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## Medical centre planned in Shedden

**SHEDDEN (Staff)** — A sign will be erected at the northeast corner of Shedden's main intersection at 7 p.m. tonight to kick off the start of a campaign to construct a medical centre for this police village of 316.

Southwold Township Council and a group of local citizens have agreed to build a centre, to be named after Shedden Dr. David A. Monteith, on the site of his old doctor's office.

The centre will provide a new office for Dr. Monteith and possibly another

doctor and dentist, at an estimated cost of \$100,000. The citizens' group plans to raise money for the centre with the township paying for the remainder with taxpayers' dollars.

Rebcon Associates Ltd., of St. Thomas, is overseeing the project, the first of its kind in this township of 4,342.

Dr. Monteith who has been the only doctor in the township since he started practising here in 1946, likes the idea of the new centre, having practised in the Southwold No. 2 fire hall since his old

office was demolished last year.

He said it's "a little embarrassing" the centre is named after him, he said the citizens' group wanted to do it and he has accepted it out of respect for them and his patients.

He has not been a part of the group co-ordinating the project, although he has offered advice when requested and will help look for a second doctor and a dentist for the centre because "you have to get things set up for the future."



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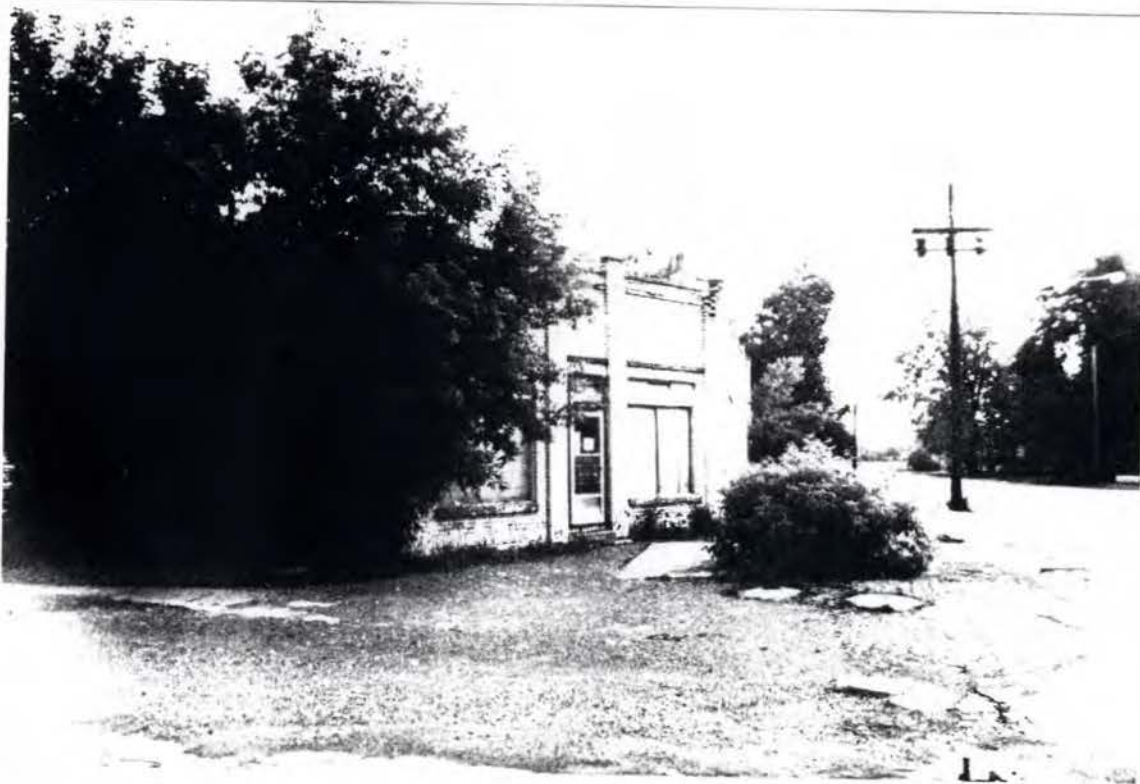
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DR. DAVID A. MONTEITH  
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# Shedden medical centre near

**SHEDDEN (Bureau)** — After 40 years with only one resident doctor, this village of 350 is to get a medical centre that will house two doctors and a dentist.

