

Speed Sought On Truman's Old Age Plan

Washington, April 4.—Democrats signalled for a speed-up today in a drive for action on President Truman's proposal to blanket new millions of workers under old age insurance and to increase the benefits.

Chairman Doughton (Democrat, North Carolina) announced the House Ways and Means Committee will shut off public hearings April 22 or 23. Persons wishing to testify must notify it by April 7.

Over 90 persons and organizations are listed as witnesses and the roster is growing constantly. Doughton said the committee will meet through most of the Easter recess of the House, to hear as many witnesses as possible.

President Truman has asked Congress to (1) include 20,000,000 more under the old age and survivors insurance, bringing the total to 50,000,000; (2) boost benefits; (3) increase the payroll tax; (4) add disability insurance; and (5) expand the public assistance program for relief of all needy persons.

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Willys-Overland Prices Reduced

Price reductions announced by Willys-Overland put the company's vehicles at the lowest price level in their field, according to City Sales Co., Inc., of North Wilkesboro, Willys-Overland dealer.

The price reductions range from \$25 to \$270. In the passenger car field, Willys-Overland now has the lowest-priced full-size station wagon, station sedan, and sports car. Mr. Odell Whittington, Jr., declared. The new prices of the Willys-Overland three-quarter ton truck, four-wheel drive truck, panel delivery, and Universal Jeep are also in the lowest range of their respective fields, he said.

"These new low prices represent a double saving," Mr. Whittington pointed out. "They provide a low initial cost, in addition to the well-known thrift of Willys-Overland vehicles in operation and maintenance. They are now America's most economical as well as most useful vehicles. I am proud that our company took the lead in bringing prices down."

In announcing the price reductions, James D. Mooney, president and board chairman of Willys-Overland, said four major factors have made the move possible at this time. He listed these as:

1. Improvement in steel and other supplies. Willys-Overland now benefits from its purchasing policy during the period of greatest shortage. With steel supplies improving, substantial savings in steel costs are possible since the company is not burdened with long-range contracts at high prices, nor high-cost steel producing facilities.
2. Easing of material shortages, resulting in savings through a sustained volume, a better control of stocks, and a smoother flow of production.
3. Results of the Willys-Overland policy of maintaining its basic models instead of making annual model changeovers. Combined with high inter-changeability of parts, this policy avoids heavy tooling expenditures and costly interruptions of production.
4. Willys-Overland's functional design, which eliminates the wasteful use of materials in frills that add nothing to a motor car's performance or comfort.

North Carolina growers intend to plant 11,500 acres of watermelons this year. This is about 12 per cent more than last year.

Tamworth, Berkshires Top Winners Here

By J. P. OHOPLIN (County Agent)

Golden Lady I, a bred gilt Tamworth consigned by T. O. Pierce of Winston-Salem, shared top honors with a Berkshire consigned by Oland F. Peele of Pikesville at the Northwest Carolina Purebred Hog Sale at North Wilkesboro on Thursday, March 31. The two winners sold for \$100 each. Golden Lady was purchased by Wayne Snyder of Pineblake. The Berkshire, named Nohunta Model Sunbeam IV, went to I. T. Mathis of Roaring River.

Top place winner in the open gilt class was consigned by Joe Angel, a 4-H Club and FFA member from Walkertown, and sold for \$82.50. The top boar, which sold for \$7.50, was also consigned by Mr. Peele. Both of these animals were purchased by W. O. Wike of Lenoir.

Fifteen animals, representing five breeds, participated in the sale, which averaged \$51.96 for females, \$55.50 for boars. Breeds represented were OIC, Berkshire, Poland China, Duroc and Tam-

Soviets Warn Four Nations Against Pact

London, April 4.—Russia protested to Italy, Norway, Denmark.

Rudell Foster of Mocksville, Route 3, a member of the Advance 4-H Club, gave a registered OIC pig to a 4-H or FFA member holding a lucky number. Winner was Sanford Call Jr., of Wilkesboro.

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mark, and Iceland today against their participation in the Atlantic treaty, the Moscow radio announced tonight.

The protests, Moscow said, were the same as those sent last Thursday and Friday to the United States, and six other countries which sponsored the treaty.

