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Chavis Announces for Board of Education Seat



Randall Chavis

Randall Chavis of the Prospect Community has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education, representing Smiths and Philadelphus Precincts.

Chavis is employed by the Robeson County Tax Department. He is retired from the United States Army where he served for 23 years, retiring as a First Sergeant. During his tenure with the U.S. Army, he became acutely aware of the need for equal education for all students. His service with the military exposed him to many ideas, cultures and nationalities. His extensive travel with the military included three trips around the world, as well as tours of duty in Germany, Italy, Viet Nam and Saudia Arabia.

In making his announcement, Chavis released the following statement:

"I am dedicated to equal education for all children. My desire to serve on the Board of Education is to allow me to do

my part to accomplish this goal. I believe also that the Robeson County School System should become cost productive and not indulge in wasteful spending. I wish to help the local board and administration reach the objective of spending monies where it is supposed to be spent-on the education of children.

"I have been exposed to many educational concepts, nationalities, and ideas during my tenure with the United States Army. There is nothing that enhances a person educationally like exposure to other cultures and places. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to travel extensively in service for my country. As I was performing my duties, I had the opportunity to serve as an instructor for four years at Fort Lee. As I was an instructor, I recognized that the educational systems nation wide have not met their obligation to students. Many people have not received the basic fundamen-

ments of education. The U.S. Army and other military branches, as well as business and industry are feeling this lack. They are all now, more than ever, stressing the need for basic educational skills. As they recognize the need, they are demanding that steps be taken to correct the situation.

"What we then have is students who are being turned down in their chosen profession. This is causing our students to become victims of a system that they are not responsible for.

"With these thoughts in mind, I believe that I can be an asset to the Robeson County Board of Education. I believe that I can make a difference for our children-our most valuable resource.

Chavis also expressed his concern for teachers. He stated that he didn't feel that teachers were treated fairly. He has some ideas which he believes will create incentives in order to maintain competent teachers to instruct students. So many teachers are finding themselves so pressed with paper work that their actual instructional time is limited. Chavis believes this practice to be grossly unfair to both teachers and students.

"All I ask," he concluded, "is an opportunity to work for the best educational interests of our students."

Chavis is married to the former Stella Dial & they have eight children and sixteen grandchildren. All of the Chavis children have been educated in the public school system. They have resided in the Prospect community for 30 years and are very active members of the Smiths Precinct. Chavis was instrumental in the recent reuniting of Smiths Precinct which had been split into two separate precincts for political reasons. Chavis also serves as Chairman of the Smiths Precinct. He recently hosted a free feast for all members of the precinct. More than 1200 people attended.

Bicentennial Commission Adopts Jan. 6, 1987 as Kickoff date for Celebration

Lumberton-The Robeson County Bicentennial Commission meeting here Tuesday night at the Ramada Inn, adopted Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1987, as the kickoff date for the year-long celebration of Robeson County's 200th birth day.

Hector MacLean, commission chairman, suggested and it was approved that on that day the celebration be launched in front of the County Courthouse at 3 p.m.

"We are choosing this hour because of the school children," MacLean said. "There will be a band, color guard, a 21-gun salute, floats, a chorus, dignitaries and the Governor of North Carolina invited."

Arrangements are being made for the 82nd Airborne Division Band and color guard to be present plus a rifle squad to provide the 21-gun salute. Placed in charge of this is Staff Sgt. Albert R. Harris, III, U.S. Army recruiter stationed in Lumberton.

MacLean also announced that a Robeson County Float is being built at RTC under the supervision of Burt Dickson. It will be an 8 by 20 ft. float on which three queens will ride. They will be of the Indian, black, and white races representing the tri-racial composition of Robeson County.

MacLean also suggested and the commission approved that Sunday, Jan. 11, 1987, be a special Bicentennial Celebration Sunday throughout Robeson County. "Every church or religious organization should have a special service or sermon that day in which gratitude to God should be offered for providing us this wonderful land," said MacLean.

