



Photo by JOHN WARREN

These E.C. Drury High School students are in their final week of a sign language course which is said to be one-of-a-kind in North America. Here (l-r), Joanna Smith, Ginny Rusnett, Kathy Ward, Paula Welke, Christine Aguiar, Sherri Rockhurst, Carrie Gale, Mellisa Downard, (front) John Klaver and teacher David Hicks sign, 'I love you.'

Sign of understanding aim of course

By KAREN SMITH

Ten E.C. Drury High School students are showing signs that graduation is approaching.

The students are currently amidst their final exams in an advanced sign language course said to be one-of-a-kind in North America.

At the nearby E.C. Drury School for the Hearing Impaired, sign language is offered to hearing students from the high school as a credit course.

Instructor David Hicks says most other sign language classes are offered through night school or private courses.

Students participating in the advanced course have already passed the introductory and second-level courses in other semesters, he explains.

The introductory course teaches students the basics of sign language, which the second level develops.

Those students who follow through to the third level

(usually only about 20 per cent of the original class) are often interested in becoming professional interpreters or working with deaf children.

"The students in the advanced course have all reached the point now where they can sign much more than, 'Hi, how are you,' says Mr. Hicks.

The semester's curriculum is filled with a variety of projects. Assignments include a sign-language interview with a deaf person and interpreting a play or song.

Two students in the advanced level, Christine Aguiar of Campbellville and Ginny Rusnell of Milton, have both been accepted into a Sheridan College interpreter's training program in Brampton.

The other students are, Joanna Smith, Kathy Ward, Paula Welke, Sherri Rockhurst, Carrie Gale, Mellisa Downard and John Klaver.

The course wraps up for the summer Friday.

Sherwood Hume goes on the line for first Bell auction

If you're in need of 250 ladders or 9,000 feet of plastic pipe, those items will be on the auction block for the first-ever public sale of Bell Canada goods in Ontario.

Hume's Auction has been appointed the agent for Bell and will hold the first sale of its kind on Thursday June 29 beginning at 6.30 p.m.

"Bell has for sale everything from wire cutters to bull dozers," auctioneer Sherwood Hume pointed out.

A similar sale held in Quebec sees more than \$1 million in sales each month, according to Mr. Hume who has had his own auction business for five years.

"We won't be selling vehicles but we will sell large trucks and other heavy equipment," Mr. Hume said.

Previously Bell Canada has sold through tenders and to a select group of customers. Mr. Hume is pleased with the prospect of being the sole auctioneer for Bell Canada in the province. He holds regular sales at his farm located on Fourth Line north of Halton Road No. 9.

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Lincoln Alexander to open 136th edition of fall fair

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Lincoln Alexander will add some regal flare to the opening of this year's Milton Fall Fair.

The fair will officially open Friday, Sept. 22 with an evening ceremony followed by a performance by LeRoy Van Dyke, a country and western singer known for her *Auctioneer's Song*.

A new competition for children will be introduced at the 136th Milton Fall Fair. Boys and girls who are 12 years old or younger and weigh between 30-90 pounds can enter the Children's Pedal Tractor Pull. Contestants will be divided into five weight classes.

Saturday afternoon the Mercy Brothers will perform several times in front of the grandstand. Some popular events will be returning to the fair line-up including the demolition derbies, a performance by children's entertainer Sandra Beech and horse barrel racing.

