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"LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD" All the groups which performed at the annual Dove Awards Presentation, held in Nashville on September 30, gathered on stage to sing Bill Gaither's popular song, "Let's Just Praise The Lord".

#### GMA PRESENTS DOVE AWARDS SEPT. 30

By Joan Melloan

The 1974 Dove Awards, presented by the Gospel Music Association for excellence in the field of gospel music, were announced September 30 from the stage of the new Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tennessee.

The gala evening began with an overture by the Dove Awards Orchestra. The orchestra, conducted by Bill Walker, presented a medley of the songs nominated for "Gospel Song of the Year." Brock Speer, GMA president, welcomed the large crowd of more than 1,500 gospel music performers and fans. Rev. Millard Reed, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Nashville, gave the invoca-

Speer then introduced the Rev. Bob Harrington of New Orleans, Louisiana. Better known as the "Chaplain of Bourbon Street", Rev. Harrington served as emcee for the two-hour awards program.

First announced winner of the evening was Don Butler of Nashville, Tenn., for writing the "Best Backliner Notes of a Gospel Record Album." He penned the backliner of the "Blackwood Brothers On

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## Hart County GMA Plans Family Night

A gospel singing with the emphasis on families is coming up on November 16 at the Hart County High School. The theme of "Family Night" is in keeping with the idea that gospel music is music for the entire

Numerous door prizes will be given in recognition of such things as largest family in attendance, couple married the longest, and many more.

Talent for the singing has not been confirmed at press time although a number of the top groups in Southern Kentucky are expected to be on the program.

The Hart County GMA is sponsoring this concert as an event where families will be offered the opportunity to enjoy an evening together. An informal atmosphere will be created with the audience being able to sit around tables with their refreshments.

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity for an evening of family enjoyment. The program will begin at 7:00 P.M.

#### Radiothon Raises Over \$400

The Hart County Gospel Music Association's March of Dimes Radiothon raised an unofficial total of \$405.04. The program was held on October 17 at the Continued on page 5.

#### Gospel REACHING OUT

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The sole purpose of the Hart County Gospel Music Association is to uplift the Kingdom of God through the diligent efforts of our members to promote Gospel Music as a means of spreading the gospel as well as a means of gospel entertainment.

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#### From The Editor

By Johnny Melloan

A lot of good things are happening in gospel music. Many of these happenings are things that you probably never thought about and they may seem to be somewhat insignificant. But they have a great deal of importance because they are helping to give gospel music more recognition, as well as respect, among the general public.

During the recent Dove Awards Presentations there were many things which gave evidence to the progress which has been made in gospel music. A full orchestra furnished the background music for the ceremonies. Special sets were used on the stage of the new Opry House which had been designed especially for the Dove Awards.

James Blackwood and Brock Speer expressed the sentiments which were no doubt felt by many of their contemporaries. Blackwood spoke of his early background in gospel music when it was found only in small, rural churches. He expressed the pride he felt because gospel music was now also heard in the world's most impressive auditoriums. Speer made the simple, but powerful statement, "Our music is as good as anybodies." You had to feel good when men such as these, who had grown with gospel music from it's most humble beginnings, displayed their feelings of satisfaction at the progress made by gospel music.

Another good thing occurred early last month as many states, including Kentucky, joined in celebrating "Gospel Music Week." This is a major event in that it offers a special week in which to recognize the contibutions of gospel music to the American public. As "Gospel Music Week" grows in prominence in the next few years it will create a time when a vast variety of special events can be undertaken to promote the growth of gospel music. Norman Odlum, chairman of the Special Projects Committee of the Gospel Music Association, has done a great deal of work to secure proclamations in each state as well as a "National Gospel Music Week."

You may wonder why these things are important. The main idea is that gospel music is reaching the point where it can quit apologizing for it's inadequacies and be proud of it's achievements.

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## GMA PRESENTS DOVE AWARDS

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Stage" album by the Blackwood Brothers. Butler accepted the award with, "Gospel Music has put biscuits on my table, clothes on my family's backs and has given me something to be proud of."

Next came the award for "Best Graphic Layout and Design of a Gospel Record Album" and this Dove went to Charles Hooper of Nashville, Tenn. for his design of the "Blackwood Brothers On Stage" album. (Ken Harding, from Superior Sound Studios, who has done the graphic work on several local groups, was in the final nominees for this award)

Hope Powell was awarded a Dove for "Best Gospel Record Album Cover Photo or Cover Art" for the "Blackwood Brothers On Stage" album.

"Best Gospel Television Program"
Dove Award went to "Gospel Singing
Jubilee" Program which is hosted by the
Florida Boys of Pensacola, Fla.

Named "Gospel Disc Jockey of the Year" was Jim Black of Nashville, Tennessee who hosts the syndicated show, "It's Gospel Country." Jim also served as the backstage voice for the event.

