

Lipson's Department Store



Viola and John Grindrod sometime after their retirement in 1968 or '69.

"Lipson's was always busy," she says. McAvoy credits the store's popularity on quality merchandise sold at "medium" prices and John's business acumen. "Jack Grindrod's father was a very smart man. They depended a lot on him."

Store managers after John retired in 1968 or '69 included Floyd Taylor, Wayne Johns and Raymond Spicer.

Fran Schrieder left Lipson's in 1956 and went to work for Bell Canada. She retired in 1991. Agnes McAvoy retired from Lipson's about 1983. Jack Grindrod has worked for Eastern Breeders Inc. for the last 20 years.

The store closed Feb. 8, 1992. Spicer, who now works at Carson's Mens Wear, says it was due to the lack of business downtown.

McAvoy laments the closing of the store and others on Front Street, saying she still prefers shopping downtown.

'He wanted the job done and he made sure you did it. But he was the fairest man you ever met,' remembers Grindrod's grandson.



Jack Grindrod, age 16.

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