

# COMMUNITY CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS

Southwold Township Council.

HONOURS FOR 1978 - Shedden Flyers won the Southwold Fastball League "B" Division CHAMPIONSHIP. Shedden Royals won the Southwold Fastball League CHAMPIONSHIP - John Berdan Trophy. Shedden Midget Boys won the O.R.S.A. "C" CHAMPIONSHIP. Shedden won the Juvenile "C" CHAMPIONSHIP. Shedden Bantams won the South Elgin Minor Fastball CHAMPIONSHIP. Shedden Squirts won the South Elgin Minor Fastball CHAMPIONSHIP.

The ANNUAL COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING was held on Dec. 6th. at the fire Hall. Names were chosen to act on the Board for the year 1979 and forwarded to the Township Council for approval.

JANUARY 3RD., 1979 - This was the date of the regular monthly meeting. It was reported that a Time Clock had been installed so that the lights could be automatically controlled when the skating rink was in use. An electric Heater was also installed in the Change Room.

MARCH 5TH., 1979 - Date of the ANNUAL COMMUNITY SUPPER at Bethany United Church. The attendance was about the smallest that we have experienced despite the fact that we had Beef for the very first time. Dorothy and Clarence Palmer were asked to show pictures they had taken while on a trip sponsored by Compassion of Canada to see their Foster Child in Haiti. Dorothy and I were quite surprised at being asked to show our pictures and we were also quite surprised at the very evident interest and attention of all who were present.

DONKEY BASEBALL EVENT JUNE 1979 - This was a real success. A number of the Board were very active in getting the advertising about the event out to the public. \$1,200.00 was taken in at the gate. The promoter of the event and owner of the donkeys said it was their best gate to date and he was very pleased. The Booth also enjoyed a very profitable night and it seemed like most of the spectators present were enjoying this unusual event.

IMPROVEMENTS DURING 1979 - The following 3 items were a great help to the people who worked in the Booth, - A Sink Unit and a Hot Water Heater plus a used Refrigerator in good working order. A Water Fountain was installed for the convenience of players and spectators. Approximately \$4,600.00 was spent on New Fencing and includes \$174.00 for painting an existing fence. Fencing the entire Diamond has proved to be a great improvement for Players and Fans alike. Clarence Palmer donated a slide, swing, teeter totter unit that should give much enjoyment to the younger members of the Community. It was originally built by the late Al Hogsden of Fingal from steel in an old boiler and occupied a space in the back yard. It was completely rebuilt by Murray Silcox and painted before members of the Board moved it to the Community Centre. There have been a number wanting to buy this unit, but Dorothy and I felt more children would be able to enjoy it at its new home at the SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE.



# SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE - 1979 FINANCIAL REPORT

## RECEIPTS

Bank Bal. Jan. 1/79	5,518.37
Booth Receipts	11,317.57
Light Receipts	678.00
Sale Of Meat From Banquet	20.40
Wintario Grant	732.30
Provincial Grant	732.30
Spicer's Mobile Feeds	247.30
Judge Pro Hardware	11.18
Bank Of Commerce	55.70
Sale Of Baseballs	145.00
Donkey Baseball Gate Receipts	480.80
Squirt & Pee Wee Tournament Gate	205.00
Squirt & Pee Wee Entry Entry Fees	210.00
Palmer's Rebate	330.34
Thames Valley Refund	140.80
Bell Telephone Refund	10.41
Shaw's Refund	24.00
Theft Insurance	28.96
Sale Of Groceries	15.08
Donation Of 1 Slide & Swing & Teeter Totter Unit (C. Palmer)	400.00
U.S. Exchange	.47

\$21,303.98

## EXPENDITURES

<u>Booth Expenses</u>	
Thames Valley Beverages	1,293.00
Palmer's Red & White	4,535.94
Shaw's Ice Cream	873.50
Refrigerator	123.35
	<u>6,925.79</u>

## UPKEEP & IMPROVEMENTS

Frost Steel & Wire	3,820.00
Installation Of Fence	614.55
Painting Fence	174.00
Labour On Grounds	21.00
Grass Cutting	423.25
Paper Pick-Up	158.50
Elgin Co-op	408.58
Electrical Switch	19.90
Hot Water Heater	61.00
Water Fountain	82.95
Swings & Slide & Teeter	400.00
Judge Pro Hardware	11.18
Hose - Forman Tank	150.00

