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Most couples register for gifts

By SYLVIA BAKKER
Equity Editor

You got the invitation six weeks before the wedding, but still, it's the Friday night before the big day and your searching aimlessly for that elusive gift.

Living in a small town where everyone knows everyone else - including what color their kitchen is - takes some of the edge off of the difficult question of what to get the couple-to-be.

According to *Today's Bride*, 80 per cent of couples register for gifts. Gone are the days when the newlyweds received multiple casserole dishes.

But what brides are registering for is changing, says Angie McCauley of McCauley Jewellers.

At one time it was a given that the bride would register for a set of fine china, everyday china, crystal and flatware.

Today's bride usually only registers for one set of china, McCauley says, in addition to her crystal and flatware.

Giftware - items such as throws, wooden shelves, frames, prints, tablecloths, and patioware - is becoming more and more popular.

If a bride doesn't register, she will usually, at the very least, advise local stores of her colors.

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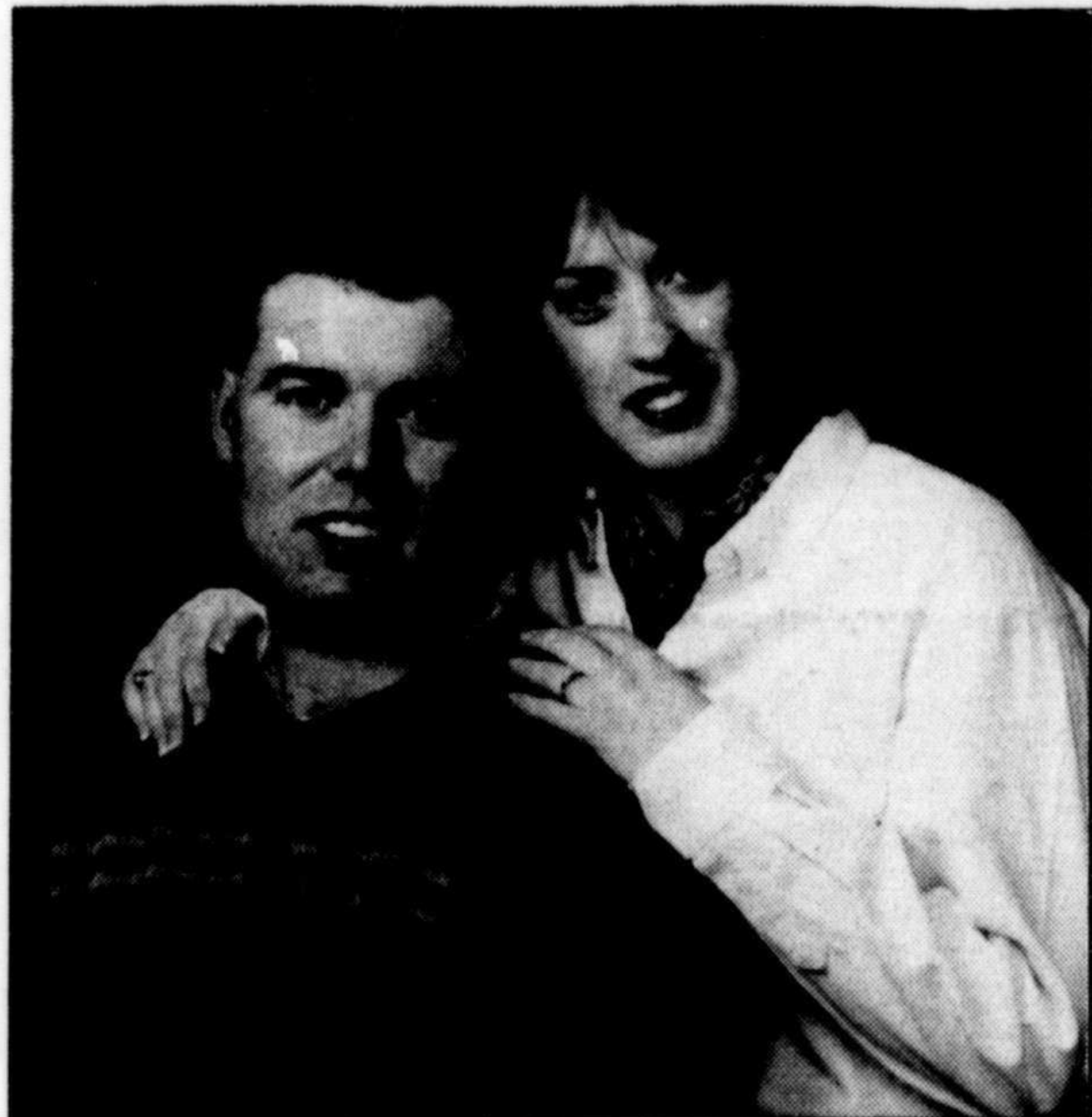


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Acres - Paré

Winston and Erma Acres are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Roxanne to Joseph, son of Rémi and Marion Paré.

Wedding to take place June 10, 2000, Standard Church, Shawville.



Gagnon - Gauthier

Therese and Nicholas Gagnon along with Raymond and Paulette Gauthier are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Christine to Paul.

Marriage to take place at Ste. Anne's Catholic Church, Calumet Island, Quebec, on February 20, 1999.

