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Sego’s Sing To Packed House

Last month’s GMA Sing had the Sego Brothers and Naomi singing to a “standing room only” crowd. Ninety-six people stopped by the table to take advantage of our New Year’s Special and become members of the Hart County GMA. New memberships were scattered all over but the farthest away was from Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Organized a little less than eleven months ago, the Hart County Gospel Music Association has 470 members scattered over seven states.

HART CO. GMA ORGANIZES CHOIR

The Hart County Gospel Music Association is in the process of forming a choir. The idea was originated at the January meeting and Haskell McCubbins was chosen to direct the group.

Practice will be held at the GMA meetings each month and the choir will sing at some of the singings held in this area.

Plans are for the choir to sing primarily the older singing convention style songs. Anyone interested in participating in the choir are urged to attend the next Hart County GMA meeting at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on February 14.

It will be necessary for those planning to be a part of the choir to attend the practice sessions. This will enable the group to become well organized at their singings.

HART COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held at the Howletts Baptist Church on Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 CDT.

The Kentucky Harmonyes from Bowling Green will be the guest singers. The public is invited.
WHY DO THEY GO PROFESSIONAL??

By Bob Luttrell

Last evening the little group of Gospel singers met at the home of their "manager." The youngsters were full of life and eager to be on their way to answer the call for their chosen profession. They went about the chore of arranging the instruments and sound equipment in the hull of the one-door van. When all was in readiness the entire assembly bowed their heads in prayer for a safe journey.

The van driver hopped under the wheel while the singers and musicians crowded into a couple of private-owned automobiles and the "Cross country" trip was begun. Their destination - a church located at 3002 East Vine Street in the small suburban city of Minova.

On this Saturday night the big city thru which the caravan had to drive was beautiful with all the bright lights, decorated windows and the milling throngs of shoppers and activity seekers. The joyful laughter and friendly greetings of the crowd on the street mingled with the sound of voices in the ears as the singers hummed the song, "O, What A Happy Day."

Through the traffic - with stop lights and one-way streets the little band was now entering the suburbs and search began for East Vine Street.

The church to which they were traveling suddenly loomed - stately and majestic directly ahead of the "lead" car. Parking places were filling fast as the happy group turned into the church yard where space had been reserved for the three vehicles. Warm greetings and hand-shakes were hurriedly received as the members of the group went about the job of unloading and setting up equipment for the evening sing.

When the visitors came onto the "stage" the crowd of some 300 or more cheered and smiled as the singers burst forth with the soul-stirring song "Living in Canaan."

The proud owners of the huge sound system and the expensive musical instruments blended their voices beautifully with the musical background and one after another of the spiritual hymns was rendered joyfully. The leader finally took "time-out" to introduce the members and afterward the walls of the church building seemed to be having a hard time concealing the "sound" as the singers and musicians put forth every effort to give the listeners their all in Gospel singing.

About three weeks before this night's planned singing the seven members, along with the manager, had traveled to a distant city to pick up their new "suits." It is expensive nowadays to buy any piece of clothing and it was not surprising when the singing group picked up their merchandise and left with the storekeeper their checks totaling more than $800.00. Of course there was also the fact of being away from home duties for a full day plus the two cars' consumption of $6.60 worth of gasoline - (each) - on the trip. They did have a light lunch at noon time to the tune of another $10.00. Returning home to "fix supper one member took time out to launder their shirts and take the "old" suits to the cleaners... another $10 to $12 out of their pockets.

So far the group - through pooling their "spare" money - do not have the $3000.00 down payment on their dream... a bus! They also give a lot of thought about the monthly payments of a bus - $200-$300 with some of the youngsters on their first public jobs, bringing home as little as $50 weekly for home living expenses.

On trips to fulfill their chosen way of life by Gospel singing the groups bear much expense whether traveling in several automobiles or all together in a bus burning a gallon of gasoline every 5 or 6 miles - not to mention the upkeep of vehicles, musical instruments and sound system repairs and replacements.

Sometimes a "free meal" is enjoyed when the singing group is called to join in on a "homecoming" for a church.

