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## Brownsville and Haywood County Enjoy Their Third and Greatest Educational Rally

### Two Thousand School Children in Parade: Beautiful and Artistic Floats, Decorated Wagons and Autos: Mottoes and Flags Galore

Parade Reviewed by Gov. Rye, Congressman McKellar, President Brister of West Tenn. Normal, Supervisor of Rural Schools Smith, Attorney-General Taylor and Five Thousand Enthusiastic Patrons and Friends

**A Great Day of Enjoyment and Instruction for the People of Haywood County. Addresses by Gov. Rye, Mr. McKellar and Gen. Taylor.**

The schools of Haywood county held their third and greatest educational rally on Friday, October 20. There were more than two thousand school children in the parade and fully five thousand patrons and friends present. Notwithstanding the cold weather, people began coming in early in the morning. They came in automobiles, buggies, wagons and on horseback. At 11 o'clock the parade formed. It was led by the Haywood County High School teachers. They were followed by High School boys and girls on horseback, who were in turn followed by four beautiful and artistic floats designed by the High School faculty, and portraying the four historical events in Haywood county—first, the Indians; second the Confederacy; third, the yellow fever scourge, and fourth, the present prosperous, intelligent, patriotic people. Following these came the rural schools in beautifully and artistically decorated floats, school wagons and automobiles. There are thirty-eight rural schools in Haywood county, and most of them were represented in this parade, many schools having from two to five wagons. All were filled with boys and girls singing their school songs and shouting 'Rahs' appropriate to the occasion. Following the rural schools came the city grammar school, about three hundred and fifty strong. Their floats and decorated automobiles were tasteful and beautiful.

The meeting was held on the High School campus. At twelve o'clock the High School auditorium was packed with patrons and friends. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Ogilvie, who, as presiding officer presented Hon. Mann Wills, one of our most honored citizens and a man who is always interested in educational matters and a leader in every progressive movement. Mr. Wills, in his matchless style, presented the first speaker of the day, Gov. Tom C. Rye. Gov. Rye is a great favorite in Haywood county, where he is known and honored for his splendid manhood and for his vigorous and strong administration as governor of the state. The governor was greeted by tremendous applause. His address was short but intensely interesting, instructive and appropriate to the occasion. The other speakers of the day were congressman McKellar and Hon. Hillsman Taylor, both of whom acquitted themselves in an admirable manner.

At the close of the speaking a basket dinner was spread on the campus. In the preparation of this dinner town and country people united. There was an abundance for all and the good women of our town and county are to be praised for the splendid manner in

which they responded to the demands of the occasion.

The rally was by far the greatest and most successful one ever held in this county and has never been excelled by any other county of the state. This was the verdict rendered by those school officers from the state department who have attended school rallies in all sections of the state. They say Haywood county has carried off the banner for Tennessee.

### BOTH YOUNG AND OLD CHEER FOR DEMOCRACY

McKELLAR AND RYE GIVEN A ROYAL WELCOME

Parade is a Feature—Schools of Haywood County Help Well Grounds Assembled to Cheer Political Nominees—No Party Lines.

(Special Staff Correspondence Memphis Commercial Appeal.)

Brownsville, Tenn., Oct. 20.—Haywood county has more school children than any other county in the world—that is, when a few of Brownsville's progressive citizens put their heads together and have a school rally. They had one here today. Such another rally has never graced the history of this splendid little city. And though succeeding years will still supply the willing hands and happy little hearts that contribute their all to days like this, yet the time and the manners must suffer unlooked for changes to surpass or even equal the success of it. They had been planning for it for a long time. From Sunny South, away on the Madison county line, to Shepherds down in the bottom, the fondest hopes of the children for days had been excited by the prospect of the delightful celebration. And all that was needed to distinguish it, the honored guests of the day were the democratic nominees for reelection to the highest offices in the gift of the state, Gov. Rye and Congressman McKellar.

