Funeral Prices Are Soaring Memorial societies are dedicated to the principle that the consumer should not be

BY JEFF MOUCKLEY Herald Staff

In an age of inflation and trising prices the cost of dying has by no means been excluded. In fact it has been estimated that the third largest expenditure the average family makes in a lifetime (after the purchase of a house and a car) is the total cost of funeral arrangements.

-MILLION DOLLAR IN- usually costs \$500 must be DUSTRY-

\$100 million dollars each year Home in Georgetown offers on funerals. The national almost identical information average has risen from \$448 per and prices. The minor diffuneral in 1964 to well over \$650 ference is with rates that the per funeral today. The un- cemetaries charge for plots and fortunate result is that many maintenance. persons who are unprepared for

persons enter a mix-up, viewing rooms." emotionally charged and socially pressured arena. restricted by custom, guilt, superstitions and the profit making funeral homes.

borhood mortician has always been considered a shady character. In Dickens' novel Oliver Twist no figure was more deeply etched in acid than was apprenticed. The gaunt, hypocritical man with his air of exploiters Dickens so savagely delineated.

given by the deranged and the cost of the funeral. consumptive widow of Marmeladov was motivated by her desire to honor the dead alcholic "suitably."

-soaring costs-

The cost of dying is soaring to unprecedented heights. It is becoming another of those rich man's commodities. Not only do people strive to keep up with the Joneses but they attempt to be buried with them because of an insidious public relations program that has compelled us to demand extravagant funerals under the delusion that they measure intensity of love and religion.

-CHANGING OPINION-Recently vigorous protest against exhorbitant funeral and burtal costs have been voiced throughout North America. There is an ever increasing number of persons who are fed up with the artificial affectations and intemperate Man pricing practices of funeral homes. Until recent years extravagant funerals were considered traditional and taken for granted as reflecting the esteem in which the deceased was held. But public opinion, however, is changing and the turn is to simplicity.

-PACKAGE DEALS-

by presiding judge, Doug Latimer, Tuesday, in There are special conditions that make the purchase of Latimer, funeral arrangements different Georgetown Provincial Court. from any other purchases. In Mill St. in Acton had his charge of blunders. general the casket a person chooses will determine the dropped by the Crown Atprice of the whole funeral. This torney, Doug Marshall. brice usually includes removal of the body to the funeral home. Boudreau, 20 of Queen St. in obtaining the necessary legal Georgetown was remanded papers, embalming, cosmetic until July 23 to stand trial. He work, hairdressing, the use of a was remanded to find a new lawyer for his case. viewing room and chapel, notices in the newspaper and Bruce Shoemaker, manager noted that "this matter has

of the Shoemaker-Rumley been outstanding too long." "I funeral home on Mill St. in suggest you get off your behind Acton, quotes his basic funeral and do something about it," he costs as \$595. A \$285 service said to Boudreau. charge for staff services is "If you're not ready by the added to the \$310 charge for the 23rd, you'll be back here every funeral arrangements in- week until you are," the judge cluding cars for the family and added.

clergy, and viewing of the body. Cemetary plots which can cost as much as \$700 are only \$50 at the Acton cemetary. Grave openings coat \$45 and mandatory cornerstones are \$32. The outer container vault, which is optional may cost anywhere from \$80 to \$1,175. An optional lowering device that lets the casket down into the grave costs \$25 and the traditional headstone which

added to the total bill. Canadians spend more than The McClure-Jones Funeral

Only in North America do a death and funeral procedures people pump corpses full of become victimized by formadehyde, and pay elaborate, overpriced and cosmetic expert and hairhastily chosen funeral parlours. dressers to arrange bodies so When a family member dies that they can lie in "slumber

Only in North America are the dead buried in mahogany Decisions to be made are often coffins and waterproof vaults. Only in North America do coffin makers turn out new models year after year which Traditionally the neigh- are promoted like new cars.

-MEMORIAL SOCIETIES-

There is no doubt that many people find comfort in the Mr. Sowerberry, the un- traditional funeral but many do dead. Money that is saved could dertaker, to whom little Oliver not. Memorial societies have be used for scholarships for is at the final design stage for been formed in over 120 cities in Canada and the United States 'professional jocosity" is one with the objective of securring of the most contemptible of the for their members and the public at large the option of a funeral service which is both In Dostoyevsky's novel simple and dignified, dispen-Crime and Punishment the sing with the non-essentials and episode of the funeral feast thereby substantially reducing

No Choice But Wait

Halton Hills works committee Monday, spokesman Don has been diverted from the Schofield, of 135 Rexway Dr. \$500,700 annual Halton Hills noted that the residents had no road budget can be recovered other choice.

