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"ARSENIC AND OLD LACE" SUCCESS

When the final performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" had closed and the flowers had been passed over the footlights, Chelmsford Operatic and Dramatic Society celebrated with a party their most successful straight play so far.

With an attendance of 1,006 more than previous plays, it is regarded as a sign that local people want a live theatre in Chelmsford and that a real need for one exists.

Dr. John Taylor, the president, stated that he was emphatically of the opinion that residents should stop Councillors in the streets in a drive to establish such a theatre. With fine performances from all the cast and especially from Roger Massey as Mortimer Brewster, it is proof that amateur players, through their own keenness, could produce plays of the highest order.
