



Dr. Jay Langfelder
Break In Rules

Those who regularly meander along the Public Parade will recognize a break in rules here. Although some people in the media write like they are editors, we maintain the distinction is wide.

In this case, however, it is different. We pretty much brought it on ourself by commenting last month that Sec. Joe Grimsley of the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development hadn't adequately introduced Dr. Jay Langfelder as a new assistant secretary.

The comment put us in strange company as our least favorite morning newspaper in Northeastern North Carolina chose to reprint the article. We would believe it was because of the subject and in spite of the writer.

Anyway, Jim Sheppard, director of public affairs for NRCD, sent the following article, if you are still with us, here it is:

After two weeks on the job as the state's top natural resource manager, Dr. Jay Langfelder has begun to set some priorities. Langfelder, the new assistant secretary for natural resources in the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, sees the dialogue between North Carolina and Virginia over water management above the Albemarle Sound as one of the most important jobs he will have.

The two states are looking at ways to share the limited water which is available in the area, and Langfelder feels that the previous work puts us into a position to develop an agreement that will be beneficial to both states.

Another concern of Langfelder's will be insuring that the coastal areas of North Carolina continue to be protected in spite of the cutbacks in federal funds which the state is facing. NRCD and local governments in the coastal counties are cooperating to plan and manage the development around the sensitive natural systems along the Atlantic shoreline and the estuaries.

In line for a lot of attention from Langfelder is the state's Land Resources Information Service, a computer-based information system which can help planners compare a variety of land data simultaneously. Until now the LRIS has been available only to government agencies and institutions, but Langfelder hopes it will be available to more users in the future.

At 48, Langfelder was a professor of civil engineering and head of the Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at N. C. State University when he accepted the offer from NRCD Sec. Joseph W. Grimsley to come to work in state government. "I had been working on the sidelines for a long time," said Langfelder. Now I'm in the game."

Actually, Langfelder's work on the sidelines was enough to keep most people busy for a lifetime. He has served as a member or chairman of a number of state advisory boards including the Marine Science Council and the Coastal Resources Advisory Council. He also served as a presidential appointee to the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and the Atmosphere.

"Finding the correct balance between abuse of natural resources and looking them away

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Everything In Readiness For Performance Tonight

Swain School is excited about the arrival of the N. C. Symphony. Every day since the holidays, a piece from the symphony has been played over the P. A. system. Teachers all over the school have played classical music and taught the instruments. Mrs. Patricia Byrum's class has decorated the hallway with a beautiful bulletin board telling about the symphony orchestra and showing the instruments. Mrs. Germanero has taken the bulletin board in the front to welcome the N. C. Symphony and her students' instrument pictures are displayed outside the auditorium.

The students have learned two

songs to sing during the performance and some teachers have made instruments for them to play with the orchestra.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Sutton, Edenton-Chowan's elementary music teacher, has hustled around organizing the education concert program and has gotten the children prepared.

Swain School is proud to be able to have a Symphony. The students are waiting on pins and needles for the Education Concert Program for all of Edenton-Chowan's 4th-8th grade students on Thursday morning at Swain School auditorium.

Town Protests ESC Closing

The proposed major cutback in the North Carolina Securities Commission, which threatens to close 48 local and branch offices including Edenton's, has met with a flurry of activity here.

Town and County officials met Jan. 21 in an effort to develop a plan to head off the closing of Edenton's branch.

A letter was prepared by Edenton officials to Gov. Jim Hunt citing reasons for the Edenton branch remaining open. Mayor Roy Harrell said, "Should the Edenton Employment Security Office be closed, many unem-

played citizens of Northeastern North Carolina would be forced to drive over 50 miles to obtain the services of an Employment Security Office."

There is also another reason for Mayor Harrell to be upset. He has been the veterans' counselor at the Edenton office for six years and stands to lose his job if the office closes.

State officials are also looking for ways to cushion the blow of the closings, forced on the Employment Security Commission by federal budget cuts, said Gov. Jim Hunt.

The use of state monies to make up part of the \$5-million in lost federal aid has been ruled out, according to Hunt. He said the state is looking for free office space - in schools, community colleges, or other government buildings - as one way to keep

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District Court

The Chowan County District Court met Jan. 26 in a regular session with John T. Chaffin presiding judge.

Kenneth Eddie Gibbs, forging endorsement, probable cause was found. Larceny of check and resist, delay, and obstruct an officer, consolidated, 12 months commitment.

Johnny Basnight, littering and resist, delay or obstruct an officer, consolidated, 90 days commitment. Disorderly conduct, voluntary dismissal.

Thelma Ford, resist, delay and obstruct an officer, 30 day suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court.

Joseph Bertrum Hollowell, Jr., exceeding a safe speed, \$10 fine and cost of court.

Stanley Earl Stroud, DUI, 60 day

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Brown Receives Promotion

William H. Stanley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, announced recently the promotion of James E. Brown, Jr. to Senior Vice President and Rocky Mount City Executive. As City Executive, Brown will be in charge of commercial lending activities, operations and customer services for the Rocky Mount Office.

A native of Raleigh, he is a 1971 graduate of East Carolina University and the National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma. Brown joined Peoples Bank's staff in January of 1978 as an Assistant Vice President in the Rocky Mount Commercial Loan Department. He was promoted to Vice President and City Executive to the Edenton Office in 1980.

