

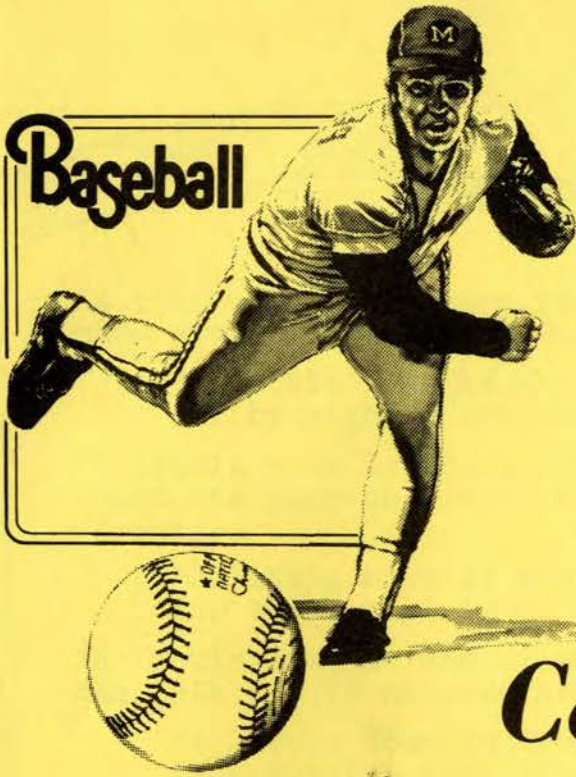
IN MEMORIAM

INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT
1980

IN MEMORY OF
FRANK MILLER
WHO SOLD THE LAND
NOW OWNED BY
THE SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE
AT THE LOW PRICE OF \$700.00
IN THE YEAR 1949
AND SINCE THEN
ALL THE MEMBERS OF
THE MANY COMMUNITY
CENTRE BOARDS
ALL THE TIRELESS WORKERS
WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE
OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE WHAT
IT IS TODAY BY THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS OF LABOUR
TALENT AND MONEY
WHETHER IT WAS IMPROVEMENTS
TO THE FACILITIES OR LABOUR
DONATED FOR THE OPERATION
OF THE BOOTH
ALL THE TEAMS, PLAYERS
AND LOYAL TEAM FANS
WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US
HAVING PASSED
TO THEIR REWARD
BUT TO WHOM ALL OF US
IN THIS GENERATION
ARE FOREVER
INDEBTED

IN MEMORIAM

Baseball



1949-1980

***A Brief History
of the Shedden
Community Centre***

(Including the 1980 ANNUAL REPORT)

From 1949 until the present.

Dates and occasions to remember.

***Names of Shedden teams that have
made their mark while playing at
their home centre and at other sport
centres throughout Ontario.***



1949-1980



A LITTLE TOWN

"A little town is where you don't have to guess who your enemies are. Your friends will tell you."

"A little town is where everybody knows everybody else's car by sight - and also where and when it goes."

"A little town is where few people can get away with lying about the year they were born. Too many other people can remember."

"A little town is where people with various ailments can air them properly to sympathetic ears."

"A little town is where, when you get the wrong number, you can talk for 15 minutes anyhow."

"A little town is where the ratio of good people to bad is something like 100 to one.. That's nice to remember."

"A little town is where it is hard for anybody to walk to work for exercise because it takes too long to stop and explain to people in cars who stop, honk, and offer a ride."

"A little town is where city folks say there is nothing to do, but those who live there don't have enough nights in the week to make all the meetings and social functions."

"A" little town is where everyone becomes a 'neighbour' in time of need."

"A" little town is where businessmen struggle for survival against city stores and shopping centres."

"A" little town is where those same businessmen dig deep many times to help with countless fund-rasising projects."

"A" little town is where it's nice to be when rearing a family."

"A" little town is where you don't have to lock your door ever every time you leave the house."

"A" little town is where many teenagers say there's nothing to do - and then are surprised to learn that their big-city peers are saying the same thing."

"A" little town, when all is said and done, is a nice place to live."

