

# Mayor turns key to new bright Southill

By THOMAS LYNCH

SOUTHILL House received an unusual, but practical, gift from Limerick Corporation,

over the weekend.

A tractor and trailer was presented to the Southill Community Services Board for environmental use in the Southill area.

The tractor/trailer unit will be based in Southill House and will be used in the cleaning and tidying of open spaces in the Keyes, Carew, Kincora and O'Malley Parks housing estates.

John Hannon, chairman of Southill Community Services Board, com-

mented: "We're delighted to receive this tractor and trailer from Limerick Corporation.

"It will take some of the pressure off them, as we will maintain, man and operate the tractor ourselves for environmental purposes.

"I welcome the relation-

ship with Limerick Corporation and it is further evidence of the benefits Southill is receiving."

The keys to the tractor with the self-tipping trailer were handed to Mr Hannon by Mayor Jack Bourke.

Derek Ivory from the housing department of

Limerick Corporation commented: "Southill house will operate man and maintain the tractor to benefit the community.

"This type of service has already proven itself to be a success in the Moyross area and the people of Southill are hoping for a similar success in their area."

## Island nominated for six theatre 'Oscars'

By LAURA RYAN

LIMERICK'S Island Theatre Company has been nominated for six "stage Oscars" in the ESB/Irish Times Irish Theatre Awards.

The awards will be announced and presented at a special ceremony in Dublin on February 13.

The nominations include three for Mike Finn's hit play *Pigtown* including best production; best new play and best set design.

John Breen's play, *Alone it Stands*—featuring the historic occasion when Munster beat the All Blacks—earned two nominations for best director and best new play.

Island was also nominated for best theatre company.

Conor Nolan, Island General Manager, was

delighted with the number of nominations received.

"We are all absolutely delighted," he said. "It's been a very busy year for us and to get as many nominations as the Abbey and the Peacock combined is wonderful.

These aren't just our nominations, they belong to Limerick. We're based in the city, everything about the city pervades our work. This is definitely a good time to be able to hold up your hand and say, I'm from Limerick," Mr Nolan added.

It's been a fantastic year for Island Theatre Company with four successful productions of *Pigtown*, *Borrowed Robes*, *Alone it Stands* and *Carolan's Farewell*.

Its next production, *The Trickster*, an adaptation of a Moliere play will be premiered at the Belltable in March.



Mayor Jack Bourke presenting the keys of a tractor to John Hanafin, chairman, Southill Community Services Board Ltd. with them are John Boland, Turlough McNamara, Derek Ivory, Gerard Moloney, Pat Begley, Tom McNamara, and Mike Nolan.