

COMMUNICATING SILENTLY

"It's a means of communication for many groups of people—deaf, speech impaired, autistic or for mere enjoyment.

Beverly Parrish, a Special Ed. teacher, says, "It's a new experience for me. I also need to know it."

Dolly Mocha, the Attendance Clerk, says, "Sign language is something I have always wanted to know. I have had contact with deaf persons and I feel more apart of them when I use sign language."

Annette Johnson, an English teacher, says, "I have always wanted to take sign language. I have always had the desire to learn it."

There should be a course in high school for sign language as an elective and **Mary M. Johnson** could teach the student the course.

Linda McMillan, the Junior Counselor, says, "I am taking the course because we have a student in WHS that is deaf. Also we have a great teacher."

Sign language is a mode of communication structured from hand and body movement that is for the benefit of the deaf students. The teachers that are taking the course are **Dolly Mocha**, **Annette Johnson**, **Linda McMillan**, **Judy Holliday**, **Fannie Simmons**, **Willie Felder**, **Lavenia Crawford**, and **Beverly Parrish**. One of our teachers, **Mary M. Johnson**, is showing some of the teachers sign language.

Everyone should learn sign language in case someday you will meet

someone who can not communicate with others the way we do.

Teachers were asked: If they think sign language should be only for the deaf?

"No", says **Mark Bowers**, an English teacher, "Facility in communication makes it imperative that all people master as many skills as possible." **Mary M. Johnson**, Teacher of sign language, also says no.

Judy Holliday, a Psychology teacher, says, "High school didn't have special ed until 1979 and I beleive we are approving. And if someone is willing to teach us, the teachers, then I am willing to learn."

Fannie Simmons, a mathematic teacher, says, "I've always wanted to learn sign language. My daughter, **Chrissy**, and I enjoy practicing sign language."

Hopefully, every student in our schools would like to take this course to help others communicate or just for fun and enjoyment course.

Learning how to use their hands instead their mouths are **Lavern Crawford**, **Annette Johnson**, and **Linda McMillan**.

Puzzled by the difficulty of sign language, **Beverly Parrish** and **Fannie Simmons** are practicing their words.

Mary M. Johnson is showing sign language to her students.

