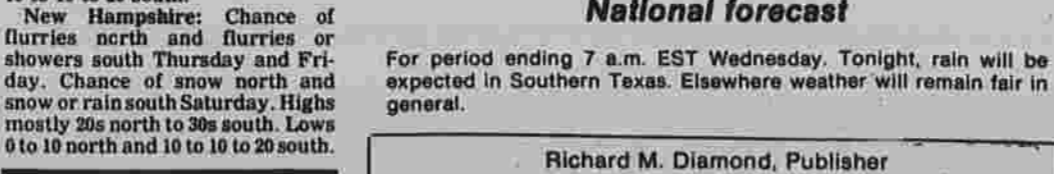
ZBA asked to OK convenience store - The Zoning Board of Appeals has been asked to grant a special exception to the variance of 1983 by an executive officer of Scovell Inc. in Waterbury.

Clothing on body belonged to patient - Meadows Convalescent Center officials have identified clothing found on the body of a man taken Sunday from the woods off Spencer Street as belonging to Charles Hammel, a 39-year-old resident of the home who disappeared last November.

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National forecast - For period ending 7 a.m. EST Wednesday, tonight, rain will be expected in Southern Texas. Elsewhere weather will remain fair in general.

Fire Calls - Manchester Monday, 1:07 p.m. - medical call, 351 W. Center St. (Paramedics). Tuesday, 8:12 a.m. - smoke alarm, 156 Spencer St. Monday, 10:43 p.m. - medical call, 188 Downey Drive (Paramedics). Tuesday, 8:12 a.m. - unnecessary alarm, Foster Street (Town). Tolland County Saturday, 4:22 a.m. - electrical fire, College Park Apartments, Eagleville (South Coventry). Sunday, 1:11 p.m. - truck fire, Villa Louisa Road (Bolton). Monday, 7:34 a.m. - medical call, Forest Road (South Coventry).

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"Songs of a Wayfarer," one of four dances presented by the Hartford Ballet Friday and Saturday as part of its "A Night at the Opera" extravaganza, featured ballet mistress Robyne Watkin, standing, and Judith Gosnell. Dancers wove in and out of the long cloth streamers seen behind them.

'Night at the Opera' is dull night, indeed

A lack of surprises made the Hartford Ballet's "A Night at the Opera," presented Friday and Saturday nights, seem more like a night at the laundromat. Herald's more sophisticated spot of more serious dance and operatic forms, the evening promised fun and freshness — and delivered neither.



Sarah E. Hall

Center Stage

State, repetitive choreography was one problem. Many of the dances included the same movements. None of the dances stood out. Lackluster acting was another problem. A comic gawk, a well-timed shrug could have gone far to lift the program out of the doldrums, but dancers persisted in merely going through the motions. Most of the time, their attempts at humor were so subtle that they slipped by unnoticed. Then again, their more overt attempts to make the audience laugh came off as downright silly.

Advice

Woman losing battle against wetness

DEAR ABBY: I am a 32-year-old woman with a terrible problem I've had ever since I was very young. I am embarrassed by undergarment perspiration rings that reach down to my waist. This problem persists regardless of the season, temperature or humidity. A anti-perspirant is not effective for me. My clothes are literally destroyed. I once heard that there is a surgical procedure to correct this problem. Can you tell me anything about it?

DRIPPING WET IN PA.

DEAR DRIPPING: Before considering surgery, I urge you to see an endocrinologist. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: A reader recently asked you what an endocrinologist was. He said he had asked his doctor and his doctor didn't know. Instead of answering his question, you told him to buy two dictionaries, one for himself and one for his doctor, then find another doctor.

Recognize problem as migraines

DEAR DR. LAMB: I'm a healthy, 32-year-old woman with no major illnesses. But since I was 12 I've had what I call "blind headaches." My father also has suffered from these since an early age.

First I get blind spots in my vision. I can see but there are fuzzy patches. The weird part is they are triggered by a bright glare of sun or even headlights of a car.

This phase lasts about 15 minutes, then the pain starts. During my teens and 20s the pain was really bad. Now that I'm older it's not nearly as bad, but my head aches the day after. Sometimes I become nauseated during these headaches. My father's headaches have followed the same pattern.

I've associated these headaches with sinus experiencing various kinds of love. It was not their fault that the choreography was a bit flat. Joy Davidson's powerful yet finely-tuned soprano showed both depth and emotional range, however. And the very fluid handling of long cloth streamers hung from the ceiling helped "Wayfarer" flow, making it a pretty piece to watch.

Cherry Duet Yawn. This uninspired pas de deux was neither touching nor comic. The love song performed by soprano Linda Mohler and tenor Jeffrey Carney overpowered the weak choreography, inducing some to stare off at the ceiling for much of the piece.

Rating system
****=Bravo!
***=Entertaining
**=Mildly entertaining
*Go see a movie instead

Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

TOUCH-NE-NOT
DEAR TOUCH: You are not alone. Many people dislike being touched. They feel a certain violation of their space — and they react negatively.

Your Health

Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

These points are discussed in more detail in the Health Letter 16-12. Headaches and What to Do About Them, which I'm sending you. Others who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me. In care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1531, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

Try dreaming in the daytime, too

DEAR DR. BLAKER: Sometimes I think I am crazy. I keep a pencil and pad by my bed because I am constantly waking up during the night with creative ideas for my new novel.

Why is it that I am more creative during my sleeping hours? I have dozens of unfinished manuscripts lying around the house. I can't seem to get started on any of them and there are several that I think might be very good.

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Stamp designed by state man

This stamp was released today at Washington, D.C., in the Children's Museum. It should be around soon at all the local post office windows for your valentine — so no excuses. It was designed by Connecticut's well-known graphic artist, Bradbury Thompson of Riverside.

Collectors' Corner

Russ MacKendrick

The stamp was a juggling act, with a combination of gravure and intaglio printing. The five hearts are in gravure, with different colors, while the rest of the stamp is engraved. This called for exact registration between the two printings, so beady-eyed error collectors may have a ball.

Putting on a hex

Students of the Drama Club of Hilling Junior High School entertained last weekend with performances of "Toga, Toga, Toga," a theatrical take-off on the movie, "Animal House." Madame Stella, played by Cheryl Spiegel, puts a hex on John Greer, second from right, and Matt Clough, as Keri Kane looks on.

Manchester-Yesterdays

Theme of war dominated

It was an exciting time to be a senior, on the threshold of graduation in that long-ago time of World War II. At that time when we, 306 strong, the largest single graduating class in the history of Manchester High School to date, embarked on our senior year in the fall of 1941, there were as yet no intimations of the bombshells of Pearl Harbor exploding about our ears.

Public Records

- Warranty deeds**
Brian and Mary Anne Murphy to Patricia A. Corpeing, 403 Northfield Green Condominium, \$66,500.
- State of Connecticut**
Lillian I. Mitchell, Trustee against property of Brooke T. Newkirk, 994 Tolland Turnpike, \$236.64.
- Liens released**
State of Connecticut releases lien against estate of Dorothy R. Frey.
- Liens**
Internal Revenue Service against property of Paul and Glenda Meyer, 24 N. Fairfield St., \$3,240.32.

Indoor and outdoor winter fun planned

Yankee Traveler

(Editor's Note: Another in a series of weekly features written for UPI by the ALA Auto and Travel Club aimed at providing New Englanders with fuel-conserving, close-to-home leisure trips.)

Wellesley College Art Museum

WELLESLEY, Mass. — There's plenty of indoor and outdoor winter fun planned for the weekend of Feb. 3-5, as recommended by the ALA Auto and Travel Club, ranging from new museum exhibits to an "Ironman" contest.

THE MUSEUM OF OUR National Heritage

THE MUSEUM OF OUR National Heritage in Lexington, Mass., presents two half-hour films on Sunday, Feb. 5, beginning at 9 a.m.

A ballet is born

dancers followed his lead. Over and over and over again on Saturday, the dancers followed his lead. In other words, all the movements in the ballet will be strictly from the museum.

The cat's meow saves house

YUMA, Ariz. (UPI) — A 13-year-old cat jumped onto the bed of his sleeping owner and yowled until the couple awakened to find the fire raging in the living room.

About Town

Grange looking back
"A Backward Glance" will be the program at Manchester Grange, 205 Olcott St., Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Minister to speak

The Ladies Aid Society of Zion Evangelical Church will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church, The Rev. Charles W. Kuhl will lead a discussion.

Mormon woman celebrates her 104th birthday

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Laura Clark Cook, who turned 104 yesterday, has survived 20 brothers and sisters and three husbands.

AV meets at church

Alcoholics Victorious, a Christian organization to help alcoholics stay sober, meets today at 7:30 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St.

SHOWCASE CINEMAS, HARTFORD, NEVERCY WOLF, GORKY PARK, UNCOMMON VALOR, YENTL, SCARFACE, HOT DOG, ASTROLOGY, HOROSCOPE READINGS BY MISS LOLA, ADVICE ON ALL PROBLEMS, 643-5666, 648-HOPE



Galen Byram, Eric Trudon, Bob Blake

Dean five edges MCC

They went back-and-forth and the winner was determined only in the final minute of play as Dean Junior College edged past Manchester Community College, 7-6, in a college basketball action Monday night at East Catholic High.