The original memorandum said that the Atlantic treaty was aggressive and was aimed against Russia, in violation of the United Nations Charter and various international agreements.

Of the 12 countries which signed the Atlantic pact in Washington today only one has not received a protest. The lone ex-

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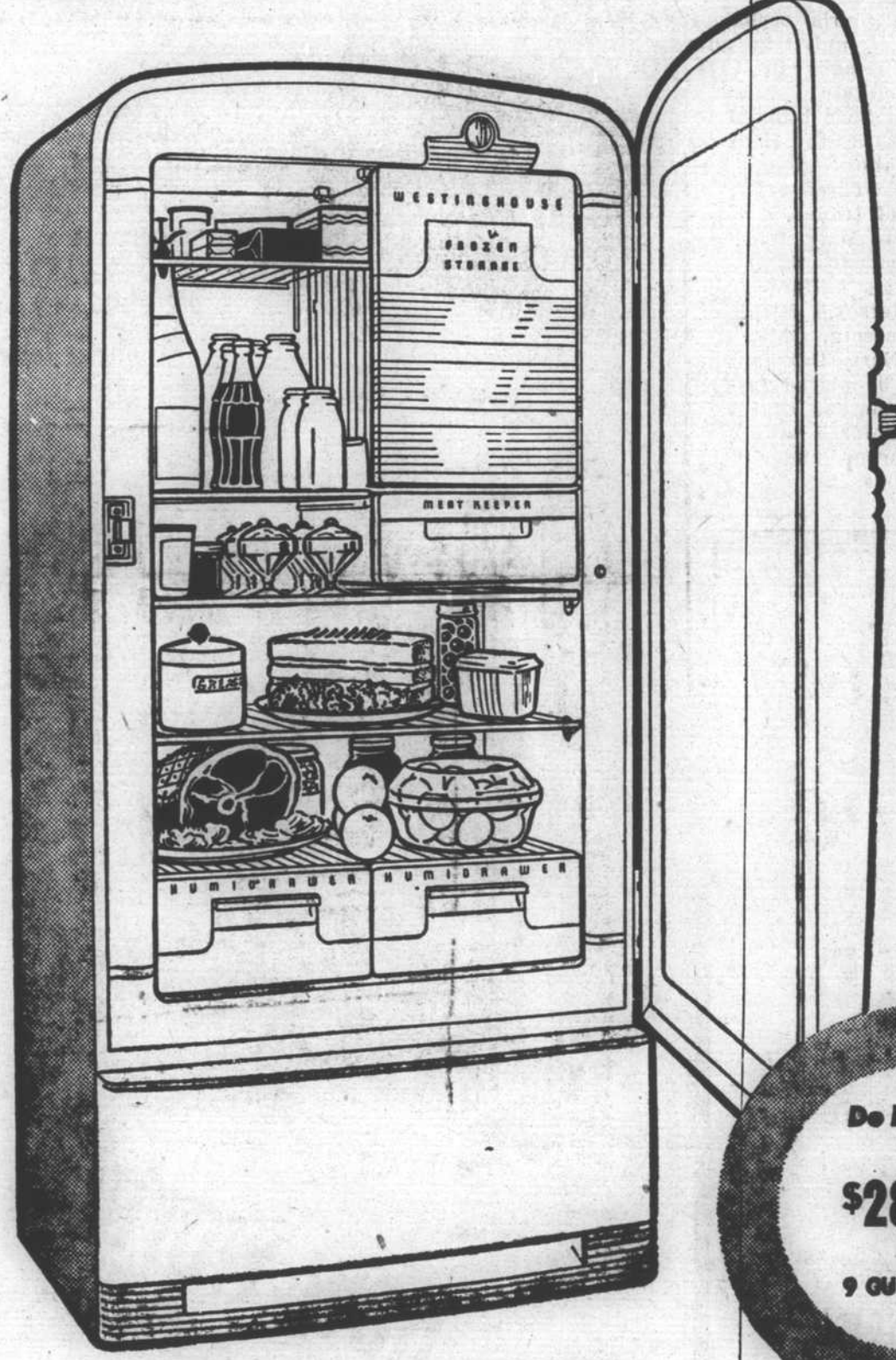
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