

Advantage taken of acting opportunities

After one or two 'flights of fancy' in their recent productions, Wimborne Drama Club came down to earth again last week-end, when they presented Emlyn Williams' thriller, 'Someone Waiting,' at Wimborne County Modern School.

Too improbable to be taken seriously, the play, nevertheless, gave some good acting opportunities, of which the players took full advantage.

Tim Eling kept well in character throughout his long role as the bereaved father, Fenn, and was capably supported by Tony Pawley, as the embittered law student, Martin. Arthur Brooks was suitably pompous as the social-climbing John Nedlow; and Betty Anthony had a straightforward characterization as his wife, Vera.

Tricia Marlow was convincing as Nedlow's secretary, Miss Lennie; Carole Bird brought brief, but welcome, comedy relief during her appearance as Miss Lennie's mother, Mrs. Danescourt. Janine Brooks, too, made the most of her 'cameos' in the role of the maid, Hilda; and Mike and Jennie Waring had 'walking-on' parts as a neighbouring couple.

Production by Thelma Dryden and Muriel Brooks was well conceived, although tension could have been heightened by more varied pace. Alan Lewis stage-managed, assisted by John and Rosemary Poat, John Anthony, Jennie Lewis, Carol Dunton, Linda Pawley, Jennifer Webb, Chris Rideout and Ian Raeburn.