Cougar women collar third

Leading from start to finish, Manchester Community College women's basketball team defeated Connecticut College University, 67-58, Monday night at East Catholic High.

Trudon finds linemates and Manchester flies

By Rich Cobelli, Herald Sports Writer
It's more than a coincidence. Last year, the Manchester High hockey team finished with a 7-13 record as leading scorer Eric Trudon, checked up 31 points.

Carolina reigns supreme

NEW YORK (UPI) — Undeclared North Carolina continued its reign over the UPI Top 20 college basketball team ratings, getting 39 of the 40 first-place votes cast by the Board of Coaches.

Kings name Nelson coach

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (UPI) — Roger Nelson may be an innovative coach, but he's bringing a basic approach to the Los Angeles Kings.

East girl cagers upend Coventry

COVENTRY — Carolyn DeSignore and Chris Ruffin combined for all 15 of East Catholic's second-quarter points as the Eagles scored a 40-28 victory over host Coventry in girls' basketball action Monday night.

Ready for next challenge

UConn's Alvin Frederick (21) had his best offensive showing last Friday night against Villanova at the Hartford Civic Center with 25 points, but it wasn't enough as the Huskies fell to the Wildcats, 69-58.

Scoreboard

Swimming

Manchester Rec Swim Team
Manchester Rec Swim Team downed Eastern Swim Team, 30-12, last Sunday at Manchester High's pool.

Scholastic

Standings

Table with columns for School, W, L, T, O, and a list of schools including Simsbury, Plover, and Hartford.

College basketball ratings

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Basketball

NBA Standings

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State schoolboy pool

HARTFORD — The top 10 Connecticut high school basketball teams as selected by a panel of state sportswriters.

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Radio, TV

TONIGHT 8:00 NHL, All-Star Game (on T.V. only). 8:30 CBS, NBC, WDRB (on T.V. only).

NHL standings

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SOUTHERN

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MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference teams.

OHIO VALLEY

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of Ohio Valley Conference teams.

IVY LEAGUE

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of Ivy League teams.

MID-AMERICAN

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of Mid-American Conference teams.

MIDWESTERN CITY

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of Midwestern City Conference teams.

PACIFIC

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of Pacific Conference teams.

SOUTHEASTERN

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of Southeastern Conference teams.

WESTERN ATHLETIC

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of Western Athletic Conference teams.

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

Table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of major independent teams.

College basketball standings

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of college basketball teams.

Big East result

GEORGETOWN (80) — Wingate 73, 49; Graham 23, 0-0; Williams 47, 12; Brown 22, 1-1; Williams 10-13, 23, 20, Smith 12, 3-4; Smith 2-4, 1-1; Dutton 6-4, 2-4; Syracuse 12-23, 23, Totals 29-50, 22-30.

Basketball

Adult

No score was given but 34 players officiated in 34 games. Mike Moran 24 and John Trudon 11. Tim DeSore, Jr.'s Jim Alvey and Andy Pappas were named.

Peo Wee B

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Kevin Zink had five goals as D.W. Fish Realty defeated Simsbury, 9-2. Fish lost its other game, 4-0 to UConn.

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BUSINESS

UTC income 22% higher for quarter

HARTFORD (UPI) — United Technologies Corp. has reported a fourth quarter net income of \$138 million, 22 percent higher than the \$112.8 million reported in the same quarter a year earlier.

The earnings gain came on sales of \$3.9 billion, up 10 percent from the \$3.5 billion reported in 1982's final quarter.

For the year, United Technologies, the nation's seventh largest manufacturing firm, reported sales of \$14.6 billion and operating net income of \$509 million. In 1982, the company had sales of \$13.5 billion and operating net of \$426 million.

On a primary basis, earnings per share in 1983's fourth quarter amounted to \$2.12, compared to \$1.78 in the same period a year earlier. For all of 1983, primary earnings were \$7.94, compared with \$6.73 in 1982. The 1982 figures exclude \$2.01 in extraordinary gains.

Harry J. Gray, UTC chairman and chief executive officer, said Monday the higher results were achieved despite lower aircraft engine shipments and unfavorable foreign exchange rates.

Gray said the company saw improvements in 1983 in the automotive, air conditioning and semiconductor markets, and also benefited from a healthy military business including aircraft engines, helicopters and defense systems.

Gray said this year's outlook for sales of helicopters and other military equipment to the United States and foreign governments looked promising. He said commercial and industrial businesses this year should benefit from the domestic economic recovery.

The Hartford-based UTC is the nation's third largest defense contractor. Its products include Pratt & Whitney jet engines, Sikorsky helicopters, Norden and Hamilton Standard aerospace and defense systems, Carrier air conditioners, Essex wire and cables, Otis elevators, Inmont specialty chemicals and Mostek semiconductor products and systems.

Gray staying through 1985

HARTFORD (UPI) — Harry J. Gray, who turns 65 on Nov. 18, has agreed to remain as chairman and chief executive officer of United Technologies Corp. until Dec. 31, 1985, UTC has announced.

"The UTC board of directors unanimously voted to ask Gray to remain on the job," said William I. Spencer, chairman of the board's nominating committee searching for Gray's replacement, on Monday.

"The directors recognize the important contributions Mr. Gray has made and is continuing to make to the success of the company," Spencer said.

Gray, who reaches the company's normal retirement date Dec. 1, joined United Technologies in September 1971 from Litton Industries, where he was senior executive vice president and a member of the board of directors. He was with Litton for 17 years.

Under Gray's leadership, UTC has evolved from a \$2 billion aerospace company to a diversified, nearly \$15 billion manufacturer of technological products for industrial, commercial and government markets around the world.

UTC is the nation's seventh largest domestic manufacturer and the nation's third largest defense contractor.

SNET earnings up 29.4% in '83

NEW HAVEN (UPI) — An improving economy and lower expenses helped Southern New England Telephone post 1983 earnings of \$3.96 a share, up 29.4 percent from the previous year, the company has announced.

The company Monday reported fourth-quarter earnings of 85 cents per share, up from the 80 cents a share posted in the last quarter of 1982. All per share figures were adjusted to reflect a two-for-one stock split in October.

"Our results clearly make this a record earnings year, as we anticipated it would be," said Alfred van Sinderen, SNET chairman and chief executive officer.

"An improving economy and our remarkable success in curtailing expenses, together with the first full year's impact of the 1982 pricing of our services, helped us achieve this strong record," he said.

"Although our fourth-quarter results were lower than expected because of reduced interstate earnings, our accomplishments for the year are notable during this period of great change for our company."

Net income for 1983 increased 31.4 percent to \$120.6 million on operating revenues of \$1.2 billion, up 9.4 percent. Operating expenses grew only 2.7 percent over those of 1982 compared with an increase of 12.2 percent in 1982 over the previous year.

"Our improved cash flow, our lower debt ratio, now 38.9 percent, and our earnings performance all strengthen SNET's financial position and prepare us well to move forward in the new communications environment," said Van Sinderen.

Job training starts

BOSTON (UPI) — A training program, with a reputation for success in Chicago and Indianapolis in helping welfare recipients get office jobs, was launched Monday at a downtown Boston location.

Training Inc., the first program of its kind in New England, will provide more than 90 women and men with training in office skills in settings designed to simulate real-life business situations.

The 14-week program provides training in book-keeping, typing and computer word processing as well as instruction in life management and job search techniques.

The Greater Boston YMCA, in conjunction with the Bay State Skills Corp., is sponsoring the program and plans to provide training for more than 90 people during three 14-week sessions.

Lt. Gov. John Kerry, who helped kick off the program, called results in Chicago "spectacular."

He noted that a similar program in that city found 92 percent of the participants completed the course, 85 percent got jobs and 80 percent retained them after one year.



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Minivans please dealers

DETROIT (UPI) — Dealers say they are selling Chrysler Corp.'s new minivans faster than they have ever sold a vehicle before, and some are making more money than the company intended.

Barely a month after their debut Jan. 3, the Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager are sold out for the next six months. Happy company officials are stepping lightly around complaints prices are soaring as high as \$2,000 over the listed retail price.

"It is taking off like the proverbial rocket," said Joseph N. Caddell, general marketing manager for the Dodge division. "I don't want to sound like the typical Detroit Pollyanna, but it's been absolutely marvelous. It's

bigger and better than we expected."

The firm has received 100,000 orders for the vehicles, which are produced at the Windsor, Ont., assembly plant. The factory hit peak production of the minivans last week, three weeks ahead of schedule.

Workers were sent home early four days in a row because there were not enough parts on hand. Suppliers were asked to step up their shipments and overtime is almost a certainty for the Windsor employees.

"The demand is tremendous, phenomenal," said Allen Helfman, sales manager of River Oaks Chrysler-Plymouth in Houston, the nation's largest Chrysler-Plymouth dealer.

Air Vermont bankruptcy blamed on liens by IRS

MONTPELIER, Vt. (UPI) — Air Vermont, a commuter airline which grounded its 16 planes less than two weeks ago because of maintenance problems discovered by the Federal Aviation Administration, has filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Act.

