



TOP PRINCIPAL—Dr. George McSwain (right) presents Jake Hord with a plaque honoring him as Principal of the Year for the school year 1982-83 in Gaston County.

## Jake Hord Selected Principal Of Year

By a vote of his peers, Gardner Park Elementary School Principal Jake Hord has been named Principal of the Year in Gaston County for the Gaston County Principals' Division of the NCAE (North Carolina Association of Educators). Hord was chosen from a field of sixty four people.

A Kings Mountain native, Jacob Hord began his teaching career at Wilson Elementary School in the 5th Grade in 1955. He also taught at Wray Junior High School grades seven and eight and fifth and sixth grades at East Elementary School.

Hord was principal at East and Peedin Elementary before being assigned the principalship at Gardner Park Elementary where he has been for the past seventeen years.

"I feel highly honored", said Hord, son of Mrs. Mary Edna and the late Jacob George Hord, Sr. of Kings Mountain. He and wife Mary Lou have two children. Jamie is a recent bride who is now teaching Special Education in Greensboro, and son Tripp, who is a tennis enthusiast, is a student at Hunter Huss High School. During the 1982-83 school year, the Hord family "adopted" a foreign exchange student. Chris Bonah, from Coblenz, West Germany, became very close to his

American family. It was a sad day when Jake and Mary Lou bid him farewell as he left to return to Germany.

Hord is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. He received his BS, MA, Ed.S Degrees from Appalachian State Teachers College. The Educational Specialist Degree is a sixth year degree.

Jake has taken a leadership role in his professional organization having served in numerous leadership capacities. He was President of the Gastonia City Schools NCAE in 1962-63; Vice President of Gaston County Principals 1968-69; Legislative Chairperson and PACE Chairperson for Gaston County; Vice President of District No. 2 Division of Principals NCAE 1980-83.

Special awards Hord had received are The Honor Award for Service in NCAE; Oratorical Coach for Gastonia Evening Optimist Club; YMCA Indian Guide Chief Award; and now Gaston County Principal of the Year 1982-83.

Jake is a civic-minded person. He has held several committee chairmanships in both the Noon and Evening Optimist Clubs; served as Editor of the Evening Bulletin, and was on the Board

of Directors.

He has worked with the Gaston County YMCA, served on the Board of Directors for the Gaston Community Concert, and coached for the Salvation Army Boys Club.

Jake and his family are members of Bradley Memorial Methodist Church where he has served as Chairperson of the Administrative Board, Trustees, Council of Ministry, Committee on Education and Commission on Worship. He was Superintendent of Church School, and has taught classes of children, youth and adults; and served as Vice Chairman of the Church Building Committee.

Hord has been employed in the Gaston County School System since 1955. He has many friends among educators, parents and students. In his school, he administers with patience, love and concern. He is a personable individual and is respected by those who work for and with him.

As Loretta Martin, 1983 President of the NCAE, said, "The honor of being named Principal of the Year should be reserved for those individuals who possess and demonstrate the ability to inspire their faculties to provide maximum learning opportunities for students. Jake Hord is this kind of individual."

### DINNER-DANCE

There will be a dinner-dance at American Legion Post 155 November 12 from 7:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Prime rib will be sold for \$22 per couple. The dance will cost \$10 per couple. There are a limited number of tickets available for the dinner, so members should make their reservations early. For more information, see Butch Broome or Charlie Hampton.

## Dr. Littlejohn Wins Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Michael A. Littlejohn, professor of electrical and computer engineering at North Carolina State University, will receive an award and deliver a lecture Thursday as third recipient of the engineering schools annual R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc. Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research and Extension.

The lecture and awards event will begin at 3 p.m. in Truitt Auditorium, (Room 1402) in Broughton Hall. A reception will immediately follow the program.

Dr. Larry K. Monteith, dean of the NCSU School of Engineering, will present the award established to recognize scientific and educational achievement in fields of engineering. The awards program is sponsored annually by R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc. through the North Carolina Engineering Foundation Inc.

Following the presentation, Littlejohn, an authority in solid state electronics, will speak on "Materials and Devices for Optical Fiber Communications."

His lecture will be published as part of the annual R. J. Reynolds Industries Inc. Award Distinguished Lecture Series.

The NCSU electrical engineer was selected for the honor in recognition of his contributions to education through teaching excellence, of his scholarly activities in research and development and his many extension and public service activities.

A native of Kings Mountain and a long-time resident of Burlington, he earned his degrees at North Carolina State University in electrical engineering with emphasis on solid state electronics and mathematics.

He joined the NCSU faculty in 1966. In addition to his teaching, research, and extension responsibilities, he is presently director of Microelectronics Programs in the School of Engineering.

Within the last five years, his research related to semi conductors and the behavior of electronic materials and devices has been supported by 17 research grants and contracts with a total value of more than \$2.5 million.

He has been instrumental in the acquisition of major analytical research facilities in

the engineering school.

Littlejohn has received many other awards, including two NCSU Outstanding Teacher Awards, the Western Electric-ASEE Fund Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research, and the 1983 Alcoa Foundation Distinguished Research Award.

Littlejohn has published 57 technical papers and written two invited book chapters. He has also presented invited lectures throughout the country.



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