Glimpses of **Parliament**

By. Hughes Cleaver, Halton's Member

The keynote of the opening speeches of the House on Friday last was a criticism of the alleged complacency of the Canadian public toward Canada's war effort. Hon. Mr. Hanson, the newlyappointed Opposition Leader, in his opening remarks stated:

"We shall expect from the administration a full accounting of its stewardship during- the past seven or eight months. The Canadian people are asking for that. I fear, that they have been too complacent during the early period of the war. However, now that the shock of this tremendous conflict is being borne upon them, and through them to us, they desire to know the measure of effort Canada is putting forth at this time."

Mr. Sinclair, Member for Vancouver North, struck the same note when he said in seconding the address:

"This is no time for complacency. It is time for united effort, for ceaseless endeavor; above all for action, for fearless action. This is the time to subordinate all other efforts in order to smash away the political bickerings and the departmental red tape which in the This is the time to mobilize with ruthless speed every resource of this vast

gentlemen got the idea that-Canadians, and a private resident in Greece. as a whole are completent about the war unless it might be that they have misunderstood "confidence" for "complacency." While I share with other Canadians an abounding confidence in the final result of the war, I do not first servone who does not appreciate the full seriousness of the struggle. In addition to a willingness to make any necessary sacrifice I find everywhere a very determined insistence that this time there shall be no excess profits and that this time there shall be equality of sacrifice insofar as it is humanly possible to attain it.

On Monday afternoon Hon. R. Hanson spoke for two hours in a critical vein on Canada's war effort, covering all our resources to win the war. He reports were most gratifying stated that he was opposed to any time | Finances have always been a handinow being taken to consider unemploy- can in this enterprise and the memberment insurance or any other post war; ship was agreeably surprised when the problem. He also expressed grave doubts 'Treasurer's report, presented by Chas as to whether the consent of the pro- Kirkness, showed a cash balance of the amendment of the constitution to in a sinking fund for building maintenpermit the Federal Government to enact ance. Total receipts were \$1.86343, and unemployment insurance.

complete synopsis of Canada's war effort and war plans to date. I regret that I Dil's am unable to give verbatim reports of these speeches of our two leaders, but as my copy must go to the County Press to-night, if it is to be published this week this is impossible. Mr. King stated that the most accurate means of arriving at a correct impression of the magnitude of our effort was to give comparative costs. In the first eight monthsof the war Canada has spent over twice the sum which was expended in the same period of the Great War. Our estimated war expendiutres for the coming fiscal year are seven hundred millions. as compared with one hundred and sixtysix millions spent during the corresponding period of the last war, an increase of 320% - Since the return of the Defence Minister from England it has been decided to further increase this

amount. the Canadian Navy, we spending thirty times more than spent in the same period of the last war. In addition to the following ships now in active service: 7 destroyers. mine sweepers, 16 anti-submarine ships 51 auxiliary ships, we have ninety new ships now under construction. We now have an active naval personnel of 6,614 officers and ratings which will be increase by 11,450 by March 31st, 1941.

On the Air Force we are spending 100 millions as compared to 3 millions during the same period in the last war. On May 10th we had 13,315 of all ranks in the Air Force. In addition to these figures, we are spending 350 millions over a period of three years as our share of the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme. We have bui't and building 110 separate Air Training Schools and Depots for use in the Empire Air Training Scheme. This scheme will require an instructional staff and ground force of over forty thousand officers and men.

As to the infantry the First Division of 23.678 men is now Overseas .- The Becond Division of 24,666 men is training in-Canada and we have others recruited for coastal and home defences, bringing total of this branch of the service under arms of over 100,000 men. It has been decided to recruit a Third Deviation immediately.

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GETS NEW POST



Col. Maurice A. Pope, named Assistant to Ma for-General H. D. G. Crerar. Officer Commanding Canadian Headquarters in England. Col. Pope has been Director of Military Operations and Intelligence at National Defence Headquarters Photo by Blank-Stoller Ltd.