To find out more about the fair slated for Sept. 22-24, call 878-5689 on Tuesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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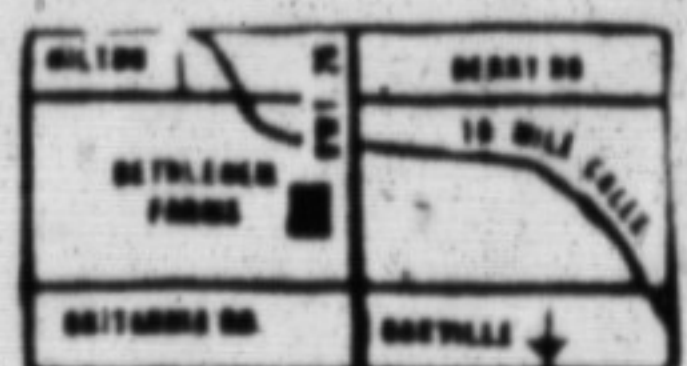
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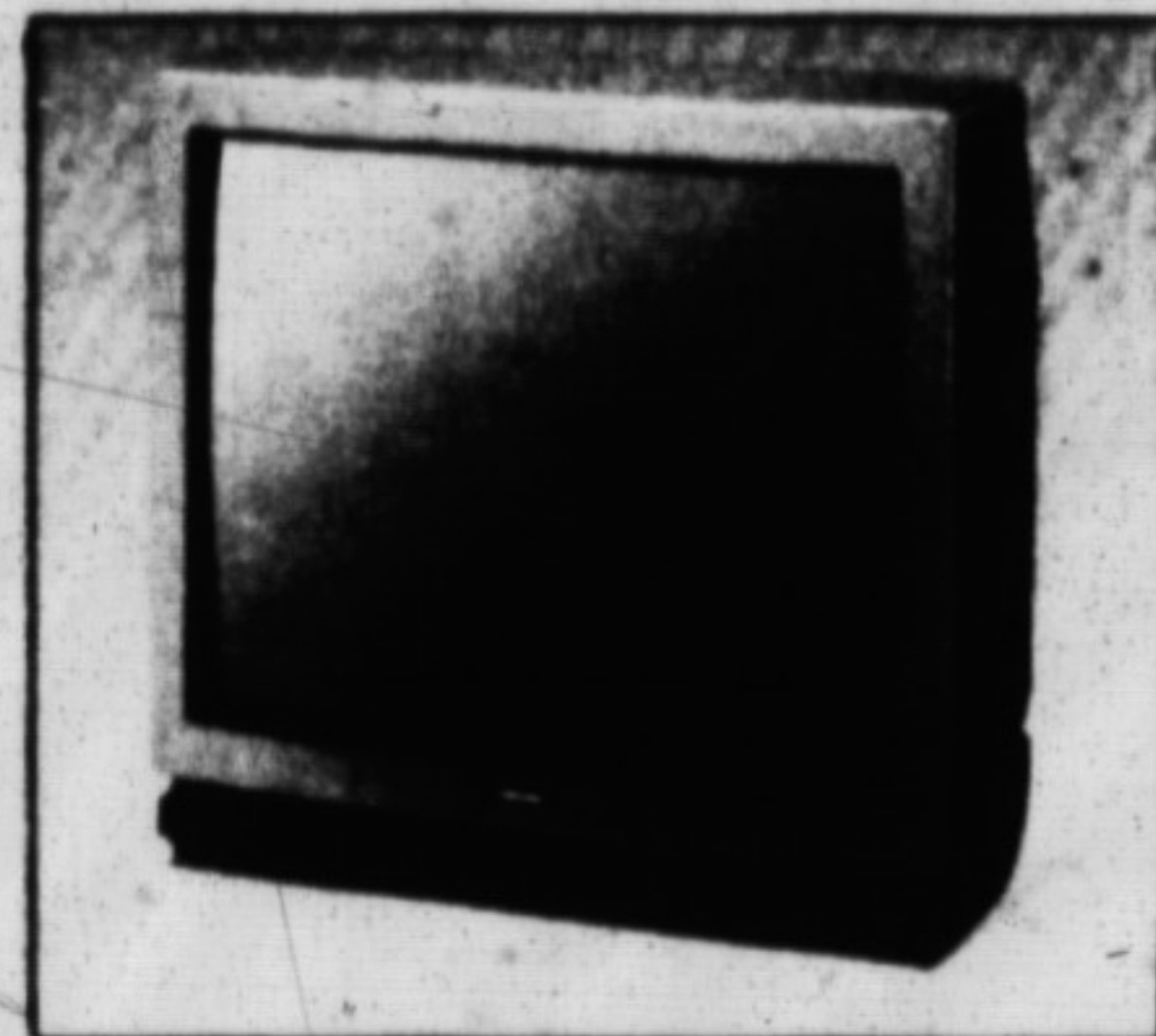
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