Southwold Township council has agreed in principle to build the centre on a vacant lot at the northeast intersection of Highway 3 and Elgin County Road 20, clerk Alex Pow said Tuesday.

The centre, the first of its type in the township, would cost an estimated \$100,000, he said. Final blue-

prints are being prepared for council's approval. A citizens' group that plans to raise money for the centre is to erect a sign at the proposed site tonight.

"This is something that we've needed for a long time," said Jean Palmer, one of the group members. "People often have to go to London or St. Thomas to see a doctor."

Palmer said the centre is to be named after Dr. David A. Monteith the only doctor in the township of 4,245.

Monteith, who has practiced in Shedden since 1946, said he would welcome a medical centre. "It's a damned good idea. I think it would be great to get somebody new here to take care of people, especially the older people."

Monteith spends three days a week caring for patients in Shedden, working out of an office in the village fire hall. The rest of the week he works at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital.



**TURN SOD** — Southwold Reeve Bud Marr (on the left) and Dr. David Monteith are pictured last Wednesday turning the sod at the new site of the D. A. Monteith Medical Centre in Shedden. The centre is named after Dr. Monteith and it is planned to hold two doctors and a dentist. Construction is expected to start in June with completion by October.





### *On the way*

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**MEDICAL CENTRE DONATION --** Pictured (l to r) are Jim McIntyre, a D.A. Monteith Medical Centre committee member, accepting cheques from Middlemarch Women's Institute representatives Marion Tufford, public relations officer and Jean Lyle, treasurer for \$500 and from Gerry Felker, manager, Shedden branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Com-

merce for \$850 towards the construction of the new medical centre. About \$12,000 has been raised since the fundraising was kicked off in May. The medical centre will service not only Southwold Township, but also surrounding townships. The committee hopes to raise \$125,000 before the building is completed this fall.

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In the opener, Shedden Red and White doubled Stan's Tire 10-5 in a game involving men's and women's slo-pitch teams from Shedden and Frome.

The second game resulted in a 4-2 score for Shedden Sportventure Tours Royals over the Southwold-Yarmouth Fastball League all-stars.

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## Shedden tournament to raise money 1986 for medical centre

Shedden Community Centre will be alive with activity this Sunday, July 20th with entertainment planned for the whole family.

Channel 10's Slo Pitch team will meet the Southwold Celebrities. As well, a fastball game will take place between the Royals and the Southwold All Stars and a men and women's Slo Pitch game is also planned.

Games begin at 1 p.m.

Buffalo burgers, homemade pie and ice cream will be available.

Admission is \$1.00 for 16 years and up, 15 and under free.

All proceeds will go to the D.A. Monteith Medical Centre.

## Approve tenders for Shedden Medical Building

Southwold Township Council has approved a tender of \$3,250 by Dual Trade Services of St. Thomas for insulation for the new D.A. Monteith Medical Building in Shedden.

Two quotations were also accepted for work on the building from Ken Hall of St. Thomas to install carpeting and vinyl flooring for \$4,816.76 and Kielstra Aluminum of St. Thomas to install aluminum siding for \$1,858.

Reeve Bud Marr reports that workers are aiming at having the building ready for occupancy late next month.



**Take Me Out  
To The Ball Games**



**SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
SUNDAY, JULY 20TH  
CHANEL 10'S SLO PITCH TEAM  
VS.  
SOUTHWOLD CELEBRITIES**

**ALSO: ★ FASTBALL GAME —  
ROYALS VS. SOUTHWOLD ALL STARS**

**and a  
★ MEN AND WOMEN'S SLO PITCH GAME**

**BUFFALO BURGERS, HOMEMADE PIE  
AND ICE CREAM WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**GAMES BEGIN AT 1 P.M.**

**Be sure and attend for an afternoon  
of family entertainment**

**\$1.00 admission 16 years and up**

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**PRESENT GAME BALL** — Guest umpire Leo Lynch, left, and Team 10 catcher Ross Daily present the game ball to Dr. D. A. Monteith at Shedden Community Centre after Dr.

