

# NEGRO SCHOOL TO CLOSE SOON

## Rev. J.W. Hairston, D.D., To Deliver Annual Sermon

Closing exercises of the Franklin colored school are scheduled to start Sunday, April 5, with the annual sermon in the courthouse at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it was announced this week by R. B. Watts, principal of the school.

The Rev. J. W. Hairston, D.D., of Asheville, is to deliver the sermon.

"We are very fortunate," Principal Watts said, "in securing the services of this great Negro preacher, who is pastor of four thousand members—the largest colored Baptist church in North Carolina. He is also one of the most outstanding ministers in the Negro race, and a great race advocate.

"We are anxious that all the people, both colored and white, may hear him. Special seats will be reserved for white people, and all are invited. We earnestly beg that every colored man and woman, and all the children in the county be present at this occasion, and make the first Sunday in April a day long to be remembered for its inspiration and uplift, coupled with racial good will."

Dr. Hairston's sermon will follow a song service jointly rendered by pupils of the school and choirs of the different churches. The program will include melodies, anthems and spirituals. The song service will start at 2 o'clock.

There will be patriotic and religious services at the school house each night of the week following short programs by the school pupils, sermons by the pastors and addresses by others. The public is invited to attend all exercises.

# MANY JOINING BURIAL GROUP

## 2,500 Members Reported Enrolled Since March 1

Approximately 2,500 persons have joined the Bryant Burial Association since it launched its membership drive the first of this month, it was announced Wednesday by O. C. Bryant, Franklin funeral director, under whose sponsorship the organization was formed.

"We expect to have at least six thousand members before the membership campaign ends," Mr. Bryant added.

The purpose of the burial association, it was explained, is to provide low cost burial insurance to the people of this county through a locally-controlled, mutual association. This association is organized under the state insurance laws and is subject to the supervision of the state insurance commissioner, with whom \$5,000 bond has been deposited to guarantee the continued operation of the association.

Similar organizations have been formed throughout the state, Mr. Bryant said, and their total membership is more than a million persons—more than a third of the state's population. The Bryant Burial association operates on the same basis as other burial associations in North Carolina, Mr. Bryant stated. He said he organized the local association because he felt it would be in position to render a better service to the people of Macon county than some association in another county.

A meeting of the members of the new association, Mr. Bryant announced, will be called in the near future for the purpose of electing officers.

Encouraged by the response to the burial association's membership drive, Mr. Bryant said he was seriously considering the erection in Franklin of a modern funeral home equipped with all the latest mortuary facilities—a funeral home which would be in position to render a service comparable only with the service made available by the better undertakers in the larger cities.

## Proves Washington's Dollar Throwing Feat



FREDERICKSBURG, Va. . . "Big Train" Walter Johnson, one of baseball's pitching immortals, proved that the legend of George Washington having thrown a silver dollar across the Rappahannock river here when 11-year old, was entirely possible. In two out of three attempts here on Washington's birthday, Johnson threw silver dollars across the 272 foot stream. His throw was 317 feet.

# Congress Striving Hard To Balance the Budget

## New Tax on Corporate Dividends Is Now Seen Likely

(Special to The Press-Maconian)

WASHINGTON, March 25.—While President Roosevelt is away on his annual fishing trip in Florida waters, the boys on Capitol Hill are doing some serious work trying to draw up a new tax bill which will raise the additional \$800,000,000 a year that is necessary to bring the Government budget into balance.

They have taken as the basis from which to start the President's proposal to tax corporate reserves, but the more they study it, the less likely it seems that they will adopt the Treasury plan as submitted.

There are two reasons for this hesitancy. One is considerable doubt as to whether it will really raise the necessary revenue and, second, the question whether it would be good public policy to draw down corporate reserves to a point where big industries might not be able to carry on through another depression, as so many of them have done, by the aid of that part of their profits which they had put away for a rainy day.

"Rainy Day" Funds  
The United States Steel Corporation, for example, has a reserve of more than \$250,000,000 which on the face of it looks pretty big; but the corporation last year paid out over \$7,000,000 in dividends on its preferred stock, although it earned only a little less than \$1,200,000 profits. The difference came out of the reserve.

