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Knox Presbyterian Church was the setting for the wedding on Saturday, July 15, 1978 of Louise Boisvenue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Euclide Boisvenue of 16 Byron St. to Mr. Russ Millar, son of Mrs. Jane Millar of 28 Shelley St.

Portrait by Paulette

Gift registration prevents duplication

To avoid collecting myriads of toasters or white elephants—chosen by well-meaning friends and relatives as wedding gifts—the wise bride-to-be will make a visit to a wedding gift registry a must.

A free service offered by virtually all department, gift and jewelry stores, the registry records the bride's preferences in tableware, kitchen items and other furnishings for her new home.

Betsy Abbott, registry consultant at B. Altman and Company in New York explains, "We give advice to brides on color schemes, patterns, and design trends. We also help friends and relatives who are not familiar with the bride's tastes escape the time-consuming search through the store to find the right gift."

In coordinating china, crystal, and silver choices, the registry is particularly valuable, according to Arlene Hirst, design consultant for Lenox, whose fine china is registered for by more brides than any other firm.

"We design such a wide variety of patterns, shapes and colors that the professional advice of the consultant is invaluable in helping brides choose Lenox styles to suit their tastes," she said.

Choose china first. "China, because of its importance on the table, is usually selected first; crystal and silver are then chosen. Color, pattern, and lifestyle

are key factors today in assembling a coordinated look in table fashions that will last for years", Ms. Hirst said.

In home entertaining, the successful hostess is rated not only by the menu she prepares but by the tablesetting she creates.

With the dramatic use of color in linens and accessories—and with imaginative centrepieces—she can create a background for her

china and crystal that truly reflects her personality," said Ms. Hirst.

In choosing her china and crystal, color is important, the Lenox designer advised. In new dinnerware designs, there are rich chocolate browns, bold terra cotta, and natural blues. In crystal, gold, green, blue and brown are popular casual colors.

Fine china patterns also range from the traditional floral sprays, etched gold

bands, and oriental motifs to the contemporary white-on-white and simple platinum banded designs. And in crystal, there are graceful new-flared stemware shapes, over-sized wine glasses and contemporary decanters and table accessories.

By keeping abreast of trends in tableware design, the wedding gift consultant offers brides up-to-the-minute advice, said the Lenox

consultant. Here are the tips she offers in using the registry:

- Register as soon after your engagement as possible—at least several months before the wedding. The closer you get to your wedding date, the busier you will be. Often, relatives and friends also consult the registry to buy engagement gifts.

- Mother, members of the bridal party, and close friends will help spread the name of the store where you are registered. It is best to select one store—department stores with branches usually coordinate the information within their chains.

- Most brides register their choices for fine china, crystal and silver but it is also advisable to register for casual tableware items. You are not obligated to make a purchase at the store where you register.

- Register for the number of place settings that will fit your lifestyle. You can start with as little as two and go up to ten or twelve. Buffet place settings consist of three pieces—a dinner plate, cup and saucer.

- Complete place settings also include the salad and bread and butter plates, a total of five pieces which you would use for entertaining.
- Lenox china and crystal patterns are available in "open stock". You can continue to add pieces to your set and build a full service as long as the pattern is made.

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