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## HART CO. GMA RAISES \$700 FOR MARCH OF DIMES

The Hart County GMA and WLOC+FM Radio Station, jointly sponsored March of Dimes Radiothon held Saturday night October 13 proved to be a great success!

The Radiothon which originated from the Munfordville Elementary Gym collected approximately \$700.00 for the March of Dimes.

This total was presented to the March of Dimes on October 21 during WBKO TV's Telerama. It was one of the largest contributions made by any organization during the 19 hour program held by the Bowling Green station.

An enthusiastic crowd was present in the gymnasium where six local gospel singing groups provided the talent for the fast-paced radiothon. The enthusiasm of the audience was compounded each time a new total was read by the master of ceremonies Johnny Melloan.

Most of the large sum of money was made up of contributions given over the telephone, as there were three telephones, available to receive pledges.

Local groups which appeared on the program were The McCubbins Family, Singing Stantons, Gospel Voices, Voices of Faith, Christian Sound and the Gospel Servants.

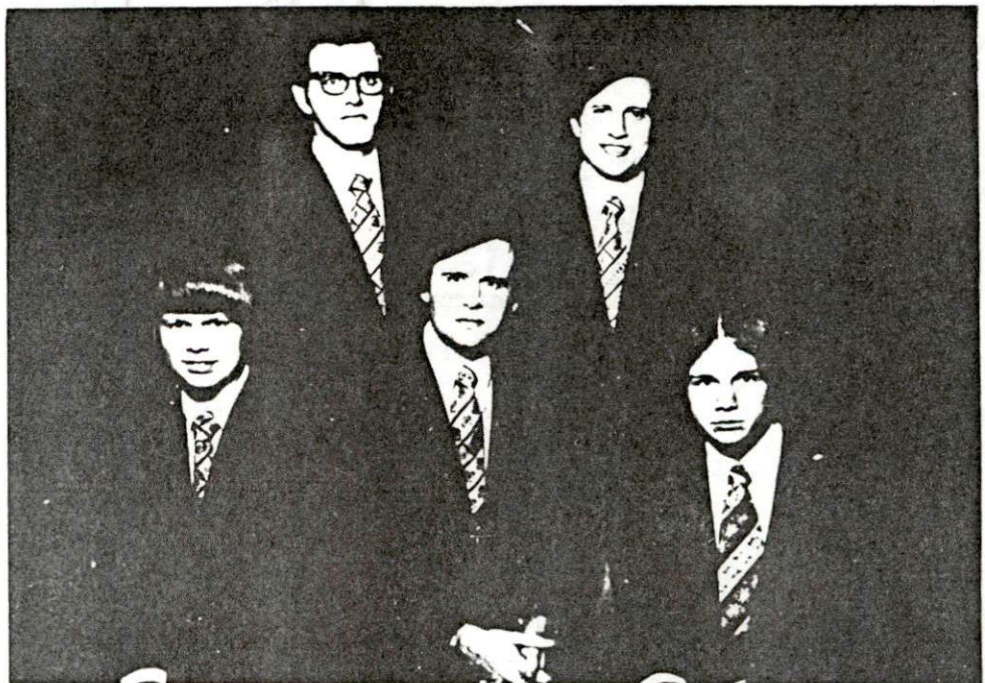
Kenneth Walters, local March of Dimes Treasurer, spoke to the crowd about the accomplishments of the March of Dimes in Hart County last year. He stated, "This

years March of Dimes contribution from Hart County will be greatly increased, due to the diligent efforts of the Hart County Gospel Music Association and Radio Station WLOC."

Hart County's total contribution exceeded \$2000.00. This is an increase of

approximately \$650 from the 1972 total and there are further activities planned which should raise the 1973 total further.

Persons who have not yet sent in their pledge should mail them in immediately to Kenneth Walters, Munfordville, Kentucky 42765.



The New Crusaders will be the guest group at the November GMA Singing to be held at Hart County High School, November 17. See story on page 3.

# Gospel REACHING OUT

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## From The Hart County GMA President

By Johnny Melloan

Gospel music has been on the rise in popularity in recent years in many sections of the nation. One of the most important factors contributing to the increased popularity is the higher standards to which those people involved in gospel music are aspiring.

