

Children's services

Family and Children's Services of Simcoe County was represented in Mountainview Mall last Friday and Saturday. A number of local service groups set up tables in the mall. Representing Family and Children's Services was branch service director Dan Downey. A child identification program through which parents could have their child's fingerprints or palm prints copied was part of the event.

Insurance crisis in Ontario

by Earl Rowe **MPP Simcoe Centre**

There is a crisis in almost percent. every area of the insurance industry and it is Ontario's small business sector that is being crushed.

to take on new risks-- this date. particularly in liability coverage-has lead to a daily string of headlines.

in the dilemma of having to liability operate without adequate refused liability protection or close altogether. shop.

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10 percent, and a quarter creation of a consumer had hikes of more than 50

The crisis in liability insurance became most evident when large companies renewed policies at Drastic increases in in- the end of 1985. But excess surance rates and the in- coverage had been increasdustry's sudden reluctance ingly difficult to find before

A survey conducted by the Canadian Organization of Small Business revealed Increases in the cost of 35 percent of its members liability coverage have run report major restrictions percent of the liability inas high as 700 percent put- on coverage and/or major surance for each client. ting some small companies cost increases in renewing However, some businesses reduce their workforce, Another 8 percent were insurance, and in other

However, as tough as the The situation is bad in situation may be, 94 per-Ontario. Almost 80 percent cent of the Members opof the small businesses posed any government acpolled here reported tion to take over the inpremium increases, surance industry. The Among 10,390 companies group is urging greater insurveyed across Canada, dustry self-regulation to seven in ten said premiums promote improved con-

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In January, the situation was so bad that more than twenty insurance companies in Ontario agreed to form a voluntary association to provide small businesses and non-profit organizations with liability coverage.

The association spreads the insurance risks among a large number of companies so that no single company has more than 5 insurance. might still not be able to get coverage cases, the premiums might be extremely high.

Ontario's small business sector still looks to the Provincial Government, hoping to find a light at the end of the tunnel.

But whatever the Government decides to do, the crisis will have longlasting repercussions. In fact, it has already changed the face of the industry.

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ing to reach all former members to invite them to be a part of the celebrations for the Players 25th Anniversary.

There will be a backstage performance of Nurse Jane goes to Hawaii. Cost is \$5. part of this lively group is per person and there will asked to phone May

Huronia Players are try- be food and refreshments Williams,

Invitations have been for further information mailed to all possible. Unfortunately, there are some people the Players have lost touch with.

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and plenty of reminising. Hamilton, or Doris Henley







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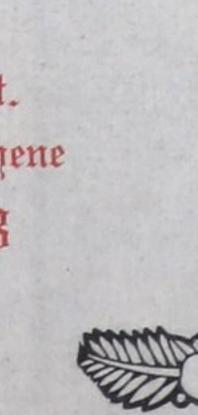
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