

# Parker Returns To Schools Central Office

Jean Parker, a former school system administrator and elementary school principal, has rejoined the Brunswick County Schools central office staff as Chapter 1 supervisor and testing analyst.

Ms. Parker, whose job-related lawsuit against the school board remains pending, fills the post previously held by Patricia Ward of Shallotte. Mrs. Ward is now director of the Chapter 1 and testing programs and Ms. Parker's supervisor.

Personnel Director Ralph Ward said Tuesday Mrs. Ward assumed the responsibilities of director, with no change in pay, in a lateral move when P.R. Hankins moved from associate superintendent to superintendent.

For the past two years Ms. Parker has served as a guidance counselor at Leland Middle School. Her latest transfer, effective Feb. 28, was approved Monday by the Brunswick County Board of Education along with other personnel decisions by staff.

During his tenure, former Superintendent John A. Kaufhold had attempted to transfer Ms. Parker to a counseling post at Shallotte Middle School to satisfy requirements by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for system accreditation. The rules provide that the principal be the highest paid person on a school's staff; Ms. Parker was receiving a salary greater than that of her principal.

The planned transfer prompted the filing of grievances by both Ms. Parker and the counselor in the slot; both were allowed to remain in their existing posts.

Still, school officials said the sal-

ary problem had to be addressed; hence Ms. Parker's most recent transfer.

"We needed to do it for SACS, but if it helps take a little heat of this other thing, that's good, too," said Superintendent Hankins Tuesday.

The "other thing" is a complaint filed by Ms. Parker in Brunswick County Superior Court in July 1989 against the Brunswick County Board of Education and then Superintendent John A. Kaufhold after she was transferred from the central office to the middle school.

The complaint seeks an order requiring the school board to offer her employment in a supervisory or administrative position; damages in excess of \$10,000 each for denial of her rights and intentional infliction of mental distress respectively; and attorney fees.

Glen Peterson, attorney for the school board, said that, at this point, "no comprehensive settlement has been reached as to all parties" to the suit.

In the complaint Ms. Parker asserted her transfer to Leland Middle School for the 1989-90 school year was made against her will, violated her right to due process and in effect, was a demotion that resulted in a loss of rank and total compensation because of a shortened pay year and her purported career status as a principal.

She also claimed Kaufhold had engaged in a "deliberate . . . course of conduct designed to degrade, insult and harass" her.

Ms. Parker was hired in July 1984 as principal of Waccamaw Elementary School, a position she held for two years. Ms. Parker con-

tended she had attained career status in the system as a principal because she was not notified prior to June 1, 1986, that she would not have that post for a third year. She was notified of the change in post in July after the start of the next fiscal year.

For the 1986-87 school year she served as administrative liaison for the school system; in 1987-88, as director of internal services, and in 1988-89, as interim community school coordinator.

An order filed by Judge David G. Wall in Brunswick County District Court Feb. 21 holds open for future hearing the question of whether Ms. Parker had attained career status as a principal rather than teacher in Brunswick County or the system where she worked previously. Ms. Parker had sought a summary judgment on the issue, but Wall said there were unresolved factual issues that needed to be decided first.

In other personnel action the board approved:

■ Hiring, at Shallotte Middle, Memory Goforth of Sunset Beach as an interim art teacher at and Eunice Abercrombie of Holden Beach as an interim special education teacher for the balance of the school year.

■ Hiring, at Waccamaw Elementary, Linda Atkinson of Ash as an interim part-time custodian until the end of the year.

■ Listing of these substitute teachers: David Baker, Wilmington; Elizabeth Erickson, Carolina Beach; Shirley Pait, Sandy Creek; Henry Randolph, Shallotte; Richard Rayburn, Long Beach; Brenda Carter, Sunset Harbor; Terri Mitchell, Supply; David Thraillkill, Southport; and Carol Walters, Sunset Beach.



A GROUP OF SHALLOTTE AREA RESIDENTS want to turn the former Shallotte Presbyterian Church building into a community center.

# Shallotte Group Wants To Convert Old Church Into Community Center

BY DOUG RUTTER

A small group of Shallotte area residents is interested in converting the old Shallotte Presbyterian Church into a community center that could be used for civic group meetings, continuing education classes and arts functions.

"I think the idea is great," said Virginia "Bunny" Lauzon, one of the people involved in the project. "Here's a building that could meet the needs of several organizations."

