Polston Home Burns

Jim B. and Eva (Dad and Mom) Polston’s home burned down Monday morning, December 22. No one was hurt. They got out a few pieces of furniture, pictures and clothes. The fire started in the chimney and was out of control before it was discovered.

Their neighbors (from all over) and several churches have been very generous in helping them get a new start. The Polston Family appreciates everything that has been done for Dad and Mom. They still need the prayers of the Christian people.

Barren County Singing Convention

The Barren County Singing Convention will be held at The Lera B. Mitchell Club House in Glasgow, Ky., February 7, 1981. Guest singers will be The Canaanland Quartet and The Pierce Family. Rex Agers is the president. Everyone is invited.

Lister Says, “Statemen Are Here to Stay”

Hovie Lister, manager of The Statesmen, recently released a statement that he is keeping The Statesmen intact “until the Lord comes.” This declaration was prompted by rumors circulating to the contrary after Lister and tenor Rosie Rozell’s infrequent appearances with The Masters.

Lister emphasized that The Masters is “a special venture, by special request, for special occasions.” The Masters made their initial appearance at Polly Grimes’ concerts in California in October and have since been sought for other bookings.

Composed of Lister, Rozell, J.D. Sumner, James Blackwood, and Jake Hess, the singing group is a unique combination of five of the nation’s most outstanding gospel talent in the last four decades. All of them have emphatically stated that it is a strictly a part-time vocation that they enjoy, but they do not consider The Masters an organized quartet seeking full-time engagements.

After a two-year “retirement,” Lister reorganized The Statesmen, one of the most sensational quartets in the history of gospel music, three years ago; and has worked diligently to present gospel music “that the people will enjoy in the Statesmen tradition.”

The Statesmen had two albums released in 1980, have another release planned for this month, and another album due about July.

Gospel Groups At Inauguration

At least 27 gospel acts have been booked at press time to appear at the “Religious (Presidential) Inaugural Celebration with Love” at the Starplex Armory in Washington, D.C., January 19-20, according to Ken Cox, talent coordinator for the Foundation for Religious Celebration of the Presidential Inaugural.
Letters to the Editor

We had a wonderful holiday season, the Lord blessed us tremendously, as he has all year long.

We want to thank all our friends and all the good people everywhere, who made this past year so great. May God richly bless all of you is our prayer.

Our Thanksgiving and New Year’s singing at the Lumber Co. turned out great. Several people were there who saw it in the “Reaching Out”.

If any groups are up Monticello way, stop by and see us. Bertram and Bertram Gro. is located 10 miles south of Monticello on Hwy. 90.

Yours in Christ,
The Bobby Bertram Family
Monticello, KY

Whats Happening

The Statesmen have a new album to be released in January. Watch for details in this paper.

Jimmy Davis also has a new album released this month entitled Immortal Songs.

Pat Hoffmaster will be returning to sing with the Blackwood Brothers.

The Rex Nelon Singers are at the top of the list among the top groups. Their song, “Come Morning”, written by Dee Gashin was named song of the year. Rex Nelon was Favorite Male Bass of the Year and his daughter, Kelly, was named Queen of Gospel Music for 1980.
Teddy Huffam To Add New Members

There will be some females added on The Program of Teddy Huffam as Back-up singers and vocalists. These girls were on his recent recordings and have become very popular. They are from Richmond, Va. and they include Maureen Tarry, alto/contralto, Elaine Walkins, second soprano/contralto, Eunice Travers, (vocal major), first soprano; and Genovie Parge, Lyric soprano. Teddy said that he had worked with all of these girls in church music efforts. Vocalists Therlow Foy and Robert Smith remain with The Gems as key members.
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22 - Macedonia General Baptist Church, Frankin, Ky., 6:00 P.M.  

