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VOUR WEODING BRIDE OF THE MONTH



Desneiges Albert of Georgetown became the bride of Dionel Arsenault at Sacre Coeur church, Georgetown, recently. Portrait by Paulette.

Today it's the fiancé and not mom who has the final word on sterling

Time was, when a bride- other areas, but when it to-be went in search of a sterling pattern, she took her mother with her.

Mother is gradually losing her foothold as consultant these days to her daughter's fiance. That's what sterling retailers throughout the country report, who were recently asked whether there was any change in that most traditional of pre-wedding customs - the selection by the bride-to-be of her sterling pattern.

Active participants The groom-to-be is turning out to be a more active participant in the decision, it seems.

Perhaps It's the fact that sterling, because of its high value now, and the promise of increasing value in the future, stands to be one of the most important possessions the couple will ever acquire. Or it might just be that the engaged girl's flance -who, after all, will be using the set of solld silver almost as much as his wife -- feets he has as much right as the brideto-be in making the final selection of pattern.

Nostalgia is back And what patterns do young couples select these days? Not the sleek, contemporary ones which were so popular, say, 10 years ago.

Today's bride may be

forward-thinking in many

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comes to sterling, she defi-

nitely takes a nostalgie

look backward. The three

patterns, in fact, listed by

retallers as being most

popular with brides, fea-

ture design elements

which flourished in the

18th, 17th, and early 19th

Richness prevails

displays the regal and

graceful lines of the Louis

The most popular, which

centuries, in that order.

FLORISTS

XV era, could blend easily with either decorated or plain china. The second choice, however, which followed close on the heels of the winner, is a design greater attention to detail that's unabashedly lavish, thun stainless. with elaborate ornamentation and contrasting ef-

A quieter mond of controlled refinement prevalis in the third choice, Finest craftsmanship Volunteering a possible

so many designs. reason for the popularity of traditional motifs, one retailer pointed out that sterling normally tends to ing it and receiving it are finer craftsmanship and two different things.

A bride may pick a sim-ply designed stainless pattern for everyday use, he said, but sterling "just looks more like sterling" when it features the exquisite detailing and subtle

richness characteristic of

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girl's best friend. Five out of six of the retailers say that girls who register their sterling are able to count on their parents' help in starting their set. And two out of three report that when an engaged girl does register it - and lets friends and

Parents are tops!

what It takes - -- but want-

What's the best way for a

girl to go about acquiring

consultants agree that, in

this case, parents are a

Retailers and bridal gift

a set today?

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relatives know she wants it -- it encourages other gift-givers to help out with place or serving 'Special' meaning

Do brides still register for 12 six-piece place settings? Some do, but most, girls today register for eight place settings - and the four-piece place setting is by far the most popular size for today's pared-down menus and easier entertaining.

Solid silver still means "special occasion" to brides, it seems. And choosing the one pattern the couple will live with, and love, all their days together is still one of the most special occasions of all in the busy days before the wedding.

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