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"I won't always say we know what we're doing but we know where we want to get," Mr. Harris said.

Sarah Lowe, property and resource manager at Dufferin Aggregates, said the reduction in red tape has been helpful but added it has not gone far enough.

"Private industry wants to know the rules will not change once investment has been made," the premier said, adding that in resource-based industry he would rather see money used to improve environmental conditions than on lawyers, consultants and reports arguing over those conditions.

Several people at the table mentioned Ontario Works programs. One said workfare should be expanded into child care and another pointed out that some programs should be targeted at the middle aged.

Paul Tammeorg, who volunteers full-time at a Burlington food bank while looking for a job, said the low end of the economic spectrum is still hurting despite improving times.

"I see the difficulties in people's fears," he told the premier. "They come in crying. They curse your name. The people I see aren't all the same faces. The next time you cut back or squeeze, think about the people at the bottom. We've got to do the catching."

Insurance salesman Ed Tenorlas of Oakville suggested families take more of the responsibility for their own rather than foisting it on society. He also told the premier that student loan programs should reward those in financially productive fields of study.

Mr. Harris agreed, saying some of his party's policies have tried to inject family responsibility. He added that more counseling on education opportunities is in order.

Chuck Cumberland, president of the Burlington branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, was concerned about tax legislation surrounding the break-open tickets traditionally used for fundraising by his group.

The premier said he felt a change in the rules could be made to accommodate the service club. He added that he was against government regulation, however in the case of liquor and gambling it made some sense for government to funnel profits related to these vices back into society.


Mr. Harris said the idea of the forum was to have community leaders, not necessarily government supporters, involved in dialogue. He invited those present to follow up with letters to him or through local MPPs and encouraged anyone with a concern to talk about it and make their feelings known.

He said after the meeting that the recurring themes of each of the round table sessions held have been health care and education. He made some comments on teacher preparation time and resistance to changes in education (see related story on page two).

"It's hard to predict what election issues will be," he told reporters. "Any government is vulnerable at any given time but health and education seem to be high priorities for people."

Regarding health, he said the system had been allowed to deteriorate for more than a decade and that inaction only made the reorganization of services more difficult to implement.

"There is about 20 per cent of the people who are philosophically socialist and that core won't agree with anything I do," he said. "I accept that."



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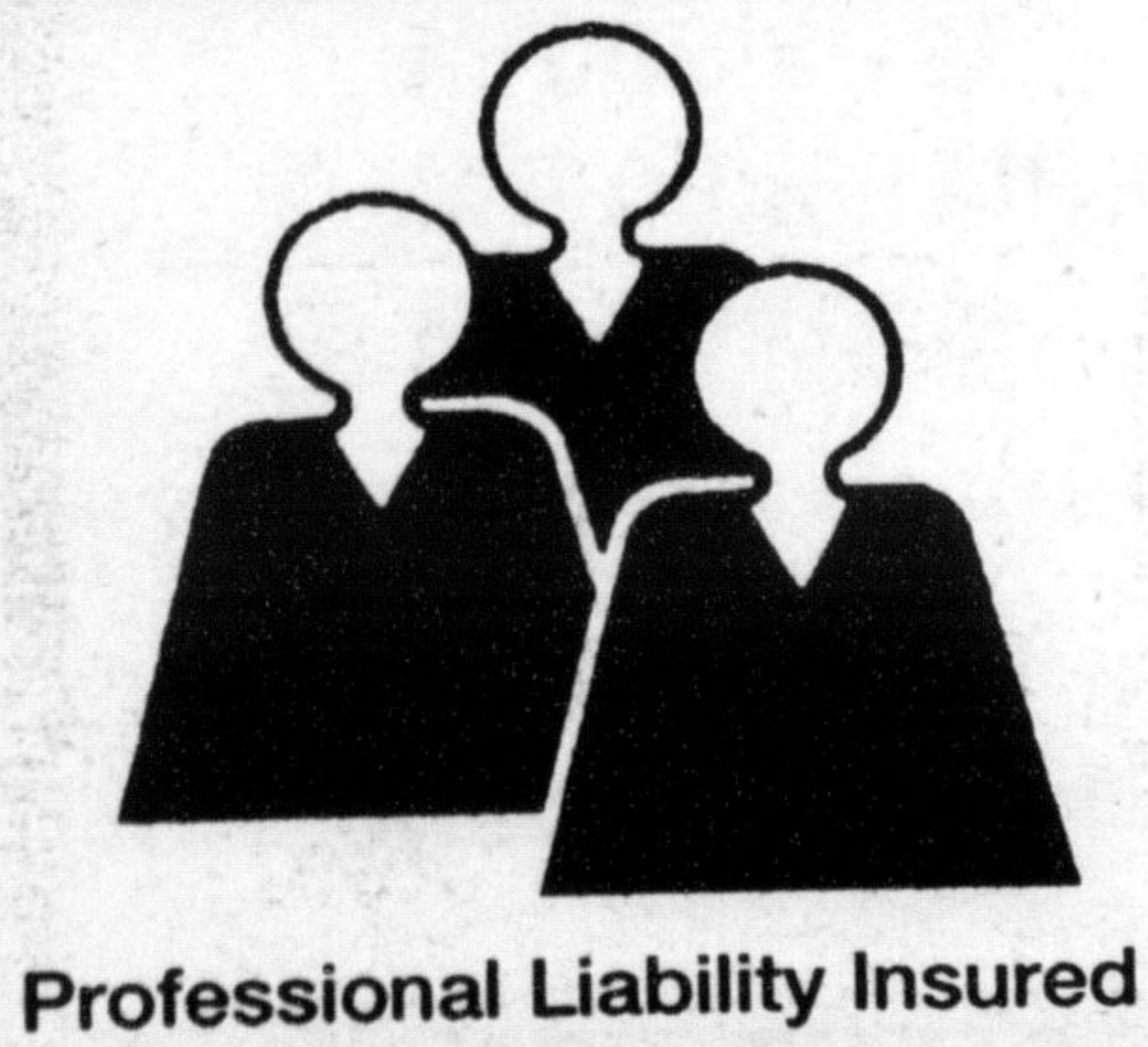


