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## JIM CHAVIS MEMORIAL AND BRANTLEY BLUE PORTRAIT UNVEILING HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIAN HERITAGE WEEK

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### CHAVIS SWORN IN AS PEMBROKE POST MASTER

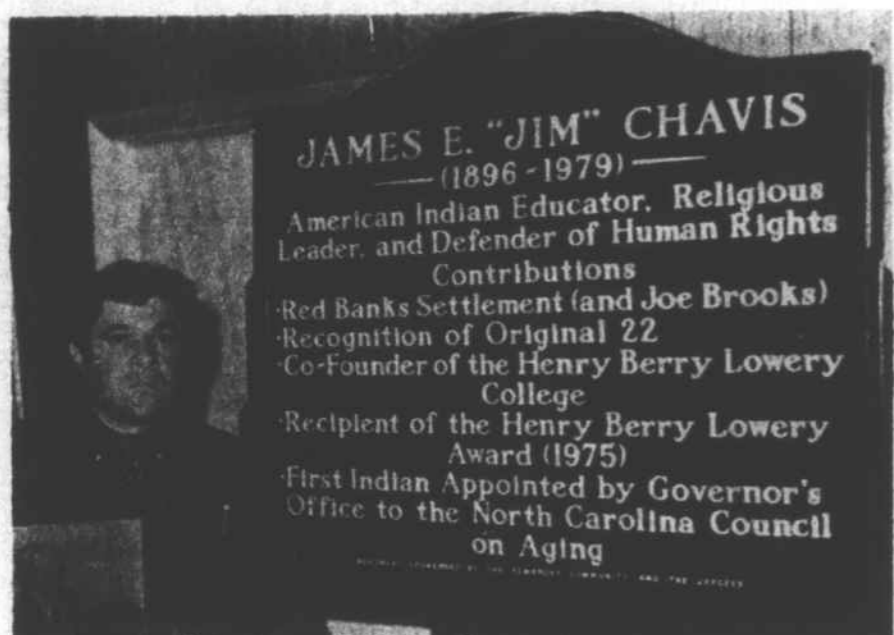


Surrounded by relatives and friends and town officials, Prospect native Dosey Chavis was sworn in Monday morning as the postmaster for the Pembroke office. Chavis has been on the job since July 26 when his appointment was announced.

Formerly a letter carrier

with the Laurinburg Post Office, Chavis is married to the former Shirley Oxendine and they have one daughter. They attend Island Grove Baptist Church.

Conducting the swearing in ceremony was officer in charge Barbara Patterson from the Fayetteville District Office. [Bruce Barton photo]



Cornell Locklear, organizer of the effort to erect the historical marker in honor of "Mr. Jim" is shown holding a picture of him beside the marker in his honor. [Elmer Hunt photo]

Pembroke--The celebration of Indian Heritage Week continues through today. It has been a week of great excitement with various activities coordinated by the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in the N.C. Department of Administration. A. Bruce Jones is executive director of the Indian Commission.

On Friday the local Robeson County Indian community will honor two late

Joe Brooks, another outstanding Indian leader who was instrumental in the development of the Red Banks Settlement and in obtaining federal recognition for the famous "22," who were determined to be "one half or more Indian blood in the 30's." This was under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

Chavis was considered the spiritual mentor of many, including many of those instrumental in the Indian activism that swept the county and state in the early 70s and was the forerunner of much of the progress made by Indians recently on the local, state and national levels.

He was also the recipient of the Henry Berry Lowry Award in 1975 and was the first Indian appointed to the Governor's Council on Aging. Chavis died in 1979.

The historical marker was the brain child of Cornell Locklear who organized the effort and will offer brief remarks when the marker is officially opened to the public Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. in front of Old Main on the PSU campus. Chavis was a strong advocate of saving Old Main too, and was in the vanguard of every Indian movement of the last 60 years. He was 84 years old when he died.

Special guests will be his widow, Mrs. Edna Chavis, and a number of his children and relatives and friends.



Brantley Blue

On Friday, September 26, 1980 at 10:30 a.m. the Lumbees will hold a memorial for Brantley Blue in historic Old Main at Pembroke State University, Pembroke, North Carolina. A portrait of Brantley Blue will be unveiled to hang permanently in the Indian Museum.

Brantley Blue was a friend to all Indian people and an advocate for the rights of Eastern Indian peoples not living on federal reservations. Brantley was the first Indian to serve on the U.S. Indian Claims Commission. He constantly challenged with his question "What have you done for your people today?"

Contributions for this Memorial Portrait may be sent to: Kenneth R. Maynor, Executive Director, Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc., P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, NC 28372.

The unveiling of the Brantley Blue Portrait which will hang in Old Main will be at 10:30 a.m. The painter is Craig Locklear, a staff member of the Indian Education Project of the Robeson County Schools.

Blue died in 1979.

### 'Unity & Brotherhood' Theme of Indian Information Office's Open House



Some of those attending the open house of the Indian Information Office in Washington, D.C. are shown [left to right] Kenneth R. Maynor, executive director of Lumbee Regional Development Association; Bill Hallett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Janie Maynor Locklear, director of LRDA's Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts; and Tom Oxendine, the director of the office of information in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. [Bruce Barton photo]

Unity and brotherhood was the theme of the Indian Information Program's Open House September 18, 1980.