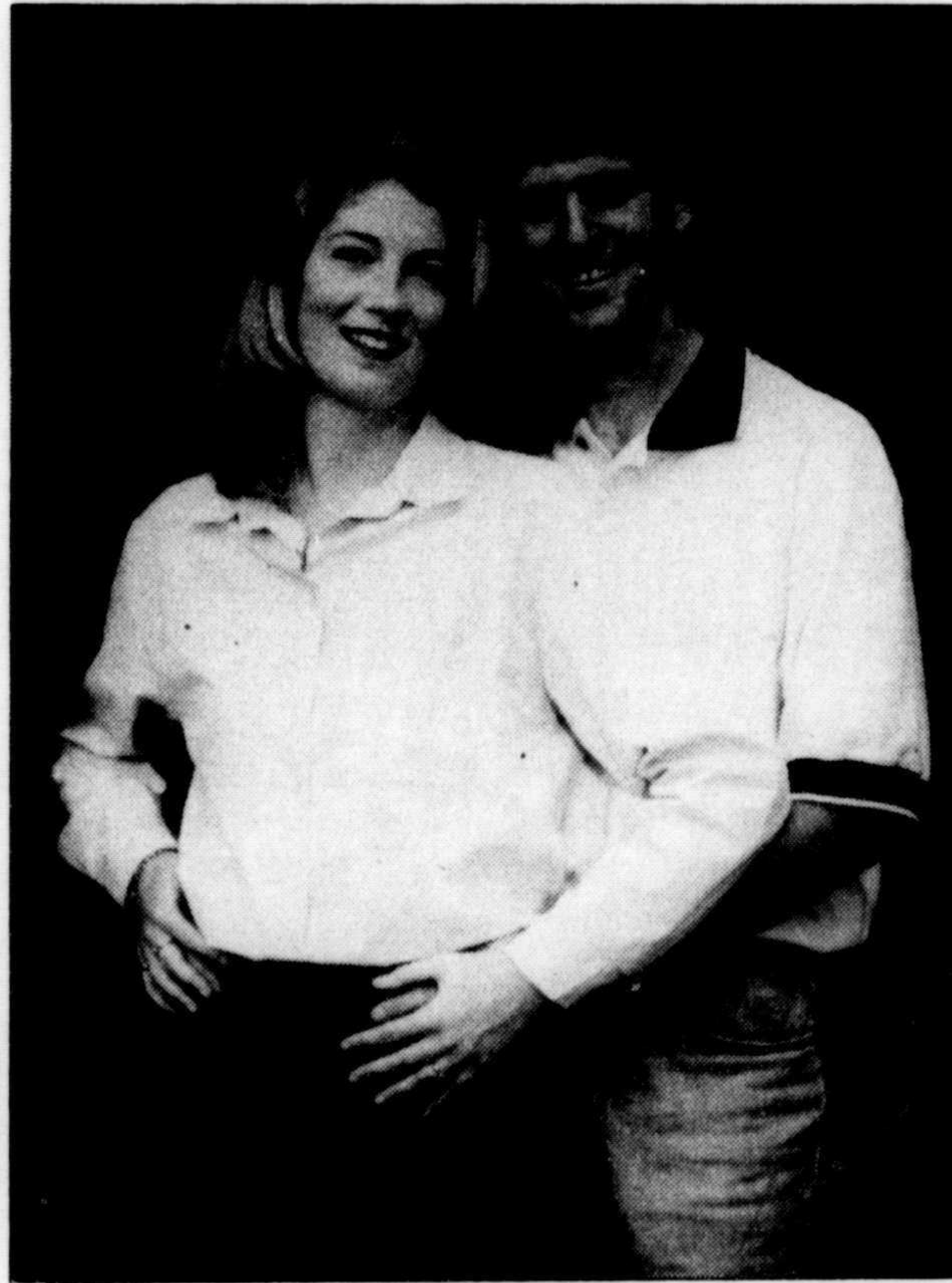


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Klages - Lang

Jeannie and Warren Klages of Gloucester, Ontario, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Krista to Robert Lang, son of Elwyn and Lynn Lang of Shawville, Quebec.

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Engagements



Walls - Lang

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Graveline - Soucie

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graveline are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Laurie to Richard Soucie, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Soucie.

Laurie and Richard will exchange vows on September 25, 1999 at St. Elizabeth's Church, Vinton, Quebec.

Groomsmen gifts

Popular gifts include flasks, luxury bar, travel, desk and smoking accessories. Money clips, key rings, collar stays and pocket knives are all traditional choices that are sure to please.



Belair - Asselin

Bonne chance aux futurs mariés Sonia Bélair et Pascal Asselin, dans le cheminement de leur préparation nuptiale. Le mariage sera célébré samedi le 17 juillet 1999, en l'église St-Pierre, Fort-Coulonge, Québec.



Winters - Cameron

Whoever thought that someone could get this guy to settle down. Well look out, this wedding is to take place on September 25, 1999 in Portage du Fort at St. James' Church. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Winters, of Renfrew, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cameron, of Portage du Fort, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Dana-Lynn Winters and Jamie Cameron.



Vaillancourt - Lemay

Yvon and Diane Vaillancourt are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to José, son of Rolande Lemaire and Fern Lemay.

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Marriage to take place Saturday, August 28, 1999 in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

James is the son of the late Garnet Little.



McMunn - Horner

Neil and Helen McMunn of Shawville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Leigh Ann, to Edward, son of Bill and Joy Horner of Nepean.