Company officials declined Monday to comment on the petition, but released a terse statement blaming the bankruptcy on recent liens brought by the Internal Revenue Service to recover \$327,000 allegedly owed in back taxes.

"As a result of the IRS tax lien and the publication of that lien, the company has filed a petition for a corporate reorganization," Air Vermont Chairman Gene Kazlow said in the statement, which was read by employees at the company's Burlington office.

A spokeswoman at U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Rutland said the petition listed assets and liabilities at \$1.5 million.

Under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Act, financially stricken companies are protected from credi-

tors while they continue in business and attempt to reorganize and regain a solid financial footing.

However, Air Vermont's fleet of planes — which provided passenger service to 11 communities in the Northeast, including Boston and New York — were grounded 10 days ago when the airline voluntarily surrendered its operating certificate to the FAA.

FAA spokesman Michael Ciccarelli said at the time that inspectors found questionable maintenance practices that were "serious enough to threaten flying safety."

Meanwhile, both the state and the IRS — claiming Air Vermont owed a total of about \$340,000 in back taxes for 1983 — filed liens against the company's property.

The bankruptcy petition was filed by North Atlantic Airlines Inc., of which Air Vermont is a wholly owned subsidiary. Air Vermont, which recently said it carries about 10,000 passengers each month, said in the petition that its secured debts totaled \$1 million.

Antiques paper ends publication

GLASTONBURY (UPI) — The Wooden Nutmeg, a small Glastonbury-based antiques newspaper, has ceased publication and its assets have been sold to MassBay Antiques, a larger paper in Ipswich, Mass.

MassBay Publisher Ann M. Reynolds said the sale of The Wooden Nutmeg, a tabloid billed as a "journal of antiques and collectibles," was completed Jan. 17 for an undisclosed price.

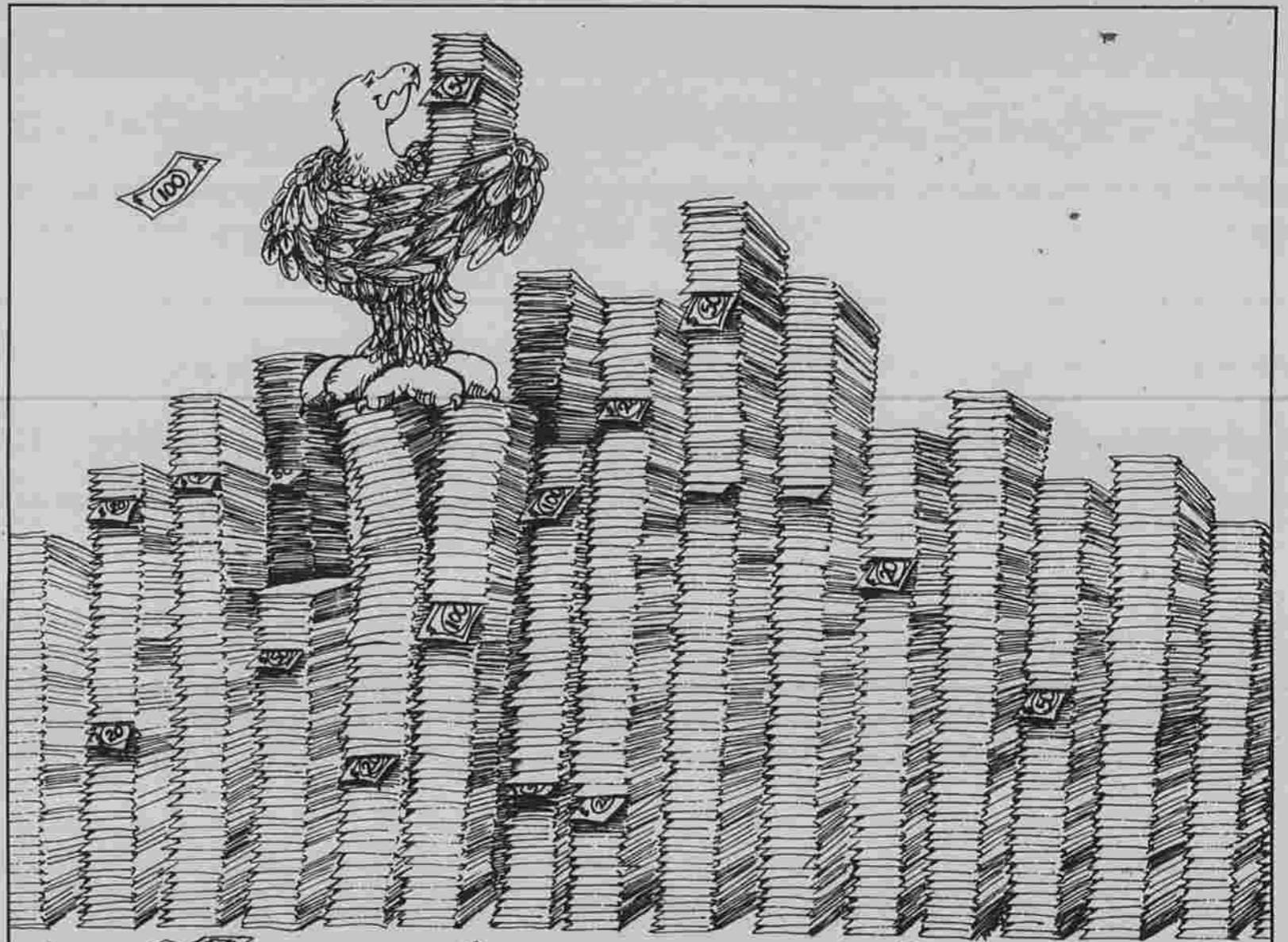
The family-held Nutmeg, published every other week by The Glastonbury Citizen, contained in-depth feature stories, lengthy calendar listings of

events and auction results. It had a staff of four full-time employees.

"I think we were way ahead of our time," said Henry Hallas, who handled the Nutmeg's business matter. His son, James H. Hallas, was its publisher.

The Nutmeg was distributed mostly by mail subscription across the country mainly in Northeast. It was also distributed at antique shows and had a circulation of between 7,500 to 10,000, said James Hallas.

It was not losing money, Hallas said, but "it was a headache for the amount of work we put into it."



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Here's how to get bridal news in the paper

Here are a list of the most commonly asked questions to the Manchester Herald's bridal coverage.

QUESTION: How do I get my wedding or engagement announcement into the Herald?

ANSWER: That's an easy one. There's a form to fill out which you can get by either sending us a self-addressed stamped envelope or by picking up a wedding or engagement form at the Manchester Herald's office, 1 Brainerd Place. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

QUESTION: Can I submit my own write-up?

ANSWER: Yes, you may, as long as you include all the standard information. Be sure to put a phone number the Herald can call during the day in case there are any questions.

QUESTION: Do the forms have to be typed?

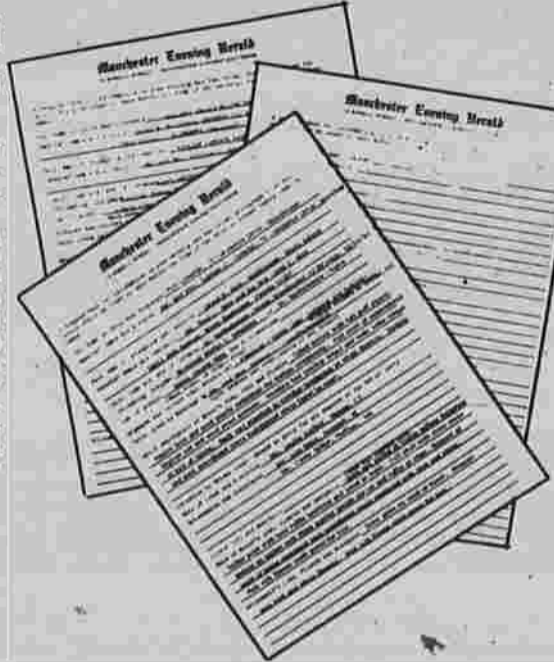
ANSWER: No, they don't but if you can't use a typewriter, PRINT as plainly as possible, to avoid errors.

QUESTION: What about pictures?

ANSWER: If you have a wedding photographer, request a black and white glossy. As for size, 5 by 7 inches is suggested. In both the engagement and wedding photos, you can have either the woman alone or the couple.

QUESTION: What if I don't have a wedding photographer?

ANSWER: We'll accept your own photos, as long



as they are black and white, of good quality and contrast, and suitable for newspaper reproduction. If you're not sure, bring the photo to the Manchester Herald and let someone on the Focus staff look it over.

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QUESTION: How much is this going to cost me.

ANSWER: Nothing. It's a service of the newspaper.

QUESTION: How long does it take before my write-up is published?

ANSWER: The Herald prints its bridal write-ups on Saturdays. Figure on about 10 days from the time you submit the write-up until it appears. Wedding write-ups SHOULD be submitted BEFORE the wedding, to appear the Saturday after your wedding.

QUESTION: What if my wedding has already happened. May I still submit it?

ANSWER: Yes, you may. There are no time limits on wedding news. Obviously, though, your friends and family will want to see it in as soon as possible.

QUESTION: Do I get my photo back?

