Fine points of insurance told to PWP

Adequate insurance is even more important for a single parent than for a two-parent family because the risk of losing income through death or disability is doubled, Peter Laughton of Prudential Assurance told members of Parents Without Partners Tuesday.

With two parents, if one parent is killed or disabled, there is another parent with the potential to support the children. If a single parent is killed or disabled, Mr. Laughton said, the children are left with no income, unless the parent has provided for them

with adequate insurance. "Our purpose here is not to tell you about insurance, or sell you policies, but to tell you how insurance affects you if you're separated, divorced or widowed," Mr. Laughton said. He was accompanied by Marnie Coors, who is also an insurance salesman with Pru-

Mr. Laughton assured those present that separation or insurance policy. The beneficiary of an insurance policy is not changed by the simple fact of a separation or divorce, he said. If would be necessary for the owner of the insurance to change the beneficiary.

DESCRIBED TYPES Mr. Laughton described the various types of insurance available as being whole life insurance, term insurance, endownen insurance and a combination of whole life and term insurance. Endowment insurance is the most expensive, with whole life, combination and term insurance following in descending order.

Whole life insurance is the first one people think of, Mr. Laughton said. It is the most valuable insurance "all along the line", he said, but especially at the end, when it will provide an income in the form of an annuity.

Term insurance is insurance such as a car owner purchases for his car. With term insurance, Mr. Laughton said, "you're virtually renting it". and the insurance owners gets no annuity or any build up of cash values.

With endowment insurance, the owner receives a payment of a fixed amount of cash, plus bonuses, on a certain date. After the payment, the owner is no longer insured. Mr. Laughton suggested that the best way to handle endowment insurance is to withdraw most of the money, and leave enough money for funeral ex-

penses. The combination of whole life and term insurance appeals most to young married in their twenties, and on up to people in their forties. The policies have cash value, provide protection and are relatively inexpensive.

Disability income protection is very important, especially to single parents, Mr. Laughton said, but many companies have stopped carrying it because they get so many claims. Disability insurance provides a regular monthly income if the owner is disabled by an accident, or by illness.

With disability, a man or woman earning \$800 a month, can get an income of \$650 a month, either temporarily, or for a permanent disability. A disability income is tax-free, so the owner is guaranteed to receive the amount specified in the policy. A \$30,000 policy paying an income of \$600 a month, will cost about \$120 a

Other rider clauses in an policy include waiver of premium, so that if the insured party becomes sick or disabled, and can't pay the premiums, the company will pay. A family can also get a policy which provides protection for each member of the family, parents and children, no matter how many children there

CLAUSES QUALIFY Guarnateed insurability clauses qualify a person for a second insurance policy without proof of insurability, Mr. Laughton said. This also means if the insurance owner is in poor health, the company can't refuse to insure him or her, he added.

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Spend thrift clauses can be included to direct that the money collected be paid out in small amounts so the beneficiary "can't blow it in a trip to Vegas", Mr. Laughton said.

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Anyone can be named as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, and in the event that the parents doesn't have relatives or close friends who would take on the responsibility of caring for their children, they can set up a trust fund,

Mrs. Coors recommended against making children the direct beneficiaries in a parent's insurance policy if the children are minors. The government will take the money from the children and hold it in trust for them until they turn

"In the meantime, they. could starve to death." Mrs.

Coor said. A man can change the beneficiary on his insurance policy from his wife to someone in the event that the couple separate or divorces, without notifying his wife. Mr. Laughton said. But a judge may order reinstatement of a lapsed policy or the maintenance of continuous insurance prodivorce does not affect an tection as part of a separation agreement or a divorce settle-

Mr. Laughton recommended against making one's estate the beneficiary of an insurance policy, since insurance monies are ordinarily credit-proof. This means the money paid out

on an insurance policy can not be demanded in payment of the insured person's debts. If the money were handed over to the estate, however, the creditor could get a court order for the money to cover the debts.

"It used to be that insurance was used to pay for funeral expenses" Mr. Laughton concluded. "Now people are using it to ensure a post-retirement

with a lawyer as the guardian.

HARRISON SCHOOL CONCERT

Harrison Public School held their Christmas concert Wednesday afternoon and evening. Ramona Rees and Gilles Stewart who made up their own dance posed for the camera after their performance, then scampered away to make room for the singers and actors in a play about the elves fouling up Santa's toy shop because they received no recognition for their efforts.

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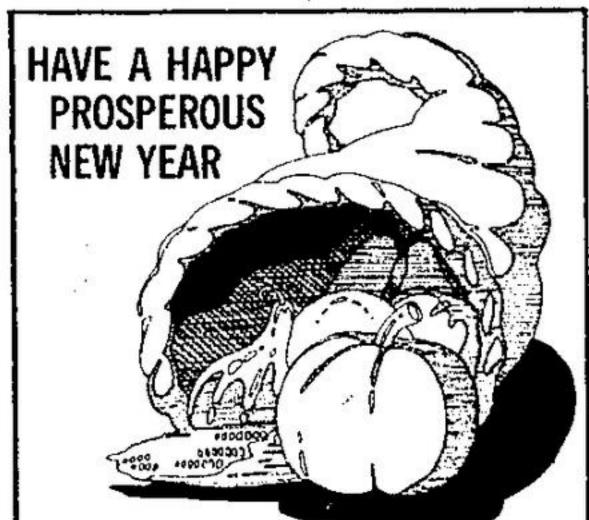
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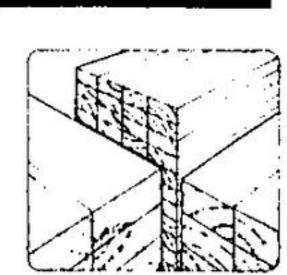
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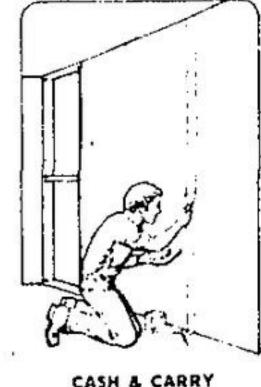
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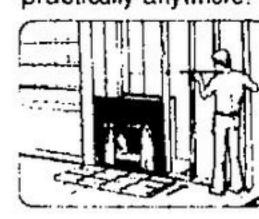
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