

Bird of peace cardmaking

Huronia Museum's contribution to Peace drawing. Nearby, volunteers painted Day last Sunday in the Midland YMCA was on several fronts. Above, youngsters made greeting cards with a bird of peace

children's faces in Indian face painting patterns. The Museum was open especially for the afternoon.

Marcelville thank community for help

by Connie Marion

On May 13, at precisely four p.m. in the afternoon, an alarm went out to area firefighters that Marcelville Antiques was on fire. When firefighters arrived on the scene, they were greeted by a blazing inferno.

The fire started just outside the restoration building. Everything which was constructed of wood, was completely destroyed.

Flames from the disaster, could be seen from as far away as Lafontaine. Vehicles lined both sides of Highway 93, as people watched the raging blaze. In an hour and a half, 24 years of hard work was completely lost.

This proved to be only a temporary set back, as by mid-August, Marcelville Antiques and Reproductions and Custom Cabinets was back in business.

"People were so helpful" according to co-owner Rosalie Graziani. "A lot of local people helped us. Bill Lediard brought his men and trucks over and worked all week at cleaning up, and in a lot of rainy weather for free. Nelson Cote and Guy Ealey took some of their men, off other jobs and in a lot of bad weather, they laid bricks and poured cement."

"Anything with wood, we could do, so we kept several of our men working," commented Graziani. "Many worked for a couple of weeks for no pay. Friends and neighbours came after their work to help us put up walls and move things. Walkers Electric did the electrical work

Graziani.

was a fire. It is approx- now," said Graziani. imately the same size as the previous structure. The only notable difference is the front porch, as it is quite high and is a full porch.

Rosalie's husband, Denis, "designed the front to look like a train station. With our type of business, people are always loading and unloading things, the same as a train depot."

building that would do the hold a public meeting on of Thornton. Penetang area proud," stated Rosalie.

The owners had full insurance, when the mishap occurred, but were under a slide presentation on in- meeting which begins at 8 insured. It cost a lot to ful-teresting historical features p.m.

Looking at the newly through sales. "I'd say the customers." constructed building, building is probably 495 you'd never know there per cent more fireproof

who are very important to ed Graziani.

and they came at a time to ly rebuild the business. us. We couldn't survive suit us," said a grateful They are gradually acquir- without them. We have a ing the tools they need, close relationship with our

> As for the future, they have "no plans." "We like it (the business), the way it "It was only on October is, the personal contact and 24 that the heating was time we can take with our turned on. We're very hap- customers; by having a py to be back in business. small business. We are just We felt a responsibility to very happy and thankful to our customers and staff be back in business," end-

History buff meet

The Simcoe County of "We also wanted a Historical Association will presented by Brian Baker Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Parkview Centre located at 189 Blake St. in Barrie.

Huronia

Books on local history will also be on sale.

Anyone interested is The session will feature welcome to attend the

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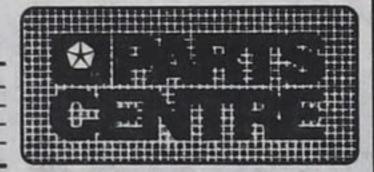
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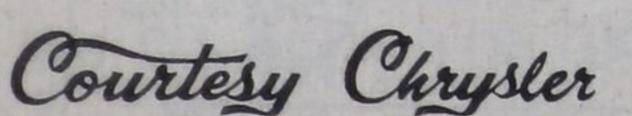
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