## OTHER EXPENSES

Hydro	487.11
Barnes Well Water	24.00
Telephone	141.18
Advertising For Donkey Baseball	76.66
Duff Enterprises For Crests	234.12
Tommy White's Sport Shop	122.58
Balls From Southwold League	260.30
Steve's Small Motors	581.74
Spicer's Mobile Feeds	247.30
Bethany U.C.W. (Banquet)	350.00
Heart Fund Memorial Gift	25.00
Miscellaneous	.16
Bank Bal. Dec. 31/79	<u>5,483.13</u>

\$21,303.98

Carl Chamberlain - Treasurer

## TOURNAMENT BOOTH RESALE PRICES AS RECORDED IN A SMALL BOOK BELONGING TO GEORGE ROSS AND GIVEN TO US BY HIS WIFE AS A MATTER OF INTEREST

Gum was listed at 6¢ Per Pkg. Cracker Jack was 7¢ Per Pkg.  
 Hot Dogs listed at 15¢ Each Soft Drinks listed at 10¢ per bottle  
 Peanuts In Shell at 25¢ Pkg. Jersey Milk Bars listed at 10¢ each  
 Exportor Players Cigarettes are listed at 39¢ per pkg.  
 Cigars are listed at 10¢ each Bananas are listed at 2/15¢

OUR 1980 BOOTH COULD DO A TERRIFIC BUSINESS AT THESE PRICES !!!!!!!!!



*Margaret Turner*

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

OF OFFICIAL TURNING-ON

AND DEDICATION OF

THE NEW LIGHTS AT

SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

JUNE 23-1973

For when the One Great Scorer comes  
To write against your name,  
He marks - not that you won or lost-  
But how you played the game.



# PROGRAM... PROGRAM... PROGRAM... PRO

6.30 P.M. - CAYUGA PEE WEES VS. SHEDDEN PEE WEES

8.00 P.M. - OFFICIAL TURNING-ON THE NEW LIGHTS  
AND DEDICATION SERVICE

MASTER OF CEREMONY - JAMES McBAIN (WHO WAS FEDERAL  
MEMBER WHEN OUR FIRST SET OF LIGHTS WERE TURNED  
ON IN 1960)

REGRETS FROM JOHN WISE PRESENT FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ELGIN

GREETINGS FROM RON. McNEIL PROVINCIAL M.P. FOR ELGIN

GREETINGS FROM NELSON JOHNSTON ELGIN COUNTY WARDEN

GREETINGS FROM BRUCE LYLE REEVE OF SOUTHWOLD TOWNSHIP

GREETINGS FROM TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SHEDDEN  
CENTRE BOARD - LESTER LONGHURST & GARY MONTEITH

GREETINGS FROM JOHN BERDAN PRESIDENT OF THE SHEDDEN  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

DEDICATION PRAYER BY REV. THOMAS N. MITCHELL OF THE  
SOUTHWOLD PASTORAL CHARGE

ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO HAST GIVEN US THIS GOOD  
LAND FOR OUR HERITAGE, WE HUMBLY BESEECH THEE THAT WE  
MAY ALWAYS PROVE OURSELVES A PEOPLE MINDFUL OF THY  
FAVOUR AND GLAD TO DO THY WILL. BE WITH US IN ALL OUR  
ENTERPRISES TO PROMOTE THAT WHICH IS GOOD FOR THE LIFE  
OF OUR COMMUNITY; GOOD CITIZENSHIP, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP  
AND A CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR YOUTH. WE PRAY  
THAT THOU WILT STRENGTHEN OUR HANDS IN ALL OUR UNDER-  
TAKINGS, AND THAT OUR WORK MAY SPREAD THE SPIRIT OF  
FELLOWSHIP AND WHOLESOME RECREATION IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND NOW, O GOD, WE WOULD SET APART THESE  
LIGHTS FOR THEIR USE AND AS THEY SHINE FORTH MAY THEY  
REMINDE US THAT THOU ART LIGHT AND THAT IN THEE IS NO  
DARKNESS AT ALL. MAY WE KNOW THE POWER OF THY LIGHT  
TO CONQUER ALL DARKNESS. MAY THESE LIGHTS ALSO REMIND  
US OF ALL THOSE WHO IN THE NIGHT OF DARKNESS HAVE  
LIGHTED THE LAMP OF TRUTH, BY WHICH SUCCEEDING GENER-  
ATIONS HAVE BEEN LED TO LIBERTY AND TRUTH.

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## DEDICATION PRAYER CONTINUED

MAY THESE LIGHTS HELP BIND US TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY WITH A TRUE COMMUNITY SPIRIT. MAY THEY EVER REMIND US OF THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS."

AND NOW, WE PRAY THAT THOU WOULDST BLESS US;  
MAKE THY FACE TO SHINE UPON US AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO US.  
LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF THY COUNTENANCE AND GIVE US PEACE.  
AMEN.