About ten days ago, Mann Wills, the treasurer of the democratic campaign committee, laid down the rule that there was to be no campaigning this day, but that the governor and the senatorial nominee must be the guests of the children of Haywood county. Mr. Wills has a way of making his desires sound law. So the morning found Gov. Rye and Mr. McKellar in Brownsville. They should have been here at 6 o'clock to break the fast of the night with Mr. Wills and his splendid family, but the punctuality of railroad trains has been remarked on in times past. The nominees spent three perfectly good hours in Bells, reading and rereading the morning papers, while the train crew deluded themselves with the vain thought that they could repair a locomotive.

But the breakfast had been kept warm, and the delay didn't seriously interfere with the plans, because the rains of last night prevented many of the school children from getting to Brownsville as early as they had expected. It was about 11 o'clock that the celebration began.

The governor and the congressman met with the most cordial reception that Haywood county could give. The report has gone to democratic headquarters that Haywood county democrats expect to reduce the republican vote of two years ago to less than half. This is interesting news when it is recalled that the republican vote of two years ago was 69.

Therefore it is not surprising that the reception would be overwhelming. Everybody joined in the welcome. The governor's party occupied the central point in the reviewing line. One by

TO THE SEVERAL SCHOOL BOARDS AND ALL

TEACHERS AND PATRONS OF HAYWOOD COUNTY:

As well as to the school children who so earnestly labored with us for the success of our third and greatest Educational Rally, I take this means of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation.

No superintendent ever had a more loyal set of teachers and patrons and the great success of the rally was due in a large measure to their untiring efforts. Without an exception the members of the various school boards lent earnest cooperation. Many of the patrons of the various schools were active in their efforts and did as much work in getting ready for the occasion as did the teachers and pupils themselves.

The banner offered as a prize to the school making the best showing both as to percentage of enrollment present, display in the parade, etc., was awarded to the Woodland consolidated school. The judges making the award were Mrs. William Kinney, Mrs. J. H. Sevier, Rev. E. L. Atwood, Rev. H. B. Johnston and Mr. Robert Sturdivant.

There were several other schools which, according to the report of the judges, came as close contenders for the banner. Rudolph, Tibbs, Bradford, Nut Bush, Chestnut Grove, Lone Oak, Wilson, Sunny South, Holly Grove, Centerville, Triune, Campbell, Marvin, Antioch, Shepp, Dezern, and a number of others paraded and all had excellent floats and displays which deserve special mention, but no attempt will be made to grade them. It would be an impossible task.

It is especially gratifying to note the great improvement in every way over our two former rallies. The attendance was much larger, the floats more expensive and artistic and the general interest and enthusiasm greater.

Too much praise cannot be given the good women both from town and country, who furnished such an abundance of everything good to eat, and who served it in such admirable manner.

We desire to thank Mayor Keathley for his untiring efforts in helping us to make the occasion a great success. To him is due the credit of securing the souvenirs from various firms, arranging for the free picture show and, in fact, lending every assistance and aid within his power. To Prof. McLaurine is due the credit of forming and directing the parade in such splendid manner. From the very beginning he gave every assistance possible.

In conclusion, we wish to thank everyone who in any way lent a helping hand in our great educational rally.

F. R. OGILVIE, Superintendent.

one came the schools, everyone of them singing and hurrahing. It must have taken days and even weeks to prepare the handsome floats that passed in review.

First came the High School, dozens of young men and young women portraying the four historical events in Haywood county—first, the Indians; second, the Confederacy; third, the fever, and the present prosperous and liberty loving people. The costumes were gorgeous and the settings were excellent.

Then came the county schools—Alens and Campbells, Sunny South, Shepherds, Nut Bush, Lebanon, Lone Oak, Woodland, Dezern, Centerville, Bradford, Holly Grove, Rudolph, Antioch and Wilson. Some of the floats were literally covered with bunting. Bright faces of the joyous little children peeped through the long and beautifully entwined colors of national affection. Fond mothers and fathers anxiously looked on, anxiously hoping that the judges would see merit enough for the prize in the floats in which their children rode, happy and free.

Most of the dozen or more floats mingled the prosperity of the land with the education of the children. The larger ones were drawn by teams six mules strong. Tomorrow these teams will be hauling 18-cent cotton to market.

The Wilson school made the most of the political situation, and few parents bearing the name of the president. It didn't matter here for everybody is for Wilson.

