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We don't take advantage of the bereaved undertaker

FUNERAL CHARGES are under scrutiny in Northern Ireland following criticism by a High Court judge of an £11-a-week pastry worker being buried in a satin-trimmed American oak coffin.

Mr. Justice Shell suggested the setting up of a law to control undertaking expenses when he learned that the pastry worker's funeral cost £78.

He said: "It seems to me that in some cases funeral expenses are getting out of hand and are altogether unreasonable."

But Mr. James McConnell, of Ballycraig, president of the Northern Ireland area of the Funeral Directors' Association, said: "We are being condemned too quickly as mercenary. In fact, the truth is that the profession goes out of its way to help people. We don't take advantage of bereavement."

Silent Officially, however, the Association has remained silent in face of the criticism.

The average cost of a funeral in Northern Ireland is about £40, although some undertakers can keep expenses as low as £21.

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'New blood' for pig trade to be imported

By our Agricultural Editor

SIXTY A.L. veterinary precautions will be taken when 30 Landrace pigs, worth more than £2,000, are flown into Northern Ireland next month from Sweden.

The pigs, the largest importation for many years, will be placed in strict quarantine, and will be under veterinary supervision for some weeks.

The pigs, Swedish Landrace, a breed which is becoming highly popular here because of its close conformity with requirements for the export trade, will be going to the farms of leading breeders.

Their importation follows a series of appeals to the Ministry of Agriculture, who were reluctant to admit the pigs because of the risk of disease.

Valuable

The Northern Ireland Landrace Pig Breeders' Association has felt that the "new blood" would be of value in improving the breed.

The pigs, male and female, will be specially selected at leading pig farms in Sweden.

To make the selection, a small delegation will fly to Sweden at the end of the month, headed by Mr. W. Spiers, chief livestock officer, and Mr. Conn, chief veterinary officer, Ministry of Agriculture.

With them will go Mr. George Bryson, of Scarva, Mr. F. McGivern, and Mr. Sam White, secretary of the Northern Ireland Landrace Society.

One of the stipulations of the Ministry of Agriculture is that the pigs must be flown in. Because of the risk of disease they cannot be brought by sea and overland.

Fined for hitting youth with bottle

"THIS is a type of offence that deserves a prison sentence," said Mr. P. Gorfunkle, R.M., at Strabane Petty Sessions yesterday.

Patrick Farrell (21), Patrick Street, Strabane, was fined £10 and bound over for two years for causing bodily harm to Hugh Patrick McLaughlin, Brown Hill, Artavan.

Mr. R. F. Porter, defending, said a number of youths were assembled in a rather quarrelsome mood, and one of them fell against Farrell when passing, and almost knocked him down.

Farrell took a bottle of stout from his pocket, and struck the most aggressive member of the group, who was passing, but used more force than was necessary.

Youth gets £5 award for slander

FRANCIS KANE (17), of Mullabeg, Clogher, by his senior, brought proceedings for alleged slander at Tyrone Petty Sessions yesterday.

He claimed £50 damages against Thomas Murphy, of Mullabeg, Clogher, for a remark which he was alleged to have made in a garage in Clogher.

Murphy awarded the charge. The judge awarded a decree for £5.

BELFAST HORSE-AND-CART-AGE MARKETS TO BE MODERNISED

Disappeared with free trousers

SEAMEN'S BODIES TO BE EXHUMED

Re-buried

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BELFAST'S MARKETS will have to be completely re-developed to fit in with changing road networks within the next eight to 10 years.

Planning work on a modern marketing system for the city has already begun, and the Corporation Estates and Markets Committee will have a report on cross-Channel developments on the agenda at a meeting soon.

The markets were built in the horse-and-cart age, and in this highly-motorised era some of the worst traffic confusion in the city centres around them.

But the fruit, vegetable and fish markets face an even greater threat. Development of a trunk road system through the city which will occur in a proportion of the site now taken up by potato warehouses, boxes of oranges and dead coffee.

Most of the site of May's Market is due to be cleared under part of the central trunk road scheme planned for the city. The North Approach Road scheme will join in the area with an extension to Hydebank-by-pass.

Development of the city trunk road system was planned to take place within 10 to 12 years, but may now be accelerated because of the Government's new transport policies and the proposed appearance of much of the province's railways.

An alternative area will have to be found, therefore, for the markets.

Abattoir

Work on the new abattoir, which will include the cattle-marks and associated processing works, is well ahead at D. Dunne's site. The appearance of cattle from the markets area will relieve pressure on space.

Doubts are felt, however, about whether such a valuable central area should be used merely for markets.

Mr. J. Lazenby, city estates and markets superintendent, said to-day: "Certainly there will have to be a re-development of the markets. A deposit was recently sent across the water to see new markets at Coventry, Sheffield and Glasgow."

Moved

"At Coventry and Sheffield the new markets have been moved in the perimeter of the cities. In Glasgow, it is true, they will still be in the centre."

The future of the variety market was also being debated, Mr. Lazenby said. Some people felt it should be abolished while others wanted it retained.

"They don't have that type of place across the water," he said. "They do have retail markets which are something like Smithfield, but a much grander and more modern scale."

Ulster close season is to remain

The close seasons for grouse and pheasant are not to be altered after all. The Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Craig, recently announced his intention to make an order varying the close seasons.

Accordingly, the open seasons begin on August 12 for grouse and October 1 for pheasant.

He agreed to look into the position to see what could be done to ease the problem.

2 men build hall and save £6,000

TWO MEN BUILT A HALL—and saved their Orange lodge about £6,000. That's the story of the new 48-seater hall of the Belfast and Rathfriland L.O.L., which has been built in less than two years by Mr. Robert Payne and Mr. Robert Sloan.

Ballymaguig is situated about two miles from Killeel. In 1962, work started on the demolition of the old hall. In its place was to go up a building which would seat 60.

But what about cost? How could a Lodge with only 60 members raise more than £10,000 needed for the construction?

Member for more than 25 years, Robert Payne came to the rescue with Mr. Robert Sloan, a member for 16 years. Both handymen, they set to work for a weekend was work for a week and a half.

And so it was that these two men, sometimes working 90 hours a week, built Ballymaguig Orange Hall for around £2,000.

The only work they didn't do was plastering, plumbing and fitting of the electricity system.

For a time the two builders were assisted by a young man in his twenties, Mr. Leslie Bennett. He went to Canada and was back for the opening recently.

"They have done a great job for our Lodge," Mr. John McKibben, a member, said today. "We have saved thousands of pounds by having the hall built 'our way'."

Mr. McKibben said that, in addition to the hall, there was a Lodge room, a kitchen and cloakroom. Most of the money had been raised by functions and subscriptions from all over the country. There was a fine response from other Lodges in the Mourne district.

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