THE CANAANLAND QUARTET  
107 Gooden St. - Glasgow, Ky. 42141  
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February 7 - Barren Co. Gospel Sing, Lera B. Mitchell Clubhouse, Glasgow with the Pierce Family, 7:00 P.M.  
14 - Popular Log Community Church with the Gospel Travelers, 6:30 P.M.  
22 - Hanging Fork Baptist Church, south of Glasgow, 6:30 P.M.  
28 - Oak Street General Baptist, 7:30 P.M., Glasgow.  
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8 - Sandusky, Ohio, Freewill Baptist, 10 A.M.  
21 - Chippewa Lake, Ohio, Triangle Baptist, 7:30 P.M.  
22 - Willard, Ohio, Church of God, 6:30 P.M.  
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15 - Sportsman’s Club in Russellville, Ky. (Logan County) at 7:00 P.M. with the Chuck Wagon Gang.  
20 - Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Ky. at 7:00 P.M. Located in Christian County.  
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**GOOD BARBECUED CHICKEN**

2 lb chicken parts  
2 T shortening  
1 can tomato soup  
1/2 c each chopped onion, celery  
1 sm clove garlic, minced  
2 T brown sugar  
2 T Worcestershire  
2 T lemon juice  
2 t prepared mustard  
2 drops Tabasco

Brown chicken in shortening. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover; simmer 45 minutes or until chicken is tender, stirring occasionally.

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**LOW-CALORIE HEALTH SHAKE**

1 lg slice melon  
1/2 c cottage cheese, yogurt or nonfat dry milk  
Pinch of mint tea, mint extract, or spearmint leaves  
1/2 to 1 c water

Combine all ingredients in blender on high speed until creamy. Makes two cups. Good for the hot summer days ahead.

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**CHESS PIE**

1 stick margarine  
3 eggs  
1 tbsp. vinegar  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 c sugar  
2 tsp. cornmeal  
1 tsp. lemon extract  
Cream margarine and sugar, add other ingredients, and mix well. Pour into 9 inch pie shell, bake in 350 degrees oven 45 to 60 minutes.

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**IMPOSSIBLE PIE**

4 eggs  
1/2 stick margarine - melted  
2 c milk  
1 1/4 c sugar  
1/4 c self rising flour  
14 oz. flake coconut  
Beat eggs well, add sugar, margarine, flour and milk. Mix well then add coconut. Pour into 2 ungreased 9 inch pie pans. Bake in 350 degrees oven 35 to 40 minutes. This pie will make it's own crust.

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Hovie Walker, bass singer and manager, formerly with Willie Wynn and the Tennesseans, The Blackwood Singers, and The Singing Americans, is not new to gospel music. He feels that with the talents of the individual members of the group and his experience, he can lead The Sheridans to new horizons in the gospel field.

Donna McCaig, alto singer, has experience in singing since she was with such groups as Johnny Cook Singers and The Impacts. Donna has a desire to help people find God and a way of singing that will keep one on his seat edge as she lets God use her to touch hearts.

Carolyn Turner, soprano singer and piano player, is surpassed by none. Her beautiful smile and personality, along with her talents, are recognized as being tops.

Mike Carter, lead singer, has a dedication to serve God to his fullest. He was with the Canaan Land Boys before joining The Sheridans. He along with the rest of the group has a smile that's not easily forgotten.

Hovie Walker and The Sheridans have been sharing the excitement of God with audiences for only a few months; however, they have appeared on a number of National Gospel T.V. programs. After one close encounter of love, Hovie Walker and The Sheridans project you will see the touch of God on one of gospel music's most promising groups.

If the Lord gives you a job to do He will provide the tools you need to do it.
Gospel News from The Professional Field

After suffering from cancer for a year and a half, Big John Broome suffered a heart attack Nov. 13 and died the next day in Asheville, N.C. John, who endeared himself to gospel fans throughout the country during the six years he played for the Kingsmen, was the big guy in the Kingsmen Heavyweights until he underwent a stomach bypass a few years ago that drastically reduced his weight. He never completely regained his health, but doctors are uncertain as to whether the cancer was linked to the surgery. Members of The Humbard Family, who record on Impact, were awarded two medals at the Sheraton Center Ballroom in New York Nov. 7. The 1980 International Film and Television Festival of New York presented their highest award, a gold medal, for the one-hour program, "Rex Humbard with Johnny Cash," which was filmed at Madison Square Garden. A bronze medal went to the 30-second promo spot for the same program.

Top Ten Songs of Month
1. He's Still Workin' On Me-Hemphills
2. Better Hurry Up-Goodmans
3. Come Morning-Rex Nelon Singers
4. Praise The Lord-Imperials
5. And He's Ever Interceding-The Speers
6. Adoration-Mike Adkins
7. Only The Redeemed-Kenneth Copeland
8. We Shall Wear A Robe And Crown-Rex Nelon Singers
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