

# Who Are The Abusers Of Children?

Child abuse is a broad generic term covering many forms of child maltreatment including: Non-accidental physical abuse; neglect; sexual molestation; and emotional abuse.

It has been estimated that at least one million children suffered last year from abuse in America. At least 2,000 of them died.

There are not completely reliable national statistics on the incidence of child abuse cases because the reporting differs from state to state. All states do, however, have laws requiring its reporting. Some cases may not be reported because of a lack of awareness of the requirements to report, lack of knowledge of how to report and a reluctance to get involved.

The number of serious cases has been increasing dramatically in recent years. Some authorities believe that because abuse results from stress, the stress caused by current economic situations may be having its tragic effect on children.

Who are the abusers? Abusers often perceive a child as being different or having special needs that set the child apart from other children. The child may seem too passive or too active. The child may be the result of an unwanted pregnancy or may have a birth defect. Sometimes in a family of several children, just one will be singled out as a victim while the others lead relatively normal lives. In other cases, all the children will be abused.

Abusers tend to have unrealistic or inappropriate expectations of their children. They may set standards that are impossibly high. They may wrongly believe that children should always be quiet, or never make a mistake.

Child abuse does not belong solely in the domain of the poor. Abusers come from all economic, racial, ethnic, and religious groups. Money problems, however—especially the grinding money problems of the poor—contribute to

abuse. Other stresses, such as a shaky, fight-filled marriage, also contribute to abuse.

Child abuse is a community problem; abuse can only be prevented through activities at the community or local level. And because child abuse is such a complex problem, community activities must include a number of different strategies.

The earlier support can be provided, the better. For child abuse to be prevented, families need support at many different times.

## Lumber Imports On The Rise

Canadian lumber imports reached a record high, of 31 per cent of softwood lumber consumed in the United States during 1982, according to recently released U.S. Dept. of Commerce statistics. This marked the 7th year in a row when Canadian lumber imports increased as a percentage of U.S. lumber consumption, increasing from 18.7 per cent in 1975 to 30.9 per cent in 1982.

Total U.S. lumber consumption declined for the fourth year in a row, declining from 41.5-billion board feet in 1978 to a post World War II low of 29.4-billion board feet in 1982.

John C. Milliner, executive vice president of Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association, an association of small business mills in 12 southern states, stated, "record low consumption of softwood lumber combined with record high percentage of Canadian lumber imports turned 1982 into the worst year for the lumber industry in this country since the mid-1930's." Milliner emphasized, "about half of the unemployed mill workers in the entire country, were out of a job because of increased percentage of Canadian lumber imports and half because of the extremely poor market conditions of the housing industry devastated by record interest rates."

"If the Commerce Department fails to offset Canadian lumber subsidies with a countervailing duty in July, there will be very little chance of putting most unemployed mill workers back to work in 1983. What we will see is a continued increase in the percentage of Canadian lumber imported into the U.S.," Milliner predicted.

Secretary of Commerce Baldrige is scheduled to make a final determination on the question of Canadian lumber subsidies May 23. His preliminary determination on March 7th was negative. A coalition of U.S. lumber

manufacturers appealed this decision to the U.S. Court of International Trade. If the appeal is successful and the U.S. International Trade Commission reaffirms its earlier decision that imports are injuring the U.S. lumber industry, a countervailing duty would be placed on Canadian lumber imports in mid-July.

## Faircloth Names New Treasurer

D.M. (Lauch) Faircloth has announced that John T. Talton, Jr., of Clayton has been named treasurer of The Lauch Faircloth Committee. Faircloth said, "I'm pleased that a person with such statewide political and inancial experience as John Talton has accepted this position."

Faircloth added that the Committee would be organized to handle preliminary details for his possible candidacy for Governor in 1984. Officers for the committee have been established at 404 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh.

Talton, who is a longtime friend of Faircloth's, was treasurer of Governor Jim Hunt's gubernatorial campaign in 1980 and served in a similar role in Hunt's campaign in 1976. Last year he was also treasurer of the Keep the Two Year Term Committee.

Talton is a Certified Public Accountant and a retired partner of Peat, Marwick & Co.

Talton said, "People from across the state have been urging Mr. Faircloth to establish an organization, accept contributions and coordinate communications with supporters of his candidacy for Governor. In response, he has created this position, opened an office and will be appointing a Committee."

He added, "I've worked closely with Lauch Faircloth on successful campaigns. I'm glad to have this opportunity to be with him again."

Faircloth is Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce. He was appointed to the position by Governor Hunt in 1977 and reappointed to the position by Governor Hunt in 1977 and reappointed by Hunt in 1981.

## Watauga Medals

N.C. State University awarded its highest non-academic awards, the Watauga Medals, to a Raleigh businessman, the university's first development director and a construction consultant from Charlotte during Founders' Day ceremonies last Wednesday night at the McKimmon Center.

Clifton L. Benson of Raleigh, Lexie L. Ray of Haw River and Walter L. Smith of Charlotte were presented the medals by NCSU Chancellor Bruce R. Poulton at the dinner celebrating the 96th anniversary of the university's founding. The awards are given annually in recognition of "unusually distinguished service to the university."

The dinner was attended by members of the Council of State, the legislature, alumni and friends of the university, and the NCSU faculty and staff.

The three Watauga recipients, Poulton said, have compiled decades of service to the university in both official and volunteer capacities.



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## WGAI Receives Award

WGAI's "First to Know News" has received an award in the annual United Press International Awards Competition for the Carolinas (both North and South).

According to news director Charles White, the award was won in the category of Best Newscast for Radio Division II. White said that the winning newscast was aired on December 9, of last year.

Radio Division II involves all stations with news staffs of three or less, including the news director.

By winning the Carolinas award, WGAI's winning newscast will advance to southern regional competi-

tion. If it wins there, it will advance to national competition. White has served as WGAI's news director for the past five and a half years.

It is the second news honor for the station. In 1981, WGAI News won a Radio Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas' award for investigative reporting.



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17. Edward		40. Brain membrane
19. — to again		
23. Killed		
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28. Swiftness		
30. Warp-yarn		
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34. G. W. Russell		
35. Real estate		
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## NOTICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADJOURNMENT DATE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE PAPER

For the purpose of examining and reviewing the 1983 tax list of each township and shall hear any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in the county with respect to the valuation of such property or the property of others and shall equalize the valuation of such property and correct any errors appearing on the abstracts and for the transaction of any other business which may come before the board in compliance with the Machinery Act of the year 1939, revised through Session Laws of 1979.

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