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MacDONALD — At Grace Hospital, Ottawa, Sunday, Jan. 28 to David and Virginia MacDonald (nee Hay) a daughter, Marilee, 7 lbs., 11 oz.

CHOLOWSKI — Lisa and Cindy are happy to announce the arrival of their brother Thomas Walter, born Jan. 21 at the Montfort Hospital, 8 lbs. Thanks to Dr. Lamoreux and nurses.

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Death

CARSCADDEN, William — A well known and respected Russell resident, died in an Ottawa hospital Jan. 1 in his 82nd year. Born at Russell, eldest son of John Thomas Carscadden and Eleanor Craven, he operated the family farm until ill health forced him to retire. In 1930 he married Hazel Morrow who survives as well as three sons and two daughters: Bruce, Sudbury; Mrs. John Power (Aileen), Oromocto, New Brunswick; John, Russell; Eric and Mrs. Robert Pritchard (Eleanor), Ottawa; also fourteen grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister, Anna, (Mrs. George Hay) and two brothers, Eric and Ralph Carscadden. Funeral service at Warner Funeral Home was conducted by Rev. Leonard Woolfrey at 2 p.m. Jan. 4th followed by cremation at Pinecrest Crematorium.

Births

CURRY — A daughter, 6 lbs., 6 oz. born on Jan. 24 at Ottawa General Hospital to Lyle and Brenda Curry. Proud grandparents are Jim and Marian Prevost.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank all the friends who sent flowers, cards and letters while I was in the hospital. Thanks to the staff of 4 East of the Ottawa Civic Hospital and Doctors McPhail and Cochran.

Hazel Carscadden,
Russell

We would like to express our sincere thanks to friends, neighbors and relatives for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement of a dear, husband, father and grandfather, William Carscadden and for the floral tributes and memorials to the charities of their choice. We wish to thank the Senior Citizens Club of Russell for the delicious lunch which they served to friends and relatives after the funeral. Thanks to the staff of 6 Link of Civic Hospital and Doctors Rabbin Posen and Kinnaird and our minister Rev. Woolfrey.

The Carscadden Family
Russell

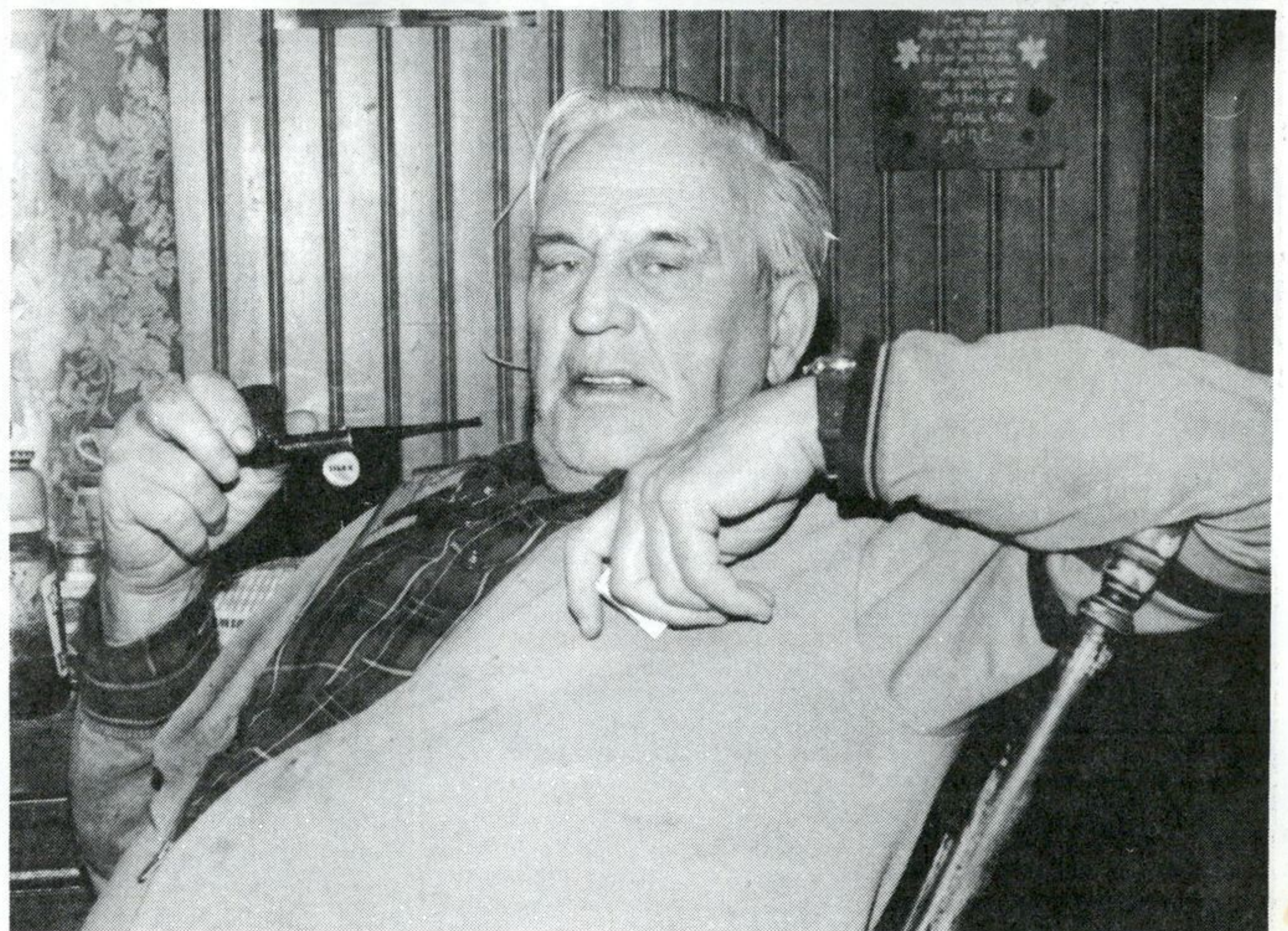
A warm and sincere "Thank You" to the many friends who have offered words of encouragement and hope following Gerry's unfortunate accident. Please continue to pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

