

Bride's Family, Groom Share Wedding Costs

Whether its a simple wedding in a tiny chapel or an elaborate ceremony in a cathedral, the expenses connected with a wedding are important considerations. Many times they govern the size of the wedding and guest list, and according to custom the expenses are divided among the participants.

The bride and her family, the groom and his family, and the attendants all share in the expenses, although the often mentioned "father-of-the-bride" and his open checkbook bear the burden.

Trousseau Expenses

The major financial responsibilities of the bride are gifts for her attendants, a gift for the bridegroom, and the wedding ring for the groom. Her personal stationery, medical examination and accommodations for attendants are also to be considered.

The bride's father enters the picture next, checkbook in hand, to purchase a trousseau for his daughter—including a wedding gown, veil, headdress, accessories and going-away outfit—and to pay nearly all the remaining wedding expenses.

He starts with wedding invitations and enclosure cards, announcements, photographs, church rental fees, fees for the organist and soloist, flowers for the church, bridesmaids' bouquets, and transportation to the church for the bridal party. If the wedding is an elaborate one there are aisle carpets, canopies, candelabra and other decorations to rent.

Reception Costly

The entire cost of the reception is also left for the bride's father, including rental of the accommodations, decorations, music, flowers, food, beverages, and fees for professional help.

The groom faces only minor expenses at the outset—the marriage license, rings for the bride, her gift, bouquet, and bouton-

nieres and gifts for the men in the wedding party. A fee for the clergyman and the wedding trip expenses are also his responsibility.

Groom's Expenses

Occasionally the bridegroom pays for a bachelor dinner, although it is more commonly given by friends.

The attendants are responsible for their wedding clothes and accessories, any traveling expenses, and wedding gifts. Occasionally the bride's family elects to outfit the female attendants, however.

Preparation for Marriage Means Dollar Management

By THORA WILLIAMS

The University woman often doesn't start thinking about preparing meals until she gets a diamond ring, Margaret J. Wiese said.

Women generally come to the University with three main goals—to gain a liberal education, increase their earning capabilities, and "prepare in some way for home and family living," she said. But many women do not recognize the last goal until they are facing marriage.

Miss Wiese emphasized women

do not need to learn only to cook and sew. "Today, it may be more important for a woman to be able to spend a dollar wisely than for her to know how to bake a perfect cake."

Over a 25-year period, the average family shopper spends about \$40,000 for food (based on 1959 figures), Miss Wiese said. The person who spends such a large part of the family pay check should be adequately prepared for the job of "purchasing agent of the family."

Francis Van Voorhis, assistant

professor of home economics, generally has both men and women in her Child Care and Family Relationships classes. "There seem to be more men who recognize the importance of shared interests and responsibilities in the home," she said. "The male viewpoint always is appreciated in class discussions."

"After all, a family is made up of a man and a woman, and the more closely they see eye to eye, the more smoothly the family relationship will be," Miss Wiese said.

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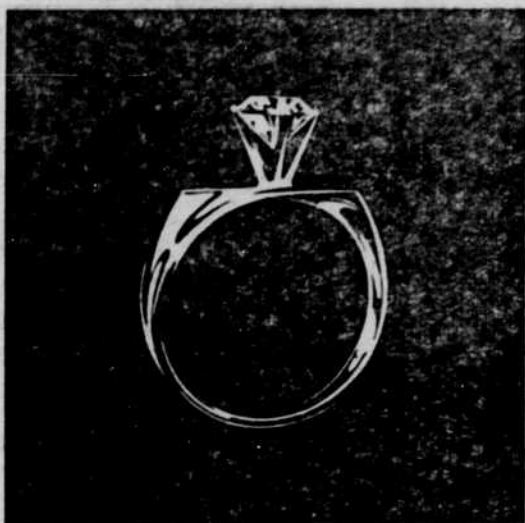
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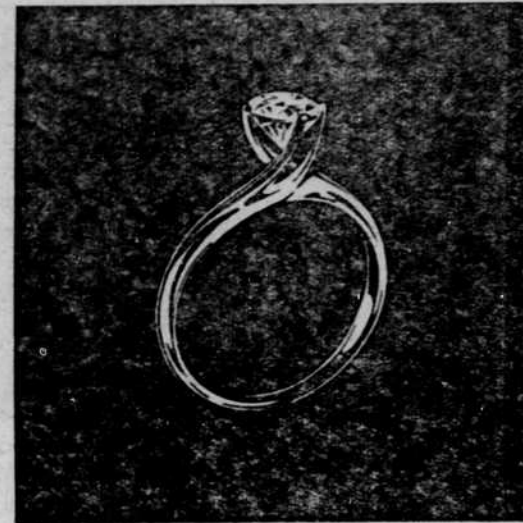
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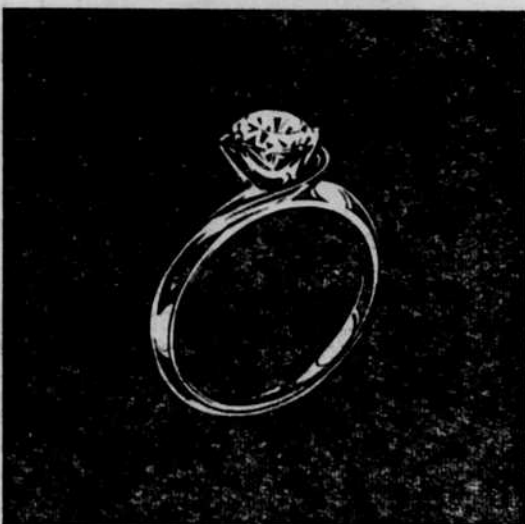
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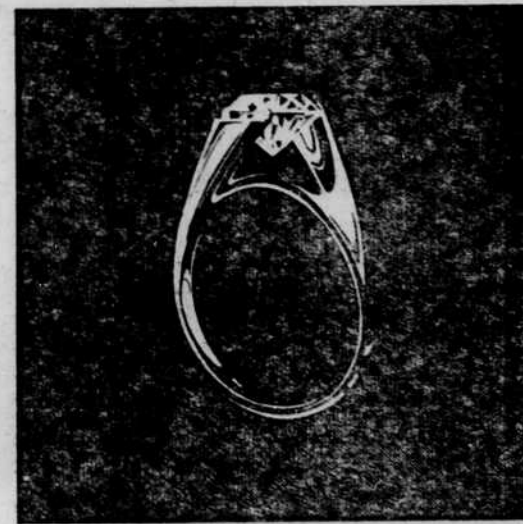
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