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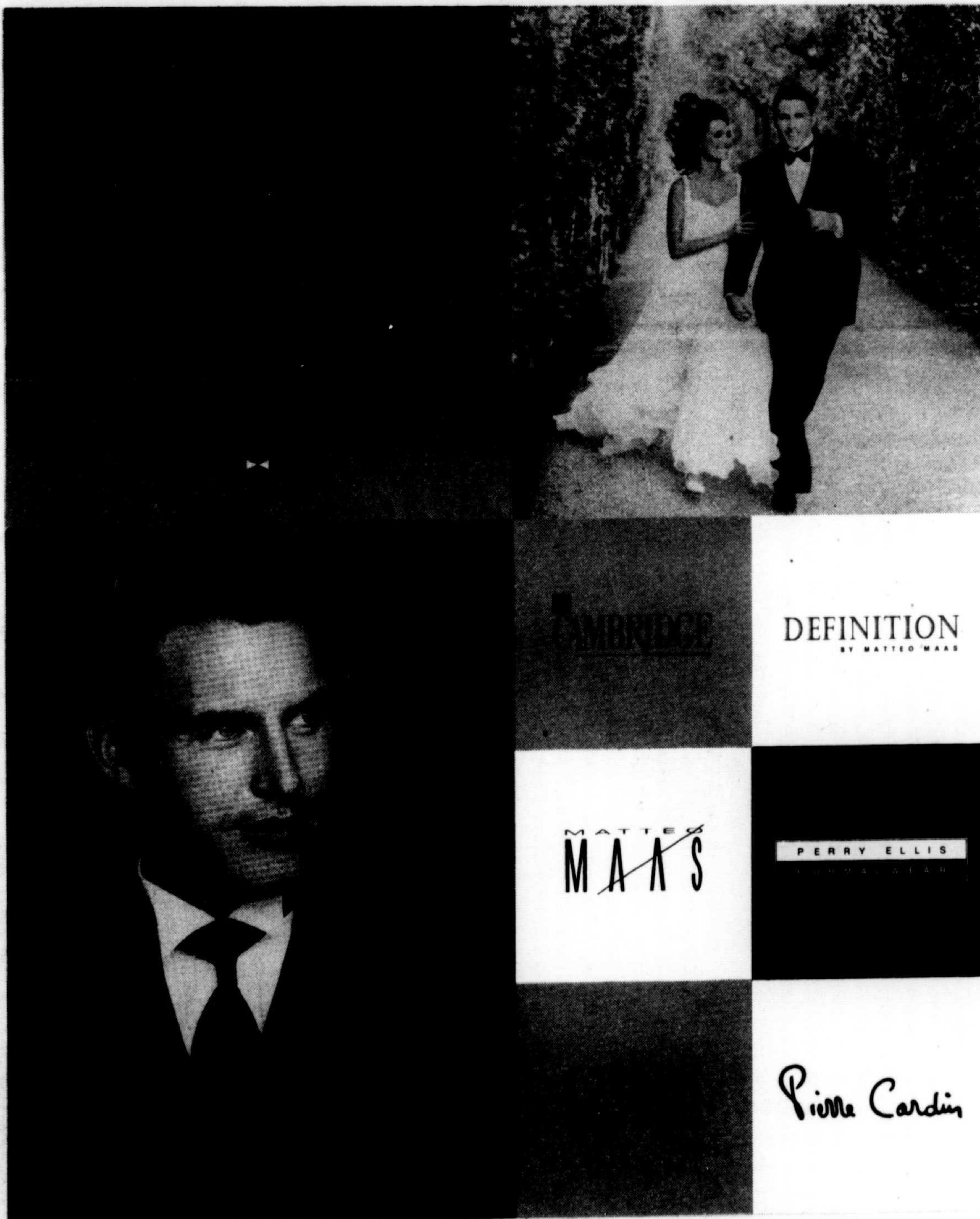
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Engagements

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Hines - Findlay

Mr. Donald Hines and Mrs. Beverley Anne Brown are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jayme to Kevin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Findlay.

Wedding to take place October 2, 1999 at Shawville United Church.



Crawford - Duval

Mr. and Mrs. Barry and Kim Crawford are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sabrina Kim to Daniel Herve Duval, son of Romuald and Eileen Duval. Marriage to take place on May 13, 2000.

Bridesmaids' gifts

Pamper attendants with sterling vanity accessories. Makeup brushes, hair picks and clips, collectible boxes for jewelry and makeup, a monogrammed compact, and a perfume flacon filled with a favorite perfume are indulgent necessities.



Wilkinson - Pilon

Mr. and Mrs. William and Mabel Wilkinson of Mississauga, Ontario, are very proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelly, of Burnaby, B.C., to Dennis Pilon, of Port Coquitlam, B.C., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice and Doris Pilon of Campbell's Bay, Quebec.

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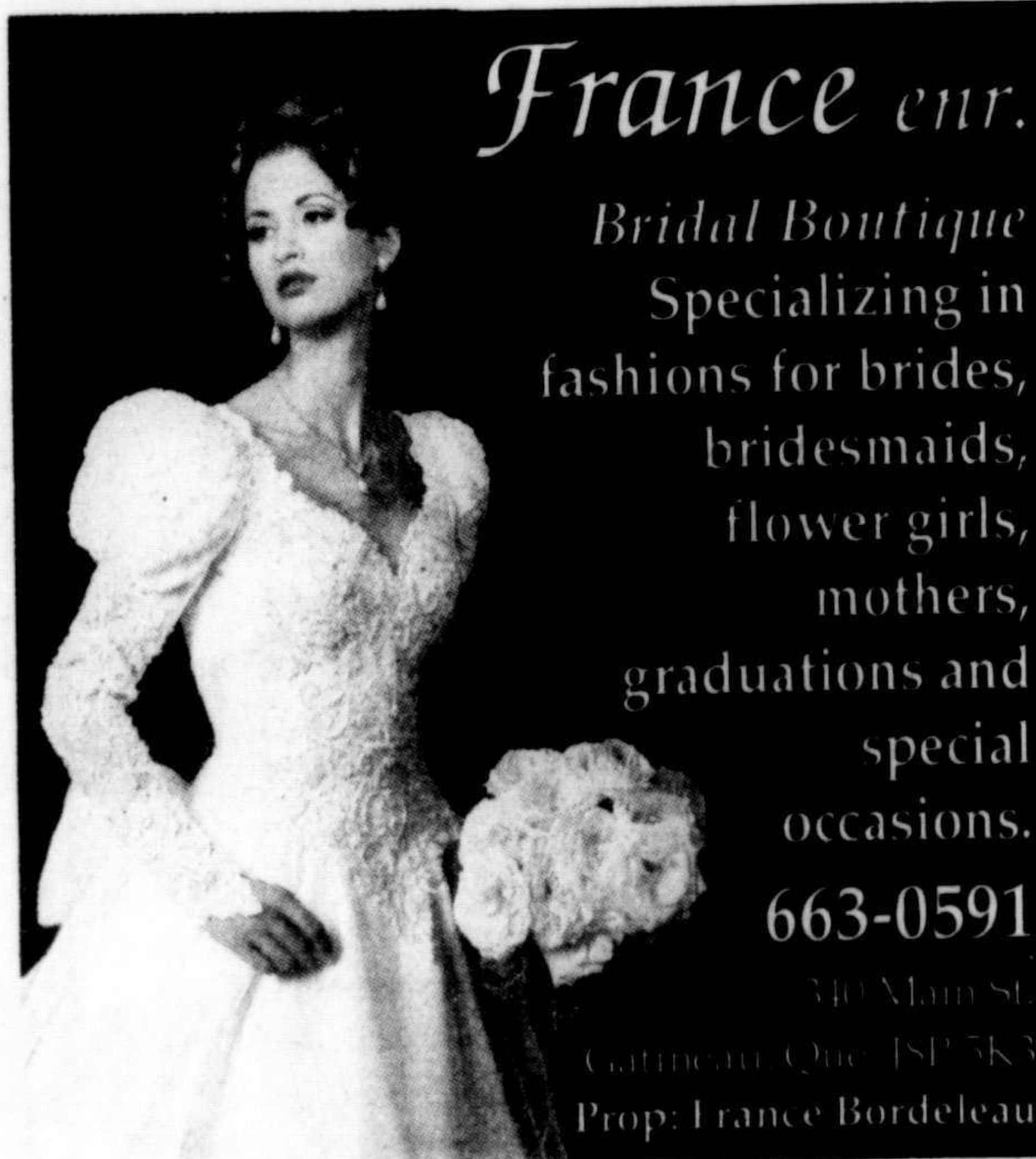
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Peck - Miller