Eleanor Thompson
Orlando, Florida

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, treats and visits while I was a patient in Winchester Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Kinnaird, Dr. Prins and nurses on first and second floor. It was all very much appreciated.

Edgar Loucks
Russell

Neighbors



Jim Rombough relaxing

Jim Rombough — A Trapper at 70

Jim Rombough sits puffing his pipe at the kitchen table in the house that his father built 65 years ago. It's a comfy kitchen but unmistakably that of an inveterate bachelor. He studies the montage of photographs through a cloud of blue smoke.

"That's me with a lunge (muskellunge). It weighed seventeen-and-a-half pounds. Caught her in the Rideau. I've caught them 43 and 45 inches long in the Rideau and I still know where there's some," he says, trying to stifle his smoker's cough.

When he's not at home, Jim can usually be found engaged in friendly conversation, on his seat by the window in John's Gas Bar on Russell's main street. In the

summer, he's identifiable as the man in the bust jacket who scoots through the village on his yellow moped.

When Jim turned 70 on Jan. 21, more than 30 friends and relatives threw a party for him at the farm of Hubert and Lillian MacDonald, a mile south of the village, where he worked for 25 years and, according to Mrs. MacDonald, has always been considered one of the family. Jim received the montage of photographs as a gift.

As with the photo of the "lunge," the montage gives a picture of a man who has spent a large part of his life in the outdoors. In fact, Jim is one of two trappers in the village (the other is his friend Gord Beaton). Jim only traps occasionally now, citing an old knee injury from the days of playing hockey in Russell as the main reason. He taught himself to trap as "just something a lot of people were doing at one time." There's a shot of him with a string of wolf pelts.

"There were no wolves or coyotes in the very early days. They came along fairly recently. You can still get them around here," he puffs.

"Same as beaver. I never saw a beaver around here until 15 years ago. Now the country's full of them. I guess they were all trapped out at one time then came back."

The big thing was muskrat. "I used to be able to get 40 muskrat a day out of the Castor. Trouble was, you couldn't always make much at it. There was a time you couldn't get anything for fox because there was no call for them and muskrat was only fetching 55 cents a pelt."

He hunted deer — "there were a lot of deer here then," — five miles north of the village but says the animals disappeared when hunters were allowed to use dogs.

Jim was born in 1909 in the house of relatives at the east end of Mill Street along the river. Five years later, the family — three brothers and one sister — moved to the large frame house that Ernest Rombough, a carpenter, built on Concession Street. The house sits across from the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre.

He recalled, as a lad, watching the fire that destroyed a large part of Russell's business section in 1915, of picking blueberries in woods east of the village where

fields lie today, and of two Indian families in Russell who floated hickory, oak and ash down the Castor to be fashioned into axe handles and baskets. The only time he left Russell for long was for the few years that he worked in St. Catharines on a GM parts assembly line.

"Times were tough and I couldn't get a job around Russell but Harry McArthur from the village was the personnel manager down there for GM and he used to hire anybody from Russell," he said.

He started work as a hand in 1940 for Duncan Cummings and was kept on when Hubert MacDonald purchased the farm several years later. He earned the going rate — \$75 a month and board. The work day started at 5 a.m. and went until sunset "and the food was darn good."

On politics, he's brief: "I don't like Trudeau but I still think he's smarter than Clark. Too bad Diez wasn't 50 again."

Jim and his brother Syd, of Ottawa, are the only surviving family members. Relatives in Russell include Meredith and Lois Rombough, Hazel Rombough and children Barry and Kim and Bill Rombough.

As he sits puffing, waiting for a visit from Syd and fellow trapper Robert Brisson, of Embrun, he muses, "I don't do much anymore except go down to the gas bar and bug Rosie."

Postal rate changes

Russell Village Postmaster Pierre Robinson advises readers that, effective April 1, the basic first-class rate for a one ounce letter will rise to 17 cents from the current 14 cents.

Other changes will see the cost of mailing a greeting card go to 15 cents from 12 cents, registration to \$1.50 from \$1.25, special delivery to \$1.00 from 80 cents and mail certification to 90 cents from 75 cents.

The charge for mailing a one ounce letter to an address outside North America will increase by 5 cents to .35. Similarly, aérogrammes will go up 5 cents to 35.

Mr. Robinson also noted that Canadian Post will go metric July 1, bringing it into line with the majority of postal systems in the world.

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