Cavelanders At Horse Cave Santa Day

The Cavelanders appeared at Horse Cave Santa Day which is held annually. This event is sponsored by Horse Cave Chamber of Commerce and the Tobacco Board of Trade. Other groups appearing were the Cook Family and the Christian Sound. A very large crowd attended.

MARCH OF DIMES RADIOTHON

WILL BE HELD JANUARY 14

AT

HART COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Story on page 7
FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this many of you will have made, and perhaps some may have already broken your New Year's Resolutions.

LOOKING BACK---------

1975 was a great year for Gospel Music. This was especially true here in Hart County.

The Hart Co. Gospel Music Assn. celebrated its 3rd anniversary with a large crowd and more than twenty groups participated from all over Kentucky and parts of Ind. A big singing held in the Horse Cave Tobacco Warehouse, in Horse Cave, Ky.

Hart County was privileged to host the annual Kentucky State Singing Convention this past Sept. with approximately 4,000 people and more than 50 singing groups from throughout Kentucky also parts of Ind. and Tenn. attended this 2 day event.

Many churches and civic organizations are recognizing the value of Gospel Music.

One example is Santa Day sponsored by the Horse Cave Chamber of Commerce and the Tobacco Board of Trade. Gospel Music has continued to be the highlight on this program, held each November.

Many groups have had opportunity to work in revivals, youth rallies, P.C.A meetings, Coop meetings, all day homecomings with preaching, singing, and dinner on the ground.

Children's homes, jail services, nursing homes and other organizations have been benefited by the use of Gospel Music.

Gospel groups have continued to give their services for worthy causes like the March of Dimes, the Heart Fund, and other civic activities.

Families and individuals who have been victims of some unfortunate circumstance have been helped and blessed by working together.

1976 will present many opportunities for each of us. May we always give our best to one who has given so much for us.

My prayer is that this will be the year that our nation will turn back to God.

Haskell McCubbins
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   Bill Gaither Trio (R-3344)
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Jan. 4
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Jan. 10
Bolling Ave. 1831
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Jan. 11
Jan. 17
Jan. 18
WTCO 3:00 EST
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Jan. 24
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May the New Year be a precious jewel... one that sparkles all year through. With facets of happiness that are cut true and bright.

From
THE CAvelANDERs

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No doubt many of you have sung the songs — "When God Dips His Love In My Heart", "We'll Soon Be Done With Troubles and Trials", "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" and many more. Rev. Clevant Derricks pictured here wrote these fine songs.
Best Wishes
To all you "dears" we just want to say, hope your year is filled with happy times each and every day! Thanks for your friendship.

From THE CHRISTIAN SOUND

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They also have a TV program starting in Feb. 1976 on Channel 17, in Nashville, Tenn.

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Annual March Of Dimes Radiothon
Jan. 14, 1976

The Hart County G.M.A. and W.L.O.C. FM will jointly sponsor the Annual Variety Show on Wednesday night Jan. 14, from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Hart Co. High School Gym.

The program will be broadcast live on W.L.O.C. Munfordville and everyone listening will have an opportunity to call the station to give their contribution to the March of Dimes.

Over the past two years several hundred dollars have been raised for this worthy cause.

The money that is raised this year will be presented to the March of Dimes through TV station WBKO in Bowling Green on Jan. 24 when they have their annual telethon, which will last for approximately 19 hours.

Local groups will be participating along with area groups and individual acts will be taking part in this activity.

Everyone is invited to this event with great enthusiasm. If you can't come, be sure to tune in to WLOC FM for the Annual March of Dimes Radiothon, January 14, 1976 for 7 until 10 p.m.

HART COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held at the Cub Run Methodist Church in Cub Run, Lester Hawkins Munfordville, Ky., president.

Dwayne Hatcher, president of Hart County Singing Convention, informs us that the new president for 1976 will be Lester Hawkins, Munfordville, Ky. Lester is an employee of Houchens Mkt. and is a member of the Joyful Echoes.

