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BREESE AND DEEVER ON THE HUSTINGS

DEBATES OPENED MONDAY AT ENON

Speaking Was Free From Mud
Slings and Confined to the
Issues—Well Received.

Mr. W. E. Breese, Jr., and Mr. Chas. B. Deaver, the legislative candidates, together with the county candidates, opened their joint discussion at Enon last Monday. A fair sized crowd of voters came out to hear the speakers, and quite a number of people went down from Brevard in buggies.

Mr. O. W. Clayton, the republican chairman, called the meeting to order and presided throughout.

Mr. Breese made the first speech and he was somewhat at a loss to know what to talk about, this being the first speech and he not knowing what his opponent was going to say. He referred briefly to the national, state and county platforms of the democratic party, and spent some time telling about the things he wanted to accomplish if he should get to the legislature. If elected he proposes to hold a meeting in each township in the county to find out just what the people want him to do in the legislature and he will use all his influence to that end.

"I have never been able to find who Mr. Deaver is going to vote for president and governor," said Mr. Breese, "but I intend to make him tell here today."

Mr. Deaver opened his speech with the declaration that he was going to vote for Roosevelt and Iredeil Mears "because they are opposed to bosses, and because their opponents were nominated by the bosses." He asked Mr. Breese if he did not vote for Gus Aiken against Ralph Zachary at one time. Mr. Deaver made another proposition to the democrats in regard to the clean election agreement, proposing to cut out the oath and to have twenty-five democrats and twenty-five republicans enter an agreement and affirm on their honor as gentlemen that they will refrain from vote buying and the use of whiskey.

The speaker spent considerable time in discussing the records of the various county officers, laying special stress upon the administration of the school funds. He reached the climax of his speech when he referred to what he termed a double levy for the contingent fund, saying the regular contingent fund levy had been made as usual and that a special tax had been levied and at once "soused" right into the contingent fund. He also alleged that the finance book did not show any balance lines upon it where a settlement had been made.

In his reply Mr. Breese denied that he had ever voted for Gus Aiken or any other republican, and said that he had worked for Ralph Zachary and had always been a Ralph Zachary man. In the limited time he had to reply he did not have time to discuss the charge about the double levy for the contingent fund, but Mr. A. E. Lyday, one of the county commissioners, explained this matter by saying the special tax had been levied to pay the indebtedness of the county caused by three capital cases, and that in the regular course of things this special tax levy had been turned into the contingent fund.

A large number of county candidates made a few remarks announcing their candidacy and asking the support of their friends. From Enon the candidates went to Little River where they were scheduled to speak on Tuesday. The speaking was entirely free from mud slinging and the speeches made were clean and the appeals were not directed to prejudice. The speakers confined themselves entirely to the issues.

THE BOOK QUESTION

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

Please give me space in your valuable paper to make a few suggestions, or rather statements, concerning our public schools.

I do not wish to be understood as intending my remarks to apply only to Transylvania county, but the conditions about which I wish to speak exist perhaps to a greater extent in other parts of North Carolina than in Transylvania county, and in fact seems to be, more or less, a condition of the public schools in every part of the country.

There seems to be an idea among the people that the law requires every child going to school to buy all the books put on the purchasable list by the state textbook commission. There is no such law in North Carolina. Under our laws the textbook commission of the state makes new contracts with the various book companies every five years, and agrees to use certain lines of books at stipulated prices during the term of contract. Otherwise teachers could not classify their schools, as each child bring a different book to that brought by every other child in school, and the book companies and book agents could charge whatever they pleased for school books.

But when the text book commission prescribes a list from which the teachers are to make their selection of books for the various schools, the commission did not expect or intend that one child should study them all. There is no law or rule in the state of North Carolina of which I have any knowledge that prevents the teachers from using their best judgment with each child in the school as to how many studies, or what books, within the prescribed list, shall be used.

In a school it is not supposed that a teacher is to be the operator of a machine, and the children used like so many numbers to fill up a grand total, or so many cogs on a wheel to fit in at any pressed in. A good teacher is supposed to study the individuality of each child, and if it is found that one child will do better work with one, two, or three studies than it will with a greater number, it seems to me that it is the duty of the teacher not to require that child to take any more studies than the number with which it can do the best work. However, if other children can do better work with a greater number of studies, I see nothing wrong with giving them work to do in as many lines as they can do justice.