Mrs. Lauzon said the proposed center could serve as a focal point for community affairs. It could be used to meet the area's social, educational and artistic needs and serve as a base for supervised youth activities.

She said the center could be used for everything from scout meetings to performing and visual arts events. "I just think that building has so many possibilities."

Mrs. Lauzon, who is working on the project with Dr. Marcus Williams and his wife, Penny, said the group plans to find out if Shallotte Aldermen would support the proposal and if the town would help purchase the church.

The group has sent a letter outlining their proposal to Shallotte Mayor Sarah Tripp. The board of aldermen was scheduled to discuss the proposal at its meeting Wednesday night.

Mrs. Lauzon said the new Shallotte Presbyterian Church off U.S. 17 at the south end of Shallotte is nearly completed, and the old church on Sellers Drive is up for sale.

The old church consists of two buildings that sit on about one acre of land. The main building includes 4,148 square feet, and a smaller building has 632 square feet of enclosed space.

Mrs. Lauzon said the real estate company selling the property is asking for \$190,000. "The building is there and the price is right," she said. "It would certainly take care of a lot of organizations that need a home."

If the Town of Shallotte can't afford to help pay for the church, Mrs.

Lauzon said fund-raising events could be an option. "I think a community effort could get it off the ground. We're too big a town, not to have a place like that."

Mrs. Lauzon, a local artist who teaches continuing education art classes through Brunswick Community College, said the building could help with the formation of an arts council in the South Brunswick Islands area.

The Brunswick County Arts Council is oriented too much toward Southport, she said, because that area of the county has galleries

and other facilities for arts functions.

Mrs. Lauzon said arts supporters in the Shallotte area cannot apply for grassroots funds because they don't have a formal arts council or a building to use on a regular basis. Without a building, she said it's difficult to build an active arts council.

Mrs. Lauzon said Shallotte is the best place for a community center since it is the center of the South Brunswick Islands area, which includes Calabash, Sunset Beach, Ocean Isle Beach and Holden Beach.

# Students Can Purchase Milk, Fruit At School

BY SUSAN USHER

Yes, by golly, students can buy milk—and fruit—in the school cafeteria without buying a plate dinner.

That's the—he hopes—final word from Superintendent of Schools P.R. Hankins.

Monday night, during a two-hour meeting at North Brunswick High School, Hankins told members of the Brunswick County Board of Education that he intends to lay to rest confusion over school system practices regarding milk sales.

At a meeting last year at Union Primary School, a parent in the audience asked why students who brought their lunches from home could not buy milk in the school cafeteria.

According to Child Nutrition Director Sherryl Johnson, single-item sales were not allowed except by students who buy dinners. The guideline was established as a means of encouraging students to buy full meals. Plate lunches, especially those provided through the federal

free- and reduced-price meal program, subsidize food service operations.

At that time, Superintendent Hankins said he would investigate and report back to the board.

On checking, Hankins said in a telephone interview Tuesday, "I was satisfied with what I was told—that single-item sales were discouraged, except for milk and fruit. We don't want to cut in to full plate purchases any more than we have to."

But that initial complaint has been followed by a call from Rep. E. David Redwine and reports from two board members who asked cafeteria staff about milk sales while visiting the schools. All three reported the same response: they were told milk could not be purchased as a single item.

Hankins said the word simply hasn't filtered down to all school cafeteria employees.

He said he plans to get a letter out this week to Ms. Johnson reiterating the policy. "I'm going to have

to say that in simple language so that it will be clear."

If that doesn't work, he added, "I'll go and personally visit the each school."

In other routine business, the board:

■ Rescheduled its April 1 meeting for April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Bolivia Elementary School, noting the Easter break is set April 1-5, with the schools and central office closed.

■ Heard a progress report from the policy revision committee and a report on an IBM conference attended by the superintendent. He said he focused on networking and on looking at ways of teaching learning in the classroom, taking full advantage of computer technology. Students need basic familiarity with computers today on entering the job market, he said.

■ After a presentation by representative Jim Fortune, approved additional benefit options for employees to shelter a portion of their income from taxes.

# Staff Encouraged To Be Creative

The entire staff of Bolivia Elementary School recently participated in a creative drama workshop.

Facilitator Gloria Yount, staff development director for the county schools, involved staff in activities designed to help them learn to extend the use of video clips, idioms and other tools as the basis for skits, illustrations and writings.

The group closed with a sit-on-the-floor seminar in the media center for discussion of excerpts from Albert Lamorisse's *The Red Balloon*.

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