"Best Gospel Record Album of the Year" award went to "Big and Live" album recorded by The Kingsmen on the Canaan label. This album was produced by Marvin Norcross. In this category, the artist, record company and producer all receive Dove Awards.

Newest inductees to the Gospel Music Hall of Fame were announced by W. F. (Jim) Myers of New York City, president of the Hall of Fame. He announced that Glenn Kieffer Faughan, who was president of Vaughan Music Company was named to the Hall of Fame for 1974 in the deceased category, and James Blackwood, Sr. of Memphis, Tennessee was named in the 1974 living category.

Named "Best Gospel Instrumentalist" for 1974 was Henry Slaughter of Nashville.

Award for "Best Female Gospel Vocalist" went to Sue Chenault Dodge of Hurst, Texas who was formerly with the Speer Family group and is currently in evangelistic work with her husband. Mrs. Dodge, who also received the award in 1972 and 1973, left the stage exclaiming "Brock (Speer) you taught me all you know!"

"Best Gospel Male Vocalist" award was presented to James Blackwood, Sr., of Memphis, Tennessee.

"Best Male Gospel Group" winning the award was the Blackwood Brothers of Memphis, Tennessee.

In the "Best Mixed Gospel Group"

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Staff Photos By Johnny Melloan



Don Butler was the recipient of the Dove for "Best Backliner Notes"



The Blackwood Brothers won the "Best Male Group" award. James Blackwood, at the podium, is the only remaining original member since the group organized forty years ago. The Statler Brothers, at right, were the presenters of the award.



Rev. Bob Harrington served as emcee for the awards program.



Jim Black, of the Concords, and host of "It's Gospel Country" was named "Best Gospel Disc Jockey."





All the Speers turned out on stage to accept the award for the "Best Mixed Group." The Speer Family is the only group to receive this award in the four years since the Dove Awards were established.



Bill Gaither received a standing ovation as his song, "Because He Lives" was named the "Song of the Year".

category, the winner was The Speer Family of Nashville, Tennessee.

Ten gospel songs had been nominated in the "Gospel Song of the Year" award and each of these selections were sung during the program by different groups. Winning song award went to "Because He Lives" which was written by Bill Gaither of Alexandria, Indiana.

Final award of the night went to Bill Gaither as "Gospel Songwriter of the Year." Gaither, who penned such gospel songs as "He Touched Me," "God Gave the Song" and "Because He Lives", received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Following the stage presentations, the winners and nominees were honored guests at a reception held just outside the Opry House in the courtyard.

Winners were selected in a series of three ballots with the voting tabulated by a Nashville accounting firm (Ernst & Ernst). Nearly 2,000 members of the Gospel Music Association participated in the balloting.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER



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

- 2...Illinois Area.
- 3. . . Illinois Area.
- 9. . .Franklin, Kentucky High School.
- Madison, Tenn. Church of God of Prophecy. (A.M.)
- 10... Pleasent View, Tennessee 2:00 P.M.
- 10... Madison, Tenn. First Assembly of God. (P.M.)
- 16... Memphis, Tennessee Area.
- 17... Memphis, Tennessee Area.
- 23... Mt. Vernon, Indiana High School.
- 24... Madisonville, Ky. (A.M.)
- 24... Briansburg, Ky. (P.M.)

THE COOK FAMILY Bonnieville, Ky. 42713 Phone 531-1701 or

Hardyville, Ky. 42746 Phone 528-5091

- Riverview Baptist, Mt. Washington, Ky. 7:00 P.M.
- Green Hill Methodist. Bowling Green, Ky. 7:30 P.M.
- 3... Fairview Church. Bowling Green. 11:00 A.M.

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- 10... Dayton, Ohio.
- 16... GMA Family Night, Hart County High School. 7:00 P.M.
- Campground Methodist Church. Bonnieville, Ky. Toys for Tots. 2:00
- 30... Santa Day. Streets of Horse Cave

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

- Sun Valley. Lower River Rd. Louisville, Ky. 11:00 A.M.
- 9... Bible Baptist Church. Maryville, Tennessee. 6:00 P.M.
- 17... Old Fashioned Baptist Church. Louisville, Ky. 11:00 A.M.

THE McCUBBINS FAMILY Route 3, Munfordville, Ky. 42765 Phone (502) 524-9702

- 1... Sparta, Tennessee.
- 2... Sparta, Tennessee.
- 3... Sparta, Tennessee.
- 10... Cave City First General Baptist Church, on 31-W 7:30 P.M.
- 16... GMA Family Night, Hart County High School. 7:00 P.M.

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- New Salem. Revival. Bro Hubbard, Pastor.
- 24. . . Hilltop Gen. Baptist Church. 11:00
- 30. . . Brush Creek Baptist Church. 7:00 P.M. Green County, Ky.

