

New Assistant Superintendent Will Charge 'Full Speed Ahead'

BY SUSAN USHER

Brunswick County Schools' new assistant superintendent of curriculum comes from within the school system, but from outside the central office staff.

Moses Lewis, who has served as principal of South Brunswick High School since June 1982, brings to his new office a positive attitude and a "full speed ahead" approach to getting things done.

On the recommendation of Superintendent P. R. Hankins, the former high school teacher, football coach and career Army man was appointed Monday night by unanimous vote of the Brunswick County Board of Education.

The post was previously held by William Harrison, who resigned last month to become superintendent of the Hoke County Schools.

Doug Baxley's motion came after members returned to open session from three hours behind closed doors, where they discussed personnel and attorney-client matters.

A native of Brewton, Ala., the 57-year-old Lewis has a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Fayetteville State University, a master's

of education in adult education from N.C. State University, and principal's and educational specialist certificates from East Carolina University. He also attended the Principals' Executive Program at the Institute of Government in 1986.

"I thought about this a lot," said Superintendent Hankins. "I wanted someone to work with me who has a different style, one that I think will complement mine in getting the job done."

No one knows his leadership style better than Lewis, who describes himself as "rather intuitive" and a man who "doesn't understand the word 'can't'."

"I focus well. I can focus in two or three directions at the same time," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday morning from the school.

"I like productivity; I like my work to be seen, not talked about. I take what guidance I have and go forward."

Lewis said he originally had planned to leave the education field when his time at South Brunswick High ended, but changed his mind when the new opportunity developed. Tuesday he said he's not as

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Assistant Superintendent



happy perhaps as he should be about the change, but looking forward to it nevertheless.

"I'm enthused, but not elated," he said, noting that he will miss the daily interaction with students, parents and faculty, and that he considers the school as his "family."

Still, he's looking forward to new challenges involved in developing the curriculum in ways that lead to improved student performance.

"I'm going to do what I can to carry out the board's goals and to carry out the school system's objectives," he said. "I don't know anything but full speed ahead."

If he has had success at South Brunswick High School, Lewis says, the credit belongs to the peo-

ple with whom he has worked—staff, parents, students.

"I don't look up to please," he said. "I've always said that if you take care of the people below you, they will take care of the people above you."

Hankins said the promotion won't become effective until either the state's hiring freeze is lifted or a waiver is granted. Under the freeze in place since January and extended as of July 1, the only slots that can be actually filled without special approval are those for classroom teachers, teacher assistants and school bus drivers. Hankins said he sent a facsimile request for a waiver to the state Department of Public Instruction Monday.

Sue Sellers of Route 2, Leland, was named to succeed Lewis as principal at South Brunswick. Mrs. Sellers has served as an assistant principal at the school for three years.

Lewis was chosen from a field of 13 applicants, including six employees of the school system. Hankins said he and Bill Turner, assistant superintendent for operations, and Ralph Ward, personnel director, interviewed as many of the applicants, 11, as could be arranged. Lewis, he said, came out at the top of everyone's assessment of the candidates' strengths and weaknesses.

Familiarity with the system should free Lewis to move rapidly into the job of improving student performance, said Hankins. "I felt he was better prepared to get the best out of the staff we have than someone from outside would be."

Also of note, he said, is Lewis' record at South Brunswick High.

"He has been very instrumental in turning around a very difficult situation," said Hankins. "South Brunswick was somewhat a trouble spot in the past. He has brought about a higher standard of performance."

In relation to the other two county high schools South Brunswick students in recent years have consistently score higher on standardized tests, posted improved drop-out statistics and attracted more scholarship awards to further their education.

Hankins said the school has also been the source of few complaints to his office during Lewis's tenure.

Before coming to South Brunswick Lewis previously served as assistant principal and assistant football coach at Erwin High School from August 1974 to June 1978 and again from August 1979 to 1982. For the interim year he served as dean of students/instruction at Rutledge College in Fayetteville. He also taught social studies and coached junior varsity football at Coats Union School in Coats.

