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PROF. GALLAGHER DEAD.

The entire community was grieved early Thursday morning (March 28) at the news of the unexpected death of Mr. C. M. Gallamore. His broken arm and other bruises sustained in a fall from a step ladder at the Rosman graded school on the previous Thursday were healing so nicely that his friends expected to see his face on the streets within a few days. But the subtle hand of death had marked him for her own. There was no confusion or dismay in the last hour. Without knowing that his feet were in the river he was wafted into peace, and life, and heaven. Awake in the early morning, talking with his wife in the usual manner, when suddenly his eyes grew heavy and—the light was out.

Mr. Gallamore was married about thirty years ago to Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Osborne of Brevard. He is survived by his wife and three children, Chester, Vernon and Loree, and by two brothers and one sister.

Mr. Gallamore devoted his life to the profession of teaching, having been very prominently connected with the educational work of this county. He had the reputation of being one of the best disciplinarians ever connected with the school work of this county. He had just closed a very successful term of school at Rosman where, preparing for the closing exercises, he sustained injuries that resulted in his death.

Mr. Gallamore has been a member of the Baptist church for about forty years, having joined at the age of seventeen years. He was an efficient and valuable leader in the religious life of the Transylvania Baptist Association. For many years he was the successful superintendent of the Brevard Baptist Sunday school, a member of the board of deacons of his church, and teacher of the Adult Bible Class at the time of his death.

In Brother Gallamore's death our church and denomination loses a Christian and a prince in Israel. To his pastor he was a bosom friend and will be sorely missed. He has left behind many influences that will cheer and strengthen our hearts, and memories that will be blessed by those he served and helped in life. Let us look into the blue heavens, rich with morning glory, and say concerning our beloved: "He is not in the grave; he is risen."

May our Heavenly Father deal gently with his loved ones while they tarry for awhile in the shadows before going hence to meet him.

J. R. OWEN.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

It was announced in the annual of the last session of Transylvania Baptist Association that Prof. Middleton would spend this week—first in April—in visiting and holding institutes in the various groups of churches. Having the entire state as a field he finds he cannot devote so long a time in one place, hence this meeting of three days at Brevard, beginning Friday evening, takes the place of the former announcement.

The work to be done will consist largely of lectures on Sunday schools and missions by two of our recognized experts in their respective lines—Prof. E. L. Middleton and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw—both representing the State Mission and Sunday School Board.

This, as the previously arranged appointment, is designed for the especial benefit of pastors, superintendents, teachers and general workers, and they are urged to be present for the entire course. All others who may desire to know more of the work and the best methods of doing it will find a cordial welcome at the hands of the good people of Brevard. Other denominations are invited with the same cordiality.

WHEELS OF JUSTICE MOVING VERY FAST

JUDGE LONG BELIEVES IN ACTION

Criminal Docket Was Practically Cleared Monday.—Now Trying Civil Cases.

The regular spring term of the Superior court did not convene Monday morning on account of the failure of Judge Long to arrive in Brevard on time. The judge was prevented from arriving Sunday on account of two railroad wrecks which caused him to miss connection with the train Sunday afternoon. The judge arrived Monday shortly after dinner and convened court at about one o'clock, and when court adjourned Monday about four-thirty the entire criminal docket was practically cleared. Judge Long and Solicitor Reynolds make a good working team, and the record made Monday was a new one for this county in the matter of speed in dispensing justice. Judge Long has done more, possibly, than any other judge in this state in clearing dockets. When the court officials and attorneys get to lagging in their business the judge inspires them to more activity with a few pointed words delivered in a nice but firm manner.

After the criminal docket was finished considerable time was taken in the hearing of the case of M. L. Owen vs. A. H. Owen et al. The civil docket will no doubt be cleared before the judge leaves town.

The following criminal cases were disposed of:

State v. Gus Robinson, larceny. Defendant tendered to the state a plea of guilty of forcible trespass, which plea was accepted by the state, the defendant to pay the state's cost.

State v. Eule Robinson, larceny. Defendant called and failed. Capias ordered. Defendant to be placed under \$200 bond to appear at next term of court.

State v. John D. Galloway, appearance to show good behavior. Defendant called and failed. Capias ordered.

State v. M. F. Galloway, fraud, continued.

State v. Landrum Sanders, retailing, nol pros.

State v. Bessie Clark, abortion, nol pros.