VETS DO THEIR BIT

Ten veterans of the First World War are now surrendering either the whole | E. J. Hassard, supplies or part of their pensions to Canada's R. Rawson, wages war cause. A pensioner of London, Ontario, surrendered his monthly cheque D. Elliott, wages of \$21.00 from March, 1940, for the Another from Killam, Alberta, authorizes a deduction of \$11.25 N. Lambert, wages It is of course easy to criticize, but for every month. The other eight include a M. McDonald, wages the life of me I do not know where these Major-General, now resident in Italy, F. Cleave, wages

Acton Y.M.C.A. Closes Good Year

Cash Balance Shown - Membership Was Largest Since the Opening — H. H. Hinton President

Evidence of keen interest was shown again a great deal of the criticism on Monday night when Acton Murray which was voiced during the general Memorial Y.M.C.A. held its annual meetelections. He stated that he understood ing. There was a splendid attendance the recent mandate of the electors to be of senior members when President W. that we should use all our power and Geo Mason opened the meeting and the would be used from June 1st to Sep- tette rendered several numbers, not only

vinces could be obtained in regard to \$293.34, after providing \$50 for the year total expenditures were \$1,520.09.

On Monday evening Mr. King gave a Reports from the various committees given as follows: Building, G. A. Special Features, E. S. Force: Program, H. H. Hinton: Ladies' Aux.liary, Mrs. C. F. Leatherland.

In the Supervisor's Report, Mr. W. Benson gave a summary of the use to the building was put by the various groups. In totalling up over 9,000 participations were made of the building for Y. purposes alone. For the future a Y's Men's Glub was under consideraiton: the Y.M.C.A. War Services Campalen was being undertaken and already over \$100 had been contributed. Boys' and Gir's' Camps were arranged and the camp banks had almost sufficient for

the boys to meet this expense. President W. Geo. Mason, in his remarks, paid tribute to the splendid work Mr. Benson had done this year. He also thanked the Board for the co-operation they had given him during his tenure

of office and the Ladies' Auxiliary. In recognition of the work Miss Helen Ostrander had done with the Junior Girls' Group, Mr. Benson, on behalf of the Board of Directors, presented her with a camera. Miss Ostrander replied. expressing the low that the work had given her and her thanks for this un-

A vote of appreciation to the retaring Executive was endorsed by every member with hearty applause

A motion, which caused considerable discussion, was an amendment to constitution, reducing the number the Board of Directors-from fifteen The motion was carried and in the e ection, which followed, the folwere made Directors, and later drew lots for the term of years they

For One Year-G A Dills, H R

For Two Years-W J Beatty E S. Force. H. H. Hinton For Three Years-W H. C'ayton, C.

Kirkness, M. Roote Officers elected by the new Board at a subsequent meeting were:

Honorary President-W. Geo. Mason President-H H. Hinton. First Vice-President-W. H. Clayton Second Vice-President-E: S. Force. Secretary-Chas, Kirkness.

Treasurer-G. McKenzie. A general speeding up is to take place A delightful luncheon was served by grawl for the streets was discussed. as to all services. Two new Ministers the Ladies' Auxiliary and a splendid About 100 yards would be required. The favorable balance of trade with Great unanimously resolve that? are to be appointed, a Minister of De- social as well as business meeting made Clerk was instructed to secure informa- Britain, facilitates British war purchases . "Whereas Our Empire is now facing out of the gathering.

Beardmore Co. Requested Seasonal Water Supply

Council Gives Matter Considera-tion and Will Inspect Additional Acton Plant Only Spring - \$250 Received from One of Its Kind Liquor Control Board - Arrangements Being Made for Supervision of Bathing at Fairy Lake. ...

session, and Reeve J. B. Chalmers pre-

Clerk reported the transfer the trust fund of \$250 of the Soldiers' Memorial plot to Dominion of Canada bond at 31, per cent.

The Thirteenth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment the following accounts

Bell Teler-hone Co. services The Carswell Co. Ltd., supplies ... Beardmore & Co., supplies Kerr and Coombs Foundry Co., catch basins

A. Smith, wages

Force Electric Co., tile \$95.48, less contra allowance of O. R. Brown, trucking etc.

A letter from the County Engineer Elects Officers gave a price of \$27.08 for Calcium Chloride F.O.B. Milton.