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- Oak Grove Methodist Church. Revival. 7:00 P.M.
- Halls Chapel Baptist Church. Barren River Rd., Bowling Green. Public Singing. 7:00 P.M.
- 7... Dellafield Community Center. 7:30
- 14... Dellafield Community Center. 7:30
- 21... Dellafield Community Center. 7:30
- Warren County Singing Conv. Rocky Springs Baptist Church. Highway 234. Bowling Green, Ky. 2:00 P.M.
- 28... Dellafield Community Center. 7:30

THE SERVANTS QUARTET Route 2, Campbellsville, Ky. Phone (502) 465-8593 c/o Don Parker

- 3... Russell County. Square Oak. 7:00 P.M.
- 9. . . Louisville, Ky. (Tentative)
- 10. . . Clear Fork Baptist Church in Russell County. Afternoon.
- 10... Ekron Baptist Church. 7:00 P.M. Ekron, Ky.
- 15. . . Russell County High School, 7:00
- 16. . . Knoxville, Tennessee Area.
- Lafallette High Auditorium. (Campbell County Singing Conv.) Lafallette, Tenn. 1:30 P.M.
- 17. . . Lafallette, Tennessee Area. (P.M.)
- Dec. 1... Paducah, Ky. (with Otis Skaggs)

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

- 2... Hart County Singing Convention. Wilkerson Temple Meth. Church.
- GMA Family Night. Hart County High School. 7:00 P.M.
- 17... Toys for Tots Benefit. 2:00 P.M. Campground Methodist Church.
- 23... Benefit Singing. Wilkerson Temple United Methodist Church. 7:00 P.M.

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## COOK FAMILY AT SANTA DAY

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Santa Day is a promotion of the Horse Cave Chamber of Commerce and Santa Claus will arrive in the city during the day.

This is the second year the Chamber of Commerce has held Santa Day and they have used gospel entertainers each time.



## MARCH OF DIMES RADIOTHON Continued from page 1.

Hart County High School and was broadcast over WLOC in Munfordville.

A wide variety of gospel groups took part in the effort to raise money for the March of Dimes. Kenneth Walters, county chairman for the March of Dimes, was a special guest. He told the audience some of the things that the March of Dimes was accomplishing and gave figures for last year's campaign in Hart County.

The Hart County Gospel Music Association expresses thanks to all of those who participated in the Radiothon.

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#### TEMPLE TRIO REORGANIZES

The Temple Trio, of Glasgow, Kentucky, pictured above, has reorganized. Members of the group include (left to right): Tommy Bellamy; his daughter, Tommie Kay; and Stanley Greer, who has returned to the Temple Trio after a period of singing with the Sego Brothers and Naomi of Whitehouse, Tennessee. For bookings contact: Stanley Greer, Route 6, Glasgow, Ky. or phone 427-4466.

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## Warren County Convention

The Warren County Singing Convention will be held on Sunday, November 24 at the Rocky Springs Baptist Church located on Highway 234, near Bowling Green.

The guest singers will be The Gospel Lights of Glasgow, Ky. and others. The program is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. President Earl Norris invites everyone to attend and to bring someone with them.

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#### By Donna Stanton

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth

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Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (St. Matthew 28: 18 - 20).

Sssh! The Good News of Jesus Christ is a secret. Don't tell a single soul because they might laugh at you. Or worse yet -- they might want it too! Just keep it hid in some dark corner of your life and never let it

According to an old legend, when Christ ascended into Heaven the angels asked Him what He planned now in order to get the message out to the multitudes on earth. the Lord answered. "I have left eleven disciples to whom I have given the Commission to go and make disciples of all nations." Immediately one of the angels soberly asked, "But suppose they fail -what then?" And Jesus replied, "I have no other plans."

Jesus told his disciples (that means us, too) to "teach all nations." It is the duty of every Christian to tell others about Christ. Did I say "duty"? It's a priviledge!

The joy of salvation is so wonderful we should want to pass it on. We should shout it from the mountaintops, broadcast it over the airwaves, reflect it in out daily lives.

But witnessing isn't always easy, you say. Nowhere do we have the promise that it would be. The Devil is "running to and fro, seeking whom he may devour" and he is always ready to throw and obstacle in our path.

The times and the society we live in seems wicked and unresponsive to the Gospel. "Don't long for the 'the good old days', for you don't know whether they were any better than these!" (Ecclesiastes 7: 10)

It seems that even in Solomon's day, there were people unwilling to live in "modern times." The past is gone and we can't change it. There is a vast need in our society now. We must speak to the people in their language because the Gospel is meant to be understood by everyone. Let's stop squabbling and get on with it.

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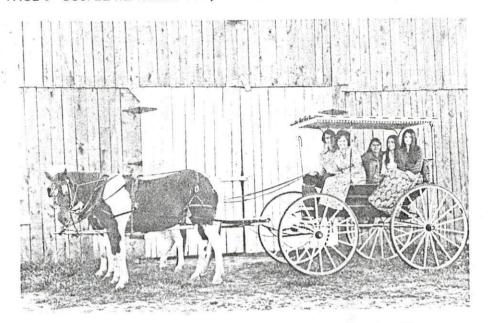
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