

Full marks to this 'marriage'

FOR slick dialogue and inoffensive sophistication, John Clement's comedy, *The Happy Marriage*, would be hard to beat; and Wimborne Drama Club's presentation of the play at Wimborne County Modern School last weekend evidently delighted local audiences.

Apart from slight dragging in the first act, Leonard Mottram's production was polished and completely satisfying.

Thelma Dryden kept the laughs rippling by her portrayal of Helen Mansell-Smith, the over-solicitous wife tragically concerned about her husband's non-existent neurosis; and Frank Burley gave a carefully-studied performance as the husband, Henry.

Donald Waterfield's Dr. Protheroe was effective, if somewhat ponderous; and Paddy Brooman and Hazel Drewett teamed splendidly as the Mansell-Smith's self-sacrificing friends, George and Audrey Foster.

DECOR

Ron Small scored points as Briggs, the manservant; and Elaine King supported well as Henry's secretary, Miss Pat.

Douglas Treharne, H. Coles (who stage-managed) and Elizabeth Hervey Murray deserve a pat on the back for the very attractive setting and decor.

Daphne Young and Pamela Mottram coped with properties; Reginald L. Wilkinson was responsible for lighting; and June Aitken prompted.

Leslie Young and Jack Drewett shared the duties of business management; Graham Mitchell was chief steward; and Mrs. L. H. Mottram served refreshments. Mrs. E. R. King and Mrs. E. D. Young were joint secretaries.