

Gift registries include more than china, silver

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NEW YORK — Wedding gift registries started as business builders for jewelry and department stores in the 1930s.

Nowadays, gift registries for weddings and other occasions also can be found in furniture stores, luggage shops, bookstores and even gourmet food and liquor shops and at least one major

museum — the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

A gift registry is simply a store-operated clearinghouse through which couples can record the articles they would like, and gift-givers can use the list to match their purchases to their taste and budgets.

For shoppers looking for out-of-the-ordinary presents, she suggests:

☞ A gift certificate to a class the newlyweds can take together.

☞ A start for a home library — an encyclopedia, a beautiful art book or a lavish cookbook.

☞ A telephone company gift certificate.

☞ A gift certificate for a meal at a fine restaurant.

☞ A few bottles of good wine in a wine rack, or champagne.

New look in bridal fashion

Movies inspire designers

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NEW YORK — A museum show, a movie and a television series have inspired new trends in bridal fashions for 1983.

Gowns echoing costumes in the Metropolitan Museum's current "Belle Epoque" exhibition from the Edwardian era (1890-1914), "Chariots of Fire" and "Brideshead Revisited" (1920s and 1930s) are making mild inroads into the popularity of the full-skirted, tight-waisted traditional wedding dress and the "Princess Di" look, bridal fashion experts say.

Whether or not the new looks will have staying power remains to be seen. At least one manufacturer, Wally Wallace of New York, says the Lady Di look is dying after two seasons and the Belle Epoque (Beautiful Epoch) look is a flash in the pan.

"It's a trend only for those who hope it will be," Wallace said. "It's not for the bride. She

wants a strictly traditional gown, the old-fashioned look that has been so strong since the 1960s."

Another manufacturer, Lee Fein, president of Bridal Couture, sees the Belle Epoque as a strong influence in upcoming fall collections. He cited the Met museum's show as "the source."

Fein said this was evidence of the swiftness of the fashion world to seize on a fresh styling. The show, organized by fashion czarina Diana Vreeland, has been open only since December 1982.

Betty Deall, executive designer for Bridal Originals in St. Louis, says the Belle Epoque look has already raised the necklines of many summer gowns halfway up the neck, created a bustle effect at the back of the skirt and inspired fuller cathedral trains as long as five feet.

"It's a beautiful feminine look with lots of ruffles and a return to crisp fabrics such as taffeta

and slipper satin," said Miss Deall. "It's more important than the dropped waist, unadorned 'Chariots' and 'Brideshead' look with emphasis on the bateau neckline. We're seeing a glimmer of the 1920s look but it's only been taken up by high fashion houses and the gowns tend to be very expensive."

To Barbara Tober, editor of Bride's magazine, the blouson, flapperish look of the '20s is not traditional enough for the taste of most brides.

"It's a minimal part of the market," she said. "But the Belle Epoque look with its high neckline, flounced sleeves and skirt-line, and the peplum or bustle effect with a longer train has much more impact."

"Even the lavender spectrum, a favorite of the period, has become the most popular color for bridesmaids' gowns."

The importance of lace to Belle Epoque fashions was

noted by Suzy Taylor, editor of "Better Homes and Gardens Bride's Book" said there are more adorned with Brussels, Point de Venise and on the market this year ever before.

Some designers are over pastel Charmeuse (weave crepe) to introduce dimension of color to gowns.

Men's wedding fashions, also have taken over Edwardian look. The and tailcoat in traditional and particularly in shades of gray are part of the comeback, says Ron chairman of the American Tailor's Association.

The notched collar, trimmed tuxedo in shades of the 1970s is giving shawl-collared, untrimmed suit in neutral colors

Record number of couples take big gamble in Vegas

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LAS VEGAS — While the recession has many gambling resorts singing the blues, couples are coming to Las Vegas in record numbers to try the big gamble of all — marriage.

Last year was a banner year for weddings in Las Vegas, says Clark County clerk Loretta

Bowman. A total of 57,702 marriage licenses was issued by the county in 1982, up from 56,510 in 1981 and eclipsing the previous record of 57,147 in 1980.

County officials say the peak wedding periods are early summer, Valentine's Day and New Year's Eve.

Asked if New Year's Eve

celebrations led many to the altar in a less than state, assistant county clerk na Homsher said that while, but many probably tried on the last day of the year to enjoy the benefits of the tax rates granted marriage licenses.

Getting wed in Nevada almost ridiculously simple couple must complete a form giving home address of birth, parents' places and previous marriage and pay \$25 for a marriage certificate.

At the civil marriage block away, they pay \$25 — or \$30 after 5 p.m. — exchange vows in a ceremony performed in office by a deputy marriage commissioner.

The entire process, including paperwork and walk-through, is accomplished in half an hour.

Lee Bearden, one of the deputy marriage commissioners has been performing ceremonies for 10 years. He said he sometimes feels advising a couple not to get married — but adds he has a tongue.

"I just remember to smile be nice," he said.

He has seen a few repeat customers during his decade job, and a great many come back to repeat their anniversary. "It's a great excuse to return to Las Vegas," he said.

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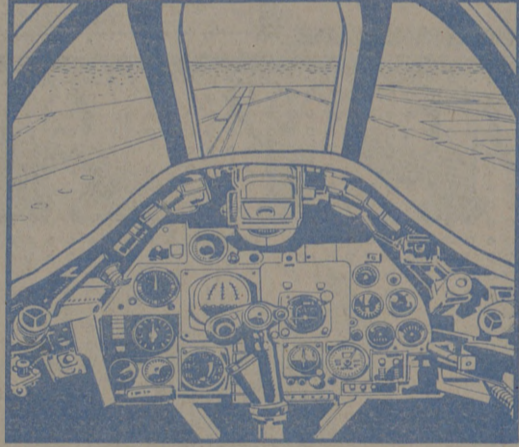
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