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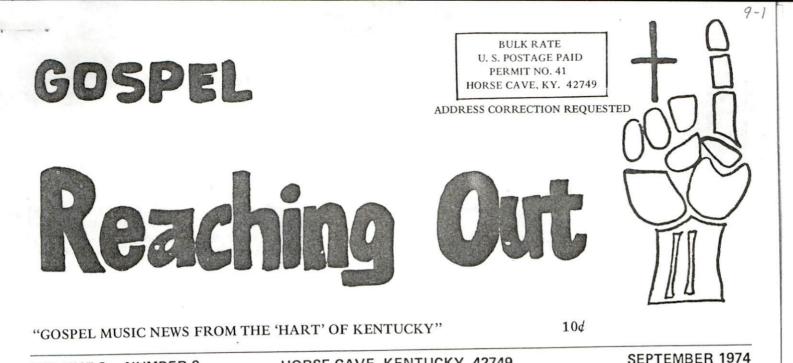
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Oak Ridge At Caverna

Columbia recording artists, the Oak Ridge Boys will be in concert in the Caverna High School Gymnasium on September 29 at 2:30 P.M. Also appearing will be the Cook Family and the Gospel Voices.

The Oaks have taken gospel music to vast new audiences in the past year through appearances on such national TV shows as CBS Orange Blossom Special, Hee Haw, and the Mike Douglas Show. In so doing their popularity has extended to people who were not previously gospel music fans.

Among the many awards that have been received by the Oaks are nine Dove Awards and one Grammy.

This concert, which will bring the Oak Ridge Boys to Hart County for the first time in three years, is being sponsored by the Caverna Jaycees.

State Convention Sept. 28 & 29

The 1974 Kentucky State Singing Convention will convene on September 28 at the Allen County High School Auditorium in Scottsville. This year's convention, the 28th Anniversary of the singing which was first organized in 1946 at the Glasgow Armory, will open with a session on Saturday night and continue with singing on Sunday afternoon.

The "Big State Sing" will be under the direction of P.G. Graves. the 1974 President. Gospel singers and musicians from all over Kentucky are expected to sing at the two-day event.

This annual event is always a highlight of gospel music in Kentucky. Make your plans now to attend the 1974 State Singing Convention.

GOOD NEWS SINGERS SING AT ROWLETTS BAPTIST

There will be a gospel singing at the Rowletts Baptist Church on Saturday night, September 14. The Good News Singers, from Glasgow, will be the guest singers.

The pastor, Bro. Don Cottrell, invites everyone to attend the singing, which is to begin at 7:30 P.M. PAGE 2 - GOSPEL REACHING OUT, September 1974

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From The Editor

By Johnny Melloan

Radio is the medium through which any kind of music gains its greatest amount of exposure. Gospel music is no exception and if it is to gain widespread exposure to the general public it must come through radio.

How many times have you - the gospel music fan - been frustrated by turning your radio dial throughout the complete frequency range while looking for but not finding gospel music? This probably happens to you often unless you live within the coverage range of a full gospel station.

The fact is that you are an audience that deserves to be programmed to just like the country and pop music audiences. But in most cases there is only a minimal amount of gospel programming available.

There are some things that you can do to improve the situation. When a station has a gospel program that you enjoy, let them know about it. Send the station a short letter complimenting the program. Then patronize the sponsors and make a point to tell then that you enjoy the program.

The next thing you can do is make requests to the stations. Most stations occasionally open up their lines for phoned in requests. Since there is a great deal of overlapping in the different kinds of music today, it is possible to get gospel songs played on other kinds of programs. Be sure that your request fits the style of music being played. For example if easy listening music is being played, request a song by the Imperials. The DJ is much more likely to play it than a song that has a country style to it. Request the country sounding gospel song during a country program.

Follow these suggestions with a positive attitude. Tell the people at the station what they are doing right - not what they are doing wrong. But let them know that there are people that own radios who want to hear gospel music.

... Letter From A Reader

Homecomings Bring Back Memories of Days Gone By. . .

By Donald Pierce

During late Spring, and into the early months of Autumn, singers are often invited to the many homecomings at churches throughout the country. While traveling to and from these places, my mind often wanders back to my childhood, and the little church in Hart County that I attended with my parents and my three brothers. Life seemed so much simpler then. We didn't have much in the way of worldly goods, but we weren't alone in that respect. What we had, or didn't have, was soon forgotten when we met to praise the Lord.

