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Who says the bride's parents always pay? A spokesman for Westminster Abbey has explained that a charge of £23 will be made for press seats at The Wedding next month, "We don't want to lose money-we can't afford to," said Reginald Pullen, registrar general of the abbey. The charges are to cover costs of erecting a stand for reporters, photographers and cameramen. But even Pullen admits he is "absolutely amazed" at the sum. When Princess Alexandra, the queen's cousin, married Angus Oglivy 10 years ago, the charge to newsmen was 15. This time, newsmen planning to phone in their stories during Princess Anne's marriage to Mark Philips Will also have to pay £100 for the equipment.

Roy Clark won the entertainer of the year award Monday in the 7th annual country music competitions in Nashville—with Charlie Rich taking top honors as male vocalist of the year and for the best single and best album ("Behind Closed Doors"). Guitarist Chet Atkins and the late Patsy Cline were named to the Country Music Hall of Fame. Female vocalist of the year is Loretta Lynn, who shared the best vocal duo award for 1973 with Conrad Twitty.

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Singer Elvis Presley was hospitalized in Memphis Monday suffering from what his doctor described as a "persistent case of recurrent pneumonia." Presley's condition, however, is not dangerous. "All Elvis requires is a few tests and about a week of rest," said a hospital spokesinan.

William Ert, despondent because the man he "married" a year ago deserted him, was in critical condition Monday in a Houston hospital, the apparent victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Ert, a female impersonator from Toronto who used the stage name "Vickie Karr," "married" Antonio Molina, a former Texas football player, last Oct. 5, after obtaining a marriage license in a community near Houston. The ceremony was said to be the first "legal" marriage between persons of the same sex in the United States. The Texas attorney-general later ruled the marriage invalid. . . .

Alice Faye, John Payne and Eddie (Rochester) Anderson will co-star in a new version of the



Alice Faye ...new musical.

1927 musical "Good News." produced by Harry Rigby, co-producer of the current Broadway hit "Irene" Louis Calla of The New York Times reports that the show will open in Boston in December. In case you've forgotten—"The Best Things in Life Are Free" and "The Varsity Drag" are from the score (music by Ray Henderson and lyrics by Lew Brown and Buddy de Sylva).

The Lyndon B. Johnson State Park was born of the late President's irritation with curio shops in the vicinity, Donald S. Thomas of Austin, Johnson's attorney, told the story in a deposition Monday in Fredericksburg. Texas—the deposition was used in a condemnation hearing on land that would be used to enlarge the 269-acre park.

"I can't forget," said Thomas, "that what instituted the President's great desire to see this park completed was the fact that they Were selling cow chips at curio stores for 25 cents and asserting that they came from the LBJ ranch. Thomas said that Johnson "expressed concern that the real ballyhoo type low-rent sou-Venir shops" would spring up near the ranch if a park were not established. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission designated the park in November, 1964 Purchase of the land was imanced by private contributions - Johnson having donated at least \$50,000 to the fund.

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