



Gracie lights up the town

GRACIE FIELDS, the darling of Lancashire for 50 years, recaptured the hearts of 10,000 of her fans last night when she switched on this year's Blackpool illuminations.

The massive crowd which packed Talbot-square laughed and cheered at Gracie's genial clowning.

Many of them then had tears in their eyes as she replied to their demands for a song with one of the most touching renderings of "Sally" that she has ever given.

A tremendous burst of cheering, which could be heard down the promenade, came in response from the crowd—and at that moment, Gracie pulled over the switch to set the illuminations glowing.

STAR SHELLS

Star shells burst in the air high above Talbot-square and a unique feature devised by Illumination Director Mr Harry Carpenter, came to life. It was a replica of the Olympic flame which will burn in Tokyo during the Olympic Games.

Gracie was accompanied by her husband, Boris; the Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and

● Gracie Fields switches on Blackpool's 1964 Illuminations, watched by husband, Boris, and the Mayor (Ald. A. Ashworth).