

Jimmy Hanley actor and TV personality

JIMMY HANLEY, stage and film actor and television personality, died at his home at Fetcham, Surrey, yesterday. He was 51.

Born in Norwich, he went to the Italia Conti stage school and made his debut at 12 as John Darling in "Peter Pan" at the London Palladium.

At 14 he was a circus bare-back rider. At 16 he was in films, one of his first co-stars being Nova Pilbeam. He appeared in more than 60 films of which the most memorable were probably the wartime epic "The Way Ahead," the police thriller "The Blue Lamp" and "The Huggets."

His career was interrupted by the war, in which he was commissioned in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was wounded in the leg during a commando raid on Norway and was invalided out in 1942.

He played on the stage in London and on Broadway and in the early days of ITV he became host of Jim's Inn, an advertising



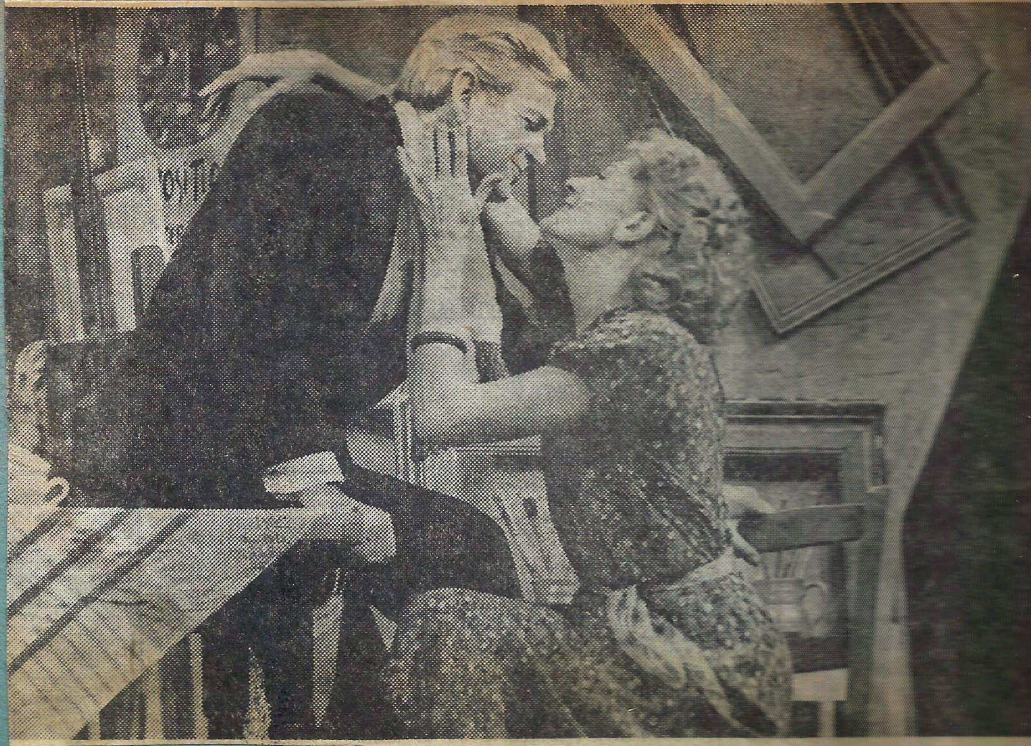
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programme, for eight years before the Education Committee outlawed advertising on television. Meanwhile, he became involved in a real-life feud through an ill-fated romance.

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John Stride and Vanessa Redgrave in Noël Coward's "Design for Living" which opened at the Phoenix Theatre last night.



John Stride and Vanessa Redgrave in "The Sinner" one of two one-act plays which opened at the Old Vic Theatre last night.