



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM - Dawn Martin, left, standing, and Liz Cockerill emphasize to Central School students they should say "no", then go and tell others if they become a victim of child abuse. The program is being given to 12-year-olds in the school systems in the county.

Program Helps Students Cope With Sexual Abuse

How does a 12-year-old cope with abuse in the form of sexual assault from an adult he or she has been taught to trust? How can they talk to parents? Will they believe their story? How does he or she say no?

These are some of the questions explored by Liz Cockerill and Dawn Martin of Child Abuse Prevention Services in programs before all sixth graders at Central School recently.

The program included the showing of a film, "No More Secrets", where youngsters were told to say, "no", then "go" and "tell" someone.

One child said that kids often keep the secret of sexual abuse because they are afraid to tell and because they have been told to fight their own battles. Another said that parents often say a child is making up the story of how an older person tried to wrestle him or her in an unhealthy manner with harmful "touching". The film pointed out that, in some instances, children are abused by adults who say they are playing a game and that if kids run and tell that "it will spoil the fun."

"Keep telling what happened until someone believes you and it is not the child's fault when an assault occurs", the program leaders pointed out. The students received phone numbers of persons to call for assistance in the event of child molestation and teachers were given information to help students who are assault victims and the proper procedure in reporting assaults.

Through songs, a film, and distribution of written materials the children were given helps on how to say "no" to sexual assault.

The Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety has declared October as Crime Prevention Month. The sixth grade health classes at Central School have been participating in Child Safety Prevention Activities. By completing these activities each class will receive a certificate from the sponsoring organizations. Central School will receive a certificate from the governor because every class participated.

The four areas included the program were: "Substance Abuse Prevention", "Abduction Prevention", "Vandalism Prevention", and "Child Safety". Some of the activities which the classes did were: posters on vandalism, debates on substance abuse, listing of ways children could be abducted and discussion of vandalism

Suber Elected To BB&T Board

William Claude Suber has been elected to the City Board of BB&T in Kings Mountain. C. Frank Cagle, vice president and city executive of BB&T's Kings Mountain office, made the announcement.

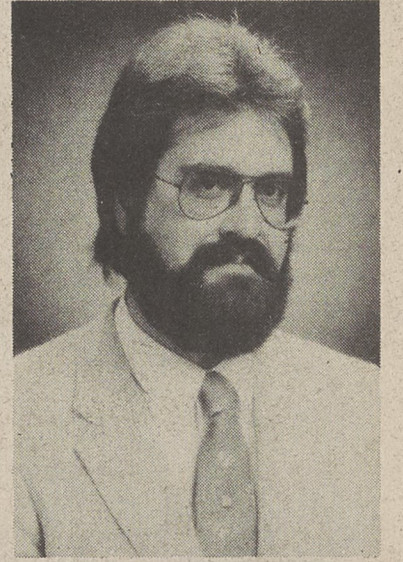
Suber is executive vice president of Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics, Inc.

A native of Kings Mountain, he is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College with a

degree in history.

He is a member of Kings Mountain Jaycees, American Cancer Society, Kings Mountain Development Corporation and the National Association of Manufacturers. He is also a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church.

Suber is married to the former Janet Elizabeth Boyles of Kings Mountain.



CLAUDE SUBER

Auxiliary To Sponsor Craft Show

Ladies Auxiliary to Gastonia Elks will sponsor a big crafts show Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Gastonia Elks Lodge, 2700 Linwood Road, Gastonia.

Thirty five vendors from a wide area will show an assortment of crafts, handmade items, and Christmas goodies available for sale to the interested public.

The craftsmen will have their goods on display from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the exhibit booths and concession stands will be set up outside the Elks Lodge.

Craftsmen from Kings Mountain, Stanley, Mount Holly, Charlotte, Clover, S.C., Gastonia and Belmont have rented a space from the Elks Auxiliary to display their craft items.



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