

# Community Profile

By Dave Chmara

Phil Desilets is a man who loves birds.

One look in his shop at 137 Drummond St., Schreiber, and it's easy to tell.

Phil said, "birds can be as good a pet as a dog or cat. They're just as affectionate."

You may wonder about this, but to see his pet Cockateel on his shoulder, head bent down and Phil rubbing him behind the neck, and there's no mistaking it.

Phil started his business, Phil's Pet Birds and Supplies, last June. It's a small shop located in the front of his house, but for a business like his, it's the only, and most efficient way to start.

"You need a population of about 30,000 to support a regular pet

store," said Phil.

He mentioned that birds make good pets for the elderly.

"They have the time to train them and don't need a lot of special care. Only a bit of seed, some vegetables, water and that's about it," he said.

Phil also breeds many of his own birds - Love Birds and budgies - down in his basement.

"The Cockateels are hard to breed. They have good offspring, but feed only one of their chicks."

As a result, Phil has to feed the remaining chicks with a water dropper.

Phil said budgies live an average of 10 years, Cockateels about 20 to 25 years, and once bird he has, a Red Lord Amazon, can live to 100 years old. Definitely a life-

long pet.

He'll soon be stocking turtles and said, "I think they should appeal to the kids."

He thought about and planned to start this business for a long time

- about 1 1/2 to 2 years. He's starting slowly and cautiously and said, "you'll go under fast if you get a big loan and a large stock."

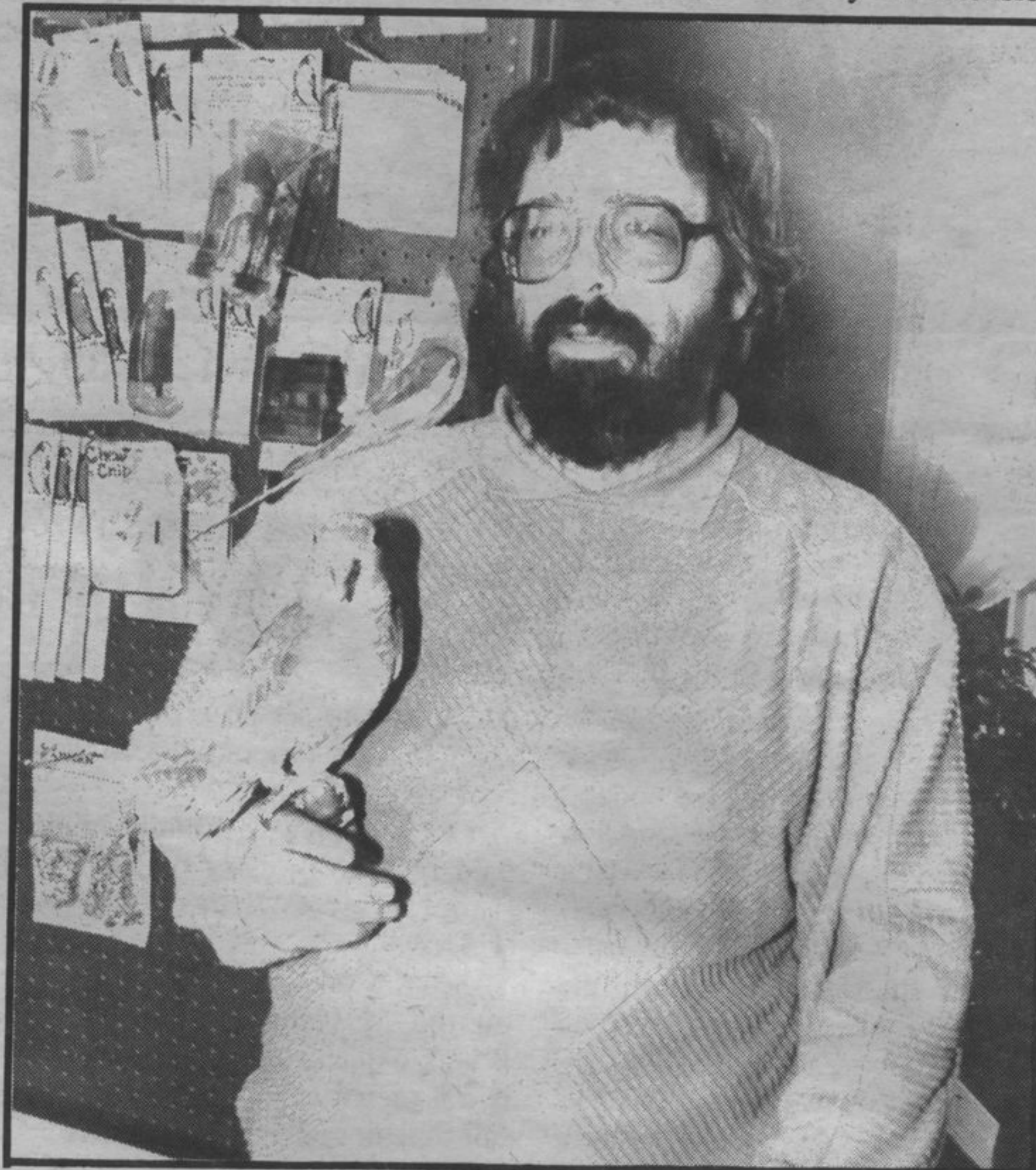
If his business goes well, he plans to add a 16 by 20 extension