Monteith threw the first pitch of a charity slo-pitch game to raise funds for a new medical centre with his name. — (T-J Photo).

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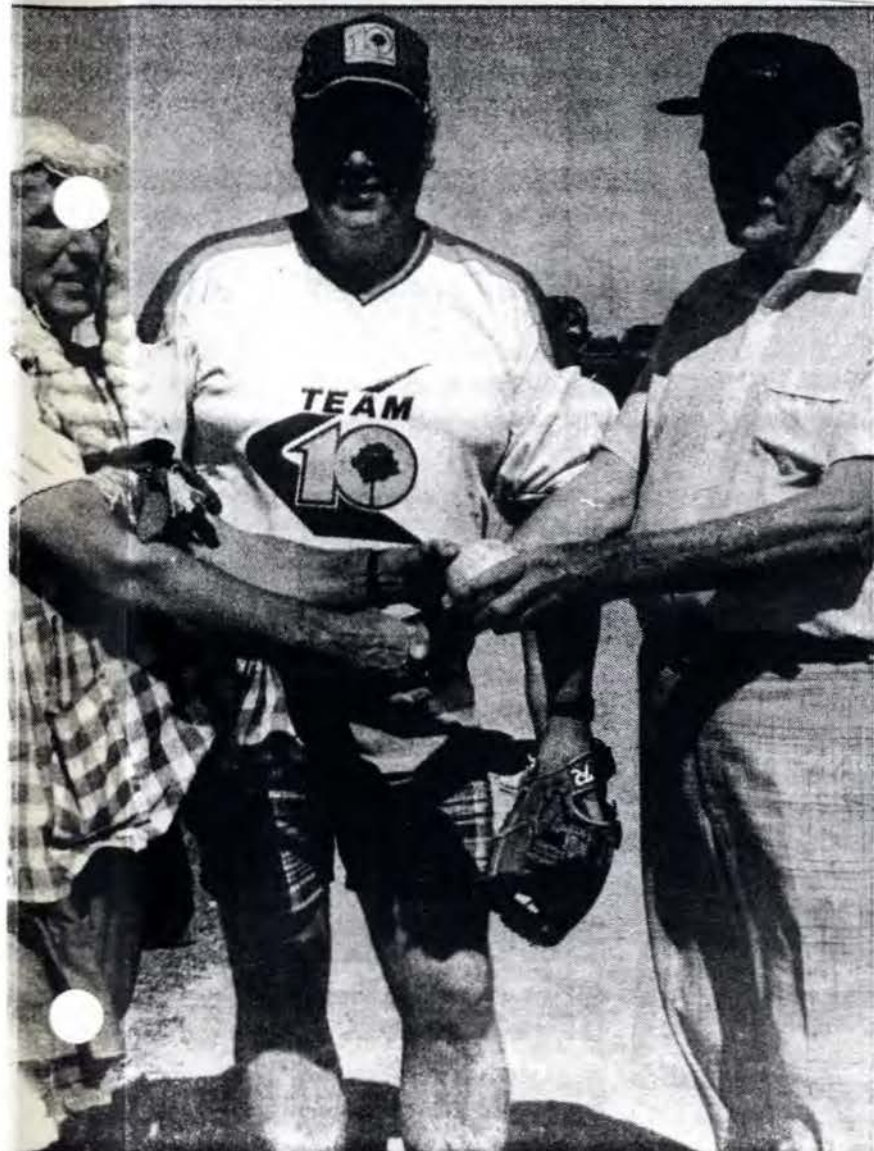
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The foundation of the new medical centre is expected to be dug by the end of the week.





**MADAM HILDA EYES DEPUTY REEVE** — California Cuties' Madam Hilda enjoyed a rest on the knee of Hugh Lyle, deputy reeve of Southwold Township, prior to the game held at Shedden ball park on Sunday. A good crowd enjoyed the antics performed by the Cuties against the Shedden Royals. Madam Hilda (Trino Palacios) started the team 42 years ago. The event was sponsored by the Shedden Agricultural Society and later, the ladies' division of the society held a very successful beef barbecue, with Hugh being the chief cook.