From a musical standpoint these standards can be shown in the more innovative arrangements of songs, an increased use of musical instruments, and a growth out of the established mold which at one time was the standard pattern for gospel music. In the last point I am speaking about the old idea of a gospel group consisting of four singers and a piano player. While this style of group is one of the most basic features in gospel music, the audience was greatly limited when such a group was the only available gospel talent. Now there are a wide

variety of styles among gospel groups. The message is the same but the presentation takes on many new characteristics.

Gospel music can now attract a large audience on its own musical merits. The demand for gospel entertainment can be seen locally by its use at the annual meetings of a number of organizations, the consistently large crowds which attend gospel singings, and the ability to draw a sizeable audience in fund-raising efforts such as the radiothon which was held recently.

Gospel singers are looking better, performing better, and sounding better. The groups are generally taking more pride in what they are doing. And this is as it should be. Due to the very nature of gospel music it deserves nothing less than the very best efforts of those involved.

## The Ministers' View

By: Rev. Theodore McCubbins

Gospel Music is now and has always been a source of inspiration and Joy to God's people thru the ages.

Today there has been many changes in the Gospel music world concerning the type of songs that are being sung, and the style of clothing that is being worn. But the Gospel music of today has the same message as always and that is to praise God and to tell the wonderful story of Jesus.

Being a former member of a Gospel group for many years, I know the Joy and Happiness that thrills the heart of an individual when the spirit of the Lord moves upon the heart as they sing his praises.

In I Corinthians 14:15 The Bible says: I will pray with the spirit and I will pray

with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also.

Here see that Gospel music has a great part in the worship of the Lord. So let us as ministers and lay people pray for our fine people that are working so hard to take the message is song to a troubled world.

*The members of the Hart County Gospel Music Association would like to take this opportunity to express our sympathy to the family of Maxie Spradlin who passed away on October 21. May they find comfort from the Lord in their time of sorrow.*

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Those of us who love gospel music know that this is our way of praising God and of thanking him for each and every moment of our lives. So what better way to spend Thanksgiving night than to attend a gospel sing.

On Thanksgiving night, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Metcalfe County High School Gym, there will be a gospel concert

featuring the Jake Hess Sound and the Rangers. Jake Hess is one of those rare people who really live what they sing, and his "Kids" Becky and Chris are truly following in his footsteps. The Rangers, a relatively new group comprised of Donnie Sumner, Sherill Nielsen, Tim Baty, and Tommy Hensley, are already becoming quite popular with their singing of older tent-meeting style songs as well as the new dynamic style songs written by Donnie and other members of the group.

While these two groups take a break, the Edmonton Quartet will sing (but I promise we won't take up too much time!)

This should be a fine program and an ideal way to spend your Thanksgiving night. Please make your plans to join us for we'd love to see you there.

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## NEW CRUSADERS TO APPEAR AT NOVEMBER GMA SINGING

The November GMA singing will be held November 17, at 7:00 CST. **THE NEW CRUSADERS** from Paducah will be the guests of the McCubbins Family who will sponsor the singing. The singing will be held in the Hart County High School Cafeteria. If it is necessary the singing will move to the gymnasium.

**THE NEW CRUSADERS** are a full time group and are very dedicated people. Bill McClintock, manager of the group, has a marvelous testimony to share with you.

You don't want to miss this singing. Bring someone with you and tell all your friends about it. Come out and help the McCubbins Family welcome **THE NEW CRUSADERS** to this area. **SEE YOU THERE!**



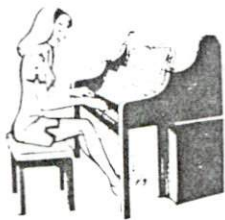
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- 4... Wesley United Methodist. 2300 W. Jefferson, Louisville, Afternoon.
- 11... Barren County Singing Conv.
- 17... Rowletts Baptist Church. Revival. 7:00 P.M.
- 18... Cove Baptist. S. Park, Louisville. 7:00 P.M.

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- 3... Hart County Singing Convention. 7:00 P.M.
- 4... Bedford Acres Christian Church. Paris, Ky. 11:00 A.M. EDT
- 4... Bedford Acres Christian Church. Paris, Ky. 7:00 P.M. EDT
- 8... Glenview Christian Church. Revival 7:00 P.M. Glasgow, Ky.
- 11... Barren Co. Singing Conv. 2:00
- 18... Horse Cave Christian Church. 11:00 A.M.