A special Bicentennial proclamation, drawn up by Dorothy Liles, was also read at the meeting and approved.

"We want to get all the towns, clubs, groups, etc. started in taking part in this Bicentennial celebration," said MacLean. "Some have already started making plans as to how they will celebrate."

Ideas were also offered as to ways a giant clean-up campaign can be launched in the county. This is part of an environmental project.

A projected new activity was announced by John Price,

manager of the Lumberton Airport, in the form of an air show. A tentative date for this would be the third weekend in April 1987, with the air show being from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.

"The last time we had an air show like this in Lumberton, some 45,000 people attended," Price said. "This would be an event on the weekend in which all the people could participate."

Price said military aircraft and others could take part and perhaps the Golden Knights parachute team from Ft. Bragg. It was suggested either the Blue Angels or Thunderbirds, making their runs from Pope Air Force Base, be part of the air show. As part of the entertainment on the ground, Bruce Barton suggested cultural events, like perhaps the Highland Games.

Other Bicentennial materials being put together include a booklet by the Cultural Events Committee, a commemorative medal, a county historical map, and many other things.

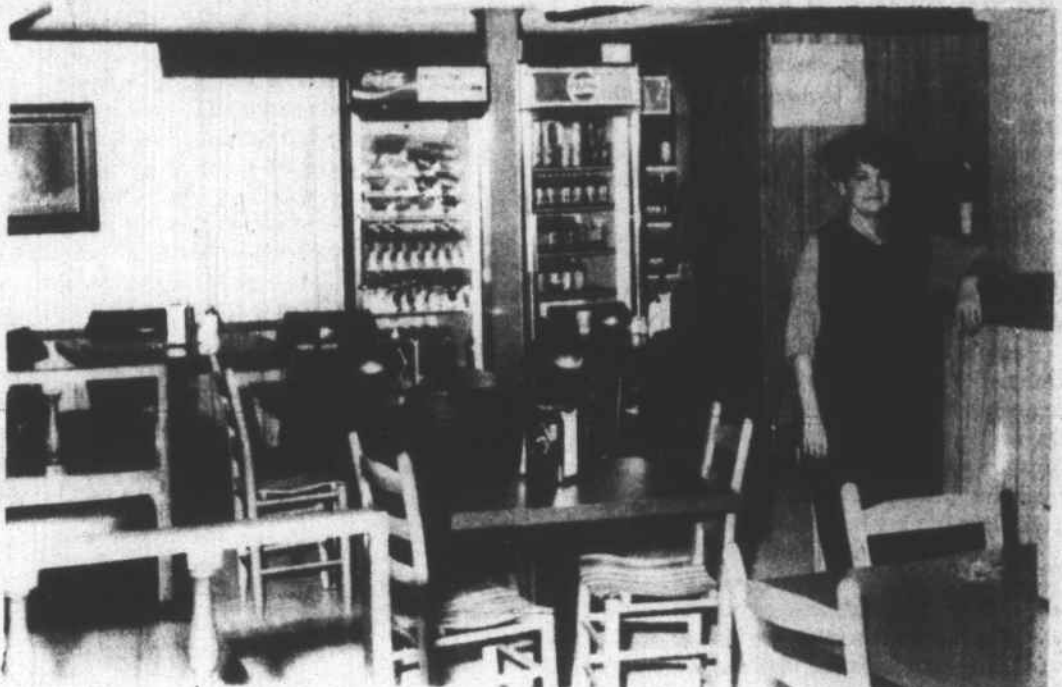
Shirley Eaton displayed examples of celebration memorabilia of other places, including wooden nickles, paper weights, pictures, etc.

Burt Dickson, in parting for the "Industry on Parade" project at RTC, said 19 plants had already committed to have displays during the exhibits there in October 1987.

