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## Wallace Galloway Comes Out for Ralph H. Zachary; Henderson-Gillespie Quit

### DEMOCRATS WOULD ABOLISH OFFICES

Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Two Commissioners Offices Slated To Go

### WOULD HAVE SHERIFF COLLECT THE TAXES

No Contest In Saturday's Primary Except For State Offices

Transylvania county democrats are making interesting announcements in this issue of The Brevard News, highlights being as follows:

Withdrawal of Wallace Galloway as a candidate for nomination for the legislature, and the publication of a letter over Mr. Galloway's signature, praising Dick Zachary as "a good democrat, capable, young and full of vim and pep, with a desire to serve his people." Mr. Galloway, in his letter, urges his friends to support Mr. Zachary.

Next is an agreement between W. B. Henderson and C. E. Gillespie, candidates for the office of Tax Collector, to withdraw from the race, and urge upon the members of the legislature and state senate abolishment of this office, and further reduce the operating expenses of the county. There will be no democratic candidate for the office of Tax Collector. These statements and requests are contained in an advertisement appearing on another page of this paper.

Next in importance is a statement from Coleman Galloway, candidate for the State Senate, and Dick Zachary, candidate for the Legislature, that they, if elected, will introduce and make every effort to have enacted into law, a measure that will abolish the office of Tax Collector. Further, these legislative candidates promise, they will have enacted legislation that will reduce the number of county commissioners from five members to three members.

There will be only three candidates for county commissioners certified to the primary this coming Saturday. The county candidates will not enter the primary further than formal notice of certification that they are the choice of the Transylvania democrats for the various offices. There are no contests whatever in the democratic party insofar as the county is concerned.

Following is the list of candidates to be certified, for the offices of each candidate:

State Senate: Coleman Galloway. Legislature: Dick Zachary. Sheriff: T. E. Patton, Jr. Register of Deeds: Walter Whitmire.

Coroner: Dr. Wilkerson. Surveyor: T. B. Reid. County Commissioners: R. P. Kilpatrick, Cole I. Lee and Lambert Bagwell.

Saturday's primary, therefore, will have no interest to either party except as to state offices. The primary will be held to select candidates for the offices of lieutenant governor, and for commissioner of labor and printing.

The republicans have already named their candidates in regular county convention.

Under the plan of abolishing the office of tax collector, it is understood that the new law will provide the collection of taxes by the sheriff, as prevailed here prior to two years ago, when the office was created, and W. B. Henderson was elected, and the first officer. Active democrats have figured a saving to the county several thousands of dollars annually by abolishing the office of county treasurer, tax collector and two members of the board of county commissioners.

In the statements appearing in the advertisement the democrats call upon the republicans to meet them half way in their efforts to reduce expenses through elimination of the above named offices.

### PROF. FURMAN VISITS DAUGHTER IN BREVARD

Prof. C. M. Furman, of Greenville, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. R. Pendleton. Prof. Furman is 88 years of age, yet is most active and takes a keen interest in all religious and public affairs.

## TO ALL BOARDING HOUSES:

As your summer guests arrive, please furnish us with the name and home address of each one of them. We want to publish their names both in The Brevard News, and in the home paper of each visitor.

In this way much valuable advertising can be had for this section, and at the same time give recognition to our visitors.

## COMMENCEMENT AT B. I. IS ENJOYABLE

Thirty-Six Graduates — Young Men and Women Going Into Various Activities

### MEDALS AWARDED MANY WINNERS IN CONTESTS

Has Been Great Year In the Institute's History — Christian Influence Felt

Brevard Institute held its 33rd annual commencement the past week, the exercises concluding on Friday night with the address to the graduates delivered by the Rev. J. S. Hintt, pastor of West Asheville Methodist church, who spoke forcibly and convincingly on the subject, "The Voyage of Life." Seated on the platform with the speaker of the evening were Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, Superintendent J. F. Winton and 36 members of the graduating class of 1928, of whom 26 were young ladies and 10 young men. The 15 young people who received certificates in the commercial department occupied seats at the front of the auditorium.

Preceding the address by Rev. Mr. Hintt, the valedictory address was given by Opal Goodman, of Concord, president of the senior class, and the salutatory by Ethel Williams, of Penrose.

