

PERSPECTIVE

My View

Landmark series educates parents-children on abuse

By JANE WILLIAMS

Child abuse cases are on the increase in America today. Recently I reviewed in this column statistics and signs relating to child abuse and its impact on society.

Today, along the same lines, I would like to broach the subject of child sexual abuse. Although my knowledge on the topic is quite limited, I am aware that it is becoming a major problem.

Acknowledgement of the problem by the public is the first corrective step that has to be taken. Ignoring the problem won't lessen the occurrence or its effect.

The UNC Center for Public Television will launch, this Monday, a series geared to parents and children which will tactfully approach the problem.

The series, *The Prevention of Child Abuse: What Your Children Should Know*, will examine the relatives of abuse and provide simple, practical, workable techniques that will

significantly reduce the chances of child victimization.

A 90-minute program for parents will air on WUND, Channel 2, Monday night at 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, a 30-minute segment will be directed to children in grades K-8, followed by a 30-minute program for grades 4-7.

Junior high age students will be the target audience at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and high school students will be addressed on Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to view the programs with their children.

The series will be hosted by actor Mike Farrell, best known for his portrayal of B. J. Hunnicutt on *M*A*S*H*.

As responsible adults we should realize that the statistics are too alarmingly high to further ignore the problem.

Recent statistics indicate that one out of three females is assaulted sexually by the age of

18. One out of ten boys will be the victim of sexual abuse. As many as 85 percent of child sex offenders are known to the family.

The problem exists in every socio-economic level, among every age group, but children have been encouraged not to tell. The subject is taboo. Children and adults are uninformed, disbelieving, and ashamed.

We can stop the threat of sexual abuse among our children, but we must become aware of the facts.

The series is geared toward protective information, and is presented to children in a manner that children can understand.

The programs carry the endorsements of the National PTA, The National Education Association, and The National Education Association, and The American Academy of Pediatrics.

For more information on child abuse contact the Albemarle Hopeline at 338-3011.

Fox and Edmundson altered Perquimans County character

Two men visited Perquimans County in 1672, altered the character of the place forever, and left written accounts of their journeys. They were George Fox and William Edmundson.

and he soon became the powerhouse of a large, zealous group which eventually became a Protestant denomination known as the Society of Friends, or Quakers.

One of those who joined Fox was William Edmundson, a native of Westmorelandshire in the north of England. He had been in the Cromwellian army before settling in Ireland, where his powerful preaching earned him the description "the Hammerer."

Fox and Edmundson preached and prayed wherever they found listeners. They frequently suffered imprisonment, as some of their beliefs, such as the refusal to swear oaths, offended English authorities.

The Quakers preserved and their numbers increased. In 1671 Fox felt "it was upon me from the Lord to go beyond sea, to visit the plantations in America." He intended to strengthen Friends already living in the colonies and to preach to those who had never heard Friends' message.

On August 13, 1671, Fox, Edmundson, and other Friends set sail from England in a vessel aptly named "Industry," for those people were most industrious in all that they undertook. They reached

Barbadoes on October 3, and spent three months there before going on to Jamaica, where they stayed two months.

Having made many converts in the islands, the Quaker missionaries sailed for the mainland on March 8, 1672. Great storms arose, and it took nearly seven weeks for Fox's party to reach the Patuxent River in Maryland.

After holding several large and successful meetings in Maryland, Fox and his party then separated into smaller traveling groups, he to go by land northward to New York and New England while Edmundson and others sailed southward to Virginia.

Edmundson seldom dated the entries in his travel journal, but it had to be about the beginning of May 1672 when he left Maryland.

Edmundson found in Virginia that "things were much out of order; but the Lord's Power and Testimony went over all." After several meetings, he left "that Truth had got some hold." He scheduled another meeting to settle Virginians "in the way of Truth's Discipline." Before it met, however, he had another colony to visit.

(Part two next week.)



George Fox was born in July 1624 in the village of Fenny Drayton in Leicestershire, England. As a young man in humble circumstances he became uneasy in his mind concerning religious matters, and he began to travel in search of spiritual comfort.

None of the clergy he consulted satisfied him, and Fox found his help in solitary thought and Bible study. After much internal struggle, he came to the conclusion that he could know "Christ alone, without the help of any man, book, or writing."

About 1647 Fox began to preach publicly his understanding of Christianity,

Mixing politics and religion

It doesn't take a very wise person to see the impact liberal thinking has had on our society the past couple of decades. If we are to remain free individuals, a return to the things that created this nation is necessary. A rebirth of a moral and decent

imposed by a government." broadening his attack on Regan, Mondale further stated that the President had a plan to "undo the work of a generation of civil rights."

Mondale was introduced to the convention by Jesse Jackson, an individual who has made a career of using the church to promote political beliefs. It is commonly known that black churches have been the center of all black political activity for decades. It's interesting to see Mondale attack the same system that he is courting to help get him elected.