(St. Mary's Journal Argus)
Via Lorne Spicer

SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 21ST., 1949 - The secretary's (Mrs. E. S. Down) minute book contains the following entry - "A Public Meeting for a Community Centre was held in the Shedden School House on April 21st. at 9 P.M. Mr. L. D. Palmer opened the meeting and called for the appointment of a Chairman for the evening. It was moved by Mr. E. S. Down and seconded by Mr. Geo. Ross that Mr. Stewart Brown be Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Frank Henry and seconded by Mrs. Geo. Silcox that Mrs. E. S. Down be secretary for the meeting. Later at the same meeting it was recorded that "It was moved by Mr. Geo. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Clarence Orchard that Mr. Frank Miller's land be purchased. The price was \$700.00 and this was indeed a very generous offer for such an ideal location. It was the very first step in our success story.

Uppermost in the minds of those who were instrumental in purchasing the land was the construction of a Community Hall and a playground for small children.

MAY 13TH., 1949 - Minutes record that Mr. L. D. Palmer was appointed to call an Athletic Club Meeting. At the next meeting on JUNE 9TH. 1949 Mr. Palmer reported that the following Officers had been elected - Ted Silcox, President, 1st. Vice-President - Ralph Palmer, Sec.-Treasurer - Mrs. C. Palmer. A Committee was also set up at this meeting to look into costs and plans of other Community Halls and report at the December 2ND., 1949 Meeting.

DECEMBER 2ND., 1949 - Correspondence from the Dept. Of Agriculture and the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph was read at this meeting. Mr. Ross Peirson of London spoke on the Rilco type of building and promised to forward estimates on certain types of buildings in a few days. The final payment of \$500.00 owing on the Centre property purchased from Frank Miller was paid.

APRIL 1950 - A Committee was set up to look into the levelling of the ground and also one to look after backstop materials and the creation of 2 Baseball Diamonds. Board Members were to meet at the Community Grounds on May 4, 1950 to plan the site of the Hall Building.

APRIL 6TH., 1951 - Mr. Geo. Silcox was appointed to arrange for the Township Grader to level the playground area and to be assisted by Mr. E. S. Down. It was requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Ross Peirson of London asking for today's estimates on a building 36' x 70'. The Committee volunteered to visit Chatham on April 15th. to see a Community Hall already constructed.

MAY 25TH., 1951 - A statement of the two years business was read by the secretary which included the estimates of the Rilco Timber Structures as well as the cost of different Halls visited by the Board Of Management at Reid's Corners, Lambeth, Formosa, Strathroy and Bear Line. It was moved by Mr. Douglas Orchard and seconded by Mr. Geo. Silcox that Mr. Stewart Brown, Mr. L. D. Palmer, Mr. E. S. Down, Mr. Clarence Orchard and Mr. Lloyd Atkinson be the names submitted to the Township Council for recommendation to the Board of Management. Moved by Mr. L. Atkinson and seconded by Mrs. E. Down that a legal petition be drawn up by the Township Clerk to

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submit to the ratepayers of S.S.#9 for an assessment over a period of ten years. This plan met with so much opposition that it was dropped by the Board of Management. No doubt this was the reason that the next Annual Community meeting was not held until June 11 TH., 1954.

JUNE 11TH., 1954 - Mr. Stewart Brown gave a detailed plan of proposed playground equipment. Mr. Alvin Brown of the A.M. Brown Insurance Agency explained several types of insurance to cover the general public in connection with the Community Centre and the Playground equipment.

JUNE 15TH., 1954 - A meeting called by Stewart Brown for all young people interested in Baseball. He explained the purpose of the meeting was to organize teams and turned the meeting over to Mr. Ted Silcox as Sports Convenor.

MONTH OF JULY 1954 - This was a month long fully organized Playground sponsored by the Community Centre under the Chairmanship of Clarence Palmer. Several leaders were required and great co-operation on the part of all concerned was very evident. Morning devotions at 9.30 each morning started the day under the leadership of Mr. Donald Fitchett of the Baptist Church and Dr. M. W. Goodrich of the United Church followed by games, crafts and other activities. Dr. Goodrich and his wife were later killed at the four corners of Shedden in a terrible car-truck crash that demolished the front end of the I.O.O.F. Hall. The children of the community attended in large numbers and maintained an amazing regularity in their attendance. Some of the leaders I can remember were Isobel Campbell, Ivy Stafford, Mary Ayling. Different Community Organizations supplied the leaders and helpers needed. The Women's Institute would be responsible for one day and the United Church Women another day and so on. It really was fantastic the way everyone took part and co-operated.

