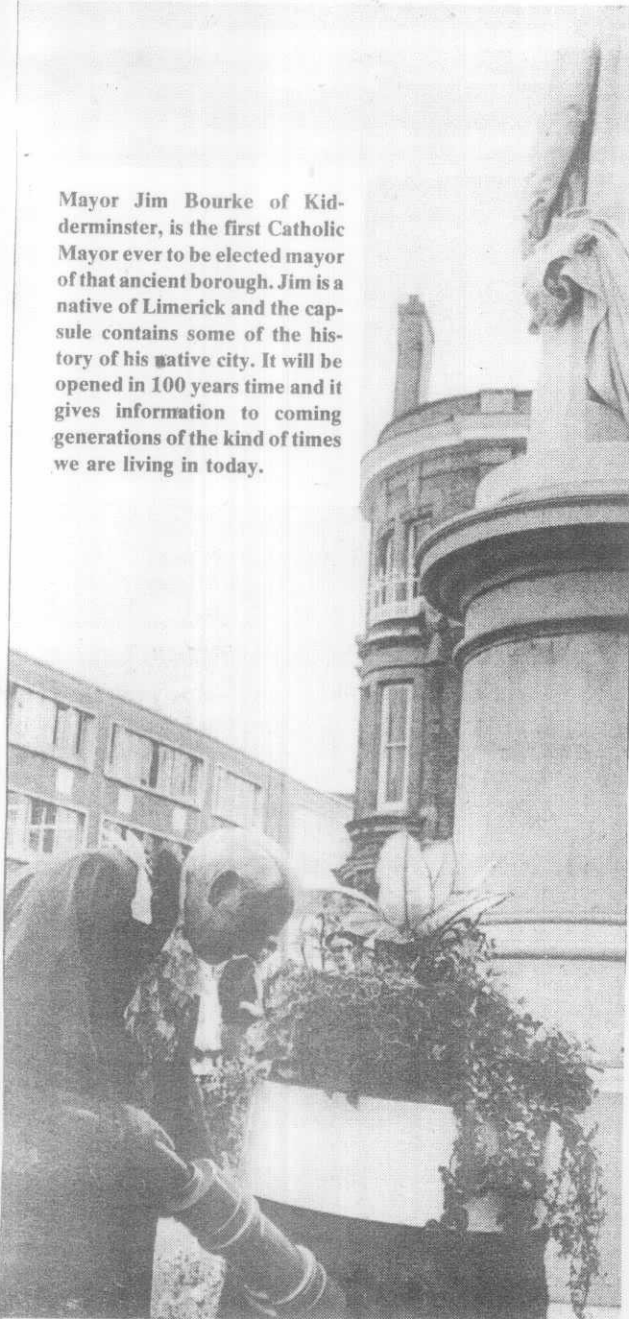


Mayor Jim Bourke of Kidderminster, is the first Catholic Mayor ever to be elected mayor of that ancient borough. Jim is a native of Limerick and the capsule contains some of the history of his native city. It will be opened in 100 years time and it gives information to coming generations of the kind of times we are living in today.



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# IS THE GALLERY A FIRE HAZARD?

**LIMERICK Corporation has been "put on notice" over alleged fire hazards at the City Art Gallery!**

The gallery is on the ground floor of the City Library in Pery Square. Its only exit opening is on to a library room which, it is claimed, could leave patrons in a dead-end situation in the event of a fire.

There are a number of fire extinguishers in the building.

Each year, the gallery hosts up to eight exhibitions as well as a number of civic functions. Many local bodies use the premises as a venue for their meetings.

The chairman of the Art Gallery Advisory Committee, Deputy Jim Kemmy, was taken by surprise when asked to comment on the fire precautions in the building.

"One assumes that one looks after one's own buildings," said Deputy Kemmy, who was worried that such a situation could exist.

He has promised to hold a full investigation into the matter, including discussions with Mr. Maurice O'Flynn, the city librarian and Mr. T. P. Mac Diarmada, the city manager.

Mr. Michael Walsh, the city's chief fire officer, confirmed this week that the building had been inspected by the fire authorities and that their findings had been passed on to the Corporation which, he understood, had the matter in hand.

A frequent visitor to the gallery, for civic functions and other meetings, manager Mac Diarmada said that he had never heard of any alleged deficiencies in fire precautions in the building.

He described the gallery as a ground floor spacious hall,

opening on to the library, with the same openings as any room of its kind elsewhere.

Mr. Maurice O'Flynn, city librarian, told the "Chronicle" that he was not technically qualified to comment on the fire facilities in the building.



Limerick city library: the art gallery is at the re-re.