"We can't do much until a consultants report is released, but we'll be monitering the program," he added. The group was requested to file a written report with the municipal authorities,

The residents were complaining about the poor condition of the Rexway Drive, and the high amount of taxes the the future reconstruction until residents have paid. During the an engineer's report, listing meeting, Mr. Schofield claimed that contract agreements were tober.

Remanded

To July Date

Two Halton Hills residents,

facing charges of abduction

were given separate decisions

John A. McEachern, 22 of 95

In handing down his decision

for remand, Judge Latimer

However, Richard

regarding the Monday meeting.

After a meeting with the not kept by the developer. "Perhaps now, money that and used to complete our

required to pay for unwanted

services. By arranging with one

or more local undertakers to

provide one, two or three basic,

simple funerals at prices of

\$125-\$150, memorial societies

are able to avoid the apparent

"phonyness" of the funeral

have achieved some success in

providing their members with

essential funeral services at

reasonable prices. They have

problem because they depend

on the good will of the funeral

industry which is prepared to

accomodate only a minority of

The United Church

Christian Faith has issued a

statement on Christian burial

which says in part: "Elaborate

and costly devices to restore

life-like appearance to the body

have no place in Christian

practice. The body should not

be displayed in an open casket

during or after the funeral

Instead of spending large

sums of money on elaborate

monuments, caskets and

more appropriate ways to serve

health research.

time of death.

the living while honoring the

The most important point of

all is to recognize that the most

important time of all to show

affection and respect is while

the ones we love are alive to

know it. Simplicity and dignity

then are all that is necessary at

headstones people could find

Canada's Committee

however solved the

Memorial societies in Canada

The subdivision agreements for Rexway were signed on Sept. 27, 1954 between Delrex Developments and the Town of Georgetown.

Councillor Len Coxe, chairman of the works committee, told the delegation that no decision could be reached on priorities is presented in Oc-

Conservation Development

CONSERVATION AREA DEVELOPMENT

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority's 1974 development plans have been approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources for the Conservation Areas maintained by this Authority.

MEADOWVALE CONSERVATION AREA

Plans are being made to construct a walkway bridge across the Credit River in the Meadowvale Conservation Area. Much of the natural area set aside for nature trail is on the west side of the river. When the bridge is built a nature trail

will be marked. This bridge must, necessity, be portable to the extent that it can be pulled back in the fall to prevent ice jams flood problems in the

General landscaping grounds improvements and dead tree removal are also part of the work planned at

TERRA COTTA CONSERVATION AREA

A major development program in the swimming area young people or donations to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. This will include a modified swimming area and filtration system to improve swimming quality and safety. It is hoped construction can

begin as soon as the season closes in September. Work is progressing on a shelter in the reserved camping and picnic area at Terra Cotta. Plans for construction of a washroom and shower building in the camping area, improved water supply, and woodlot

management are part of the overall development plans for Terra Cotta. BELFOUNTAIN

CONSERVATION AREA

A mobile canteen is available on Sundays for those wishing to selection of Rexway Drive," he stay in the Belfountain Conservation Area over mealtime. Provision of additional picnic facilities, installation of a water

line, river bank protection, nature trail improvements and tree planting are all part of the overall development plan for Belfountain. SILVERCREEK

CHESS MESS

Below are two games played by Peter Smarda during the

In the first game, Peter Smarda sets a trap by playing g6 on his

White's problem is that he must guard the e2 square since

Black goes on to Queen a pawn and white resigns after 26

The second game Smarda wins after only 13 moves, a game full

Evanoff vs. Smards

Position after 14 moves

WHITE: Evanoli

BLACK: Smarda

1, e4, e5 2. Nf3, Nc6 3. Bc4, h6 4. Nc3, Nf6 5. o-o Bb4 6. Nd5

Nxe4 7. Nxb4 Nxb4 8. Nxe5 d5 9. Qf3 o-o 10. d3 dc 11. de Nxc2 12. Rb1 Be6 13. Rd1 Nd5 14. Qh5 g6!! 15. Rxd4 Qxd4 16. Qe2 Qxe5 17. Bxh6 Rf8d8 18. f3 c3 19. Qc2 Bxa2 20. Ra1 Qd4ch 21. Kh1 cb! 22. h4 ba-Qch 23. Kh2 Qa1g1 ch 24. Kg3 Qe5ch 25. f4 Qe1 ch 26.