JULY 16TH., 1954 - The following items are noted in the minutes for this date: (1) Mrs. Ayling displayed the felt articles being made at the Children's Summer Playground. The children were asked to bring old felt hats and from each hat a pair of slippers was made. (2) A discussion was held on the suggestion of Mr. Geo. Ross that the Community Centre operate a Booth at the Southwold & Dunwich Fair September 24TH., 1954 and that they ask for space near the grand stand. This suggestion was moved and seconded by Geo. Ross and Hugh Silcox. You will note in this instance that the ones who had the suggestions or ideas were also handed the work. It seems to work that way even in 1980!

JULY 16TH., 1954 - The Chairman, Mr. Stewart Brown opened the meeting and stated that Board Members wished to have suggestions of the Community on Program Projects to carry the cost of operating the Community Grounds over the years to come. He explained that there were enough funds to carry through this year, but plans should be made to set up functions for 1955. Suggestions were as follows, - Band Concerts, Amateur Talent Contest, Hobby Show and Program, Garden Party, Dances, Series of Social Evenings, Square Dance Competitions.

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MAY 4TH., 1956 - Mr. Geo. Silcox acted as Chairman for this meeting. Correspondence was read from the Dept. Of Agricultural Societies regarding our application for first grant. All the business and expense to this date had been provided from donations by interested citizens of Shedden and vicinity. Donations were also received from Village of Shedden - \$100.00, Shedden Dramatic Society - \$200.00, Shedden Choral Society - \$19.50, Shedden Women's Institute - \$223.85, Shedden Athletic Society - \$100.00. The members of the Board at this time were Mr. Clarence Culver and Mr. Farnell Nimmo of the Township Of Southwold and the Shedden Members were Mr. Stewart Brown, Mr. Lloyd Atkinson, Mr. Clarence Palmer, Mr. E. S. Down, Mrs. E.S. Down for Institutes and Secretary-Treasurer. Discussion was held on Junior Ball Team organization. Mr. Geo. Ross was asked to contact Bruce Stafford to be leader and to call the boys together. It was moved by Lawrence Silcox and seconded by Mr. F. Nimmo that Gerald Moore be Assistant Leader of Junior Ball Club. A Board Meeting following this Public Meeting Records that it was moved by Mr. Stewart Brown and seconded by Mr. E. S. Down that Mr. Lloyd Atkinson have a term as Chairman of the Board.

THE LONG SLEEP MAY 4TH., 1956 - JUNE 30TH., 1960 - There is no record in the Minute Book for the inactivity of the Board during this period. It must be remembered that uppermost in the minds of those purchasing the land was the construction of a Community Hall. The I.O.O.F. had their own Hall and they felt it was adequate for their present and future needs and as much as they could financially support. Other Community organizations were not in a position to offer much financial assistance. The Board had also tried to have a Hall built by including it in the taxes of the ratepayers of S.S. #9. This was also defeated.

A further deterrent to the Board Of Management was that it saw the Centre being used more and more as a Ball Field with the I.O.O.F. Sponsored Team and other teams being unwilling to pay the Insurance Premium which the Board felt they should Carry.

Our present generation owes a great deal for the foresight of those who contributed their time and money in the acquisition of our present Community Centre. In addition to the Community Groups who contributed financially it is recorded in the Minute Book the names of 8 who gave \$100.00 (Equal to about \$500.00 in 1980 terms) 2 who gave \$50.00 and several in smaller amounts. Also is recorded names of several who promised and did not pay. I do not intend to print these, but they are there for anyone who wishes to see them. Perhaps they had unknown financial burdens that prevented them from honouring their pledges. Let us be generous in our thoughts concerning this!

Let us give great credit to the Board Members for trying to do their best with a situation that had imposed strict limitations on them. Playing Baseball at the Centre began about the year 1954 and gradually picked up momentum. It is my feeling that if the original Board Members were to return in 1980 and were able to have a birdseye view of how much pleasure has been given to the thousands of fans over the years and to all the

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Player Participants that they would be very pleased with what has transpired. I really know that my own father would be more than pleased.

THE YEAR 1960 - Enthusiasm for Baseball has arrived and the Centre is being used more and more for playing Baseball. Time is at a premium and games are being played on Sunday. To the Permissive Society of 1980 it is hard for us to realize that Sunday was a much more Sacred Day in 1960 and there was much uneasiness about Sunday Ball in the Community. Also the teams began to feel that it would be much better for them to have a lighted Ball Park. The Board was questioned about such a plan. They stated that they had no objections of the Ball Teams going ahead with the project, but they would have to find the money for the project.

