

# Ft. Bragg Program Helps Learning-disabled

In Munich, Germany, during the later years of the 19th century a teacher whose name has been forgotten bellowed to his shy, inarticulate student, "you will never amount to anything."  
Years later, Albert Einstein would prove that teacher wrong. The theoretical physicist, who was the victim of a poor memory and teachers' ignorance, would never speak fondly of his early school years.

Today, there are 45,000 students in North Carolina schools and 280 students on Fort Bragg who have problems learning through traditional methods.  
Five years have passed since federal legislation first addressed the problem of the learning disabled student. Since then, changes in school systems throughout the country have been made to locate and assist those students. The Fort

Bragg school system in particular has been credited for its efforts.  
"I was very impressed with the Fort Bragg program," said Mary Ann Tharin, North Carolina's chief consultant in the division for exceptional children. Tharin added that during workshops she often has used some of Fort Bragg's learning disabled projects as examples to other communities.  
Attempting to locate students with learning disabilities begins

each school year, according to the Director of the Exceptional Children's Program of the Fort Bragg school system, Helen S. Gustafson.  
"It is the personal observations of the teachers that lead to a referral," said Gustafson. Tests given at the beginning of the school year give teachers an idea of where to look, she added.  
Once a student is referred, a committee trained to recognize the symptoms of a learning disabled student notifies the parent and prepares to test the child.  
"There is no classic case for a learning disabled student," said Tharin. A battery of special tests is required to determine if the child has a learning disability.  
In some cases, children cannot understand written information, explained Gustafson. Other children have problems understanding oral instructions.  
The school psychologist also tests the child. If all the tests indicate a learning disability, the school committee then recommends how the child's needs should be met, but parents make the final decision.  
Resource and consultative teachers advise teachers of primary and intermediate disabled students on how to help the students. For severely disabled students, the Fort Bragg system provides two specialized rooms, with a qualified teacher and assistant for each room.  
"If a student has a problem understanding writing, we have tapes and audio visual equipment that can help," said Gustafson about the specialized rooms.  
With more than \$13,000 worth of equipment, the rooms allow teachers to choose machines that are geared toward auditory, visual and even touch techniques to help students learn their subjects.  
Although the new teaching methods are important for the students learning, perhaps even more important is what they are not learning, suggested Tharin.  
"Because of their academic difficulties, learning disabled students have often developed feelings as outcasts. Their self concepts have been very poor," said Tharin. These concepts would often lead towards criminal behavior, added Tharin.  
Nearly 100 years have passed since a young genius suffered humiliation by teachers who failed to recognize or understand learning disabilities.  
Public laws and specialized equipment put into use during the past five years are evidence of recent progress. Yet, several parents of handicapped children agree that, in the school, it is still the teachers that cause the greatest changes in the learning disabled students' lives.  
"It took teachers, teachers who could understand the problem, to help," said Carol Ornitz of Raleigh regarding trouble that she had finding help for her son several years ago.  
Damaris Trinidad of Fort Bragg, echoing several parents of learning disabled students in the Fort Bragg schools, complimented the teachers. "They act as friends for the benefit of the child," said Trinidad. "They try as hard as they can for those kids."

# Raeford Native Promoted By CP&L

Joseph F. McMillan, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. McMillan of Raeford, has been promoted by Carolina Power & Light Co. to operations manager of the eastern division, headquartered in Wilmington.  
McMillan had been area manager of the CP&L office in Wallace prior to his promotion. He joined CP&L in 1969 as a junior engineer and served as engineer and senior engineer in Sanford. In 1976, McMillan was promoted to district engineer in Jacksonville, where he served until 1980.  
A native of Raeford, McMillan

graduated from Hoke County High School and received the B.S. degree from North Carolina State University.  
He is a member of the N.C. Society of Engineers, Wallace Rotary International, the N.C. State University Alumni Association, the Wallace Chamber of Commerce and Business-Industry Associates.  
McMillan and his wife, the former Gwendolyn Moore of Raleigh, have two children: Elizabeth, 3, and Joseph F. McMillan III, 1.  
The McMillans are members of Wallace Presbyterian Church.