The singing, praying, and preaching mingled with the sounds of birds and bees. drifting in through open windows. No one seemed to mind the heat as the "man of God" preached; and I can still hear the

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shouts of praise ringing in the ears of my memory.

It was during this peaceful time that I first realized that I had reached the age when my soul was no longer in the ark of safety. And one night, down on my knees, Jesus saved my soul, and made me realize, fully, what I now sing about.

It seems as though these things happened just a few days ago, but in reality, it has been a quarter of a century now, and many of my friends and loved ones that I worshipped with then have passed away. But fond memories of them still live on, and I have the promise that I will sing and rejoice with them again, some other day. These precious memories are a part of my reward for what sacrifices I make to travel around the country and sing for my Lord.





LARRY ORRELL SIGNS CONTRACT WITH SUPERIOR SOUND

Larry Orrell, long time gospel music promoter and singer, recently signed an exclusive recording contract with Superior Records of Nashville. Orrell is traveling all over the U.S. as well as concerts in Europe, Sweden, and Norway. Pictured here are Larry Orrell (seated), and (from L. to R.) Wayne Hilton, Producer, and Ken Harding, Production Manager for Superior Records. His first album on the Superior Label will be released by September 1.

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McCubbins Family

To Record

Sept. 23 & 25

The McCubbins Family will be recording their third album on September 23 and 25 at Superior Sound Studios in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Duane Allen, of the Oak Ridge Boys, is president of Superior, Inc.

Wayne Hilton will be producing the album and Ken Harding will do the art work.

If you would like to have an album sent to your home send us your name and address to The McCubbins Family, Route 3, Munfordville, Ky. 42765. Send no money - the albums will be sent C.O.D. Watch next month's paper for our ad and further information on our new album.

It has been a joy to our hearts as we have witnessed God's spirit moving in the hearts and lives of people these past months.

To those who may be pessimistic about the church we, for one, would like to say that God's church is alive and well.

In an age when there is so much hatred, fear and disbelief in the world, it is high time as never before for we, who have the light to let it shine with all brightness, that God will grant us.

We sincerely request your prayers as we continue our efforts to sing for the Lord.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Kentucky State Singing Convention in Scottsville, September 28 and 29.

Until we see you again, may God bless you is our prayer.

The McCubbins Family

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THE CONCORDS P.O. Box 40096 Nashville, Tenn. 37204 Phone 226-3504 Jim Black, Mgr.

- 7...Rock Port, Indiana.
- Rock Port, Indiana. Larkin Baptist Church. A.M.
- 8. . .Mt. Vernon, Illinois. 2:00 Homecoming.
- 8...Owensboro, Ky. 7:30 P.M. First Assembly of God.
- 14...Nashville, Tenn.
- 15. . . Murfressboro, Tenn. A.M. Church of Nazarene.
- 15. . . Nashville, ,Tenn. Woodbine Cumberland Presbyterian. P.M.
- 17...Hart County Fair. 8:00 P.M. Munfordville, Ky.
- 20. . . Lebanon, Tenn.
- 21...Knoxville, Tenn. Forrest Lawn Assembly of God.
- 22...Knoxville, Tenn. A.M.
- 22. . . Crossville, Tenn. Church of Nazarene. P.M.
- 27...Kentucky
- 28...Muncie, Indiana. (Carl Young Promotion)
- 29...Indianapolis, Indiana. Broad Ripple Church of Nazarene. A.M.
- 29...Louisville, Kentucky.

THE COOK FAMILY Bonnieville, Ky. 42713

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Phone 239-9161

- 1...Salem, Indiana. Radio Program 5:00
- Old Fashioned Day. Mt. Zion. Pekin, Indiana. 7:00 P.M.
- 7...Louisville, Ky. 25th & Bank. 7:00
- Campbellsburg, Indiana. Bluegrass Festival. 10:00 A.M.
 Borden, Indiana. 1:30
- Benefit for Tornado Victims.
- 17... Hart County Fair.
- 28...State Singing Convention.
- 29. . . Caverna High School. 2:30 P.M.

THE DELIVERANCE QUARTET Route 1, Box 205, Russell Springs, Ky. 42742 Phone: 343-4763

- Bethlehem Separate Baptist, 7:00 P.M.
- 8...Robinson Chapel Homecoming, Adair County.
- 14...7:00 P.M. Swelton Church of God 15...Beckham Ridge Homecoming,
- Russell Springs, Ky.