State v. Carnett Owen (two cases), retailing, continued.

State v. George Fortune and Hugh Sharp, gambling, plead guilty. Judgment \$10 and costs.

State v. Bob Cary, abandonment. Capias and continued.

State v. Sam Anders, larceny. Capias and continued.

State v. Elza Tinsley, abandonment. Capias and continued.

State v. Theodore Aiken and Ernest Aiken, destruction of property, continued. Witness W. P. Galloway called and failed to appear, and was fined \$100. Bond for appearance at next term required.

State v. Hosea Blythe, larceny. Defendant plead guilty. Judgment two months in jail.

State v. Mattie Patton, assault with deadly weapon, continued. Defendant to give bond for appearance.

State v. Will Gaston, assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Judgment \$10 and costs.

State v. Bob Hutchinson, larceny. Continued.

State v. Will Revis, trespass upon the lands of Geo. W. Vanderbilt. Defendant plead guilty. Judgment \$25 and costs.

State v. Ed Proctor, murder. All state's witnesses called and failed, and all were fined \$50. Instantly capias issued for witnesses, each to give \$50 bond for appearance at next term.

State v. Lafayette Davenport, failure to list taxes. Continued.

State v. Charles Erwin, larceny. Defendant plead guilty to forcible trespass. Motion for judgment continued; \$100 bond required to show good behavior.

State v. Freeman Frazier, perjury. Jury found defendant guilty.

State v. Robert Hutchinson, forgery. Capias and continued.

State v. John Garren, larceny. Capias and continued.

State v. Taylor Banther, disturbing religious worship. Nol pros.

State v. Carl Panther, drunk and disorderly. Continued.

State v. Jerry Blair, retailing, not guilty.

BOB IS CONFIDENT

Hon. Robert R. Reynolds, or as he is known in this judicial district, Solicitor "Bob" Reynolds, arrived in Brevard Sunday afternoon to prosecute on behalf of the state the cases docketed on the criminal calendar for trial. "Bob" appeared in his usual good spirits, and after he had finished his official court duties was seen shaking hands and "politicking" among the boys.

On being questioned by a representative of the Sylvan Valley News as to the political outlook in the congressional race he, without a moment's hesitation, replied: "Well, I'm confident—positively confident—of nomination; but I'm not going to let my confidence run away with my better judgment, and as a consequence am going to 'keep on the job' from now till after it's all over and the last count is taken. I have been over the entire district and I am positively sure that my friends are going to nominate me. I say 'friends' because I can't nominate myself; my friends only can do that. I can only do one man's part. You may rest sure that I am working every moment, and when I'm nominated I shall attribute my success to the efforts of my friends and not to my own individual efforts. If nominated I shall not only retain the tenth in the ranks of democracy but shall put forth every effort to increase the democratic vote in every single county of the district."

Just then one of his friends from across the street yelled "Howdy, Bob," and the press representative was left standing by a post holding pencil and tablet in hand while "Bob" greeted his friend in the middle of the street with a "Well, how are you?"

SUGAR BEET EXPERIMENTS

During the past year the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and the United States Department of Agriculture conducted experiments in sugar beet culture in the mountainous counties of North Carolina in which the mean summer temperature is about 70 degrees. The counties of Buncombe, Caldwell, Madison, Swain and Transylvania produced beets with about 12 per cent of sugar, and the counties of Ashe, Avery, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Mitchell and Watauga produced beets containing as high as 14 per cent and more—very satisfactory results.

Sugar beet seeds are now ready for distribution to farmers living in these counties who wish to learn whether their lands are suitable for sugar beets. These seeds may be obtained upon application to Prof. W. A. Withers, chemist of the experiment station, West Raleigh, N. C. There will be no charge for them and analysis will be made of the beets free of expense to the grower. Full directions for planting and cultivation will be sent with the seeds. It is best to plant the seeds during the early part of April, or as early thereafter as possible. Those who wish seeds should apply at once therefor.

