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Anniversary Sing A Success

The Hart County Gospel Music Association held its “First Anniversary Sing-Supper” on May 11 at the Hart County High School Cafeteria.

The festivities began at 6:30 with a homemade chili supper. The singing began at 7:30 with a number of local groups. They were: The Gospel Servants, The McCubbins Family, The Voices of Faith, The Singing Stanlons, The Christian Sound, The Cook Family and The Gospel Voices. The featured group was the Ambassadors of Nashville, pictured above.

During the singing was the installation of the 1974-75 officers and recognition of the 1973-74 officers. The new officers are: President- Jimmy McCubbins. Vice-President- Don Cottrell. Secretary- Donna Stanton. Treasurer- Tommy Ferren and Board of Directors- Johnny Melloan, John Wayne McCubbins, Courtney Spradlin, and Haskell McCubbins.

The singing drew a crowd of approximately 300 people.

Outgoing Hart Co. GMA President, Johnny Melloan, right, receives a plaque from Don Cottrell, in appreciation for his “Outstanding Service” to the GMA during its initial year. The presentation was made during the “Anniversary Singing”

ALL DAY SINGING
AT LEITCHFIELD

There will be an All Day Singing at the Leitchfield Courthouse on Sunday, June 23 beginning at 10:00 A.M. and continuing till about 4:00 P.M. Groups scheduled to appear at the courthouse located in Leitchfield, Kentucky include: The Regals, Melody Makers, Tomes Four, Sherman Tomes Trio, Lighthouse Singers, Shadburne Trio and a host of other groups. Everyone is invited to attend. There is to be no admission fee.
"The Calm After The Storm"

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was written by Donald Pierce, of the Harvesters Quartet, Louisville, Ky., concerning thoughts he had following the tornado of April 3, 1974. His house was located about one-half mile from the State Fairgrounds, where it first touched down, and it was slightly damaged. Since he felt that God was with him during that time, he hopes that this article will bring a little insight and comfort to some reader who may have suffered loss due to the storm.

April 3, 1974, will long be remembered in Louisville and surrounding areas as a day when many people witnessed, first hand, the mighty power of a living God. Some people said that a God who loves us would not destroy homes and lives this way, but we read in His word that He also chastises those that He loves. We often become complacent in our daily lives and fail to give God thanks for the simple things, such as our health, our homes, and the love of family and friends. But in a few short moments, those very things can be taken from us.

Within twenty minutes of the tornado’s passing, the sun was shining as brightly as it has on the hundreds of spring days I’ve seen in my lifetime. I was reminded of the rainbow that was a sign to Noah that the flood was past and that the world would never be destroyed by water again. It did not mean that there would be no more floods, just as the beautiful sunshine did not mean that there would be no more tornadoes. These are signs that God does love us and we are commanded to love Him and to have no other gods before Him.

For a few days, at least, there was a renewed feeling of brotherhood, as neighbors and strangers alike worked side by side to pick up the pieces and help rebuild and resettle. This is what Christianity is all about. Let us pray for these people and help them in every way we can.

LET’S ALL WORK TOGETHER... FOR THE LORD!

By Jewell Owsley

The Peacemakers would like to take this opportunity to say, we are very proud to still be traveling for the Lord. He has richly blessed us in many ways, but the best of all, is the souls we’ve seen saved.

We were at a church in Indiana on May 5, 1974 and saw 8 people saved. What a service. I wish each service could be like that. Seems that people are afraid to follow the spirit of the Lord, like they used to. If each one of us would do our part, we would see many more saved. I so often think of an article I read a few months ago in GOSPEL REACHING OUT called “Why Groups Go Professional.” How true that article was. So many times people think that going professional means traveling for money only and leaving God out. That’s not always true. It takes money to travel, and where is a better place for God’s money to go than to a group, preacher or someone dedicating their life to tell others about Christ. I’ve met professional groups that truly know what salvation is all about and the reason they continue to travel is to tell others, so that they might be saved. I’m sure there is some groups going for their own enjoyment, but if people look for fault in a group, church, or anyone, they will find it. If they look for good they’ll find that too. How much better off each one of us would be, if we would look for good.

Also while I’m thinking along this line, I would like to say to those that think you should sing gospel music strictly in the church, how wrong that is. Anywhere you can work for the Lord you should. If groups, preachers, or lay members take the Lord with them wherever they go, then He will be there. If you let Him have His way and work thru you, then people can be saved no matter where it may be. It’s not the building in which you may be, but the spirit in which you come.

I’d like to say to each singing group - keep on singing wherever you go and to each and everyone else, back them up with your prayers and then see what God can do. May God bless each and everyone is our prayer.
Servants To Be Touring Virginia

By Larry Polston

The Servants Quartet are glad to be members of the Hart County Gospel Music Association. You will now be able to find our concert dates in Gospel Reaching Out.

We sang with the Gospel Servants and the McCubbins Family at Mt. Olivet on Mother’s Day. We had a spiritual service and enjoyed the day.

We will be leaving June 2 for Charlottesville, Virginia for a two week tour. We will stop by Nashville on Sunday night to appear on the Grand Ole Gospel program. We humbly ask you to pray for our group and come be with us when we are in your area.

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30. . .Dover Chapel General Baptist.

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2. . .Littleton Baptist Church, Petersburg, Indiana. Afternoon & Night.