At the conclusion of the address of the evening, diplomas were presented by Superintendent Winton to the 36 young people completing the high school course, and certificates to the 15 completing the commercial course, either in shorthand, typewriting or bookkeeping. Medals were also awarded at this time to the winners in the reading and declamation contest held Wednesday night, the reading medal going to Eugenia Wells, of Brevard, and the declamation medal to Clyde E. Clark, of Flat Rock.

The commencement exercises proper began on Sunday morning, when the baccalaureate sermon was delivered at the Methodist church by Rev. Albee Godbold, pastor of Brevard Street Methodist church, Charlotte.

Exercises were continued Wednesday night, when the annual reading and declamation contest was held in the Institute chapel. In addition to the two prize winners mentioned, others taking part on the program were: Alice Bolin of Hendersonville, Mary Louise Sanchez of Tampa, Fla., Jack Wilsey of Asheville, Pierce E. Cook of Rembert, S. C., and Cecil Hefner of Wingate.

On Thursday morning occurred the senior class day program, with inter-society athletic games in the afternoon, and the annual music recital in the evening, concluding the exercises with the graduation program Friday evening.

The school year just closing has been generally pronounced a most successful one under the efficient superintendency of Rev. Mr. Winton, who has just completed his first year as head of this institution. A large student body numbering more than 200 young people from various sections of the country, and an able corps of teachers associated with Mr. Winton, have all combined to make the school year a success, and give promise of a continuance of the splendid Christian influence exerted by this institution in the past.

## STATE OFFICIAL PAYS VISIT HERE

Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley, member of the State Equalization board, visited Brevard last week and was in conference with the school board, Superintendent T. C. Henderson, Prof. J. B. Jones and many interested citizens. The object of the meeting was that Mrs. Kelley might, in behalf of the board, obtain first hand information as to this county's actual need regarding its school system.

Transylvania county received from the equalization fund last year about \$20,000, and it is hoped that this year's allotment will be even greater than that obtained for local work last year.

There is growing sentiment throughout the state to increase the equalization fund from the three and one-fourth million dollars allowed last year to at least ten million dollars at the next general assembly. Citizens attending the conference here last week report that many candidates for the legislature and state senators are being queried before the primaries as to the position they would take, if elected, on increasing the equalization fund. It was further reported that there is wide-spread interest in this movement, and it may prove a live issue in the state during the campaign just now beginning.

Mrs. Kelley was furnished with full information as to this county's school situation and of the valiant fight being made by the citizens, and seemed impressed with the fine school spirit which she found here.

### OLIVER THOMAS

Oliver Thomas, aged about 60 years, died at his home near Quebec early Wednesday morning, after an illness of several days with measles. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at the Oak Grove Baptist church.

Surviving Mr. Thomas are his wife and eight or ten children.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY RENDERS OPINION

Says County Cannot Force Collection of Taxes on Southern Railway Lot

### THE W. R. WHITMIRE LOT OBJECT OF CONTENTION

Ordered Removed From List of Property To Be Sold For Taxes Monday

Considerable interest has been taken in the lot owned by the Southern Railway company near the depot, which has been advertised for sale for taxes. County Attorney H. E. Martin has rendered his opinion to the county commissioners, in which he sets forth that the county cannot force collection of taxes on this lot, and gives his reasons therefor as follows:

"The County of Transylvania was restrained from collecting the taxes of 1926 and the previous years thereto on the Depot lot of the Southern Railway company in the town of Brevard, N. C., by an order signed by Judge Walter E. Moore in the above entitled action, from which the county did not appeal. This action was valid because of the authority given under section 858 of the Consolidated Statutes, which expressly provides that an injunction may be obtained from the sale of property for taxes where the tax assessed or levied is illegal, or unauthorized or invalid. This section of the law has been construed by the Supreme Court in the case of R. R. vs. Commissioners, 183 N. C. 268, Judge Stacy saying, 'In this jurisdiction a taxpayer may contest the validity of an assessment or collection of tax upon his property in one of the two ways: First, he may protest and bring an action to recover it back; Second, he may, if the tax or assessment, or some part thereof, be illegal or invalid, or be levied or assessed for unauthorized purposes, apply for injunctive relief without paying the alleged illegal or invalid tax in advance; As so Sherroq vs. Dawson 154 N. C. 525, Purnell vs. Page, 133 N. C. 125, R. R. vs. Commissioners, 148 N. C. 225.