On May 2, 1998, Tara, the daughter of Susan and Ellard Miller, and Ian, the son of Kathy and Brent Peck, exchanged vows at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Shawville, Quebec.

The maid of honour was Lori Ann Churney and the best man was Brian Bruce. Bridesmaids were Susie Pasch and Carol Ann Smith. Junior bridesmaid was Mallory Peck. Groomsmen were Shawn Yach and Karl Mohr. Junior groomsmen was Orry Peck. Tessa Peck was the flowergirl and Brett Carson was the ringbearer. Brooke Carson, Paige Dupont and Taylor Dumouchel were bell ringers.

Local truckers chauffeured the wedding party to their reception at the wonderfully decorated Oktoberfest building in Ladysmith, Quebec. Mr. and Mrs. Ian Peck honeymooned in the Poconos Mountains and now reside in Charteris, Quebec.

Thank you for the support of our parents, family, attendants and guests who helped make our day so special.



Vaillancourt - Barr

Karen, daughter of Brenda and Bryon Barr of Shawville, and Christian, son of Nicole Salois and Claude Vaillancourt of Laval, were married at Saint Paul's Anglican Church in Shawville on the 19th of September 1998.

We would like to extend a warm thank you to our wedding party, our dearest friends. Karen's attendants were Tanya Smith, Melissa Smith, Leigh Ann McMunn and flower girl Julie Ostola. Christian's attendants were Benoit Giordano, Patrick Salois, Curtis Rabuka, Darron Barr, Kevin Barr and ringbearer Alexander Ostola.

Karen and Christian honeymooned in France and Switzerland and now reside in Montreal.

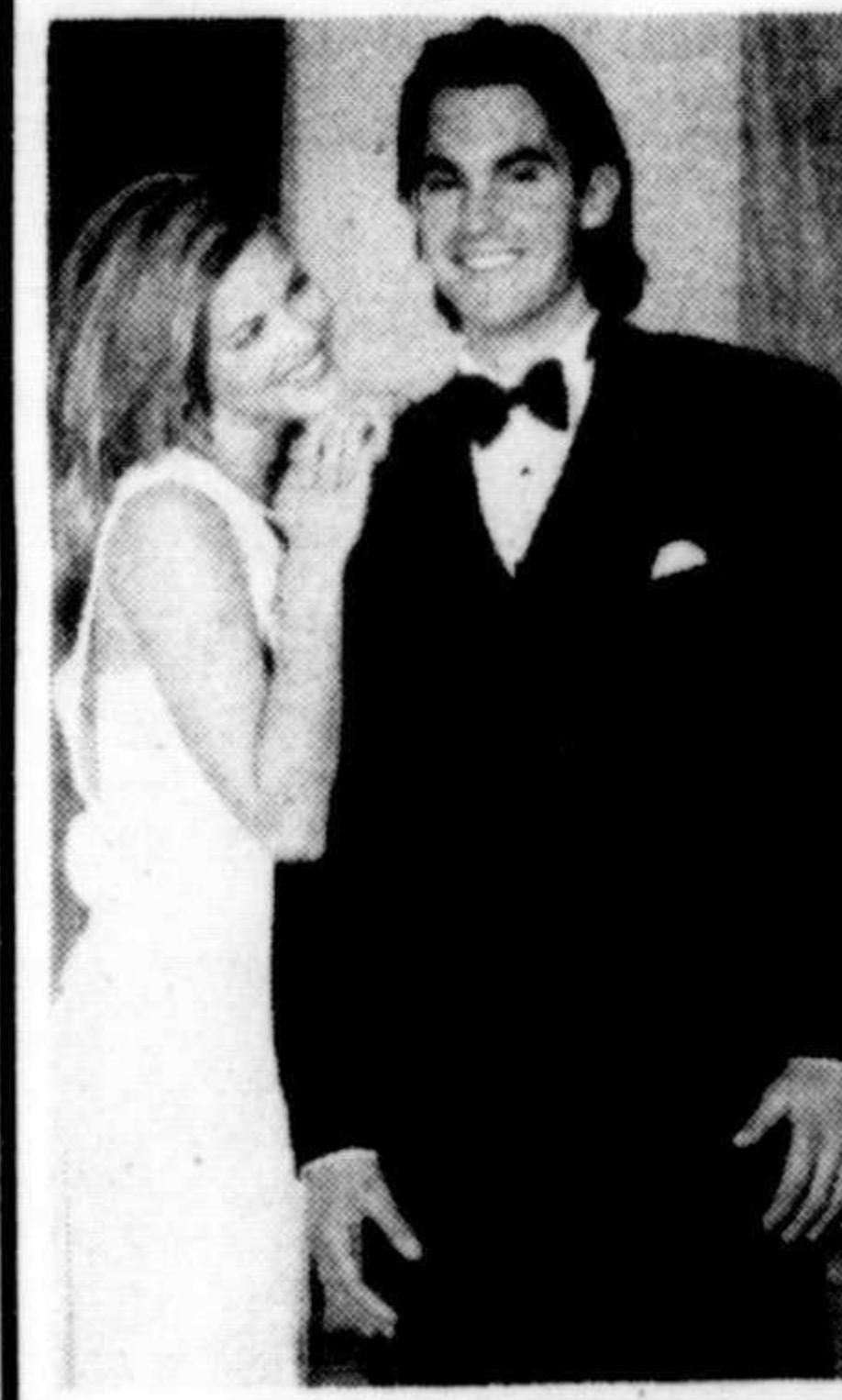
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McDowell - Beattie

