

Bridget Moore of Limerick Travel at the J.W.T. promotion at Cruise's Hotel.

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C'troy scheme

The tender for the Castletroy 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.

Weather

Very broken weather, with gale force winds and wintry showers, is forecast for the Limerick region by the Met Office at Shannon this weekend.

Town Talk

Talk of the Town is on page 24.

Lucky Limerick weathers storm

By LEADER REPORTER

LIMERICK GOT off lightly when one of the worst storms in years lashed the country this Thursday night.

A Met Office spokesman at Shannon said this Friday that the gales reached up to 70 knots an hour at times.

Night work

Three ESB crews worked through the night answering calls in Limerick city, but a spokesman said that damage was very light considering the extent of the storm.

South Circular and Thomondgate were blacked out because of broken poles. The ESB said they hoped to

have supplies restored to the 60 consumers still affected by early this afternoon.

In all only 150 consumers lost supplies during the storm. There was also a cut in supply in Alphonsus Street after a shed was blown down on lines.

Several hundred houses were still without electricity this Friday afternoon in the Adare area because of damage caused by fallen trees. ESB lines were blown down in Ardagh village and traffic had to be diverted. Trees were also reported to have fallen on roads in the Foynes area.

Limerick County Council workers were called out early this Friday to clear blocked roads, but there were no reports of any serious road blockages.

SETS BLACKED

EXCLUSIVE by JOH

THE WESTWARD CABLE around 11.40 p.m. this 1 subscribers left without

And a spokesman for the group cable at Lisnagry, told the *Limerick Leader* the service until such time operation.

A telephone caller to my home in the early hours of the morning said he was a member of the newly formed Action Group which had damaged the Westward Cables junction box in Lisnagry.

It was, he said, a simple enough job.

According to the anonymous caller, it is the intention of the group to interfere with the cable periodically.

Confirmed

"It might only take an hour or so for Westward to repair the damage but we will be back shortly afterwards", said the spokesman for the group.

A subscriber to the Westward system confirmed this Friday that his set went blank at around 11.40 this Thursday night, which would seem to confirm that the cable had been damaged.

When I contacted Mr. Fonnle Clifford, sales manager, Westward Cables, this Friday, he stated they had reports that their signal failed late last night.

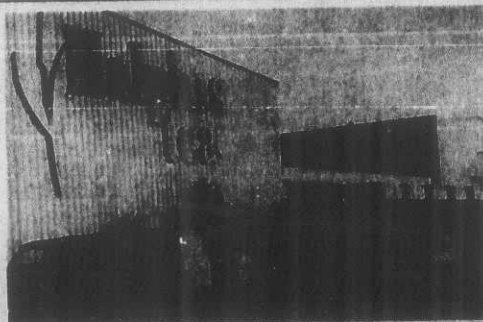
He expressed surprise when told that it could have been malicious. "We genuinely thought it was a power failure as a result of the storm", he commented.

A Westward team was then sent out to Lisnagry to see if the system had been tampered with as alleged.

Law change?

□ EUGENE PHELAN writes: Mr. Willie O'Dea, T.D., said this week that the only way to sort the Limerick TV crux once and for all was to change the law.

He has been canvassing Turn to page 6



Halpins premises on the Ballysimon Road.

SADNESS AS HALPINS BREAK BAD NEWS

By LEADER REPORTER

THERE WAS an air of sadness at the Limerick company of E. M. Halpin, Ballysimon, who are to go out of the tea business with a loss of 30 jobs.

When a *Limerick Leader* reporter called, staff were cluttered in small groups, obviously discussing the bad news.

One member of the staff, who has given a lifetime of service to Halpin's, commented: "I always thought it was one of those companies which would never close."

Another, Mr. Michael Lynch, of Ballinacorra Weston, said: "We have been on a three-day week for some time, but I never visualised it would come to this."

He said he had been 28 years with Halpin's and looked upon it as a secure job.

3-day week

They had, he continued, experienced a few hiccups in trading over the years. "But closure was the last thing I expected," he commented.

Mr. Lynch is apprehensive about his future. "It was the only job I ever had and where can I turn to now?", asked the

Death of Jim Sadlier

The death has occurred of a former well-known GAA figure, Mr. Jim Sadlier, proprietor of Sadliers poultry shop, in Roches Street, Limerick. The late Mr. Sadlier, a native of Buttevant, Co. Cork, played hurling with Young Ireland and with Limerick, and was a prominent referee in Munster championship matches in the 'fifties. Removal took place

father of three girls and one boy. Halpin's are to remain in the coffee business.

The Limerick Leader has a new telephone number. Dial 249214 for all departments.

LATEST

Mr. Fonnle Clifford, sales manager, Westward Cables, confirmed at mid-day that damage had been caused to a junction box on the Newport road.

By PATRICIA FEEHILY

A PROTEST at the offices of the Mid-Western Health Board this Thursday by a Limerick couple who claimed that they had been denied access to a child they gave into care was called off when they were offered a meeting with the child.

Mr. James Kenny and his wife, Noreen, Swallow Drive, Carew Park, Southill, called off their set-in at the Health Board a couple of hours after it had started when they were informed by their solicitor that a meeting has been arranged at Southill Clinic for Tuesday after-



Health Board headquarters, week's sit-in.

Marie and his two other employ

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