

### Sixteen Purebred Jerseys Purchased

Sixteen purebred jerseys were purchased from Granada Farm in Caldwell county for resale to Wilkes farmers on June 17. B. B. Broome and John Brown, of Coble Dairy Products company,

accompanied by County Agent J. H. Salpa, selected the jerseys and they will be sold at a non-profit auction on June 27 to club members and other farmers. A survey shows 2,000 plants will spend \$2,000,000,000 immediately after the war to convert to peacetime production.

### Armed Seizure Of Ward Company Is Unconstitutional

Washington, May 24.—A senate judiciary subcommittee declared today that President Roosevelt's armed seizure of Montgomery Ward and company was unconstitutional, and a few hours later the President struck back.

Mr. Roosevelt described Montgomery Ward as a company that locked out its employees and failed to keep its word.

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Pat McCarran, Democrat, Nevada, branded the use of troops in taking over the vast Chicago mail order plant as illegal and accused Attorney General Francis Biddle of giving Mr. Roosevelt wrong and misleading information.

A report, submitted by the subcommittee as a whole, contended the war labor board should have sought a court order to enforce its ruling in the Ward case.

However, the President upheld the WLB at his news conference when he was asked about the report.

What, asked Mr. Roosevelt, leaning back and puffing his cigarette, would happen to the poor devils who were out of work if the WLB took the dispute through the District, Appeals, and Supreme courts, and then a senate investigating committee took up the matter?

The report said Mr. Roosevelt had neither constitutional nor legal authority to order the plant seizure.

"Inasmuch as the chief executive had no constitutional or statutory authority to issue the executive order . . . any action taken under such executive order was without actual authority", the report asserted.

Commerce Secretary Jesse Jones, the WLB, and the conciliation service were other targets at which the report erupted with withering criticism.

In taking Biddle to task, the report said his letter to the President on April 22 contained "erroneous, misleading, irrelevant and immaterial statements".

The report, noting that the letter presumably impelled the order for seizure, contended that Biddle's statements "have tended to confuse, rather than clarify, the facts in the minds of the people of the United States".

## SOCIETY

### Mr. J. R. Finley Is Honored On Birthday

Mrs. J. R. Finley and two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Grier and Mrs. S. P. Mitchell, held "open house" Monday evening at the Finley home on E street, honoring their husband and father on his 50th birthday anniversary, the occasion coming as a surprise to Mr. Finley. A large number of relatives and friends called during the hours of 7:30 to 10:30 to extend greetings and offer best wishes to Mr. Finley for many more happy birthdays.

Mr. Finley, who was the recipient of lots of nice gifts, is one of the leading citizens of the city and is active in church and civic affairs of the community. He was one of the first merchants of North Wilkesboro, later helping to organize the Forest Furniture Company, of which he is now secretary-treasurer.

During the evening the hostesses were assisted by Misses Breta Poe Scroggs, Edna Bullis, and Lucy and Grace Finley in serving an ice course.

Among the out-of-town guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pollard, of Marion; Mr. and Mrs. John Christian Bernhardt, Mr. and Mrs. George Bernhardt, and Mr. and Mrs. James Harper, all from Lenoir. Mr. and Mrs. Finley, who celebrated their golden anniversary in December of 1942, have another daughter, Miss Kate Finley, of New York city, who was not present for the birthday celebration.

The home throughout was artistically decorated with quantities of cut flowers and potted plants, a large number of which were sent in as gifts for Mr. Finley.

### T. E. L. Class Met With Mrs. W. F. Jones

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist church held its business and social meeting for the month on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. F. Jones. Mrs. J. T. Kerbaugh, the president, was in charge of the usual routine of business and the devotional leader was Mrs. C. C. Kilby. A number of the members were present and were served refreshments during the social hour.

### Woman's Bible Class Holds Monthly Meeting

Mrs. J. R. Hix, Mrs. Clarence Call, and Mrs. W. E. Shuford combined hospitality to the members of the Woman's Bible class of the North Wilkesboro First Methodist church at the Hix home on D street Tuesday afternoon having eleven members present. The devotions for the afternoon were led by Mrs. R. M. Brame, Sr., with the prayer being offered by Mrs. Shuford. Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., the president, presided for the business session. Refreshments were served by the hostesses at the close of the meeting.

### F.D.R. Hints That Liberation Is Near

Washington, May 26.—President Roosevelt dropped a hint today that the allied offensive against Europe is not far off, saying the actions coming off this summer ought to be called the liberation rather than the invasion of Europe.

In a news conference, Mr. Roosevelt also said he hoped to have another conference with Prime Minister Churchill but was indefinite as to the time. Asked if he expected to see the British leader this summer, he said in the summer, the fall or the late spring.

"Why not winter?" a reporter asked. He didn't like to travel, particularly on the Atlantic, in the winter, Mr. Roosevelt replied.

It was not developed whether Mr. Roosevelt, by saying the late spring, meant this year or next year—which would be after the inauguration of the President elected next fall.

In a discussion of postwar planning, Mr. Roosevelt said ideas for a postwar plan for overall security have been reduced to a rough draft and, in response to a question, that he was finding Russia a satisfactory and co-operative collaborator.

The whole discussion began with a reference to a recent editorial in the Washington Post.

Calling invasion "a common or garden episode in warfare," the editorial said the assault upon Hitler's Europe was far more than that.

"It is liberation," it added. "That is a word of the heart. Let us then call this invasion the liberation—the end and not the means, the civilized purpose and not the military mission, the war aim and not the battle operation".

Mr. Roosevelt said he heartily agreed. He went on to speak of liberation as more than the military

operation and recalled reading reports that it was late in the summer of 1943 before the country began a study of postwar problems.

This time, he said, we are taking up the problems and making specific recommendations on plans. There was the international food conference last year, the recent international labor office conference, and he has called a monetary conference for July.

A reporter put in that Secretary of State Hull had said this country was further advanced than others on study of postwar overall security, and asked if Mr. Roosevelt agreed.

The President said he thought that was probably true.

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