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2. . .Smith's Chapel, Albany, Ky. 1 P.M.
2. . .Grace Union Baptist, 6:30 P.M. Albany, Ky.
8. . .Lowell Gen. Baptist, Columbus, Ind. 7:30 P.M.
9. . .New Birth Baptist, Hope, Ind. 10 A.M.
9. . .Whoever Will Mission. 1 P.M. Columbus, Ind.
16. . .Shelbyville Nazarene. 8 P.M. Shelbyville, Ky.
23. . .Society Hill, Edmonton, Ky. 11 A.M.
30. . .Cedar Hill, Albany, Ky. 10 A.M.

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Cook’s New Album
Entitled “Life”

By Joy Cook

Since our last article the Cook Family Singers have been back in Ky.’s State Prison. They let us out again “Praise The Lord”.

Putting all jokes aside I’d like to tell everyone this was a spiritual experience that only takes place when the Holy Spirit takes over completely. If you read our article on Gospel in Prison then you’re aware of the kind of services and experiences that we’ve had there.

I’d like to remind the readers that many of these men are people like you and I. Guilty of letting Satan take over their life in a moment of weakness. Some of them will be getting out soon. They’ll be needing the compassion of Christians in order to get their lives straightened out again.

The singing for the American Cancer Society was a huge success. We took in over seven hundred dollars for this great cause. Our thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

During April and May we’ve had the privilege of appearing on three radio programs. The G.M.A. program, The Columbia gospel Hour, and a Gospel program in Pekin, Ind.

We received several invitations from various Churches in Ky. and Ind. After our dates were sent in to the G.M.A. paper. It kept us pretty busy. We’ve been singing two and three times a day in different locations. We wish to express our thanks for each invitation, our apologies for the ones we were unable to make. Maybe we can visit with you soon.

We enjoyed the anniversary G.M.A. singing. It’s always nice to greet old friends and make new ones.

We added a new member to our group. Danny Hodges is playing drums for us now. Danny is fifteen years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hodges of Bonnieville, Ky.

What’s in a name? Confusion if there happens to be two people in the same group with the same name. Larry’s wife has shortened her name to Joy. Maybe now the two Joyce Cook’s will know whose who.

I’ve saved the best news for last. We’ve recorded a new album. We’re real excited about it. The album is entitled “Life”. It features 5 new songs written by members of our group and 5 popular conventional songs. Eight track tapes are also available. See our ad in this issue.
"And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbade him, because he followeth not us."

"But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me."

"For he that is not against us is on our part."

(St. Mark 9: 38-40)

So what if we don't belong to the same church? So what if I don't sing exactly the way you do? There's work enough to keep us both busy.

Don't get so hung up on left and right, you forget there's an above and below I

Now I'm not arguing for or against any one denomination. The more I travel around the country singing in various churches, the more I'm convinced that divisions just get in the way of the good everybody could be doing.

Every Christian denomination has its good points and its bad points. Differences that divide denominations are only a matter of hair-splitting anyway. People who call themselves Christians should be able to work together in Christian love for the upbuilding of God's kingdom even if there's a dozen different denominations represented in the group.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." (St. Matthew 9:37)

I'm convinced our time would be better spent if we were out doing more witnessing to the lost and lot less knocking somebody else's beliefs.
Gospel Radio Seminar Convenes In Nashville

By Betty Hofor

The Second Annual Gospel Radio Seminar, which was held May 3-4 in Nashville, Tennessee drew participation from approximately 40 individuals obviously interested in an a la carte serving of serious broadcasting business.

Gathering at Roger Miller's King of The Road for a 2-day workshop, this year's group of gospel broadcasters showed a definite improvement in their programming policies. There seemed to be an overall attitude of professionalism.

A keynote address delivered by Duane Allen of The Oak Ridge Boys officially welcomed the assembled aggregation. And they were especially responsive to a tape which he played from Johnny Cash wherein the singer commented, "If a man's got hope, sometimes that's all he needs."

Pointing out his own hope for today's gospel radio stations, Allen was thorough and informative with his advice for aspiring gospel broadcasters.

A former radio man himself, Allen made reference to the five categories of gospel music available for programming, namely: 1) Convention, 2) Southern Gospel, 3) Sacred, 4) Country-bluegrass Gospel, and 5) Contemporary Gospel. He urged each person involved to become familiar with all five types of music, and then encouraged everyone to search even further for newer sounds, "because, the gospel industry can only be as big as you and I make it."

Leaving immediately, in order to join other members of The Oaks on their way to Europe, Duane Allen drew a robust round of applause as he assured everyone in his concluding remarks, "Music is my life, and gospel music will always be my message."

The popular performer was followed on the Seminar's agenda of business by Jim Black, who has just assumed a new position at SESAC, one of three licensing organizations in the music business. Black's representation of gospel music through this vast facility further underscores the upcoming importance being placed on gospel music, and certainly sets a precedence for the entire industry. Simultaneously it served as visible proof to all boardcasters in attendance, that gospel music is slowly attaining the proper recognition it's been reaching for in the past.

Deejays and programmers partaking in the Seminar found themselves being subjected to serious discussions and panel presentations on such things as music formats, on-the-air personnel training, promotions, audience participation and gospel radio in general.

Saturday's workshop continued in an effort to further instigate more positive approaches among gospel broadcasters. It was encouraged of everyone to program, rather than preach. And above all, to be professional broadcasters.

John T. Benson, Vice President of Benson Publishing, delivered the Seminar's Rap-up speech as a warmly human finale, which brought everyone to their feet in his honor.

AREA CONVENTIONS

HART COUNTY

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held on June 1 at 7:30 P.M. at the Cave Springs Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

WARREN COUNTY

The Warren County Singing Convention will be held at the First Free Methodist Church, 14th and Indianola St., Bowling Green, Ky. on June 23 at 2:00 P.M. Several local groups will be singing. All singers and the public is invited.

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