

# Marauder mars Rombough Christmas

It was a night Meredith and Lois Rombough will never forget.

Mr. and Mrs. Rombough, of 3 Mill St., Russell, were savagely attacked Dec. 1 when they returned home to surprise a burglar in an upstairs bedroom.

"We knew someone was in the house because we saw the light on upstairs. We usually leave lights

on when we're out but we had gone into town early in the afternoon and, thinking we'd be home before dark, hadn't left any on," a shaken Mrs. Rombough said.

It was about 8:15 p.m. and they discovered the heavy wooden door to the house had been kicked in.

"Mrs. Cecil Hitsman next door said she heard a bang shortly

after 8 p.m. so we would have come in on the heels of the break-in. It's easy to think we should've gone to the neighbors then and called police but we acted on impulse," she said.

When Mr. Rombough went to the foot of the stairs and yelled 'Who's up there?', a man charged downstairs and rolled, knocking him off his feet.

"Meredith banged his head on the piano and was knocked out for a few seconds. When he came to, the man was pounding him on the mouth, lip and nose and going for his eyes. They say they go for the eyes so you won't be able to identify them," she said.

"The man grabbed a glass ornament and smashed it on Meredith's head. I grabbed the ornament and got it away from the guy but he hit me with the back of his hand and his fist three or four times and drove me back against the post."

She said the man smashed his hand through a window in the

door as he rushed outside. Mr. Rombough tackled the man in the yard "and was getting the better of him but had to let him go because the guy was biting his finger and would have bitten it right off". The man ran to a car parked a short way down the street.

"Meredith tried to get the licence number but he was dazed and bleeding and it was too dark even though I'd flipped on the outside light," she said.

The man could not be clearly identified because there were no lights on in the downstairs of the

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## Russell Township —

### Trash pick-up for all

Township-wide garbage pickup beginning Jan. 1 is Russell council's Christmas gift to taxpayers.

Of course, taxpayers will have to foot the \$35,000 bill but Councillor Baird McNeill hopes there won't be any appreciable change in individual tax rates.

However, the final effect of the new service won't be clear until closer to budget time, Mr. McNeill explained. The full cost will break down to an average of \$2.50 a month per pickup point less for residences and more for businesses.

The contract for the new service has been awarded to an

Embrun man, who Mr. McNeill says has considerable experience in the field. The councillor added that there was some surprise at the low bid.

"We didn't know how he could afford to do the job for so little."

The new service will replace separate garbage collection which has been operating in Russell and Embrun villages as well as extend pickup to the rural area.

Council feels the \$35,000 is money well spent, Mr. McNeill stressed.

Garbage removal is now costing about \$18,000 for the two

villages and another \$15,000 a year is spent on township dump maintenance.

"We think we can save money at the dump because the new service should result in fewer people casually taking their garbage there."

The new contractor will pick up virtually all household and commercial refuse but not heavy, combersome discards — rolls of wire for example.

Mr. McNeill said a circular will be mailed to residents to outline pick-up days in various parts of the township and explain the new procedure in general.



SWEET HOME

If that isn't Christmas spirit on the faces of Kathy, Rudy and Lisa Romme, of Russell, what is? They got into the spirit by building their own Christmas candy cottage. Good eating kids but don't forget to leave a bite for Santa! (Photo by Rowsell).

### RCMP visit Reinsmen

The Russell Reinsmen 4-H Horse Club held its first regular meeting Dec. 6, with 16 members present. After the business meeting with Vice-president Kim Eadie in the chair, the meeting was shown two films about the RCMP Musical Ride. Constable Wayne Forrest, just back from a tour with the ride, gave an informative talk. Thanks again Wayne. After discussing a projected field trip to the Rockcliffe stables and the breeding farm at Pakenham, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting, Jan. 2.



Walk a block. Today.

## TENDER

### FOR SNOW REMOVAL AT DR. KINNAIRD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Anyone interested please send IN WRITING

1. hourly rates
2. type of equipment used

c-o Dan Thompson  
Arena Manager  
Dr. Kinnaird Comm. Centre  
Box 9  
Russell, Ontario

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Osgoode invites all residents to attend

## Open House

of the newly renovated Council Chamber and Administrative Offices

in the village of Metcalfe on

January 1st, 1979

2-4 p.m.

Official Ceremonies at 2:30 p.m.

## THANKS

I wish to thank all the people who supported me on Mon. Nov. 13.

I will work for the entire Township of Russell to the best of my ability for the next term.

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### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONTEST



The Russell Horticultural Society is sponsoring a

### "Christmas Light & Decoration Contest"

Best creative lighting will be judged keeping in mind conservation of energy. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes judged after December 15.