We almost forgot to mention something: About half way through the joyous evening of the big singing at Minova - the pastor asked the congregation of more than 300 people to donate a "love" offering for the group.

The collection given the group of 8 members was $37.85!

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SINGING CONVENTIONS

The Barren County Singing Convention will be held on Sunday, February 10, at 2:00 P.M. at the South Fork Baptist Church.

The church is located just out of Glasgow on South 31-E.

Special guest singers will be the Joymakers of Greensburg, Ky.

The Metcalfe County Singing Convention will be held on Saturday night, February 16, at 7:00 P.M. The singing will be at the Pleasant Valley Cumberland Presbyterian Church located between Center and Knob Lick.

Special guest singers will be the Norris Family, from Bowling Green, Ky. Also appearing will be the Melody Aires of Columbia.

The Green County Singing Convention will be held at the Maple Hill Baptist Church at Exie on Sunday afternoon, February 3rd. at 1:30 p.m.

The guest singers will be the Christian Sounds.

Exie is located on Highway 68, outside of Greensburg. Everyone is invited.

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2. . Hart County Singing Conv.
Rowletts. 7:30 P.M.
3. . Green County Singing Conv.
Maple Hill Baptist Church. 1:30 P.M.
16. . Metcalfe County Singing Conv.
Pleasant Valley. 7:00 P.M.

THE NEW CRUSADERS
P.O. Box 3225
Paducah, Ky. 42001
Phone 502/898-2334

2. . Assembly of God, Dexter, Missouri.
3. . Scott County Singing Convention.
Chaffee, Missouri. 2:00 P.M.
3. . First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ill.
8-9.
10. . Houston, Texas.
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17. . Dearborn Assembly of God.
Dearborn, Mich. 11:00 A.M.
17. . Ypsilanti, Missionary Baptist.
Ypsilanti, Mich. 2:30 P.M.
17. . Grand River Baptist Church.
Livonia, Mich. 7:00 P.M.
23. . Grade School Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
24. . Northern Ala. Area

THE GOSPEL VOICES
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Ky. 42749
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2. . Hart County Singing Convention
Rowletts Baptist Church. 7:30 P.M.
9. . Lincoln Jamboree Show Barn.
Hodgenville, Ky. 8:00 P.M.

THE McCUBBINS FAMILY
Munfordville, Route 3
Kentucky 42765
Phone 524-9702

2. . Hart County Singing Conv.
Rowletts. 7:30 P.M.
3. . Morning Star Baptist Church. 2:00
9. . Franklin Church of God 7:00 P.M.
24. . Fordsville, Ky. Morning Worship,
Boling Chapel

THE SINGING STANTONS
Bonnieville, Ky. 42713
Phone 531-2205

2. . Hart County Singing Conv.
Rowletts Baptist Church. 7:00 P.M.

THE COOK FAMILY
Bonnieville, Ky. 42713
Phone 531-1701
or
110 Buttercup Road
Louisville, Kentucky
Phone 239-9161

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Something Big Is Going To Happen In Kentucky???

SUMAR TALENT AGENCY – NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
REPORT OF JANUARY GMA MEETING

January's Hart County GMA meeting was held at the home of Courtney and Wilma Spradlin on January 10. In the absence of the president, the vice-president presided.

Members of the Board of Directors submitted proposals discussed at the special board meeting held on January 27. One of the main items was an amendment to the GMA constitution. After reviewing the constitution, members found it necessary to wait until the March meeting to vote on any amendments. The proposed amendment would:

1. Change election of officers from the March to April meeting with installation to be at the anniversary celebration in May
2. Make it possible to vote on amendments at any regular meeting
3. Make provisions for the advertising director to be included in the list of officers.

Another suggestion from the directors was to do away with the monthly GMA sings as we now know them. The members agreed on the motion to discontinue the monthly GMA sings in Hart County at least for the present and concentrate on sponsoring singings in other areas. These singings will be sponsored by the GMA and all member groups available on that date will be on the program. Plans are already underway for some of these singings.

Any member who is wondering when his subscription to Gospel Reaching Out ends can relax. Notices will be sent to members when it is time to renew.

