Stephen Speer Appointed Director Of N.Q.C.

The Board of Directors of the National Quartet Convention have retained the services of Stephen Speer to head their office in Nashville, Tennessee in the capacity of Executive Director. The Board's confidence in Speer's experience, ability, integrity and vision for the future of the National Quartet Convention was paramount in their decision to entrust him with what have become an institution in Southern Gospel Music.

Although a young man, Speer is no newcomer to Gospel Music. He was, in his words, "born in this business". When Stephen came along in 1954, his father, Ben Speer, had been singing for some twenty years in the group started in 1921 by Ben's father and mother, Dad and Mom Speer. "Some of my earliest memories," says Stephen, "are of sleeping in an overhead baggage rack.

Hart Co. Singing

The Hart Co. Singing Convention will be held at the Knoxes Creek Baptist Church in Linwood, Kentucky, on April 2nd, 1983. Daris Waters is President of the Convention. He invites everyone to attend and bring someone with you.

The Guest Singers will be Cook Family from Louisville, Ky.

Big Singing Announced

One of the biggest gospel singings for this area is being planned for May 29 at the Sulphur Well Methodist Church beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon and continuing through the late night hours. Harley Brown is in charge of this event and he states that a number of gospel singers have already been booked and will be announced in next month's issue of Gospel Reaching Out.

Make your plans now to attend this big singing convention.

Harmony Records New Album

Harmony Gospel Group has just completed a live recording at the East Hickman Baptist Church, some of their latest songs, songs which have been requested that they record. We ask that you pray for this endeavor that God will bless and souls be saved.

Yours in Christ,
“HARMONY”

Grace Union Singing

The regular monthly singing of the Grace Union Baptist Church will be held there at the church on April 2, 1983. The guest singers will be The Suns from Russell Springs, Kentucky. Sherman Hurt is President of the Convention. Everyone is invited to attend.

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH SONG
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New Names For GMA Hall Of Fame

Two Gospel Music personalities are to be enshrined in the Gospel Music Hall of Fame during the 14th annual Dove Awards program, to be held Wednesday evening April 13, 1983, in Andrew Jackson Hall at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Final Balloting is underway by a special panel of electors who are to select one person in the living category, and one person in the deceased category, for induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Balloting is supervised by the accounting firm of J. Alan Hooper & Co. Five finalists in the living category, and five finalists in the deceased category were announced by Mr. Hopper today, as the results of the first round of balloting. The finalists are as follows:

LIVING
1. Ralph Carmichael
2. Jimmie Davis
3. Bill Gaither
4. John W. Peterson
5. P.J. (Pat) Zondervan

DECEASED
1. P.P. Bliss
2. David (Dad) Carter
3. Marvin Norcross
4. Tim Spencer
5. Clara Ward
A Word From Rhythm Masters

THE RHYTHM MASTERS is a name that has been synonymous with Gospel Music in the midwest since 1967. In the late 50's in Birmingham, Alabama, the Rhythm Masters was formed and in the late 60's two of the original members moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Within a short time the group was in much demand in the Midwest and in 1972 won the award as the top semi-professional Gospel group in the Nation at the National Quartet Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Carrol Rawlings, lead singer and manager of the Rhythm Masters and his wife, Linda, were members of this award winning group. Carrol Rawlings, president of Artist's Recording Company, was an original member of the nationally known Landmark Quartet and is the son of Dr. John Rawlings, pastor of the Landmark Baptist Temple.

Linda Rawlings is pianist for the Rhythm Masters and is considered by many to be one of the finest musicians in Gospel Music.

Bill Dykes first joined the Rhythm Masters in 1973. He quickly established himself as one of the top baritones in the business. He is a former member of the famous Cathedral Quartet and was for several years with Jerry and the Singing Goffs. Now as a member of the Rhythm Masters, Bill's rich baritone voice adds fullness to the group that every group strives for.

Elizabeth Renee Taulbee is the newest member of the Rhythm Masters and without question one of the finest voices in Gospel Music. Audiences are thrilled by the dynamic singing of this young artist.

The Rhythm Masters have a unique style that touches the heart. An honest excitement and spirit is portrayed in their music and is evident that the Saviour is a reality in their own lives.

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A pinch of salt
1/2 cup sunflower seeds

Mix apples, raisins and cinnamon and put in oiled 8x8 cake pan. Drizzle a little honey over top. Beat liquid ingredients well. Add rest and stir. Pour over apples. Bake at 350 degrees 1/2 hour.

FRANKS AND TATERS DUO
3 medium potatoes or mashed potatoes
2 hard cooked eggs
1/4 cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons chopped sweet pickles
1/4 cup miracle whip

Take hot dog buns, split the franks, and pile this mixture on the frank, and put the frank in the buns. Bake at 400 15-20 minutes.