*July 24, 1988*

**SENIORITY BASEBALL** -- The fun-committee for the D.A. Medical Centre of Southwold recently sponsored a baseball game to raise money for the project. Southwold Township and other local dignitaries joined against the CFPL Channel 10 ball team at Shedden Comark on July 20. Pictured (l to r) Lynch, game umpire from St. Catharines Daily, host of This

Business of Farming and Dr. D.A. Monteith. The building which will be constructed on the north corner of Highway 3 and Union Road, Shedden is expected to cost about \$125,000. The centre will also service the adjoining townships. The building is being named after Dr. Monteith because of his work in the area for over the last 35 years.

(Staff Photo - Heather Buchanan)

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**MEDICAL CENTRE UNDER CONSTRUCTION** — Work is progressing nicely on the new D.A. Monteith Medical Centre, situated at the northeast corner of Highway 3 and Elgin County Road 20, in Shedden. The centre, which is hoped to be completed by October, will have space available for two doctors and a dentist.





## Medical centre named for doctor opens in Shedden

**SHEDDEN (Bureau)** — A \$125,000 community medical centre named after this Elgin County village's only resident doctor was officially opened Saturday during a ceremony attended by area legislators and local dignitaries.

The D. A. Monteith Medical Centre, which will be ready for occupancy early in the new year, contains space for two doctors and a dentist, including Dr. David A. Monteith, 76, a medical practitioner here since 1946 who intends to move his office from across the street.

The village, with a population of 350, is looking for a second doctor and a dentist to locate here. The centre also is intended to serve a wide area of Southwold Township.

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ey to be raised by a number of groups in the region. More than \$56,000 has been collected.

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Glover credited a work bee for much of the construction, cutting costs and enabling the department to buy the emergency vehicle. It plans to purchase other life-saving equipment, including mechanical shearing equipment to cut accident victims out of their vehicles.



In life there comes a time we're mute.  
We cannot find the words to suit.  
To-day I find myself this way.  
A simple thanks to you I say.

THANKS,  
D.A. Monteith

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## **D.A. MONTEITH MEDICAL CENTRE**

### **OFFICIAL OPENING**

**DECEMBER 20th, 1986**

**2:00 P.M.**

### **PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**Master of Ceremonies** — *Jim McIntyre*  
*Ken Monteith*

**REEVE ERNEST H. (Bud) MARR** — *Welcome and Presentation of Flag*

**HONOURABLE JOHN WISE, M.P. ELGIN** — *Government of Canada*

**RON McNEIL, M.P.P.** — *Province of Ontario*

**WARDEN BOB PURCELL** — *County of Elgin*

**DR. J.A. HEAD** — *President of Medical Association*  
*St. Thomas, Elgin General Hospital*

**FRANK WILEY** — *Plant Manager Ford Motor Company*  
*of Canada Ltd. - Talbotville*

**DEDICATION OF MEDICAL CENTRE** — *Rev. A.E. Loree*  
*& Rev. Dale Renout*

**RIBBON CUTTING** — *Reeve Marr, Dr. Monteith, Jean Palmer,*  
*Harry Killins, P.V. of Shedden Trustee*

**UNVEILING OF PICTURE** — *Robert Monteith, Lois Oldham*

**DOCTOR DAVID A. MONTEITH**

**APPRECIATION TO CONTRACTORS** — *David Carroll*

**TOUR OF BUILDING**

Refreshments at the Fire Hall  
Catered by the Shedden W.I. and U.C.W.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

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## **TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD COUNCIL**

REEVE	ERNEST H. (Bud) MARR
DEPUTY-REEVE	HUGH F. LYLE
COUNCILLOR	DAVID C. CARROLL
COUNCILLOR	W. PERRY CLUTTERBUCK
COUNCILLOR	JOHN B. BEHARRELL

### **MEDICAL CENTRE COMMITTEE**

JEAN PALMER	KEN MONTEITH
JIM McINTYRE	STEVE GARVIN

**CONTRACTOR** — BOB BROOKS — Rebcon Associates Ltd.

**BUILDING CHAIRMAN** — DAVID C. CARROLL, Councillor

### **SUB-COMMITTEE**

ROBERT STUNDEN	MARGARET TURNER
LOIS OLDHAM	MARION McINTYRE
MADELINE PARKS	PAT PALMER
MARION ORCHARD	BRENDA SILCOX

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# New medical centre honours local doctor

By Heather Buchanan

Eight years of work recently came to fruition with the official opening of the D.A. Monteith Medical Centre in Shedden.

