

...of the plan to development of the town and its surrounds by urban planned, Patrick Shaffrey, Dublin, to community representatives at a meeting at the Teagasc Centre, Kilmallock.

"Historically, Kilmallock is one of the richest towns in the country. You can feel that sense of history about it - it has many unique features," he said.

Deputy Noonan said that the production of the study had been supplemented and assisted by the local authorities and various State agencies and laid a sound foundation on which to build and bring the town of Kilmallock the attention it deserves by pointing out a clear direction in which to proceed.

"While the work already

...of Kilmallock, the statutory agencies, including the Office of Public Works, Shannon Development and Limerick County Council.

Patrick Shaffrey called for the study to be read and interpreted with common sense.

"You have an historic town and you don't have to turn to any pseudo-thatched houses. You have a real wealth of architecture and archeology with a lot of old buildings and all you have to do is to scratch the walls and I'm sure you will discover a lot of extremely valuable architectural and historical features in this town", he said.

He told them that three-quarters of the original walls of Kilmallock are still in place, straight away giving them a project on which to work to restore and preserve of the walls.

He said that many of the back gardens of Kilmallock

...country in its history and heritage and to accept that they had a challenge and a responsibility to preserve this richness which is so unique and valuable for the future development of Kilmallock as a day centre for tourists with the huge interest in culture and history which is now developing throughout Europe.

He said that St Peter and Paul's Church was one of the great 19th century churches and commended them for their decisions in the past to retain such important landmarks as Blossom Gate and John's Castle.

Shannon Development's Paul Sheane, said that the study had shown what could be achieved by people coming together with a common goal.

There is a commitment by Shannon Development to support local energies, he said.

O'Doherty, both claimed that the motorbike had passed them out.

Mr Conside, who said he was going at about 60mph, said the motorbike had passed him out effortlessly and then continued down the middle of the lane. He estimated it was going at about 85mph. He hadn't noticed the other car approach, he said.

The car proceeded across the road, he said. He saw the motorbike brake lights come on, then wobble before colliding into the back passenger door of Mr Mulcahy's car. He conceded that he was far enough away from Mr Mulcahy to allow him make the turn.

Garda Tim Doody, who was called to the scene of the accident, said he spoke to Mr Mulcahy and asked him had he seen the motorcyclist.

"He said he didn't," said the Garda.

"sleeping cancer" and has left the country without confidence, it has been claimed.

And the "economic crucifixion" visited upon people who might have a "few pounds to spare or an idea for business" was condemned by Fine Gael East Mayo TD, Enda Kenny.

"They are beaten into the ground by taxation, VAT and by circumstances they have little contro over", the party's economic committee chairman stated.

Mr Kenny was speaking in Newcastlewest at a meeting organised by the party to look at ways of combating the crisis.

Unemployment, has also left the country without enterprise and without investment, resulting in a growing anxiety and unease. Even those with jobs now feel anxiety about their future and particularly about a future for their chil-

...with ideas for new enterprises and a key aspect would be the provision of expert advice to those starting out.

According to the Fine Gael plan, the IDA, Bord Failte and other promotional agencies would be broken up and given new functions, particularly that of identifying new markets abroad, he said.

New jobs could also be created through the food sector industry, continued Mr Kenny, with multinational firms using Irish produce under existing brand names.

And he argued that an additional 2,500 jobs a year could be created through Fine Gael's proposal to pump an extra £50m funding into developing the county road structures up to 1998. This was necessary to maintain competitiveness, he pointed out, because the

...production. Mr Kenny also proposed that regional bodies with responsibility for regional structural funds be set up. These bodies would have their own allocations to spend, he said and could take their own initiatives, drawing on their own knowledge of the area.

In relation to the unemployed themselves, Deputy Kenny continued, Fine Gael was proposing to guarantee all those who worked more than 20 hours a week an extra £25 a week over and above their unemployment benefit without losing other benefits in kind such as the medical card. He also felt that many aspects of training for the unemployed should be overhauled.

The meeting was also addressed by Deputy Michael Finucane, Senator Dan Neville, Councillors Sean Broderick and David Naughton.

...the setting up of a £500m venture capital fund, Mr Kenny went on, which would be part-funded from monies saved through the breaking up of a number of State agencies, including

Acclaimed business college moves to fully renovated Town Hall

THE old Town Hall at Rutland Street is now a top third-level business college.

The rapidly-expanding Mid West Business Institute, which had been based a few doors away in the renovated Bruce's Bank, had its new premises formally opened by Minister Des O'Malley.

The institute has an academic staff of fifteen, with a large panel of external professional lecturers from which to draw for specific specialist subjects.

The courses on offer are all validated by recognised international institutions of learning excellence, including the National Council for Educational Awards, the University of Cambridge, the City and Guilds of London Institute, Business and Technology Education Council, Institute of Commercial Management (UK), the Royal Society of Arts, Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, Association of Accounting Technicians and the Institute of Accounting Technicians.

Courses offered include: Higher National Diploma in Business and Finance, Diploma in Business Studies, Diploma in International Marketing, Advanced Diploma in Computer Programming, Accountant Technician course, Accountancy and Secretarial Studies.

The institute's graduates have a remarkable success rate in obtaining employ-



Louise Walsh, Mid West Business Institute, talks to Eithne Humphreys (LL) at the opening.

ment in their chosen field.

In this year's prospectus, the chairman of the institute, Mr Tony Curtin, writes that, with the necessary personal qualities for success, it is true to say that, with specialised knowledge and, preferably, a recognised qualification, the opportunities today are immeasurably greater than they ever were. He

describes the education process as "learning a living".

He said that the private education sector will play a widening rôle, but that the facilities must be equal to if not ahead of, those offered by State institutions.