But, in my judgment, it is better to take chances in allowing a child to attempt to carry too few studies than too many, and this I have tried to impress upon the teachers whenever I had an opportunity. We are spending more money on our public schools, having longer terms and higher salaried teachers in North Carolina now than we have ever had before. Still, there is a feeling all over the state that the public schools are not accomplishing as much as they ought. I have on different occasions given my views to the teachers as to why, in my judgment, the public schools are not accomplishing as much as they ought to. An education is not acquired in the school house. An education is the result of the work and study of a life-time, and the work of the school house and college can only serve the purpose of giving the pupil the means of acquiring an education. In the first place, in starting in school, it seems to me, the first thing that you ought to teach the student is that which he will need most in acquiring an education, which every sensible person will agree, at first thought, is spelling, reading and writing. Any child or grown person, so far as that is concerned, who can spell, read and write correctly, has the means to acquire an education by their own efforts.

Spelling, reading and writing constitute the machinery of an education.

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VOTES ARE COMING IN BY THOUSANDS

MANY CONTESTANTS ARE GETTING INTERESTED

Read About Our Big Bonus Offer and Get Out and Get Busy—\$10 For Someone.

The big prize voting contest is attracting more attention every day, so as incentive to all contestants we have decided to give the following special votes:

For every seven new subscriptions 4,000 extra, making a total of 8,200. These subscriptions need not be for one party for seven years, or for seven different people for one year, but must be new subscriptions for seven years, and must be handed in all at one time.

For every seven renewal subscriptions 3,000 extra, making a total of 6,500. These may be for seven different people, or all for one, but must be all renewals and must be handed in all at one time.

The above special offer will hold good until the first count on November 4th, at which time votes will be counted by the judges who will award the \$10 in gold to the contestant who receives the largest number of votes up to the first count. The ballot box will close promptly at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, November 4th.

Remember the \$10 in gold to be given to the contestant having the highest number of votes on November 4th is a special prize offered by the Sylvan Valley News. It will in no way effect the standing of the winner of the contest.

A few contestants thought that the winning of the \$10 would effect their votes for the piano. It will not. All votes found in the box on November 4th will be included in the final count, which will decide the winners of the piano and other prizes.

Remember that each subscription you receive—either new, renewal or back—will get a certain number of votes with each year and those votes with an extra bonus vote also.

All votes to be counted must be in by 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, November 4th.

The following names have been suggested to act as awarding committee and count the ballots, and if no objections are offered they will constitute the committee:

Postmaster Chas. E. Orr.
Mayor W. M. Henry.
Mr. David G. Ward.

Get busy and vote for your choice. The contest will be conducted squarely and no partiality will be shown to any one. Do it now and help some one reap the benefits of the liberal offer.

Remember to have your friends trade with merchants who are giving coupons.

The following young ladies have been nominated thus far:

Brevard.
Margaret W. Breese Daisy Holcom
Agnes Kilpatrick Daisy Orr
Florence Aiken Grace Whitmire
Flora Duckworth Grace Calhoun
Mrs. Charles Jolley Olivia Hancock
Dora Nicholson Frankie Kilpatrick
Mariah Inez Loftis Hattie Aiken
Allie Belle Cloud Ava Ashworth

Brevard Routes 1 and 2.
Bessie Hayes Irene Ashworth
Annie Allison Maud Case
Bertha McCall Sallie Osborne
Geneva Orr Nancy Clark
Flora Tinsley Florence Duckworth
Lelia Surratt Bessie Lyda
Annie Davenport Jim Neil
Julia Deaver Maggie Deaver
Cora England Cleo Morris
Ethel Boggs

Horse Shoe.
Dovie Shipman Alice Banks
Emma Reece Lou Byrd

Etowah.
Effie Shipman, R. 1 Annie Blythe
Annie Lance Bessie Orr
Nannie Lou Moffitt Annie Duncan

Minnie Sitton Neta Allen
Selica.
Pearl Alexander Emma Osteen
May Bryson Esther Grey
Nolia Bryson

Rosman.
Clessie Whitmire Annie Patton
Georgia Burrell Lenora Lanning
Mamie Justus Beulah Whitmire
Gertrude Wilson

Penrose.
Maud Shuford Ina Talley
Lena Harwood

Blantyre.
Beulah Shipman Emma Justus
Dovie Banning

Davidson River.
Bertha Hudson Adeline Patton

Cherryfield.
Bertha Batson Ida McCall

Pisgah Forest.
Mrs. Thomas Wilson Bessie Patton
Mary Maxwell Anna Gash
Addie Wilson Pearl Baynard
Jeva Pickelsimer Lula McCall

Balsam Grove.
Vera House

Lake Toxaway.
Leila Brooks Mrs. J. C. Wike

Calvert.
Mrs. C. R. Sharp Ollie Perry
Mrs. Wade Garren Anna Jordan

Remember to have your friends trade with the merchants who are giving the coupons. They are reliable tradespeople.