Another quotation was received from S. F. Lawrason & Co. It was decided CONTRIBUTES TO to order through the Halton County Council as this price was the best

A letter from the Liquor Control Board enclosed a cheque for \$250.10. being twenty per cent, of the amount license fees collected from hotels in

A letter was read from Beardmore & Co Ltd., regarding a supply of tember 15th. It was estimated 30,000 to 40,000 gallons would be used every 24 hours. The company did not expect to play the usual domestic rates. give details of the system. cost of water was 96c per 1000 gallons. including debenture and all charges. The present pump at the spring would pump 5000 gallons per hour. The pump at present was working about 8 used at present, the amount required cou'd not be delivered, in addition to the regular municipal requirements. cost of an automatic pump was about \$1,000 plus installation cost. This pump would deliver 100 gallons per minute and water could be pumped direct from the spring into the mains. Operation of

the present pump would require additional supervision. The Clerk was instructed to write. pointing out the difficulties in supplying this amount of water and ask for definite requirements from the company. The Superintendent also reported regarding the spring property and an additional spring upon which the Corporation had rights. Council and Commis-

tion of the property. A letter was read from the Burlington Council enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by that Council. It was asked that the Acton Council consider this resolution and if deemed advisable to forward a copy to Hon. Norman Rogers. The motion suggested the forming in communities, where garrisons do not' exist of home guard units to combat the tactics of Nazi Germany, such as have been evident in other countries. These units would be under the supervision of the District Military authorities. The

letter was filed. A letter from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the LO.D.E. extended an invitation to the Council to hear Dr Turville, of Western University deliver ariilludress on Poland, in Knox Church. Council expressed appreciation of this

Another letter from the same order asked permission of Council to conduct a raffle at their baser in the fall' Council had no objection if the event comrited with the Criminal Code and the funds were used for charitable purposes. The Duke of Devonshire Chapter also agreed to provide, as in other years, a sum of \$25.00 to provide supervision at

the bathing-beach in the Park Arrangements were to be made secure a suitable supervisor for the Park | their ho'dings with the British Treasury. Lakeside Chapter LO.D.E. in a letter expressed appreciation to Council for the British Oovernment, in turn, uses use of the Town Hall for their dance. The matter of securing the supply of dollars or credits in the Dominion .

in the Dominion

An article entitled "Canadian Coramic Industry Growing," prepared by Gordon C. Keith, M.Sc., Secretary of the Can-Councillors W. J. O. Oakes and J. F. adian Ceramic Society, gives some very Davison were present on Tuesday even- interesting information of how the ining when Acton Council met in regular dustry has developed in Canada.

One paragraph has an especial local interest. It reads: "A new crucible ada, has been established in Ontario, ing since crucibles formerly imported. are used widely in the mining industry" The plant referred to-is in Acton, and is nounced by Hon, Norman Rogers, Canknown as Canadian Ceramic Co. The radian Minister of Defence. L. W. Agar, coal for Town Hall ... \$14.00 crucibles are known under the trade

> A visit there only this week brought out the further interesting information that these crucibles are now being made NOTE FORMER RESIDENT. on a type of machine never before used 30 for such a purpose. Production is speed- NOW 99 YEARS OLD ed up with this new machine and a splendid article produced. We spent an 11.50 interesting half hour in this plant on 3.75 Tuesday, watching the various machines 7.75 in operation. A new storage shed was built recently at the rear of the factory

Another interesting part of the new industry is the fact that the new power press used in forming the crucibles was made by another Acton industry. It is a specially built and equipped press. made by The Acton Machine Shops whose plant is adjoining the ceramic plant. Acton, too, has its place in pioneering in new industries and pro-

TORONTO QUARTETTE UNITED SERVICE

That fine congregation that assembled for worship at the United Church on Sunday evening will not soon forget the inspiration of the occasion. The minister's theme was "What does it mean to Come to Christ?" and he was ably supported by the choir and the Evangel Male Quariette, of Toronto. The Quarof spiritual appreciation.

