

...the opening scene was not perhaps as forceful as it might have been, this deficiency was overcome in the subsequent acts.

The high standard attained by the actors was matched by those who were responsible for the decor.

The producer, Frank Goggin, who himself took the leading role of Dan, mastered the difficult part well. Dorothy Hogg tackled the character part of old Mrs. Bramson very efficiently, while the standard of Heien Walton's performance as Olivia Grayne was very high.

As the humorous and pert Mrs. Terence, Dorothy Verrinder showed herself a capable actress. Excellently cast as the portly Inspector Belsize was George L. Spouse.

Ralph Hill, Joan Eskdale, Hylda Pringle and Meredith Charlton did well in smaller parts.

They'll look back over 50 years



Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Lott.

Fifty years ago Mr. John Henry Lott took his young bride to their new home, 101, Wood-street, Grangetown.

Tomorrow, in the same house, Mr. and Mrs. Lott celebrate their golden wedding with a family party.

Mr. Lott, now 71, spent the whole of his working life at the Cleveland Works, Grangetown, beginning when he was only 14 and retiring six years ago. He was born at Port Clarence.

Gardening has always been Mr. Lott's main hobby. He has cultivated a garden since he was 20, but gave up the hobby last year, when his allotment was taken over as part of a new road. He feels he is too old to begin a new garden.

Now his spare time is spent helping Mrs. Lott who, although 77, still does all her own housework, washing and shopping.

They have three sons and three daughters and six grandchildren.

...and made to Services cushions of erecting shelters at exposed bus stops in the borough.

Motor-cyclist's breach of law

For aiding and abetting person to drive a motor-cycle without a driving licence, and for permitting use of the motor-cycle without having a third party insurance, Raymond W. Brownell (22), of 1, Chester-street, Cargo Fleet, Middlesbrough, was fined £1 on each charge, ordered to pay £2 in 6d costs, and disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence in the next 12 months, when he appeared at the Guisborough Court today.

Supt. T. Adams told the court that the defendant allowed his girl-friend to drive a motor-cycle while he rode as a pillion passenger.

Following an incident in Guisborough, two men in motor-car followed the motor-cycle up Park-lane, Guisborough. When questioned, the defendant admitted responsibility, expressed his regret. He "Guilty" to both charges.

Blaze checked at I.C.I. p

Prompt action by Fire Brigade put out blaze at the sulphur of the I.C.I. works today.

The fire broke out in a sulphur crushing plant, and was extinguished through a combination of fire-fighters' efforts and the action of the plant's automatic control system.

The blaze, which caused considerable damage, was caused by a fault in the control system.

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Woman's 4 years as 'L' driver

The holder of a provisional driving licence for four years, Mrs. Ellen Ann Busby (43), of Grange-road, West Hartlepool, is to take a driving test on Thursday.

She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, when she decided to drive to get some experience for the test. She was seen switching seats with her husband, and, at West Hartlepool today, she was fined £1 for failing to display 'L' plates. Her husband, George Busby (43), was fined 10s for aiding and abetting.

The husband was asked by a magistrate why his wife had held a provisional licence so long.

He replied: "Some people are afraid of these driving tests. She has kept renewing her provisional licence."

999 call leads to break-in charge

When a 21-year-old Thornaby man was charged at Stockton today with housebreaking, Chief Insp. Bush said the police "strongly opposed" an application for bail.

Further inquiries had to be made, said the Inspector, and a further charge under the Firearms Act might be preferred against the man, John Barnes Appleton, of Acklam-terrace, Thornaby.

Mr. Coxon said that, following a 999 call, he went with other officers to Eaglescliffe, where he saw Appleton walking along the road. He later charged him with breaking into "The M-road, Eaglescliffe," and he was taken into custody.

Tees-side dance band's success

Mr. Len Thurston's orchestra, of Middlesbrough, obtained second place in the Northumberland championship of the National Dance Band Championship of Great Britain, which was held at Newcastle. The championship was for semi-professional bands.

The only Tees-side band in an entry of six, they obtained only two marks less than the Mayfair Club Band, of Carlisle, which won the competition.

Mr. Allan Waller, of Dormanstown, who is Mr. Thurston's leading alto saxophone player, received two individual prizes for his performance on both saxophone and clarinet.

The orchestra is nine-piece in strength and comprises semi-professional musicians from Redcar, Middlesbrough and Goosbeck.

The all-England finals will be held later in the year.

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