As assistant superintendent, Lewis will earn between \$33,456 and \$48,816 plus a local supplement of \$6,334.

Lewis retired from the U.S. Army in 1972 as a sergeant major with 20 years' service. His last assignment was as supervisor of a unit training and tactical operations section.

More Rain's In Forecast

South Brunswick Island residents may get to ease off on their lawn and garden sprinklers again during the coming week.

Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady said Tuesday the weather outlook calls for above average rainfall, coupled with near normal temperatures.

He expects at least one inch of rainfall, coupled with temperatures ranging from the lower 70s during the nighttime to near 90 degrees during the daytime.

"It's coming at a rate we can use it," he said of the rainfall pattern. "It's very beneficial this way."

For the period July 9-15, he recorded 1.2 inches of rainfall on July 15.

The maximum high of 98 degrees occurred July 14, while the low of 71 degrees was recorded on July 15.

Canady said a daily average high of 92 degrees combined with an average nightly low of 73 degrees for a daily average temperature of 82 degrees, about 2 degrees above average.

Supply Teen Killed In Wreck

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Damage was listed at \$1,000 in

the 7:35 p.m. accident. No charges were filed.

Ms. Evans became the eighth person to die on Brunswick County's highways this year, said Ruby Oakley, spokesperson for the Highway Patrol office in Wilmington.

Through the end of July last year, eight people had also died, she said.

Drivers Charged
Both drivers involved in an accident on U.S. 17 northwest of Calabash Friday afternoon were charged.

Larry Lee Jessen, 49, of Ash, was charged with failure to yield the right of way in the 12:05 p.m. wreck at the intersection of Calabash Road (S.R. 1300), reported State Trooper B.C. Jones.

Jessen's 1989 Dodge pickup truck turned onto U.S. 17 from Calabash Road, pulling into the path of a 1978 Cadillac driven by Ollan Cornelious Vaught, 38, of Calabash, Jones reported.

Vaught's car struck the Jessen vehicle. Vaught was charged with driving with no operator's license, Jones stated.

Neither driver was injured. Damage was listed at \$3,500 to the Jessen truck and \$1,500 to the Vaught car.

Four Cars Collide
No serious injuries were reported in a four-car accident Friday evening on U.S. 17 near Supply.

Anthony Dale Caison, 16, of Supply, was charged with driving left of center following the 5:30 p.m. accident, reported State Trooper J.V. Dove.

Caison's 1983 Chevrolet pickup skidded on wet pavement and struck a line of cars headed south on U.S. 17, Dove reported.

His truck collided with a 1986 Toyota driven by Paul Edwin Hamme, 38, of Riegelwood; a 1988 Volkswagen driven by Robert Mark Tew, 27, of Greensboro; and a 1990 Daihatsu driven by Suzanne Elaine Clegg, 22, of Greensboro, Dove stated.

Ms. Clegg and a passenger in the Hamme car, Robyn Hamme, 10, each received minor injuries and were taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply.

Damage was listed at \$3,000 to the Hamme vehicle, \$100 to the Tew car, \$3,000 to the Clegg car and \$2,500 to the Caison truck.

POLICE CHIEF HAD RECOMMENDED FIRING SAMEK

Shallotte Reinstates Officer On Split Vote

BY DOUG RUTTER

Shallotte Patrolman George Samek is back on the job after the board of aldermen voted 3-2 last week to reinstate him following a recent suspension.

Officer Samek, who was suspended with pay June 18 and returned to work Tuesday, said he was pleased but not surprised by the decision.

"As far as I'm concerned justice was served," he said. "I thank the town board for making a very fair decision and allowing me to serve this town."

Board members Paul Wayne Reeves, Jody Simmons and Joe Hewett voted to reinstate Samek. Aldermen Wilton Harrelson and David Gause, who is the father of the town's police chief, opposed the action.

