

# CLUB'S COMEDY LIVED UP TO NAME

Having married a wealthy woman in order to obtain money to squander on himself and his mistresses and to support his parasitical parents and friends, an amoral young Frenchman heroically decides to 'change partners' and go back to working for his living when he finds a girl dumb enough to have faith in him in spite of his lurid past.

Such, in brief, is the plot of Jean Anouilh's comedy 'Dinner with the family,' which Wimborne Drama Club staged at Church House last week — the title referring to a phony dinner party planned by the 'hero,' Georges Delachaume. And skilful production by Thelma Dryden ensured that full advantage was taken of every opportunity for laughs and for sentimental touches.

To Tony Pawley fell the task of making credible the character of the highly improbable Georges, and he acquitted himself remarkably well. Joe and Muriel Brooks were excellent as Georges' sponging parents; and John and Elizabeth Anthony 'hammed' convincingly as the actor and actress (M. Delmonte and Mme. De Montrachet) hired by Georges to impersonate his parents at the dinner. Arthur Brooks deserves a special word of praise for carrying on with his part in spite of torn leg muscles.

Giving assured and sensitive performances, Russ Guillaume and Jenni Waring were superbly cast as Georges' friend Jacques and his wife (and