WHITE: Smards

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bc4 Bb4 5. d4? Nxe4 6. Bd2

BLACK: Peters

Kh3 Qe5c3 ch 27. Resigns.

GAME 2

Ne2ch then Qxd1 threatens mate. White is forced to trade rook

Ontario High School Chess Championships

for knight and is also unable to save his knight.

GAME I

CONSERVATION AREA Plans for the Silver Creek Conservation Area include the

storage building development of a picnic area. This area of 800 acres on the Niagara Escarpment has only been acquired over the past two years. The Bruce Trail crosses much of the area and, with the exception of about 200 acres of

construction of an equipment

rolling farm land, the area is forested, rocky terrain. A forest management program will also be carried

ORANGEVILLE RESERVOIR CONSERVATION AREA

out in this area in 1974-75.

Much of this area of 818 acres at the headwaters of the Credit River is set aside as a wildlife sanctuary. During the past several years, work has been going on to provide limited ASBECK, Frank-On Thursday,

develop a picnic area and Georgetown. Beloved husband of During 1974, it is proposed to construct a washroom building Makutz in Germany and Erwin of on the site. Development of a R.R.4, Georgetown. Brother of nature trail and nature in- George of Pittsburgh, Lennie in terpretation centre and Germany. Predeceased by two preparation for a maple syrup at the McClure Jones Funeral operation in the spring of 1975 Home, 34 Edith Street, as well as woodlot im- Georgetown until Monday

Forty-Five

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service reports that the total number of calls for the month of June was 45. On one call three patients were carried and on two calls two patients were carried in the

ambulance. Both ambulances operated by the Georgetown Service were on calls at the same time on two

The total number of patient miles (miles from the spot where the patient was picked up to the destination) for June was 303 miles.

Five standby duties were undertaken by the Service.

MARRIAGE

MacKinnon - Langridge Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Mackinnon of Leduc, Alberta announce the marriage of their daughter Patricia Gail to Mr. Edward Langridge, son of Mrs. E. and the late Mr. Langridge of Banff. Alberta. The wedding was solemnized by the Rev. Levine of Rundle United Church, Banff on Thursday evening June 20, 1974.

COMING EVENTS

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-The Hornby ball clubs' 28th garden party Saturday, July 20th at Hornby Park. Ball game at 1:00 p.m. followed by a stage program along with the Dairy Princesses and Furrow Queen. A full night of entertainment plus pony rides. Admission, public school chituren free; 15 and over

-Rock Hill Park, 16 miles north of Orangeville, presents the Mercey Bros, Canada's number trio, on Sunday, July 14, 2 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. Also Shirley Fields and her band. Admission, adults \$3, children 12 and under tree. Trailer and camping sites available for weekend camping. For further information phone-519.925.2211 Family Group

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MEMORIAMS

thcoming marriage of their daughter Norma Jean to John -In leving memory by husba. * and mother of George, Laura, Paul Jacques eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jacques, 6 Janet and Shella. Norton Crescent, Georgetown. The marriage to take place

OLIVER-In loving memory of a Saturday, August 10, 1974 at 3 p.m. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian dear mother and grandmother, Pearl who passed away July 6, Resting where no shadows fall.

in peaceful sleep she waits us all. God will link the broken chain When one by one we meet again. -Sadly missed by daughter Marie and grandson John.

CARDS OF THANKS

COLLIER-I would like to express my sincere thanks to friends, neighbors and relatives for their unending kindnesses to my family and myself while a patient in Georgetown and Brampton hospitals. A special thanks also to the nurses and Dr Newall. -Mrs Marilyn Collier

DEATHS

recreation facilities for the July 4, 1974, at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Frank Asbeck, of R.R.4, provement are in the overall morning, thence to Holy Cross church for requiem mass at 10.30 o'clock, Interment Evergreen

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