The split vote followed a hearing that was started July 3 and completed last Wednesday. The hearing, held entirely in executive session, lasted more than five hours.

While Samek was happy with the outcome, his boss and co-workers said they disagreed with the town board's decision.

Police Chief Rodney Gause said he acted in the best interest of town residents and the police department when he suspended Samek and recommended that the officer be fired.

"I disagree with the board's action, but whatever they tell me to do I'll do it," said Gause.

When asked if the outcome would affect his working relationship with Samek, Gause said, "I'm still going to conduct myself in a profes-

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—Police Chief Rodney Gause

sional manner and still run the department as I've been running it."

Shallotte police officers, many of whom waited at town hall while the hearing was conducted, have sided with their police chief.

Speaking on behalf of the officers, Det. Tom Hunter said they disagreed with the town board's decision to reinstate Samek, but that it would not affect their job performance.

Hunter said officers met among themselves after the hearing. "We support Rodney and what he tried to do and will continue to support him in any way he leads us," he said.

Det. Hunter said police officers haven't been told any details about the suspension or hearing. "I'm as much in the dark as you are," he said. "I'm a little confused, as the rest of the department is."

The reason for the suspension has not been made public. Shallotte officials—including town board members, the police chief and town attorney—have refused to discuss the reason for

the disciplinary action.

"I have nothing to say so don't ask," was the only comment from Alderman Wilton Harrelson, made as he walked past reporters waiting outside the town board chambers.

Alderman Jody Simmons said he based his vote on what he thought the board should have done under the town's employment guidelines. He said his vote didn't reflect any intention to undermine the police chief.

Simmons said he thought the matter could have been taken care of within the department. He said there wasn't any evidence presented during the hearing to indicate that Samek had done anything to endanger anyone.

Samek and his attorney, Sheila McLamb, also have declined to comment on the reason for the suspension.

"I don't think there would be any benefit gained by Mr. Samek or the Town of Shallotte by going into those details," Ms. McLamb said last week. "He's reinstated, and that's the important outcome."

Ms. McLamb said she expected the officer to be reinstated to the force. "Samek has a history as a good officer and I think that was reflected tonight in the board's decision to reinstate him."

Witnesses called during the hearing included John Duboise, Sandy Dye and Mike Arnold. Ms. McLamb said Samek was not the only person to present evidence during the hearing, but refused to say who testified on his behalf.

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Holden's New Manager Starts Work August 5

BY DOUG RUTTER

Gary Parker, a former town manager of Erwin, will begin work Aug. 5 as the new town manager of Holden Beach.

Town commissioners voted to hire Parker last week, ending a six-month search that began in January following the controversial resignation of former manager Blake Proctor.

Parker will receive a salary of \$34,000 per year, and the town will pay his moving expenses, said Mayor John Tandy.

Parker was one of four applicants interviewed June 27, and commissioners met with him for a second time July 9 before making an offer.

Tandy said Parker notified him that he would accept the position last Wednesday.

The mayor said the vote to hire Parker was unanimous, and commissioners were pleased he accepted the post. "They were all just tickled to death, which is a good note to start out on."

Parker, 44, served as town manager in Erwin for about eight months before he resigned in August 1990. He has been unemployed since then.

"A town manager's relationship to a council is a lot like a marriage," Parker said in a telephone interview. "Sometimes they just don't work out."

Parker grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and said he likes the coast. He particularly enjoyed the view from the Holden Beach Bridge. "It's a nice setting to work in," he said.

As town manager of Erwin, Parker supervised six department heads; recommended policies; prepared and administered the budget; and reorganized and updated the town's pay plan, according to his resume.

He had previously worked as human resources director for the city of North Lauderdale, Fla., assistant town manager in Newington, Conn., and town manager in Franklinton.