onto his house to add to his business, which would then include the full tropical fish and supplies. Last week he started supplying fish supplies and he said he would like to get a supply of tropical fish eventually.

Phil mentioned the biggest problem with his business at the moment is to get people to come into his shop.

"If people do come in, they pretty well have their minds made up that they're going to buy a bird," he said. "People walk down the street, stop and look at the sign, but just keep on going."

So if you want to see some interesting and affectionate birds, just drop in - Phil will be more than happy to show you around.



Phil Desilets, owner of Phil's Pet Birds and supplies, has over 70 birds to choose from. He breeds many of his birds right in his home and is now expanding his business to include aquariums, and he hopes tropical fish as well. And yes, those are real, live birds on his hand and shoulder. Photo by Dave Chmara

## 50th Wedding Anniversary

A celebration in honour of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Mac and Isabelle Craig**, former residents of Terrace Bay, is planned for August 19, 1989, in Westbank, British Columbia.

If anyone wishes to convey greetings and congratulations,

please contact:

**Judy Allard**

**28 Thunder Drive**

**Dryden, Ontario P8N 1W1**

## Birth Announcement

Dave & Aggie Lussier are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter

**Kacie Lynn**

on February 7th, weighing 7 lbs, 15 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Marg & Lou Lussier of Longlac and Mary & Kasey Iwanczyk of Oshawa.

Many thanks to all who sent gifts, flowers and cards.

A "special thank-you" to Dr. Wilkes and our wonderful nursing staff for taking such good care of us.