U. S. Steel is only one of many corporations which have followed a similar practice throughout the depression years, and as these are studied, the feeling grows that it would not be good economics to go as far as the Treasury has proposed.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House will draft the first bill and the Senate Finance Committee will redraft it. The best guess now is that the resulting measure will leave the net tax burden on corporations about where it now is but will put a heavier tax burden upon the recipient of corporate dividends, thus hitting mainly the income-tax payers who now pay on incomes of from \$10,000 a year up.

Politically this will look good to the average voter who does not regard himself as being affected by taxes which he does not pay directly, and it will not give the big industrial incorporations any excuse for reducing employment or curtailing operations. The last thing that Congress wants to do is to pass any laws which would tend to check the rising tide of re-employment.

No Boat Rocking  
There has been an increase of about three percent in industrial employment since last May, according to the latest figures of the National Industrial Conference Board. At the same time there has been an increase in the average wage of industrial workers from

\$21.75 a week to \$23.50 a week. These figures do not show as great an increase in employment and wages as most folks would like to see, but they do indicate a definite upward trend and the feeling on Capitol Hill is to be very careful and not to put over any new legislation which would check this rising tendency.

The most confused situation in Washington is the housing program. A dozen or so diverse points of view held by as many important personages seem to be in almost hopeless conflict.

The efforts to smooth out the situation point now toward an adjustment which will take the Federal Government entirely out of the financing of slum-clearance projects, subsistence homesteads and other projects for the poor, but will set up one powerful Government bureau to stimulate private loans und-

er Government guarantee for all of these and other low-cost housing projects.

The threat of an early European war is regarded here as more serious than previously. The realization that in such an event any one of a hundred things might work to drag the United States into another war is growing. The recent neutrality resolution is not regarded by practical-minded students of international affairs as likely to be effective for its avowed purpose.

Thoughts Toward Defense  
Renewed interest is being shown in our own military preparations. The McSwain bill to increase our army airplanes to 4,000 has been favorably reported in the House. The United States Army today has only 776 serviceable planes.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs has recommended an appropriation of \$600,000,000 for the War Department, to provide, among other things, for increasing the regular army from 140,000 men to 165,000.

The War Department has just let contracts for 512 airplane engines, to cost \$43,000,000, most of them the most powerful ever yet built.

Political gossip here is swinging back to a discussion of the chances of the formation of a third party, headed by Al Smith and the Liberty League crowd. Active efforts to organize such a "Constitutional Party" are said to be under way, but a good deal of doubt is expressed as to whether any great following of anti-Administration Democrats would flock to its standard.

Opponents of Governor Landon of Kansas, regarded now as in the lead for the Republican nomination, are bringing up against him the fact that he is receiving a great deal of pre-convention support from Oklahoma oil interests—which is quite natural, considering that he has been connected with the oil business all his life and owns much oil-producing land.

# FUNERAL HELD FOR C. N. EVANS

Funeral services for Claude N. Evans, 43, of Hazelton, Pa., formerly of Cullasaja, Macon county,

were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Sugarland church at Cullasaja. The services were conducted by the Rev. Frank Hollander, of Dillard, Ga., and the Rev. W. E. Lindsay.

Mr. Evans had been ill several weeks with tubercular pneumonia. He died Saturday at Hazelton, Pa., to his wife, Mrs. Evans, and a daughter, with him at the time of his death.

Mr. Evans' widow, Miss Metha Christensen, has two daughters, Barbara, and a son, but was unable to attend the funeral because of flood conditions at Hazelton. They had planned to have the funeral at Hazelton. Mr. Evans here later in the year.

Other survivors are his mother; a brother, Carl, of Hazelton, Pa.; and two sisters, Mrs. Bryson of Raleigh, N. C., and Madge Thompson, of Cullasaja.

Mr. Evans was a member of the Masonic order. He had lived in Macon county a number of years, and had been engaged in mining operations in Pennsylvania.

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