liability if the child were to be killed or injured.

"Many teachers are unaware of this resgonshillity, Or they have been told by their principal, see me first. Don't take matters into your own hands.' School administrators are sometimes unduly cautious about upsetting parents and risking the loss of votes in the next millage election.

"This is ridiculous, of course. Our first concern must be for the child. A teacher need have no lear of reprisal," added McClendon. "The law protects any individual who makes a report which later turns out to be invalid."

HOW WIDESPREAD is the prob-

Researchers estimate that some 70,000 children each year are physical-

Peace Corps, VISTA seek OU talent

University students at career advising and placement conferences.

OU seniors are asked to bring completed applications to the interviews.

The two federal agencies are recruiting hard in Michigan because the 14 percent unemployment rate and the desire of many to "get away from it all."

"Peace Corps volunteers serve two years in developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the South Pacific," the office statements and the South Pacific, and the South Service and the South Service and the South Service and the South Service, and the South training and complete health care. Upon competion of service, each volunteers receives \$125 for each month served (approximately \$3,000)."

Most Peace Corps volunteers have college degrees, and many have practical experience in such fields as farming, the skilled trades and business.

VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) serve for a year in poor rural and urban communication.

Teachers are required by law in Michigan to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect.

That same requirement applies to school administrators, licensed child care givers, and professionals in the fields of medicine, law and social work. That reminder was given this past week by E.J. McClendon of Plymouth, a professor of health education at the University of Michigan.

McClendon sid recent incidents in the metropolitan Detroit area suggest child abuse cases can result an a civil liability if the child were to be killed or injured.

"Many teachers are unaware of this." and the overall number as high as 30,000.
About one-third to one-half of those shused are school-aged at the time they are mistreated, added McClendon.
"It can happen in families of any income level or social status. While there is no 'typical' shasive parent, there are certain shared characteristics including emotional immaturity, financial or marital difficulties, drug problems or accombination of the status of the s

ONE OF THE hardest problems to diagnose is emotional abuse, remarks McClendon.

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"It is normal for parents to become angry with their children, but some parents berate and reject them on a continuous basis.
"The teacher may see the effects of this rejection in the student who is overly aggressive or disruptive, acting out his need for attention. At the other extreme, the child may be extremely shy and withdrawn or overly compliant.

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"An even more difficult situation to detect is sexual abuse. Once thought to be an extremely rare occurrence, it is now recognized as one of the most pervasive forms of child abuse."

McClendon estimates that as many as one in 10 young women are victims and more than half are younger than 12 at the time of the offense.

"Suspecting a Situation of abuse and neglect, the teacher may want to question the child. But often it is very hard for a child to admit he has been mistreated by his own per his cases, the child blames hit is a subject of the child. This wouldn't have happen if I had to been bach, he reason, if I had to been bach, he reason, if I had to the order in the perior would be highly. He also most of the child had been been declared that the parents will it extremely important to interess arches in these cases hefore, the

may be scared that the parents with ind out and retallate. The control of the control of the "It is extremely important to inter-cept the control of the control of the control of the subject that the control of the control of the control Most parents want to be good par-ents, McClendon said, and usually the abusive behavior is not willful or premeditated. Some stressful event may trigger a violent act, he adds, or the parent may not be in control of his actions because he has been drinking or on drugs.



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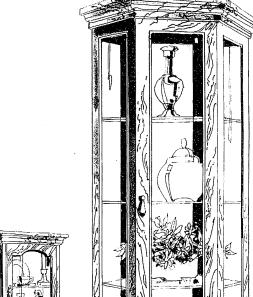
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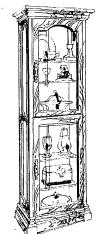
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