

20th century Dublin—from which sprang the movements which established national independence—has contracted and declined since the foundation of our independent state.”

He emphasises: “The Kildare Street premises are, therefore, at bursting point in terms of exhibition and storage space.”

He agrees that the planned relocation of the art and industrial or fine art collections at the Custom House Dock, or other location, will provide that division with much-needed additional exhibition and storage space.

Nevertheless he says: “The proper accommodation and display of the Irish Folklore collections remains one of my most heartfelt ambitions.”

Dr Wallace points to such difficulties as staff shortage. This, he maintains, may be gauged when it is realised that the curatorial staff of the Art and Industrial Division was five in 1911, and is only three at present.

This has occurred “despite a tenfold increase in the number of acquisitions and unprecedented demands on the existing staff to mount exhibitions at home and abroad.”

Short are staffs, through the Civil Service embargo, that the professional staff of the museum often find themselves living crates on to lifts and lorries.

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Canon O'Dea at the parish centre in the making.

Marriage advisory council's new hq

By LEADER REPORTER

THE CATHOLIC Marriage Advisory Council is to have its West Limerick headquarters in the new parish centre currently under construction in the grounds of Mary Immaculate Church, Newcastle West.

Very Rev Edmond Canon O'Dea, PP, told the *Limerick Leader* this week that purpose-designed facilities for the discreet activities of the advisory council are being incorporated

in the centre. Other facilities will accommodate various parish groups and conferences of clergy.

The parish had other excellent facilities for a variety of functions, said Canon O'Dea, but this type of specialist facility was greatly needed.

The design, by Kiernan Architects, Limerick, was arrived at to harmonise with the church, and construction is being undertaken by Messrs Seamus Braddish of Askeaton who, said Canon O'Dea, had submitted the lowest-priced suitable tender.

It is envisaged that groups such as the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Society of Young Priests, and others will be catered for in the new centre, and one room is being set aside as a parish office.

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Courage of Limerick's first-ever lady Mayor

ON SUNDAY, March 6, 1921, around the hour of 11.30 p.m., ex-Mayor, Michael O'Callaghan, "St. Margaret's", North Strand, was murdered by armed forces of the Crown in the presence of his wife. Thirty minutes later, Mayor George Clancy, who had succeeded O'Callaghan and who resided 300 yards from the scene of the cold-blooded heinous crime, suffered a similar fate, his wife being wounded by the thugs when going to the aid of her dying husband. A third victim in the person of Volunteer Joseph O'Donoghue, was murdered at Jancsboro, on the outskirts of the city, while the family with whom he resided, were

reciting the Rosary. On hearing of the tragic news by phone, Rev. Fr. Philip Murphy, O.F.M., with Doctor James Roberts, rushed to the scene of the crimes to render whatever assistance they could offer to the tragic bereaved widows.

Meeting

Later that Monday, at a hurried convened meeting of the City Council, Mrs. O'Donovan, sister-in-law of ex-Mayor O'Callaghan, was unanimously elected mayor *pro tem*, and was conferred with the chain of office.

On Tuesday, at the removal of the bodies of the martyred trio to St. John's Cathedral, where they lay in state, pending the funeral to the Republican Plot in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, Mrs. O'Donovan continued wearing the chain, despite a Proclamation, signed by General E. P. Strickland, Officer Commanding, Southern Command and Brigadier-General B. F. C. Doran, forbidding any military, or semi-military, or other adornments, at funerals.

Came the final day, when Councillor James Casey, by agreement, wore the chain, more in defiance, at the same time fearing a flare-up might ensue, following on the final obsequies, in which the Lady Mayor might become involved — as instanced when Michael Downey, on returning from a funeral on a similar occasion, was shot to death with a dozen bullets in his back, by the Black and Tans, at the St. Patrick's Well, Singland.

NOTE: On the large Memorial slab, erected on the land of Jury's Hotel, facing Sarsfield Bridge, on it for all to see, reads:

MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN, Mayor of Limerick, 1920.
GEORGE CLANCY, Mayor of Limerick, 1921.
Murdered in their homes on the night of March 7, 1921.
and

JOSEPH O'DONOGHUE, Volunteer, also murdered on the night of March 7, 1921.
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There has been a further advance in the EC ceramics research programme at NIHE. Ceramics are important to the future growth of certain high technology industries.

The original work under the direction of Dr. Stuart Hampshire, has been to develop improved silicon nitride engineering ceramics. The partners have been the Centre de Recherches de

Industrie Belge de la Mons, the Materials Division at Harwell Laboratory and the Department of University of

Picture shows Dr. Stuart Hampshire (left) with Vincent Xuan, a scholar and Sean Xuan, a student.

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SEMINARS HELP FIRMS TO FACE 1

LOCAL firms are being helped to make the best use of information technology, to compete in the single European Market from 1992.

Last week management and technical staff of small firms attended a seminar and workshop in Shannon on "Advanced Telecommunications for Profit."

It was conducted by Telecom Eireann, and is one of a number of seminars being held in the region in support of a European Community-funded drive to help firms with staffs of up to 500 make the

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CHIEF Executive of Golden Vale, Mr. Jim O'Mahony (above), gave a detailed insight into the Co-op's major breakthrough in producing the world's first additive-free pasteurised cheese for the Irish market, to members of the local Marketing Institute, at the University club in Plessey. He also explained how the entire management structure at Golden Vale had been reorganised so that it and the entire workforce would be in a position to respond to the rapid changes