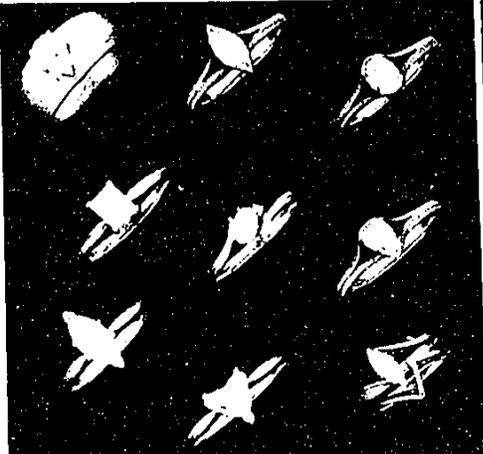


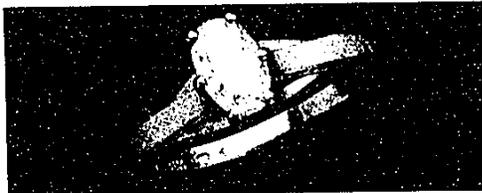
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Wise shopper bride

By LORAIN McCLISH

If she is a typical bride in the 1980s, she is a consumer-wise shopper. She probably won't know exactly what she wants until she see it, and she will wind up choosing her colors from the deep rich hues.

She might opt to have her bridesmaids carry a single flower. She likes gardenias and she is very likely to wear her mother's wedding gown.

She will choose a symbol of her ethnic background to include in her wedding preparations, and if it's her second wedding, she will order dozens of corsages; not a friend or relative will be forgotten.

She will have flower arrangements to be placed on the tiers of her cake, and will order a loosely-tied cluster of flowers for the mothers to pin on their purses.

She could opt for a sprig of baby's breath, in lieu of elaborate headpieces for the bridal attendants. She might very well be paying for the wedding herself.

Her shopping list probably will include a glass dome that will be used as an accessory for her new home, preserving while showing off her keepsake bouquet that is fashioned of silk and dried flowers.

Or, she will order several domes, giving them as her gifts to her bridesmaids for them to preserve their bouquets of silk and dried flowers.

OUR COMPOSITE bride comes from the observations of Florence Turner, who works out of Floral Boutique in Farmington Hills and Jean Trombley, in Plymouth's Baskets and Bows.

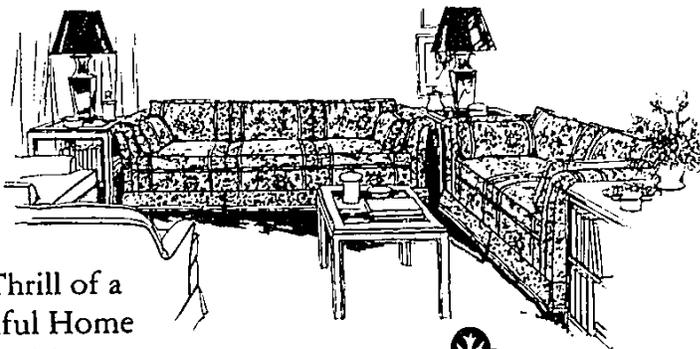
Both women left flourishing careers in other fields about four and five years ago to turn designers-arrangers when brides turned to choosing permanent flowers for their wedding day.

"Mother Nature had a lot to do with the trend," said Ms. Turner. "If it is a January-February wedding, the Rose Bowl will have wiped us out of roses. Some tropical flowers are sleeping from July to September. A bad windstorm in California can destroy a lot of flowers as well as a lot of plans."

"If the wedding takes place on a very hot day," Mrs. Trombley adds, "fresh flowers might wilt before the I-dos are said. These bouquets are permanent. The bonus is the keepsake that will literally last forever."

Both women expect to receive swatches of the bridesmaids

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