CEREMONY OF TURNING OVER THE KEYS TO CARL CHAMBERLAIN BY THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR MADSEN ELECTRIC OF OIL SPRINGS ONTARIO AND DOUG. STEVENSON REPRESENTING THE ITT COMPANY SUPPLIER OF THE LIGHTS.

THE LIGHTS ARE TURNED ON

8.30 - EXHIBITION GAME GARY CARR'S SHELL RED DEVILS OF LONDON VS. THE SHEDDEN ORANGE DEVILS (SUPERTEST)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM TONIGHT. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. DOESN'T IT ALWAYS AMAZE YOU WHAT THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WHEN PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER? LET US DARE TO HOPE THAT THIS FEELING OF CO-OPERATION WILL CONTINUE IN THE YEARS THAT LIE AHEAD!

TO ESPECIALLY COMMEMORATE THIS EVENT THE BETHANY SHULMERICH CARILLON HAS BEEN SET TO PLAY AT 8 P.M. - 8.30 P.M. AND 9 P.M. WE ARE HOPING THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR THIS VERY REMARKABLE AND MAGNIFICENT INSTRUMENT.



# SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 21ST. 1949 - Community Centre Grounds purchased from FRANK MILLER at the very low price of \$700.00. This was indeed a very generous offer for such an ideal location. It was the very first step in our success story...

Plans for a Community Centre Building 36' x 70' were considered and rejected. Instead plans were made for a Sports Centre for young and old. Land was levelled by a Bull Dozer and the Township Grader to form the location of the present Ball Diamond. Various organizations and individuals contributed towards the cost of the diamond and its preparation.

1960 - Problem arose of Playing Ball on Sunday and the desire arose among our people for a lighted park. The Local Ball Team of that time asked permission to stage such a project. They were assisted by many outside the team. The present 8 poles now in use were trucked in by CHARLES OLDHAM in October from the St. Williams branch of the Department of Lands & Forests at a cost of \$93.12. Poles remained as received all winter.

SPRING 1961 - Poles were peeled, treated and equipped with lights on the ground. The electrical wiring and lights were installed by EMERY ELECTRIC at the firm contract price of \$3590.00. The 8 holes for the 8 poles were dug by the Ontario Hydro and up-righted and put into position by CHARLES OLDHAM.

JULY 1961 - A GRAND OPENING & TURNING ON THE LIGHTS CEREMONY was held early in July after it was postponed because of rain. This event was planned by REEVE FARNELL NIMMO and GEORGE ROSS as chairman of a hard working committee. JAMES McBAIN - at that time FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ELGIN RIDING was present, also the ST. THOMAS LEGION BAND with a group of MARCHING MAJORETTES. This event was well attended by Shedden and the surrounding communities and all joined with enthusiasm this worthwhile accomplishment.

SPRING 1967 - Under the direction of TED SILCOX and committee NEW BLEACHERS were built at a cost of \$512.26. In JUNE a NEW BOOTH was built at a cost of \$589.00. Continuous filling and levelling improved the diamond. The FRONT FENCE was installed by T. HILL and G. ROSS at a cost of \$266.59. The OUTFIELD FENCE was installed by contract at a cost of \$995.22.

IN 1968 - Under the direction of JOHN BERDAN more bleachers were replaced.



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IN 1969 - The front driveway was asphalted and the grounds were continually levelled and improved.

IN 1970 - A NEW BACKSTOP was erected. A NEW SECTION OF BLEACHERS replaced a former section with a great portion of wood being used on the fabricated steel supports or trestles. A NEW STORAGE BUILDING was built and a FOUL LINE FENCE was erected which is a great protection to all. For the Children a SAND BOX was constructed - a set of STURDY SWINGS and a set of TEETER TOTTERS. The constant use day and night to which the PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT has been put is good proof that the children are enjoying their NEW EQUIPMENT. A NEW SIGN FOR THE GROUNDS was erected. All the NEW EQUIPMENT & BUILDINGS were painted by Ron Cox.

The PARK AREA has been kept mowed by JOHN BERDAN and WM. BLEWETT which adds a great deal to the grounds. The diamond itself was continuously looked after by CURRIE OLDHAM. The SHEDDEN BRANCH of the CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE donated 3 NEW BASES at an approximate cost of \$20.00. Most of the LIME for the BASE & FOUL LINES was donated by LORNE SPICER.

The total cost of all these improvements was \$2264.03 and this does not include all the free time and labour that was donated to the cause.

