

## 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 Dave King, of Rimington, who mentioned the problem to his friend Mr. David Howe, of Magnull, near Liverpool said: "He immediately disappeared into his garage and came out with an ancient camera which had been given to his father, as 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'.

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