Some 150 Lumbees and friends of Eastern Indians joined together that day to "Bless the office and dedicate it to the service of Eastern Indians not living on federal reservations."

Lumbees from the great Washington area, Virginia and Maryland came to meet the current Miss Lumbee, Brigitte Brayboy, and our own Miss Utah and former Miss Lumbee, Jean Bullard, and Sherry Jacobs, Indian Princess from the American Indian Study Center in Baltimore. Welcoming remarks were extended by Adolph Dial, chairman of the Board of Directors of LRDA, and Roderick Locklear, vice chairman of that board, and Pete Jacobs, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke. A special Blessing Ceremony was conducted by Lucille Dawson, Narragansett, and Chief Whitecloud, Iroquois/ Eskimo. Entertainment throughout the evening was provided by noted Lumbee singer Willie Lowery.

Among Indian groups attending the Open House were members from the Baltimore Indian Center, Montgomery County Indian Education Program, Porch Band of the Alabama Creek, and the Penobscot, Passamaquaddy, and Malisee Indian tribes of Maine.

Federal officials in attendance included Commission of Indian Affairs William Hallett, staff from the office of Indian Education, the Department of Labor, Education, Health and Human Services. In addition, congressional staff members from the House and Senate stopped by to join in the occasion. Also stopping by for a visit was Louie Bruce, a former Commissioner of Indian Affairs and a close friend of the late and beloved Brantley Blue.



Bill Hallett, 2nd from the left, is surrounded by Lumbee Jewelies Sherry Jacobs, Indian Princess of the American Indian Center in Baltimore, Md.; Brigitte Brayboy, Miss Lumbee; and Miss Jean Bullard, a former Miss Lumbee and now reigning as Miss Utah who she attends school at Brigham Young University. [Bruce Barton photo]

The Indian Information Program is an outreach effort to Eastern Indians not



Attending the Open House were, front row left to right: Pete Jacobs, Mayor of Pembroke, NC; Helen M. Scheirbeck, director of the Indian Information Office; Kenneth R. Maynor, LRDA's director; and staff members (second row left to right) Shelia Hunt, Pam DeRensis, Severo Kerns, and Andrea

living on federal reservations. This program operates under the auspices of the Lumbee Regional Development Association. The staff, under the direction of Dr. Helen M. Scheirbeck,

Scott, LRDA's Indian Education Director. Third row left to right: Rod Locklear, vice chairman of the LRDA board of directors; Daphne Berwald, staff member; Janie M. Locklear, director of LRDA's Native American Center for the Arts. [Bruce Barton photo]

will monitor the activities of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government and alert Eastern Indians about happenings which affect them.

### REVELS APPOINTED TO INDIAN COMMISSION

Mr. Ronald Revels has been appointed as a member of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. Mr. Revels was sworn in on September 19, 1980 by Superior Court Judge Henry McKinnoe, Jr. in Lumberton.

Created by the General Assembly in 1971, the Commission is a state agency

designed to respond to the needs of Indian people throughout North Carolina. The Commission works to increase economic and educational opportunities for Indians while assuring their right to pursue cultural, social and religious traditions.

Revels is employed as a probation/parole officer with the North Carolina

### Annexation Dominates Public Hearing

PEMBROKE--The public hearing called by Pembroke Monday night was to consider a request from Jesse Oxendine, a Pembroke property owner who is considering building an office complex in the town.

He has requested an amendment to a town ordinance which requires a ten feet area to the rear end of any proposed business.

The council turned the matter over to the planning board and asked them to report back to the council with a recommendation.

...But the possible annexation of the West End Area dominates session

As usual a large contingent of residents from the proposed West End area the town is considering annexing was present to speak against the matter.

In spite of the expressed opposition to annexation by a seeming majority of the west end residents, the town council adopted a resolution of intent to annex the area at Monday night's meeting.

The council set a public hearing on the matter for November 3 at which time residents of the area will be allowed to more fully express their reaction to the intent to annex.

The town also decided at Monday night's meeting to use Lumbee Bank as the depository for their Community Development funds.

### PLATE SALE

There will be a chicken and barbecue plate sale held at Sandy Grove Baptist Church, 4 miles northeast of Maxton, from 9 a.m. until, Sept. 26, 1980. The pastor is Rev. Smith Locklear. The homecoming is scheduled to begin Sept. 28. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Plates are priced at \$2.50 each.

### GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION

Monday, September 29, 1980, at 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church Girl Scout Registration will be held. All girls are welcome. Parents need to come with the girls. Leaders are needed. If interested, please come or call 521-9092.

### PLATE SALE

Burnt Swamp Baptist Church, on Route 4, Lumberton, will have a plate sale consisting of barbecue and chicken, Friday, October 3, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will go to the church building fund program.

### FREE GLAUCOMA SCREENING

A free Glaucoma screening will be held at Mohr Plaza Senior Center on Monday, September 22. The center is located on 400 Fairmont Road in Lumberton and the visual screening hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 739-8176 for additional information or transportation.



Ronald Revels

Department of Correction. He has been actively involved in civic affairs, having served as a past president of the Saddlecreek Jaycees and chairman of Minority Affairs with the North Carolina Jaycees.

Mr. Revels resides in St. Pauls with his wife, Pearlton and son, Ronato.