The Edmonton Quartet will be appearing at the Lincoln Village Show Barn on January 3, and January 17. Then in February on the 14 and the 28.
Story From Big Mama

What you are about to read is a very touching and inspirational story about a dedicated group of gospel singers who are well known throughout the Metropolitan-Washington, D.C. area. What makes this story unique and emotionally potent is not their popularity nor style of gospel music, but the fact that they consist of a “large” family from a small town in southern Maryland called Mitchellville, and how they beat the odds against survival. We firmly believe that you will be amazed at how this family overcame life’s many pitfalls and misfortunes they encountered over the past years. Their exceptional story will not only interest your many readers, but will serve as a source of inspiration for many families who continually share, with each other, their love, their joy, and their happiness during difficult times.

In 1916, William Savoy and Maude Jones were married. From this unity, 15 children were born, 11 girls and 4 boys, which included a set of twins. Maude, whom we call “Big Mama,” has oft times stated that if Will had lived long enough to fulfill his wishes, there would have been 21 kids. But that was not to be, because when the 15th child reached the age of 2, Will passed away. Needless to say, his unexpected death created many problems for Big Mama. But she possessed her ever-present faith in God, a strong will, and a most unusual courage to bear the burden and make her way forward. Alone for two years, Big Mama struggled with the throes and woes of poverty, but somehow always managed to provide the bare “necessities” for her brood. This neither discouraged her nor weakened her faith in God, for each and every Sunday morning she made her way to church with her 15 children at her side.

After two years, she met and married Harry Brown (lovingly called “Mr. Harry”), a widower who had 13 children of his own. Even though only two or three of Mr. Harry’s children lived with him and Big Mama, they still had to struggle in the throes of poverty to feed, clothe, and house their family which had grown to 18. About 10 years after their marriage, Mr. Harry suffered a fatal accident, but Big Mama support their younger sisters and brothers. Certainly this period of time tested the solidity of the foundation which Big Mama had laid during the way. Even with the little income contributed by the elder children, hard times became harder. But the family had the love, understanding, and excellent rearing which continued to bind them stronger and stronger. In fact, the elder children enjoyed helping to feed and clothe their younger sisters and brothers, and the younger children never asked for anything, even at Christmas. None of the children left home until the youngest child had finished high school.

In 1949, Big Mama and 7 of her children who had been serving as part of the Church choir, were asked to render a gospel program at a neighboring church. They named themselves the “Mt. Nebo Gospel Chorus” (Mt Nebo is the church where they are still serving on the choir). They rendered the program, and were an overwhelming success. The pianist was Big Mama’s 14-year old daughter who picked up the talent on her own. That program was the beginning of an endless demand of the “family of gospel singers” to render musical programs for the uplifting of God’s Kingdom.

In 1974, the Mt. Nebo Gospel Chorus released its first recording, “There’s A Bright Side Somewhere,” which was dedicated to Big Mama in appreciation for her 80 years of untried living, 58 years of yndying devotion and service to God, her children, her church and her community, and last, but not least, her constant support for her family of gospel singers. The recording was such a tremendous success that in June 1975, the group released its second recording, “Step Out On God’s Promises.” The title selection was written by one of Big Mama’s daughters, who is still the pianist for the group. The song sums up the progression of the Chorus since its inception in 1949.

Twenty-six years have now passed since the Chorus first began, and it has withstood the test of sticktiveness. Death took two of Big Mama’s children in 1969, but with a strong determination to continue onward, the family’s faith never waned. The children are still members of the Chorus, and even their children have since joined. Currently, Big Mama has 8 daughters, 1 son, 3 granddaughters, and 1 grandson that make up the Mt. Nebo Gospel Chorus. Their singing engagements have taken them to numerous and various churches of all faiths and denominations in the Washington-Netropolitan D.C. area, and on occasional visited to New York and Philadelphia. Their engagements are booked a year in advance.

It is virtually impossible to begin to tell of the overwhelming influence Big Mama still possesses on the Chorus, the Church, and the community. She is now 81. Her steps have slowed, but she still has the quickwittedness and faith in God. Big Mama will never quit. She has often said that any family who sings together and prays together will surely stay together. This has been the tradition of the Mt. Nebo Gospel Chorus.

We hope that this brief story has conveyed to you the true significance of the kind of life Big Mama has lived, and is still living, and that her life has impressed you as much as it has her many friends and relatives. We believe that your many readers will appreciate reading the story about Big Mama and the Mt. Nebo Gospel Chorus.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Taylor
Managing Director
Mt. Nebo Gospel Chorus