

Helen Black (right) a Grade 12 student at E.C. Drury High School was surprised to see half the students in her word processing class were adults. One of the new breed of student in Mavis Pickering (left), who is acquiring new skills to suit the job market.

It's back to high school for adults seeking skills

Mavis Pickering didn't realize how enjoyable high school could be until she came back as an adult student.

She is one of several older students at E.C. Drury High School, taking advantage of regular courses there.

"I got laid off and felt I had to do something," explained Mrs. Pickering.

Half of the word processing class she attends each morning is made up of adult students. According to Phil Richardson, head of the business department the course is "very practical" and produces versatile people.

"Today you need something like this and word processing seems to be the way things are going," Mrs. Pickering said.

She was nervous about going back to high school years after finishing Grade 12. Now

she would take more courses if time allowed. Math, English and senior secretarial classes have also attracted adults and next semester several women will be part of a welding class.

"We recognize this is a community school and everyone is welcome to it," said Mr. Richardson.

Helen Black, a Grade 12 student at Drury didn't realize there would be adults in her class at the start of the year. She feels comfortable with her classmates however and is willing to help them when they ask for assistance.

Adults are advised to take two courses per semester which enables them to be classed as full-time students. There is no charge for courses and almost no limit to the types of programs offered at the secondary school.

MDHS band keys up for season

The Music Department at Milton District High School is in full swing this year. The teachers running the music programs are Mr. M. Hopkins and Mr. D. Smith. The student-elected band executive consists of Pat Tyhurst, President, Don Featherstone, Vice-President, Monica Haller, Secretary and Colin Saul, Treasurer.

This summer the Music Department stayed active with the summer sessions of Scarlet Fever, our senior stage band. Scarlet Fever played at the Canadian National Exhibition, the Liberal Nomination Meeting and the Heritage Days celebrations. Also, this summer saw the starting of the Milton Summer Music Program, offered to Grades five through eight.

New this year is the Milton Youth Band, which rehearses on Wednesdays at four-

thirty. This will consist of students from Grade 9 or less. The Milton Youth band will be playing at Milton District High School's Christmas Music Celebration on Thurs., December 20.

The Christmas Music Celebration will include the entire Music Department. The intermediate Band will be playing, as well as the Intermediate Stage Band. Also our Concert Band, which played at Commencement, will be in attendance. The dynamic Scarlet Fever will be there as well as many soloists, duets and ensembles. The senior Brass Quartet will be playing along with Tetrasax, the senior sax and brass quartets.

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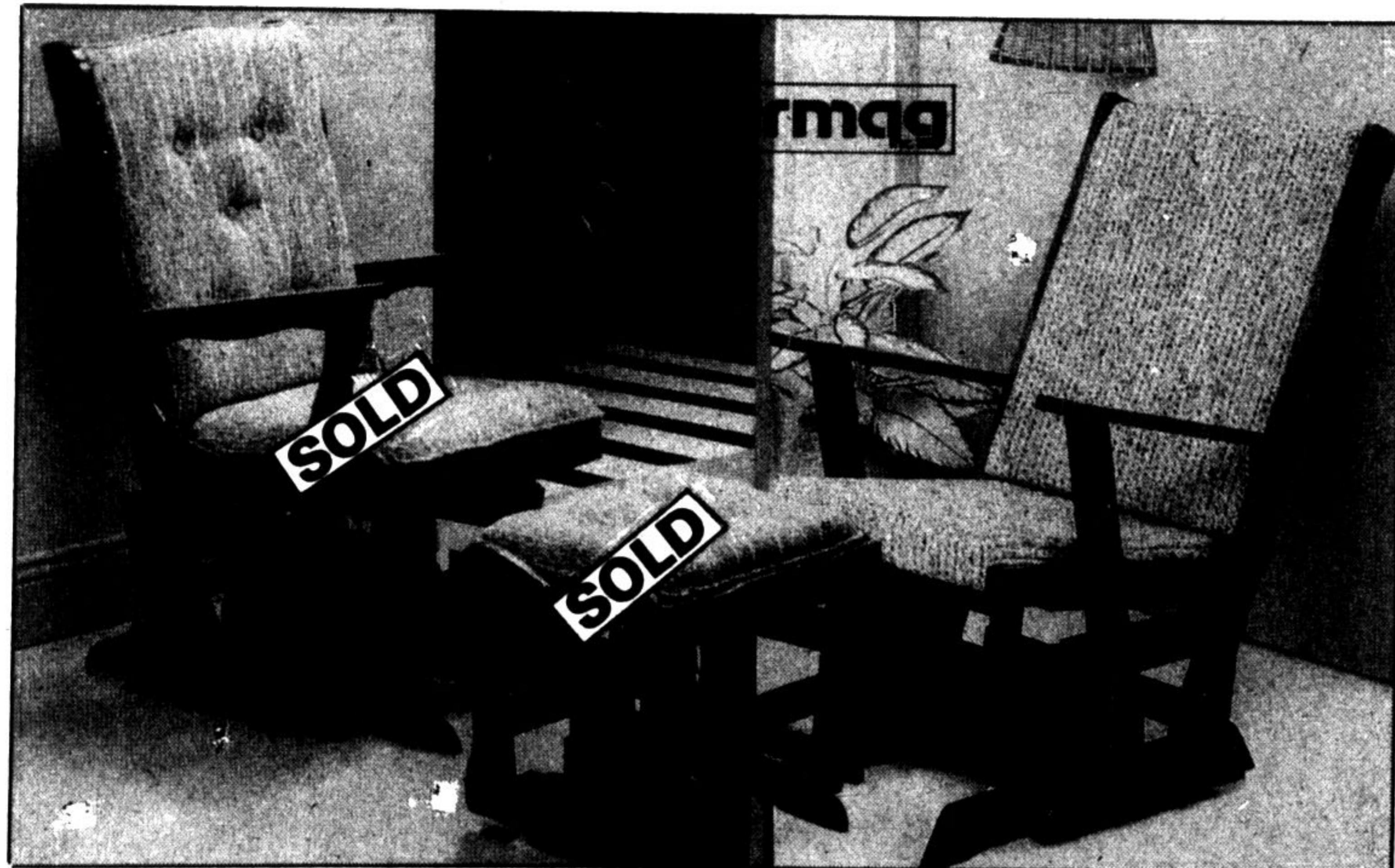
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