

Bands, Vocalists To Give Yule Program

The Music Department of the Appalachian High School and the Boone Demonstration School will present a Christmas program Thursday evening December 17 at 7:30 o'clock at the high school auditorium.

Appearing on the program will be a group of students from the Demonstration school under the direction of Miss Mildred Simpson. This group will sing several popular Christmas songs and Christmas carols.

The Junior High School Band under the direction of Mr. Don Knowland will play four band selections including a Christmas selection "Here Comes Santa Claus."

The Senior High School Band under the direction of Mr. Roy Blanton will play several band selections including the "Dorian" Overture, "Nations Creede," and several Christmas selections.

The Appalachian High School Choral Ensemble, directed by Mrs. Elsie Erneston will conclude

the program with six Christmas Carols. Some of the selections presented by the Ensemble will be: "Carol of the Bells," "Cantique de Noel," and "Angels We Have Heard On High."

The public is cordially invited to attend the Christmas program.

Farm Questions And Answers

QUESTION: Is it true that North Carolina farmers use more fertilizer than those of any other state?

ANSWER: Yes. Farmers in North Carolina have recognized the importance of fertilizer in securing high yields for many years. In the past 15 years the amount of fertilizer used in the state has doubled. In the crop year 1952-53 Tar Heel farmers used 1,850,000 tons of plant food.

QUESTION: Should I treat my

home garden (100 x 200 feet) for root knot control?

ANSWER: Do not consider treating your garden unless there is real trouble and you are sure of the cause. If root knot nematodes are the primary problem, select an inexpensive fumigant. If a soil-borne fungus or bacterial disease is the main problem, soil treatment may not be practical or it may pay you to treat with a more expensive material such as chloropicrin. These materials are toxic to humans and animals and care must be exercised in their use. Observe all precautions given by manufacturers.

In the first Christmas Seal sale in the United States in 1907, \$3,000 was raised to aid a few needy tuberculosis patients. In 1952, the Christmas Seal Sale raised \$23,300,000 to fight TB through health education, medical research, case finding, and rehabilitation.

In 1953, tobacco consumption per person 15 years or older (in the United States and its overseas armed forces) was practically the same as during 1952—about 10 per day per person.

Purchase Of Beef May Bolster Prices

The federal government's purchases of beef for domestic uses and export, started last April, are designed to strengthen the nation's cattle market, according to L. E. Tuckwiller, Watauga county farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

Mr. Tuckwiller says recent reports show that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will have purchased between 220 and 225 million pounds of beef by the year's end. This is the equivalent of more than 750,000 head of cattle, according to the county agent.

Sharp drops in cattle prices, are largely the result of increased marketings from a record national cattle herd of 94 million head. Drought has complicated the situation by stepping up marketings, particularly of lower-grade cattle, and reducing the normal demand for animals for high-finish feeding and herd replacements.

The bulk of the government's beef purchases are being distributed through the school lunch

program and nonprofit institutions. About 18 million pounds were purchased by the Foreign Operations Administration for overseas distribution.

Because producer price problems are greatest this year in the cheaper grades of cattle, owing to prolonged drought conditions, the government contracts

have called for commercial and utility grade carcasses, with greatest emphasis on cutter and canner grades.

Former Cuban President Carlos Prío Socarras was arrested in Miami, Fla., on a charge of conspiring to export arms and implements of war from the U. S. without licenses.

TAKE-HOME PAY
Take-home pay of workers in the United States, beginning Jan. 1, 1954, will increase slightly. Withholding taxes will be at the rate of 18 per cent instead of the present 20 per cent, but social security taxes will be higher—the rate being two per cent on the first \$3,600 of salary instead of 1-1-2 per cent as at present.

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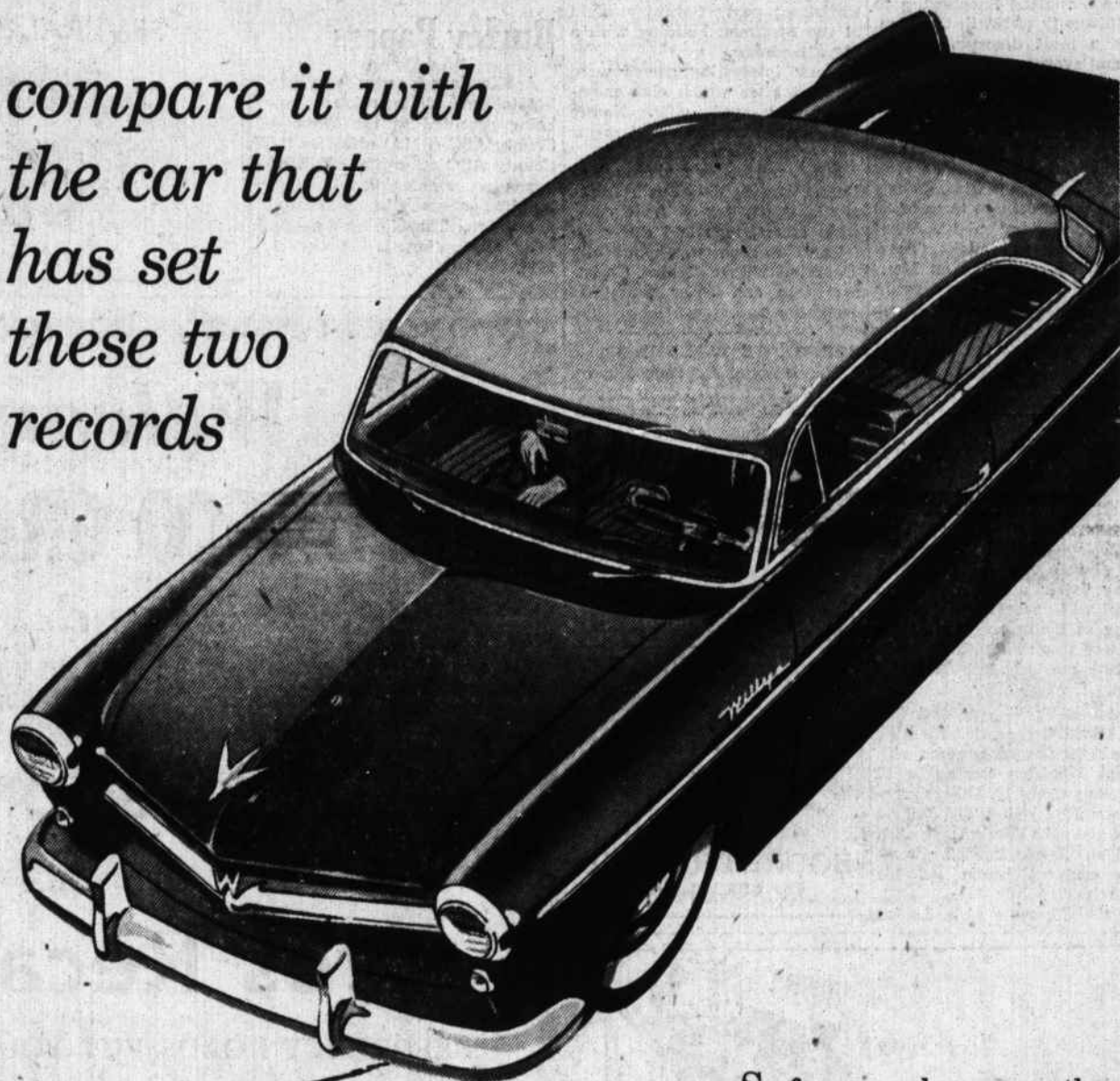
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