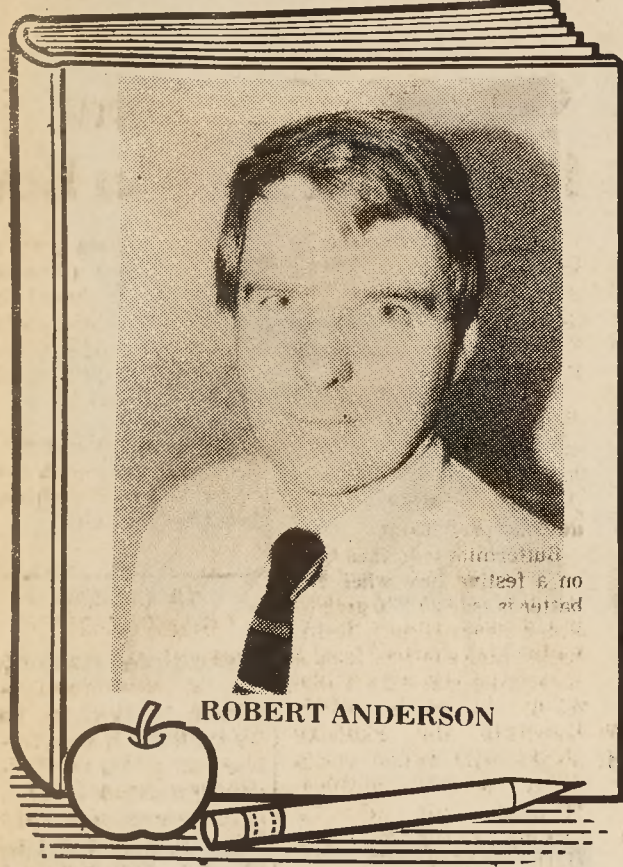
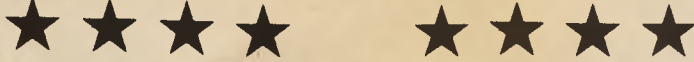


# Window To Our Public School System



ROBERT ANDERSON

## Profile Of A Teacher

EMMA CONN SCHOOL

I am from the town of Tappan, N.Y. where my family has lived for six generations. Tappan is in the Hudson River Valley country of New York State. I have been a teacher for seven years, working in New York, Virginia and currently a fifth-grade teacher with the Wake County Public School System.

My hobbies and interests are flyfishing, gardening and 18th century Anglo-American history. I am particularly interested in the period from 1750 to 1780.

I have an undergraduate degree from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., and a masters in education from Teachers College of Columbia University, N.Y. I also have a masters in urban affairs and policy analysis from the New School for Social Research, also in New York. I am presently taking a course at North Carolina State University to increase my skills in supervising student teachers.

I believe in a well-organized learning environment in which students feel secure and comfortable. I further feel that children meet the challenges of the expectations which I have established for them.

Emma Conn School is a Gifted and Talented Magnet School. Our job is to recognize and develop those gifts and talents that every child possesses. Our students study math, reading, science and social studies, but they may, with their parents, select woodworking, space adventures or any one of a myriad of other electives that can capitalize on each child's unique interests and abilities.

Our school is exciting, and I am proud to be a part of it.

## A Grassroots Initiative Renaissance Of Education

WASHINGTON, D.C. — American education is launched upon a magnificent renaissance after 20 years of nearly unbroken decline, reports U.S. Secretary of Education T.H. Bell.

That is the thrust of an article the secretary will have published in the Phi Delta Kappan, journal of Phi Delta Kappa, an organization of professional educators.

"The grassroots reform movement that took the country by storm last year will become firmly established in our educational system this year," he said.

In his article, titled "American Education at a Crossroads," Secretary Bell credits the beginning of a renewed national commitment to improving education to the Reagan administration's successful effort to combine some 29 categorical education programs into one block grant, thus giving state and local governments "more authority to set their own priorities and to direct federal assistance to areas of greatest need."

The secretary adds, "The Education Department's efforts to eliminate paperwork have lightened the regulatory burden faced by local school officials and saved the U.S. taxpayers approximately \$1 billion per year."

"The release (April, 1983) of 'A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational

Reform,' the landmark report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, appears to have been the firebrand that ignited the national campaign for educational improvement," Bell states.

The National Forum for Excellence in Education, held last December in Indianapolis, "provided an arena for invigorating and productive discussions of the tangible steps being taken across the United States to improve schools," he said.

Now, according to the secretary, college entrance examination scores are beginning to climb, and there is renewed dedication to improving education on the part of state governments, school boards, teachers and community leaders.

