Evangeline Historian Will Unveil Attakapas Indian Statue Today

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NEW IBERIA, La. — Andre Olivier, "raconteur extraordinaire" and historian of the Evangeline country will unveil the statue of the Attakapas Indian at dedication ceremonies Sunday, in St. Martinville, La.

Mr. Olivier, a native of St. Martinville, who has been "written up" in newspapers from the Gulf to the Great Lakes and who has often been dubbed "Ambassador of the Evangeline Country" has fittingly been singled for the honor.

Unveiling of the statue on the church square in the town of St. Martinville, county seat of St. Martin parish at 2 p. m. will be a high light of the day-long ceremony.

Delayed but special tribute is being paid to the Attakapas Indian, made famous in Longfellow's poem Evangeline. St. Martinville once called "little Paris of the new world" is indebted to the Attakapas Indian for the impress which he made on South Louisiana culture.

Unveiling of the statue will follow an address by Ambassador deLesseps Morrison. Also on the agenda are a parade, concert by the University of Southwestern Louisiana band, barbecue and banquet.