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## 500 AT IOTLA HOME COMING

Many Enjoyable Features On All-Day Program Last Sunday

Approximately 500 people gathered at the Iotla Baptist church on Sunday to observe Home Coming Day.

The morning's program was opened with the devotional being led by the Rev. D. C. McCoy, of the Oak Grove community, who also made a brief talk on church unity and church cooperation.

The Rev. W. L. Bradley, also of the Oak Grove community and a retired Baptist minister, spoke on the erection and organization of the Iotla Baptist church in 1906. He was elected as the first pastor and served seven consecutive years. At that time preaching services were held once a month, while today they are holding four services each month, two prayer services held in the homes each week, a thriving Sunday school, an up-and-coming Baptist Training Union and an active Woman's Missionary society.

At the time the church was organized there were 26 members and today they have a membership of 256. It is the second strongest church in the Macon county Baptist association, of 35 Baptist churches. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry is the present pastor and lives in the Iotla community.

Mr. Bradley also paid great tribute to the late John B. Ramsey, who did more toward the erection of this church than any other man in that community, and urged the members to place a memorial window in the church, in appreciation of the service he rendered the Iotla community.

The Rev. R. P. McCracken, of Clyde, in Haywood county, and a former pastor, preached the Home Coming sermon, using as his text, "That Jesus Christ Is the Same Today, Tomorrow and Forever."

Following the bounteous picnic lunch served on the church lawn, the crowd reassembled for the remainder of the program.

The Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of the Franklin circuit, spoke on the Influence of the Christian Home, placing strong emphasis on what it meant in the child's life to be brought up in a home of this type.

Paul Swafford, superintendent of the Sunday school, spoke briefly on the present condition of the church. His major emphasis included the social moral, education, spiritual development and membership, while the main object of the church's work was winning lost souls to Christ.

Miss Marion Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Moody, of Asheville, gave a very enjoyable reading, "The Cabin Is Empty Again."

The Rev. George A. Cloer preached the closing sermon at 8 o'clock, using as his text, "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life." At the closing of the services a number dedicated their life to the service of the Lord.

There were visitors present from all sections of the county including both Methodist and Baptist, Buncombe county, Mt. Holly, Belmont, Gastonia, Haywood county, Clayton, Ga., Tennessee and California.

## Blue Law Discussed At Town Board Meeting

The mayor and aldermen of Franklin met Monday night for the regular monthly session and several matters came up for discussion, but there was no important action taken other than routine approval of bills, etc.

The question of a blue law for the town was discussed, and it was proposed to forbid Sunday baseball and bank night at the theatre, and also to stop the sale of beer and wine on Sunday and to ban all slot and so-called amusement machines. No action was taken, but it is understood that the town attorney was instructed to take up the matter and make investigation so that a blue law might be presented for consideration by the board.

## Revival To Be Held At Mt. Zion Church

The Mt. Zion Methodist church and the Mt. Hope Baptist church will hold joint revival services at the Mt. Zion church, beginning on Sunday morning, September 10, at 11 o'clock. There will be services each evening at 7:45.

The Rev. R. F. Mayberry will be in charge of the music and the Rev. J. C. Swain will preach. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

## Dove Season

Opened Sept. 1; Squirrels Sept. 15 to Dec. 15

The North Carolina department of conservation and development has announced that the dove season this year will be a split season, September 1 to 30 and December 20 to January 31, no dove hunting between October 1 and December 20.

The squirrel season for Macon county will be from September 15 to December 15.

Hunting license may be obtained at the following places in the county:

- Macon County Supply company, and Angel's Drug store, Franklin.
- Highlands Hardware company, Highlands.
- J. D. Burnette, Sealy.
- Mrs. Frank Phillips, Rainbow Springs.
- Luther Jacobs, Aquone.
- Clint May, Flats.
- C. N. West, West's Mill.

## FINE WEAVING DONE AT KYLE

NYA Center Carries Wool From Raw State To Finished Product

A visitor at the Kyle weaving center of the Macon county NYA will enjoy the unusual sight of seeing the wool from local farmers' sheep passing through all the stages to beautiful designs for rugs, coverlets and other household needs.

