

Wonderful Weddings

Decorations set the mood of the wedding

Every bride dreams of a beautiful wedding. Unfortunately, most reception facilities until decorated, can be described as more barren than beautiful.

Transforming these empty halls into sumptuous settings is the job of the florist and the creative professionals.

From simple, country weddings to sophisticated affairs, the decorating possibilities are limited only by the imagination of the florist.

For informal, country or garden-style weddings, flowers in baskets and clay pots are especially charming.

Pots can be painted to coordinate with the colour scheme and small ones can be grouped and interspersed with either pillar or votive candles.

Gazebos and trellises can be decorated with ivy, flowers and wild grapevine and large planters,

spilling over with flowers, can be placed at strategic spots around the site.

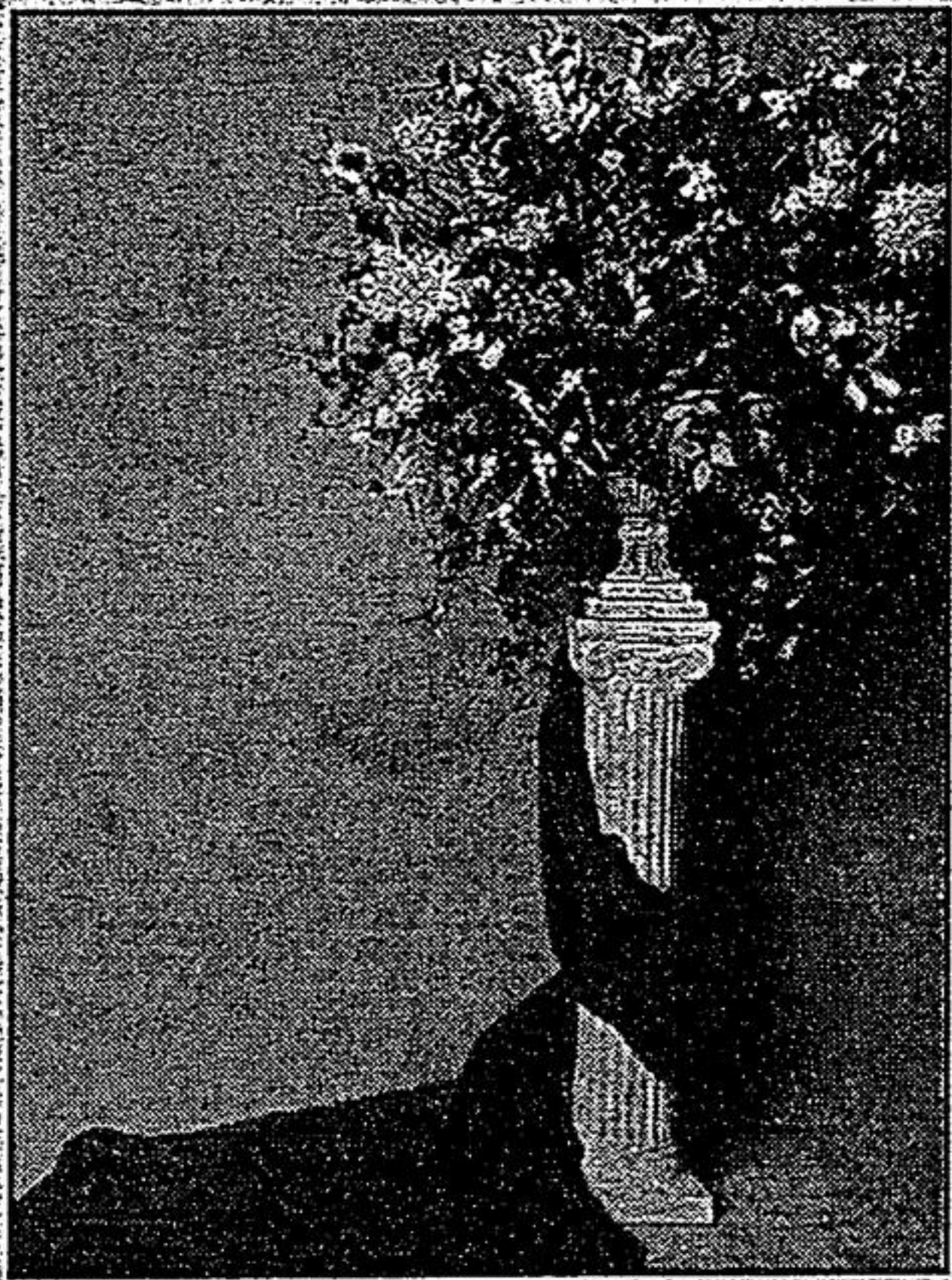
For a romantic Victorian look, lush floral topiary trees can be used

both as centrepieces on the guest tables and in larger sizes behind the head table.

