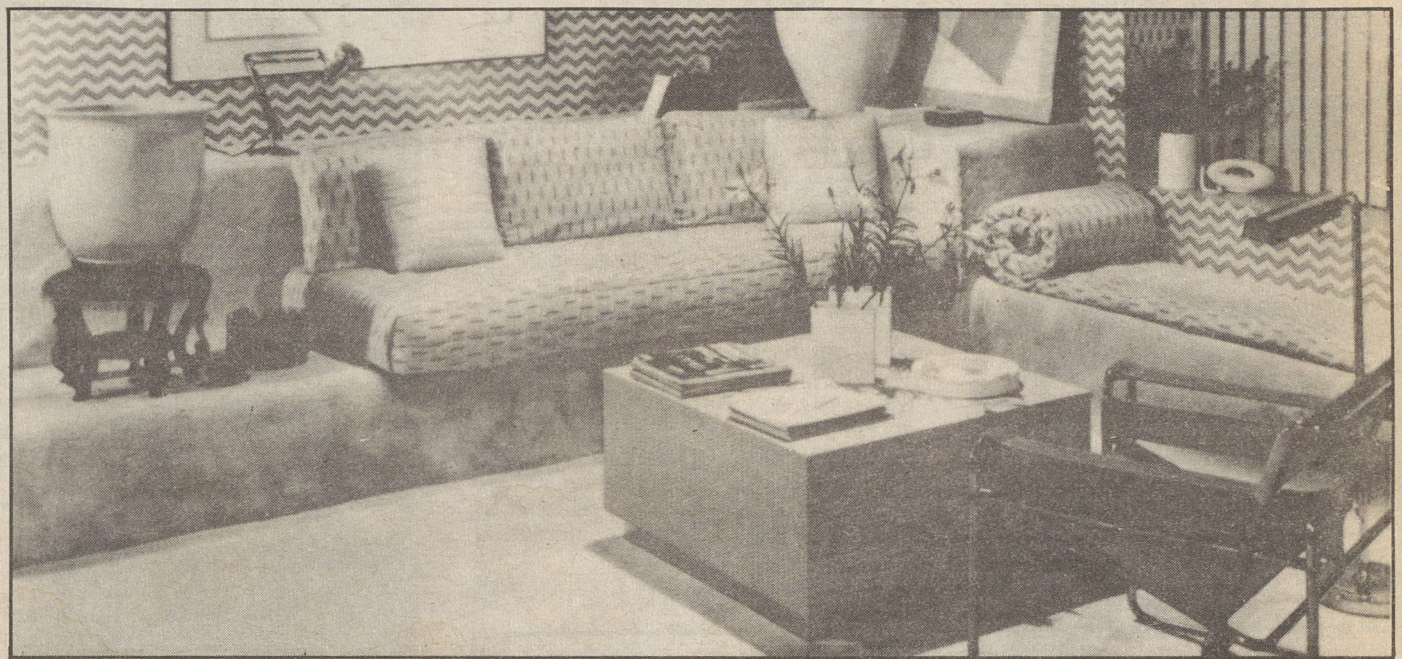


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More paperwork can confuse a marriage

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Like most aspects of modern life, marriage is more complicated and riddled with more paperwork than it used to be. Unlike tax receipts, credit card bills and business forms, however, some wedding paperwork is optional.

Of course, a marriage license and medical statements still are required in most areas. But two optional pieces of paper are becoming more popular - premarital contracts and certificates of completion from marriage training

courses.

These two may seem contradictory - training designed to make a marriage last and contracts for protection in case of divorce. But that's not necessarily so.

Most people define premarital contracts in the most limited sense, that of preparing for a divorce. Certainly, premarital contracts can specify disposition of property and alimony in case of divorce. But they also can specify almost anything to which two future spouses agree.

This can cover everything from how many children to have to who does which household chores.



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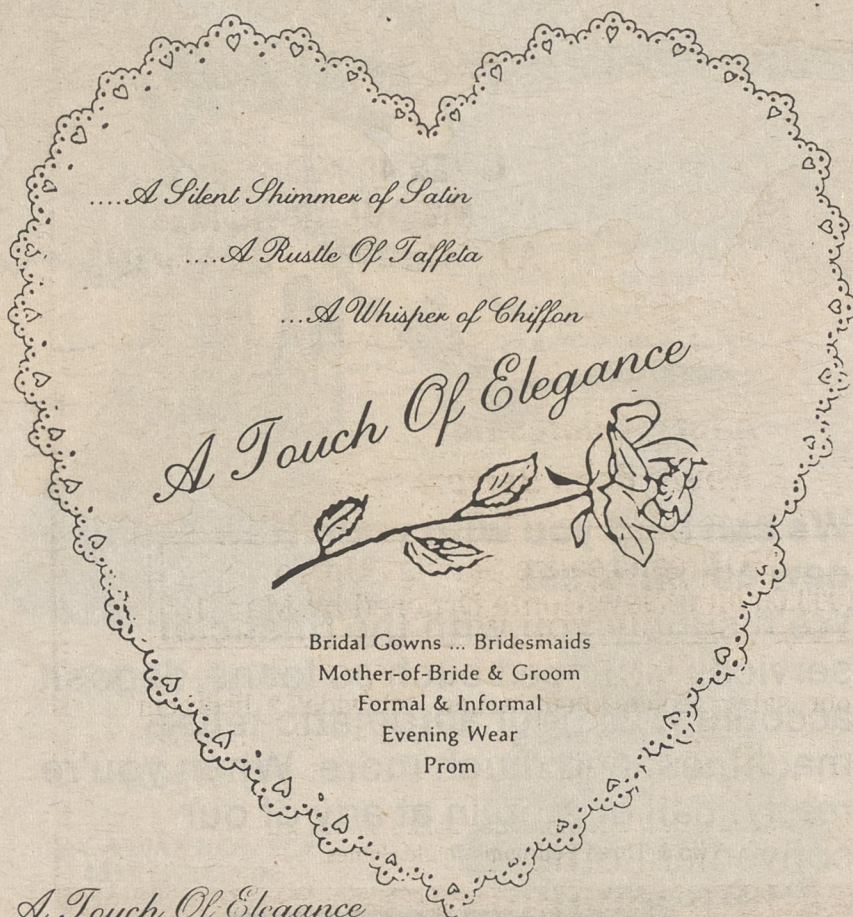
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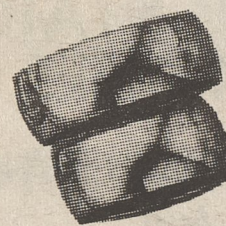
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