ANSWER: Yes, you do. Once the photo is published in the Herald, come to the Herald's focus department and ask for the photo back. OR send us a stamped envelope when you submit your write-up.

QUESTION: Do you have any requirements or

can anyone have their wedding plans announced in the Herald?

ANSWER: There is only one requirement and that is that the couple—or someone from the couple's families—be from Manchester, Andover, Bolton or Coventry. This "someone" can be parents, aunts and uncles, grandmothers, grandfathers, nieces or nephews.

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Wedding gift ideas

Give present that isn't apt to be duplicated

By Sandra L. Latimer
United Press International

COLUMBUS, Ohio — What do you give newlyweds whose marriage is more like the merger of two households? A kit on "How to Hold a Successful Yard (or Garage) Sale" and the promise of a sunny day? That might cross your mind, but if you dig deeper and consider your closeness to the couple, you may think of something they don't already have.

"Gifts do depend on how well you know the couple," says Madison County Home Economics Extension Agent Eleanor Ames.

"Money is a handy gift, but really is so impersonal," Mrs. Ames said in an interview. "Use some creative thinking about gift giving. Think about the couple — their likes, dislikes, hobbies, collections, interests — and go from there."

She said handmade items represent sentimental feelings that grow and have meaning over the years. "Use your talents to create 'specialty' gifts," she said. For example, counted cross stitch, needlepoint, crewel or candlewicking projects commemorating the wedding.

Bette Barr, in charge of the bridal gift registry at a Columbus department store, said she recently had noticed a few more older brides. For some it was a

second marriage and it amounted to the combining of two households.

What did they request?

"Towels and sheets," she said.

As a personalized gift she has done decoupage work with the wedding invitation.

"I have given the invitation framed in a tray," she said.

One shopper even brought two bottles of wine to the registry to see if they were on a certain bride's list.

They were.

Today's bride often brings along her future husband to help choose table service articles, kitchen equipment and linens.

"The men are talking about cookware, and some are specific about the type of cutlery they want," Ms. Barr said.

To go with cookware and cutlery, Mrs. Ames suggests cookbooks, maybe a personal one in which friends share at least one recipe of their own.

Other gift suggestions from Mrs. Ames included:

- A telephone, now that phone ownership is on the rise.
- Membership in a health club or sports club.
- Inexpensive baskets that have multiple uses for storage or decorating.
- A promise of time or gift coupons for such things as dining out, washing the car, cutting the grass or cleaning the house.
- Memory book pictures showing the couple as they grew up and as they start their life together. "It's something they can continue to keep," she said.

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Wedding mishaps

The best laid plans of brides and grooms oft times go astray...

By Susan Plesie
Herald Reporter

Smashed wedding cakes. Practical jokes. Ripped gowns. These are some of the reasons Manchester area residents smile when remembering weddings.

Annette Wilson of Grant Hill Road in Coventry operates a business making wedding cakes and silk flowers for bridal parties. And she's seen — or heard — enough mishaps to set brides-to-be shaking.

There she was one day, putting the finishing touches on one of her three-tiered masterpieces. Her then 4-year-old daughter, Larann, toddled over for a closer look at the cake.

But Larann got too close. She lost her balance and slid, palms forward, into the cake. Luckily, "it was something I could repair," says Mrs. Wilson.

MRS. WILSON wasn't so lucky on the day of her own wedding, however. And it wasn't the cake that needed patching. It was her wedding gown.

There she was on the dance floor when a nimble-footed partner stepped on the hem of her gown. She looked down to see the bodice separate from the skirt on one side, so she beat a hasty retreat to the ladies' room for repairs.

Once more she ventured out on the dance floor. Once more, Bigfoot stumbled, and the other side of her dress fell loose. Evidently, when the gown was altered, the dressmaker only hand basted the skirt to the bodice, and it took just a little tug to separate the two parts.

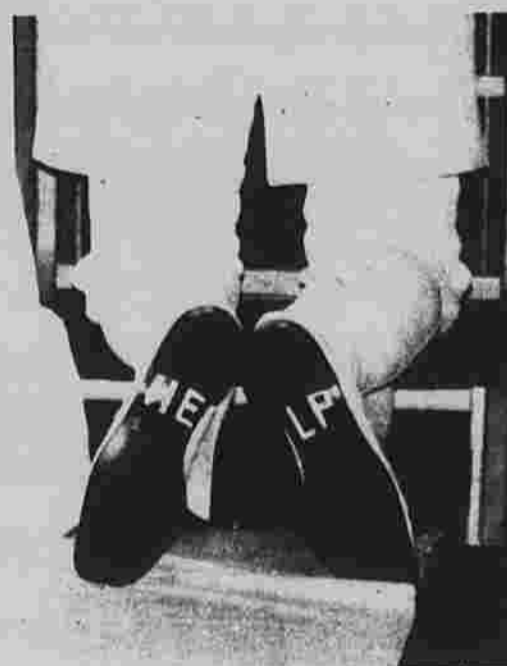
"We had to leave our reception at 3:30, because my whole dress fell apart," she says.

Things didn't get much better as they arrived at their honeymoon hotel. Groom Larry packed light, it seems. He forgot his clothes.

When Mrs. Wilson checked inside his suitcase, she found seven pairs of underwear and lots of socks. But nothing else. "He had just the clothes on his back," she says.

PRACTICAL JOKERS, of course, often take the occasion of a marriage as open season on the bride and groom. Richard M. LaChapelle, a former Manchester resident, and his bride, Rose Moffitt, solemnly knelt at the altar to repeat their vows at their recent wedding.

But LaChapelle's brother-in-law had secretly taped white letters to the soles of the groom's feet. When the couple knelt at the altar, his shoe bottoms read, in neat block letters, HE on the left foot and LP on the right. The assembled con-



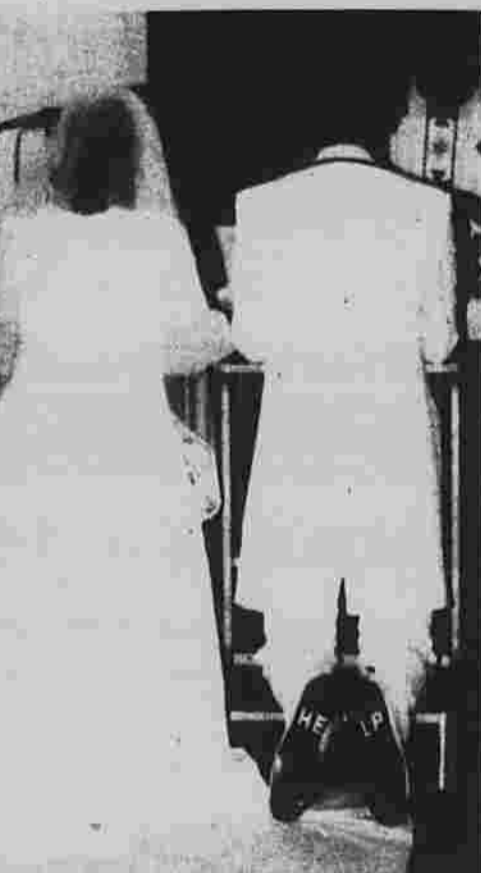
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Someone played a wedding prank on Richard M. LaChapelle and Rose Moffitt by writing H-E-L-P on his shoes. The ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Church in East Hartford continued after the congregation had a good laugh.

gregation dissolved in unceremonial giggles.

There's another Manchester resident, member of a local band, who has a

story officially labeled as unprintable. No, we're not giving out any hints. Just ask him to tell the story of the blushing bridesmaid.



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The Grace Kelly look is in this season

By Barbara Richmond
Herald Reporter



The Princess Di look in wedding gowns is losing its charm this season. It's being replaced by the Grace Kelly look of the 1950s, said Lydia Massa, spokeswoman for the House of Bianchi, a wedding gown manufacturer in Boston.

And lace mantillas, especially popular with New England brides last year, are being replaced by open floral bonnets, said Mrs. Massa.

European embroidered organza is 'in' for spring and summer and the Intermezzo length is popular for the bridesmaids dresses. "The new look is very feminine. The silhouette is closer to the waist with lots of skirt and the neckline is high. Fashion does repeat itself," she said.

A new Bianchi bridesmaid's dress has proven to be so popular that the House of Bianchi — strictly tongue in cheek, of course — calls it "The Cabbage Patch dress." The dress is made of the new fabric, la champagne, and it's white over pink in the mid-calf length.

Another popular bridal gown this spring has a tulips-and-butterfly pattern in all-over embroidered organza.

Mrs. Massa said gowns of pale pink, pale blue, ivory and white are popular for spring and summer. White over soft shades of pink, lavender and blue are the most popular among the bridesmaids.

The simple wreath of flowers for the headpiece is still the most popular, even over the open bonnet type. One reason could be that these are far less costly than the average price of \$100 for a headpiece.

When choosing what she will wear for a headpiece, the bride has to consider the type of gown she will be wearing. The headpiece should complement the gown, not compete with it, bridal consultants say.

A SECOND CONSIDERATION is the type of hairstyle the bride has. Consultants say that women with curly hair shouldn't hide it under a picture hat. The picture hat does fit in with the overall country look in gowns.

