Double Tragedy
When Side Of Sand Pit Collapsed

DESPITE the frantic digging by about sixty neighbours with shovels and spades, two brothers, Thomas and Liam Markham, were killed when a forty-foot high sandpit at Cappantymore, Meelick, collapsed yesterday. Both bodies were located after an hour's digging and were removed to Barrington's Hospital.

A TRAGIC occurrence in which two brothers, Thomas Markham (32) and his schoolboy brother, Liam (16), lost their lives, cast Meelick and the surrounding neighbourhood into gloom yesterday. While in their father's sandpit at Cappantymore, they were buried by the sudden collapse of the 40-foot high sandpit and both bodies were not extricated until an hour after the occurrence.

Thomas Hoey, a worker in the sandpit, said afterwards that Thomas Markham had been working at the time feeding the loader with sand, which was to be washed and it was only when he went to get assistance from Thomas to load a lorry that he discovered the collapse of the whole side of the pit.

They were not aware that Liam was in the pit at the time.

INQUEST AT ARDNACRUSHAG

An inquest concerning the death of the brothers will be held at Ardnacrusha by the Coroner for East Clare, Dr. O'Conor, Scariff and Quin.

The proceedings will be conducted by Sgt. Lavan, Killaloe, and an inspector from the Department of Industry and Commerce is travelling from Dublin to attend the inquest.

The remains of both deceased will be removed this evening from Barrington's Hospital to St. Munchn's Church and the funeral will take place to-morrow to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

German's Gratitude to the Irish Nation

At Aras an Uachtarain today, His Excellency, Dr. Hermann Katzenberger, Minister to Ireland for the Federal Republic of Germany, presented President O'Kelly with the special degree of the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit recently conferred on him by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, His Excellency, Dr. Theodor Hanse.

The honour is intended as a mark of appreciation for the assistance given by Ireland after...