The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMEN-MENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, April 5.—The Japa-nese cherry blossoms bloomed early this year around the Tidal Basin, coming into full flower just as congress voted to appropriate more than a billion dollars to build the largest navy in the world, with a couple of battleships of 45,000 tons, thousands of tons larger than the top limit agreed on by England, Japan and the United States a few years ago. Japan broke its treaty agreement first, by laying the keel of two giant warships. England followed suit and now the United States falls into line. Congress also added \$35,000,000 to the army appropriations

Conservative Coalition in 1940? More and more talk is heard in the antercoms of both houses of congress of Cordell Hull as a possible coalition candidate for the presidency in 1940. The belief grows among experienced political observ-ers that the 1940 contest must be along a new line-up, not Republicans against Democrats but between conservatives and the new deal, with the anti-new deal candidate as likely to whole policy under which the TVA be an old-line Democrat as to be a Republican. Those who are opposed to the whole philosophy of the new deal include a great and growing number of Democratic leaders, espe-cially in the south. Mr. Hull is from Tennessee. The eyes of many of those who believe that a real coalition of the anti-new deal elements is politically feasible are turning from the still badly disrganized Republican party toward the southern De mocracy for leadership, and more and more resting on Mr. Hull.

That the administration is well aware of the growing disaffection toward it of what was once the "Solid South" is evidenced by numerous signs of the times. The President's open espousal of Florida Senator Claude Pepper's candidacy for re nomination at the May 3rd primaries is one of those signs. Mr. Pepper is an out-and-out new dealer. He faces opposition from two powerful oppon ents, neither of them committed to the new deal. One is Congressman Mark Wilcox, the other is former Governor Dave Scholtz. The defeat of Senator Pepper by either of those would be a slap in the face for the administration which Mr. Roosevelt wants to avoid at all hazards. Bid for Southern Vote

The political strategy behind the President's Gainsville, Ga., speech is enterpreted here as an effort to build up pro-new deal sentiment among the rank and file of Gergia and other southern voters. Mr. Roosevelt came out flatly with the declaration that the workers of the south are being exploited by southern employ ers and that what he called the "feudal" system under which ne-groes live and work should be abolished and southern wages increased materially.

Along with such efforts to hold the south in line politically in the 1938 elections, and with the 1949 Presidential election in view is the announcement by the AAA that half of the \$500,000,000 which is to be distributed to farmers in the next three months from the federal treasury, under the soil control act and the new crop control law, will go to the south

The total amount to be distributed to farmers under the new law may be half as much again as the five hundred million now available. The bills which have been introduced for new processing taxes are calculated to raise \$212,000,000. The purpose of these new processing taxes, to provide additional subsidies for farmers, is not stated in the bills as introduced. That is supposed to make the tax constitutional, by keeping it a legislative secret that it is levied upon the whole people for the bene-fit of a single class. That was the ground upon which the supreme cour declared the old AAA act unconstitu

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It is generally recognized here Augy Slides Home But Pirates Win that there is no chance of balancing the budget for the next fiscal year, no matter how much the new tax bill may yield. Nor is it likely that the government will ever take in as

much as it spends so long as expen-

ditures for relief, farm aid and other

purposes outside of the actual ope-

rating expenses of the government

continue to run at high figures. In-

creased expenditures for the army and navy and the need of building up

an auxiliary merchant marine by sub-

sidies also tend to shove farthre into

the future the prospect of making

ends meet unless some new source.

Therefore, there is much serious talk both in administration circles

and on Capitel Hill of "broadening

the tax base." The method most se-

riously considered is the LaFollette

\$800 and reducing the tax exemption

for married men to \$1,500, with re-

duced exemptions for minor depend-

ents. Also sentiment for a national

The row in the TVA and the dis-

missal by the President of Chairman Arthur Morgan may develop into a

serious political issue before a con-

gressional committee gets through

with the inevitable public investiga-

tion. Not only the right of the President to dismiss Mr. Morgan is hot

ly disputed, and must eventually be

decided by the supreme court, but the demand for the airing of the

was conceived and the "inside" story

of its operations is too insistent to

Bridges Takes Limelight

tormer governor of New Hampshire, was the first to leap into the trenches

Senator Bridges, the Republican

be disregarded.

sales tax seems to be growing.

of tax revenue can be found.



LOS ANGELES, Cal. . . . Augy Galan, Chicago Cubs star outfielder. Thits the dirt" as he slips home with an effective slide during an exhibition game with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Todd. Pirate catcher, missed the catch and the ball can be seen up his arm. Despite Augy's spective won 13 to 4.

Bethel High School

(Deferred from last issue)

County Superintendent W. H. Walker visited the school Friday morn-

ing and made an interesting talk at chapel.

Several of the 4-H Club members from this section attended the gen eral meeting held in Boone last Fri The grade children gave an inter- day night. They report a very inter-

Student critics are appointed to of A junior-senior reception was held fer constructive criticism of Friday in the school auditorium Saturday mornings at chapel relative to proper chorus; recognition of visitors, toastevening, April 2. Miss Rubye Farth- care of the building, promptness, and other things necessary to make the all, school worthwhile. These criticians have a very wholesome effect in ev-

ery grade in the school.

For the first time, the grades are

Cove Creek Chapter Future Farmers Holds Father-Son Benquet

The annual Father and Son banict, sponsored by the Cove Creek chapter, Future Farmers of America, was held Thursday, March 31, at 8 p. m., in the lunch room of Creek high school. Approximately 150 fathers, sons and visitors attended the banquet. Some of the fathers arrived early and played a game of volley bail with the sons just before the banquet.

The following menu was prepared and served by the department of home economics: Tomato juice cocktail, baked chicken, rice with dressing, green beans, candied potatoes, combination salad, ice cream, cup cake, coffee and cocoa.

Following the banquet the following program was given in a very creditable manner with the chapter, president, Louis Farthing, as toast master:

F. F. Song, all; welcome, Clarence Berry; invocation, Rev. Philip Fletchmusic, string band; project program, Harold Henson piano-saxophone duet, Farthing and Fletcher; 1937-38 project plans, Bill Bingham; music, string band; song, F. F. A. quartette; 1936 agricultural fair, Tommie Ward; piano-banjo duct, Farthing and Fletcher; shop work, Carmel Shook; athletics, Robert Banner: Farm Memories, F. F. A master; song, 'Good Night, Daddies,'

of the program is "Tom Thumb's Wedding." Heretofore the school building has been inadequate to suc-

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ing directed the affair



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