Concords Sing At Hart Co. Fair

The 1974 Hart County Fair opened September 17 with a big gospel concert featuring the Concords, along with two Hart County groups, the Cook Family and the Singing Stantons. The Concords (pictured above) are from Nashville. Other pictures can be found on page 8.

NEW TIME FOR REACHING OUT RADIO PROGRAM

Don Cottrell, host of the "Gospel Reaching Out Program" on WLOC radio, has announced that the weekly program has moved to a new time period. Previously the show was aired at 9:15 each Sunday morning. The new time is 7:30 A.M. on Sundays.

Cottrell’s program started in February and since that time has drawn a large following in south-central Kentucky. The program features many telephone requests from the audience as well as information about gospel singings throughout much of Kentucky.

Don invites everyone to be listening to the program each Sunday morning at its new time.

P. G. Graves,
State Convention President Dies

Pellie G. Graves, president of the Kentucky State Singing Convention and a member of the Friendly Five Quartet, died at 7:15 a.m., Friday, September 13 at the Parkview Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. following an illness of several weeks.

P.G., 41, was a resident of Route 1, Adolphus, and was very active in Allen County singing group activities. He was the body shop foreman at Wayne Dunn Chevrolet.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Carol Wygal Graves: a daughter, Lycrecia, a sophomore at Allen County High; a son, Pellie, a freshman at Allen County High; his mother, Mrs. Euleta Graves, and three sisters, Mrs. Rosemary Harper and Mrs. Sarah Alexander, both of Scottsville, and Mrs. Shari Lattimore, Trinidad, Colorado.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, September 16 at the Scottsville Baptist Church. Interment was in the Crescent Hill Cemetery. T.W. Crow and Son Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.
Dove Awards to be Presented Sept. 30

Final nominees for the 1974 Dove Award presentations have been announced by Brock Speer, President of the Gospel Music Association. Five nominees were announced in each of twelve categories and ten songs for Gospel Song of the year. The annual award show is to cite excellence in particular fields of gospel music.


GOSPEL SONG OF THE YEAR - Because He Lives, God Gave the Song, Greater Is He, Hallelujah Square, Let's Just Praise the Lord, One Day at a Time, Release Me (From My Sin), Ten Thousand Years. Touring That City, When I Wake Up to Sleep No More. Nominations were also made in five other categories including BEST GOSPEL RECORD ALBUM OF THE YEAR, BEST TELEVISION PROGRAM, BEST BACKLINER NOTES OF A GOSPEL RECORD ALBUM, BEST GRAPHIC LAYOUT AND DESIGN OF A GOSPEL RECORD ALBUM, and BEST GOSPEL RECORD ALBUM COVER PHOTO OR COVER ART.

Ballots were sent in by the two thousand association members before September 23 to select the winner in each category with the announcement to be made at the September 30th presentation. Following the 8:00 p.m. presentation at the Opry House will be a reception on the Opryland grounds.

There will be a detailed report in next month's issue of Gospel Reaching Out including the winners of each category.

IN MEMORY OF P.G. GRAVES

Gospel groups all over Kentucky were saddened by the death of P.G. Graves. P.G. was the President of the Kentucky State Singing Convention. His singing group, "The Friendly Five" of Scottsville is known and loved by a great number of people. People everywhere were deeply touched by his glowing testimony. P.G. was a dedicated Christian who loved gospel singing and spent a great deal of his time promoting it. If anyone met and talked with P.G. it’s very unlikely that they ever forgot him. He had a way of making everyone feel at home and important to him. He was a person who made you feel that you’d always known him and he was a good friend from the first time you met. He was a “Lighthouse for Christ.”

The memory of P.G. Graves will live on in the hearts of his friends because he left a legacy of love and encouragement to the gospel groups he met along the way. Many of the songs he sang were about singing in heaven. His dream of heavenly singing is now fulfilled.

To his lovely wife and children we would like to say, you have all been an inspiration to many.
Servants in Virginia

The Servants Quartet, of Campbellsville, are shown during a recent concert in Virginia. Gary Polston reports that the trip was a tremendous success with 26 people making decisions for the Lord.

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6. Little Union Baptist Church, Unionville, Indiana. 1:15 P.M.
12. Green County Singing Conv, Newark Baptist Church, Newark, Indiana. 7:30 P.M.