The \$125,000 community medical facility was named after this Elgin County village's only resident doctor.

David Monteith, whose practised there since 1946.

A ribbon cutting ceremony attended by area legislators and local dignitaries was held Dec. 20, an early Christmas present for the area.

Several guest speakers kidded the 76-year Monteith of having practised his trade on

almost every available site in Shedden, and the new medical centre should bring him full-circle.

When the centre officially opens its doors in 1987, the village -- with a population of 350 -- will be looking for a second doctor and a dentist to fill the now-available space.

The centre is intended to serve a wide area of Southwold Township.

The township council agreed early last year to build the centre on a vacant lot at the northeast corner of Highway 3 and Elgin Road 20, with money to be raised by a number of groups in the region. More than \$56,000 has been collected. Council is counting on community generosity to raise the remaining money for the centre, since it's not eligible for government funding.

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Community effort is also credited with the completion of a new bay to the firehall housing the Southwold volunteer fire department and the recent purchase of a new \$15,000 emergency rescue unit, Chief Junior Glover said.

A formal presentation of the new bay and vehicle was made after the official opening of the medical centre.

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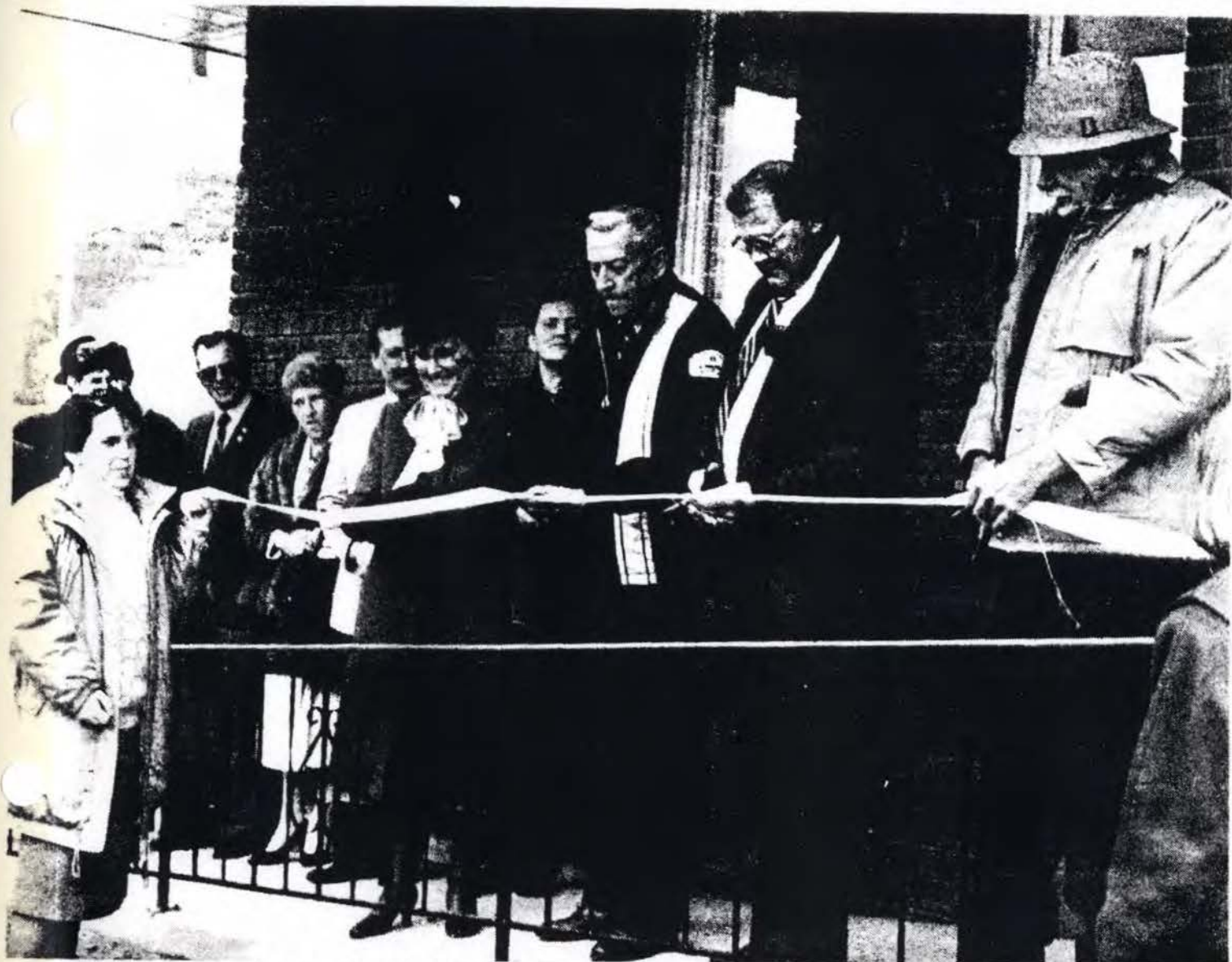
PICTURE UNVEILED -- Shedden Women's Institute presented a portrait of Dr. David Monteith during the official opening of the D.A. Monteith Medical Centre on December 20 in the village of 350. Monteith's grandson, Robert, 9, and Lois Oldham, Shedden Women's Institute unveiled the portrait while he looked on.

