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Dream wedding takes planning, sacrifice

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Choosing "Mr. Right" or "Miss Right" to be a partner is the top priority of marriage for most couples planning marriage.

However, in a world where economies are closely monitored, the financial part of the wedding becomes another important factor in the marriage.

Many couples avoid marriage because of the expenses. They say they would rather wait until they can afford the wedding of their dreams.

But there are couples that are ready to pull out their wallets and watch as the green paper slips

through their fingers in return for that dream wedding.

For those happy couples, or any others that might be thinking about taking "the big plunge," we've compiled a list of expenses that they should expect for their wedding.

One of the first expenses that they will encounter is the cost of the engagement ring and wedding bands.

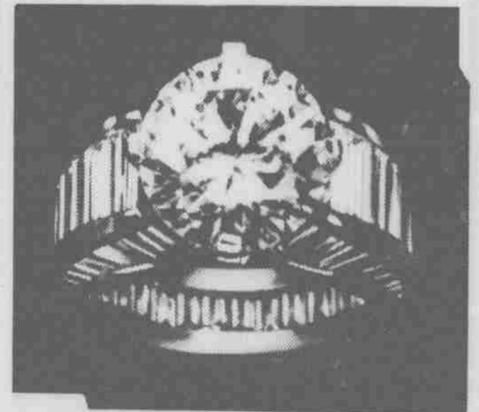
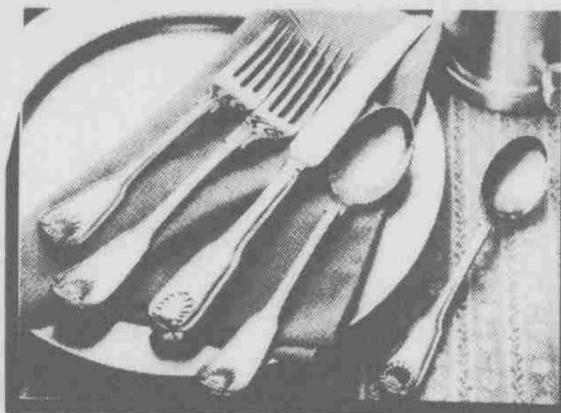
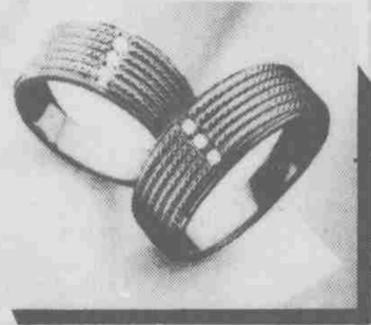
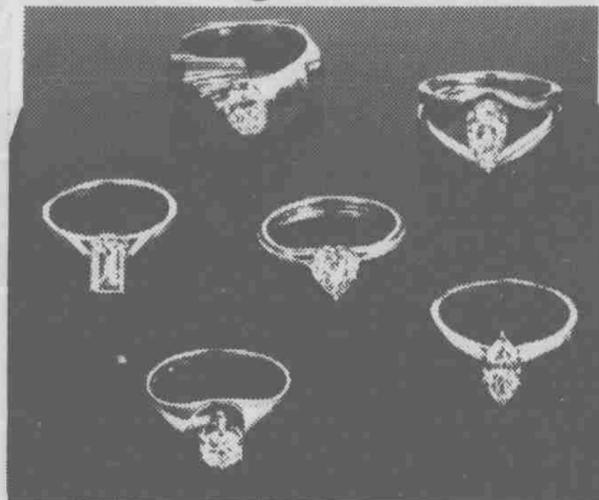
Terri Tramel, manager/trainee at Zales Jewelers, 159 Lincoln Gateway, said the average couple spends about \$550 to \$700 on the engagement ring and wedding band for the woman. The man's band can cost \$225 to \$600, she said.

If the couple is traditional, a

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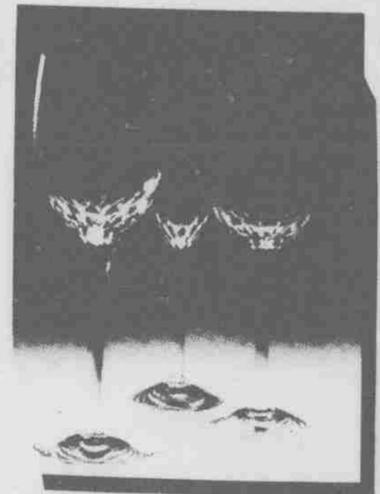
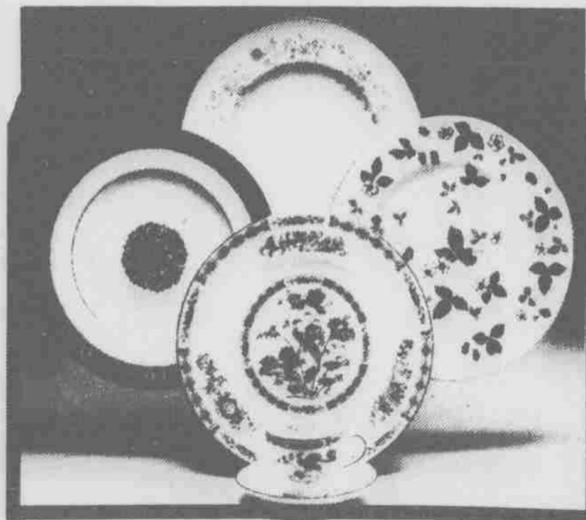
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