What transpired was that the Shedden Ball Team Members did the canvassing for money for the lights. The following is taken from the minutes by Mr. George Ross; "There was strong objection to Sunday Play Off Games and people were assured that lights would overcome the need of playing games on Sunday. With an increase in donations on this basis, it was agreed that there would be No Ball Games on Sunday. Canvassers were to be organized with their individual receipt books. Clarence Palmer was to assist in preparing a presentation of the project to the people of our community." A large Scrap Book was prepared setting out all the details. The Ball Team thought it a good help to them so I prepared several copies. It was not an elaborate book, but it proved to be very helpful. It became an effective tool. The date of the meeting to start this project was July 29TH., 1960.

AUGUST 4TH., 1960 - A meeting of the Community Centre was held at 9 P.M. The Committee now in charge are (From The Township) Farnell Nimmo and Albert Auckland (From The Community Appointed By The Township Council, Clarence Palmer, George Ross, Ralph Mercer, Forbes Oldham and Ted Silcox.) It is quite noticeable in the Minutes by the original Sec.-Treasurer (Mrs. E.S. Down) that she referred to everyone by Mr. or Mrs. in all motions etc. Now we are on a first name basis, whether for good or ill I cannot say. At this meeting Ralph Mercer became Chairman and it was agreed the money collected by the Ball Team should be put in the Community Centre Account so that people could have Income Tax Receipts and Provincial Grants could be received.

OCTOBER 1960 - The St. Williams Branch of the Department Of Lands & Forests selected 8 poles to carry the standards for the lights. They were trucked in by CHARLES OLDHAM whose bill was \$93.12. The poles themselves were on a no charge basis from the Province Of Ontario. Poles remained as received all winter.

SPRING 1961 - The 8 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 poles were dug by the ONTARIO HYDRO and up-righted and put into position by CHARLES OLDHAM. As the Poles swung into position there was a sense of Pride and keen Anticipation by all Spectators and Athletes of the Community.

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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 RLEVE 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.

HONOURS FOR 1961 - Shedden won the St. Thomas & District Men's Fastball CHAMPIONSHIP. Shedden won the O.R.S.A. Ontario "C" CHAMPIONSHIP.

APRIL 5TH., 1962 - Date of the Annual Meeting and sending in of names approved for the Community Centre to the Township Council. There was a discussion on financing and sharing the earnings with the Ball Team.

APRIL 4TH., 1963 - Forbes Oldham was in Charge of the Senior Team for the year and Ted Silcox in Charge of the Junior Team. There was a discussion on need for an improved Booth and the suggestion that a New Booth be considered.

HONOURS FOR 1963 - Shedden won the O.R.S.A. Ontario "B" CHAMPIONSHIP. This was the approximate date or year for the starting of the SOUTHWOLD FASTBALL LEAGUE.

FEBRUARY 17TH., 1964 - Annual Meeting date and discussion on a fair sharing of Financial Resources between the Community Centre and the Ball Team took place.

APRIL 25TH., 1965 - A joint project of the Fair Board and the Community Centre was the present Cement Block Building used as a wash-room facility on the day of the Fair. It was decided to drop the insurance carried by the Board as not being adequate, but really it was quite adequate for a serious bone of contention for many years.

HONOURS FOR 1965 - Shedden won the Southwold-Yarmouth CHAMPIONSHIP.

MARCH 31ST., 1966 - Date of the Annual Meeting. Ralph Mercer asked to be taken off the active list of the Board, but he said he would maintain his interest in the Community Centre.

CENTENNIAL YEAR 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.

APRIL 4TH., 1968 - Date of the Annual Meeting with Gary Monteith and Jack Shields being representatives from Township Council. George Ross as Board Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$338.12. The Booth Treasurer, Ted Silcox, reported a balance on hand of \$1018.24. This was previously handled by the late Lynn Stafford.

MARCH 27TH., 1969 - Date of the Annual Meeting. It was moved by Ted Silcox and seconded by Sydney Orchard that the collection for lighting be under the Booth Committee charging \$5.00 for lights plus \$1.

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for scraping the Diamond effective May 1st., 1969. It was moved by Ted Silcox and seconded by Bill Brown that a Practice Pitching Area be set up south of the Booth. It was moved by Carl Chamberlain and seconded by John Berdan that we have the entrance to the grounds asphalted by the Village when the Village Council does the streets. Ted Silcox and Carl Chamberlain were appointed in charge of the Booth and Grounds.