Bodices of the re-embroidered Alencon lace are also very popular along with all-over embroidered flowered net and open neckline. For spring and summer weddings the short-sleeved gown is also popular.

Extremely elegant are the gowns that have classic components of beading glittering against the beauty of an Alencon flowered traditional bodice. Pearls are always popular for brides, and sheer yokes clustered with pearls are very feminine topping an organza skirt and train.

And let us not forget the bride who is being married the second time around. Mrs. Massa said for this bride the Intermezzo length is informal and very popular. She said at Bianchi they call these gowns, "The Second Time Around," "In love again" or "Encore."

Whatever the look, brides are going back to the traditional. Many are going to great lengths to wear wedding gowns worn by their mothers. Some have to be made larger, some have to be made smaller. But a clever seamstress can accomplish what might look like the impossible.

Photo courtesy of Modern Bride

The wedding gown is organza with tulips and butterfly pattern in all-over embroidery. The bridesmaid's dress is white over pink with full circular skirt. Both are popular at the House of Bianchi.

Libbers and longevity have renovated marriage

NEW YORK (UPI) — Young lovers, step aside. Gray Panther power is taking over.

While marriage conjures up images of youths starting on a new road in life, one key factor shaping the institution today is remarriage by older people, says Barbara Tober, editor of Bride's magazine.

"People live longer now, which determines an enormous amount concerning wedding ceremonies, divorce, attitudes toward remarriage, and so forth," Mrs. Tober said in an interview.

"In 1900, people lived to be 50. If you're born this year, you'll live to be 80, and that's average. The new thing is that in the year 2000, half the people will divorce and remarry in their lifetime."

Increasing longevity means people have the luxury to start over, Mrs. Tober said.

"If it doesn't work out, you remarry. Two people may be mismatched, not so much that they made a mistake, but that they were mismatched."

Nearly 30 percent of all marriages today are remarriages, according to Bride's magazine.

Mrs. Tober said other forces, such as the women's movement, have reshaped the marriage in the past 50 years.

At the same time there has been a

return to certain traditional concepts, such as big weddings, making marriage a la 1984 a hybrid.

Although some symbols of 1960s attitudes toward marriage have waned, the period has left an indelible mark, particularly in the area of questioning traditional roles.

"The little rigid box that people used to marry into is gone," said Mrs. Tober. "People no longer enter with fixed ideas about who should do what."

One effect of the women's movement, she said, is women's marrying at an older age and entering into the contract with a strong sense of their own identity.

Also, the increasing acceptance of singles means people marry because they want to, not because of societal pressures.

"The marriage age is now an average of 22, and one out of five is 25 and older," said Mrs. Tober. "That means it's not a young woman out of high school. She has gone to college, she has traveled, she has worked. She is marrying someone who, for her, is an adult partner, not the boy next door."

Mrs. Tober also said the stereotype of reluctant men being dragged kicking and screaming into marriage is a relic of the past.

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Young couples choose less costly sapphires

Lady Di ring starts wedding jewelry trend



Ever since Princess Diana received a nine-carat sapphire engagement ring from Prince Charles before their wedding in 1981, the blue stones have been increasing in popularity. Her oval sapphire is surrounded by 14 diamonds.

By John J. Sanko
United Press International

Diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but a distant cousin called the sapphire is beginning to make surprisingly strong inroads on the traditional wedding scene.

Ever since Prince Charles bestowed a nine-carat sapphire engagement ring on Lady Diana before their lavish wedding in 1981, the blue stones have been increasing in popularity as part of a wedding set.

Other notables with sapphire engagement rings include actress Liz Taylor (a 16-carat ring, larger than Lady Di's); Luci Baines Johnson Nugent, daughter of the late president; and Evangeline Gouletas-Carey, wife of former New York Gov. Hugh Carey.

Some jewelers say up to 10 percent of their sales in engagement rings now include sapphires, once considered the gems of royalty and believed capable of protecting kings from harm and envy. Although the blue sapphire was a popular engagement ring more than four decades ago, the renewed interest has come with news of Lady Di's ring — an oval sapphire surrounded by 14 diamonds set in 18 carat white gold.

"A trend begins when those in the limelight get involved," says Edward N. Tufexis, manager of Saks Fifth Avenue Jewelry Collections in Chicago. "Customers react to the actions of celebrities such as Princess Diana and others who are watched by

society." Bill Rubin, president of Winthrop, Inc., which has stores in Falls Church and Alexandria, Va., in the Washington, D.C., area, thinks the beauty of the stone — not British royalty — has more to do with its sales.

"I don't think most people are even aware of the fact (Lady Diana) has one," Rubin said. "I think it's the beauty of the stone itself. It just has a very clear, pretty color; it's a 'blue' blue."

"The sapphires in general have done exceedingly well. We have sold several. The traditional people who are used to giving a diamond are still going to give a diamond. But there are a group of contemporary people who like to do things a little different."

Mick Horn, manager of Baron's Jewelers in Billings, Mont., said there may be several reasons why the sapphire is catching the eyes of young lovers.

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Herbs and weddings are intertwined

Thyme for passion?

By Tracy L. Geoghegan
Herald Reporter

COVENTRY — The flowers and herbs you use in your wedding all carry special symbolic significance, according to renowned herbalist Adelma Simmons. So choose them wisely when you plan your affair.

Bridal parties have used herbs in a surprising variety of ways throughout the centuries, Mrs. Simmons' research shows.

Herbs representing marriage ideals have decorated altars, they have been strewn in the bride's path, worn in hair, worn on lapels and given to children to carry.

"Most wedding customs come from the past and are quite ethnic," Mrs. Simmons said.

FOR EXAMPLE, the English would scatter Rosemary and other fragrant herbs in the path of the bride and groom so there would be a great aroma as they walked.

Rosemary stands for devotion and memory. It also signifies constancy, fidelity, loyalty and enduring love.

Lithuanian brides, according to tradition, pinned Rue to their veils. And the groom's attendants would wear boutonnières made of the herb, which symbolizes virginity and is reputed to bring good luck.

Greek Orthodox, Swedish and Hebrew weddings often used the pink flower of the Myrtle tree. It is a customary wedding crown and is used in bouquets, as well.

Myrtle has many meanings. Among them: love, mirth, joy and the highest Hebrew God, Hadassah.

Orange blossoms are a Japanese symbol for chastity and eternal love. According to legend, the Crusaders observed Saracen brides wearing crowns of the sweet white flowers as a symbol of fecundity. They represent an appeal to the orange tree spirit asking that the bride should not be barren.

Hawthorne is an emblem of hope. Athenian brides carried a large bough of it to the altar, and used its blossoms to decorate their attendants on their wedding day.

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In Northern Europe, Rosemary is planted in the bride's yard where it must thrive to give the newly wedded couple good luck and a good life.

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Edelweiss means devotion and courage.

In Alpine countries, men would show their courage by climbing mountains to gather the little flower from crags and over precipices. They would then present the Edelweiss to the lady of their choice, who would value it highly as a sign of the devotion of her lover.

Artemisia, named for the Goddess Artemis, deity of the Moon and the Hunt is a Chinese symbol of dignity. Like the Moon, it is considered everlasting and is used as a basis of wedding wreaths.

Amaranth represents constancy, fidelity and immortality. It is used in wreath-making and in floral arrangements.

Marjoram, according to Gypsy tradition, is a mascot flower for lovers.

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NEW YORK (UPI) — A study shows most Americans approve of writing personalized wedding vows but are divided on the question of pre-nuptial agreements.

Seventy-one percent told pollsters they approved of a couple writing their own wedding vows. Only 33 percent said pre-nuptial agreements were a good idea for most marriages, compared with 32 percent who approved them for very few marriages. An additional 24 percent thought such agreements were advisable only for marriages in which one or both partners had substantial assets — or children.

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Marriage rate highest in U.S. history

By Linda Werfelman
United Press International

WASHINGTON — More Americans are getting married now than at any time in the nation's history, and the trend is likely to continue, government statisticians say.

Data gathered by the National Center for Health Statistics shows 2.5 million Americans were wed in 1982, more than in any previous year. It was the seventh straight year that the number of marriages increased.

"There probably are two factors that are very strongly influencing (the increase in total marriages)," said Barbara Wilson, a demographer in the agency's division of marriage and divorce statistics. "One would be the increased number of marriageable people because of the baby boom. The other is the number of remarriages."

In 1980, the most recent year for which there are complete final statistics, 56 percent of all marriages were first marriages. The remaining 44 percent were remarriages of one or both partners.

"Most of these folks (who have been divorced) do remarry, and they remarry within five years," Ms. Wilson said.

STATISTICS SHOW men are slightly more likely to remarry than women. While the number of marriages has been increasing steadily, the rate of remarriage after divorce has fluctuated.

"There was a peak in 1969 (for women) and 1971 (for men), and it generally fell after that," Ms. Wilson said. "Now that fall seems to be leveling off... because divorced people are getting remarried sooner after the divorce."

While more Americans are marrying every year, the brides and grooms are older now than they were 10 years ago.

In 1980, the median age for all brides was 23.7 years, compared with 21.3 years in 1963, an agency report

said. For all grooms, the median age in 1980 was 25.9 years, up from 23.7 years in 1963.