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- 3... Hart County Singing Convention. Leitchfield Crossing. 7:00 P.M.
- 16... Rowletts Baptist Church. Revival. 7:00 P.M.
- 17... White Mills Baptist. 7:00 EDT

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- 2... Dorsey's Chapel Methodist Church Revival. 7:00 P.M.
- 3... Hart County Singing Convention. Leitchfield Crossing. 7:00 P.M.
- 4... Bethlehem Baptist Church. Revival. 6:00 P.M. Greensburg.
- 7... Friendship Baptist No. 2
- 9... Upton Baptist Church.
- 10... Little Barren Baptist Church. Green County. 6:30 P.M.
- 15... Rowletts Baptist Church. Revival. 7:00 P.M.

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- 3... Hart County Singing Conv.
- 11... Macedonia Baptist Church. Gilbert Larimore, pastor. Green Co.
- 13... Rowletts Baptist Church. & 7:00 P.M. Bro. Don Cottrett, pastor.
- 17... GMA Singing at Hart County High
- 18... Rowletts Baptist Church. 7:00 P.M.

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## NOVEMBER GMA MEETING TO BE AT ROWLETTS BAPTIST

The November meeting of the Hart County Gospel Music Association will be held on Thursday night, November 8, at the Rowletts Baptist Church. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00. All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

The church's new pastor, Bro. Don Cottrell, is a member of the Voices of Faith, one of our member groups.



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## Rowletts Baptist

### Church Sets Revival

Fall revival services are scheduled for Rowletts Baptist Church beginning November 11, 1973. Bro. Don Cottrell the new pastor will be preaching. Special music will be provided by many of the groups in this area.

Be much in prayer for these services.

As you can see in the picture above, the Gospel Voices welcome the opportunity to sit down for a minute when they get the chance. In the past two months, these chances have been few since the group has had 30 singing engagements. We have also found time to practice, put this paper together, and work in other activities related to the Hart County GMA. In other words, there are usually no more than one or two nights a week that the Gospel Voices are not involved some way in gospel music. Since a similar situation exists with many groups, the term

“part-time” seems a little inappropriate. Members of the Gospel Voices have other commitments such as college and jobs. That makes for a busy schedule, but that’s what we like. Through the winter months is a great time for gospel singings. There are fewer conflicting activities and it is easier to get a good crowd. If you would like to have the Gospel Voices sing for you write:

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## “. . .Dragging Their P.A. Systems Behind Them.”

By Joan Melloan

A professional gospel group is thrilled, I'm sure, by the purchase of a new Silver eagle, or Challenger for the groups use.

Well, a similar feeling might come over a semi-pro group, when they obtain their first trailer or van. It means, no more loading the P.A. set in the back of a truck covered with tarpaulian, in the trunk of a car, or in a camper which has to be lifted on and off each time the group wishes to use it due to the fact that the truck bed is also used to haul cattle, feed or any other farm use.

After two years of carrying the P.A. in and out of the house and loading and unloading when we got home, we experienced the thrill of a new, two wheel trailer with our name painted on both sides. Now we can leave the P.A. in the trailer all the time, except when it is in use. This saves a lot of time and back-breaking work.

The boys of the group stayed up several nights til late, with the help of others, building the trailer from scratch. It turned

out great and we're very proud of it.

We now travel in one car, and one truck. For future reference, I might mention that the car is a Chevrolet, and the truck is a Ford with our lovable, little trailer hooked behind it.

We had the trailer only a short time when we made a rather long trip to an all nite singing. We took our P.A. so naturally our trailer, also.

After we had sung around once the

master of ceremonies made several comments about how the audience should go out to the lobby and buy albums from the performing groups, since this was a benefit sing. He ended up by saying, "Now these groups aren't like them big professional ones. They don't have big shiny buses like them. Why, they just drive all over the place in their old, beat-up Fords and Chevys, dragging their P.A. systems behind them."

## HART CONVENTION AT LEITCHFIELD CROSSING

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held at the Leitchfield Baptist Church, Saturday night, November 3. Guest singers will be the Edmonton Quartet. A number of local groups are also scheduled

on the program. The starting time has been moved to 7:00 P.M. CST. The church is located two miles north of Munfordville on highway 31-W.