The judges gave the prize to Woodland, and well they might. The Woodland children had woven a beautiful rainbow with its pot of gold, and the float was drawn by six handsome black horses, the part and parcel of Harbert Rice. The prize was a handsome banner.

In the auditorium of the High School the children assembled to hear the

governor and Congressman McKellar Both made short speeches. The governor said that hereafter, instead of sending educational men to Haywood county to tell them what to do, he would send them to draw inspiration. Gen. Hillsman Taylor, the attorney-general of this district, joined the governor's party at Humboldt this morning and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wills with the governor and Mr. McKellar. It was an enthusiastic assemblage that greeted them in the auditorium. The speaking might have gone on for a long time, for it must have been an inspiration to the speakers, but the rarest of treats, a dinner on the ground, waited for all on the wide spreading campus which surrounds the High School building. Gen. Taylor said that Mr. McKellar made a fearful inroad into the rich ham and chioce eggs which graced the breakfast table of Mrs. Wills this morning. In fact, it seems that Gen. Taylor had it in for Mr. McKellar. Mr. McKellar told the audience in the high school that when he was elected senator he hoped to come back to Haywood county and become a candidate for matrimony.

There were other bachelors nearby Both Young and Old Cheer, Etc.—2 who could easily testify to the merit of such a decision, for Haywood county's beauty is not confined to geological adornment. But Gen. Taylor observed that only men cheered Mr. McKellar's announcement. Anyway, the gubernatorial party did full justice to the dinner. They forgot all about that breakfast. The ham and the chicken, the cakes and the pies were piled two deep all over the long table. The governor bemoaned the fate which long ago made him careful about wakeful hours after long and forceful eating. Mrs. Dupree, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. Bomer, Mrs. Keathley, Mrs. Wills and their good neighbors and friends could not be convinced that

the guests could ever get enough. But finally the guests rebelled. The day was over. It was time for congratulations. Judge N. B. Keathley and Prof. F. R. Ogilvie were so busy making the day a success that it was a long time before they could be found. But when they were found, the glory of the day was theirs. Judge Keathley was uptown arranging for the children to take in the movies free. He is county clerk, secretary of the school board, mayor of Brownsville, and if they should have a singing association in Haywood county he would be president of that. He and Prof. Ogilvie are the moving spirits in the Haywood county school rally. It is little wonder that these rallies are successful with Judge Keathley and Prof. Ogilvie managing them.

It was a delightful day for the governor and Mr. McKellar. They mingled and mixed with the banner democrats of the state. They spent a day with them, were among them, and were one of them. It will be a long time before they forget the warm reception at Brownsville. It will be a long time before they will forget the pleasing delights of their stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wills and their splendid daughters. Gov. Rye tonight is in Jackson. He goes back to the hustings tomorrow at Selmer. Mr. McKellar is in Memphis resting up for another week at campaigning. Two thousand joyful school children of Haywood county will be trudging along the road to school Monday, indulging happy thoughts of the greatest rally they ever had in Brownsville. They made it a success, the muddy roads and the chilling weather could not daunt them. If in after years they display the same fervent faith in delighting democratic nominees that they did today then surely the republican vote of 69 will be shrouded in tender, but unlamented memory.

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Conner-Wood.

Miss Letitia Conner and Mr. Charles A. Wood of Ripley were married last Tuesday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tanner in Ripley, Rev. Storer officiating. The wedding was a quiet one, only relatives and near friends being present. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Wood left for a short bridal tour. They are this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Wagner.

Wednesday Afternoon Club.

Mrs. J. W. Moses entertained the Wednesday Afternoon club at their first meeting of the season on Wednesday afternoon. A delightful social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Junior Matrons.

Mrs. Ted Martin entertained the Junior Matrons on Tuesday. The members brought their fancy work and spent a social afternoon. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Mann Wills spent several days in Nashville this week.

Mrs. D. D. Shaw is spending the week-end in Nashville.

Mrs. H. W. Stratton is a welcome visitor in town this week.

Mr. R. E. King spent Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. T. B. King.

Mr. Russell Evans attended Presbytery at Fayetteville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Smith spent Sunday and Monday in Memphis.