When only first-time marriages were considered, the agency placed the median age for brides at 21.8 years in 1980, up from 20.3 years in 1963. The median age for grooms was 23.6 years, up from 22.5 years in 1963.

"Average age at first marriage has been increasing over the last decade, but it is really returning to levels it was at early in the century," Ms. Wilson said.

"The people born during the Depression, who were parents of the baby boom generation, married young. Now there's a return to older traditions," Ms. Wilson declined to theorize on the reasons.

JUST AS THE annual number of marriages has increased, yearly surveys by the National Center for Health Statistics generally have shown similar increases in the number of divorces.

The agency measured one exception — the number of divorces dropped in 1982 for the first time in 20 years, down to 1.2 million couples, 3 percent below 1981 figures.

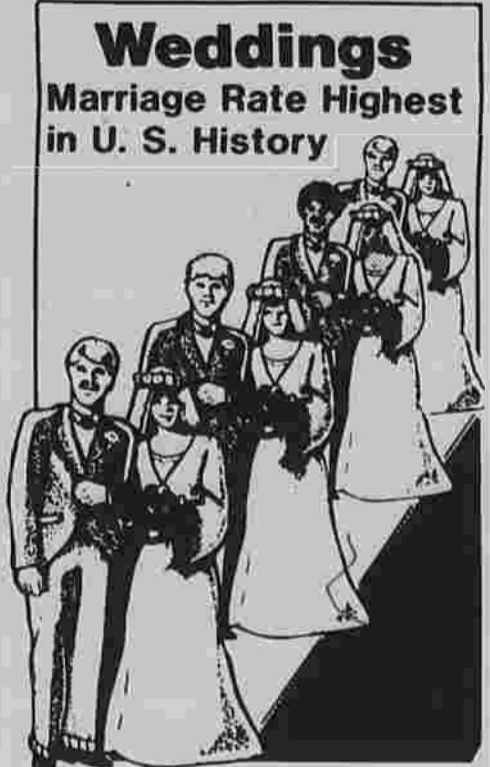
Agency officials did not discuss reasons for the decline, which Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler called very encouraging.

Outside the agency, some experts have theorized that the lower 1982 divorce numbers are more a sign of a bad economy than of a surge in happiness among married couples. In poor economic times, they say, many couples simply cannot afford a divorce.

BOTH MS. WILSON and a Social Security Administration analyst, who asked not to be identified, declined to speculate on causes of 1982's lower divorce numbers.

"I'm sure all that stuff is important," the analyst said, referring to the suggestion that changes in marriage and divorce statistics could be linked to the economy. "It's just hard to measure how much."

He said his office's projections indicate the decline in divorces registered in 1982 will not continue.



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Some things never change

Experts see no role reversal in courting

By John O'Brien
United Press
International

Contrary to some reports, men aren't exactly flocking to the altar, dragging unwilling women by their hair, caveman style.

But several academics who study male-female relationships do see a few changes, largely precipitated by women's increasing tendency to find fulfillment outside the nursery and kitchen.

The stereotype of the woman using "feminine wiles" to catch a man and the man looking for a hot night of free passion still exists in some minds.

And changes in the complex courting dance leading to marriage are subtle and hard to quantify, says Peter Stearns, a social historian at Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh.

In a telephone interview, Stearns said it would be too strong to suggest, as some writers have, that a revolutionary role reversal has taken place, with men now more interested than women in getting married.

"That would represent an oversimplification," Stearns said. "It would be silly to say that until last year men were not interested in marriage. But given the fact that many women do develop career interests, it certainly is possible men do have to do a little more persuading now."

"It goes back to the fact that men are happiest when married. It's been that way for many decades. Men are more likely to remarry if divorced. They live longer when married. The indi-

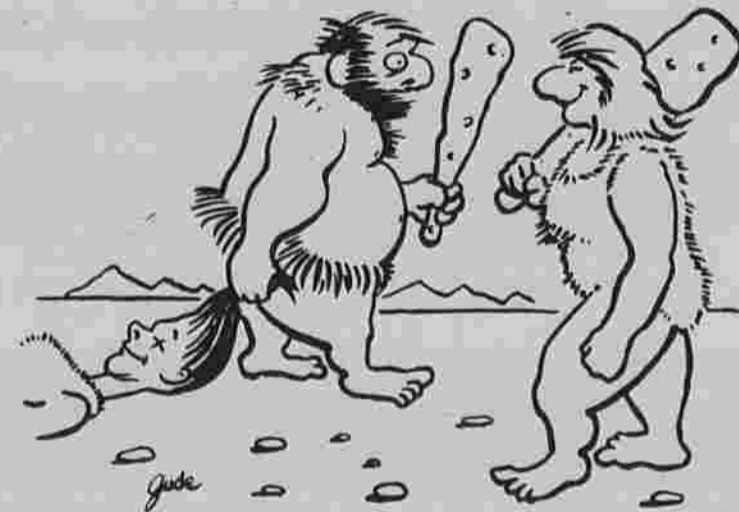
ces show that however poorly they carry out the family role, it is important to them."

THE PLAYBOY IMAGE, in which men strive to get as many women on the string as possible and delay commitment, never was accurate, Stearns said. "And I don't think it is accurate now. But I see no evidence that we've got some sort of absolute shift."

He said some men are more eager to do the things necessary to entice women into marriage because women's attitudes are changing.

"Women are not saying they are a failure without marriage," he said, "(but) more females are less eager to plunge into marriage, I suspect. The marriage age of both sexes is going up. Both are taking more time to think things over."

"On average, marriage pleases men most and makes them most contented. I think it's true



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women do not care as much about marriage as before. The change is that they are balancing goals. Many women find satisfaction in work. It may be true women are playing

harder to get. But men always have taken the most active role in courtship."

GERALD M. PHILLIPS, professor of speech

communication at Penn State University, said in a telephone interview that false information is circulating about alleged changing gender roles. He attrib-

utes some of it to writers who tend to exaggerate. For instance, he said it is in vogue to write about house husbands — men who keep house and rear children fulltime — and make it seem like a trend.

"I interview a thousand people at a time," Phillips said, most recently, middle-class wage-earning adults. "In the last thousand cases, I found two cases of house husbands. Neither liked it and the marriages were on the rocks."

He said marital attitudes among college students have remained constant.

"We recently surveyed men and women at Penn State and the universities of Alabama and North Carolina. Three-fourths of the girls we studied say they want careers but they certainly want to get married, too."

"And men display the same suspicions and apprehensions about marriage as when we took the first set of data in 1969."

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Hollywood makeup artist's advice: Find happy medium; avoid excess

By Vernon Scott
United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — Makeup artist Wayne Massarelli, whose clients include Ann-Margret, Melissa Manchester and Joan Rivers, says a bride's makeup on her wedding day is even more important than her gown.

"Especially, if she's wearing white," says Massarelli. "If a bride hopes to carry through the youthful, naive look, she has to be extra careful not to wear too much makeup. But then she shouldn't be under-makeup either."

"There's a happy medium and it's usually attained by going easy on mascara and eye shadow."

Massarelli said the innocent, fresh, virginal look is usually lost by applying too much lipstick, blusher and a heavy, dark base.

If professional help isn't available, Massarelli says a general makeup rule is, "Less is more."

"We professionals can use a lot of makeup and make it look like a lot less. The first consideration is correcting the flaws in a face. The second concern is color coordination of lipstick, shadow and blusher."

"The less evident the base, the

better," he said. "Liquid or water-based foundations are preferred. Oil-based pancake should be avoided at all costs on this special day."

"A bride's powder-based blusher should provide a natural glow and be applied carefully, which is easier to do with powder than a cream or liquid blusher."

PROBABLY THE key makeup item on a wedding day is lipstick. Massarelli said the lipstick should be subtle but permanent, because the bride will be kissing everyone present, including the bridegroom, and won't want to leave red or pink smudges.

A permanent lipstick, too, will keep the bride's lips visible after a long day of kissing.

"Even though lip gloss makes the wearer look young and appealing, it's not practical for weddings," he added.

Massarelli said each bride must choose the colors that go best with her skin tones.

He said blondes generally look better with pinks and lavenders. Brunettes, he said, can go with darker pinks or fresh coral tones, as opposed to dark browns.

"Black women are better off

with brighter, more intense colors," he said. "They should shy away from pastels or colors that turn gray on dark skins."

Iridescent greens and blues should be avoided by all brides. "Greens and blues are colors of the past," he said, grinning, "and brides are looking to the future, aren't they?"

Massarelli said more leeway can be taken with brighter and darker colors for brides who choose to wear colors other than white. Pastels and deeper tones in suits or gowns mean that facial makeup, too, can take on deeper hues.

HE WARNED against any oil-based makeup that might accentuate lines or wrinkles during the many daylight hours most brides must endure on their wedding day.

Brides, he emphasized, usually are seen mostly in brightly lit churches or wedding chapels and again at receptions following the ceremonies.

He said they should be aware they will be photographed continually during the day and that lighter tones of makeup highlight the planes and recesses of their features.

