Co-op practice makes perfect

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at MSS, many senior students will be involved experience two or three times a week. exploration all year long.

studies.

there is no pay, is different for each student Park offices.

and by an MSS teacher who visits the work year. Over the last four years Jim Agnew, a place during the co-op session. Each He explains that Co-op education is in- sure. This is what I want to do." the Simcoe County Board of Education's Co- of the student's school record. Every 120 themselves to further education or training.

technicians, and even one as an assistant to and then complete a year of internship.

and each job. Some work half days MSS Co-op Education has proven its King Street and hopes to combine business

throughout the year, some take three one popularity with both students and employers skills with her strong school record in science

Technical Teacher at MSS with over two placement must be related to a subject in the tended to give students the chance to sample decades experience, has served the area as curriculum and the evaluations become part a possible career before they commit three Co-op students from MSS over the last op Education Co-ordinator. With Agnew's hours at work earns one academic credit. If grade 12 student Khalida Ali, 17, decides to terested in teaching and chiropractic, says he help, interested students spend part of their Agnew has arranged work experience for pursue her goal of becoming a pharmacist she school year working for local businesses and, students as auto mechanics, hairdressers, must first complete grade 13, be accepted at services while maintaining their academic kindergarten teacher's aids, X-Ray University for a further five year program,

The schedule of employment, for which MPP Alan McLean in his Orillia and Queen's Ali is currently serving her second of three co-op work weeks at Jory's IDA Pharmacy on

week work sessions, while others join an as the enrollment has swollen from 35 in 1981 into a retail pharmacy career. She admits to, While Thursday is officially "Career Day" entire class for a couple of hours of co-op work to the current figure of 136 work force "having her eyes opened," more than once placements. Agnew projects a further 30 while working under close supervision as part in the school's special program of career Each student is evaluated by the employer student; participants before the end of the dispensing team, but she is already declaring with conviction, "Now I know for

Pharmacist Alex Kowalski has supervised three years. Kowalski, who was also inwishes co-op education was available when he was in high school because he could have, "explored the options."

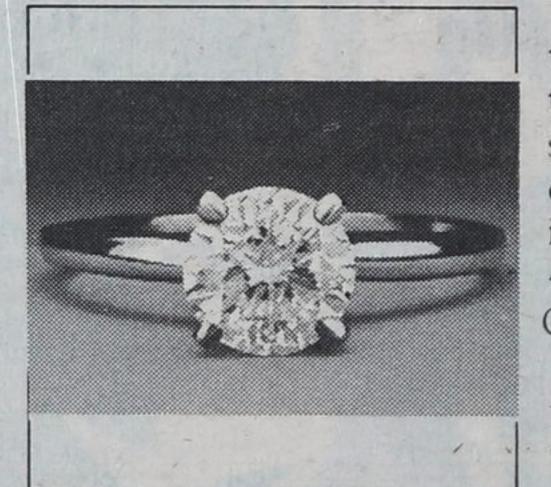
"Khalida is going to discover if she could realistically enjoy this type of work in a retail setting." And, he predicts, "It looks to me like she's going into Pharmacy."



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