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Citadels At December Sing

The guests for the December GMA singing will be the Citadels, from Louisville, Ky. The singing, which will be December 8 at the Bonnieville Elementary School Gymnasium, is to be co-sponsored by the Cook Family, also appearing on the program.

The Citadels were organized about two years ago and the present members have been together about one year. They are Ward Davishis wife Dianne, and his daughters Vickie and Toni, and Dave Allgood. They are all dedicated people and enjoy meeting new Christian friends.

Please, make your plans now to attend and bring a friend to enjoy the singing with you.
From The Hart County GMA President

By Johnny Melloan

Occasionally I get the impression that gospel singers are a misunderstood group of people. Evidently this is not an exclusive idea of mine since one of the goals of the Hart County GMA, when it was organized, was to help create a better understanding of the gospel groups.

A comment which members of groups seem to invariably get from someone after a singing goes something like this, "I really enjoyed your group. I hope you know what you're singing about." Now the first statement always makes you smile and feel good. But the second part sort of dampens that good feeling. Simply the fact that people would ask this question gives the impression that they have a serious doubt.

Everyone has heard the things about gospel music such as there is no money in it. It consumes a tremendous amount of time, the travel is exhausting and all of the other problems associated with being a gospel singer or musician. There's no reason to belabor these points except to make the observation that gospel music is not all fun and games.

This brings me to a question which I wonder about. If people don't "know what they're singing about," then why are they in gospel music in the first place? You might say that they simply enjoy music in general. That is probably true. But then why did they happen to choose gospel music instead of, say, country or popular. Either of these would be less trouble since they are usually singles acts as opposed to gospel music which is generally made up of groups. A single performer would not be bothered with many of the problems involved where a number of people are involved.

You might think of some other reasons, however they probably would not hold much water either. It all comes down to the fact that people are in gospel music because they do indeed "know what they're singing about." Sure, there are exceptions, just like there are exceptions among preachers, Sunday School teachers, and church officers. But that is exactly what they are - exceptions.
REPORT OF
NOVEMBER
GMA MEETING

Since not everyone is able to attend the monthly meetings and some who do often need an instant replay, we thought an article about what was discussed at the last meeting on November 8 would be helpful.

Most of the time was used to discuss ways of getting new advertising. If you would like to advertise or help sell ads for Gospel Reaching Out, please contact our new ad director, Wilma Spradlin.

Sharon Goldsmith from Munfordville was given an honorary membership in the Hart County GMA for her tremendous help the March of Dimes Radiothon.

Groundwork was laid for the 1st Anniversary Supper-Sing, tentatively scheduled for Saturday night, May 11, 1974. Further details will be worked out later. Keep watching this paper for more information about the biggest event of the year.

Signed: Donna Stanton, Secretary
Hart County GMA

The Gospel Voices, of Horse Cave, will return to the Lincoln Jamboree in Hodgenville on December 15. This appearance follows a successful engagement there in late October.

According to Joel Ray Sprowls, owner and operator of the Lincoln Jamboree, the Gospel Voices received the best response and most favorable comments following their performance of any gospel group which he had previously booked.

The Lincoln Jamboree is Kentucky's number one country music show and it offers a tremendous opportunity for gospel music to be seen by a large number of people.

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On December 1, the Gospel Voices will be traveling to Knoxville, Tennessee to sing at the Sam Houston Baptist Mission. Larry Wells, a former Kentuckian, is the minister of the church.

Another engagement is scheduled there for Sunday, December 2.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

THE CHRISTIAN SOUND
P.O. BOX 423
HORSE CAVE, KY. 42749
PHONE 786–2495

1... Hart County Singing
9... Barren County Singing
15... Metcalfe County Singing
23... Horse Cave Christian Church. 11:00 A.M.
31... Youth Rally — New Years Eve Party. Antioch Baptist Church. 7:00 P.M.

THE VOICES OF FAITH
BOX 49
GLASGOW, KENTUCKY
PHONE 678–2467 OR 524–2191

1... Green Hill Methodist Church
9... Barren County Singing Conv.
31... New Years Eve Singing. Sulpher Wells.