MARCH 23RD., 1970 - Date of the Annual Meeting. Ralph Mercer presided as Chairman. Geo. Ross gave the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$559.21 with an outstanding cheque of \$30.00. Carl Chamberlain gave the Booth report showing a balance on hand of \$2,200.61. John Berdan reported from Girl's Team on having a balance of \$135.00. Wes. Stafford reported for the Junior Team having a balance on hand of \$100.00. Ted Silcox asked for a withdrawal from the Community Centre Committee. It was decided to form a Junior Committee who were Stan Lidster, Roy Orchard, Andy Simpson, Wayne Lunn, and Barry Berdan. Lights, Booth etc. were left for the Committee under the direction of Carl Chamberlain, who was highly complimented for a job well done at the Booth.

During 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.

HONOURS FOR 1970 - Shedden Stuart's Supertest won the Exeter Tournament CHAMPIONSHIP.

MARCH 8TH., 1971 - First Community Centre Banquet and Get Together with Progress Reports was presented to our people in the Bethany United Church. Invitations were extended to all persons interested in the Community Centre in our surrounding area. A large number attended this gathering - nearly 100 in all. John Berdan was assisted by Clarence Palmer and the Operations Committee were responsible for this successful event. A report was printed dating back to April 1949. The recreation representative from St. Thomas, Mr. Wrigglesworth addressed the gathering extending great encouragement to our Community Centre operation. Slides of incidents on the grounds were shown.

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NEW BLEACHERS were installed opposite first base. SWEATERS AND EQUIPMENT to the value of \$200.00 was purchased for the O.R.S.A. team sponsored by THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. \$165.30 was spent on LIGHT REPAIRS and a USED REFRIGERATOR FOR \$52.50 was obtained for the BOOTH. TREES costing \$58.59 were planted along fence between the 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 \$5,000.00. 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!

HONOURS FOR 1971 - Shedden Stuart's Supertest won Exeter Tournament CHAMPIONSHIP. Shedden Flyers won the Southwold Fastball League CHAMPIONSHIP.

1972 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES are not recorded, but it is presumed that a meeting was held. During the year ASPHALT PAVING costing \$552.00 proved 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.

HONOURS FOR 1973 - Shedden Pee Wees won Goderich "D" Young Canada Hockey CHAMPIONSHIP.

NEW LIGHTS WERE INSTALLED AND OFFICIALLY TURNED ON AND DEDICATED ON JUNE 23RD., 1973. A severe ICE STORM on Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) destroyed the LIGHTING SYSTEM at the Community Centre. With much co-operation of Township Council and Financial Backing the New Lighting System became a reality on the above date. The storm did actually prove a blessing in disguise as the new lights were much improved over the old system and best of all required less power to operate. At a meeting held on October 30th. it was voted to pay \$5,000.00 to the Township Council on our account.

NOVEMBER 11TH., 1974 -- The date of the Annual Meeting was changed to the Fall of the year on request of Township Council. Carl Chamberlain gave the financial report of the operating Committee which showed no outstanding debts and a balance on hand of approximately \$2,000.00. Grants from the Province of Ontario, Township Of Southwold and the Village Of Shedden speeded FINAL PAYMENT ON NEW LIGHTS.

The Annual Supper was held at Bethany United Church on March 4th. At a meeting of the Community Centre Board it was voted that when Sunday Games were necessary they were not to commence before the hour of 1.30 P.M.

HONOURS FOR 1974 - Shedden Colts won the Southwold Fastball League CHAMPIONSHIP of the "B" Division - David Moore Memorial Trophy

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MARCH 10TH., 1975 - ANNUAL COMMUNITY SUPPER MEETING was held at Bethany United Church. This was a HAM SUPPER with the Community Centre providing the Ham and the Church Ladies the remainder of the meal at \$1.75 per plate.

During the year a Heavy Gauge CHAIN LINK FENCE with treated wood posts and having a 2" x 6" on edge at the top of the posts was constructed as a Line Fence between the Fair Ground and the Community Centre. It had two 18' gates and two 42" gates. The larger gates were of the most modern design with sturdy wheels to assist in opening and closing when required. There was also a 100' of Foul Line Fence constructed and a JUNIOR DIAMOND was created adjacent to the corner bounded by the Fair Board and the property of Wm. Bogart. This involved the erecting of a Backstop and a small Utility Building behind it. This Diamond was much used and appreciated by the Junior Teams.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Community Centre was held on November 25th. Names were chosen to act on the Community Centre Board and forwarded to Township Council for approval.