Dr. Bell lays out priorities and goals for American education and puts a five-year time limit on them. Among the priorities are:

- Every student must be given the opportunity to achieve the highest possible level of literacy.
- All students should master, within their limits, the basic elements of mathematics.
- Schools must instruct students in the preservation of the American system of government.

## Pupil Takes A Glimpse At Goggle-Gook

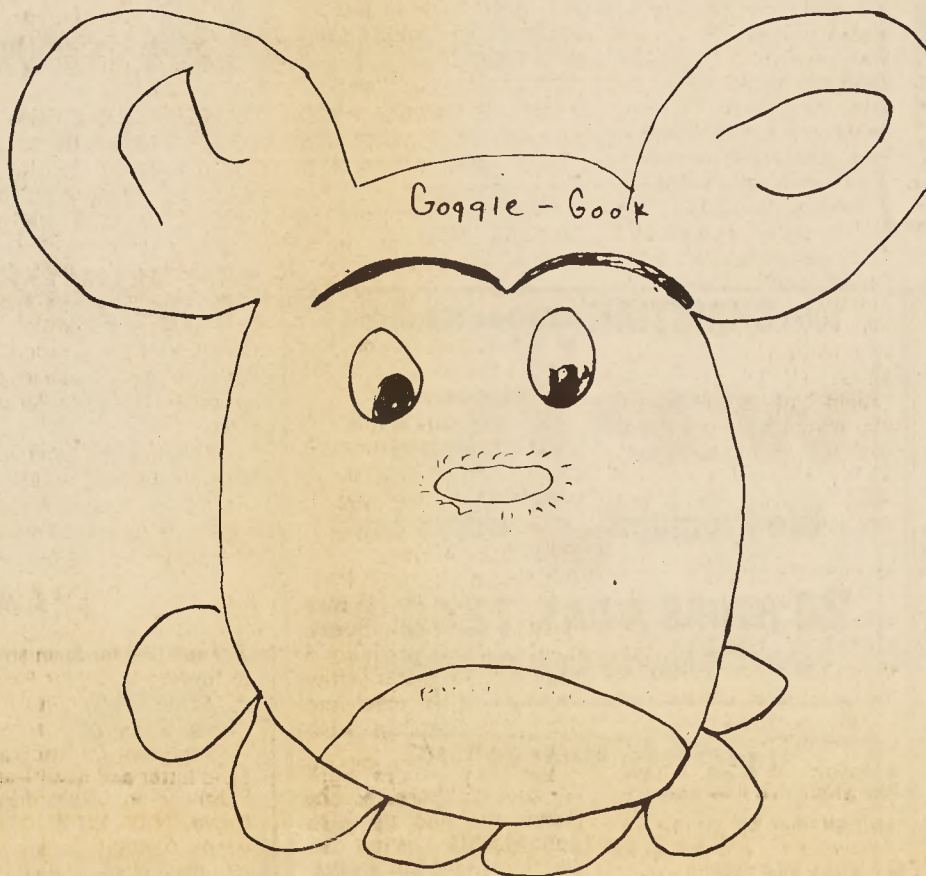
The name of this machine is Goggle Gook. Goggle Gook is used by children in hospitals to cure their diseases.

This machine looks like a giant mouse and it has a big mouth.

This machine is used by putting the child inside the mouth of the mouse. When the child is in the machine its nose lights up and swallows the disease that the child once had. When the child is pulled out of the machine he or she is cured forever.

Lisa Phillips  
Conn G-T Magnet School  
Third Grade

Teaching may be one of the most important professions, but it's hardly the best paid. According to the February Reader's Digest, the average salary for a beginner with a B.A. degree is \$13,366—about \$5,300 less than a fledgling accountant can make.



A SURE CURE—Students were invited to invent a machine called "Goggle-Gook" to be used in a hospital. What would the machine do? Here is one of the invented machines and Lisa's description.

## KIDSWORD PUZZLE

INSTRUCTIONS: Find 10 words for the 10 drawings. The words will run across, up, down, and diagonal, always on a straight line. The letters you have left over will spell a secret word.

Clue to secret word: King of beasts


The secret word is: word May Jane

## Summer Programs

The Wake County Community Schools' 1984 Summer Program will offer a wide variety of learning activities for both adults and area youth. The Adult Enrichment Program will run April 30 through July 20 at Athens Drive High School, Broughton High School, Enloe High School, and Millbrook High School. The Youth Enrichment Program will operate June 18 through August 3 at East Cary Junior High, Farmington Woods Elementary, North Garner Junior High and North Ridge Elementary School.