Pretty ribbons and lace tablecloths will add to the effect.

For more formal affairs, arches, candleabras, pillars, pedestals and urns, artfully placed, can create an ambience of romance and beauty.

Candles immediately instill a romantic mood and creative lighting can enhance a head table, backdrop or dance floor. Fabric draping can be used both on, and behind, the head table, and beautiful tablecloths



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and chair covers will soften a room and add an aura of elegance.

Flowers are, of course, the finishing touch, both on the head and guest tables and at key points around the room. These can be augmented by potted trees, which are excellent for filling in corners or other empty or unattractive spaces.

Decorations are what set the mood for any special event, a fact that is often overlooked by the busy bride.

This is unfortunate because the cost need not be prohibitive. Props, themselves, are available on a rental basis, with the flowers being purchased.

For those who want the look without the expense, permanent flowers should be available on a rental basis from the versatile florist. Dreams can come true.

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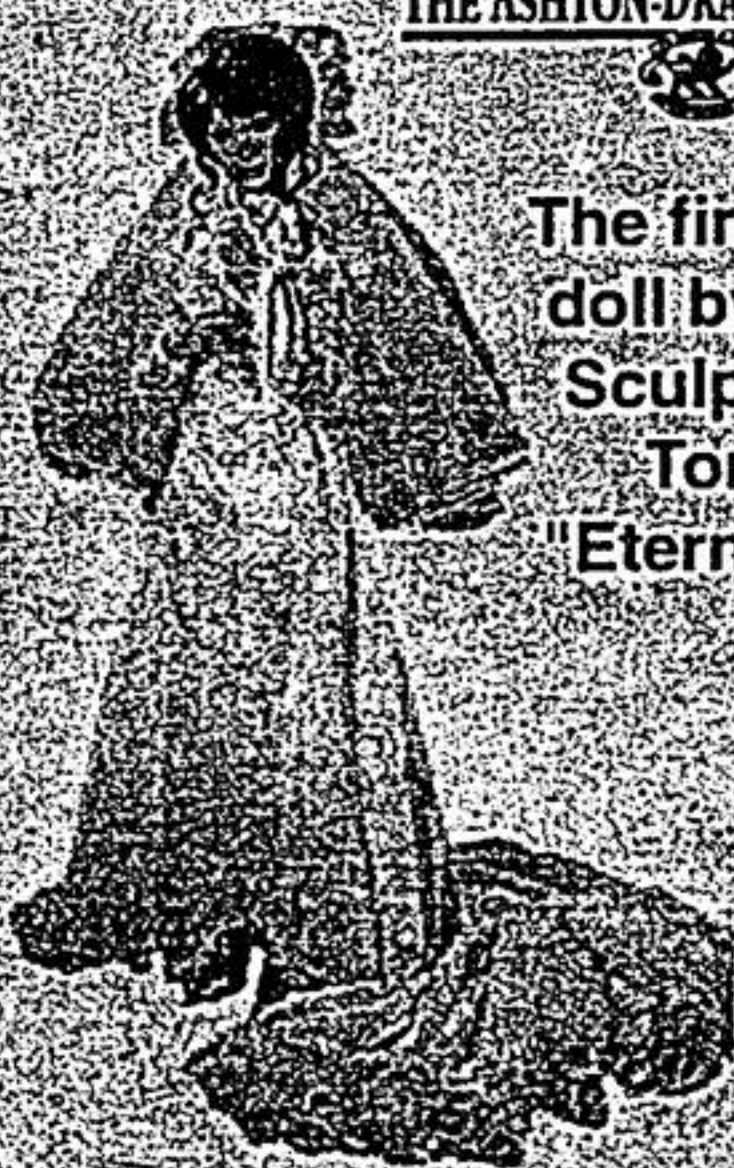
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