

# "Teen Topics"

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Well, our basketball season is still going strong. Last Tuesday night, December 8, our teams traveled to Mount Olive to meet the Mount Olive Panthers. The Panthers are generally considered to be the strongest team in our conference.

Our girls, unfortunately got off to a bad start in the first quarter, and, even though they rallied in the second and third quarters, they were not able to come back enough to win. The final score was Mount Olive 43, Jones Central 26, with Sheila Black and Pam Scott taking the scoring honors for our Rockettes. Sheila scored 8 points, and Pam scored 5 points.

Our boys got off to a good start in the first half, but failed to come back in the second half, and the final score was Mount Olive 78, Jones Central 56. High scorers for JC were Jimmy DeBruhl and Barry Henderson. Jimmy scored 17 points (12 of which he scored in the 2nd quarter alone), and Barry scored 13 points.

Last Saturday night, our teams took on East Duplin at Jones Central. The girl's game was close all the way, but our girls showed they wanted to win, and they did!!! The final score was Jones Central 28 and East Duplin 27. Yvonne Whaley, with 10 points, led the scoring for JC.

Our boys' game was also a good one, and a hard-fought one. The first half was especially close, but East Duplin began to gain in the second half, and the final score was East Duplin 63, Jones Central 50. Jimmy DeBruhl, with 18 points, and Barry Henderson and Freddie Costello, each with 10 points, took the scoring honors for our Rockets. As is his custom, DeBruhl scored most of his points in one quarter — the fourth quarter — when he scored 14 points.

As the Christmas holidays are approaching, I hope that everyone will think about the true meaning of Christmas and pause from the hustle and bustle of the holidays to think of all the blessings which we as Americans possess.

The Jones Central High School Glee Club will give a concert on Thursday night, December 17, at 8:00 p.m. at the school.



## GARDEN TIME

Plants of a new strawberry variety, Earlibelle, will be available for spring planting in 1965. The variety was developed through the cooperative efforts of the Crops Research Division, USDA, and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

Earlibelle ripens earlier than the Albritton variety in eastern North Carolina and the yields have been better. At the Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Willard, Earlibelle averaged 1,665 quarts per acre in the first week of harvest as com-

## Reminder to Farmers About What They Must Do in Social Security Payments

pared with 681 quarts per acre for Albritton. Over a five year period, the Earlibelle variety has outyielded Albritton by 25 per cent.

The fruits of Earlibelle are medium-large and average 62 berries per pound as compared with 66 for Albritton. The skin color is bright red. The surface of the berries is glossy and firm. In shape, the berries are long-conic with few rough or misshapen fruits. The flavor is tart and good.

Plants of Earlibelle are comparatively small but they set runners so freely in most soils that fruiting beds must frequently be thinned. The leaves are resistant to leaf spot and leaf scorch.

The variety has not been productive at Beltsville, Maryland, and northward. While no tests have been conducted in the mountain regions of North Carolina, it would probably not do well at the higher elevations.

Earlibelle is recommended primarily for planting in the lower Piedmont, eastern North Carolina and southward.

Today, most farm workers are covered by social security and farm workers build credit for retirement, disability, and survivors benefits during their working years in the same way that city workers build their credits under social security.

Any farm employee is covered under the social security law if his employer pays him \$150 or more in cash wages during a year or if he works for a farm employer on 20 or more days a year for cash pay figured on a time basis. Furthermore these cash wages do not have to be earned during one continuous period. They may be earned any time during the year.

The farm employer must keep a record of each farm worker who meets or is expected to meet the \$150 cash wage test or the 20-day work test. The record must show the worker's social security account number, his name, and the amount of wages paid to the worker.

In January of each year the employer must file a tax return with the District Director of Internal Revenue showing all the information about his employees, so that each worker may receive credit for his earnings for the year.

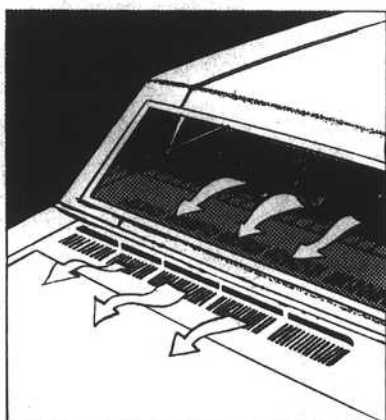
The farm employer makes the report on Form 943, which may be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service. When this tax is filed, the social security tax must be paid on each worker's earnings — 3 5/8 per cent by the employer and 3 5/8 per cent which has been withheld from the employee's wages over the year.

For any further information regarding social security benefits for farm workers, one should get in touch with the Social Security Administration office.

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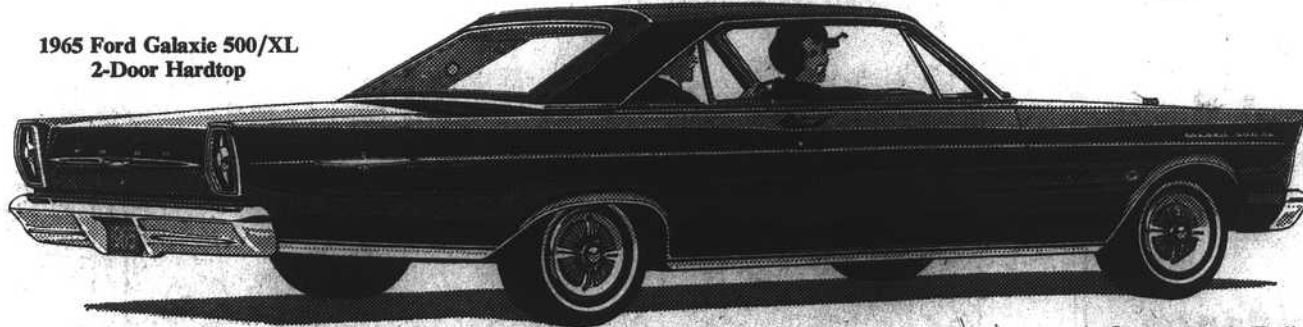
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