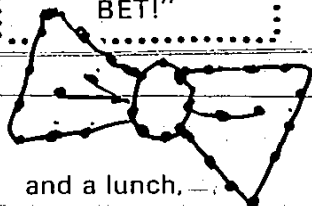


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FLOWERS HAVE been a part of weddings for centuries. They are treasured for the beauty, color and wealth of tradition which they bring to marriage ceremonies of every size and description. Worn or carried by every member of the wedding party, flowers also provide a decorative background for religious rites and reception festivities alike. A few well-placed flowers make the most austere church or chapel look festive and pretty, and add an aura of romance to the most modest home or restaurant.

Unlike most other aspects of a traditional wedding, flowers are subject to seasonal limitations, so it's important to consult your florist in the early stages of your planning. He can advise you on the most appropriate flowers for various uses, and tell you which ones will be in season at the time of your wedding. He can show you samples of the various types and shapes of bouquets, and of any blossoms with which you're unfamiliar. He might also suggest some attractive floral arrangements and color

schemes to supplement your own ideas.

WEDDING BOUQUETS

A bouquet of flowers is traditionally carried by the bride and each of her attendants at all but the most informal weddings. It may be anything from a large armload of flowers to a small nosegay, but it should be scaled to the size of the girl and complementary to the style of her dress. A loose cascade of feathered chrysanthemums, for example, might be stunning for a tall bride in a long flowing gown, but overpowering to a short girl in a simple sheath. A delicate arrangement of violets is charming in a flower girl's basket, but it might look foolish in the hands of a bridesmaid wearing a stately velvet gown.

THE BRIDE'S bouquet is traditionally made of white flowers mixed with ivy (the symbol of fidelity) or other greens. White roses, orchids, carnations, stephanotis, lilies of the valley and gardenias are the favorite bridal flowers, but many others are used in season. Easter lilies, for example,

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