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By Donna Stanton

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath annointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

St. Luke 4:18-19

Those were the words of Jesus when He stood up in the synagogue and announced that He was the Messiah they had waited for so long. Jesus Christ is the only example for Christian people. The very word Christian means Christ-like. Many times the scribes and Pharisees criticized Jesus for His association with publicans and sinners. He told them that a well person had no need of a doctor and that he had come to call the sinners to repentance not the righteous. With Christ as the example, why should gospel singers be expected to be different?

For years the evangelism of gospel music was limited. Now with modern transportation, records, radio, and TV the possibilities are endless. To reach these people, you must be able to communicate on their level. When Jesus used a parable He always talked in terms of something easily understood -- farmers, fishermen, etc. Gospel music in today's society must be something that can compete on all levels with the products of a tuned-in, turned-on generation. It must be as entertaining as any other type of music. The singers must look at least a little like the people they are trying to reach. Above all, sincerity counts.

Gospel music is taking the message of Salvation everywhere to people who would probably never hear it any other way. Because of the entertainment factor, gospel music can get into places that would refuse any other type of evangelist. Because of the message in every song, gospel music is changing people's lives. You'd think all Christians would be happy about it, but they're not. Gospel singers receive knocks on every side from people who should be supporting them.

As you probably know, the Stamps have worked with Elvis Presley extensively in

recent months and they have been criticized greatly for it. One night, after they had finished a concert with Elvis at the Las Vegas Hilton, a man stopped Bill Baize, Stamps' tenor, in the lobby. The man told Bill he'd been a Christian for several years but his wife was not and he had been greatly troubled about it. She was a big Elvis fan and reluctantly he'd agreed to bring her to the concert. The trip turned out to be worthwhile. As the song "How Great Thou Art" was being sung, she lifted her hands right there in the Hilton Ballroom and accepted Christ as her personal Savior. He just wanted the Stamps to know.

Now I didn't tell you that to praise the Stamps, although I do count them as special friends. I just wanted you to know why gospel singers hang in there even when it seems that everyone is putting them down. All the frustrations are forgotten and all the striving is made worthwhile if just one person says, "one of your songs helped."

## Melody Aires Going Into Mission Field

The Melody Aires, from Columbia, Ky., will be leaving November 22, 2973 for the mission field in Jamacia. They will be working in the mission field 6 days.

The group consists of Huston Jenkins who sings bass, Richard Owens sings Baritone and plays bass guitar, Paul Curry Tenor, Daryl Moore Lead and piano, Charlie Randall lead guitar and solist, Stephen Stapp organ and piano and soloist. All are Christian men.

The Melody Aires has just recorded a new album entitled "Swing Wide the Gates."

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## Good Revival Reported By McCubbins Family

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There was such a sweet spirit when we sang at the Bear Cove Baptist Church in Sparta, Tennessee, Sunday morning, October 7, that the song "Sweet Sweet Spirit" certainly became a reality.

We are happy to report that God is blessing his people, reclaiming the backslider and saving the lost. The results of that Sunday morning service were 10 professions of faith, 5 members joined by letter, and a large number came to the altar to rededicate their lives. Approximately 150 people were revived at

the close of the week-long revival with Bro. Otis Skaggs as the evangelist and Bro. Cosby Dobson, pastor.

Haskell McCubbins  
of the McCubbins Family

## GOSPEL SERVANTS

The members of our group are: Jimmy McCubbins - lead; Mary Jo Templeman - Alto; Karen Templeman - Tenor; Cathy Templeman - Pianist; John McCubbins - Guitar. We are young people that love the Lord and gospel music.

We feel a great work can be done for the Lord through singing and playing the Gospel. Although we have been honored to sing in several Churches over the state, we feel our first obligation is to our home Churches. If you would like for our group to come to your Church contact Jimmy McCubbins - 524-9974 or Cathy Templeman 524-9833.

## METCALFE CO. CONVENTION NOVEMBER 17

The Metcalfe County Singing Convention will be held at the Shady Grove Baptist Church on Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 P.M.

The guest singers will be the Happy Aires from Glasgow, Kentucky.

A large crowd was reported at the October convention and a still larger crowd is hoped for this month.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a fine evening of gospel music, at the Metcalfe County Singing Convention. BRING A FRIEND!!!

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