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1/2 pkg. chipped ham
1/2 cup vinegar
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- April 1 - Cannelton High School, 6:30 CST, Cannelton, Indiana.  
- April 4-10 - Revival, Gamaliel Baptist Church. Rev. Jerry Anderson, pastor, Rev. Claude McCubbins, Evangelist, 7:00 CST.  
- April 16 - Bolin Chapel Baptist Church, Reynolds Station, 7:00.  
- April 17 - Martin's Chapel Methodist Church, Allons, Tennessee, 7:00.  
- April 30 - Benefit at Horse Cave Theatre.

**THE CANAANLAND QUARTET**  
107 Gooden St. Glasgow, KY 42141  
Ph. (502) 651 2553

- March 27 - Antioch Baptist Church, all day, 11:00 a.m., Knob Lick.  
- April 1 - Red Cross School, Benefit singing, 7:00 p.m.  
- April 3 - Lick Branch Cumberland Presbyterian Church, off highway near Glasgow, 6:00 p.m.  
- April 10 - Dover Baptist Church, Mt. Hermon, 6:30 p.m.  
- We are making plans to be at the May singing both nights.

**THE CHILDRESS FAMILY**  
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- April 2 - Kokomo, Ind.  
- April 3 - Kokomo, Ind.  
- April 9 - Faith Temple, Hopkinsville, KY, 7:00 p.m.  
- April 22 - Goldie's Best Little Opryhouse, Owensboro, KY, 8:00 p.m.  
- April 24 - Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, KY, 6:30 p.m.  
- April 29 - Northside Baptist, Morganfield, KY, 7:00 p.m.  
- April 30 - Faith General Baptist, Booneville, Ind., 7:00 p.m.  
- May 1 - Calvary Baptist Church, Henderson, KY, 7:00 p.m.

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- April 1-3 - Revival, Island United Methodist Church, Island, KY, 7:00 p.m.  
- April 5 - Adair County High School Gym, Christian youth of Adair County High School, 7:00 p.m. For more information call Steve Hoots, 384-4972.  
- April 11-17 - Revival, Elkton Church of the Narazene, Elkton, KY.  
- April 27-30 - Revival, New Bethel United Methodist Church, Scottsville, KY.

**HARMONY**  
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- April 10, Sunday - Morris Creek Church of God, Stanton, KY, 6:00 p.m.  
- April 16, Saturday - Lawrenceville Baptist Church, Williamstown, KY, 7:30 p.m.  
- April 24, Sunday - Ferguston Baptist Church, Somerset, KY, 7:30 p.m.

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**THE SOUTHERN HARMONY QUARTET**  
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- April 2nd, Saturday night - Jackson Grove Baptist Church.  
- April 9th, Saturday night - Benefit singing at the Library Building (or the Good-Night Auditorium) in Franklin, KY, along with other groups.  
- April 24th, Sunday night - 6:00 at Sulphur Fork. This is between Oak Grove and Fairfield, Tennessee.

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- April 8 - Opry house, Owensboro, KY, 8:00 p.m.  
- April 9 - Springfield, Illinois.  
- April 10 - a.m. and p.m., Pana, Illinois.  
- April 15 - Chavies Elementary School, Chavies, KY, 7:30 p.m.  
- April 16 - First Baptist Church, Jenkins, KY, 7:00 p.m.  
- April 17 - Jenkins, KY, a.m.  
- April 17 - Hazard, KY, p.m.  
- April 23 - Alberene Baptist Church, Esmont, Virginia, 7:00 p.m.  
- April 24 - 10:00 a.m., Calvary Baptist, Scottsville, Virginia; 2:00 p.m. Church of God, Charlottesville, Virginia; 7:00 p.m., Mt. Eagle Baptist.  
- May 1 - Central Kentucky.

**THE JOYMAKERS**  
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- April 1 - Buffinson Variety Show, 7:30, Lincoln Jamboree Auditorium.  
- April 9-10 - Family weekend.  
- April 17 - Spring Sing, 2:30 EDT, Lincoln Jamboree.  
- April 24 - Campbellsville Nursing Home, 2:00, Campbellsville.  
- May 1 - Liberty Baptist Church, Lebanon, afternoon sing.  
- May 1 - Caneyville Church of God, 7:00 EDT, Caneyville, KY.  
- May 8 - Manley Mornial Baptist Church, 6:30 EDT, Louisville, KY.  
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In December of 1982, a new gospel group was formed in Edmonton, Kentucky. The group known as "The Seekers" are as follows: James Froedge, lead; Teresa Fields, alto and piano; Elbert Fields, bass; and Lane Garmon, tenor and bass guitar.