Gene Warren of Pembroke State University, chairman of the Bicentennial publicity committee, made a report of the many publicity activities surrounding both the Bicentennial and PSU's Centennial, which will be celebrated during the same year. Among the activities he reported was the Robeson County school children who are attending PSU's Saturday Academy have written letters to President Reagan, inviting him to visit PSU during October or November of this year as part of three celebrations: (1) "The Year of the Indian," (2) the Robeson County Bicentennial, and (3) the PSU Centennial.

Next meeting of the Bicentennial Commission is set for Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn.

Linda's Restaurant And Grill Now Open For Business!



Linda Sheppard shows off their remodeled "Linda's Restaurant and Grill." Elmer Hunt Photo

Pembroke-Richard and Linda Sheppard have changed course, and have converted their convenience store (formerly First Stop Convenience Store) fronting Highway 711 in Pembroke into Linda's Restaurant and Grill.

The business (located at what was originally Revel's Motel) has always been a favorite stopping place for the town citizenry, and Linda and Richard had already added the grill to their business. The acceptance of the grill encouraged the Sheppards to convert completely to a restaurant and grill.

The remodeled structure now features full-fledged meals, and the grill for those still enraptured by Linda's famous hamburgers, "fresh and homemade everyday." The restaurant can seat 50 comfortably and also will have a counter that seats another eight to ten.

Helping Linda and Richard are: Alease Cummings and Janet Graham (part time); and Pam Oxendine, Fredia Revels and Richard and Linda Sheppard (owners) full time. Their newly expanded hours are: Monday to Wednesday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

The Sheppards will retain their drive in window, and expand to serve breakfast, and the noon time meal. They will feature a "specialty of the house" each day, and continue to offer their "home made hamburgers."

Linda and Richard extend a special invitation to all their many friends to visit and share a meal with them. Their hospitality continues unchecked.

**GOOD NEWS AMERICA,
GOD LOVES YOU**

The Good News America simultaneous revival sponsored by the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, will be held at the First Baptist Church, Pembroke, March 9-14 at 7p.m. Sunday night and 7:30 p.m. weeknights. The pastor, Rev. Charles P. Locklear, and Rev. Mike Bullard, ministers of the church, will be bringing the messages each evening.

Sampson Appointed To Council

Governor Jim Martin today announced the appointment of eight new members to the Council on Developmental Disabilities. The appointments are effective immediately. The members will serve on the 32-member council until June 30, 1989.

The Governor's appointments are James Owen Abrahamson of Chapel Hill, Victor Hall of Raleigh, Juanita Howard of Goldsboro, Mrs. A. Donald Evans of Raleigh, Emily C. O'Hara of Morehead City, Michael Wilson of Gastonia, Dino D. Cima of Greensboro, and Rosa Ann Sampson of Pembroke.

The Council on Developmental Disabilities is a planning body which works to ensure that North Carolina is responsive to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities (severe, chronic mental or physical impairments which begin at an early age and substantially limit major life activities). The purpose of the council is to promote prevention of developmental disabilities, and to identify the special needs of people with developmental disabilities, and to help meet those needs through inter-agency coordination, legislative action, public awareness, and advocacy.

Annual Indian Unity Conference Scheduled

Native Americans from throughout North Carolina and the nation will assemble at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons in Greensboro March 13-15, 1986, for the Eleventh Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference.

Conference participants will discuss topics such as women's issues, economic development, Indian health, education, employment and training, leadership development, federal Indian recognition, public relations and Indian history and culture.

Princess Pale Moon, president of the American Indian Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. will be a featured banquet speaker. The foundation works to preserve and promote the Native American culture.

Sponsored by the United Tribes of North Carolina (UTNC), the conference will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Roanoke voyages. Its theme will be "With Pride, Purpose and Promise-The Year of the Native American."

North Carolina, with more than 65,000 Indians, has the largest Indian population of any state east of the Mississippi River.

Other highlights of the conference will include an intertribal powwow featuring traditional Indian dancing, a banquet, professional art show, Indian business trade fair and luncheon, and a talent show.

