

Catherine Sexton, Cannocks.

during a random trip through the city.

Mr. Tommy Allen, known as "Pantom Tommy", who lives

in Hyde Road, said: "It's all right if it stays that way."

In Todds I met Pearl Quaid of the cosmetic department, who commented: "In six

months' time there will be a big change but it is alright so far."

In Cannocks, Catherine Sexton of the cosmetics depart-

ment, Noeleen Noonan of Ballysheedy, who is also employed in Todds, said that the Budget was "quite good" but she did not think the farmers would be too pleased. "I think the car insurance, petrol, drink and cigarettes will all go up in about six months' time," she said.

Mother of three, Mrs. Nuala Mercier of Shannonville, Ennis Road, who is also employed in the cosmetics department in Cannocks, commented that it was "definitely an election Budget" and she hoped there would not be another Budget this year.

"The allowances sound a lot over a year, but broken down they do not come to much. For instance, there is no increase in allowance for the first child and for the second and third child the allowance is about 12½ pence per week and that would not buy much for a child nowadays."

Co. Kerry-born Eileen O'Carroll of 81 Park Gardens, Cobally, who is departments sales manageress at Todds, said: "It is a bad Budget and a vote-catching one. The pul

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LIMERICK PLANT TO LAY OFF 100

Cloyer: killing stops and redundancies start

CLOVER MEATS in Limerick is to let go 100 of its 240 employees this Friday night. Notice was served by management this Thursday.

This is in addition to the 20 left go last week.

The reason for the redundancies is that killing at the Limerick plant has stopped.

The reports were confirmed, this Friday morning, when general manager, Mr. Pat Hanrahan, told the Limerick Leader: "It is a fact." He agreed that the redundancies would affect such personnel as pork butchers, salesmen, clerks and girls.

He confirmed: "Killing is not going ahead; that is the reason for the redundancies."

"We are unable to get adequate supplies of pigs (for killing) due to lack of confidence by the producers".

He went on: "We are assessing the situation and we are unable to secure a viable number of pigs. We are laying-off personnel till we can assess the situation."

Problem

The problem is that when a pig reaches a marketable condition it has to be sold; a few days later it makes the difference in the condition of the beast. Unless a farmer is certain that killing will go ahead in the Limerick plant, he will — to be safe, from his point of view — sell the beast to somebody else.

Initial reaction, this Friday, by the Mayor of Limerick, Senator Ted Russell, was to declare that he would, through business contacts, arrange to meet suppliers to convince them that things at Clover Meats were on a level footing again.

"I am confident that the statements issued this Thursday — that the workers pledged their full support to management and that management gave full assurance that all would be done — will satisfy suppliers".

On the reluctance of suppliers to send pigs to Clover Meats in Limerick, he remarked: "It was intimated to me, during my discussions with management in Limerick and Waterford, that unless there was an assurance that there would be no lack of continuity, the supplies of pigs would be diverted elsewhere".

Investigation

Deputy Steve Coughlan reacted "In view of the protracted difficulties and misunderstandings, I am asking the Minister for Labour to send down an inspector to have a complete and thorough investigation".

Prior to the announcement, this Friday, there was a reluctance in trade union circles to comment on the then unconfirmed reports of pending redundancies.

Said negotiator, Mr. Seamus Kelly, I.T.G.W.U., Dublin: "We have had talks with management; and negotiations will take place locally at each plant, following which there will be a further meeting on Friday of next week at which both union and management will attend".

He added that the local meetings were a matter for each individual branch to arrange, but they would be held before the meeting next Friday.

Gay Byrne says Late Late Show not Limerick-bound

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

LIMERICK'S CIVIC WEEK organisers will be informed officially this weekend that RTE will not be transmitting the Late Late Show from the city next March to co-incide with this year's event. And there is still a question mark about community radio being available.

Late Late Show producer and compere, Mr. Gay Byrne, told the Limerick Leader this week that they were already committed to going to Sligo.

Said Mr. Byrne: "Limerick's request for the Late Late Show to be televised from the city during their Civic Week has been with us for some time and was discussed at different stages."

Explained

"As much as we would have liked to facilitate the Civic Week organisers we think it is important to take the Late Late Show to as many centres as possible, and since we have already been to Galway, Belfast, Castlebar, Cork, Wexford

and Limerick, it is only correct that we should go to a different venue this year."

He explained that RTE had only two outside broadcasting units and with many demands on them they were rather restricted.

He added that if the Late Late Show returned to Limerick for a second successive year there would be "howls" from all over the country.

He said that he was very satisfied with the response to the Late Late Show from Limerick last year and would like to return again sometime.

Although he is producer for the show, Mr. Byrne denied that he had the final say when it came to moving outside Dublin.

When Mr. P. J. Power, co-ordinator of Civic Week, was told by the Leader that their request to have the Late Late Show transmitted from Limerick was refused, he replied that they would be making a statement on the matter when they were informed by RTE in writing.

It is most unlikely that Tom agus Eadrom will be broadcast from Limerick during Civic Week.

Mr. Tony Lyons, press relations officer, RTE, told the Leader that since there would not be an outside broadcasting unit in Limerick it would not be feasible to send one specially for a recording of Tom agus Eadrom.

And when questioned further about community radio, he said that no decision had been taken on this matter as yet.

"If Limerick Civic Week is to have community radio the format could be a little different from last year," he said.



Gay Byrne: explanation.

Back again

DONAL O LUBHLAI, who this month spent a term in Limerick Jail for refusing to pay a parking fine as the ticket was served on him in English only, returns this weekend to Limerick as lecturer at an intensive Irish course for teachers at Ionad na Muinteoiri, Colaiste Oid-cachais Mhuire gan Smal.

Shop fire

A fire at Hanley's Manshop, Gerald Griffin Street, Limerick, was brought under control this Thursday night by Limerick fire brigade.

LIMERICK BENEFITS, SAYS O'DONNELL

LIMERICK'S Mr. Tom O'Donnell said this week that he regarded ment creation package as a most important aspect of the Budget.

"As a member of the Government, I am naturally delighted that after weathering the worst world-wide recession in half a century we have been able to produce a budget which is not only just and equitable but also contains all the prerequisites necessary to stimulate confidence, encourage initiative, reward, enter-

prise in the Limerick/Shannon region, as well as major public works schemes in the provision of housing, schools, roads, etc.

"The Government's new employment package will add substantially to the employment in its various schemes."

Confident

"I am confident that this Budget will introduce a new era in growth and expansion and new opportunities in the Limerick region, and I will be personally ensuring that the

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Eileen O'Carroll, Cobally.



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