Five of the six looms—which were made by the NYA boys—were busy on Labor Day, each working on a different design in varied colors of the yarn, some of which was still damp from the dye pot. All yarn is dyed at the center as soon as it is spun, much of it with natural dyes made by NYA young people. On this day they were making samples of the designs used to send for the NYA exhibit at the state fair this fall. Among the patterns being made on the looms at this time are Whig rose, Holland chain, desert rose; sun, moon and stars; pine cone, wind flowers, Solomon's delight, chariot wheel.

Three girls were on the porch carding the raw wool, which was immediately passed into the house to the girl skillfully spinning on an old spinning wheel, reconditioned by the NYA boys in their shop nearby.

The six looms are used alternately by the 16 girls at present working on this project who take turns according to schedule. Two girls weave at home also. Two boys were working in the shop which is equipped with carpenter's bench and forge and anvil.

The schedule of work for NYA enrollees is on a 40 hour a week basis, with a two year maximum period of employment. E. N. Evans, who obtained his training at the Penland Weaving School near Spruce Pine, directed by Lucy Morgan, a former Macon county woman, is the instructor; dividing his time between the Franklin and Kyle centers. Mrs. Margaret Ordway supervises the work and registers young people who can qualify under NYA regulations.

This center has been made possible by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hicks, who donate a tenant house and log store house for the weaving center and shop. Both buildings have been enlarged and improved to meet the needs of the work, Mr. Hicks furnishing materials.

The location is convenient for boys and girls in the two Nantahala townships who, on account of distance and bad roads, do not have advantages of those in other sections of the county.

## Band Practice To Be Held September 20

The first practice of the Franklin band will be held at the agricultural building on Wednesday night, September 20, it has been announced by J. G. Womble, band leader. All interested in the band are urged to be present, whether they have instruments or not.

## Home Coming Day At Asbury September 17

Home Coming Day will be observed at the Asbury Methodist church at Otto, on Sunday, September 17. The program will begin at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served at 12 o'clock, followed by a program in the afternoon.

# Flames of War Ravage Europe

Germany Seizes Danzig and Invades Poland—Great Britain and France Enter Struggle—Germans Sink Liner Carrying 1,400 Passengers—Polish Cities Bombed

What it is feared will develop into another World War began last Friday morning when Germany seized the free city of Danzig and invaded Poland, thus forcing Great Britain and France to rush to the aid of the Poles in accordance with a military alliance previously consummated.

Owing to the rigid censorship imposed by all of the warring powers, it is impossible to secure accurate information in regard to happenings in the various theaters of conflict, and it will become increasingly difficult as the struggle goes on, but we give below a short summary of the principal events up to this (Thursday) morning:

Friday, September 1—Hitler announced to Nazi reichstag that Germany had annexed Danzig and invaded Poland. Fighting started at 5:45 a. m. On the same day Poland invoked its military alliance with Britain and France and called for aid.

German planes bombed Warsaw and other Polish cities the same day, killing many civilians—men, women and children.

Saturday, September 2—Great Britain and France dispatched ultimatums to Germany stating that if German troops were not withdrawn from Poland it would be considered that a state of war existed between Germany and the nations of Great Britain and France.

Sunday, September 3—The time limit on the British and French demands having expired, the premiers of both nations announced the existence of a state of war.

Monday, September 4—The British liner Athenia, carrying 1,400 passengers bound for Canada, including many Americans, torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Scotland by a German submarine. Estimated 49 killed by explosion and the remainder rescued by naval and other vessels.

Tuesday, September 5—British warplanes bombed German battleships in the entrance of the Kiel Canal in North Germany, and France struck against the German lines on the western front to relieve the pressure on Poland. No general advance was made and the French were evidently feeling for weak spots in the line, preparatory to a heavy offensive.

Spain declared neutrality and Japan announced intention of keeping out of the European struggle.

Wednesday, September 6—President issued proclamation of neutrality and declared embargo on shipments of war materials to belligerent nations.

Warsaw, Polish capital, was evacuated by government officials and representatives of foreign powers, and was reported partially destroyed by Nazi bombardment. Many other cities said to be suffering heavy damage from Germany aircraft.

Thursday, September 7—Germans are advancing steadily into Poland, and express surprise at the weak resistance offered by the Poles. Polish army is digging in to defend Warsaw.

German high command states that no advance will be attempted on the western front as Germany has no interest in that direction. Troops are expected to stay in the forts along the Siegfried line and force the French and English to take the offensive. There is little action reported in that sector.

Britain is tightening the naval blockade of Germany and reports the sinking of three German merchant ships.

