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# DEATH OF THE LOCAL POST OFFICE

**MORE** than a third of the country's post offices are facing the axe under cost-cutting measures by An Post.

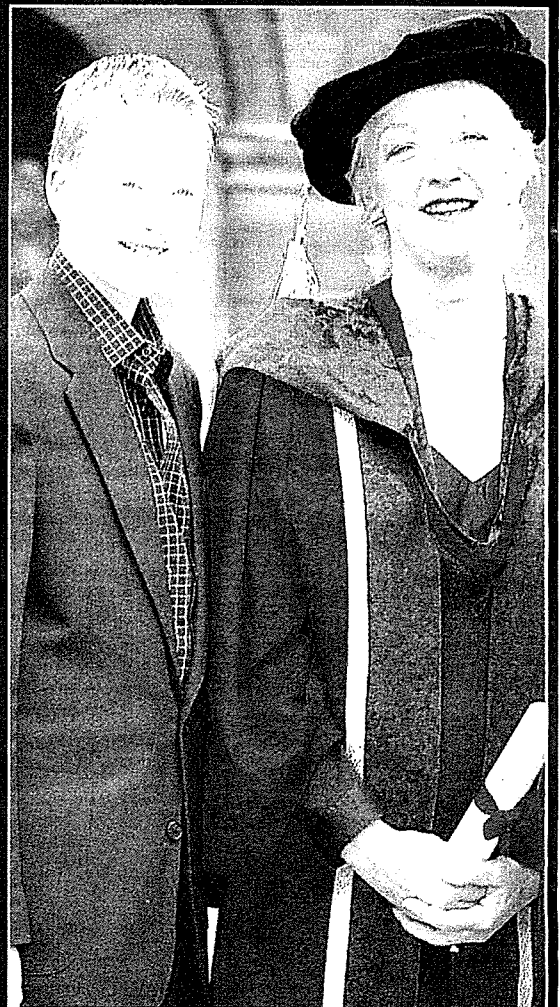
In what critics say will be a hammer-blow to community and rural life, it emerged last night that up to 500 of the State's

1,359 post offices could be set for closure.

An Post is finalising a €12million redundancy deal with postmasters to start shutting branches. The State-owned company is already identifying the offices it wants to see closed.

Many are feared to be sub post offices which are the life of their community. There were fears last night

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