The pre-registration fee is \$35 per person, and must be received by March 7. Registration at the conference will cost \$40 per person. Separate tickets for the banquet may be purchased for \$15 each.

For information, contact Ken Maynor, president, United Tribes of North Carolina, P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, NC 28372, (919)521-8602, or contact the North Carolina Indian organization nearest you. You may also contact Lisa Brewington, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, NC 27611, (919)783-9998.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

Children have the faith to move mountains, and that is why these words are being written to the President of the United States:

"I am in the sixth grade. I really hope you will come because I would like to see a real President. It would be a special time in my life." -Dynee Bullard.

"I am in the fifth grade at Pembroke Elementary School. I would like you to come because I have never seen a President in real life, just on TV. I would really enjoy it if you would come." -Becky Hatcher.

"I would be wonderful if a real President came, and I think it would be a great influence for our people. I am proud of my heritage." -Brien Chavis.

"I would like for you to come because I honor you as the President. I would really like to meet you." -Mary Drinda Lowery.

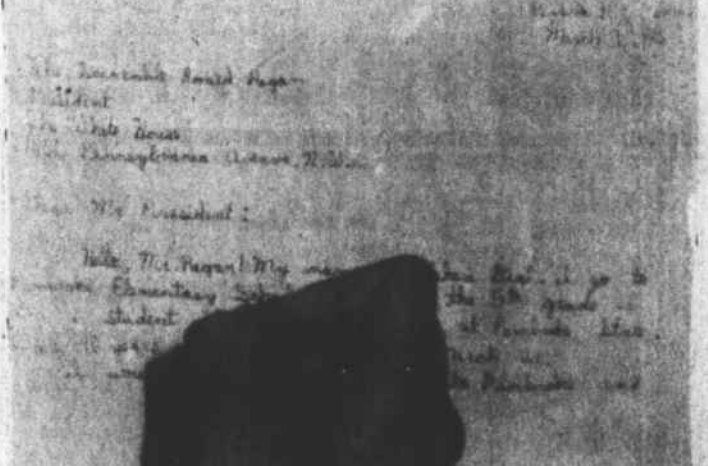
"I hope you will please try to come. It would make it a special day to get to see you." -Brandy Thomas.

Dr. Judy Wish and Barbara Powell, the Robeson County students wrote their own special letters to the President and addressed them to him in the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20300.

The youngsters attending PSU's Saturday Academy are described as "above average students who have been recommended to the academy by their classroom teachers or principal," said Dr. Pete Wish, PSU professor who participates in not only the teaching but coordinating the academy.

Besides communication skills, other "enrichment" courses taught at the academy are computer science, science and mathematics. Classes meet on Saturdays for a 10-week period. Sponsoring the instruction is the Robeson County Indian Education Association.

Through their writing skills and magic "personal touch" that only children have, these youngsters may be very instrumental in bringing the President of the United States to Robeson County.



Keeping these lines horizontal and neat in writing to PRESIDENT REAGAN about Robeson County's three celebrations.



Communications skills teacher DR. JUDY WISH glances proudly over the work of GABBY MAYNOR, 11-year-old from Shannon, as he writes to the President concerning Robeson's possible visiting Robeson County later this year for three celebrations.

**THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington
February 19, 1986**

I am pleased that the people of the State of North Carolina have chosen to honor American Indians by designating 1986 as The Year of the Native American. Certainly, it is appropriate for all Americans to acknowledge the many contributions made to our nation by American Indians.

It is especially significant that the Indians of North Carolina are observing this designation with a unity conference designed to address the educational, health and economic development needs of the Indian communities, as well as to provide perspectives on North Carolina Indian art, culture, and history.

The theme of your gathering is appropriately summed up by the words, "With Pride, Purpose and Promise." It is clear from your statement of objectives and your program agenda that the Indians of North Carolina are determined to control their own destiny, and that they are resolved to protect and enhance their rich heritage.

You have my hearty congratulations and my best wishes for a successful conference. God bless you.

Ronald Reagan