Italy remains neutral and is expected to stay out of the war for the time being, having nothing to gain and everything to lose by entering the struggle at this time.

## As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

A summary of the war news is printed in another column on this page.

### U. S. DRIVE AGAINST SPIES

President Roosevelt has called upon every police officer in the U. S. to cooperate with the FBI in a mighty effort to stamp out "espionage, counter espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, and violations of the neutrality laws." With G-men in charge all law enforcement officers are requested to turn over any information to the nearest FBI agent.

### NEUTRALITY PROCLAMATION

The President's neutrality proclamation includes the notifying of interested nations that the U. S. would be officially neutral, the invoking of the arms ban of the neutrality law, and the dealing with protective measures at the Panama canal.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE MEASURES

A flotilla of reconditioned World War destroyers will be recommissioned to patrol American territorial waters, the personnel of the navy will be increased, and the defense garrison at the Panama canal increased.

### STRICT NEUTRALITY ORDERS

Citizens of the U. S. are prohibited from enlisting for services in the armed forces of any belligerent power, to give financial assistance in a number of ways, and vessels of belligerent powers are put under strictest regulation.

### JAPAN REQUESTS BRITAIN, FRANCE TO LEAVE CHINA

The Japanese navy has requested British and French authorities to withdraw their forces from China to "remove the danger of inci-

dents" resulting from the European war.

### PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Invitations are being sent out by Panama to the countries of the Americas for a conference designed to preserve peace in the Western Hemisphere.

### DIES PROBE AND BROWDER

The Dies committee investigating un-American activities, has been hearing testimony from Earl Browder, head of the Communist party in the United States, to the effect that he had been offered \$250,000 as a donation to his party by a group of wealthy Republicans in 1936, if it would endorse Roosevelt for re-election.

### LABOR DAY CASUALTIES

Violent deaths over Labor Day week-end in the U. S. are estimated as 367, traffic accidents the leading cause, all but four states reporting at least one. North Carolina reports two, California leads with 28.

### RADIO CURTAIN DROPS ON RUDY VALLEE

Rudy Vallee will go off the air the last of September, and he is credited with the ambition to become a fine movie actor.

### STOCKS SOAR

Tuesday on Wall street witnessed a spectacular upsurge in prices, stocks and commodities. Many issues jumped from \$1 to \$15 a share, and food prices are going up.

### TRIALS IN LOUISIANA

Five men of the late Huey Long's kingdom of graft went on trial this week before a U. S. Dis-

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## Gastonia Baseball Team To Play Two Games Here

Next Saturday and Sunday the well known and popular Gastonia baseball team is scheduled to come to Franklin for two games, and a large attendance is expected.

The Franklin team took a rather one-sided game from the Gastonia All-Stars by a score of 8 to 1 last Sunday afternoon, most of the Franklin runs being accounted for by errors of the visiting team.

On Labor Day the Franklin players were split into two teams, one going to Canton to carry out an obligation made three months ago for a return game with that team, and the remainder of the local boys stayed at home to play the Asheville All-Stars. The home field was too wet to use by the time the Asheville team arrived, and the game was played at the Otto CCC camp, and resulted in a score of 2 to 0 in favor of the visitors. Franklin was also shut out in the Canton game.

## FARMERS MEET AT CULLOWHEE

Many From This County Attend Convention This Week

The third annual Farmers' convention of Western North Carolina was held at Cullowhee on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Attending from Macon county were F. S. Sloan, western district farm agent, who was in charge of arrangements and introduced the speakers; S. W. Mendenhall, county agent; G. H. Fagg, assistant county agent; Charles Mellichar, supervisor of the Nantahala national forest, and 21 farmers.

Demonstration farmers were praised by State college and federal officials for "showing the way to the rest of the state in agricultural conservation."

Leaders were asked to use their influence to place a home demonstration agent in every mountain county.

W. G. Finn of the agricultural adjustment administration at Washington, D. C., spoke of the effect of the European war on farm conditions.

Many leaders of prominence from this and other states were present at the convention, which had a total registration of 315 persons.

## B. T. U. Convention To Meet At Coweeta

The Macon county B. T. U. convention will be held at the Coweeta Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, September 17, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

The following program has been outlined:

- Song service.
- Devotional, led by Arvil Swafford.
- Announcements and business.
- Discussion—The Qualifications for B. T. U. Officers, Rev. C. F. Rogers.
- Message by Rev. D. C. McCoy.
- Benediction.
- All B. T. U. organizations in the county are urged to send representatives to this meeting.