On September 11, 1998, Kelena Beattie and Chris McDowell were united in marriage at St. Mary's Church in Quyon, Quebec. Kelena is the daughter of Kelwyn and Helena Beattie of Quyon, Quebec. Chris is the son of Charles and Sheila McDowell of Shawville, Quebec.

Attendants of the bride and groom were Peggy Percy, maid of honor, Michael Smart, best man. Ushers were Mark Richardson and Tom McFarlane.

Kelena and Chris now reside in Ottawa, Ontario, and would like to thank all family and friends for making their day such a memorable one.

Shoes important for happy feet

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Reporter

You want to look your best on your wedding day, from head to toe, so choose the right shoes.

"If there is one day you want your feet to be happy, it's that one," says Marjorie Horner, owner of the Shoe Shop in Shawville.

Horner recommends starting a shoe search as soon as you know when you will be married to eliminate last-minute panic attacks. Order your shoes at least a month before the big day, she says. And, it doesn't hurt to wear your new shoes around the house a few times before the wedding to get a feel for them.

Keeping in mind the im-

portance of comfort, color, design, and fabric, shoes should reflect personal taste. Horner suggests lace-up dyeable booties because of superior ankle support, and, being dyeable, can be reworn.

"If you spend considerable money on shoes, the bootie provides extra wear," Horner says. Of course, every taste can be satisfied.

The shoes should complement the gown. If carrying a bag, that accessory should complement the gown as well. Horner says don't try to match the bag with the shoes.

"The bag should coordinate with the dress so it disappears against the gown," she says.



Beimers - Finan

Ginger Finan and James Beimers were united in marriage October 10, 1998, at the Shawville Wesleyan Church, officiated by Pastor Stuart Marples.

Ginger and James are the children of Ken and Fran Finan and John and Rita Beimers. Ginger is the granddaughter of Emery and Laura Elliott and the late Gilbert and Emble Finan and Jake and Dora Van Leur. James is the grandson of Feikje and the late Bill Beimers.

The wedding party consisted of Jennifer Fletcher, Christine Kluge, Melanie Stencill, Carey Finan, James Tracey and Shawn Tubman. Amy Knox and Stacey Howard were the candle lighters.

James and Ginger now reside in Pakenham, Ontario.

Average bride is 27

According to a survey conducted by *Wedding Bells* magazine in April, 1998,

- 69.3 per cent of couples are planning to have a traditional, formal wedding celebration.

- 68 per cent of couples are planning weddings that include 100 or more guests.

- The average number of guests at weddings is 169.5.

- The majority of weddings today are paid for by the couples themselves.

- The average age of the modern-day bride is 27.3; average age of the groom is 29.4.

- 85 per cent of brides currently work outside the home, have careers, are or are becoming well established, and live in their own apartments.



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Ryan - McCagg

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Perrier - Ouellet

On October 9, 1998, Michelle Ouellet and Sylvain Perrier were united in marriage at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Bryson, Quebec. A candlelight ceremony was officiated by Rev. Merlyn Ethier. Michelle is the daughter of John and Gail Ouellet of Portage-du-Fort, Québec, and Sylvain the son of Norman and Veronica Perrier of Bryson, Québec.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our maid of honour, Nicole Ouellet and to our best man Trevor Tanguay. As well to our wedding party Michelle Gagnon and Adam Racine. A special thank you to our families and friends whose love and support made our wedding so perfect.

Memories captured in photographs

By SYLVIA BAKKER
Equity Editor

You've planned for your special day for an entire year, and in just 24 - seemingly short - hours it's all over.

Most couples agree their wedding day seems to fly by. What do you have to show for it the next day, the next week or the next month?

Photos. Choosing a photographer can be the single most important aspect of a wedding. (Besides, of course, choosing the groom.)

But everyone has heard of at least one horror story of a couple who decided to save on photography by having their uncle or cousin take pictures, only to have the

film come back overexposed or dark shadows in place of where eyes should be.

"Everyone should be able to afford a photographer," says Andrée Martin, who has operated Studio Andrée in Campbell's Bay for the last 25 years.

Even if it's just one professionally-taken portrait, it will be something that will last forever and the couple can show their grandchildren, Martin says.

Choosing a photographer "is important because you want it done right and your photos to look good," says Dave Moore, who opened Studio Photography with Ann Taylor three years ago.

Moore says most people

don't realize the preparation that goes into making a couple and their bridal party look "just right" for a photo.

Placement and posing are very important, Martin agrees.

As well, professional photographers are equipped with thousands of dollars worth of camera equipment and lights to capture that special moment.

So you've decided you will get a professional photographer. Who do you choose?

"The first thing is you've got to like (the photographer), you have to feel at ease," Martin says. "If you can't communicate, there's no way you can be relaxed."

Taking wedding pictures is "very intimate," she adds. "There has to be a special bond."

Moore and Taylor agree.

"People are letting you in on a special occasion of their life, and you get the privilege to be there," Taylor says.

Once you've chosen a photographer, discuss what pictures will be taken. Do you want one with your grandparents? Your friends? Your dog?

Taylor says most brides want the entire day photographed - from the moment the bride begins to get ready until it's time for the groom to remove the garter.

It's also important to allow ample time in between the wedding and the reception for all the photos which need to be taken.

Most photographers will attend the rehearsal to familiarize themselves with the church and to check with the minister or priest about photography during the ceremony.

Buffet or sit-down?