THE MELODY AIRES
Columbia, Ky.
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5. Pleasant Ridge, 7:00 P.M. Greensburg, Ky.
6. Palestine Homecoming, Albany, Ky. 10 A.M.
6. Lyetown Methodist, Green Co. 7:30 P.M.
11. Cedar Hill Methodist, Albany, Ky. 7:30 P.M.
12. Gradyville Methodist, Adair Co. 7:30 P.M.
13. Bloomington Chapel, Adair Co. 10 A.M.
13. Mt. Gilead Baptist, Green Co. 7:30 P.M.
18. Myers Ridge, Albany, Ky. 7:00 P.M.
19. Kings Run Sept. Bapt., Cincinnati, Ohio 7:00 P.M.
20. Liberty Grove, Albany, Ky. 10:00 A.M.
21. Cane Valley Christian Church, Adair Co. 7:00 P.M.
23, 24, 25. Leslie Methodist Revival, 7:00 P.M. Burkesville, Ky.
26. Red Banks, Burkesville, Ky. 7:30 P.M.
27. Lone Star Baptist, 7:30 P.M. Edmonston, Ky.
28, 29, 30 & 31. Leslie Methodist Revival, 7:00 P.M. Burkesville, Ky.

EARL & LORENE NORRIS
1620 Johnson Avenue, Bowling Green, Ky.
Phone 843-6562
3. Dellafied Community Center 7:30 P.M.
6. Allen County Singing Convention 1:30 P.M.
6. New Bethel Baptist Church, 7:00 Near Scottsville, Ky. on Hwy. 98
10. Dellafied Community Center 7:30 P.M.
13. Bonayer Baptist Church, 1:30 P.M. Highway 68 East.
17. Dellafied Community Center 7:30 P.M.
24. Dellafied Community Center 7:30 P.M.
27. Warren County Singing Conv, Richardsville, Ky. 2:00 P.M.
31. Dellafied Community Center 7:30 P.M.

THE PEACEMAKERS
5110 Firwood Lane
Fern Creek, Ky. 40291
12. Temple View Baptist Church, Butler Co. 7:30 P.M.
13. Eden Baptist Church, 2:00 P.M. Goodlettsville, Tennessee.
19. Brotherhood Freewill Baptist Church, Glasgow, Ky. 7:00 P.M.
20. Old Fashion Mission, 11:00 A.M. 5th & Iowa, Louisville, Ky.
20. Okolona Baptist Church, 7:30 P.M. Louisville, Ky.
26. Freewill Baptist Church, 7:30 P.M. New Albany, Indiana.
27. Memorial Service, 2:00 P.M. Music Hall, Burkesville, Ky.

THE SINGING STANTONS
Bonnieville, Kentucky 42713
Phone 531-2205

THE TOMES FOUR
4911 West Bahama Ct.
Louisville, Ky. 40219
5. Sun Valley General Baptist, Louisville, Ky. 7:00 P.M.
11. Leitchfield Holiness, 7:30 P.M. Leitchfield, Ky.
12. Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist, 7:30 P.M. 31-E out of Glasgow. (Turn right at Allen Crossroads, go to crossing & turn right)
13. Rockford View United Baptist, Louisville, Ky. All Day.
19. Antioch General Baptist, 7:30 P.M. 8 mi. out of Clarkson on Hwy. 88.
20. Campground Methodist, 2:00 P.M. Bonnieville, Ky.
20. Pleasant Grove Baptist, 7:00 P.M. Hwy. 101 turn left, turn at 1st grocery on left.
26. Eulia General Baptist, 7:00 P.M. Between Westmoreland & Lafayette, Tennessee.
27. Enon Missionary Baptist, All Day. Lafayette, Tenn.
27. Mitchville Baptist, 7:00 P.M. 2nd Franklin Exit on I-65 turn left 31-W.
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, The composers, authors, publishers and performers of gospel music have dedicated their lives to the glory of God through their various talents; and,

WHEREAS, Gospel music is an integral part of our American heritage and American music culture; and,

WHEREAS, It is the profound belief among people associated with gospel music that a gospel song is an instrument of brotherly love; and,

WHEREAS, Gospel music offers the people of the world something to believe in and offers a reason for forging ahead;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WENDELL H. FORD, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12, 1974, as

GOSPEL MUSIC WEEK

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens of this Commonwealth to participate in this observance with appropriate ceremonies and recognition.

