

Mary and Velma Findlay

"We'll miss Unionville"

UNIONVILLE — Pulling up stakes is no easy task, especially for Mary and Velma Findlay. "After living in one place so long, we'll miss

it, yes we will," Velma conceded. However, they're not moving far — to the former Boynton residence on the 7th

concession, south of Hwy. 7. Mary came to the Queen's Hotel in 1924, following her marriage to the late Howard Findlay.

A year earlier, Howard, along with his two brothers, Talbert and Milton had purchased the building. They established their own businesses, operating them under one roof. The hotel accommodated a barbershop, a pool room and a confectionery shop. Velma, a cousin, joined them in 1935 and helped out greatly. "It was a real family affair," she said.

Talbert sold out his share and returned to farming. Milton and Howard have since passed away. Mary and Velma continued the confectionery store until 1972 when they retired for a well-earned rest.


Mary recalls when the pool room and the variety shop were popular places for young people to gather. The

village was a pretty busy place then with three grocery stores, a butcher shop, bakery and hardware store. Prior to making the move, Mary and Velma were honored at a reception in the Unionville Veterans' Hall.

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Service was held from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Markham, on Saturday for John (Jack) Russell following his passing.

Nov. 23 at York County Hospital, Newmarket. He was 77. Mr. Russell, RR 2, Stouffville, is survived by two stepsons, Sam and Frank Hendy and one

stepdaughter, Jane Forfar, also four grandchildren. Interment was made at Resthaven Cemetery.

4-H certificate

By Mildred McTaggart GREENWOOD — Congratulations to Wendy Wolf, the recipient of her Provincial Honors Certificate at a 4-H Homemaker's Club Achievement Day, Nov. 25. Brenda Honingh received her County Honors Diploma. The event was held at Brooklin.

brother-in-law, Diane and John Kinsley and children, Heather, Mark and Scott from Chicago. On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McPhail of Toronto; Hal and Janet Perry; Brian and Kathy Beckett of Ajax arrived to make the gathering complete.

Morden entertained members of the family and friends, Friday evening. The occasion was Mary-Lou's 21st birthday. William Brown Sr. is a patient in Oshawa General Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Don Beach have returned from a 10-day visit to Hawaii. Mr. Beach was the guest speaker at a real estate convention in Honolulu.

For Edgie and Betty Pegg Christmas reunions came early when they welcomed Betty's sister and

Honor seniors

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Ballantrae Community Centre are hosting a Christmas dinner for senior citizens on Friday (to-morrow), Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. Present and former residents of the community are invited. Entertainment will be provided by the Silver Jubilee Club Kitchen Band. For additional information call Noreen Morrison at 887-5254.

Craft Sale — A Neighbors' Craft Sale will be held on Friday (to-morrow) at 147 Burkholder Street, Stouffville from 3 to 9 p.m. Featured will be decorations, quilts, pillows, gifts, jewellery, ceramics, home-baking, candy and jams.

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