The February meeting will be held on Thursday night, February 14 at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Donna Stanton, secretary
Hart County GMA
FLOWER SERVICE

By Sherice McCubbins

Have you ever been in a flower service? I was saved in one. I was converted at Aetna Union Baptist Church on August 5, 1970.

If you don't know what a flower service is, it is when you take all kinds of flowers to church. The service starts with prayer and singing, then if someone has been a help to you, you give them a flower. Sounds simple and you'd be surprised how much it helps the ones you give the flowers to. I gave one to each of my family. Then I went back to my place. Bro. Jay Logsdon was coming around shaking hands with everyone. He took me by the hand and said he had been praying for me. I felt under deep conviction so I went to the altar. All my family and the rest of the church went to the altar to pray with me. I asked God to save me and he did. The moment I opened my heart He came in. There were three other people saved also that night. I want to thank God for saving me!!!

Why not have a flower service in your church service this summer when all the flowers are in bloom. You know it just might win someone to the Lord.

Gospel Voices Album To Be Released Soon

The Gospel Voices have recorded a new album entitled "Right Now" which is scheduled for release in early February.

As the title suggests, the album features many of the top songs in contemporary gospel music. Included on the group's second album is the top gospel song of 1973, "Why Me Lord." The album also has a new song by Del Delamont called "Reaching Out" which the group feels has a great deal of potential.

The Gospel Voices are a young group and the album is presenting the sounds of today in gospel music. The purpose of both is to be "reaching out" since there is no guarantee of any time other than "Right Now."

Disc jockey's requests for copies should be addressed on station letterhead to: The Gospel Voices, Horse Cave, Ky. 42749.
By Donna Stanton

"Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."
—St. Matthew 24:40-42

There weren't many gospel concerts held in Apathy County on Sunday afternoons. John B. Moneybags, local promoter, was beginning to see why.

Showtime was in ten minutes and the auditorium was only half full. He just couldn't figure out what had happened.
The advance ticket sales had been very promising. And where was the featured attraction? That guy from the talent agency had assured him they were good Christian people. Well, he didn't care about that-just as long as they got lots of people to buy tickets.

Matilda Longnose and Ida Sharptongue had picked front row seats so they'd be sure not to miss any little thing that might be wrong with the group. They had their coats across the seat next to them, saving it for their friend Millie. She was a little late but she'd surely be there. Millie never missed a singing anywhere in the country—said it gave her a lift.

Matilda studied the sparse crowd. "Not many people here from our church. I thought our whole Sunday School class was coming."

"Maybe they heard what I heard about the lead singer." Ida leaned over to whisper in Matilda's ear.

Behind them sat Joe Unconcernedfather. Joe fidgeted in his seat and looked back over his shoulder. He hated boring affairs like this but Helen had insisted he bring her and all five of their kids. He could be home right now watching a nice enjoyable football game. What was taking them so long anyway? Sure it takes a while for five brats to go to the restroom—-but 45 minutes?

Brian Hotfingers woke up suddenly and looked at his watch. He'd overslept again. Well, they wouldn't dare fire him. He was the best guitar player in Nashville. (He was just marking time with a gospel group until a real band found out how great he was.) He passed his color TV on the way out. One quick look at the football game wouldn't hurt anything.

The announcer was frantic and the crowd was in an uproar. Two of the best players had just disappeared from the stadium right before their eyes. (Weren't they the guys that were always following that preacher around?)

Brian got off the bus and started toward the backdoor of the auditorium. He noticed the sky looked a little funny. Just then he heard the sound of a trumpet.

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A lot has happened to us in these past 2½ years. We have made so many new friends, and been to places we didn’t even know existed. We’ve been to Stephensburg, where, the first time, there were only around 14 present. And then, the second time, there were 5 times that number. We’ve had the experience of attending the Church of God – never before had we been involved in such spirited congregational singing. As for me, I liked it. We’ve been to so many revivals, homecomings, and just plain singings, that we know that there’s hardly any excuse for anyone NOT to have had the opportunity to hear the Gospel in song. And we’ve been lost -- directionwise, that is.

Let’s all try to live better lives for Christ. And if you have a friend you can’t get to church – ask him to a singing. The message is the same; God loves you. What other hope do we have.

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