



**Barn Burned — \$150,000**

This heap of rubble is all that is left of a barn that was destroyed by fire along the Vars Road, five kilometres west of Embrun last month. The loss, including more than 100 head of cattle and hay, was estimated at more than \$150,000. Embrun Fire Chief Maurice Gregoire said that more than 20

firefighters from Embrun and Russell fought the blaze, managing to save three silos next to the 50 x 20 metre barn. The blaze was extinguished after six hours. Electrical wiring is being investigated as the cause. Owner Gilles Trudeau says he intends to rebuild. (Photo by Rowsell).

**"Jaws" McNeill —**

**Eatin' 'em at poolside**

By Michael Van Dusen

The Russell Feed Store, any Saturday night last summer: A haze of smoke hangs low over the table as a row of would be 'sharks' lean on their cues waiting for the next shot. Not a word is spoken as 'Jaws' eyes the balls, checks all the angles, and then moves in to sink the eight ball in one flowing motion.

No, Jaws isn't your average player who nursed a career out of pool halls and pinball alleys; she's five-foot, three-inch Sandra McNeill, daughter of Councillor Baird and Nylene McNeill, of Russell. Last summer was the beginning of her skyrocketing reputation.

"They used to make a lot of comments when I started a game. Things like 'lets wait around for three hours while she figures out how to play' or 'take it easy on the girl', and then they would laugh", she says.

After beating the local pool fanatic and most of his friends, the laughter stopped.

Now in her first year at Carleton University, Sandra is the best woman player in the place. In a tournament against U of O her team won a clean sweep of 16 games. Her coach Stan Mills operated the games room in the Unicenter and says of his prize pupil: "Sandra has the natural ability, plus the dedication and concentration she needs to be good. If she keeps it up she could be tops in the amateur field."

A surprise entrant in the Canadian Ladies snooker championships, Sandra won her first round against the Hull representative Nancy Wilkinson. Marianne McConnell of Guelph defeated her in the second round, but for her first shot at the Championship after only a year of playing, her performance was excellent.

Sandra finds time to play between her theatre classes and her performances with Sock 'n' Busin, the University troupe.

"I know I will have to pick theatre as a career over pool. Even now I find it hard to practice pool every day."

Confident enough to play for money Sandra is rapidly approaching that recognized title of excellence 'The Hustler', and in a game where male egos are defended to the last cent, Jaws will 'eat em up' faster than her movie name sake.

**Visiting**

With Dorothy Marquette

Mrs. Lawrence Carss and Mrs. J. Chier of Brampton, were weekend guests of the former's Mother Mrs. Shirley Rombough.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kinkaid have returned home from a months vacation in Daytona Beach.

Miss Nancy Carscadden, of Kingston, spent a weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carscadden.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rombough, Wendy and Laurie, of Kapskasing, visited a few days with Mrs. Shirley Rombough. Wayne participated in the Old Timers Hockey Tournament held in Ottawa.

Miss Linda Weatherall, Miss Cathy Milligan, Miss Cathy Reid and Miss Caroline Scholz, of Toronto, were weekend guests of

Mrs. Cecil Weatherall and family.

Mrs. James Gemme, of Timmins, spent a few days with her Aunt and Uncle Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert MacDonald visited Mr. Willard Pillar, of Prescott.

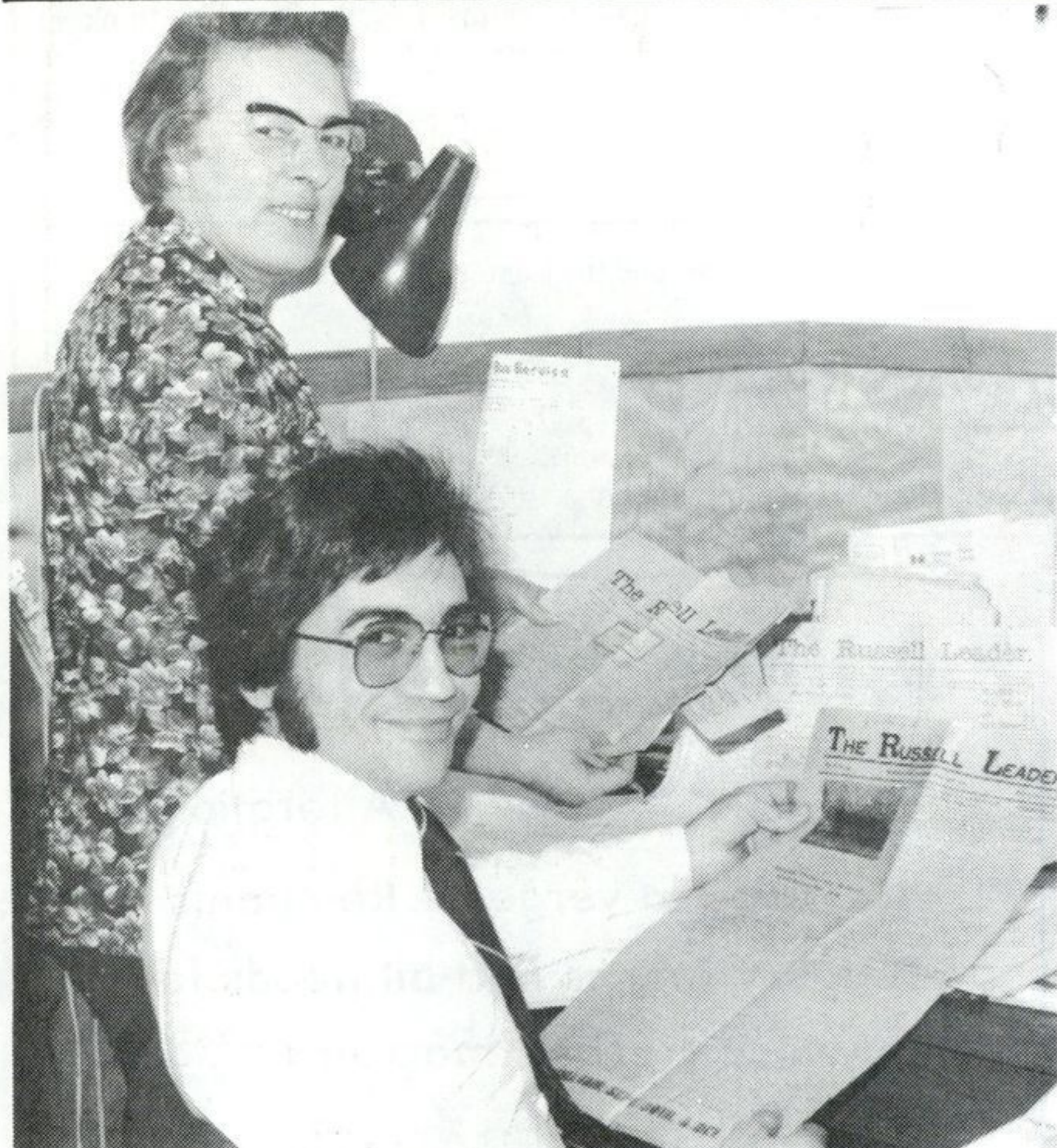
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Armstrong, of Ottawa, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gilmour, of Pilot Mound, Manitoba, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Wade and Ian.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gamble have returned from a brief holiday in Florida.

Mrs. Michael Parry, Gwyneth and David visited with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks.

Mr. Emerson Kinkaid, of Ayers Cliff, Quebec visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kinkaid.



**Heading the Hunt**

Enid Beeton helps Russell postmaster Pierre Robinson glean information from copies of the defunct Russell Leader as the hunt continues for the facts of the village's founding.

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