THE GOSPEL LIGHTS Bee Springs, Ky. 42207 Phone 286-4856

- 1...Brush Arbor, Williamsburg, Ky.
- 7...Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Edmonson County &
- New Freedom Baptist Church, Grayson County, 10:00 A.M.
- 14...Bowling Avenue Church, 7:00 P.M. Louisville, Ky.
- 15. . . Hill Top Church, Sheperdsville, Ky. 11:00 A.M.
- New Liberty Church, Edmonson County, 10:00 A.M. Homecoming.
- 28...James Stevenson Memorial Church, Sheperdsville, Ky. 7:00 P.M.
- 29...Bowling Avenue Church, 10:00 A.M. Louisville, Ky. Homecoming.

THE GOSPEL VOICES Horse Cave, Ky. 42749 Phone (502) 786-2777

- 1...Friendship Baptist Church (No. 2) Larue County. 1:00 P.M.
- Bethlehem Baptist Church. Hwy. 80 between Russell Springs and Columbia. 7:00 P.M.
- 8...Bowling Green Community Church. Lehman Avenue. 11:00 A.M.
- 15. . . Macedonia Baptist Church. Franklin, Ky. 1:00 P.M.
- 28...State Singing Convention, Scottsville, Ky.
- 29...Caverna High School Gym.
 2:30 P.M. (On 31-W between Horse Cave and Cave City, Ky.)

THE HAPPYAIRES

Box 134,

- Glasgow, Kentucky 42141
- 1... Eastwood Baptist Church,

- Cookeville, Ky. (All Day)
- New Bethel Baptist Church, Scottsville, Ky. 7:00 P.N Scottsville, Ky. 7:00 P.M.
- Red Hill Baptist Church, Scottsville, Ky. 7:30 P.M.
- 8... Yanketown Baptist Church, Sparta, Tenn. (All Day)
- 14. . .Malones Chapel Baptist Church, Alexandria, Tenn. 7:00 P.M.
- 15...Pleasant Valley Cumberland Pres. (All Day) Center, Ky.
- 21...Ozion Baptist, Cookville, Tenn. 7:00 P.M.
- 22...Pisgah Methodist Church. Dowelltown, Tennessee 1:30 P.M.
- 28...Old Hopewell Baptist. 7:00 P.M. Bethpage, Tenn.
- 29. . . Chestnut Mound Baptist 2:00 P.M. Chestnut Mound, Tennessee.
- 29. . .Sulphur Wells Methodist Church. 7:00 P.M. Sulphur Wells, Ky.

THE McCUBBINS FAMILY Route 3, Munfordville, Ky. 42765

Phone 524-9702

- 13. . . Hill Top General Baptist Church. 7:30 P.M.
- 15...Brush Creek Baptist Church. All Day Homecoming.
- 22...Royville Baptist Church. All Day Services.
- 23...Recording at Superior.
- 25...Recording at Superior.
- 28 &
- 29. . . State Singing Convention. Scottsville, Ky.

THE SINGING STANTONS Bonnieville, Kentucky 42713 Phone 531-2205

- 7... Hart County Singing Convention. Ladies Chapel United Meth. 7:30
- 17... Hart County Fair
- 28 &
- 29. . .State Singing Convention. Allen County High School.

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THE TOMES FOUR 4911 West Bahama Ct. Louisville, Kentucky 40219

- 1...Bernard Church of God, Russell Springs, 1:30 P.M.
- Fountain Run Missionary Baptist, 7:30 P.M.
- 8... New Salem, 2:00 P.M. (Right out of Carthage, Tenn.)
- East Side Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. 7:00 P.M. (On Scottsville Rd.)
- 14...Summersville, Georgia.
- 15. . .Summersville, Georgia.
- 21...Oak Forest Missionary Baptist, 7:30 P.M. (Between Scottsville & Holland)
- 22. . . Macedonia Missionary Baptist,
 2:00 P.M. (Out of Scottsville, turn on road to Carters Tabernacle)
- 22. . . West End Missionary Baptist, Gallatin, Tennessee.
- 28. . . State Singing Convention, Scottsville, Ky.
- 29...Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. 2:00 P.M.

