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"DR. ENGLISH E. JONES DAY" SET FOR APRIL 20

by Gene Warren



Planning Committee for "Dr. English E. Jones Day," to be held Friday, April 20, at Pembroke State University. (left to right) front row—James P. Powers, Jr., Glenn Maynor, Walter Oxendine (coordinator), Mrs. Beth Finch, Miss Ruth Martin, Dr. David Kuo, Reggie Strickland, William S. Mason, Jr.; back row—Gene Warren, Leroy Marks, Ira Pate Lowry, Rev. E.D. Turner, Dr. Gerald Maynor, Dr. James D. Chavis, Dr. Harold Stagle and Bruce Burton. Absent from the photo were Hector McLean and Dr. Howard Dean.



Dr. English E. Jones

Pembroke—Dr. English E. Jones Day, in tribute to the retiring Chancellor of Pembroke State University, will be held Friday, April 20.

There will be a state-wide and local proclamations setting aside that day in honor of Dr. Jones, the first Indian president and chancellor of this institution. Dr. Jones retires June 30 after serving as administrative head of PSU for 17 years and serving the State of North Carolina for 31 years.

"Gov. Jim Hunt is proclaiming April 20 as 'Dr. English E. Jones Day' throughout North Carolina," announced Walter Oxendine, director of resource development at PSU who is coordinating activities for the salute to Dr. Jones.

Mayor Reggie Strickland of Pembroke is also proclaiming "Dr. English E. Jones Day" in the Town of Pembroke and would like to see a parade in his honor through downtown Pembroke.

Climatic event that day will be mammoth banquet at 7:30 p.m. in the varsity

gymnasium of the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center, dedicated in Dr. Jones' honor in 1973. One thousand tickets have been printed to that event.

"Even before we officially announced 'Dr. Jones Day,' 100 advance tickets had been sold to the banquet," said Oxendine. "We believe this will be the greatest banquet ever held in Robeson County."

Notables to be invited are to include the Governor, North Carolina's two U.S. Senators and Representatives from this area, President William Friday of the University of North Carolina system and the Board of Governors, chancellors of other state institutions, the PSU Board of Trustees, and other leaders throughout the area.

But mostly this is going to be a spontaneous way of saying thanks from the many people whose lives have been influenced by Dr. Jones.

An 18-person tri-racial committee is planning the day. Among its goals are to present a special gift to Dr. Jones and also establish a scholarship in honor of his wife, Mrs. Margaret Jones.

Hector McLean of Lumberton, former state senator and chairman of the board of Southern National Bank, is a member of that committee and said: "An 'English E. Jones Day' is not only appropriate, it's a must. He deserves great honors on that day. We want people all over this state and the Southeast to know how we feel about him. Dr. Jones has done a marvelous job for PSU, putting it on a strong and solid foundation and making it a tremendous asset to this area. Dr. Jones has known how to work with the state legislature. He has put his whole heart and soul in his efforts—and will be sorely missed."

Rev. E.B. Turner, pastor of First Baptist Church on S. Main Street in Lumberton and a member of the UNC Board of Governors, commented at the committee meeting: "Dr. Jones has been a trail blazer—a friend of the people, all of the people of this county. He worked to lift the educational standards of Robeson County and has caused the county to be stronger. A strong county cannot be measured by its industrial and physical growth—but by its mental growth. Dr. Jones has contributed to the county's stability by educating man to survive in a changing society."

Mrs. Beth Finch, mayor of Fayetteville and a member of the PSU Board of Trustees: "I think having a 'Dr. English E. Jones Day' is fantastic. He is so outstanding and has done so much for this community. I'm delighted to be a part of it. He has made PSU a very strong and viable unit of the University of N.C. Because of that, PSU has attracted people from all surrounding areas. Pembroke State is strengthening the total university system."

Leroy Marks, vice president of McNair Investment Co. of Laurinburg and chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees, said: "I think it's going to be a great day. This university owes a great debt to English Jones. There's no other man who could have accomplished here what he has accomplished. His vision and planning have been outstanding. I can't praise him enough. He has been a very close friend of mine for the past 10 years, and I have tremendous respect for his ability."

Reggie Strickland, Mayor of Pembroke, observed: "Dr. Jones has been a godfather to PSU. He has guided PSU safely to a place where everyone can be proud of it. He has been a friend of people from all walks of life. He is a man who has given of himself. Economic-wise, what he has built here has been like a gold mine to the town of Pembroke. He has built a legend here, one his grandchildren and their children can look back on proudly."

James P. Powers, Jr., president of Lumberton's Progressive Savings and Loan Co., commented: "In my opinion, Dr. Jones has done more for this county than any man could have done in these past 17 years. He has had charisma and leadership. No man could have influenced the state legislature in obtaining funds for this university as he has. He has done more for the county than any other individual. I think it is great that we are honoring him in this way."

