

The Holme Players have a stage and equipment that many amateur theatres will envy.

canvassed the entire village and discovered a couple of dozen skilled building workers in residence, all of whom were willling and eager to build the hall themselves, aided by those unskilled people who were willing to act as labourers. All the volunteers were to book the time spent on the job and the value of that labour was to be treated as a cash contribution to the fund. They planned to start work in April, 1956, but they reckoned without all the authorities who had to approve this and that, and to demand the inevitable alterations to suit their respective regulations. Building could not begin, therefore, until the following spring. Over fifty volunteers began to wield their picks and shovels and trowels and hammers and things on Saturday, April 13th, 1957. The hall was officially opened on Saturday, December 12th, 1959, by Professor Norman Feather, F.R.S., son of the founder. The summer rains of 1958 were something of a handicap, but to have completed the work in the " leisure " hours of two and a half years is no mean achievement. The total hours of voluntary labour recorded were more than 16,000.