While in Franklinton, he was appointed to the Franklin County Task Force on Juvenile Delinquency and the Franklinton City Schools Vocational Education Advisory Board.

In the 1970s, Parker served as a human resources planner with the N.C. Department of Human Resources and a program analyst in the Raleigh city manager's office.

Parker has a bachelor's degree in political science from Florida State

University and a master's degree in public administration from N.C. State University. He also attended the N.C. Central University School of Law.

He is a member of both the North Carolina and International City and County Managers' Association and Phi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

Tandy said he hopes the town board comes up with some type of orientation program for the new manager.

Interim Town Manager Gus Ulrich will probably stay on for the first week to help Parker get started. "You can't just walk through the door and go," Tandy said.

The new town manager and his wife, Wendy, will temporarily stay in the apartment above the Holden Beach Police Department on Davis Street until they find a place to rent.

Tandy described the new manager as a "principled" man with a "seriousness of purpose about life in general."

The mayor said Parker is handsome as well. "He looks like a movie actor I suppose," Tandy said. "That's according to the ladies in

the office."

Commissioners have been searching for a town manager since January, when Proctor resigned under pressure from the board of commissioners.

Tandy said town board members were "very conscientious" about choosing a new manager because they have been criticized in the past for hiring people they couldn't get along with.

"They were quite determined not to make any kind of mistake," Tandy said.

While looking for a new manager, town officials received more than 100 applications. "We spent some time on those resumes," Tandy said. "I'm talking about everyone on the board."

Since Proctor left Holden Beach, commissioners have hired two interim managers to supervise the daily operations of the town departments.

Diane Clark was promoted from deputy town clerk to interim town manager immediately after Proctor's resignation. However, she resigned May 31 due to an illness in the family.

On June 20, commissioners hired Ulrich as interim manager. He had served as Holden's Beach first town manager, from January 1989 through August 1990, before he resigned for personal reasons.

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State Taxes Two Charged In Drug Deal

BY TERRY POPE

Two men arrested in Shallotte last week during an undercover drug operation were taxed more than \$50,000 each by the N.C. Internal Revenue Service.

The men are accused of attempting to buy 17 pounds of marijuana from undercover police officers.

Doug Todd, a narcotics detective with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, made the arrests at a Shallotte convenience store around 9:30 p.m. last Tuesday, July 9, said Lt. David Crocker of the sheriff's department.

While working undercover, Todd received a phone call from a suspect who wanted to buy a large quantity of marijuana, Crocker said.

Todd and an undercover SBI agent arranged a meeting with the suspect in Shallotte.

John Wesley Faircloth Jr., 28, of Route 4, Lumberton, was charged

with conspiracy to possess marijuana and felonious possession of marijuana.

James Samuel McGill, 43, of April Drive, Fayetteville, was charged with conspiracy to possess marijuana, felonious possession of marijuana, maintaining a vehicle to keep or sell drugs and carrying a concealed weapon.

At the sheriff's department's request, an IRS representative was also at the scene and immediately levied a drug tax of \$54,186 against each defendant, said Crocker.

Under a state law passed in January 1990, persons found in possession of large amounts of drugs can be taxed based on the value of the drugs. Of the tax money collected, 75 percent returns to the local narcotics unit in the county where the tax was administered.

According to Crocker, Faircloth allegedly called Todd Monday and

asked to buy a large quantity of marijuana.

Seized in the incident were \$19,517 in cash, a 1981 Toyota truck registered to McGill, a gun found in a side panel of the truck and a set of scales used to measure marijuana, Crocker said.

Faircloth allegedly paid \$13,300 for 10 pounds of marijuana and promised to pay for the remaining seven pounds at a later date, said Crocker.

Officers immediately seized the marijuana and placed the men under arrest, he said.

The men were placed under \$300,000 bond each. That figure was reduced last Thursday morning to \$50,000 each at a bond hearing in Brunswick County District Court.

The seized truck has also been turned over to the sheriff's department, said Crocker.

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