

Saunders to be sold by Aug. 20

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Don't give up hope!

That's the message Marjorie Saunders, wife of Saunders Bakery owner Herb Saunders, delivered last Wednesday, quashing rumours circulating through the village last week that the 80-year-old business had been sold.

"It's just Herb retiring, not the

bakery," stressed Marjorie, speaking on behalf of the 73-year-old owner. "We're currently talking with a real estate agent and two possible buyers. We have every hope that the business will be carried on just as the last 80 years."

In the last 10 days, negotiations have heated up between Saunders and potential buyers, prompting Marjorie to declare that an an-

nouncement will be made in the next three weeks.

"By the time we close on Aug. 20 — the business's annual two-week vacation period — I'm quite sure everything will be finalized," said Marjorie, who worked at the bakery part-time in the 1960s. "Right now we're dotting all the *i*'s and crossing all the *t*'s."

Marjorie made it clear that the eventual buyer intends to run a bakery, since all the recipes will be included in the sale.

"We never — when we put the building up for sale over a year ago — intended for it to be a supermarket or a car wash," she laughed.

Marjorie added the "home of the double loaf" is an attractive commodity for potential buyers with its history, the fact that it is both popular and profitable and that it's a good life to have.

She admitted once a deal is consummated and all ties are cut from the family business, it may sink in a little more.

"We're sentimental about it," Marjorie said. "We'd love to be young and able to carry on."

She hinted that she and Herb will frequent the new establishment. "We're rather fond of Saunders' bread," she chuckled. "I'm quite certain we'll be good customers."

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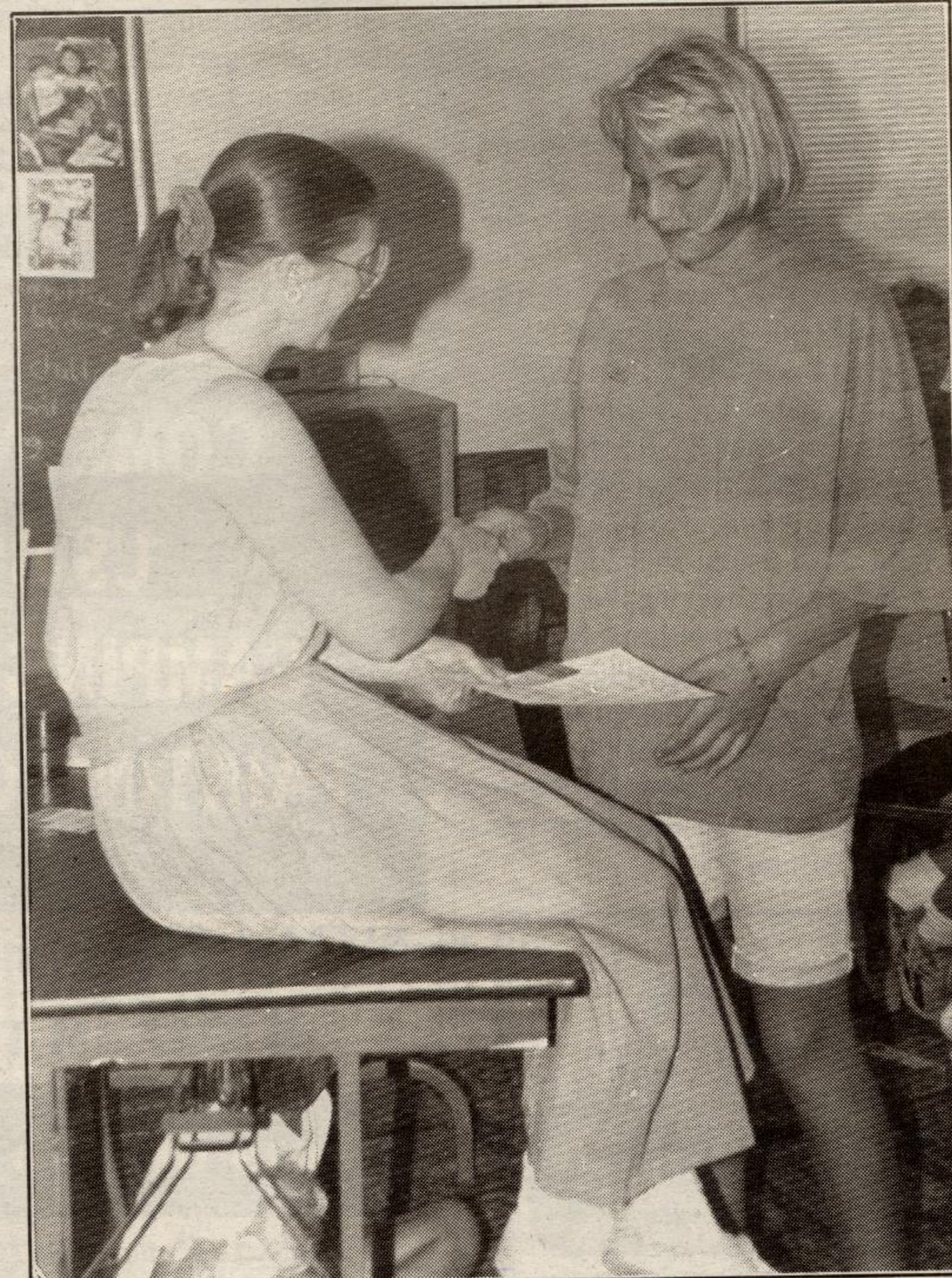
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