We would like to request the prayers of the Christian people as we work to serve God through praises and song. We are looking forward to seeing souls saved and others drawn closer to the Lord.

We received your letter regarding the 11th Annual Singing and we are planning on attending this year. We are really looking forward to being with you all again.

Thanks,
The Seekers

To The Editor

Dear friends in Gospel Reaching Out,

We received your letter and we would like to thank you for your invitation to the 11th Annual May Sing. We are making plans to be with you May 14th. We would also like for you all to announce that we will be having stage entertainment once a month throughout the summer season at our home on the Worldstown Road, in Junction City, KY, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Groups that will perform:
May 15 - Pathways from Sandusky, Ohio;
June 26 - Spencers from Shiloh, Ohio;
July 10 - Rexroats from Jamestown, Tennessee;
September 11 - Gospel Singing Spectacular (many groups);
More information later.

Prayers and best wishes,
The Byrd Sisters

Dear Friends,

We thank you for the invitation to the May singing, and are looking forward to being with you the 14th, if it is the Lord's will.

We thank the Lord for the work you are doing for him through your group and whatever he asks of you. We just wish that more people would put the Lord first in their lives, rather than a lot of worldly things. We believe that every Christian has a job to do for the Lord. And it takes all the Christian people working together to make a better place to live, until his return again.

The Spirituals would just like to thank the Lord and praise him for all he has given us the past few years because we owe it all to him. We need your prayers.

May the Lord Bless You,
The Spirituals

Edmonton, KY

News From Far-Out

This month we're looking at a relatively new speaker cabinet from Yamaha. The Yamaha S3115. The S3115 is a high sensitivity, compact, portable speaker system. Despite its modest size, 25-7/8" high x 18-5/8" wide x 14-5/8" deep, weighing 65 lbs., the S3115 really packs a punch. What's more, it delivers rich bass, thanks to a high-efficiency 15 inch woofer in a tuned enclosure. Mid and high frequencies are not only clear, they are powerfully projected by a compression driver and horn. While the S3115 can get loud, it remains warm and natural sounding because of the carefully matched drivers in a tuned enclosure. Midrange dispersion is broad and uniform, without a lot of feedback-inducing peaks or program robbing dips.

I find the S3115 to be a tough little speaker that generates plenty of clean sound, excellent for use in Gospel Music. The Yamaha S3115 can be stand mounted. It has a retail price of $445.00 and is available at Far-Out Music for $356.00. For more information about the Yamaha S3115, contact me at Far-Out Music.

This Month’s Sound Term:
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Teddy Huffam Records At Artists Studio

Dear Annette:

We always enjoy reading "Reaching Out." Thanks for good, updated information on the groups and what's happening to them.

This past month Teddy Huffman signed with us here at Artist's Records and recorded his new album "The People's Choice," this is his finest.

Here are some pictures of Teddy in the studio, I hope you can use them.

Also enclosed are some pictures of the Rhythm Masters in Pennsylvania.

1. Linda Rawlings & Bud Seeker, Cathedral's bus driver.

Thanks and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Bill Dykes, Vice President
Marketing & Business Development

Benefit Was Successful

There was a benefit held at the Convention Center on March 6th for Nicholas Martin, son of Glen and Prissy Martin. The McCubbins Family, The Edmonton Quartet, and The Joymakers were the groups who participated for the fund raiser. A total of $1246.00 was made up that day and a trust fund was set up at the Horse Cave State Bank for anyone who would like to contribute to the fund later.

CORRECTION

Concerning the homecoming at Old Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Green County, Kentucky, to be held on Sunday, July 31, 1983, I must make a correction.

The King's Daughters of Columbia, Kentucky, WILL NOT be with us that day.

The Durrett Family of Green County, The Spirituals of Edmonton, Kentucky, and The Southern Harmony Quartet of Bowling Green, Kentucky, will be the guest singers.

Rev. Ancil "Bug" Durrett will preach at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited. Lunch will be served at noon.

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McCubbins Family Record New Album

The McCubbins Family have just recorded a long playing double album. They are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year and in conjunction with this event they will be having a big Gospel Singing later this year. Announcements concerning the singing will be in the next issue of the paper. The double album is expected to be released by the middle of May. There will be a list of songs from the album posted in the next issue also.

Keep watching Gospel Reaching Out for more information next month.

The pictures in this issue are taken with Gordon Meador, producer of the album’s and a shot of the recording at the Hilltop Studios in Nashville, Tennessee.

This promises to be one of the best albums the McCubbins Family has ever recorded.