

Carmel Slattery, with Jean Glynn (Maximes) and Anne Corver, Ashbrook, were at the Mick Hanley concert at Limerick Boat Club, organised by round table.

Family life weekend

The Family Life Weekend takes place at Knock Shrine on Friday, July 23, and Saturday, July 24. This is an opportunity for families to join in praise of God, with Eurovision Song Contest winner, Dana, through prayer and song. Further information from Knock Shrine Bureau, Bedford Row, Limerick. Tel. (061) 419456.

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Mixed bag at Belltable

By **CLAIRE DOYLE**

PROVING that art is not necessarily dark and sober are John Butler's comic sculptures in elm and mahogany, currently on show at the Belltable.

The relatively small sculptures, averaging just over a foot in height, depict a father, brandishing hammer and chisel, shaping his son; a woman blow-drying her hair; and an adult figure raising his hand in anticipation of leveling an almighty blow to the backside of the child stretched across his knee.

His sculptures are part of *In Situ*, an exhibition by nine artists from the Artspace Studios in Galway. Comparing the Galway studios with the new ones in Limerick at the opening of the exhibition last week, the city arts organiser, Shiela Deegan, stressed the importance of a personal workspace for an artist.

"Artists need dependable, sufficient spaces where each can go, enter their creative world and bring their work to fulfilment in it before they bring the work out to exhibitions."

There is evidently no common theme in *In Situ* - what is exhibited in the Belltable is a cross-section from a show which was originally set up as several individual exhibitions. Consequently, the moods, styles and materials vary widely.

In sharp contrast to John Butler's work, are Noelle Donnellon's intricately delicate pen and ink drawings. Using hundreds of tiny, pin-prick dots, she forms meadows of daisies, and mid-night skies.

Kathleen Furey represents another media and other mood in her acrylic collection of ghost-like animals. Simple but striking, she depicts a ghoulish dog and a couple of rather isolated looking cows.

Until July 31, art enthusiasts and those who are simply curious can view the works and afterwards enjoy an earthenware bowl of home-made soup in the basement restaurant of the

Jan gets Mayor one year early

By **Dymphna Bracken**

SENATOR Jan O'Sullivan will be proposed by the Labour party to be the city's third woman mayor on Monday night.

She will be elected.

A member of the council for the past eight years, Senator O'Sullivan is also her party's leader in Seanad Éireann.

Support from the six members of her own party and the likely support of the three Progressive Democrats would give Senator O'Sullivan a majority of the votes.

Cllr John Ryan told the Limerick Leader, to-day that he will be voting for Senator O'Sullivan on Monday night.

"There have only been two women in almost 800 mayors of the city and I think it is time that we addressed that position," he added.

"But all bets are off for next year," he warned.

Senator O'Sullivan is also likely to have the backing of Cllr Joe Harrington and Alderman John Gilligan.

However one issue likely to be raised in the election build-up is that in July 1991 Deputy Kemmy confirmed that Cllr O'Sullivan would be mayor for the year 1994/5.

At that meeting Deputy Kemmy said there were no pacts; but said that he had issued a public invitation to the leaders of all parties to discuss the future of the Council with him.

Only the Progressive Democrats had responded, he said, and it has been agreed that he himself should be supported for the mayor that year and Cllr John Quinn would be similarly supported the following year.

Deputy Kemmy then surprised council by announcing that no decision had been taken on year three and year five of the council and it has been the intention to rotate the mayoralty in a

Deputy Kemmy, told the Limerick Leader, this week, that Senator O'Sullivan would be the party's candidate for the mayoralty on Monday night.

When questioned on his prior statement, he said, that it was now agreed that years four and five would be the free years.

"We now have Mary Robinson as President and I think it is time that we had a lady mayor of our city," he added.

Cllr Dick Sadlier said it was likely that his party will be supporting Senator O'Sullivan for mayor.

The change of years, he said, was something that had evolved rather than something that was agreed at any point in time.

The Fine Gael party are to meet later this week to discuss the matter.

The other women mayors were Frances Condell (1962/4) and Terry Barry-Kelly (1983/4).

Rain on the way

DRY today, cloudy at times, with some bright or sunny spells also; winds light, from west to north-west. Some clear spells tonight but, overall, a lot of cloud about, and misting in the west before morning; cool 8°-9° overnight. Cloudy tomorrow with a little drizzle in places with some bright or sunny spells inland; 18°-21°C, winds south-westerly. Mild tomorrow night, 10°-11°C, with a little rain or drizzle but winds fresh to strong south-westerly to westerly. Cloudy on Thursday with persistent or heavy rain moving in, continuing into Friday morning, but easing to showers later, with the south-westerly winds strong in exposed places. Very cool and changeable over the weekend: very windy at first on Saturday with many blustery showers and temperatures below