A large number of invited guests from the world of education, business and civic life attended the open-

ing.

Mayor John Quinn, who had researched the official records at new City Hall, was in a position to inform his listeners that he had a personal association with the occasion as he had for 15 years himself resided three doors away in the very building now being vacated by Mid West Business Institute.

"I recall, as a young boy, many occasions outside this building watching the pomp and ceremony as the mayor and council, in their robes and complete with mace-bearers, as dignitaries were either received, or as the mayor and council left in open carriages to attend civic functions," said Mayor Quinn.

He had a special word of welcome for Mrs Eithne Humphreys, née O'Mara, a member of the prominent bacon-curing family of former days. Her grandfather, Stephen O'Mara twice served as mayor in the Town Hall, and her uncle, Phonse, served in 1918 and 1919 and was instrumental in resolving the problems associated with the Limerick Soviet of that time.

The Corporation first took possession of the building from the Chamber of Commerce in 1846 and exactly 100 mayors served there over its 143 year in city service. Two mayors served five terms in that period, the late Dan Burke and Mr Ted Russell.

Mayor Quinn welcomed Minister O'Malley, who he recalled, had himself been a member of City Council in the 1970s, until obliged to retire upon resuming ministerial office, and noted that Mr O'Malley's late father and two uncles had each also worn the chain.

Mr O'Malley, opening the newly refurbished building, said that educa-

tion at all levels should have a greater technological and vocational orientation, and, crucially, employers should involve themselves more in training of staff and, in particular, must invest much greater resources in training personnel.

He noted that the most

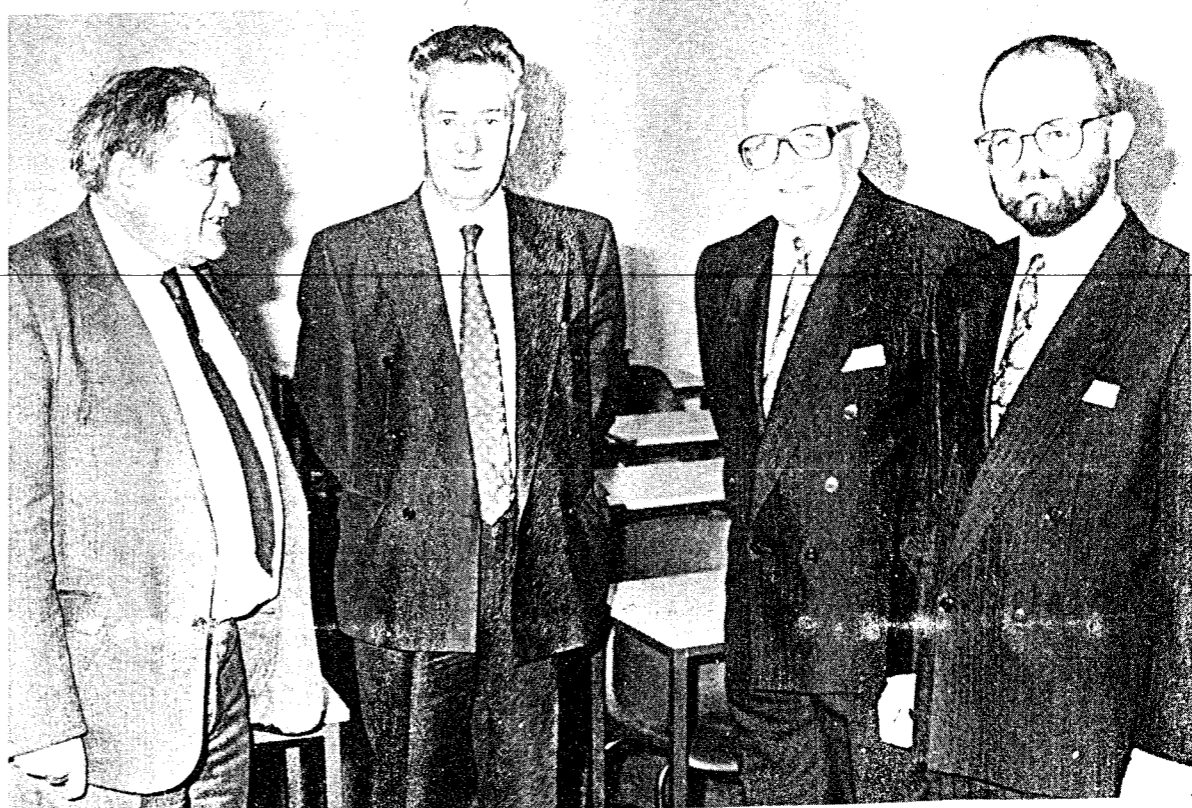
recent figures nationally show that 50 per cent of unemployed males had not progressed beyond national school, and a further 32 per cent had not gone beyond Inter Cert.

He said that he was not advocating less academic schooling, but rather more vocational schooling and

training. Specifically, he said that he was not calling for a narrow work-focused education; schools should - and do - more than simply prepare people for the work place. This, he said, was well understood in Mid West Business Institute.

Speaking specifically of this region, he said that

there are a total of 143 companies in the international services sector based locally, providing 3,000 jobs. At Shannon Industrial Estate the percentage employed in the international services sector has reached record levels, now being over 30 per cent of jobs in the estate.



The Minister for Industry and Commerce, Des O'Malley, at the opening of the Mid West Business Institute new premises with, from left, Paddy McDiarmuid, chairman, NCEA, and Tony Curtin, principal, and Fergus REa, director. (LL)

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1986 Suzuki Alto Saloon

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1990 Mitsubishi Galant

1990 Mitsubishi Colt

1989 Mitsubishi Galant

1988 Mitsubishi Galant

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