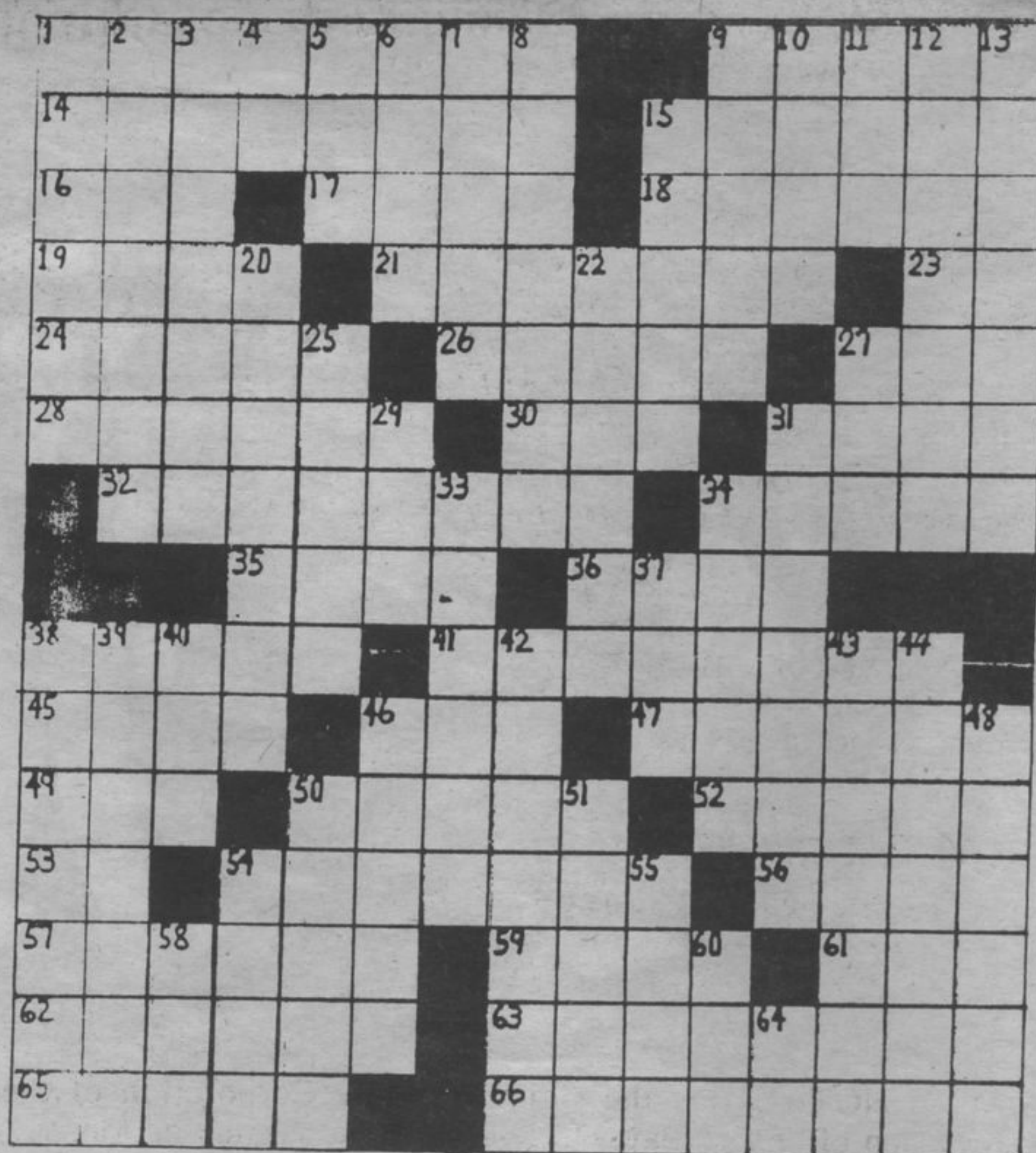
## This week's puzzle

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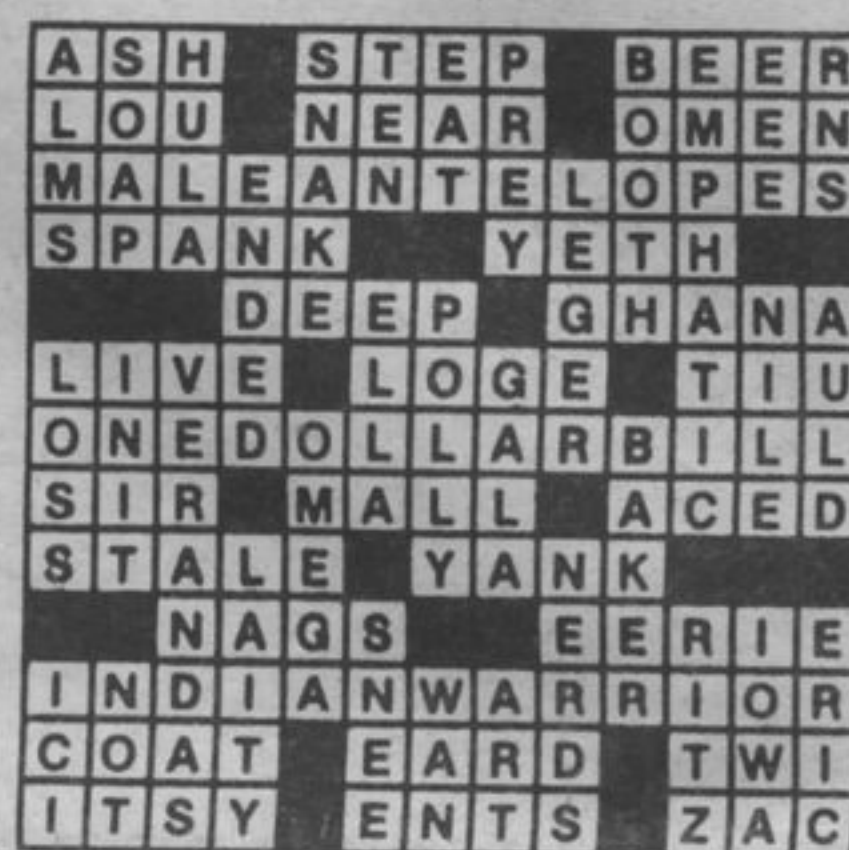
1. Tropical Bird
9. Parlor Games
14. Rouser
15. Although
16. Turmeric
17. Asian Desert
18. Warm Beverage
19. Triplet
21. Socialist
23. Preposition
24. Lazy (Fr.)
26. Type of Bacteria
27. Pronominal Adjective
28. Potters' Clay
30. Ending with Met or Contit
31. Fisherman's Hat
32. Elitist Behavior
34. Rear
35. Streetcar
36. Italian Noble
38. Eagle's Nest
41. Rustic
45. \_\_\_\_\_ a brac
46. Sparoid Fish
47. Palms
49. Dutch Litre
50. Bretons, e.g.
52. Choral Composition
53. Province (Abbr.)
54. Entrance
56. Certain
57. Governess
59. Pert. to the \_\_\_\_\_
61. Consumed
62. Florid
63. Rhymer
65. Snug Retreats
66. Flawless, as in lumber

Down

1. Hungarian Composer
2. Female Advisers
3. Communication Link
4. Football Position (Abbr.)
5. Sack
6. Chemical Suffix
7. Cows
8. Aimless Wanderer
9. Firm Grasp
10. Adjoin
11. Primary Color
12. Expander
13. Man's Hat



15. Steel (Fr.)
20. Pert. to the Nile
22. Champagne Town
25. Filament
27. Presidential Nickname
29. Sports League
31. Audio Equipment
33. Pierce
34. Atmospheric Disturbance
37. As Written (Mus.)
38. Lack of Restraint
39. Expunction
40. Edge
42. Water-color, e.g.
43. Set in Motion
44. Father of Odysseus
46. Bristles
48. Guides
50. Tilts
51. Smooth Fabric
54. Small Insect
55. Persian Demigod
58. Printers' Measures
60. That (Fr.)
64. Without Place of Publication (Abbr.)



## Last week's answers

## Card of Thanks

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have reached out to us since the death of our daughter and sister

Maria Kathleen and her life long sitter Cynthia Messer

Your cards, letters and calls did help comfort us and we know that some comfort and support was extended to our family in Canada.

**God Bless**

**Dwight & Jeannie Marshall**

## Thank you

What a delightful time when family and friends surprised me on my 90th birthday!

Very special thanks to daughter Isabel, who came from Kitchener and arranged the party; to Alma and John Small and grandchildren from Mississauga for their best wishes and lovely carnations; to Judy and Edwin for their help and their lovely gift; to Ruth and Bob Spadoni for the beautiful plant;

to Shirley Rippengal for the pretty flower and vase; and to my precious neighbours and friends for their donations for the lovely floral centerpiece. You brought much sunshine into my winter months and made my birthday so very special!

Thank you for caring.

*Sincerely*

**Julliett Nicol**