Brown is a past President and Charter Member, Tar River Kiwanis Club and past Industrial Development Chairman of the



James E. Brown, Jr.

Knudsen Is Speaker For Democratic Meeting

The Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee met Tuesday night with some 70 interested Democrats in attendance. The meeting was held at the Fish Market, Etcetera, Edenton.

Presided over by Lueta Sellers, the meeting opened with Terry Williams giving the invocation followed by a guest speaker, Betty Ann Knudsen, who was introduced by Mrs. Sellers.

The speaker, a Wake County Commissioner, and outstanding Democrat, who in 1975 was selected "Tarheel of the Week" by

Raleigh News & Observer and then "Volunteer of the Year," Raleigh, in 1976, chairs numerous committees both in Wake County and on the state level. In her remarks, titled "How The New Federalism Is Affecting Local Government," she touched on the importance of "speaking up" to make our wishes known and the importance of accountability in all government. The speaker also pointed out that good county government is absolutely essential



Betty Ann Knudsen

Bateman Urges Affirmative Vote On Farmers Referendum

According to David T. Bateman of Tyner, president, N. C. Peanut Growers Association, Inc., a referendum vitally important to peanut producers will be conducted by mail ballot from the County ASCS office during the period January 25-29.

The president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation has strongly urged peanut growers to cast a "yes" vote on the new price support and poundage provisions of the Agriculture and Food Act.

"Even though some inequities may exist in the new legislation," Farm Bureau President John Sledge said, "all peanut growers should continue to support the program and work to remove those inequities. Without a program, all growers will suffer."

An affirmative vote by two-thirds of those voting in the mail ballot is necessary to continue price supports and poundage quotas for crop years 1982 through 1985. A negative vote will mean there will be no price supports or quotas for 1982 and another referendum could be held next

year. Under the new farm bill, a national poundage quota for peanuts is established for each of the next four years, with the quota declining each year. The price support for quota peanuts is set at \$550 per ton.

While expressing dissatisfaction with provisions of the new law under which some growers could lose their allotments, Sledge emphasized that it would be disastrous for the entire industry if price supports were discontinued.

"It is essential," Sledge said, "that we continue to have a peanut program to provide a price floor of stability under which all peanut producers will benefit."

The following message in respect to the referendum has been endorsed by the National Peanut Growers Group and by all peanut grower organizations in the state:

Peanut growers will have an opportunity to vote in a very crucial belt-wide referendum

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Peanut Mill Donated To Historic Fund

The Edenton Peanut Mill, Chohan County's tallest building, is in new ownership and will be rehabilitated during the 1980's.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Edenton landmark was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Harrell and Mr. and Mrs. Alton G. Elmore to the Historic Preservation Fund of North Carolina, Inc., last month.

The Fund had a feasibility study conducted for the property which showed that the building could be

rehabilitated for a variety of uses, including luxury apartments. The tax incentives for rehabilitating historic properties made the building's rehabilitation profitable.

The new owners of the five-story Peanut Mill are Todd and Patricia Dickinson of Durham. The Dickinsons are familiar with old buildings such as the Peanut Mill. Both Todd and Patricia do consulting work in historic preservation and restoration con-

struction. The Dickinsons recently won an award from the Historic Preservation Society of Durham for adapting an early Art Moderne service station in Durham into law offices.

The Dickinsons' immediate plans for the building include its stabilization while further study is made for how the building is to be used.

"We are most grateful to the Harrells and the Elmores for their generous contribution to the Fund. Their donation of the building has made it possible to develop a plan which assures that this important structure is enjoyed by future generations" said J. Myrick Howard, Executive Director of the Fund.

The Edenton Peanut Mill was built around 1909 when Edenton was the second largest peanut market in the nation. Locally owned and the first of its kind in Edenton, the mill produced 1400 to 1500 10-pound bags of peanuts daily. The operation was originally powered by a steam engine fueled by peanut huss.

The Historic Preservation Fund of North Carolina, Inc., is the first statewide revolving fund for historic preservation in the United States. Created by the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina, Inc., the Fund has purchased and resold some thirty historic buildings around North Carolina. These buildings are to be rehabilitated by private owners under protective covenants.

Asbell Recipient Of DSA Award

Charles Asbell, Jr., a 32-year old public accountant, was the 1981 recipient of the Greenville Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award, the chapter's highest honor.

Asbell, a partner in the CPA firm of Farley, Prescott, Mizelle & Co., received the award during the Jaycees' 36th annual DSA and Bosses Night banquet.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. John Howell, who was named recently as interim chancellor at East Carolina University.

Asbell, a Chowan County native, graduated from Chowan High School in 1967 and received a bachelor's in business administration in 1971 from ECU, and also served as president of the Accounting Society at the university for 1970-71. Asbell was also a member of the Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity.

Asbell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Asbell, Sr., of Tyner, his wife, Linda, and their two children, Joey and Anna, attend Immanuel Baptist Church in Edenton.

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RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD — Charles Asbell, right, was recently named as a recipient of the Greenville Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. Dr. John Howell, left, presented the award. Asbell, a Chowan County native, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Asbell, Sr. of Tyner.