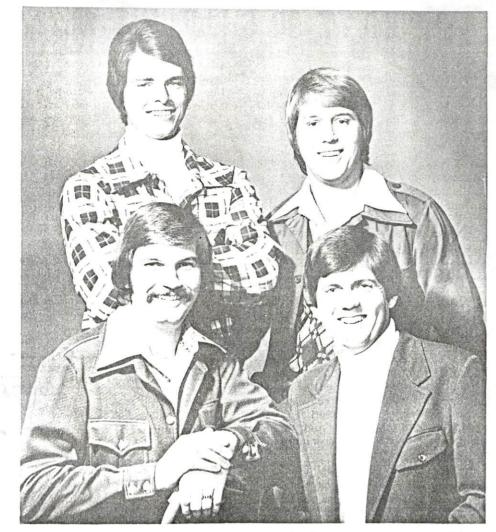
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CONCORDS TO APPEAR AT HART COUNTY FAIR

The 1974 Hart County Fair will open on Tuesday night, September 17, with a gospel singing featuring the Concords from Nashville, Tennessee. Local groups appearing on the program include the Cook Family, the Singing Stantons and the Gospel Voices.

The Concords were organized four years ago by Jim Black and since then they have appeared with virtually all of the nationally-known gospel groups. A great deal of professional experience is possessed by the members of the Concords. Black formerly sang with the world famous Chuck Wagon Gang while tenor Wiley Shepherd was previously with the Singing Goffs. Pianist Dave Lehman, who has played for Jake Hess, and Alvis and the Gospel Three, and lead singer Joe Houchens round out the Concords personnel.

Starting time for the singing will be 8:00 P.M. and it will be held in the main show ring at the fairgrounds in Munfordville.



SHOULD WE OR SHOULDN'T WE???

By Kathy Cook

That seemed to be the question when the opportunity arose for The Cook Family to take the gospel to Texas and witness for the Lord in auditoriums and churches and radio programs.

J.B. Rayburn, my brother, is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, and was going to get us singings every night for two weeks in rather large places, but **needed** to know a month and a half or two months ahead of time if the group was coming or not.

The subject was brought up before the group and they decided that it would be financially impossible to take a trip at that time. So J.B. was contacted and told not to make any dates for us. But is seemed that it couldn't end there. The Lord kept speaking through us individually and putting it on our hearts that an opportunity had knocked and we had just shut the door in God's face. And we were doing the very thing we said we wouldn't do. When the group was called into the gospel singing ministry we told God we would not turn down any singing engagements if it were at all possible to be there. And, through faith in God's promises, it was more than possible to go to Texas.

Three weeks before we could go, (because of our work) we prayed for God to let His will be known. So, we prayed, God spoke, and we believed: For a little while anyway that is. You know, the devil can step in and put doubts in your mind until things look impossible once again. But God through the blood of the Lamb and the Holy Spirit, will give us power over Satan, if we are willing to accept it. Once we realized this we all said, "O.K. Lord, take us down there and do with us what you will."

Once again J.B. was contacted and told to set things up again because we were coming on down after all. Well, he seemed a little shook and confessed that he couldn't get all those big singings on such short notice, there would only be small churches and a couple of radio programs. So remembering 1 Thess. 5:18, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you", we praised God and knew that He had taken complete control of the situation and was working everything out for His glory and our own good.

Well, now to make a long, glorious, and wonderful story short, it was a long hot trip. From the singings and radio programs we already had came more. In each service the Holy Spirit moved like never before. Miracles began to happen and people were running down the aisles committing their lives to Christ. And the Lord blessed us so much we even did a little sight seeing too!

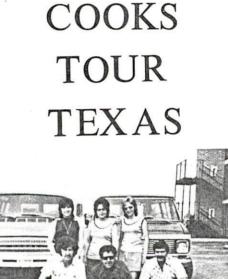
The people down there were so warm and friendly it was almost heartbreaking to have to leave. Everywhere we went more opportunities arose. So, maybe someday, we will go back down there.

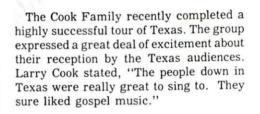
We could close by saying "The Cook Family Singers made a hit in Texas." But it wouldn't be right and certainly not near as much fun and rewarding as giving the credit to God. Yes, I think anyone being there would stand up and say that God made a hit in Texas. When self steps aside and lets the Holy Spirit move in there's victory everywhere you go. And for this the Cook Family Singers praise God.

Now to get back to the question at hand, should we or shouldn't we? -- Yes! definately, we all should indeed! Pd. Advertisement

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The Servants, pictured above, posed in front of their motel room in sunny Florida, as they sang in Clearwater, Florida, July 20 and 21. Larry Polston commented on their trip, "We enjoyed our visit and met new friends as well as one guy James had been with in Vietnam." They plan to return to that area of Florida later in the year.



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By Donna Stanton

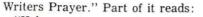
"We can make a large horse turn around and go wherever we want by means of a small bit in his mouth. And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go, even though the winds are strong.