The Wake County Community Education Summer Bulletin, containing complete course listings, schedules and mail-in registration forms for these programs, is now available in all Wake County Public Libraries, Parks and Recreation Centers, as well as area public school offices. The Community Schools Summer Youth Program is also featured in "Summershine," a tabloid which lists a variety of area agency-sponsored summer activities for Wake County residents. A copy of "Summershine" will be made available the week of April 16 to all students in the Wake County Public School System. Additional copies of "Summershine" can also be obtained through branches of the Wake County Public Library, or from area Parks and Recreation Centers.

## "Pieces Of Gold 84" Laced With Sparkle Of Broadway

The kickoff of ticket sales for the Wake County Education Foundation annual benefit "Pieces of Gold '84" was announced by Bill Sherratt of Data General. The benefit will be held Wednesday, May 9, at the Raleigh Civic Center. "We will begin with a formal dinner and a Broadway musical featuring more than 200 Wake County students. The foundation received tremendous feedback after the student performance last year so we decided to make the performance available to the community again this year," he said.

Tickets for the dinner and performance are \$25 per person and \$5 per person for the student performance only. Individuals or businesses who would like to sponsor a patron's table should contact Roddy Jones, Davidson & Jones Corp., or call 755-6959 for additional information. Jones, ticket sales chairman, encourages everyone to purchase tickets early. "We are anticipating more than 1,000 people for the dinner and 1,200 tickets for the student performance," Jones said. "We sold out of dinner tickets early last year." Ticket sales end April 30.

## Tale Of Heroic Deed

# "Rabu's Magic" Show Ends

Members of the cast of "Babu's Magic," the Wake County Public School System's First Step Children's Dance and Theatre Co.'s latest production, performed for the last time Wednesday, April 11, as part of the Wake County Leadership Project's World Conference on Hunger.

The cast, selected by audition from 26 of the county's public schools, included Monica Matthews as the Rabbit; Mack Bush as the Lion; Mary Denning as the Bird; Dani Moffie as the Owl; Marlin Godfrey as Tall Boy; Darlene Farmer as the Monkey; Meredith Macon as the Honey Bee; Michele Heonis as the Cheetah and Shannon Godfrey as the Aunt.

"Babu's Magic" is the story of a young girl who cannot speak. She runs into the forest to escape the cruel taunting of her playmates and makes friends with the animals who teach her skills that let her save her village from a plague.

The performance was held at the Raleigh Civic Center.



MAGIC STORY—Members of the cast of "Babu's Magic," performed by the First Step Children's Dance and Theatre Co., closed their engagement at the Raleigh Civic Center April 11. The play was directed by choreographer-dancer Chuck Davis of Durham, resident artist with the American Dance Festival.

## Elementary Schools Participate Students Study World Hunger

Representatives from fourth and fifth grades at 43 elementary schools participated in a World Conference on Hunger at the Raleigh Civic Center April 11.

Delegates to the conference were selected from each school involved in the Wake County Leadership Project, a joint effort of the Wake County Public School System and the YWCA of Wake County.

Fourth and fifth-graders at each school studied a particular country all year in preparation for the conference, according to Betty Jo Johnson, the system's coordinator for special studies. Each school drew the name of a country last spring; this year there have been many projects about each school's assigned country.

Each school also selected a leadership team to represent it at the conference. Members of the leadership teams have been involved in a special training program, which included a seminar last fall about government and other studies in leadership skills.

Hunger was selected, Ms. Johnson said, because it is a problem children can relate to. "The problems of the hungry relate directly to a country's economics and social programs," she explained. "In the conference setting, each team of delegates will be dealing with a whole range of considerations that have to do with being 'have' and 'have not' nations. They will be representing the viewpoints of countries that have plenty of food, countries that can well afford to purchase the food they don't produce and countries that can neither feed their own people nor purchase the food they need."

Schools participating in the World Conference on Hunger and the countries they represent are:

Adams, Bolivia; Apex Elementary, Finland; Aversboro, Switzerland; Brentwood, Yugoslavia; Briarcliff, Peru; Brooks, Ireland; Bugg, Brazil; Cary Elementary, United Kingdom; Combs, Denmark; Farmington Woods, Nepal; and Fuller, Israel.

Also, Fuquay-Varina Elementary, Japan; Garner Elementary, Kenya; Green, United States; Hunter, Laos; Jeffreys Grove, Lebanon; Joyner, East Germany; Lacy, Algeria; Lockhart, Italy; Lynn Road, USSR; Millbrook Elementary, Egypt; North Ridge, Turkey; Northwoods, Canada; Olds, Norway; and Poe, Brazil.

Also, Powell, Yugoslavia; Rolesville, Thailand; Root, Japan; Smith, Indonesia; Stough, Mexico; Swift Creek, Syria; Underwood, France; Vance, Czechoslovakia; Vandora Springs, Greece; Wake Forest Elementary, Colombia; Washington, United Kingdom;

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