Tickets to the April 20 benefit dinner will be \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Checks should be made payable to PSU Foundation, Inc., and the money is tax deductible. Tickets can be obtained from any members of the "Dr. English E. Jones Day" committee, whose members are shown and listed above.

Tickets can also be obtained from the PSU Office of Resource Development or by telephoning (919) 521-4214, Ext. 213.

Chancellor Selection Expected At March 16 Meeting on PSU Campus

Pembroke—The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina will meet at Pembroke State University here March 16 to name a new chancellor for the school.

It will be the first time the board has met on the Pembroke campus, according to school officials. A spokesman said the meeting was set specifically to select a new chancellor.

"The full board has never met before on the campus," the spokesman said, "and we felt right now, with the selection of the chancellor, it would be a good occasion for the board to visit the campus."

The PSU Board of Trustees voted last Friday to recommend four men for the chancellor's position to UNC President William Friday, and Friday was to make his recommendations to the board of governors.

Four names are reportedly under consideration, including the name of Dr. James B. Chavis, vice-chancellor for student affairs at the Pembroke school. Also being considered are Dr. Joseph Oxendine, Chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dr. Paul Givens of Milliken University in Decatur, Illinois; and Dr. Robert Alfonso of Kent University, Kent, Ohio.

The chancellor's post becomes vacant in June when Dr. English E. Jones retires after some 17 years of service.

The name of Dr. James B. Chavis was reportedly added by the board of trustees after a heated meeting recently. Chavis, one of a final list of six, was left off a list of three presented by a chancellor selection committee headed by Dr. Jose D'Arruda, a member of the

Motions Monday On Keeping Pastors Off Church Grounds

Lumberton—On Monday morning Superior Court Judge Anthony M. Branon will hear motions from Church of God lawyers asking that three Indian pastors be legally restrained from the grounds of their churches.

The Rev. H.B. Thompson, state overseer, filed the motion February 20 asking for a temporary injunction against the Rev. Stelford Smith of Riverside Church of God in Lumberton, the Rev. Jack Hunt of the Pembroke Church of God, and the Rev. C.C. Allen, Jr. of the Eastside Church of God in Fayetteville.

The three pastors, all Indians of Robeson County, have contended that the church has not treated the local Indian parishioners and pastors fairly. They said a recent division of the region's 11 predominate Indian Churches of God into two districts and the appointment of non-Indians to oversee the districts were examples of the church's lack of consideration for the Indians.

According to Thompson's motion, the Indian pastors were relieved of their pastorates because of "their misconduct in advocating insubordinate actions against the church government."

The three have continued to pastor their churches and have resisted Thompson's efforts to force them out of the church. They have appealed a church trial to national Church of God offices in Cleveland, Tennessee.

The action has precipitated a petition against Thompson's actions with more than 500 people signing the document.

PSU faculty.

The selections committee has been roundly criticized in the community especially for reported "personal attacks" against Dr. Chavis.

Favor Retaining 55 MPH Speed Limit

Of 1,500 American drivers polled for a recent National Highway Safety Administration survey, 56 percent stated they "favor strongly" the 55 mph speed limit.

Almost 1/2 Million Servicemen Overseas

As of September 30, 1978, the United States had a total of 471,874 members of the armed services overseas, according to Department of Defense figures. The breakdown by geographical region is as follows: Europe-329,998; East Asia and the Pacific-129,584; other areas- 12,292.

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... C E S

A JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE PLANNED MARCH 5, 1979

The Boys Homes of North Carolina, Inc. and the Girls Haven of North Carolina, Inc. will hold a joint news conference on March 5, 1979 at 10:00 a.m.

The location of and participants in the news conference will be as follows: Charlotte, Board Room of Southern National Bank, Joseph E. Sandlin and David Partker; Asheboro, Girls Haven Campus, Jolene Ivey; Lake Waccamaw, Boys Homes' Administration Building, Lester Craft and Al West; Asheville, Conference Room of Stroup Sheetmetal Works, Inc., 220 Leicester Highway, Loren Soft and Mike Quinto.

PINEY GROVE SCHOOL PTA SPONSORS DISCO DANCE

Piney Grove School PTA will sponsor a Disco Dance to be held at Piney Grove School in the Gym on Friday night, March 2, from 7 until 11 p.m. Proceeds from this dance will be used to help complete play ground projects which have already begun. Admission is \$1.00 per person. The PTA is working hard to help principal Grady Locklear reach the high goals he has set. President of the PTA, Maurice B. Lowery invites everyone out for a night of fun for a meaningful cause.

