

Thank you notes a must

A common complaint among wedding gift givers is the lack of speed with which many couples acknowledge their gifts, or the total lack of acknowledgement.

Thank you notes are not an option; they are a necessity. Some brides and grooms may forget that gift-giving - no matter how much is spent on the reception - is not a mandatory activity and therefore must be acknowledged gratefully.

Often friends and relatives who are out of state cannot attend the festivities but still send gifts. They have no way of knowing if the gift was received, and if so, in how many pieces.

One of the essential services of thank you notes is to ease the minds of the gift givers. They deserve to know if their gift has made it to its destination and if it has been of service.

1. Since wedding gifts usually begin arriving weeks before the ceremony, the ambitious bride and/or groom might want to begin writing out and addressing thank yous immediately, thus keeping until with the flow of gifts, but waiting until the wedding takes place to mail them.

2. If you cannot take time in the weeks before the wedding to actually write out and list each gift-giver, their address (which will simplify things later), and a short description of the gift. This eliminates long hours spent phoning back and forth to your family and in-laws two

weeks after the wedding as everyone scrambles to remember who gave you the set of red plastic mixing bowls.

3. The best thank you mentions the gift by description (unless it is cash) and mentions how much you enjoy it. "Thank you for the lovely set of purple his and hers beach towels. They certainly came in handy on our honeymoon trip to Hawaii!" sounds much better than "Thank you for the gift." BUT the second example is still better than nothing at all.

Etiquette experts advise that if you receive five blenders, thank each giver of the blender as though their blender was the one you kept. They do not need to know that you returned their blender and kept someone else's. Allow them to think that they gave you the best blender in the world.

 *The Bridal Path*
Begin Your Journey With Style and Elegance

- Coordinating bridesmaids & flower girls dresses
- Complimentary accessories
- Complimentary hair and makeup
- Complimentary transportation
- Ready to wear - after 5 - casual
- Custom made headpieces
- Custom made veils

OPEN MON.-THUR. 11-8, FRI. 11-5, SAT. 10-5
MASTERCARD & VISA ACCEPTED
654-8525
20 NORTH MAIN ST., PITTSBURGH
BRIDAL PATH INC.

Suzanne's SalonEt Cosmétique
Specializing in
European facials—
Repackaging hydration therapy—
Full body treatment

 B.A.B.O.R.

824-5688
By appointment only.

MAKE YOUR WEDDING RECEPTION THE TALK OF THE TOWN!!!

"GLENN MICHAELS ORCHESTRA"

A 16-PIECE ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED BY THE RENOWNED
GLENN MICHAELS
Conductor for 54 years
For More Details Call
655-4682

NORTON'S

The Latest Style Spring Gowns & Cocktail Dresses

PROMS, BRIDESMAIDS & M.O.B.
At Low Discounted Prices
In All Sizes

CASUAL DRESSES 20% OFF
Already low discounted prices

69 S. Main St., W.B. 823-6256
Mon. & Thurs. 10-8:30 • Daily 10-5

421 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton 346-3066
Mon. & Thurs. 10-8, Daily 10-5

METALLO'S FORMAL FAIR RENTAL - SALES ACCESSORIES

Designer Collection—Dynasty, Bill Blass, Yves St. Laurent, Alter Six, MIAMI VICE, Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes-Barre

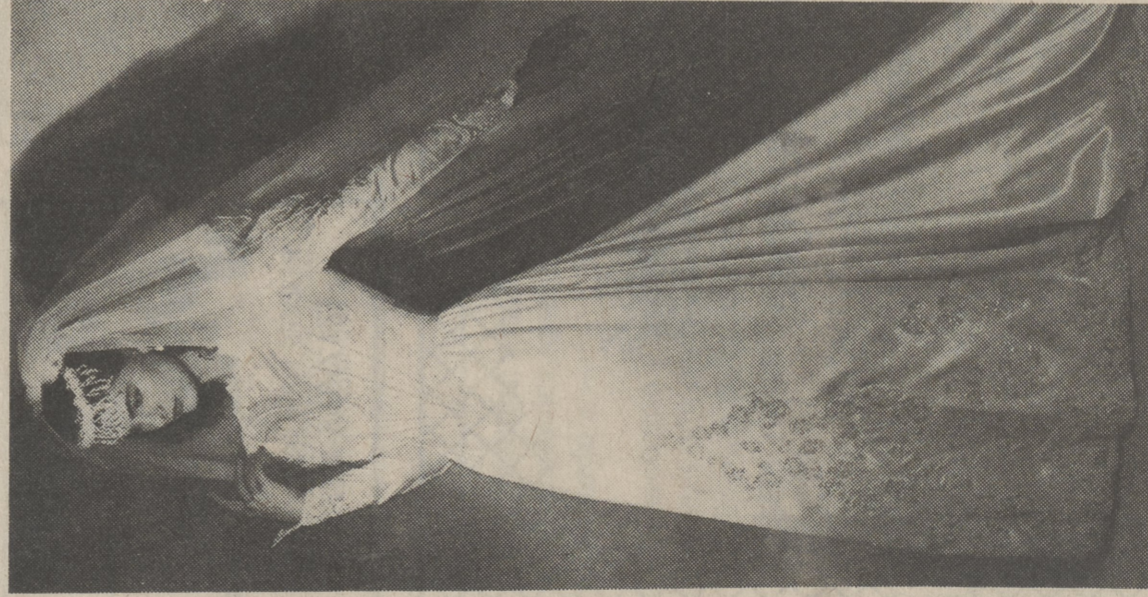
823-6322
Mon.-Fri. 12:30 - 9:30; Sat. 10 - 9
23 W. Broad, Hazleton
455-8863

LYNN HARRIS ENTERTAINMENT
Pianist, Vocalist, Bands
All styles of music for cocktail hours, receptions and church ceremonies.

Reasonable Rates
Call 824-0335

Blum Bros.
27 South Main Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

It's a World of Beautiful Brides created in Blum Bros. Bridal Salon



Bridesmaids and Mothers, Too. Our Bridal Consultants Will Help You Coordinate Your Most Beautiful Day.

Also, See Our Lovely Spring Prom Selection

Come in and browse... see our thrilling collection

Parking Validated With Purchase
Mastercard & Visa Accepted
Hours: Monday & Thursday 'til 8:15 • Daily 'til 5:25
Continuing Our Winter Clearance Sale.

BRIDES 1988



Bridal allure today is the perfect melding of the old and the new. Pure romance coupled with pragmatic hopes for the future are what today's bride and groom are all about. A time of new beginnings, the wedding celebration in 1988 offers couples a chance to express their individuality in harmony. No other event evokes as much joy and excitement!

A special addition to
The Abington Journal
& The Dallas Post