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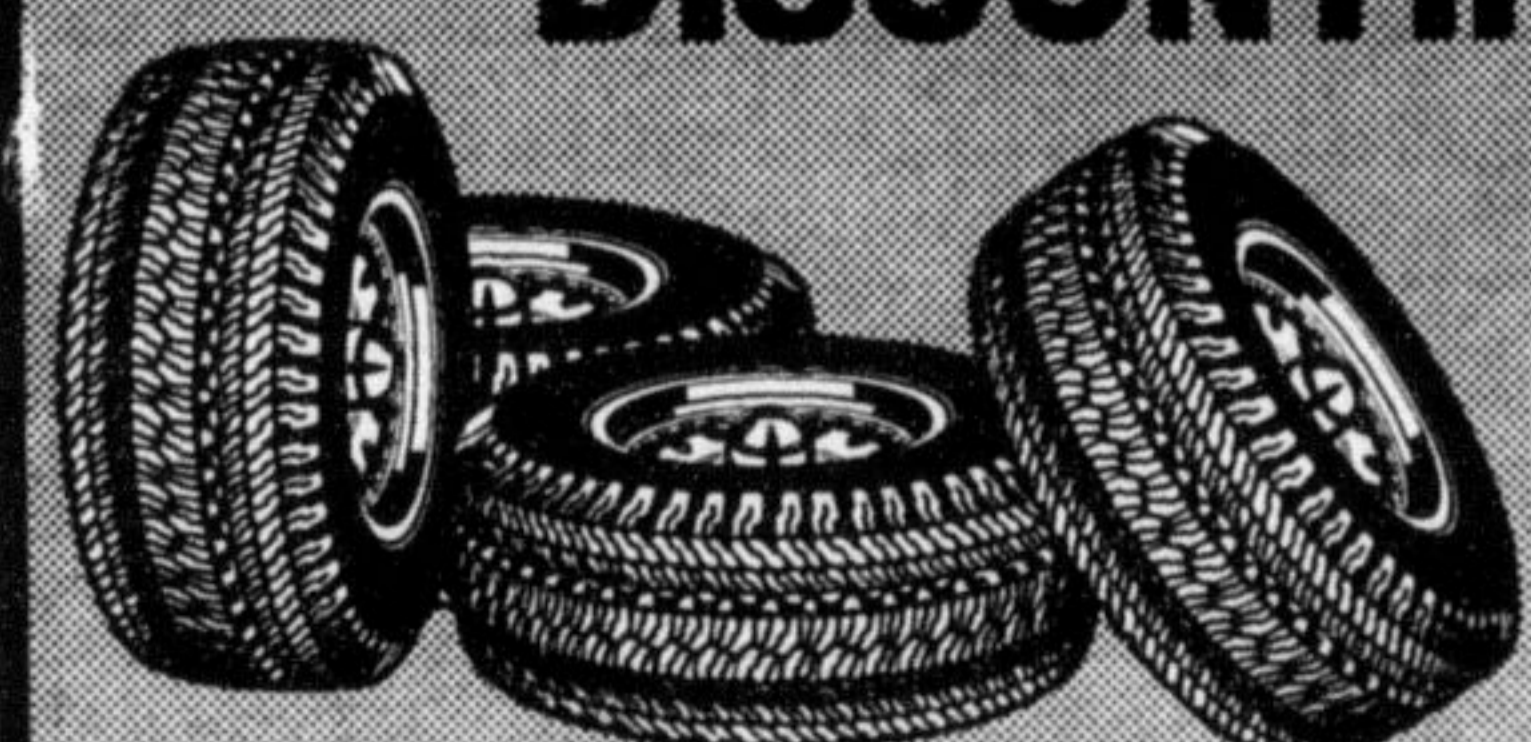


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