The minister expressed the hope that the Quartette might make a return visit to the congregation here, in the not too distant future. When that occurs, the on Sunday night should be the guarantee a large and enthusiastic hearing for this group of singers, whose talents have been so definitely dedicated to the gospel

Lady Bowlers Elect Officers for the Year

Lady members of Acton Bowling and Tennis Chib met on Monday evening for organization and arrangements for the present season, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Chisholm. Bower Avenue. Officers for the year were chosen as follows:

Honorary President-Miss M. Nelson President-Mrs. J. M. McDonald First Vice-President-Mrs. W. D. Tal-

sion arranged to make a tour of inspec-Second Vice-President - Mrs. R. H

Bowling Committee-Mrs. W. Chisholm Convener: Miss M. Garvin, Miss Pearl Smith, and Mrs. W. D. Talbot.

Social Committee-Mrs. S. Rushmere. Convener: Mrs. J. Ingles, Mrs. H. Helwig. Miss H. Wallace and Mrs R.

Debt is Repaid to give British **War Credits Here**

During April ninety million dollars o war credits for Great Britain were established in Canada. Funds to that amount fout of the Pirst Canadian War Loan, were used last month to pay off Canadian Government loan outstanding in Great Britain.

This debt would not have mateured ordinarily until 1960; but as a means of contributing to the Allies' war effort the required six months' notice for earlier termination was given last Oc-

All British invertors of these Cansecurties at Ottawn to obtain Canadian

In this , way Canada, which has a assembled in convention in Georgetown, closed the moeting with prayer, in the Dominion.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

tional Defence Headquarters. Military Training and Staff Dulies, succeeds Col. Maurice A i see as Director at Headquarters. His appointment was an-Pher to by Blank-Stoller Ltd.

NEIGHBORLY TALKS

An Actonian listening on Sunday to "Neighborly Talks," from CBL, was interested in hearing congratulations extended to Mrs. Weaver, of Lion's Head, on attaining her 99th birthday. He called it to our attention. Mrs. Weaver was the mother of Mrs. John Williams, who came to Acton when Mr. Williams passed away, twenty or more years ago, and recall this fine old lady and will. extend congratulations and the wish that she will attain the century mark.

Convention Urges Prohibition Liquor During the War

Prizes Presented in Competitions at the Halton County W.C. T.U. Convention Last Week

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Halton County met for their in fine-voice, but with outstanding power forty-fourth annual convention in the United Church, Georgetown, on Friday,

The afternoon session, under the presidency of Mrs. R. B. Galbaith, of Milton, opened with the devotional period. led by Mrs. E. G. Baxter, Georgetown, whose scripture study, chosen from the book of Esther, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" counselled courage and self-surrender in the fulfillment of the mission entrusted to us as individuals and as an organization.

The reports presented from the diff ferent unions showed some good work done in the face of many difficulties, but the feeling of the meeting seemed to be that there is much need for more energetic action in the work to which we have set our hand in Halton County. After much earnest discussion, those

present renewed their dedication to the task, "for God and home and Canada." The address of the guest speaker. Miss C. Rosamund Duff, Provincial Field Secretary of the W.C.T.U., furnished much of information and not a little encouragement to patient persevering endeavor. A greater sympathy toward our work of scientific temperance instruction is one of the most encouraging features in the present situation. ing the past year she has had privilege of presenting to approximately fifty thousand students in different Ontario schools, both Protestant legiate, lessons in alcohol education, to and Miss Dora Lambert. use the term-more commonly applied : now to these studies.

She has given them in three of On- UNITED WOMAN'S tario's Normal Schools and this spring was invited to address the Rural Section of the Oratario Educational Association in convention. She has also spoken in hospitals, jails, reformatories and in

national life. Every community, where "Ministry of Healing in India." evidence of this fact, and citizens awak- Reed, Mrs. Switzer and Mrs. Symon.

Mrs. F. C. Overend, Georgetown, head - number. of the Committee on Resolutions, was unanimously passed by the Convention, packed at Mrs. Agar's, and the Branch us Vice-Captain's Match. Worth while and the Corresponding Secretary was in- will have charge of the church service on prize for player with low net score structed to address a copy to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Leader of the Opposition, and our local member.