IN 1971 - NEW BLEACHERS were installed opposite first base. SWEATERS & EQUIPMENT to the value of \$200.00 was purchased for the O.A.S.A. TEAM sponsored by THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. For LIGHT REPAIRS \$165.30 was spent and a USED REFRIGERATOR for \$52.50 was obtained for the BOOTH. TREES costing \$58.59 were planted along fence between COMMUNITY CENTRE and WM. BLEWETT AND WM. BOGART. The APPRECIATION NIGHT BANQUET held at BETHANY UNITED CHURCH cost \$135.00. The largest expenditure for the year was for THE SPACESCAPE which cost \$5000.00. This was the first installation of its kind in CANADA. It is indeed a UNIQUE piece of PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. It is rugged and helps the CHILDREN to use all their muscles and skills. Over the years it will prove itself to be a good investment. A very interesting fact is that enough money was available from BOOTH PROFITS and individual donations to pay for the SPACESCAPE in 1971 except for a small loan of \$200.00 which was kindly provided by one of the members of the COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD. DO WE EVER HAVE CO-OPERATION!

IN 1972 - ASPHALT PAVING costing \$552.00 was a great asset in controlling the dust from the road leading to ball diamond. This proved to be the largest expenditure of the year. There were numerous minor expenditures.





# Important Message



COST OF THE NEW  
LIGHTS IS APPROX-  
IMATELY  
\$10,000.00

THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE  
THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THESE LIGHTS & THE SHEDDEN  
COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD HAS AGREED TO PAY IT BACK  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AS A COMMUNITY CENTRE WE HAVE 2 MAIN SOURCES OF IN-  
COME - PROVINCE OF ONTARIO GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND  
PROFITS FROM OUR BOOTH.

ANTICIPATING THAT SOME WOULD WISH TO GIVE DONATIONS  
THE INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT WAS CONSULTED IN ORDER THAT  
THESE GIFTS WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.  
IN ORDER TO QUALIFY CHEQUES OR CASH HAS TO BE GIVEN  
TO THE TOWNSHIP WHO WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE COMMUNITY  
CENTRE BOARD AND GIVE THE DONOR A RECEIPT. THE CHEQUE  
BELOW HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. IT  
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WM. BLEWETT, RETIRED TOWNSHIP OF  
SOUTHWOLD CLERK WHO WILL SEE THAT IT IS LOOKED AFTER  
IN THE CORRECT MANNER.

## C H E Q U E

Account No .....

Date .....19

To The .....  
(Name Of Bank) (Branch)

Address Of Bank .....

PAY TO THE ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD \$ .....

THE SUM OF ..... DOLLARS  
100

SIGNATURE .....



# A CANADIAN

A CANADIAN IS A FELLOW WHO  
DRIVES HOME IN A GERMAN CAR FROM A  
FRENCH MOVIE; SLIPS OUT OF HIS HONG  
KONG RUBBERS AND ITALIAN SHOES, PUTS  
ON HIS JAPANESE ROBE AND MEXICAN  
SLIPPERS AND SIPS BRAZILIAN COFFEE  
FROM ENGLISH CHINA WHILE SITTING ON  
DANISH FURNITURE AND WATCHING HIS  
YOUNGSTERS PLAY IN THEIR CZECHOSLO-  
VAKIAN SNEAKERS.

THEN HE WRITES TO HIS MEMBER  
OF PARLIAMENT WITH AN AMERICAN  
PEN ... DEMANDING THAT OTTAWA DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
SITUATION ...

IF THIS BE TRUE  
WISHING  
WON'T CHANGE IT



## SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE



### *Things cooking in Shedden*

Shedden Community Centre has a new microwave oven courtesy of the now defunct Shedden Minor Hockey League. Pictured in the front row, from left, are: Carl Chamberlain, centre treasurer, Lorne Spicer, centre

president, Dave Palmer, secretary-treasurer SMHL, Clarence Palmer, secretary community centre. Second row: Dave Carroll, past president SMHL, Bill Brown, centre director, Ken Howe, director. — (T-J Photo).





**LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN** – Saturday saw the kick-off of a fundraising campaign aimed at raising money for a new multi-purpose facility, serving Southwold residents. Rosy Rhubarb (Gary Carr), John Smith and Lorne Spicer are pictured above donating a cheque for \$10,000 toward the \$1/2 million

project, on behalf of the Rosy Rhubarb Committee. Also pictured in the back from left to right are: Jim McIntyre, Southwold Deputy Reeve; Peter North, Elgin, M.P.P., Perry Clutterbuck, Reeve of Southwold; and Murray Silcox, chairperson of the Fundraising committee.

