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**Pal remove transmitter**  
Pal Electronics have taken down their transmitter at Keppel Hill, and it is unlikely that multi channel signals will be beamed to the Limerick region within in the coming days, at the very least.  
A spokesman for Pal said they dismantled the equipment themselves this Wednesday following a tip-off that the Bord Telecom were about to move in. While taking the equipment down, a spokesman for Pal said Telecom officials arrived and demanded that it be handed over, but they refused.

## BRIEFING

### Death of Wm. Leahy, snr.

The death occurred this Thursday morning, of Mr. William Leahy, senior, solicitor, of Oldgarden, Castleconnell. The late Mr. Leahy was legal adviser to Limerick County Council for more than 25 years.  
Mr. Pat O'Connor, county secretary, said this Thursday that they had lost more than a legal adviser but also a good friend and colleague.

### Father dies in car crash

The funeral took place in Southampton, England, this week of County Kerry born businessman, Mr. Philip Trant, who was killed instantly on Sunday morning last, at Templeglantine when his car went out of control on an icy patch.  
A native of Behins, Lis-towel, Mr. Trant, who was in his 50s, was a major contractor in Southampton. He was travelling to Shannon to get a fight home at the time of the accident. Mr. Trant's son and his son's girlfriend who were in the car at the time were uninjured.

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ley (10), Ballinacorney, Galbally; and Daniel Heffernan (9), 25 Castleview, Newcastle West.

### Crossword

In the crossword puzzle, the winners were: Sean O'Riain (12), Gurtavallaigh, Dun Bliesse; Thomas Tobin (10), 12 Oliver Plunkett Terrace, Ballylanders; and Barry Horgan (12), Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale.

### C'troy scheme

The tender for the Castle-roy Water Scheme has been approved by Environment Minister, Mr. Liam Kavanagh. Deputy Tom O'Donnell was informed this week. The scheme will aid industrial and housing development.

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### VALUE



Halpins premises on the Ballysimon Road this week.

# JOB LOSSES AS E.M. HALPIN SEVER TEA BUSINESS



Some of the Halpins range.

□ Report: EUGENE PHELAN □ Pictures: OWEN SOUTH

**ONE OF THE OLDEST** tea companies in the country, E. M. Halpin and Co. Ltd., Ballysimon, Limerick, are going out of the tea business with a loss of 30 jobs.

The continued effects of the recession combined with severe competition along with the huge increase in tea prices are being blamed for the pull-out.

The workers in Halpins, which was founded in 1886, were told the news this week.

The company are at present running out of tea supplies and will stop packaging and distribution of tea from February 10th.

The firm is solvent and will remain in coffee production which will mean continued employment for up to five people. The coffee label is Rombouts.

The managing director of Halpins, Mr. Philip Treacy, said this week that they had done everything possible to keep the tea business going, but the massive increase in the price of tea had put the final nail in the coffin.

### Payments

Although the workers were not unionised, some had pensions and all would receive redundancy payments, Mr. Treacy confirmed.

Halpins have one of the most modern tea plants in the country and only recently spent £30,000 in a marketing campaign.

"We have done everything possible," said a disappointed Mr. Treacy, who revealed that they would need £1 million to buy supplies to keep them going.

In an effort to secure employment they also approached a number of other companies regarding a take-over but the "volatility of the market at the present time" has ruined any prospects to date.

But there is still hope, and Mr. Treacy said that he would be willing to talk to any interested parties.

### Problems

Explaining the problems of the company, he explained that last August the price of

## Local young scientists in Aer Lingus honours list

By LEADER REPORTER

LIMERICK students won awards at the Aer Lingus Young Scientists Exhibition in Dublin.

The 12 Limerick projects at the RDS were seen by 28,000 people at the weekend. These included the President, Dr. Hillery, and the Taoiseach, Dr. FitzGerald.

### Screening

The Limerick entrants were in Dublin from Wednesday until Sunday. They spent two days explaining their projects to an eminent panel of judges.

For the past couple of years there has been a screening process for the Young Scientists Exhibition so that being featured at the exhibition is an achievement in itself.

Projects from the Mid-West honourably mentioned:

Environmental and Social Sciences, Individual Projects, Senior Section: joint third (also winner of the Sociological Association of Ireland



Surveying small industry, award-winning Michael Mulcahy of Newcastle West.

castle West. "Small Industry in West Limerick".

The Institute of Food, Science and Technology Award was won by a group of students from Ard Scoil Rís, led by Caimin Hardiman.

Biological Sciences, Group Projects, Intermediate Section: Dane Schompp (14), Doon, Co. Limerick; Kevin

## Shannon wins 700 jobs in difficult year

By TOM BROWN

A TOTAL OF 700 actual jobs — 400 through the small industries programme and 300 on the free zone at Shannon — were created in 1983, according to Shannon Development's End-of-Year Review issued this Thursday.

The company reports it exceeded its small industries job approval target. A total of 145 projects, involving 1,417 jobs at full production, were approved for locations throughout the Mid-West.

### Off-setting

At year's end, employment on the Shannon estate totalled 4,300 — the same as in December, 1982 — the company having succeeded in off-setting 300 redundancies by creating the same number of new jobs.

A total of 533 jobs were created on the estate in 1982. Limerick city's share of future jobs on the company's approved list is considerable.

Some 53 projects with an employment potential of 686 jobs will be set up in the city, while 21 projects involving 136 new jobs have been earmarked for the county.

Details of job losses and jobs created in Limerick will not be available until the end of the month.

### Counter balance

Mr. Brian Callanan, corporate planning manager, explained that the survey had not yet been completed but it appeared that throughout the entire region about 400 jobs were lost.

However, these were counterbalanced by the creation of 400 jobs.

Describing the results of the small industries programme as most encouraging, the company's general manager, Mr. Paul Quigley, said: "These small firms displayed resilience in the present depressed business climate."

"The fact that 2,000 new jobs created through this programme from 1978 to 1982 have also been sustained during this difficult year is a significant achievement."

### New companies

The company also says that the Shannon estate emerged "comparatively well" with the job losses being offset by new employment created through the establishment of new companies and expansions.

The effort to attract suitable industries to the estate was intensified and "excellent results were apparent at year-end with the decision of 10 new manufacturing firms and six service operations to establish in the free zone."

"Between them, these firms plan to provide 649 jobs", the report says.

"Expansions to existing firms during the year will create a further 466 jobs, giving a total of 1,115 approvals for the year under review."

### Americans

The majority of the new

## Greater

In the Book of Estimate Shannon Development increases of 17 per cent for administration, general to industrialists. The cost £2.3 million for the farms 1983) and £5.7 million 1984.

## BROTHERS FOR V WORK

By CONOR KEANE

THE BROTHERS Charity in Bawnmore a to be involved in the running of the new Community Workshop for the Handicapped in We Limerick, it was learnt this week.

A new joint management committee has been established, involving the Brothers and four local representatives Dr. Tom McCoy, Michael McElwain, Con Daly and Vickie Nash.

It is hoped that the cent can commence operations this year and negotiate are in progress on the acquisition of a suitable premises Newcastle West.

### Fund-raisers

Since the idea of the workshop was mooted 18 months ago, the industrial fundraising committee have collected over £45,000.

"The new joint management committee will be responsible for the setting up of the workshop and its general management", P.R.O. Margaret McCoy said this week.

She added that there were over 400 handicapped people in West Limerick and that

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