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Let us Bow in Manly Humility

Acton, Ontario,

May 23rd, 1940

To the Editor. ACTON FREE PERSS.

Dear Sir:

May I appeal through your columns for a hundred per cent, observance of Next Sunday, May 26th, which has been set aside by request of his Majesty, the King, as a special day of humble prayer in all the Churches throughout Great Britain and the whole Empire. It will be a rallying day for all -who believe and trust in God as revealed in Christ; for all who believe that Christ's way of life is the true one-who believe in the things for which Christ stood and still stands; and also for all those who beleve in the righteousness of the allied caused. Our participation in this great the world of our unity. We will not think of it as a desperate remedy resorted te in a desperate situation, or as an attempt to persuade the Almighty change his mind, but rather in the very practical sense of being a method larifying our minds, strengthening our purpose and ateadying our nerves.

Indifference in a crisis like the present one on the part of those who are not by conviction anti-Christian amounts almost to treason. We know that Hitler rose to power on the shoulders of those who had no other religion. With many, indifference to religious observance merely a matter of carelessness-we so easily get out of the habit and find other things to do that God is crowded out of cur lives, and that gives the adversary his opportunity. Let us see to it that none of the excuses we ordinarily make stand in our way on Sunday "Let us" as Lord Tweedsmuir said, "bow ourselves in manly humility before the unseen Lord of Life," and submit our wills to His, mak ing it a witness before the world of our unity and earnestness about our cause. (Sgd.) (Rev.) E. A. BROOKS

ACTONIANS GRADUATE AS NURSES AND WIN HIGH AWARDS

Many Actorians were particularly in- erville. terested in the Graduation Exercises this year of the Guelph General Hospital Grant School for Nurses, and attended the event last Thursday evening in the War

Memorial Hall at the O.A.C. Miss Isobel Switzer, daughter of Mrs. G. H. Switzer, attained outstanding success by winning the gold medal for Surgreal Nursing. The medal was presented at this event by Dr. L. H. Leggett. Miss

Marion Day, Rockwood, won the gold medal for General Proficiency. Friends here extend congratulations on these successes. Miss Velma Blair, daughter of Mr. W. R. E. Blair, Acton, graduated and received her diploma on Thursday. The following is the Graduating Class

for 1940: Miss Mary Isabel Switzer, Acton. Ontario; Miss Mary Marguerite Harper, Guelph, Ontario; Miss Helen Sloane, Milton, Ontario; Miss Dorothie Evelyn Lamb, Milton, Ontario: Miss Mary Isabella Horsburgh, Gorrie, Ontario; Miss Martha Adeline Ruby Smith Erin, Ontario; Miss Emily Irene McLean, Glen Williams, Ontario; Miss Jean Verney Clark, Heathcole, Ontario: Miss Mona Warner Ayres, Owen Sound, Ontario; Miss Velma Jean LaNora Blair, Acton Ontario: Miss Marjorie Jean Cockburn Guelph, Ontario: Miss Marion Emma Day, Rockwood, Ontario: Miss Anna Kathleen Logan, Blyth, Ontario; Miss Edith Victoria Marriott, Guelph, Ontario; Miss Margaret Leona McEachern, Mount Porest, Ontario; Miss Edith Ann Royce, Rockwood, Ontario

Among those from Acton attending the event were: Mr. W. R. E. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Parker, Mrs. G. H. Switzer, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Middleton, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. Basil Johnston and Roman Catholic, from primary to col- Miss Laura Johnston. Miss Bernice Reid

MAY MEETING MISSIONARY. SOCIETY

The May meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held at the Parone city, in the armories, where she had i schage on Tuesday afternoon. In the the privilege of addressing six hundred absence of the President, Mrs. B. Mowat, the meeting was conducted by Mrs. A Doors seem to be opening on all sides. T. Brown's group. The devotional per.od due, no doubt, to the growing realiza- was taken by Mrs. S. J. Reid. Other tion by the public of the menace which litems were Chapter Pour of the study beverage alcohol has become in our book, "China's Millions"; lesson on the liquor is readily available. possesses parts taken by Mrs S. J. Reid, Mrs. J. H. Devonshire Chapter LO.D.E., Tuesday. ening gracually, she believed, to the "The scripture reading and prayer were Room. Speaker, Dr. Truville, Western

taken by Mrs A. T. Brown and a special University. Silver collection. hymn was sume for our milers on the The following resolution, presented by see. Mrs. Armold gave an instrumental