#### **NEW CENTRE**

**Purpose:** To replace the 50-year-old Shedden Community Centre with a larger, more modern facility.

**Where:** The new centre will be built on the Shedden Fairgrounds.

**What:** It will be a 675-square-metre building (7,500 square feet) containing a multi-purpose room, courts for indoor sports and smaller meeting rooms.

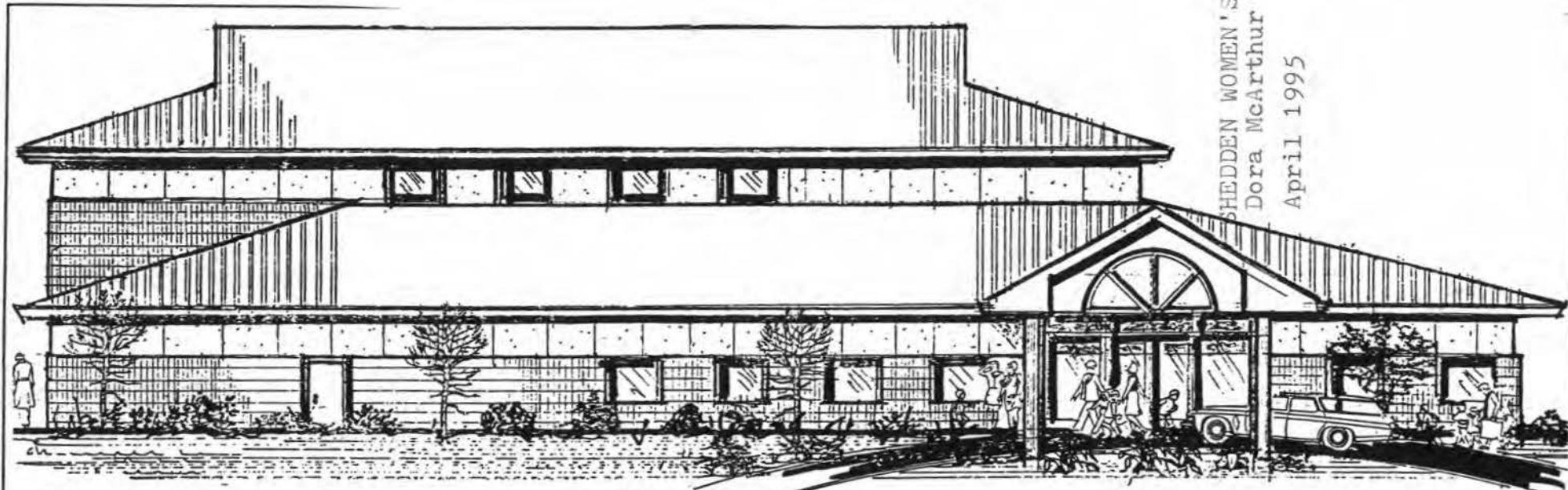
**Cost:** Estimated at \$475,000.

**Ownership:** Southwold Township will own the building. It will be located on land owned by the Shedden Fair Board.

**Fund-Raising:** Will be community based with full support from Southwold Township.

SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
Dora McArthur - Curator  
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# New Southwold Community Centre a reality

*by Will Lamont  
Co-Op Student*

What has been the topic of discussion for years with the residents of Southwold Township is finally becoming a reality. Fundraising efforts for a new Southwold Community Centre was held on Saturday, February 4th with pledges of more than \$30,000 received.

The new \$500,000 multi-purpose facility will replace

the old Shedden Country Club which no longer meets the needs of the surrounding community. The planned Southwold Community Centre will be able to accommodate a wide variety of different activities.

At the moment, the new facility is proposed to include a multi-purpose hall with a seating capacity of 300 persons, courts for indoor sports and recreational activities, meeting rooms and a fully

equipped kitchen/bar for all occasions. The structure will also be air conditioned for use during those long, hot summer days. A construction date has yet to be derived, as the fundraising committee must wait until sufficient funds are available.

The fundraising committee, chaired by Murray Silcox, is planning to compile a monthly calendar of money-raising events in hopes of stimulating

interest and encouraging people to become involved.

The township is fully behind the project, with Deputy Reeve Jim McIntyre as head of a steering committee. The role of this group is to keep everything on track, guiding the progress of the venture until completion.

The proposed centre is not only for the residents of Southwold Township, and will be

accessible to all surrounding communities as well. "Working Together Works Wonders" is the campaign slogan being used by the fundraising committee, and it already appears to be proving itself true as donations roll in from local organizations and caring citizens. Hopefully this new addition to the community will help make the rhubarb capital of Ontario even "rosier".

*March 1, 1995*