SEEKERS
RE-ORGANIZED

At the October GMA Sing, David South informed me that the Seekers have a new tenor.

Larry Cooksey, the newest member, is from Edmonton, Kentucky.

The Seekers now consist of Gary Ervin, Marcella Ervin, Judy South, Larry Cooksey, and Dean Morris.

If you would like to have the Seekers in your church or singing, contact David South at 432-2512, Edmonton, Ky.

Cathy Templeman

THE GOSPEL SERVANTS
BOX 52
MUNFORDVILLE, KY. 42765
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1... Hart County Singing Convention
Camp Ground United Methodist Church.
COOK FAMILY ON WBKO TELEVISION

Anxiety, fear, pride, humility, gratitude, disappointment, happiness — all human emotions. According to the scriptures some are good emotions and some are not. The members of the Cook Family Singers probably felt all of these and more the morning we taped the shows with Jim Kearce.

We were told to be there by 7:50 A.M. so the producer and director could work with us and have everything ready to start taping by 9:00. Anxious to be there on time we arrived at 7:30. At 9:30 we were still waiting to get started. All this time, while we were wearing paths in the floor they were nonchalantly setting up scenery, placing mikes, practicing their numbers, and one person was even painting some of the background.

Finally we were ready to start taping the first of the three shows Jim was doing that morning. We were to be in the first and third shows. Everyone got to their places (and began to panic!)

It seems that speed is very important in taping these shows and we were told to waste no time getting on and off the set. We were also told we'd have very little time for talking or anything but singing. After Jim's first number he introduced the Cook Family Singers and we came on.

Unaware of what to expect we were all surprised when he started talking to us. Turning to Botts and Larry, he asked who was usually our spokesman and they, either too stunned or wanting to comply with the idea of not much talking, just pointed to Joyce. Botts said that was one time he didn't stutter at all!

Jim talked to Joyce about our album then asked her to introduce the group. She did with only one minor detail — she did forget to tell who she was. Oh, yes, while Larry was being shown seated behind the steel guitar she introduced him as our lead guitar player.

Then he asked us to do our song, Ten Thousand Years. It's really odd, but that day every key on the piano and every string on the guitars were all in the wrong places. And it seemed like "Ten Thousand Years" was how long it took to sing the song. Joyce wants you to know that all the clinkers you heard her play on the piano was due to "technical difficulties beyond our control."

Backstage we all began to tell each other that we blew it! We were sure the whole thing was a mess. Probably the only calm one was Tony. If he was nervous he certainly didn't show it.

We just relaxed ??? while Jim was taping the second show and then it was time for the third show we felt like old pros. We wonder though if old pros have shaky knees, wet palms, chattering teeth, etc., but everything went a lot better this time as we knew more of what to expect.

Finally we finished around 1:00 p.m. Not bad really — we'd only been there 5½ hours and had watched them tape three one-half hour shows.

All in all it was an exciting day.

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sometimes confusing, but definitely exciting. It was a day the Cook Family Singers will long remember.

We want to thank Kathy's mother, Mrs. Gayle Middleton, for her part in helping make this possible. Also, a big thanks to Tony Twyman who played drums for us.

If you watched the shows and enjoyed them, write to Jim Kearce at station WBKO in Bowling Green and tell him. It may help to put us back on his show again and we feel this is one way we can reach people for the Lord. After all, that's what gospel singing is all about.

Sego Brothers & Naomi Coming To Hart County

The Sego Brothers and Naomi are coming to Hart County in January. They will be the guests for the January GMA singing to be sponsored by the Voices of Faith.

JOYFUL FOUR AT MT. OLIVET DEC. 15

On November 10th, the Gospel Servants attended a gospel singing at Morgantown, Ky. One of the groups who sang were the Joyful Four.

The Joyful Four are a dedicated group of Christians from Morgantown, Ky. Members of the group are: Don Lindsey, lead; Eulema Keith, Alto; Oral Snodgrass, tenor and pianist; Doug Lindsey, Bass; Jimmy Harris, drums; and Nelson Harris, Bass Guitar.

