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COMMENCEMENT AT CENTRAL ACADEMY

A Stokes County Student Wins A Diploma This year.

Central Academy in Patrick county is rapidly taking place as one of the leading schools in arts, science, and teacher-training of Virginia. In all departments attendance averages more than 400 annually. Students have always attended from our county—23 altogether have enrolled. This year a Stokes boy captured one of the beautiful diplomas issued by this popular institution. A local paper has the following to say of the recent commencement exercises there:

Mr. Chas. A. Hylton was the lucky Stokes boy this year.

It was a great day and the fine crowd present was a splendid tribute to the educational idea in the heart of the county. Of a two day program crowded into one, but two numbers were missing, and they were supplied, so that all things considered, with the weather perfectly fair, it was a rousing time for school enthusiasm.

This has been the best school year, so far, for Central Academy in every way. Besides the day scholars, students have attended from all parts of the county—from Stella to Tuggles Gap, from Nettle Ridge to Buffalo Ridge, from Fayerdale to Ararat, from Woolwine to Mayberry, from Shuff to Mountain View, from Elamsville to Nunn's Store, from Peters Creek to Vesta and from all the surrounding counties and States young men and young women came to make their best efforts to prepare for more useful service in life. There were 19 graduates in the State Normal Course.

The addresses of Atty. R. E. Woolwine, Supt. J. Fay Reynolds and Rev. Dr. W. R. Laird, of Danville, were listened to attentively by the people and at their conclusion each was given hearty applause. These talks were most excellent examples of their kind and added much inspiration to the occasion. They will not easily be forgotten, and all were deeply appreciative of the presence of these gentlemen, all of whom are enthusiastically interested in educational advancement in all the land.

Music was of the usual high order and the participants, whether with the band or the piano, with either solos or duets, or in the vocal choruses, each contributed much to the pleasure and enjoyment of the day. There have been 75 piano students and 101 band students at Central Academy. The orators among graduates are entitled to much credit for their work and were generally much praised for their earnest efforts to excel. Their names are: Rosa Ruth Mullins, Bessie Salmons, Dovie May Atkins, Hattie Bertha Brammer, Rosa Louvina Cockram, Esther Barnard Hall and Fred Clifton. Fine and amusing recitations were also well given by Rosa Elizabeth Hopkins, Lelia France Fulcher and Clara Maud Fulcher.

In Presenting the diplomas, Prof. Wm. E. Todd, President of the Academy, addressed the topic: "The School, the Class and the Greater Life," encouraging the scholars all to be satisfied with nothing but the best they can think of and prepare to do in the beneficent work of the world. Those graduating in the normal grade were: Rosa Bertha Mullins, Julia Fannie Morgan, Hattie Bertha Brammer, Olive May Atkins, Lelia Frances Fulcher, Chas. A. Hylton, Olive Louvina Cockram, Eva Dell Smith, Chas. Swanson Dunkley, Clara Maud Fulcher, Isham Justin Barnard, Dove May Atkins, Bessie Salmons, Esther Barnard Hall, Arthur A. Bradshaw, Brooksie Helen Smith, Fred Clifton, Alvin Myrie Barnard and John W. Frye. All these students made good passing grades, and Miss Mullins, whose name heads the list, won the prize, making ten studies the highest general average. Mrs. Todd, the principal, has few superiors in preparing students for teaching. Seventy-six have prepared for teaching at this school in the last four years.

"The Workers' Song," given by the primary department, attracted much attention from the fact that the singers were all at work—doing the things of which they were singing. The attractive drill, entitled "The Highland Fling," used in Scottish festivals for a thousand years, was given in costume by twelve girls. It was done so well that a gentleman present, who had seen it given in London by Scotch lasses, said our girls gave it much more gracefully and truly. This was a most pleasing success. Those taking part were the Misses Lou Nolen, Brooksie Smith, Julia Morgan, Maggie Martin Una Scott, Zelma Soyars, Texas Cruise, Rosa Hopkins, Georgie Layman, Pearl Earls, Lonnie Layman and Eva Smith.

A great troupe of scouts of whom there are 46 at this school now, fired a farewell salute, a game of ball was played between Meadows of Dan and Stuart teams, photos were taken and a tired but happy crowd made their way homeward, well paid to have spent the day with Central Academy again.

Can we farmers help our wives avoid the usual rush of all-day cooking at threshing time?

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PATRICK COUNTY.

Many Apple Trees Considerably Past the Century Mark.

I have just read an article in a western agricultural paper where the writer seems greatly elated that he has found an apple tree a hundred years old. Evidently he does not know that we have in Patrick county many apple trees considerably past the century mark, bearing and in a healthy condition.

Nowhere in all the world do apple trees live as long, grow as large and bear as much fruit as they do in Patrick county, Va. The Taylor orchard is more than a century and half old; the trunk of the Handy apple tree is about six feet in diameter, and the Adams tree, only a few miles from Stuart, bore in one year 220 bushels of remarkable fruit. I can mention many instances where trees have been bearing for more than a hundred years, and some of these old monarchs are so immense in size that we are reminded of the mighty oaks of the forest.

I am sometimes right much amused at the boasts and claims of our Western and Pacific Coast brethren, some of whom can say many very beautiful things about their well exploited section but few of us know that we have some counties in Virginia producing more apples annually than the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho combined. We have without doubt the finest apple soil, the best climate natural water supply, good system of labor, near the best markets, and numerous other advantages, which, in my opinion ought to place us in the front ranks of apple growers everywhere.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I want to say that we have grown in our "Stuart Orchard" the largest winesaps ever known, thirteen and a half inches around, running less than sixty to the bushel, and York and other varieties so large that sometimes our friends jokingly remark that our apples look like pumpkins. But do not think for a minute we neglect color, and best of all, flavor, for size, as we can easily prove and very readily demonstrate that Patrick county apples are superior to all others.

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NEWS OF RURAL HALL.

Death of Mr. Jacob Warner--Sawmill Burned.

Rural Hall, June 13.—The hot, dry weather continues.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Helsabeck and children are visiting relatives in Virginia.

Mr. J. W. Styers, who is running a sawmill near Greensboro, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his family.

Our station agent, who has been taking a two weeks' vacation with relatives and friends in Virginia, returned last night.

Dr. Matt O'Here, of Dalton, Ga., an optician of note, who spent the summer here twenty-two years ago, has returned and located at King.

Mr. John G. Fulton, representing the Stokes Grocery Company, was a visitor here today.

Died, yesterday afternoon, the two weeks' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Merritt.

Many of the farmers are harvesting their wheat and report it very good.

Mrs. J. F. Moore and daughter, Mrs. Claude Kiser of Greensboro, returned from Moore's Springs yesterday evening.

Miss Lilly Lash and Miss Lillian Miller have returned from a visit to relatives in West Virginia.

Wilson Brothers had the misfortune to lose their sawmill by fire one night this week.

Mr. Jacob Warner, aged eighty-two years, died near here yesterday. He had Mr. A. J. Long of this place to make his casket nine years ago.

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