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OFFICIAL OPENING -- Local dignitaries and politicians were on hand for the official opening of the D.A. Monteith Medical Centre in Shedden on Dec. 20. The centre named after Dr. David Monteith, 76 a medical practitioner in the village since 1946 will house two doctors and a dentist. Two of Dr. Monteith's granddaughters Mariann, 12, and Debbie, 14, held

the ribbon for the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Cutting ribbon were Jean Palmer (left), medical centre committee; I Killins (second left), town father; Dr. David Monteith (se right) and Bud Marr (right), Southwold Township reeve.

(Staff Photo - Heather Buch





**CUTS CAKE FOR SPECIAL OCCASION** — Dr. David Monteith is pictured cutting the cake at the official opening of the Medical Centre in Shedden. Holding the cake are Jim McIntyre, left, and Ken Monteith, who shared the duties of master of ceremonies.

Looking on are The Honourable John Wise, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Elgin M.P.; Ron McNeil, Elgin M.P.P., and Jean Palmer, member of the building committee.

## Shedden Medical Centre officially opened

Between 150 and 200 people were on hand Saturday, December 20th for the official opening of the D.A. Monteith Medical Centre in Shedden.

The idea to build a medical centre in Shedden had been discussed for many years. About a year ago the idea became a reality and construction began on the site, donated by Dr. Monteith, last July.

Dr. Monteith, who has served the people of the community for 40 years was paid tribute by all the speakers during the ceremony.

Jim McIntyre and Ken Monteith, members of the medical centre committee, shared duties of master of ceremonies.

Southwold Reeve Ernest H. (Bud) Marr welcomed everyone

and made the presentation of a flag.

Greetings were presented by the Honourable John Wise, M.P. Elgin, on behalf of the government of Canada, Ron McNeil, M.P.P., Province of Ontario; Warden Robert F. (Bob) Purcell, County of Elgin, and Dr. John Bryans, representing the St. Thomas-Elgin Medical Association.

An added lift to the centre was a donation of \$5,000.00 by Rick Corn, on behalf of the Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd., Talbotville.

Local ministers Rev. A.E. Loree and Rev. Dale Renout made the dedication of the building.

Dr. Monteith, Reeve Marr, Jean Palmer, member of the

building committee, and Harry Killins, Shedden trustee, cut the ribbon held by Dr. Monteith's grandchildren, Debbie and Mariann Monteith. Another grandchild, Robbie Monteith, unveiled a portrait of the doctor which will hang in the centre.

In responding to the many tributes Dr. Monteith contributed his success to his wife, as well as to his family - two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren. He also said what a pleasure it's been doctoring in the community, as well as farming and he has enjoyed his association with education, having been a school trustee for many years.