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Experts on weddings say

Preparation is key to calming jitters

By Sharon Rutenberg
United Press International

CHICAGO — Organization is the key to coping with pre-wedding jitters that can lead to embarrassing moments such as forgetting the rings, experts say. One groom, asked if he would take the bride as his wife, said, "No," when he discovered he had left the ring in the glove compartment of his car.

Another couple forgot to pick up the rings. The jeweler, unaware of the wedding location, ran around town trying to find them. They were married with the minister's ring.

A groom and best man driving to the wedding went off the highway into a snowbank. The bride paced the floor. State police took the men to a tollbooth phone before delivering them to the church 45 minutes later.

"When you're disorganized, you're going to become nervous," said the Rev. Paul Rawley of St. John United Church of Christ in the Chicago suburb of Naperville.

"The solution to that is to be organized, to leave absolutely nothing undone, to make sure last-minute details have been arranged for days — if not weeks — before the wedding.

"As a minister, I get the pre-wedding jitters, too. I always want everything to go well," Rawley said. "I'm always concerned that people don't faint ... and the tuxedos really do fit."

"So I can certainly appreciate what a young bride and groom are going through."

Rawley said he tells bride and groom, "Don't worry. Everybody is human. No matter what happens, you're going to leave here married. Your wedding is really going to happen. Nothing is going to go wrong — so wrong — that you will be prevented from being married."

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firm, Weddings Inc., said: "The day of the wedding, just don't think everything is going to be letter perfect, and if it's not, don't aggravate yourself. If one of the candles is not lit or the microphone sound system is not at the right volume, just take a deep breath and keep on going."

Rawley and Rabbi Arnold Kaiman of Congregation Kol Ami advise the bride and groom:

- If possible, spend the preceding night with the family.
- Get plenty of rest. Make certain you have gone over every detail time and time again at least 10 days before the wedding.
- Prepare the chronology of the wedding day, listing arrival times of the photographer, florist, caterer and musicians. Make sure they are recommended by friends and family who have seen them at work. Once you know you have the most professional help available, trust them. Let them do their job. Don't try to do it for them.
- Do not have the rehearsal the day of the wedding.
- Call officiant for reassurance the day before the wedding.
- Do not fast the day of the wedding. Nibble all day.
- Do not drink alcohol the day of the wedding or the evening before. It acts as a depressant and will make you nervous.
- Do not have bachelor or bachelorette parties the night before the wedding. Do it five days or a week

before.

• On the wedding day, allow plenty of time to get to the church, temple or hotel. Everyone should be there one hour in advance.

• Plan on dressing at the wedding location so you won't worry about weather.

• Interweave families of bride and groom to relieve the tension of not knowing the other side. In the receiving line, place two mothers, followed by the bride and groom and the two fathers.

THERE ALSO IS advice for parents, particularly mothers.

"Do not seek to outshine your daughter. Dress should be understated. You don't have to be world's youngest mother-in-law. Act your age. It is not a dinner party given by the bride's parents. Let the couples select the music, color scheme and flowers," Kaiman said.

Said Rawley: "Tell your children 10 times a day how much you love them and that they are lovely and beautiful and that everything is going to be all right. And start believing that yourself very early in the wedding (plans)."

Dr. Robert Segraves, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Chicago, said nervousness — as well as excitement and pleasure — is universal among brides and grooms.

"There would almost always be a certain degree of apprehension, as you're going into the unknown. There's no way to predict that what feels great today will feel that way five or 10 years from now," Segraves said.

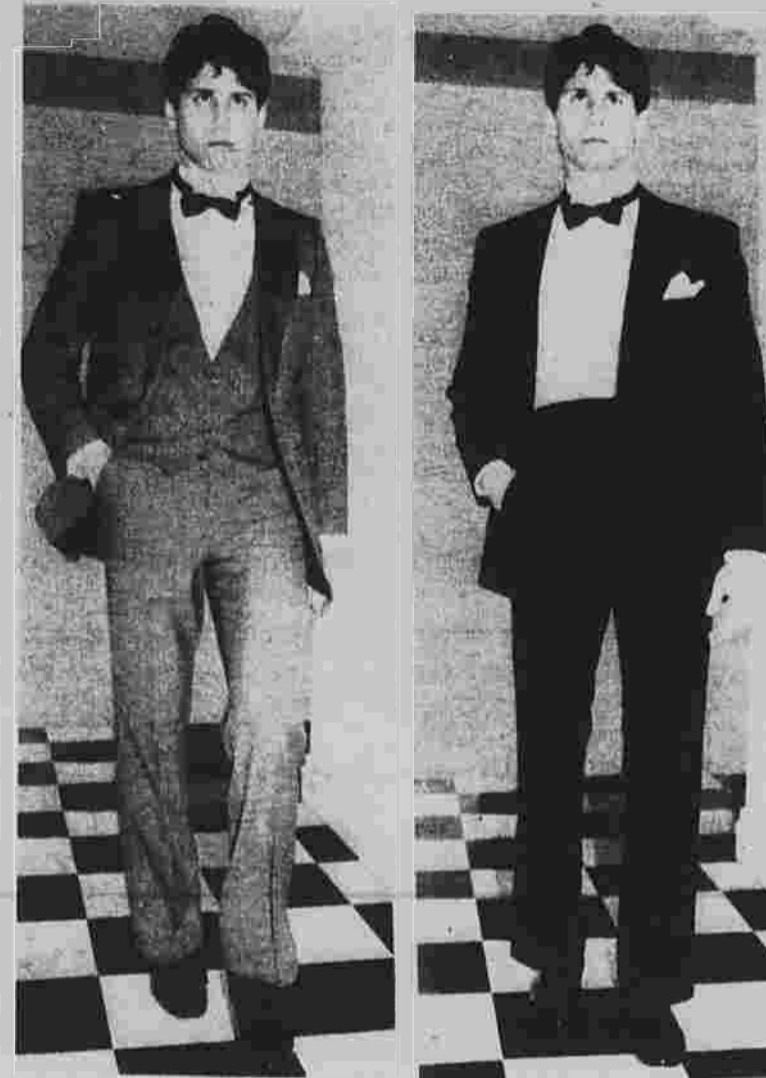
About 95 percent of couples feel simple apprehension but those with serious second thoughts should be careful, he said.

"If the anxiety is more intense than that, then maybe the person better wonder why he's so anxious."

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Menswear for weddings

Pastels out; traditional gray cutaways back



By Ron Koehler
United Press International

The "anything goes" attitude that made its way to the altar for weddings in the late '60s and early '70s is gone. The pastels once displayed in mens wear store windows are in storage.

"I think everything is going back to the contemporary look of 25 to 30 years ago," says Eugene Fetters, president of the American Formal Wear Association.

"The gray or oxford gray cutaway, traditional afternoon formal dress, is very, very popular."

"People are going back to the old standards and I think the reason for it is President Reagan in the White House. He believes in formal things and ... wears black ties in the White House a lot. People follow the president."

"The whole United States has taken a turn to the right — this liberal thing is out the window — and the whole country has become more conservative," Fetters said.

He doesn't fret about the trend. The owner of five formal wear rental shops in southwestern Michigan, Fetters says his business and the business of his colleagues has never been better.

Weddings are increasing in size and, if customers want something special, they opt for designer tuxedos.

"Five or six years ago, we sold what we called 'costumes.' I couldn't call them tuxedos. We had them in pink, in

lavender. They are passe now," Fetters said.

"Rainbow weddings are out. They were very, very popular five or six years ago."

So was the ruffled shirt. "There are no ruffled shirts to speak of today in weddings. In our company, probably 92 or 93 percent of the weddings are wearing a very plain white pleated flat collar or a wing-collared shirt."

For flair, Fetters said grooms are wearing the cummerbund, a broad sash. Cummerbunds replace a vest and, in color, match either the lapels of the tuxedo or the bridesmaids' dresses. Weddings are becoming larger and more formal.

"For the past four or five years our average wedding party has been seven people," he said. "This year it's running about 7.6, 7.7 people — almost another person per wedding."

"According to Bride's Magazine, 92 percent of the weddings in the United States are formal," Fetters said. "I really don't know what the figures were five years ago but we can see the increase."

"If you look at the market in the United States last year, there were 2.6 million weddings. Out of that about 44 percent were second marriages and, of course, so many of the second weddings now are formal, much more elaborate than the first."

"Ten or 15 years ago, if someone was divorced and getting remarried it was hush hush. Today it's out in the open."

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Food for the reception

Couples who marry later often want to avoid routine, caterer says

By Jeanne Lesem
United Press International

Fresh flowers instead of bride and groom dolls on the wedding cake are the exception, not the rule, at receptions these days, says a Chicago-based caterer. Other exceptions include ethnic foods such as paella (Spanish-style rice casserole), nouvelle cuisine, pasta courses, mesquite grilled fish, game and steaks in Sun Belt states such as Texas and California, and a sweets table in addition to the wedding cake.

"Most wedding receptions are as traditional as they were five or 10 years ago," Mike Roman said in an interview.

One change Roman sees and hears about as he travels the country to teach a catering course for the National Restaurant Association is related to later marriages.

Roman said more couples are marrying in their late 20s — and they tend to be very successful professional people, affluent and secure enough to pay their own way and to plan the wedding reception themselves, with less input from their parents.