"After the judgment above referred to was rendered, from which there was no appeal, and the time for appeal has passed, the Southern Railway company has not been notified according to law to show cause why this lot should not be placed on the tax books. Therefore, Transylvania County cannot legally enforce the collection of any tax against said lot.

"Under the authority of the Supreme Court, in order to hold the Southern Railway for taxes on the Depot lot, the county must notify the company and give them an opportunity to be heard before the lot can be placed on the tax list.

"In view of the premises aforesaid, I advise you, the County Commissioners of Transylvania County, to charge off the item of \$145.70 against the Southern Railway company 1927 taxes on the Depot lot, and not attempt to collect tax on same. It would cost the County about \$200.00 to prosecute this action, and I do not believe in spending the taxpayers' money in this manner. I do not approve of persons interested in the lot otherwise using the county and the taxpayers' money to further their own ends.

"This 24th day of May, 1928.

"H. E. Martin,

"County Attorney."

"We the undersigned Commissioners, hereby authorize H. E. Martin, County Attorney, to advise the Tax Collector to charge off as error the \$145.70, 1927 tax on Sou. Ry. Depot lot and withdraw same from advertisement.

"This 24th day of May, 1928.

"E. J. WHITMIRE

"A. M. WHITMIRE

"W. C. McCALL."

## TAX SALE WILL BE HELD NEXT MONDAY

Next Monday at noon the tax sales of property on which the taxes remain unpaid will begin. The sale will be held at the court house door. Under the new law, it is said, such property as is sold next Monday may be redeemed by the owner during the next twelve months upon the payment of the taxes, plus 20 per cent additional. If such property is not redeemed within the year, then another sale is made at the expiration of the time, and any one makes the highest bid, and any one makes the same as if it had been bought at a trustee's sale under a deed of trust, according to officials of the county.

Tax Collector Henderson expects many property owners to pay their taxes before next Saturday night, and avert the sale of their property on the following Monday. Many people have paid during the past few days, it is said.

### PENDLETON TO PREACH AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

Rev. E. R. Pendleton will preach at Oak Grove Baptist church on next Sunday morning, and at Lake Towsaway Baptist church on the second Sunday morning in June. Mr. Pendleton is now in Johnson City, Tenn., but will return in time to fill the above mentioned appointments.

## Rev. F. R. Nalls Drowns While In River Swimming

### FIRE DOES SLIGHT DAMAGE TO HOME

Fireman Knocked Down By Car — Dangerous to the Fire Department

Fire did slight damage to the home of A. W. Hunnycutt, on Whitmire street late Saturday night. The fire was discovered by Mr. James Hayes, next door, and the alarm was given. Considerable difficulty was experienced by the firemen in locating the fire, which was in the laths of plastered walls. A hole was burned through the kitchen floor.

Fortunately, the fire was extinguished before the blaze reached a 5-gallon oil can, which was in the kitchen and but a few feet from the burning wall and floor. Had the blaze reached the oil can, it is said, there is strong probability that a disastrous fire would have resulted.

In making his report, Chief Bromfield said but little damage was done to the building, and no damage at all to the contents of the house.

One of the firemen barely escaped serious injury as the fire truck stopped to make hose connections. An automobile which had been following closely upon the heels of the fire truck, knocked the fireman down, it is said, but did not cause any serious injury.

Once again members of the fire department call upon the people to be more careful in following through the lines while the boys are fighting the fire. It is said the firemen have much greater fear of injury from cars following them than they experience in actually fighting the fires. Attention is called to the fact that the department is made up of volunteers, who fight the fires and protect the town without pay. All of them are working men, most of them having families to support. The very fact that they are members of the fire company causes them to have but little insurance on their lives, as companies hesitate to accept firemen as risks.

Members of the fire company, therefore, feel that the public should be more considerate of the welfare of the firemen. It is freely predicted that one or more deaths will result from the careless and reckless manner in which some people follow the fire trucks in swiftly moving cars. It is to avert such accidents that the firemen request The Brevard News to once again call upon the citizens to use utmost caution when the truck is on its way to answer an alarm.