Signed, Wendell H. Ford, Governor

...Letter From A Reader

My name is Mark Cockriel of the Cockriel Family and I'm just glad to say the Cockriel Family is glad to be a part of the Reaching Out magazine. We have been singing for about a year now and ever since we started we have had confidence that the Lord would guide us through till we depart from this world. We have an album out called The Old Time Religion which was dedicated to my grandfather who passed away January 24, 1974.

Your friend,
Mark Cockriel
GREAT REVIVAL REPORTED IN PEKIN, INDIANA

The Mount Zion Church, in Pekin, Indiana, had planned to end their two week revival with an “Old Fashion Day”. However, the pastor at Mt. Zion, Rev. Jake Hamilton, and Brother Bob, who is a member of a singing group called “The Samaritans”, made a promise to God that they would not close the Revival as long as there were conversions taking place. The morning of “Old Fashion Day”, and after Brother Bob’s sermon, two people received Christ as their Saviour.

The Cook Family was told that they had been baptising converts right after the services at 10:00 or 11:00 at night and on Sundays.

The Cook Family attended the Sunday afternoon baptism in Blue River, then returned to sing at the Sunday night service, as scheduled. The church was packed so full that all the Sunday School chairs were brought out and still everyone could not be seated. There were five conversions that night.

When the Cook’s returned to Campbellsburg, Indiana to sing for the Bluegrass Festival and later in the day at Borden, Indiana, they were told that the Revival at Mount Zion was going into its FIFTH WEEK!!! They were still baptising people every night.

The Cook Family, above, performed at the Mount Zion Church in Pekin, Indiana on the church’s “Old Fashion Day” held on September 1. As you can see they participated along with the members of the church by dressing in Early American costumes.

NEW GOSPEL MUSIC RADIO PROGRAM ON WGRK

Radio station WGRK in Greensburg, Kentucky is starting a new gospel radio program which will be hosted by Gary Irvin. Irvin, who is pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, requests that gospel groups send him albums and information about their singings and he will use them for promotional purposes. Albums and news should be mailed to: Gary Irvin, Greensburg, Ky. 42743.
being wise and good if you are bitter and jealous and selfish; that is the worst sort of lie. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, inspired by the devil.” (James 3:14-15)

The Indians used to say “White Man speak with forked tongue.” Sad to say, that applies to some Christians() too. Some people can look you in the eye and utter words of praise while secretly preparing to stick a knife in your back.

“Say just a simple ‘Yes, I will’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Your word is enough. To strengthen your promise with a vow shows that something is wrong.” (Matthew 5:37)

When you say “I am” or “I will”, you’d better be prepared to be and do. You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time; but you can’t fool God anytime!

BENEFIT SING MAKES OVER $900 FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

The Cook Family appeared at the benefit singing held near Borden, Indiana on September 15. All proceeds from the singing went to help rebuild the Daisy Hill Church which was completely destroyed by a tornado this spring. The event netted well over nine hundred dollars.

By Donna Stanton

“Dear Brothers, don’t be too eager to tell others their faults, for we all make many mistakes; and when we, teachers of religion, who should know better do wrong, our punishment will be greater than it would be for others.” (James 3:1)

With the Kentucky State Singing, the National Quartet Convention, and Gospel Music Week coming so close together, virtually all amateur, semi-professional, and professional gospel groups are caught up in the festivities. But, not so hidden by all the music, reunions, and noise, you can still hear the classic put-downs:

He’s bad because he has long hair or plays the wrong instrument or too loud. So and so can’t be right because he doesn’t sing the right songs or perform in the right places. Funny -- right usually means the way these self-appointed judges do something!

I prefer contemporary sounds in gospel music and those with a touch of country. So, why not break all the records and shoot all the people who sing convention songs? Absurd? Some people have that attitude.

I can hear all those people not in gospel music thinking that this is some kind of ‘expose’ of the gospel music industry and they were right all along about those low-down exploiters of the gospel. Not so! Churches are infested with these kind of people too.

I want what you have but I can’t get it so I’ll just make everybody think I’m too good to want it by putting you down for having it. What a great place this world would be without that green-eyed monster jealousy.

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The president, Earl Norris, invites other singers and the public to attend the convention which is to begin at 2:00 P.M.

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