TRADITIONAL DINNER receptions tend to feature such entrees as roast beef or chicken in wine sauce or chicken piccata, Roman said.

"The whole beef tenderloin is an anchor of the

catering business. It's plain but elegant."

Roman, a second generation caterer, said older, more affluent couples tend to plan more exciting menus.

One such reception he catered recently was for a wedding reception for 200 this past fall in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park. It included mini blinis with caviar and sour cream, curried chicken and walnuts in phyllo, canteloupe soup, fresh poached salmon with tarragon sauce, rib eye veal and rack of lamb, julienne of zucchini, carrots, turnips and yellow summer squash in dill butter sauce, a cheese course with wafers and grapes and a sweets table — followed 1½ hours later by the wedding cake.

Before the cake was served, guests had eaten their fill of such things as long-stemmed strawberries with dipping sauces of fudge or cold sabayon (a rich, thin custard), lemon mousse in chocolate cups, three types of strudel and chocolate-covered everything, Roman said.

The last included chocolate-covered dried apricots and dried pineapple and pretzels in white chocolate, a favorite of the bridegroom's father.

Roman calls this kind of food "fashion catering." "Tiered cakes are still in," he said, but so are flat top cakes without spacers separating the layers.

The traditional wedding cake is designed to serve

all the guests, sometimes several hundred of them.

BUT TODAY, he said, "not everybody eats cake. They may eat from the sweets table instead. The cake could almost be a centerpiece on the sweets table."

He said carrot cakes are very popular and so are chocolate mousse cakes.

A lot of fresh fruit is being layered with wedding cakes, he said.

Other cake fashions include unusual colors such as violet and soft pastels in the decorations.

A TRADITIONAL open bar is still the most popular way of serving drinks, Roman said, but many families now have wine bars at weddings. Many who have a full bar close it during dinner and reopen it afterwards.

A wine bar saves money, Roman said, and younger people like it, "although Uncle Charlie may not if he can't get his glass of scotch."

Holding a wedding reception at home or any other "off-premises" location that lacks a kitchen is going to be more expensive than a comparable reception in a banquet type room, Roman said.

Among the extra costs are tents (if the wedding is to be outdoors), tables, chairs, china, glassware and cooking equipment. But with these items a caterer can recreate a restaurant site wherever the hosts wish.

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What honeymooners want today. Much more than a pretty place

By Jeanne Lesem
United Press International

NEW YORK — Honeymooners of the 1980s are much more consumer-oriented than in the past, says the travel editor of a bridal magazine.

"They try to match their interests and expectations to the honeymoon destinations," Mary Susan Wagner, of Modern Bride, said in an interview.

Ten years or more ago, newlyweds might honeymoon where their parents had.

"They were just looking to be together," she said.

Today, she said, "Some have been living together (before marriage). They're a little older; they've traveled more" and they are more selective, looking for activities to enjoy together.

THREE NEW travel surveys just released by Modern Bride show newlyweds' No. 1 source of information in planning their wedding trip is friends or relatives.

More than 10,000 readers were interviewed by Globe Research Corp. in three separate 12-month surveys for analyses of annual and seasonal patterns in honeymoon travel.

More than 71 percent of those questioned about honeymoon plans for 1982-83 said they asked friends and relatives for information, compared with 69.6 percent who used bridal magazines. Brochures requested through bridal magazines ran a close third, with 57.9 percent. Magazine articles about honeymoons used to talk about the beauty of the destinations, Ms. Wagner said.

Now they give travel

tips, including listing the most romantic restaurants and facilities such as golf or tennis.

HONEYMOONERS have become travel consumers, and Ms. Wagner said, they are traveling farther. More are going by plane than in the past.

They also plan further ahead.

"We recommend starting to plan your honeymoon when you buy your dress," she said, "and make the booking at least four months in advance."

Honeymoon travel is a \$1.9 billion market, the magazine survey shows.

In addition to air fares and other travel expenses, there's luggage — a bride acquires an average of three pieces of luggage with an average total expenditure of more than \$200. Her fiancé's luggage expenditure adds another \$200 or more.

THE AVERAGE wedding trip costs \$1,596, although couples who honeymooned in the spring of 1983 spent \$1,663, one study showed. These figures represent travel within the continental United States.

Honeymooners whose destinations were the Caribbean, Mexico, Europe and other foreign places spent still more: \$2,421, on average, \$2,480 in spring 1983.

Some couples don't take honeymoons. Only 97 percent of Modern Bride readers questioned in the surveys said they planned to take a honeymoon.

OTHER findings:
• Florida is the No. 1 destination in the continental U.S., chosen by 42.7 percent in 1982-83. Outside the U.S., Hawaii led, with 9.2 percent. Three-tenths of one percent even chose

Mature brides opting for bigger weddings

NEW YORK — Today's brides are not only thinner, they're also older and the money spent on their weddings is bigger.

Barbara Tober, editor in chief of Bride's magazine, said her publication's researchers estimate the 2.5 million U.S. weddings in 1984 will put close to an estimated \$20 billion into the economy, or double the amount of a decade ago.

This includes the cost of wedding apparel for bride, bridegroom, attendants; church or other site rental; limousines, reception, catering, flowers, photography, new housing, furnishings, glass, china, silver, and other wedding gifts, and the honeymoon.

Traditionally, the parents of the bride foot the major cost of the couple's wedding, Miss Tober said this custom has changed, in light of today's economic facts of life. There is a definite trend to the bridegroom's family and the bridegroom taking on a chunk of the financial responsibility.

This arrangement developed because parents no longer are "marrying off" a daughter. Rather, the wedding is seen as the joining of two people and two families, with everyone contributing to the festivities.

The division of responsibilities should be thoroughly discussed in deciding who pays for what, she said.

Miss Tober said one out of five first-time brides today is over 25. Of that number, four out of five are in their 30s.

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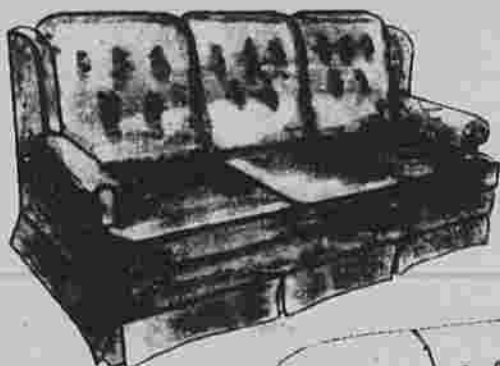
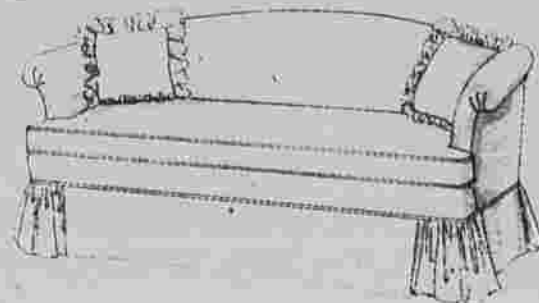
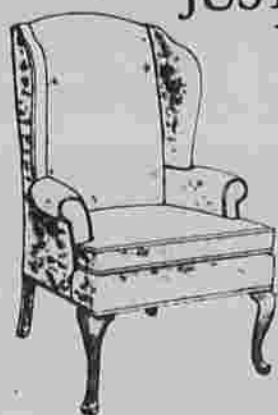
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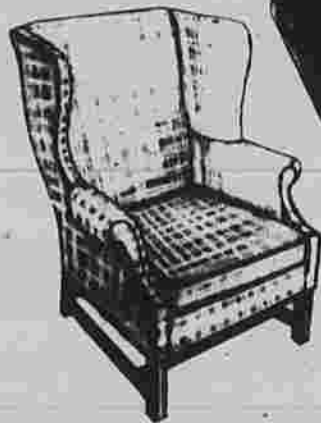
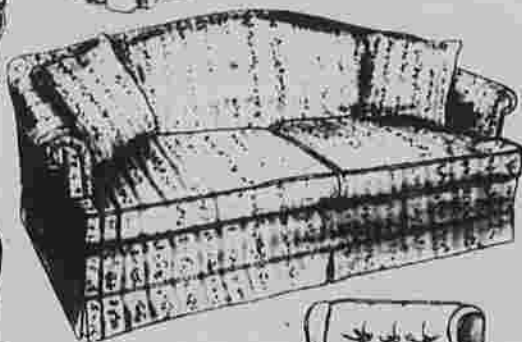
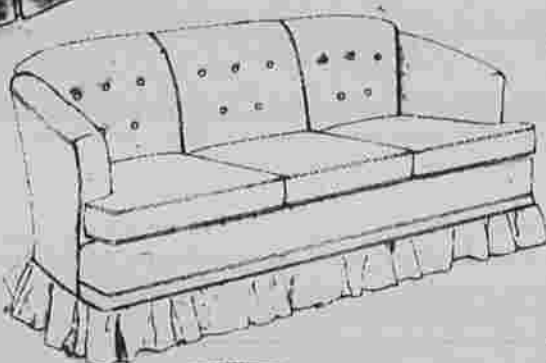


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