

"DESERT SONG" PROFIT WAS A RECORD

Chelmsford Society's Next Productions

PROFIT on Chelmsford Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society's presentation in April of "The Desert Song" was a record. In spite of the fact that entertainment tax has doubled since before the war, £218 was cleared on the production.

This was stated at the annual meeting on Tuesday, when Mr. A. R. Barneveld, chairman of the Executive Committee, presided in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. Sidney C. Taylor, to whom thanks were expressed for his great interest in the Society's welfare.

In view of such a successful year £150 was donated to charity—£100 to Chelmsford Hospital, £20 to the Home of St. Giles and £15 each to the British Empire Cancer Campaign and the Treloar Cripples' Hospital. During the year subscriptions totalled £93 8s.

Next year's musical production will be "No, No, Nanette." This will be a revival of an old favourite presented by the Society in 1935. During the week beginning Nov. 3 members will put on the dramatic comedy "The Sport of Kings." Thirty applications have already been received for the 16 parts. Tap dancing classes will begin next week in preparation for "No, No, Nanette."

Officers re-elected included: President, Mr. Sidney C. Taylor; hon. secretary, Mr. V. J. Cooper; hon. treasurer, Mr. V. Saggs. Members of the committee were re-elected en bloc. Mr. W. J. Slipper, hon. auditor, retired after 24 years' service.

The Mayor, Alderman A. W. Andrews, a vice-president, praised the work of the Society and complimented it on its performance of "The Desert Song." His Worship added that he hoped the time was not far distant when Chelmsford would have its own Civic Theatre.