David Carroll, Southwold

councillor and building chairman, gave appreciation to the contractor Bob Brooks of Relcon Associates Ltd.

Besides Mrs. Palmer, M. McIntyre and Mr. Monteith Steve Garvin is also a member of the building committee. Sub-committee members include Robert Stunden, Lo Oldham, Madeline Parks, Marion Orchard, Margaret Turner, Marion McIntyre, Pat Palmer and Brenda Silcox.

At the close of the ceremony everyone had a chance to tour the building followed by refreshments at the Fire Hall catered by Shedden Women's Institute and United Church Women.



# Years of service to community recognized with opening of new medical centre

By **EN ASHTON-HAISTE**  
T-J Staff Reporter

Saturday was a great day for Shedden and a great day for Dr. David Monteith.

The village got a brand new medical centre and Dr. Monteith reaped accolades from his 40 years of service to people.

Despite the overcast skies and chill in the air, the opening of the D. A. Monteith Medical Centre drew a crowd between 150 and 200 to honor the man who has served as their community doctor since 1946.

Many of the tributes given in almost an hour's worth of speeches by politicians, doctors, and community representatives commented on the notion the doctor has inspired in his patients.

They "will follow him all over Shedden, wherever he goes," Southwold township Reeve Bud Marr said commenting on the fact that Dr. Monteith conducted his practice in a variety of buildings throughout the village, depending what was available at the time.

"He's been on all corners at one time or another," Reeve Marr said. His old quarters in the new centre are on the northeast corner of the main intersection.

"He is an old-fashioned doctor... loved by all his patients and he does a fantastic job," Elgin MPP Ron Neil said.

"He is an individual who exemplifies Canadian citizenship to the nth degree," Elgin MP John Wise said, commenting that the doctor "calls me in time to time" to offer "constructive criticism which is always very helpful and useful."

"This close to Christmas, the season of giving, it's nice to have a medical centre named for a man who has given so much to this community," Elgin township Warden Bob Purcell said.

Dr. John Bryans, representing the Elgin Medical Association, said everyone knows of the difficulties and sacrifices of a sole community practitioner and Dr. Monteith has reason to be proud of his accomplishments while the community has reason to be proud of their doctor and their achievements in opening a new medical centre.

But when he got his opportunity to respond to the tributes, Dr. Monteith

whisked away a few tears dedicated his success to his wife, "has been very helpful and to put with me so many years she deserves a lot of credit."

Part of the credit also goes to family — two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren — who "lost out a lot of things" due to his schedule.

In a speech that was short "because I generally get more recognition keeping my mouth shut than when I open it", Dr. Monteith said doctors in the community "has really been a pleasure" as has his farming and association with the education in the community — he has been a school trustee for many years.

The idea to build a medical centre in Shedden has been discussed for many years, Reeve Marr told the gathering. But it became more than an idea a year ago and construction on the centre donated by Dr. Monteith got under way in July.

Mr. McNeil credited the community in getting the centre built so quickly and attributed it to the lack of government assistance.

If the government had been involved "we'd be standing here three years from now," he said.

Rick Corn, from the St. Thomas Family Assembly plant was on hand to announce the company's contribution of \$5,000 to the centre.

Local ministers Rev. A. E. Loree and Rev. Dale Renout made the dedications.

And Dr. Monteith's three grandchildren also participated in the formal ceremonies.

Debbie and Mariann Monteith held the ribbon which was cut by Reeve Marr, Dr. Monteith, Jean Palmer, member of the building committee, and Harry Killins, village trustee, a Robbie Monteith unveiled a portrait of the doctor which will hang in the centre.

The medical centre is now open for business although the committee is in the process of trying to bring a dentist in as well.



**FAMILY AFFAIR** — The opening of the new D. A. Monteith Medical Centre in Shedden was a family affair as well as a community affair for Dr. Monteith, community physician, whose three grandchildren participated in the ceremonies. Mariann, left, and Debbie held the ribbon which was cut to officially open the centre and Robbie, right, unveiled a portrait of his grandfather which will hang in the centre. — (T-J Photo).