

Barbara voted best producer at drama festival

IT WAS a great week for Waddington Drama Group, the only local team in the Ribble Valley Drama Festival.

Their production of the comedy "My three angels" earned Barbara Scattergood the cup for the best producer and the group, which performed on open-

ing night, took the runners-up trophy.

Overall winners of the festival, at the Civic Hall, were the Lancaster Footlights Club for their "thoroughly professional production" of "The Farm."

The award for the best individual performance was gained by Audrey Daley, of Settle, for her role as Edna Edison in "The Prisoner of 2nd Avenue."

The adjudicator's special award went to the Tudor Players, of Manchester, for their excellent work in "The Dresser."

At the close of the six-night festival, adjudicator Mr James Patrick congratulated the festival committee on the compilation of "a magnificent programme of immense dramatic variety which had resulted in some really first-rate acting and clever stagecraft."

He declared himself enchanted with the theatre "the cleanest he had ever entered — front stage and back" and added: "If ever this lovely hall is under threat as has happened to so many others, let me know, and I will come up from Wiltshire and carry a banner of protest."

The various trophies were presented by the Ribble Valley Mayor and Mayoress, Coun. Ted Boden and Mrs Boden, Clitheroe Mayor, Coun. John Cowgill and Mr Harry Connor, head postmaster of the Blackburn area, which sponsored the festival.

Chairman Mr Jimmy Fell thanked everyone concerned in helping in the success of the week.

Among the guests was Mr Jack Baker, chairman of the National Association of Drama Festivals.