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Reporter

If you invite, say, 150 of your closest friends to the big day, feed them well, says a local caterer.

"The focal point of the wedding is the meal," Bill Telford, of Billy T's Catering, says. "It's what people will remember about the wedding."

Telford says the current trend is towards buffets, but he says the classic sit-down meal is his preference.

Brenda Smith, of B's Catering, says buffets take more work in preparation, and less in serving. She agrees with Telford in that the meal, whether buffet or

sit-down, should be of quality or else people will leave the wedding with, pardon the pun, a bad taste in their mouths.



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Hair: natural and simple



Neville - Shea

Sylvie (nee Shea) and Matthew Neville exchanged vows at St-John the Evangelist Church in Campbell's Bay on May 23, 1998. Sylvie is the daughter of Marie Pilon (Montreal), and Cletus Shea (Renfrew), and granddaughter of Addie Shea and Jeanne Pilon of Campbell's Bay. Matthew's parents are Mike and Gloria Neville of Petawawa.

The happy couple now reside in Pembroke.



Beaudoin - Cameron

On August 21, 1998, Tanya Cameron and Jason Beaudoin were united in marriage at the Immaculate Conception Church in Bryson, Quebec. Special thanks to Father Ethier who performed the beautiful ceremony, to our maid of honour Natalie St-Pierre, our best man Mike Dubeau, our bridesmaids Christina Cameron, Christina (Chrissy) Hodgins, Penny Lavigne and our flower girl Amy Cameron, our ushers Randy Racine, David Beaudoin, James Lafleur and our ringbearer Sebastien Cameron. Special thanks to our parents, families and friends, and to everyone who sent gifts and money.

By SYLVIA BAKKER
Equity Editor

Natural and simple.

That's the trend for brides' hair in 1999 according to local hairstylists.

Gone are the days of overdone curls and elaborate hairstyles which, at times, made the bride almost unrecognizable on her special day.

Now, brides are opting for "anything natural and simple," says Jennifer Deacon, stylist at Hairtech in Shawville.

Janet Fleury of Modern Hair Styling in Chichester says: "The look is more natural which is actually quite pretty because dresses are going the same way."

Headpieces are also simpler. An elegant comb with a veil attached is popular, as

are the crown-type of veils.

Many brides used to grow their hair out for their wedding day so it would be long enough for an updo, says Robin Beattie, of Robin's Roots.

"Now many are keeping it short and going for natural," she says.

Most stylist agree the sculpted and curly look that was so popular a few years

ago is out.

Although dos are more natural than they have been in the past, all stylists recommend the bride come in for a trial run a few weeks before the wedding.

"It takes some of the stress off of them and us," says Janet Judd, of Robin's Roots.

In fact, some brides come in more than once to try dif-

ferent styles before they find one they like.

While natural is in, brides still want a look that's unique, a look they can call their own.

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On June 6, 1998, Margaret, daughter of Frank and Mary Lepack of Vinton, and Marcel, son of Emmitt and the late Dorilla Lepine of Campbell's Bay, were joined in marriage at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Renfrew, Ontario, where the couple now reside with their two sons Bandon and Jordan.



Hodgins - Côté

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On July 18, 1998, Christine, daughter of André and Sharon Côté, and Allan, son of Gary and Margaret Hodgins, were united in marriage at Bethel Pentecostal Church, Shawville, Quebec. A beautiful ceremony was officiated by Rev. Garry Hobbs.

A sincere thank you to our parents and our wedding party. Matron of honour Mary Knox, best man Robert Orr, bridesmaids Tammy Alexander, Jennifer Hodgins-Orr, Corissa Taber, Jenna Jean-Marie and flower girls Alana and Shanon Reid, ushers Barry Hodgins, Jamie Girling, André Côté, Phillippe Jean-Marie, Ian Kilgour and ring bearers Tyler and Branden Alexander.

A special thank you to our family and friends, whose love and support made our wedding day a perfect one.

Tux a good bet for dapper groom

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Reporter

Every man should look his best on his wedding day.

Even the casual clothes wearer steps it up a notch on the big day. What better way to look your best than with suit or tuxedo rental.

"The advantage of renting a tux is everything is pre-done," says Ann Horner, manager of Fraser's Clothing Shop in Shawville.

Styles have not changed much over the years, but the three or four button single-breasted jacket is the current trend. Black is the

traditional color, but for a while in the '70s and '80s, grey and powder blue were popular. Full back vests are the most popular, Horner says, and are available in most colors.

Another advantage with tuxedos is they are cross-seasonal. A tux is a tux, whether winter or summer.

"You get the odd wedding where the groom might wear a suit, or, for people in the forces, a uniform," Horner says.

Tuxedos come in a variety of styles, so every wedding party can have a unique look.



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Cartier - Judd

On August 29, 1998, Janet Judd, daughter of Brian and Dianne Judd and Jason Cartier, son of Leon Cartier and Barbara Trudeau-Sharpe, were united in marriage at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Shawville.

A special thank you to our family and friends for making our day perfect.