The incident of last Saturday night, when a fireman was bowled over by a following car, should be sufficient warning.

Fire department answered an alarm Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rush Whitmire. The Whitmire family had spent the day in Asheville, and on returning found that their refrigerator motor was badly smoking and that the house was filled with smoke. No damage was done otherwise except to the motor.

## MUCH WORK BEING DONE ON HIGHWAY

R. L. Higdon, United States forester in charge of the work on the government highways through Pisgah Forest, reports the road to be in excellent condition for travel, and says it is the purpose of the service to keep it in tip-top shape throughout the summer. There is no more beautiful drive in the whole world than that across Pisgah mountain, through the government land.

It is expected that large numbers of tourists will travel over this interesting highway during the coming season, and the fact that the government is maintaining a large force of men on the roads is a guarantee that the highway will be in excellent condition throughout the season.

## TRY FIRST AT HOME

WHETHER it is something we want to buy, or some service we wish performed, why not try first at home? There is not a single one of us in this entire community but what will benefit to an appreciable extent if each member of the community practices this simple rule.

We want our home town to grow and prosper—we want it to be a place in which we will be proud to live. To realize our desires and our dreams of a better home community we must, one and all, do our share toward making it better—and the one big step toward that end is taken when we each one try first to fulfill our needs from home community sources.

Rev. Frank R. Nalls, Jr., Methodist minister, was drowned while swimming in the Pee Dee river late Tuesday afternoon, according to reports received in Brevard. The drowned man was a son-in-law of Mrs. Cordia King, having married Miss Edna King in the Brevard Methodist church last August. Mrs. King and daughter, Mrs. Clifton DuRant, left Wednesday morning for the Nalls home at Lylesville.

The Charlotte News, in telephone communication with The Brevard News Wednesday morning, said reports reaching that office were to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Nalls, who live at Lylesville, went to the power plant at Bluit Falls, near Lylesville, where Mr. Nalls intended to take a swim. He had on his bathing suit and shoes. Mrs. Nalls was left at the plant, and her husband went on to the waters where he intended swimming.

When Mr. Nalls failed to return on time, Mrs. Nalls and others went to see about him. His shoes were found on the banks of the river, but nothing could be found of him.

Officials and neighbors were dragging the river for the body Wednesday, and up until a late hour in the afternoon the body had not been recovered.

Parents of the Rev. Mr. Nalls are well known here, where they have spent many summers. Young Mr. Nalls was very popular in Brevard, and his marriage to Miss King last August was one of the social events of the season.

## YOUNG BOY BEING HELD HERE IN JAIL

Says He Is From Philadelphia and His Name Is Ernest Johnson

Exceptionally bright, experienced far beyond his years, a fifteen-year-old lad, according to his own assertion, was in the county jail Wednesday, kicking the cage, cursing all who tried to help him, and meeting every offer of assistance with the curt statement of "Then get me out of here!"

The lad came to Brevard Tuesday afternoon, with a traveling salesman who had given him a ride. The salesman was going to South Carolina, and did not want to be taking the boy any further. Officers were called, and the boy was turned over to Mayor Whitmire. The mayor kept the boy in the hotel Tuesday night, giving him room and bed.

Wednesday morning, it is said, the lad refused to make reply to any questions, further than to say his name is Ernest Johnson, and that he came from Philadelphia. Policeman Freeman wired the address given by the boy, and he was held, pending a reply to the message. Upon being placed in the big room at the jail, the boy is said to have torn up two coats, broke several pieces of furniture and made a rope of sheets and tried to hang himself.

A representative of The Brevard News tried to get the boy to tell of his problem, so they could be notified and instructions obtained as to the best way to serve the lad. He would tell nothing and say nothing but that he wanted out, at the while cursing the officials and those who were trying to help him. When asked his father's address, he replied that he had no father, but would give no further information.

State papers were notified and WJNC was asked to broadcast the information about the boy, hoping thereby to get in communication with his people.

## CHICKEN DINNER FOR ALL JUNIOR ORDER MEMBERS

On Saturday night, June 9, members of Transylvania Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. will hold an open meeting for the families of the members and for a few invited guests. A chicken dinner will be served, and it is expected that a large crowd of Juniors and their families will attend the meeting.