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## Focus on a prop problem pays off for players



AN unpaid bill has given Stage Two Downham players plenty to say "cheese" about. For the drama group's request for an old camera for its current production of the J. B. Priestley classic, "When we are married," has been answered in a very unusual way.

Stage manager David King, of Rimington, who mentioned the problem to his friend Mr David Howe, of Maghull, near Liverpool, said:

"He immediately disappeared into his garage and came out with an ancient camera which had been given to his father, an electrician, decades ago, when a customer could not afford to pay his bill. There were also some very old glass plate negatives of Ormskirk, which are now probably worth more than the camera."

Mr King, who is headmaster of Park High School, Colne, met Mr Howe through the Clitheroe Caledonian Society, of which both are members.

Watchful "Advertiser and Times" readers also supplied the group with the option of two more cameras, but Mr Howe's was considered the best.

The play, which was due to open at Downham Village Hall last night and will continue tonight, tomorrow and Saturday, is Waddington Drama Group's second production in Downham. It follows the story of silver wedding celebrations by three couples, who later find that they might not really be married at all.

It is the third time the group has produced the play over the years and Roy Oldroyd and Christine Thompson, who appeared in the early 1970s production, now find themselves cast as older characters!

Tickets are already selling well and can be obtained at various outlets, including Downham Post Office and, in Clitheroe, Hammonds Bakery, St Mary's Street, and Visions Dress Shop, Moor Lane.

Our picture shows photographer Roy asking the rest of the cast to "watch the birdie."

# Comedy in the garden



**AFTER** weeks of rehearsals, Stage Two Drama Group's latest venture is currently running at Downham Village Hall.

The group, which used to stage productions in Waddington, is performing "Round and round the garden" by Alan Ayckbourn, a comedy set in Victorian times.

The performances, which start at 7-30 each night, began yesterday and will run until Saturday. Tickets can be purchased from Downham Post Office.

The company is

always on the lookout for new members and anyone interested should contact chairman Bob Cleeve (Clitheroe 24595) or vice-chairman Janet Hulme (24157).