The Joyful Four will be at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Highway 88 West, on December 15, at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

DEADLINES FOR JANUARY

GOSPEL REACHING OUT

EDITORIAL — December 14
ADVERTISING — December 19
CONCERT DATES — December 21

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HORSE CAVE, KENTUCKY
By Donna Stanton

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

It’s that time of year again -- the time when all of Christiandom has set aside a day to celebrate the birth of the Son of God. Everywhere people are preparing for the Christmas holidays -- especially the big department stores stocking their shelves for the gift buying rush.

Did you ever notice how people’s personalities change as Christmas approaches? People who have been enemies all year declare a truce. Everyone is friendly. On a clear night you can almost hear the angels sing, “Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men.”

People who haven’t been to church since last Easter are right there for the Christmas services. But just wait till Christmas is over! Their new-found religion fades and the word, peace, is forgotten.

Is that all the birthday of our Savior has come to mean? Just a hypocritical form of brotherhood and crowds of shoppers lining neon avenues flashing the commercialism of today’s society? It may seem that way but I still believe there are some sincere people left in the world.

There are people who give unselfishly to those less fortunate than themselves in the name of the Giver of Life. Many churches and young people’s groups go caroling. I never thought much about Christmas caroling as anything but another was to have fun. Then one year I went out with the chorus from school. We visited the homes of shut-ins and entertained a blind couple. We went to the Nursing Home and fellowshipped with the old people there. Tears filled their eyes -- and mine -- as they requested one song after another. When we were finished, they all lined-up and shook hands with every singer as we left. I never realized before what a blessing could be gotten from singing the old songs of Christmas.

Last year, we -- the Singing Stantons -- participated in a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at a church near here. The songs we sang, the choir songs and the preacher’s message all told the traditional Christmas story. When that service was over, one young man had made his way to an altar of prayer and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior.

There is a certain spirit about Christmas and that spirit is Jesus. It’s easy to worship a little baby because it doesn’t take any sacrifices. But there was Calvary too and the whole thing is useless unless we are willing to go all the way.

In November, the Gospel Servants had been organized one year. We have been privileged to sing to many different groups of people. With the love offerings we have received, we are purchasing microphones and remodeling our speakers in order to further spread the gospel.

The Gospel Servants wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has helped us in any way.

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THE CAVE COUNTRY PAPERS
Hart County News – Hart County Herald
Cave City Progress
Beyond Bethlehem

By Donna Stanton

Such a cute little Baby asleep in the hay while the angels sang and the shepherds prayed. I got caught up in the Heavenly Glow so I promised to follow Him the rest of my life.

For thirty years it wasn’t so hard but then the road got rough. It led over mountains, across valleys, midst towns where the people jeered thru the Garden of Gethsemane to a place called Calvary. I shook my head and said, “Sorry. I just can’t do it.”

Now I stand at those Pearly Gates. St. Peter has the Book in hand. Three times he’s searched for my name. “But it must be there! You have to let me in!” Panic grips my heart. ‘Cause he shook his head and said, “Sorry. I just can’t do it.”

New Advertising Director For Reaching Out

The new advertising director for “Gospel Reaching Out” is Wilma Spradlin. Her new position will primarily be involved with coordinating the advertising sales for the paper. Wilma is a member of the Voices of Faith, one of the best new groups in the area. She has been singing with the group for the past few months and has made a number of new friends in this period. Wilma has worked actively in numerous projects of the Hart County GMA such as the March of Dimes Radiothon and other singings which the organization has promoted. As advertising director, she will be making an even greater contribution to the operation of the Hart County GMA.

Jim Cottrell
Affiliated With ASCAP

Jim Cottrell, a member of the Hart Co. G.M.A. is now affiliated with the American Society of Composers and Publishers (A.S.C.A.P.) and has his publisher’s license. He also will be printing music commercially; sheet music, etc. The name of the company is Cotco Publishing and Printing. Jim also tunes and repairs pianos. If you require any of these services, contact him at Bonnieville, Ky. 42713, Phone 502-531-1470.

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"May each of you hold the true spirit of Christmas throughout the coming year."

GOSPEL REACHING OUT