I won't forget Roy

By Gary Ball

It's about this time of the year, as the air takes on the taste of fall, that I start thinking about moose.

And, it's now, thinking about moose that I miss Roy the most. He's been gone almost eight years now, found dead under his overturned tractor on the hill where he was skidding logs for winter firewood.

But when the tang comes into the air, when the water gets cold, slick and hunting-season black, I keep expecting him to materialize, rifle hooked over his arm as he leans against a tree, both hands

busy on the "makin's" of his next smoke.

He had a habit of doing that, of turning up like a shadow, rolling a smoke and grinning that sly, shy grin of his as I combed the bush, determined he'd never pussyfoot up on me again.

But he always did and I wish, down deep, that he could come in on me once again, quiet like a cat.

Roy was born probably a hundred years after his time, born to hunt. Oh, he farmed and fished and trapped and scratched a living off a Northern Ontario farm for his wife and eight kids but, what

he really did was hunt.

The farm wasn't good for growing much but rocks and kids so he worked at it like blazes, hanging on for the hunter's moon to come each fall.

50 pounds of browse

When he hunted moose, he hunted hard, light and fast. A biologist once told him that a moose needed 50 pounds of browse a day to stay alive and that formed the core of his approach to moose hunting.

"I can walk farther, faster in a day than moose 'cause I don't have to be slowin' down to eat no

50-pound of brush."

That's just what he did, taking a fresh track and following it for a day, or two or perhaps even longer, until the moose made a mistake and paused to look back at this strange predator in its track.

It wasn't unusual for him to spend one night or, on the odd occasion, two nights in the bush on a moose track.

He travelled light, a battered bag hung over his shoulder. There was always a teapail, tea, coffee and something to eat tucked into that bag.

If night caught him while the track was still worth following he just built a fire, boiled up a teapail and made himself comfortable.

The idea of being lost or worrying about being lost never crossed his mind. It was home. He was as comfortable by his lonely fire as he was sitting at his kitchen table.

It was Roy who taught me to hunt moose and to travel the bush, not that he really thought much of my ability on either score.

I hunted with him for 10 long, tough years without seeing a live moose during hunting season.

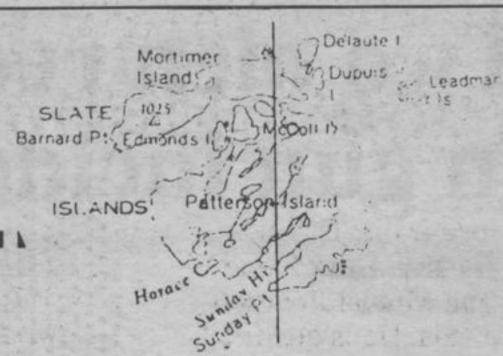
He didn't live long enough to enjoy my first moose with me.

This starts to sound sad and solemn and that isn't right. Roy could be serious enough, all right, but he really celebrated the joy of the hunt and saw every bit of humour that moose hunting could possibly offer.

"Gary," he said in that peculiar Mattawa River lilt, "just you remember that with moose, once you squeeze the trigger, the fun's all over."

Better!

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Who actually goes to Church? By Keith Milne, pastor, Terrace Bay Gospel Assembly

I have heard a lot of different answers to that question. Interestingly, it is those who never attend church that have the most opinions. A geat variety of people go to church but the better queston is WHY?

Some people go to church to be seen by others. They want the recognition that they are "good, church-going folk".

Others go to church because they always have; it is their tradition. Then there are those who go to church because it makes them feel good and they sit beside people who are there because it is their duty.

Reasons vary with the variety of individuals.

Those outside the church like to say that the people who go to church are the hypocrites. Some non-attenders think that attenders think of themselves as if they are "holier" than their neighbours.

Others think that church is just for wimps. Then there are those who consider church to be suitable for women and children but not for the "real" man. Who actually goes to church and why do they attend? To this question- ignorance is not bliss!

It is true that some people do attend church with the wrong motivations. There is however a very positive attitude that I have found with most church attenders.

The majority of church-goers have realized their personal lack of perfection before God and go to church to find assistance and acceptance from God and His People.

I like church attenders who view themselves people "under construction" or with the request "Please be patient with me... God is not finished with me yet!"

There is a positive and realistic attitude of church attenders that recognizes that no one is perfect but God has provided an opportunity to everyone to find His love, forgiveness and acceptance.

Sharing his love and acceptance is what going to church is all about. We go to church to thank God for His love towards us and to find opportunities to share His love with others.

That is who and why people go to church.

And then he proceeded to show me just how much fun a man could have moose hunting, both before and after the trigger

was squeezed.

Gary will show you On my first serious moose hunt, Roy and I had worked a chain of hardwood ridges from daylight to mid-day without even so much as seeing fresh sign.

We arrived back at the lake and a big marsh in the early afternoon about 20 minutes after Bert,

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Minister: Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396. Mori ing Service and Sunday School are at 11:15 a.m. Comn. union Service is the first Sunday of every month. A nursery for infants is provided.

St. John Anglican Church Pastor, Bob Elkin. Phone 824-2771. Morning prayer at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. All welcome.

Terrace Bay

Community Church

Minister, Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396. Worship service is every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. Church School is also at this time. Communion service is every first Sunday of every month. A nursery is provided. A warm welcome awaits all.

Lutheran Church

Pastor, Rev. Mark Moss.

We will be meeting every Sunday at 2 p.m. in the recreation room at Birchwood Terrace.

For more information contact: Rev. Mark Moss, 887-3020 (office), 887-2612 (home), Lloyd or Hilda Hiebert, 825-3897 or Cathy Withers 825-9495.

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If you would like to include a message with your listing, contact the News at 825-3747.

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Zofia Gebski and family. God Bless

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