If you attempt to keep abreast of current events, you've read and heard much recently about the mixing of religion and politics. Presidential candidate Walter Mondale has had much to say about President Regan's religious beliefs.

Religion and politics have been a part of our American society since this nation's beginnings. Our founding fathers used a balanced mix of both in establishing out constitution and the very basics of our government. The two combined established a government that guarantees the inalienable rights of the individual, rights that only God should be allowed to take away.

In order to assure the protection of these rights, our wise founding fathers designed a form of government to institute or enforce laws designed to establish a religion. While such precaution was not intended to forbid a mixing of religion and politics to regulate the morals of society and government, it did forbid the establishment of a single religion for all the people.

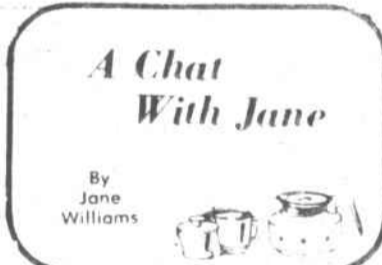
the majority of religious institutions as well as our system of government was founded on beliefs established by Judeo Christian teachings, therefore these religions have dominated our society. This system worked very well until liberal moralists in the sixties began to dominate the thinking of our government and influenced the Supreme Court to become involved in setting values by decreeing that the constitution required such a complete separation of church and state that even simple prayer in our public schools was outlawed.

the intent of including a separation of church and state in the establishment of our government was not to exclude God from our daily lives. The simple purpose was to avoid the religious persecution brought on by the establishment of a state religion.



Preserving the area economy

Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed. Monday was one of those days when Murphy's Law had a direct meaning on my life.



First of all I overslept. Then as I was rushing to work, late because of the first incident, I realized that I had left the coffee pot on. When I finally arrived at work there was enough mail sitting on my desk to keep me busy for a couple of days.

As I began shifting through the morning mail, I came across a letter from Mary Harrell at the Chamber of Commerce Office.

The letter had been forwarded by Mary to all Chamber of Commerce members, and was written by Hobie Truesdell, President of the Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA).

The information that was contained in that letter has a tremendous impact on the future of northeastern North Carolina,

and I believe that you, as concerned citizens, should be aware of its contents.

Hobie had written to the Chamber, along with other such organizations, to inform them that the Norfolk Southern Railroad is giving strong consideration to abandoning the railroad trestle across the Albemarle Sound for economic reasons.

The news of this possibility is frightening considering the impact that it would have on the area. Many shippers depend on this bridge to transportation of agricultural products, manufactured products and raw materials, into as well as out of the area.

To close this important link could be devastating to the local economy. I for one believe that we in northeastern North Carolina are on the verge of an era of economic and industrial growth. To have this important source of transportation pulled from our grasp would certainly deter those who might consider our area as a suitable location for their industry.

The AADA has elected to sponsor a meeting with railroad representatives, shippers, and interested individuals to try and show the railroad officials that

the trestle is important to the future of northeastern North Carolina.

The meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at Wachusauser's Company Conference Center at the Plymouth mill site. Parties interested in attending should arrive early and go the the Plymouth Building of the mill to obtain passes and other information. Your presence as a concerned citizen is needed.

The feelings on an action such as this are best summed up by Hobie's comments in the letter:

"We believe that to close the bridge, to end this direct route to Hatteras and the big cities of the north is the wrong signal to be sending to the world about northeastern North Carolina. Not only would it further isolate an already isolated area of the state, but it would say we have reached the limits of our economic growth."

We want you to join us in challenging the Norfolk Southern to help us to show the world that northeastern North Carolina is an area with a bright economic future and that they should help, not turn away."

Looking back

By VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU

SHOPPING CENTER DREAM IN HERTFORD COMES TRUE: COLONIAL FIRST TO COME IN: Jesse L. Harris stated today that negotiations had been completed with Colonial Stores, Inc. for the moving of their present store on Church Street to the now under construction new shopping center located on Grubb and Edenton Road Streets. Work was begun this week and is rapidly progressing on the clearing of the property by the owners Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Harris, centrally located in Hertford on Grubb Street and fronted by Edenton Road Street. It is located within walking distance of any part of town, approximately 400 feet from the downtown section. The property is approximately 16 acres of 128 50-foot lots.

JOE CARAVELLO NOW RECOVERING FROM CUT: Joe Caravello, who suffered a severely cut hand while using an

electric saw recently, reports he is on the mend. Mr. Caravello is using the saw injured the forefinger and his thumb on his

right hand. He was treated at the Albemarle Hospital, where stitches were taken in the cuts and he was released.

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Point of View

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society requires the efforts of every segment. There is no reason to fear the involvement of those with a straight forward belief in God, country, and family. After all, these are the things that made this country the greatest there is today.

As to Mondale's claims that Regan is attempting to use religion to his advantage, it is interesting to note that Mr. Mondale made certain comments while addressing national religious groups. Speaking at the annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention, Mondale noted that "the worst kind of religion is that