

salaries were not sufficient and advised that men start work in these areas should not act on what was proposed. The men did not like the result was that the Club Plan was suspended. Mr. Liston, he continued, at the meeting at Ballaghaderreen, Minister for Agriculture and the suggestion that if the Branches of Macra na Tuairim na Tire get together to arrive at a project that can be done and undertaken in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Health would make experts available to them into those areas to give the necessary assistance. As a result of that suggestion several county committees have gone into the idea and several meetings have been held by clubs in various counties.

#### DIRECTION OF DR. SPAIN.

Mr. Bellew said that the Club Plan is under the direction of Dr. Henry Spain, D.V.M., who does not need any introduction in County Limerick. The clubs may get together at a joint meeting and if they should select what they should do. In all cases with a few exceptions, the aim has been the improvement of the land. The three clubs then gave their opinion and solicitation to their County Councils who must give approval and pass it on to the Central Council who will pass it on to the Department of Agriculture, and urge for Dr. Spain to come and outline the scheme. They will form a study group, in which they have instruction in the use of grasses, etc., and every year each farmer's farm is visited by the expert and the farmer is advised what he can improve on his own farm and testing is carried out. The scheme is carried out if it is agreed between the farmer and the standard management has been achieved in the area. The scheme is explained to members of the Farmers' Clubs and, when they meet by Muintir na Tire, it is explained to members of that organisation where there are various projects which the three clubs can choose to do and as soon as one is finished another could be started so keep up the operation of the plan in the areas. He said that if sufficient members could be found in two clubs to operate the plan, the plan could be operated by those two

minimum amount of available fuel—either turf or coal—to tide the schools over until the contractors could supply them.

**Rev. P. Walsh, C.C.**—And you'd want to get it quickly, too, because it looks as if coal will be very scarce soon. Turf will not be available.

Unanimously the Committee gave the C.E.O. the authorisation suggested.

## KILLED IN ACTION

### EMLY MAN'S DEATH IN KOREA

It is with regret that we announce the death of Sergeant Thomas J. O'Brien, Ballyvistica, Emly, Co. Tipperary, who was killed in action on October 26th, while fighting with the United States forces in Korea.

Sergeant O'Brien, who was aged 23 years, went to the United States in 1948. He joined the United States Army, where his talents were quickly recognised, resulting in his rapid promotion to the rank of Technical Sergeant in the Artillery Corps. He subsequently went to Japan, and on the outbreak of war his unit was sent into action on the Korean front.

Sergeant O'Brien, who was a member of a well-known family, was brother of Mother Mary Alexis, Convent of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Seafield, Liverpool, and nephew of Monsignor T. J. O'Brien, Chicago; Mother De Sales, London, and Mother Angela, Ferrybank.

To his friends and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

The matter of closer relationship between Headquarters and the individual Clubs has been discussed by the Executive, and it is essential that they get closer integration between the counties and the Headquarters of the organisation. The National Council decided at its last meeting that this closer relationship could be best brought about through the appointment of part-time County Organisers in each county. The Council decided to ask each County Executive to employ and pay a part-time Organiser, who would visit each Club at least once, and preferably twice, each year, and who would be generally responsible for organisation in the county. Headquarters would arrange to train these men for their work. Some counties already have them and several have the matter under consideration. The money to pay these Organisers could be raised through functions and a levy on the

grave. This grave was between 4½ and 5 feet in depth. I measured it with a ruler. The grave was only 3 feet 2 inches when Nolan saw it, but I sank it deeper between 2.15 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Mr. Liston said the matter had been reported to the Board of Health, which body regulated the burials.

The Justice said he thought on the whole he would bind the defendant to the peace for six months, in his own bond of £5 and order him to pay £1 1s. costs.

## FINE GAEL

### CARRICKERRY BRANCH

At a well attended meeting of Carrickerry Fine Gael Branch, Mr. M. Sheehy presided. Various and important matters were discussed at length, many members taking part in the debate. Grave dissatisfaction was expressed at the failure of the local authorities in by-passing the district re the cleaning of rivers and streams.

It was also pointed out that the Council cottages were in such a disgraceful condition that soon they would be beyond repair. One member stated that he knew of a contractor who had tendered for cottage repairs two months ago and still got no order to proceed with the work. The view was expressed that the local engineers rather than the Council were most at fault.

The Government was unanimously congratulated on its splendid work and achievements. A vote of confidence in the Government was also passed, accordingly. Deputy Madden was also thanked warmly for his efforts in securing a 'phone at Carrickerry P.O., and which will be installed in the course of one year. The same Deputy was further thanked for other numerous works and assistance. It was decided to invite the Deputy to a meeting of the Branch in the new year, and place before him certain proposals, particularly the need of a public pump in the village.

The secretary's report stated that membership had increased. The report called for bigger membership and still more active organisation.

Messrs. Madden and Naughton were congratulated on their election to the County Council.

The Chairman announced that one other meeting would be held