

Ruffin N.C. Oct. 9/78

My Darling Wife:

I am here today awaiting for the speaking to commence. I rode 90 miles by train and 20 by road yesterday and spoke at Gauseville. How is that for work? I am very tired today and have been trying to sleep a little but cannot do so many friends have been in to see me. It is nearly time for speaking so I will write until that is over before writing more.

The meeting is over and I have achieved a complete triumph as is usual. I had no idea what I could do when it came to the purely persuasive style. This is one of Seale's strongholds. His friends and relatives were out in force. He led off and when he ended, there was a big cheer - Winston spoke next and the crowd had evidently made up their minds to be ready at me. I had them good natured in

five minutes & in half an hour
they were agreeing with me and
when he came to reply, he had uphill
work with his own class.

I am very much encouraged - I
do not know yet, how Ohio and In-
diana have gone. If they have not
done too bad, I shall win. Webster
will draw off. Of that I am satis-
fied now, but I shall beat Seales
all the same.

I am so hot and
sweaty that I cannot write
God bless you. Got your
letter just before speaking be-
fore you - love to all
Yrs ever

A. W. Bourgeois

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