## Demonstration Club Members Meet Saturday

A county wide meeting of Home Demonstration club members will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock at the agricultural building it is announced by Miss Florence Stalcup, home agent for the county.

The purpose of this meeting is to organize a craft center in Franklin for the women and girls of the county.

Miss Ann Rowe, district home agent, of Asheville, will attend and Mrs. Joyce Cagle, who has just completed a course in handcraft under Miss Helen Patton at Cullowhee, will be one of the speakers.

## Stiles Family Reunion To Be Held September 10

Editor Press: There seemed to be a misunderstanding by some of the readers about the Stiles reunion Sunday, September 10, at the home of R. N. Stiles. We want all the Stiles' to be there sure, and we want all of our neighbors and friends to come. Bring a big basket full of fried chicken and apple pie, and let's all have a good time getting better acquainted.

Your cousin and friend,  
TOM W. STILES

## SCHOOLS HAVE 1008 ENROLLED

Faculty Composed Of 27 Teachers, One More Than Last Year

The Franklin schools opened for the 1939-40 session on Thursday, August 31, with what is thought to be the largest enrollment in the history of the schools.

By Tuesday of this week the enrollment had reached 1008. There are 409 in the first six elementary grades, and 599 in the seventh and high school grades.

Some changes have been made in the high school organization for this session.

One extra teacher has been added to the faculty. There are now 15 high school teachers. There are 12 elementary teachers, which makes a total of 27 teachers. The length of the class periods have been increased from 45 minutes to one hour. This was done in order to allow time for some supervised study in the classes and in order to correct the overcrowded condition of the study halls. Most of the boys are given two periods of physical and health education each week, and most of the girls are given one period.

### Elementary Teachers

Following are the elementary teachers with the grades taught by each:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Guffey, first grade;
- Mrs. Joyce Cagle, first grade;
- Mrs. Kate Williams, second grade;
- Mrs. Elsie Franks, second grade;
- Mrs. Pearl Hunter, third grade;
- Miss Margaret Slagle, third grade;
- Mrs. Beatrice Alley, fourth grade;
- Miss Edna Jamison, fourth grade;
- Mrs. Albert Ramsey, fifth grade;
- Mrs. Bertha C. Smart, fifth grade;
- Miss May Beryl Moody, sixth grade;
- Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, sixth grade.

### High School Faculty

The high school teachers and subjects taught are as follows:

- Miss Katherine Porter, English and library club;
- Mrs. Kate Moore Rhinehart, French and Latin;
- Mrs. Marie Stewart, English;
- Miss Gloria Reagan, English and journalism club;
- Mrs. Nancy C. McCarty, English and history;
- Mrs. Helen Macon, history and public speaking club;
- Mrs. Paul Grist, history and geography;
- W. C. Newton, history, physical and health education, and coaching;
- J. C. Hawkins, mathematics, physical and health education, and coaching;
- Miss Ruby Watkins, science, physical and health education, and coaching;
- Miss Elsie White, science, physical and health education, and coaching;
- Miss Charlotte Young will teach mathematics;
- Mrs. Katherine O'Neil, home economics and vocational guidance;
- Miss Annie Bailey, commercial;
- E. J. Whitmore, agriculture and Future Farmer Chapter advisor.

There will probably be other teachers among this group who will sponsor clubs in addition to the ones mentioned above.

## Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting Monday

The board of county commissioners met in regular session Monday, but there was little business outside of routine matters to be handled.

The matter of reopening the sewing rooms was discussed, but no action was taken, it being considered that the county budget would not stand the expenditure of the entire amount required for the project. The county will bear part of the expense if means can be found to provide the remainder. The total amount needed is said to be \$100 per month.

## Vaughn Four To Appear Here Sept. 14

On Thursday night, September 14, the Vaughn Four, radio players, accompanied by Tony Musso, of Knoxville, Tenn., will be at the Macon county courthouse. These players, who are heard over station WNOX, Knoxville, are being sponsored by people of the Stiles community, with the proceeds being used for community improvements. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Send Us Names Of Those Going Away To School

The Press desires to publish a full list of all young people of the county who will go away to school or college this fall. That no name be omitted, it is requested that parents or young people notify The Press of the names of those leaving and the schools they will attend.