

Dr. Naomi Turner, president of Hagley Community Association, cuts the first sod on the side for a hall in the village.

Mr. A. H. Chattin, the chairman, calls for applause on "an important moment."

Hagley Community Hall launched

day" for the villagers of hagley, for it marked the beginning of construction work centre. It is to be built on gun in earnest. the North side of the playing field, and will afford a large hall with a stage and a kitchen and committee rooms.

The chairman of the Commuity Association (Mr. A. H. Chattin) welcomed a large crowd of villagers at a turf cutting ceremony, performed by the president (Dr. Naomi Turner).

Thanking the villagers for their support, Mr. Chatin said he never doubted that they would reach this impor-tant stage, nor was he dis-appointed by the length of time it had taken them to reach it. The association, he recalled, was formed in 1961, but it was not until two years

Saturday was "an important on their £21,500 community later that fund-raising was be- Turner said it was a privilege

through the efforts of a loyal see the completion of an band of workers, and the attractive building, catering assistance of other local for the needs of the comorganisations, tradespeople munity. and individuals.

They had been given the assurance of a £10,000 grant from the Ministry with the promise of a further £500 from the County Council, from the County Council, leaving a balance of £2,100 still to be found.

Efforts, he said, to raise the remainder would include a house-to-house collection and

a Summer fete.

They were also indebted to other local organisations who were to stage fund raising events. He ade that it was a day to be proud, for it marked the completion of something which was begun nine years ago and the beginning of a plan which, it was hoped, would provide them with an excellent community centre in six months

In cutting the first sod, Dr.

and honour to be president Since then they had raised of the association in such an total of £9,000 mainly important year, which would