Misses Lillie Baynes and Alice Walker of Nut Bush visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. John E. Green is in Dyersburg the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ewell T. Weakley.

Mr. J. H. Burton has returned from Fresno, Cal., where he has been for some months.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Estes and little daughter of Orysa were in Brownsville Monday.

Mr. W. A. Bates is at home for a two weeks vacation, convalescing from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wood of Ripley are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Wagner this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kinney and Mrs. Opal Burton motored to Jackson Sunday and spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Halli Burton were the guests for the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Chambliss.

Mrs. William Jarratt of Memphis visited relatives in town this week and attended the Langford-Taylor wedding.

Tom Anderson left Wednesday for Mississippi, after a week's visit to his parents, Prof. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson.

### DEMOCRATS MUST BE ON GUARD

REPUBLICANS PLAYING FAST AND LOOSE WITH EVERYTHING

Democrats Must Guard Against Over-Confidence: Overall Disappointing to Republicans: Not Straight on Law and Order.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 25.—St. Paul once remarked that we are apt to deceive ourselves. Lest some might feel that the grand old missionary had Tennessee democrats in mind, it is worth while to recall that the republicans are up to their old tricks again. The republican party is playing fast and loose with everything and everybody for a vote.

In East Tennessee the republicans are going around denouncing Woodrow Wilson and low-rating their betters generally. In Middle and West Tennessee they are going around with their hats in their hands begging for democratic votes.

Tennessee normally is a democratic state. Take the figures as you find them, and year in and year out there are about 20,000 more democrats in this state than there are republicans. The only danger to democratic success where there is no division in democratic ranks is over-confidence.

This over-confidence is what democrats must guard against on November 7.

Every democrat must be on guard. There are really two Thanksgiving Days this year. Both come in November. One of them comes the first Tuesday after the first Monday when the democratic party in the state and nation offers its record to the people. In get through with one Thanksgiving on the other.

Overall, the republican candidate for governor, is disappointing even to republicans. He trotted a heat or two and then flung a shoe. He hasn't been able to get straight on law and order. Somebody has been writing addresses for him. Gov. Rye hasn't the heart to charge Overall with writing them. But in these addresses Overall is making every effort to evade a straight from the shoulder stand on decency and order in the state's affairs.

In fine, the republican party is with us again in all its old time recklessness. It is the Uriaiah Heap of Tennessee politics. Here it is firm, there it is humble and cringing. Here it is pleading partnership with the church on morality; there it is flying the flag of booze. In East Tennessee Hooper is apologizing to republicans for linking up with democrats. In Middle Tennessee he is trying to persuade democrats to rebuke Woodrow Wilson in the eyes of the world.

The republican party is out of line with the hopes, the traditions and the sentiments of Tennessee.

Everything is business and bustle at democratic state headquarters. The leaders are confidently predicting a majority exceeding 20,000. It will be necessary for every democrat to go to the polls on election day. They are going in East Tennessee. Middle and West Tennessee must do their duty.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

The voters of the various districts of Haywood county will be addressed at the following places on the dates mentioned. All democrats are urged to be present. An earnest effort is being made to poll the full democratic vote in Haywood county in the November election. If this is done, interest must be aroused, organization effected and every voter must be made to feel the need of his influence and vote. Remember these dates and bring your neighbor with you. The speaking will begin at 7:30 each night mentioned.

Eurekaton, Tuesday, Oct. 31, Hon. Finis J. Garrett.

Forked Deer, Tuesday, Oct. 31, Currie Dixon and R. H. Lyle.

Woodland, November 1, J. T. Gray, Jr., and F. R. Ogilvie.

Wellwood, November 1, L. N. Taylor and J. W. E. Moore, Jr.

Rudolph, November 2, N. B. Keathley and W. W. Bond.

Nut Bush, November 2, W. R. Kinney and L. N. Taylor.

Stanton, November 3, Mann Wills and J. T. Gray, Jr.

Holly Grove, November 3, W. R. Kinney and J. W. E. Moore, Jr.

Dancyville, November 3, W. W. Bond and R. H. Lyle.

F. R. OGILVIE, Chairman,  
J. T. GRAY, JR., Secretary,  
Campaign Committee.