-Submitted by Jo Ann Locklear

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL TO HOLD PRE SCHOOL CLINIC

Magnolia School will hold its annual pre-school clinic on Thursday morning, March 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The clinic is for new registration for kindergarten or first grade. This is only for those students who will enter school for the first time. This year's kindergarten students do not need to register for first grade. Parents are asked to leave the children at home and bring with them the child's birth certificate and shot record. Registration will be in Rooms 4 and 6 in the elementary building.

TOBACCO GROWERS AND FARM CHEMICAL DEALERS TO MEET

A meeting of interest to tobacco growers and farm chemical dealers has been planned for Monday evening, March 5, at 6 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Agricultural Center. F.A. Todd, Extension tobacco disease specialist, will be the major speaker.

C.E. Stockton, agricultural Extension agent in charge of tobacco, has sent letters to growers, agribusiness leaders, and R-9-P committee members telling of the meeting. Those who plan to attend should notify him at the County Extension Office.

Todd will discuss treating soils for disease control, including black shank, nematodes, Granville wilt, and other soil diseases. Also, attention will be given to planning the tobacco stalk destruction programs for 1979. Haver Thomas, agricultural representative for the Upjohn Company, will discuss the Reduce-Nine-Pest Contest for 1979. This program, designed to destroy nine pests of tobacco as soon as the crop is harvested, is one that should involve every tobacco grower.

FOURTH ANNUAL INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE SLATED

Approximately 1,000 persons will represent Indian tribes and organizations from North Carolina and other states at the Fourth Annual Indian Unity Conference to be held March 29-31 at the Bordeaux Motor Inn in Fayetteville.

"The purpose of the conference is to work on strategies for the educational and economic development of Indian communities and to reinforce Indian pride and identity by sharing cultural experiences," said Jim B. Lowry,

chairperson of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs which is sponsoring the conference.

The conference will feature addresses by LaDonna Harris, president of Americans for Indian Opportunity, and David Lester, commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Governor Jim Hunt will speak to the group on Saturday, March 30.

At least 15 different workshops will be held on topics covering four areas: education, legislation, economic development and youth. An Indian art contest will also be held.

The cost of pre-registration is \$20.00 per adult and \$15.00 per youth for all conference sessions including one banquet and three breaks. For those who wait to register upon arrival at the conference, the registration fee will be \$22.00. Advance registration is advised, since attendance will be limited.

For registration materials and information, contact the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, NC 27611 or call 919-733-5998.

REVIVAL PLANNED AT BAKERS CHAPEL

Revival services will be conducted at Baker's Chapel Church, located off Highway 74. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. the first Sunday night in March. Guest speakers will be Rev. Mike Cummings and Rev. Manford Locklear. Song services will be held each night. The pastor of Baker's Chapel, Rev. Davis Locklear, invites everyone to attend.

LOCAL STUDENT INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL BETA CLUB



Lesia Sampson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Sampson, Jr. was inducted into the National Beta Club on Feb. 9, 1979 at Robeson County Day School where she is a 9th grade student.

ROCK CONCERT PLANNED

Fayetteville—The rock group Molly Hatchet will headline a concert with guest appearances by UFO and Judas Priest at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Cumberland County Memorial Arena. Tickets are \$6.25 in advance, \$7.25 at the door. For information, call 484-0161.

AMERICANS ARE THE MARRYING KIND

AVERAGE ALCOHOLIC AGE DROPS

The average age of alcoholics has taken a steep dive in the last 15 years. In 1960 the average age was 55-59 according to data released by HEW. A new study places that age level at just 25-30 years old.

NEW YORK TOPS IN COLLEGE

New York leads all other states in the number of colleges and universities with 269 according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Alaska meanwhile has the fewest, only three.

Decision Expected in Terry Lockee Case Today

LUMBERTON—Terry Lockee, a young Indian male, charged with driving under the influence and resisting arrest last May 20, testified Wednesday that he did not know the man chasing him was a highway patrolman and denied striking the trooper, R.L. Davis.

Charges of highway patrol brutality were lodged against Davis following the incident. Indians contend that highway patrolmen like Davis tend to use undue force when arresting young Indian males for traffic violations.

Davis claims he struck the defendant "three or four times" in self defense with his heavy duty flashlight after pulling in behind him in the yard of a trailer in the Union Chapel community with his lights off.

Davis claimed he pulled in behind Lockee after seeming to observe him speeding.

Lockee is being defended by Dan Blue, a young Black attorney now practicing law in Durham but raised in the Buie community. Blue, in his 30s and a graduate of Duke University Law School, has led a spirited defense in the case.

A decision is expected today. Presentations were expected to be made by Blue and the district attorney this morning with the jury expected to render a verdict shortly thereafter.