

Bridesmaids' dresses: Romantic, traditional

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ROMANTIC AND TRADITIONAL DRESSES, like these at Susie's Casuals, are the two most popular looks for bridesmaids. Each retails for under \$70. Hat, \$28.

Romantic and traditional are the two biggest trends in bridesmaid dressing today. More and more bridal parties are wearing either frilly off-the-shoulder Scarlett O'Hara looks or lacy covered-up Victorians, both of which lend an aura of charm and femininity to the wedding.

The most popular fabrics are taffeta and satin while chiffon still holds its own. Pastel shades are the favorites, with pink the leader and aqua "coming on strong", according to buyer Janice Gibney of Susie's Casuals, a national chain that specializes in bridal and prom dresses.

Lengths are generally to the floor, although there seems to be some interest in tea lengths, which end mid-calf.

Nearly as important as the dress itself are accessories. Gloves, both wrist and elbow length, are extremely popular, while hats, hoops, crinolines and

jewelry all add a feminine touch.

Whatever the choice of style, shopping early is a must. To ensure that

orders are met properly, Ms. Gibney suggests that the bridal party shop at least eight weeks prior to the wedding.

Tips for the nervous groom

The ceremony is rapidly approaching and you, the groom, are naturally getting gradually more nervous.

Mr. Robert C. Rudolfer, President of After Six Formal, makes these suggestions for getting through the day calmly.

—Take everything one moment at a time.

—Make sure boutonniere is on.

—Remove hands from pockets.

—Take a few deep breaths to relax.

—Smile and take that first great step to the altar.

—When it's all over, remember to kiss the bride.

At the time you purchase your wedding dress, find out from the salesperson the best method for cleaning it. Often, the manufacturer gives instructions for dry cleaning or the use of a commercial spot lifter.

Be sure to pass on these instructions to whomever offers to take care of your dress after the reception. It's important not to let stains sit for too long as they will be more difficult to get out.

Most veils should be hand washed with a mild soap and then dried flat on clean towels.

Dominican Republic is a popular honeymoon resort

There's so many choices available when making a honeymoon decision. How do you make up your mind?

One popular idea that is catching on with many newlyweds is a trip to Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic says Elaine Petkoff of Acton Travel.

Jack Tar Villages offered through Adventure Tours in Puerto Plata, Jamaica and the Bahamas are attractive to couples, says the manager of Acton Travel.

Especially with a Sunday departure date, the Adventure Tours operation is deal for honeymooners, she says.

Puerto Plata is the most popular of the three Jack Tar Villages. Packages are paid in Canadian dollars which amounts to some savings because there's no need to pay for meals, snacks and extras in American dollars once you're down there, she says.

The package includes all drinks, water sports and most of the extras you'll ever need.

The Jack Tar Village concept is similar to Club Med, but Ms. Petkoff says Jack Tar is "less expensive and not as risqué."

Other popular southern spots are Jamaica and cruises in the carib-

bean, she says.

Runaway Bay in Jamaica, located about a half hour from Montego Bay, is recommended by Ms. Petkoff.

Not many newlyweds visit Mexico for their honeymoon she said.

In the summer months

many couple decide to stay in Ontario and book a week at Deerhurst Inn, she says. Niagara Falls and Quebec City are still popular trips for honeymooners.

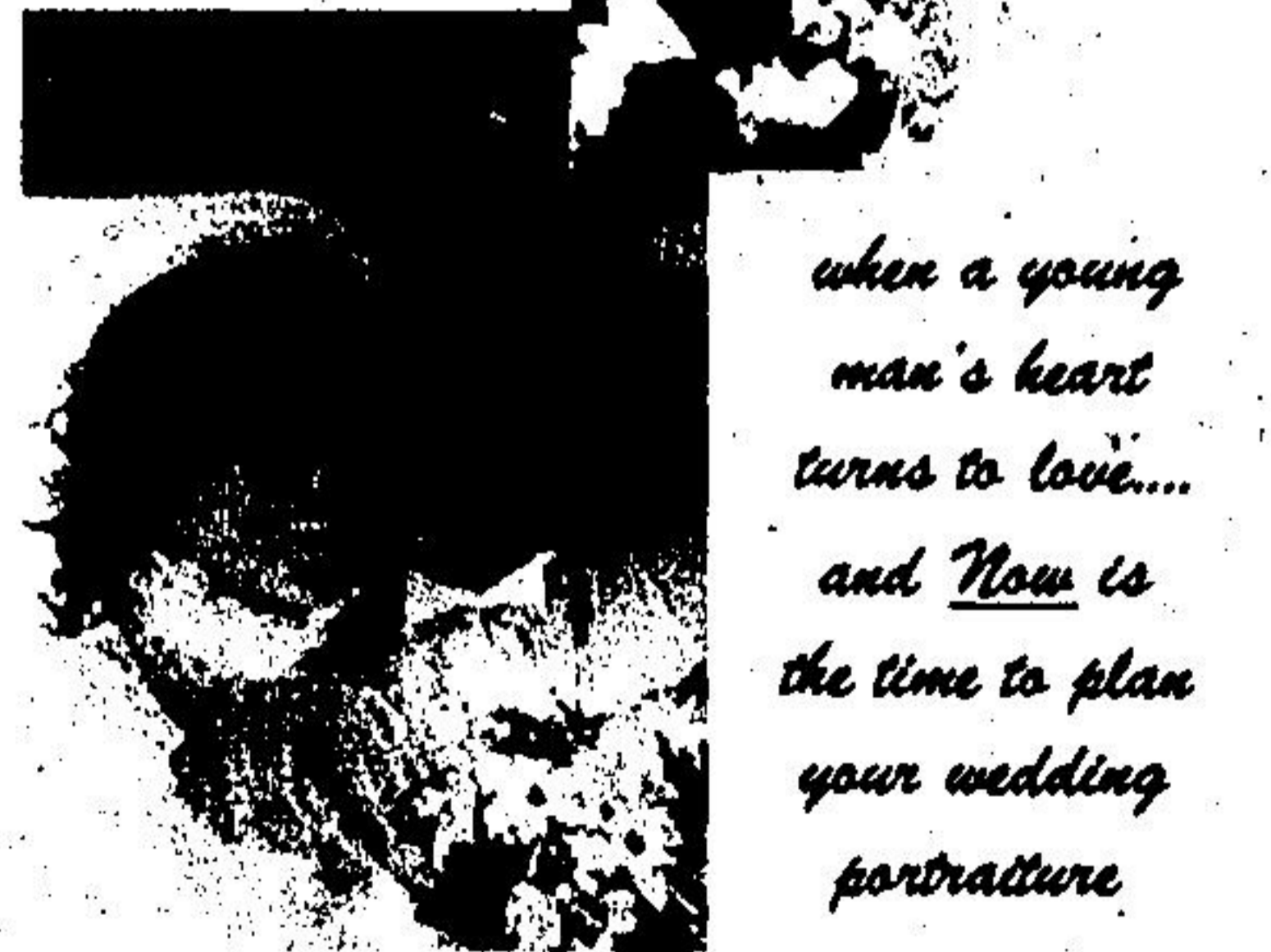
Some adventuresome young couples come into the agency looking for

travel information on camping, she says.

The trend is not as evident for June and July weddings, she says. She's noticed more winter and spring wedding dates which is perfect for a southern holiday in the caribbean.



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