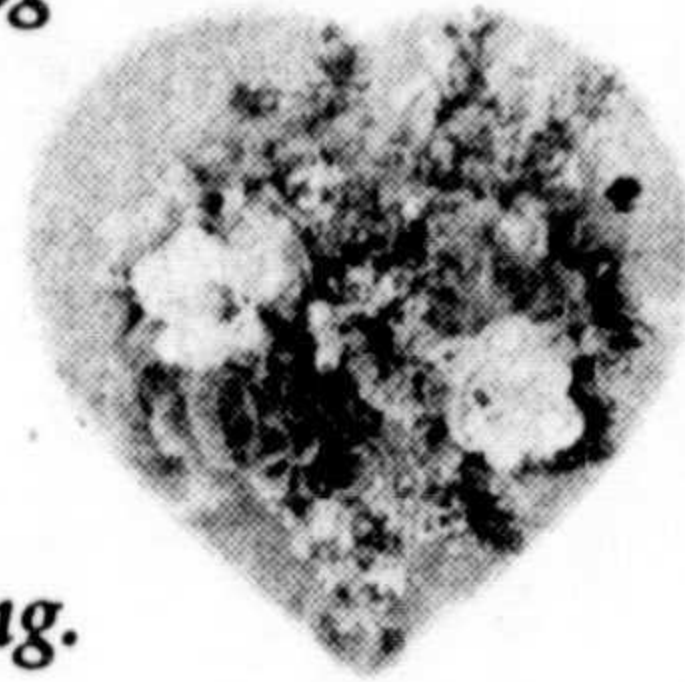
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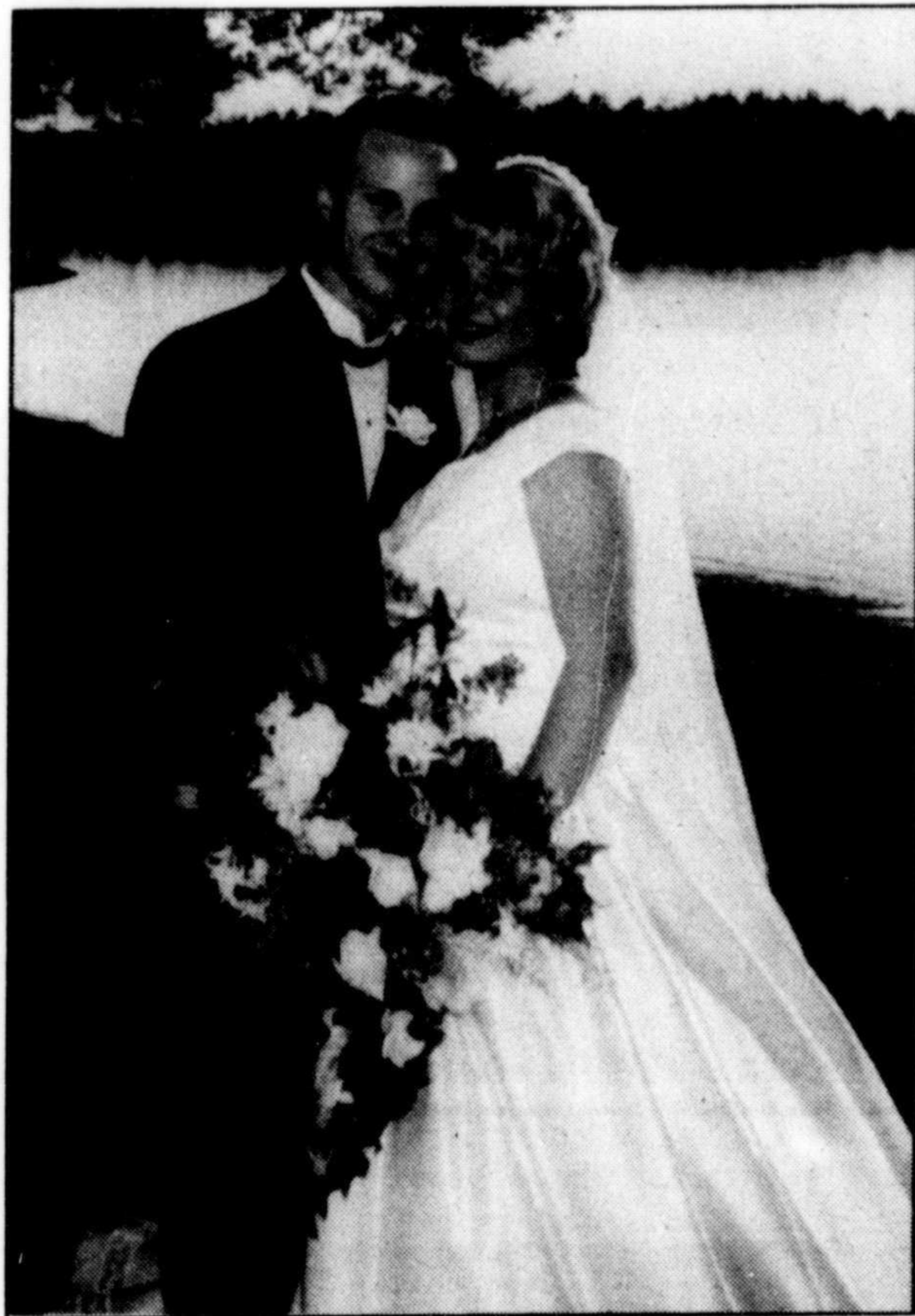
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Wickens - Young

On June 20, 1998, at the Shawville Bethel Pentecostal Church, Heidi Wickens, daughter of Darwin and Cathy Wickens, married Korbin Young, son of Doug and Ramona Young.