So also the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A great forest can be set on fire by one tiny spark." (James 3: 3-5).

The tongue is just a simple little organ compared to the other parts of the body, but it can get us into more trouble than any one thing.

It has many uses but mainly the tongue was designed to aid in the pronounciation of words. Words for everyday communication between people. Words that make up great speeches and sermons. Words that form songs of praise. Words to comfort a soul that's down and out. Words of idle gossip that can kill the influence of a Christian. Words of anger spoken in hatred and jealousy.

Words are powerful indeed. Hanging over my desk is something called "The

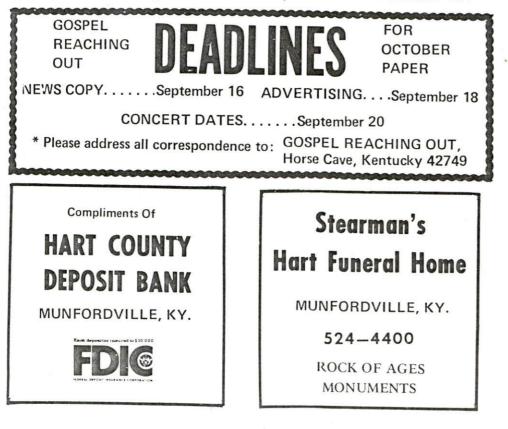


"Help me to remember always that words have the power to destroy -- or build; the power to spread ignorance -- or dispense knowledge; the power to darken the world with hate -- or light it with love."

The Bible says it is impossible to tame the tongue. It is always ready to pour out its deadly poison. Surely you know what I'm talking about. There are some people who are always ready to pounce on any little thing and turn it into an item of juicy gossip. Strange as it may seem, many of these gossippers call themselves Christians!

"Sometimes it praises our heavenly Father, and sometimes it breaks out into curses against men who are made like God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Dear brothers, surely this is not right!" (James 3: 9-10)

That means "Christians" who deliberately go around spreading false tales on their neighbors -- and I wasn't the one who whispered those words in James' ear!



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Gospel Defenders

Now

Deliverance Quartet

The Gospel Defenders, of Russell Springs, have reorganized and are now The Deliverance Quartet.

The personnel for the new group includes David Coffey, singing bass and Robert Bryant, singing lead. New members are Harry Kimbler, Baritone; Dwayne Johnson, Tenor; Beverly Withers, Piano; and Emma Bryant, Bass Guitar.

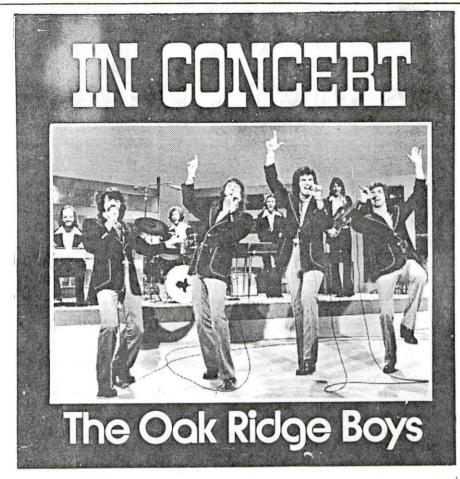
They are now ready to go back on the road and may be booked by contacting: The Deliverance Quartet, Route 1, Box 205, Russell Springs, Ky. 42642. Phone 343-4763.



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NOTE FROM THE **GOSPEL LIGHTS**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone that has followed and helped the "Gospel Lights" and we thank you for your prayers. We have traveled many different places and have seen many souls come to the Lord. This is what we are out for. Fay-drene and myself Jerry are all Christians but many times the Devil will come in and cause us to have differences but we go to God with them and solve the problem. We ask your prayers once again that we may do the work God has for us to do.

The Gospel Lights are one big happy family and would like for you to join us in our family prayer.

Lord, grant our little family, the strength to bear life's tasks together; Let us brave-hearted servants be, And us faith for stormy weather; Grant us the courage for our tasks, Whatever toil the morning asks.

Lord, bless our happy circle small, Let neither care nor loss affright us, Each evening then the shadows fall, May love and commradship unite us, Though steep the hill and rough the way, Let us not grumble through the day.

Lord, keep us safe from greed and hate, And all the shames which would destroy us Teach us against the whims of Fate; To keep our hearts serene and joyous; And when the evening comes content Grant us to call the day well spent.

> Jerry Vincent, of The Gospel Lights

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