SIMMONS, KITCHIN AND CLARK

List of poll holders for Transylvania county:

Brevard—W. E. Bishop, T. M. Mitchell, L. R. Scruggs.
Boyd—Jeff Wilson, Deal Lyday, Wm. Allison.
Cathays Creek—J. A. Bryson, J. M. Morgan, W. J. Ross.
Cedar Mountain—Ed Batson, L. H. Allison, F. L. D. Thomas.
Danns Rock—U. E. Wilson, F. V. Eatson, W. P. Clarke.
Eastatoe—E. M. Whitmire, J. E. Galloway, Jno. Chapman, Sr.
East Fork—F. D. Gillespie, J. L. Gillespie, Ephraim Cassell.
Gloucester—S. M. Fisher, Sam P. McCall, Jesse Galloway.
Hogback—E. D. Reid, F. E. Reid, R. J. Cook.
Rosman—Jno. Cantrell, M. J. Glazener, M. M. Bryant.
Little River—W. R. Kilpatrick, Elbert McGaha, W. J. Ray.

PENROSE SCHOOL NOTES

The Sunshine Literary Society entertained the school and some of the patrons Friday afternoon, October 18.

The Junaluska Literary Society promises us a very interesting program Thursday afternoon, October 24.

The McNeil Literary Society looks forward to a very interesting year in the work that it has planned.

Our former principal, Miss Elizabeth T. Kelly, left Penrose October 7 for Smithfield, N. C., where she has taken up work as supervisor of schools. Prof. J. R. Sloan takes Miss Kelly's place as principal, and has gone to work with such earnestness and enthusiasm that a school could not possibly stand still under his supervision. If a student once enters the Penrose high school he becomes so interested that he does not care to leave.

The aim of the Penrose school faculty is to make the school what it should be—a place of interest and attraction.

MOUNTAIN GIRL.

AT GRADED SCHOOL OCTOBER 31

Come to our Halloween affair, The ghosts and the witches will be there; Of fun you shall have your share—Come, whether gloomy or fair.

Good things sold,
Fortunes told
By ghosts and witches
And gypsies bold.

Fun for all
That are in the hall;
The price is small,
Come at the witches' call.

BAPTIST HOLD A PROFITABLE MEETING

SMALL GAINS REPORTED BY MESSENGERS

Quebec People Eurnish First
Class Entertainment For
the Delegates.

The Transylvania County Baptist Association met with Oak Grove Baptist church at Quebec last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The meeting was well attended and much good resulted for the Baptist cause. Nearly every church in the county sent delegates, and while the reports brought in by the different messengers showed that many churches had lost in membership and were doing practically nothing in the way of mission work, those churches which showed gains made up in the deficiency in membership and the totals showed a small gain.

In the absence of Rev. J. R. Owen, who was to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. T. C. Holsclaw, his alternate, Rev. R. D. Cross, pastor of Brevard church, preached the introductory sermon, his subject being "Pastoral Support."

The association was organized by the election of Rev. A. J. Manley, pastor of the Quebec church, as moderator and Mr. T. C. Henderson as clerk. The moderator appointed C. W. Henderson and G. T. Lyday as reading clerks. The roll call showed that five or six churches were not represented, but the delegates from some of these came into the meeting later.

A number of visitors were present and these were invited to take part in the deliberations.

The routine business of the association was disposed of, and the various committees made their reports, which were discussed by the different delegates, and many good speeches were made.

Possibly the most important feature of the meeting was the decision to hold institutes throughout the county, and to have an evangelist to come and hold protracted meetings in every church in the county, the evangelist to assist the pastors of the different churches. In many cases the pastors have to work every day of the week and therefore has not the time nor the energy to hold meetings when he should with no time at all to study and prepare himself for the work.

The delegates were well taken care of by the different families in the community, and many expressions of satisfaction were heard in regard to the entertainment. It was the pleasure of the editor, together with the Brevard delegation, to stay with the family of Mr. Larkin Reece, who gave us royal entertainment.

The association will meet next year with Boilston church. Rev. R. D. Cross will preach the introductory sermon.

INSTITUTE NOTES

The first recital of the year was given last Saturday night and was very enjoyable. The following program was rendered:

Waltz.....Mathews
Lydia Crawley
Gurliitt
Marie Schuman
Frinel
Shepherd's Dance.....Neppe Brothers
Minuet.....Lichner
Olla Callahan
Vocal—"Polly and I".....Wakefield
Miss Wells
The Hunt.....Gurliitt
Cary Martin
Hovering Butterflies.....Gaynor
Nellie Davis
Vocal—"Love's Sorrow".....Shelley
Floy Cline
Hunting Song.....Mendelssohn
Mary Rice
Mazurka.....Schumann
Florence Carter
Vocal—"Mission of the Rose".....Cowen
Dora Beck
Duet.....Czardas No. 6—Michiels
Miss Coville, Florence Carter