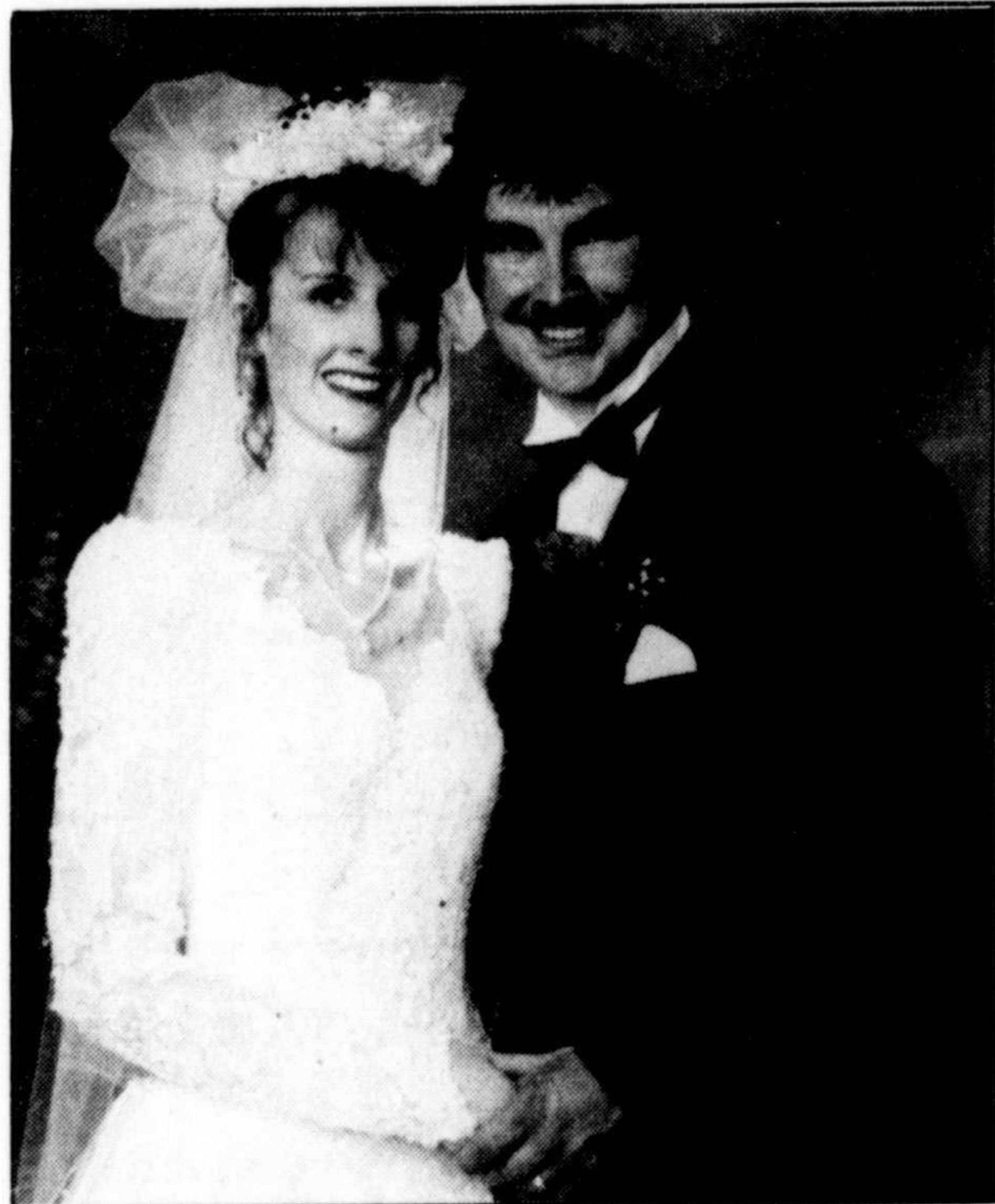


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Lapratte - Derouin

Nancy Marie Derouin, daughter of Melvin and Huguette Derouin, Calumet Island, Quebec, was united in marriage with Sylvain Paul Lapratte, son of Léopold and Lyda Lapratte, Fort-Coulonge, Quebec. The celebration of love took place on Saturday, August 15, 1998, at Ste-Anne's Church on Calumet Island, followed by a supper and reception at the Parish Hall in Fort-Coulonge.

The bride's matron of honour was Lucille Lanoix, followed by six bridesmaids, Joanne Derouin-Allaire, Pauline Derouin-Bastien, Chantal Gauthier-Beaulieu, Monique Danis, Manon Bilodeau and Valérie Demers. The groom's best man was Stéphane Graveline, followed by five groomsmen, Gérard Patry, Serge Lapratte, Pierre Beaulieu, Pierre Danis and Jason Laroche. The two ringbearers were Corey Derouin, nephew of the bride and Jean-Sébastien Goyette, nephew of the groom.

The couple presently reside on Calumet Island, Quebec.

The key to buying a diamond engagement ring

By SYLVIA BAKKER
Equity Editor

Big isn't necessarily better.

Yeah, yeah - we've all heard that one before. But when it comes to diamond engagement rings, big really isn't necessarily better.

A diamond's carat is only one aspect to look for when buying a ring, explain Ervan and Angie McCauley of McCauley Jewellers in Shawville.

Cut, color, clarity and carat are the four keys to buying a diamond engagement ring.

Unfortunately, this means little to the average joe on the street who can't tell the difference between a \$400 ring and a \$4,000 ring but wants to make sure the love of his life is pleased with his choice.

"The customer has to have confidence in the jeweller," says Angie.

"If he buys a \$1,000 ring from us, he has to know he can go across the river and it will be appraised for that same price," she says.

In business for more than 40 years, McCauley Jewel-

lers has gained the trust of its customers, she says.

"Our customers know us."

For future grooms, here is a brief lesson on cut, color, clarity and carat of a stone. These four variables are key to answering the elusive question as to why two diamonds of equal size may not be of equal value.

• **Cut** - Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes, it is the quality of the cut that gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected best when all of the facets are perfectly proportioned.

• **Color** - The best color is no color. A totally colorless diamond best allows white light to pass effortlessly through it and be dispersed as rainbows of color.

• **Clarity** - The term "clarity" refers to a diamond's lack of naturally occurring inclusions, often called nature's fingerprints, most of which are not visible to the naked eye. The fewer the inclusions, the more valuable the diamond.

• **Carat** - Carat refers to the weight of the stone. There are 100 points in a ca-

rat. Therefore, a diamond of 50 points weighs one-half of a carat.

Contrary to what the "experts" say, the two months salary rule "is not a rule of thumb," Angie says. "People buy what they can afford."

McCauley's offers rings to suit all tastes and a wide range of bank accounts. Prices generally range from \$200 to \$5,000.

The Main Street jewellery store also gives couples the option of a personally-designed ring. The couple

pick the stone and the mount, and McCauley's goldsmith creates the ring.

If a personally-designed ring isn't your thing, solitaires are the most popular type of engagement ring these days.

Clusters, which were once a popular choice, are no longer big sellers as engagement rings.

Ervan and Angie estimate about half their diamonds are sold to couples searching for a ring together, while the other half are sold to men who come in alone.



Weston - Stanley

Steven and Paula are proud to announce their wedding which took place August 8, 1998 at Gore United Church in Thurso, Quebec.

Proud grandparents are Lawson and Elsie Stanley and granddaughter Paula. Proud parents are George and Juliette Weston and son Steven.

The couple honeymooned in Atlanta, Georgia and reside in Thurso, Quebec.



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