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## Commencement Exercises of Columbus High School Huge Success.

### Large Audiences Attended Monday and Tuesday Night Entertainments—School House Packed to Doors.

The program of the Columbus High School's closing exercises, running over three days, was the most elaborate ever presented by this school. It was a mental ingathering feast—a feast of song and story, of duets and declamations, of drills and plays—a symposium of music and literature—and it went off like a dinner at the famous Delmonico's, to the queen's taste.

The program commenced Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Baptist Church with a service of song and a sermon especially prepared for the students by Rev. H. L. Reilly, professor of Spartan High School, Landrum, S. C.

Monday night was given over to the literary societies, who entertained a standing-room-only audience with a potpourri of songs, choruses, piano selections, recitations, declamations, and original essays. It was at first arranged to engage the societies in debate, but second thoughts proved best and pleased the audience mightily.

Contests in recitations by five girls and in declamations by five boys for gold medals was the program of Tuesday morning. The contestants were Mattie Lee Jackson, Alfie Tallant, Cora Edwards, Nora Prince and Ola Mills; Alberta Burgess, Roon and Ray Arledge, Heber Carson and Lafayette Cunningham. The judges were Rev. J. W. Mitchell of Landrum, S. C.; Mrs. Selby of Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. W. B. Feagan of Columbus.

The medals were presented by Rev. J. W. Mitchell after his address to the students in the afternoon. Ola Mills and Lafayette Cunningham were declared the winners.

Two plays, a drill and a pantomime made up the program of Tuesday night's entertainment. In both plays, "Popping the Question," and "Topsy Turvy," the students' identities were lost in the characters assigned them, making the players' work appear lifelike and real. The drill by the children of the primary was executed without a hitch and well rewarded the teacher's patience. The pantomime was a very beautiful and fitting close to the exercises and sent the audience away happy and content.

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Sheriff and Mrs. A. L. Hill were here Friday.

Mr. F. L. Weaver of Aberdeen, N. C., is attending court this week.

Mr. T. E. Walker of Greens Creek was here yesterday on business.

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Mr. S. K. Cantrell of Mill Spring No. 1 is now a subscriber to The News.

Mr. T. C. Mills of Tryon made The News a very pleasant visit Monday morning.

Mrs. Noah Daniel of Landrum is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman.

Mr. T. N. Wilson, a progressive farmer of Mill Spring No. 2, called at the News office Monday.

Mr. D. H. Houser and daughter of Rutherfordton No. 2 were pleasant visitors to the News Monday.

Mr. J. H. Burgess of Rutherfordton spent Sunday and Monday with his sister, Register Burgess.

Mrs. P. G. Morris and Mr. D. T. Landrum No. 1 were pleasant visitors at the News office yesterday.

Commissioners J. W. Kennedy of Tryon and M. A. Cornwall of Landrum No. 1 were business visitors here Monday.

Read Booth's advertisements in this paper and when your watch is out of order bring it along. Good work is cheapest.

Mr. B. A. Regard Roach, a progressive farmer of Fingerville, S. C., No. 1, was a pleasant visitor at the News office Monday.

Atty. and Mrs. J. E. Shipman of Hendersonville are guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arledge, this week.

Atty. and Mrs. J. P. Morris of Rutherfordton were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. McFarland several days this week. A card was received last week from Rev. T. C. Croker announcing that he will preach in the Presbyterian Church at Columbus on 5th Sunday, the 30th inst., at 11 a. m.

The name of J. H. Thompson, Troup, Texas, has been added to our subscription list this week. Mr. Thompson was raised in this County and attended school in Columbus, moving to Texas in 1887.

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### COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The two-weeks Spring term of Superior Court opened Monday, Judge Henry P. Lane presiding, and Solicitor A. Hall Johnston representing the State. An unusually large crowd, notwithstanding the fact that the farmers are nearly all of them backward in their work, filed into and filled the court room to hear Judge Lane's able charge to the grand jury, covering every point of the law in relation to the light criminal docket presented.

Solicitor Johnston should be very popular with the jurists in that he avoids useless repetition of the points of his evidence and sends the juries away with clear minds, thus enabling them to find their verdicts quickly.

Following are the cases disposed of up to yesterday's noon adjournment:

STATE VS. Lad Edwards and Lan Mills, F & A; nol pros with leave. Mich Hill, manufacturing liquor; not guilty. Tom Miller and Will Douglas, affray; nol pros as to Miller. Richard Turner, C C W; not guilty. Lee Green, Lum Nance and L. C. Martin, manufacturing liquor; not guilty as to Martin. J. W. B. Steadman, false pretence; nol pros with leave. Joe Miller, non-support of family; discharged. To show good behavior.

O. P. Smawley, A & B with deadly weapon, 2 cases; nol pros with leave. Twitty Jackson and T. N. Wilson, assault; guilty as to Jackson. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. Robert Parker, retailing liquor; not guilty. Bone Sentell, Dave Foster and Fred Forest, A & B with deadly weapon; not guilty as to Foster and Sentell. Boice Dunahoo, murder; defendant accepts plea of guilty of manslaughter. 8 months on chain gang. Otis Jones, C C W; nol pros with leave. W. C. Robertson, violating town ordinances; verdict directed—not guilty. Julia Booker, larceny; guilty. 4 months in jail. W. H. Prichard, trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs. Gus Blackwell, A & B; guilty. \$15.00 fine and costs. Gus Blackwell, C C W; not guilty. Burt Lyles, A D W; guilty. Tom Jackson, larceny; guilty.

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