PETITIONS TO REVOKE SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX

CALVERT & SELICA WANT TO VOTE ON TAX

Selica School's Debt Will Take Most of School Money if Special Tax is Taken Off

A number of citizens from Calvert, Selica and Little River appeared before the Board of Education last Monday—some in the interest of education and some opposing it. From Little River were citizens asking for an election on the question of a local school tax for that community. The petition was approved by the board and filed with the board of county commissioners, who ordered the election to be held on the 17th of May. Little River is, financially, the best district in the county which does not now have the local tax for the schools. It seems that the good citizens of that section realize that to further increase the efficiency of their school and provide the means whereby their children may be well educated and prepared to meet the great responsibilities of life and occupy the true social standing of present day civilization, they can do nothing better than to supplement the funds received from general taxation by a special local tax, and thus place their community on the high plane with almost all other communities which have provided educational facilities adequate in buildings and equipment, length of term and qualification of teachers to meet the demands of the age for the education of all the children. That district has a large number of bright boys and girls attending school away from home which proves that there are a good number of the citizens of the community who are highly in favor of the education of their children, and that they are determined to see that they are educated regardless of the cost of sending them away from home. With the local school tax and the consequently longer school term these same boys and girls, together with the others in the community who are not in school, may obtain a preparation for college or a better preparation for life at home at much less expense than such preparation could be obtained for only a few of the children of the community at preparatory boarding schools away from home. Whenever the people of any community take on the true spirit and pride of the civilization that surrounds them, they begin to see what shameful neglect toward their home school they have been guilty of, and at once begin to work to improve educational conditions.

From Calvert and Selica were several citizens, some with petitions asking for elections to revoke their local school tax, and some earnestly contending against such elections, praying the board to stand firm for the children, many of whom, it was stated, "are orphans, or worse, and the board of education is their legal educational guardian, and must not take a step which will force these children to grow up in ignorance to become a menace to society." No man or set of men has any right to condemn any child to the slavery of ignorance.

The petitions were filed for consideration at a future meeting.

It is to be greatly regretted that some of the people of those communities have seen fit to make this attempt to deprive their children of the advantages of good schools. Those who are in favor of going forward instead of backward in these communities realize that their children are just as bright, just as brainy, just as deserving as the children of any other community, and in order that their God-

given facilities may be so developed that they may be well prepared to do their God-given work in the world they should have opportunities equal to the best to be found for any other children in any other community. Those faithful parents believe in standing for their children, and the children of their neighbors, and standing by our constitution which says, "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." If the downward step which some desire should be taken, it would be a move from the effects of which the children of those districts would never recover. As a township Calhous Creek has the distinction and deserves the honor of taking the lead in the matter of a local tax for schools, it being the first township in the county to vote the local school tax over the whole township. They are now in a position to give their children educational advantages equal to those of any other district in the county and perhaps equal to those of any other county in the state. Calvert can now have at least a seven months school each year with a first class teacher instead of only a four months school with a less competent teacher.

Selica school has been struggling under the burden of a debt incurred in the building and equipping of their school house. Some of its patrons have been earnest, faithful and persistent in their efforts to build up a school of real worth and character for the children of the community. They have just gotten in a position to begin to see the dawn of the day. Out of debt, except the amounts due the state on the loan fund, and with a balance of over a hundred and twenty-five dollars left over to be carried forward for next year, they are in a position to have about a seven months school term each year. If the local tax were revoked it would be five years before they could have a four months school term unless the state should increase its appropriations to elementary schools, as it will be that long before the amounts due the state will be paid. The amounts Selica school is due the state are as follows: 1913, \$85.20; 1914, \$82.40; 1915, \$79.60; 1916, \$76.80; 1917, \$74.00. Each district is responsible for its own debts, and the foregoing amounts will have to be paid by the district to the state from the regular apportionment to the district.

Archbishop Ireland spoke the truth and spoke well when he said, "As things are, tens of thousands of children will not be instructed if parents remain solely in charge of the duty. The state must come forward as an agent of instruction, else ignorance will prevail. State action in favor of instruction helps to bring instruction within the reach of all children. Free schools! Best, indeed, is the nation whose vales and hillsides they adorn, and blest the generation upon whose soul is poured their treasure! No tax is more legitimate than that which is levied for the dispelling of mental darkness, and the building up within a nation's bosom of an intelligent manhood and womanhood."

T. C. HENDERSON,
County Supt. of Schools.

SCHOOL CLOSING

The Owen school, District No. 4, Gloucester Township, closed Friday, March 22.

The program prepared by D. M. Hooper, teacher, was successfully carried out. The large crowd was well entertained by the actors and musicians. The good women of the community, seeing the need of their school house being painted, prepared a box supper which brought \$11.45. We wish to thank the boys for their good conduct and liberal contributions for the cause.

VANCE GALLOWAY.