Conference Bunday. An invitation was accepted to join p.m., Ladies' and Men's Mixed Two-ball with the Woman's Missionary Society in Poursome. Pollowed by dinner at Cedar "We the Halton County W.C.T.U., Rockwood on May 30th. Mrs. Thetford Crest Lodge at 6 o'clock. In the eventue

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE!

We have been requested by the Reeve and Chief Harrop to draw attention to the fact that the municipal by-laws prohibit setting off fire crackers or fireworks on the streets. Already two have been summoned in court for this offence, and fined. Similar action will result for all offenders, and we give this friendly tip to save all. from needless trouble and ex-

Have fun, but obey the law and go to the Park or other spot, well removed from buildings, to discharge Victoria Day fireworks. We have been told plainly the law will be enforced and summons issued for discharge of firecrackers on the street.

Annual Meeting Officers Elected at Dublin Institute

The Dublin Women's Institute held their annual meeting on Thursday, May 16th, at 2.30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Nelson Anderson, the President, Mrs.

Somerville, in the chair, The roll call was answered by payment of fees. Four members had perfect attendance, Mrs. G. Somerville, Mrs. Bracken, Mrs. vanGoozen and Miss M Somerville. The report of the project of glove making was given by Miss M. Somerville for Mrs. Kennedy. The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Bracken; the Auditors' report by Mrs. Barber. The President asked Mrs. A. Near to

take the chair for the election of officers. which resulted as follows: President-Mrs. N. Anderson. ist Vice-President-Mrs. C. vanGooz-

2nd Vice-President-Mrs. W. Watkins. Secretary-Treasurer-Mrs. W. Brac-

District Director-Mrs. W. Watkins. Branch Directors-Miss M. Somerville, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. Webster.

Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Som-Social Committee-Mrs. Britton, Mrs

Program Committee-Mrs. vanGoozen,

Visiting Committee - Mrs. N. Mc-Laughlin, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Wm. Frank, Mrs. P. McIsaac. Delegates to District Annual - Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Akins.

Mrs. Baroer Auditors-Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Akins. Current Events-Mrs. Grant.

Pianist-Mrs. G. Robertson. Assistant Planist-Mrs. C. vanGoozen. The newly-elected President took the chair and thanked the Secretary, Mrs. Bracken, for her services, and her un tiring efforts for the Branch, Mrs. Somerville presented her with a gold locket and chain and also a sum of money.

and all, for their thoughtful gift. Mrs. Webster read an address and presented Mrs. P. Kennedy with a besket of flowers. Owing to the absence of

Mrs. Kennedy, they were sent to her. Mrs. Tuck, one of the members, has moved away, and Mrs. Bracken presented her with a lunch cloth and ser-Mrs. Robertson had the children from

No. 8 School, Nassagaweya, present, and they gave the following numbers: Solo, Margaret Robertson; solo, Jean Robertson; duett. Margaret and Jean Robertson: solo. Douglas Anderson: chorus by the children of BB. No. 8. Namagaweya. Mollie Cutts gave a report of the first part of the Girls' Conference, held in Guelph; and Wilda Mc-Glaughlin gave the second part. There was an instrumental duett by Mrs Robertson and Miss Pridham.

Mrs. Somerville tendered a vote of thanks to those who took part on the program and also to the hostess for the use of her home. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social tame , spent.

Coming Events

Announcements of Mostings, Conerte, or Other Events, under this eading, are charged, to cente per line, with a min-mum charge for any announcement of Mr.

with vited to an Open Meeting of Duke of May 28th, 8 p.m., Presbyterian School

The Spring Opening of Cedar Cresi Golf Club is to be held on Friday, May was arranged that the bale be 24th. Opening event for men: Cantain's Starting time 10.00 a.m. 'Afternoon, 3.00 there will be a pitching and putting conmake the day's activities a con-