HONOURS FOR 1975 - Shedden Colts won the Southwold Fastball League CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE "B" Division - David Moore Memorial Trophy. Shedden Farm Equipment won the Memorial Fastball League CHAMPIONSHIP. Shedden Bantams won the O.R.S.A. "C" CHAMPIONSHIP. The Shedden Midgets won the O.R.S.A. "C" CHAMPIONSHIP.

MARCH 8TH., 1976 - ANNUAL COMMUNITY SUPPER at Bethany United Church. The cost of the HAM SUPPER is now \$2.00 per plate with the Community Centre supplying the Ham.

Considerable time was spent by Board Members gathering data about a Proposed Tennis Court and Proposed Wash room and Change Room for improved facilities during the year 1976.

HONOURS FOR 1976 - Shedden Colts won the Southwold Fastball League CHAMPIONSHIP Of The "B" Division - David Moore Memorial Trophy. Shedden Flyers won the Southwold Fastball CHAMPIONSHIP - John Berdan Trophy. Shedden Bantams won the O.R.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIP "C" Division. Shedden Flyers won the Southwold Fastball League CHAMPIONSHIP "A" Division.

YEAR 1977 - This was a very eventful year. Washrooms and Change Rooms were built at a total cost of \$14,011.01. The building itself is of Concrete Block construction. The General Contractor was Clarence Bogart who did a very excellent job of overseeing all the sub contractors who so ably took part. It is a very welcome addition to our Community Centre Plant and is greatly appreciated by both players and spectators. The facilities are especially nice to have when you have teams and spectators from larger towns and cities present. A well was dug by Vandenberg Excavating just behind the building butting up to the Frank Miller fence. Fortunately it has a Spring and has been an excellent source of water. Bright yellow coloured patio blocks have been placed around the building to facilitate dry walking. The Board is grateful for the care that most persons have shown for this new facility and for the equipment that is an integral part of our Community Centre. It gives the Board great encouragement to continually update and

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improve and look for New ways of making our Community Centre even better.

A considerable amount of Time was spent on Levelling both the small Junior Diamond adjacent to the Fair Grounds and the Main Diamond. The grading was done by Ken Howe and the Floating of the Main Diamond was under the supervision of Andy Lynch who devised a New System using Chain Link Fence which was dragged behind the small Garden Tractor. There were fewer lumps on the Diamond and there was less Dust. In 1976 a large amount of plastic Perforated Continuous Tile were buried under the surface of the Diamond. Murray Silcox suggested renting a small digger from a rental Equipment Firm to make trenches for this tiling and this was a boon to all who helped with this project. The net result has been a much improved Diamond and made it possible to play many times since when it would have not been possible otherwise.

It should be mentioned here that the New Washrooms were constructed using a plan prepared by Bob Brooks of H.I.R.A. Construction of St. Thomas and were given to Ken Howe Free Of Charge so we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Bob very much.

A very fine job of painting was performed by Ron Cox and Son. Everything that could be painted was painted with the exception of the New Washrooms and the Spacescape. Even the Rusty Fence and Backstop received a Coat Of Paint. It was a great improvement!

HONOURS FOR 1977 - 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.

MARCH 6TH., 1978 - Date of the ANNUAL COMMUNITY SUPPER at Bethany United Church. The price of the HAM SUPPER is now \$2.75 per plate with the Community Centre supplying the Ham and the Ladies the remainder of the meal.

After the meal Keith McLean had to leave to attend a Council meeting but his wife, Anne, stayed and showed the slides they had taken on a recent trip to Japan and Hong Kong. It was an excellent travelogue and much enjoyed by all present. It was the next best thing to having been there yourself. It was much appreciated.

A NEW FEATURE - It was suggested by Dennis Schram that we try and have a sheet of ice at the Community Centre. With many suggestions and the sweat of Dennis, Ken Howe, Bill Brown and others this became a reality. Much was learned by experiment, but the youngsters and a few older ones as well, had about 6 weeks of skating under the lights. It was very worthwhile and much credit should go to the organizers of this project.

A TEN FOOT FENCE was built in front of the NEW WASHROOMS and a 4' Fence 54' long was constructed along the line separating the Community Centre from Bev. Teetzel's Farm. Roger Lunn painted the score Board - a 20 Hour task costing \$101.61. A grass Snipper was purchased to further improve the appearance of the grounds. The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE was held on December 6th. at the Shedden Fire Hall and names selected for forwarding to the