Joe McMillan

# Ruth Parish Cycle Of Life Chairman

The Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter announced today that the 1982 Cycle for Life chairman for Raeford will be Ruth Parish.  
The Leukemia Society of America is dedicated to the conquering of leukemia. Proceeds from the Bike-A-Thon will be used in research and patient-aid. At the present time the Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter, has \$459,935 in research projects granted in the state of North Carolina. These research projects are being conducted at Duke University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.  
The Leukemia Society of America is also providing financial assistance to 310 patients in the state of North Carolina. In spite of

remarkable medical advances in the last 10 years, leukemia remains a Number 1 killer disease of children.  
Leukemia is no longer a hopeless disease. Years ago over 90% of everyone with leukemia died within six months but today the picture is much brighter for children and adults due to the research that has helped in treatment and diagnosis.  
When a boy or girl comes by your home asking you to sponsor them in the upcoming Cycle for Life, please consider that the funds will be used right here in the state of North Carolina in research and patient-aid.  
Anyone wishing information or entry blanks can contact Miss Parish at 875-5146 in Raeford.  
The Medicine Shoppe of Raeford will sponsor the Bike-A-Thon.

# Deaths And Funerals

**Robert G. McInnis**  
Robert Glenn McInnis, 75, died July 14 at Key Largo, Fla.  
The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon in Dundarrach Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.  
Surviving are his son, Terry McInnis of Raeford; his brothers, John, Daniel and Dave McInnis of Key Largo, Larry McInnis of Bradenton, Fla., and Henry McInnis of Montana; his sisters, Mrs. Margaret Clanton of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Lucy Lewis of Key Largo, and Mrs. Grace Malone of Dundarrach; and his granddaughter, Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**Isaac M. Hobbs**  
Isaac Middleton Hobbs, 82, died Sunday in Bladen County Hospital.  
The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon in Carvers Creek United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.  
Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Frances Hobbs Bowles of Raeford; his sons, Robert Maurice Hobbs of Riegelwood, Charles Middleton Hobbs of Carvers Creek, and Harold Stokes Hobbs of Davidson; his sisters, Mrs. Betsy Kirby, Mrs. Mary Anna Porter, and Mrs. Maria H. Pegram, all of Raleigh; his brother, E. Gibson Hobbs of Selma; and 11 grandchildren.

**Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth**  
Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth, 80, of Rt. 2, Raeford, died the night of July 14.  
The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon in Piney Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Sherman Brooks.  
Doby Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

# Meet The Candidates Dinner

Acting Chairman Willie R. Jacobs announced today that the Hoke County Native American Council and the James A. Hunt Campaign Committee will co-

sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" dinner on Saturday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the Old South Hoke Community Building behind Hunt's Grocery at South Hoke.  
The dinner is to give the public a chance to meet the candidates involved in the run-off Democratic primary in Hoke County to be held on Tuesday.  
The dinner is free, and the general public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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**At Solid Rock**  
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# Section 8 Rental

Section 8 Rental Assistance Program Administered by the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in Hoke and Sampson Counties will not be taking applications for assistance after July 31, 1982.  
Notice of application processed will be given when units are available.

# Service Personnel

Navy Seaman Apprentice Anthony R. Davis, son of Helen B. Ivey of Rt. 2, Box 122A, Raeford, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.  
During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.  
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Navy Seaman Arthur H. Key, son of Idelle I. Key of Rt. 1, Box 108, West End, whose wife, Jean, is the daughter of Benjamin F. and Marie Ellington of Rt. 3, Box 90-A, Raeford has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.  
During the eight-week training

Deborah L. McNeill, daughter of Floyd and Joye R. McNeill of 811 E. Donaldson Ave., Raeford, was commissioned an Army second lieutenant upon graduating from the Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Ga.  
During the 14-week course, students were trained in leadership, small unit tactics and infantry weapons. They also received instruction in map and aerial photograph reading and communications.  
McNeill is a 1981 graduate of North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

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