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FEBRUARY 1984



## News from The Blackwood Quartet

The Blackwood Quartet is a living legend with one continuous success after another. The Blackwood family possesses a name that stands for excellence in Gospel Music. The Blackwoods have won more Grammy Awards than any other recording ar-

tists in any field of music - Gospel, Pop, Country, or Jazz. They have been nominated each of the 26 years in the history of the Grammy Awards for that most prestigious honor. And they are repeatedly one of the most requested

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## 12th Annual May Singing

The 12th annual May Singing will be held at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City, Ky., on May 25 and 26.

For the past 11 years, the singing has been held in a warehouse in Horse Cave, Ky., but due to the uncertainty of the weather and the large amount of work that goes into cleaning and getting everything ready we decided it would be of the best interest to everyone to have the annual event at the Convention Center.

We are all looking forward to this singing and we will be expecting to see you. A good number of gospel groups will be singing and a large crowd is also expected. Make plans now to attend.

## Grace Union Singing

The regular monthly singing will be held at the Grace Union Baptist Church on February 4. The church is in Metcalfe County, Ky. Sherman Hurt, President, invites everyone to attend.

## Hart County Singing Convention

The Hart County Singing Convention will be held at the Monroe Baptist Church on February 4, 1984, 7:30 p.m. The church is in Monroe, Ky.

God's Ambassadors of Cave City, Ky., will be the special guests. There will also be some local groups participating. Darris Waters, President, invites everyone to attend.

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Glen Payne, lead singer for the Cathedral Quartet and his wife, Van, have been married for 25 years. Recently they renewed their wedding vows at The Cathedral of Tomorrow in Akron, Ohio. Glen and Van have three children - Todd, Carla and Darla. Glen has been with the Cathedral Quartet for several years.

Tommy Fairchild, formerly with the Blackwood Bros., has now joined the Blackwood Quartet.

The Rex Nelon Singers will be at the Friendship No. 2 Baptist Church in Larue County on February 5, Sunday afternoon. The church is located near New Haven, KY.

You probably know about it, but

REX NELON SINGERS will be at Bethlehem at Greensburg on Sunday night, February 5th, along with THE JOYMAKERS. 6:30 C.S.T.

The number 1 song across the country in January was "It's Out of This World" by the Payne Family. The number 2 song is "Saints Will Rise" by the Kingsmen.

The Singing Speer Family have signed a recording contract with Riversong in Nashville, Tenn. Bill Traylor, President of Riversong, says that there is a new album planned for the first part of 1984. The Singing Speers have been in gospel music for 63 years, and have recorded 60 albums.

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# News from The Blackwood Quartet

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Christian artists on the PTL Club TV Show.

The legend goes on. The Blackwood Quartet can do it all, from the sounds of Contemporary, Traditional, Country Gospel, Southern Gospel, to Inspirational. When one hears The Blackwood Quartet they are sure to hear their favorite song.

The Blackwood Quartet has always been known for their world famous Bass singer, London Parris. Audiences thrill to the sounds of London's rich, pure Bass and understand why his peers refer to him as "Mr. Bass".

Ron Blackwood is the dynamic spokesman, Baritone and Business Manager for the Blackwood Quartet. Ron's testimony thrills audiences and touches their hearts as he relates his experiences as Personal Manager or business associate of such stars as Hank Williams, Jr., Dolly Parton, Elvis, Moe Bandy, Jerry Wallace, Jerry Lee Lewis, Tommy Overstreet, Vern Gosdin, Willie Nelson, and many other personalities. Ron Blackwood is a genuine spark plug for Christ.

Rick Fair, Lead singer possesses one of the finest lead voices in all of Christian Music. His talent and range are

awesome. God has richly blessed Rick with a Golden Voice.

Bob Oliver is the latest addition to the group and sings first Tenor. A wonderfully talented performer, Bob comes to the Blackwood Quartet from the world reknowned Gold City Quartet.

Tommy Fairchild lends his artistic keyboard arrangements to complete the superb sound that makes The Blackwood Quartet one of the most popular groups in their field today, also Tommy played for the Oak Ridge Boys and The Blackwood Bros.

And the legend goes on...

## New tenor for Cathedrals

Danny Funderbuck, formerly of the Singing Americans, will be replacing Kirk Talley with the Cathedrals. Danny began his new job on January 1. The Cathedrals' schedule is packed with concerts all across the country. Kirk Talley has formed his own group with his brother and sister-in-law. Their base is in Morristown, Tenn.

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## 5th Annual Music Song Festival

The 5th Annual Music City Song Festival Gospel Competition begins in January and runs through May 15, 1984.

"The highest form of music is praise to the God who gave the talent," says Charlotte Battles, this year's Grand Prize winner who is the mother of three and wife of an Arkansas minister. Charlotte won \$2,000 for her gospel lyric entry.

The festival which is open to professional and amateur songwriters and lyricists and to amateur vocalists and vocal groups, held its first competition in 1979. Since that time MCSF has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, prizes, publishing agreements and recording contracts.

The Music City Song Festival has grown from being strictly amateur into an all encompassing musical competition which has the endorsement of professional music industry groups such as The Country Music Association, SESAC, and The Federation of International Country Air Personalities.

The MCSF has the distinction of having a number of prize winning songs and lyrics which have been recorded and released nationally and worldwide.

David Meece, a well known gospel recording artist for Murrh Records, won the Grand Prize for his Gospel entry in the Professional Songwriting division in the Second Annual MCSF.

Entry fees range from \$16.00 up for multiple categories. Prospective winners will be able to submit a cassette tape of their performance or song of praise and be assured that their music will be judged at least three times by impartial and competent music professionals. For aspiring writers and choir directors, the MCSF even offers the opportunity to present your music for a constructive critique.

Here is a chance for local gospel groups and singers to have their music and their voices heard by a wide range of professionals. And you may find you've written a gospel song everyone will enjoy singing as praise to the Lord. In the MCSF, there are often contestants and songs which are recorded and published, but which never receive prizes. This is truly a festival for everyone everywhere.

For more information regarding the 1983-84 Music City Song Festival Gospel Competition, write the executive offices at: P.O. Box 17999, Nashville, Tenn., 37217. All entries must be submitted by March 31, 1984.

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### Gospel Singing at Gallatin

There will be a Gospel Singing at the old high school in Gallatin, Tennessee, on Sunday afternoon, February 19th, beginning at 1:30 p.m. There will not be any charge for admission, however, a free-will offering will be received to help with the expenses. The groups that will be singing include: THE BEACONS, THE NEW SUNSHINE BOYS, and many others. Everyone is invited to attend.

### WLCK plays Gospel

WLCK Radio in Scottsville, Kentucky, now has Gospel Programming on it's AM station 6 hours a day Monday - Friday and all day on Saturday and Sunday. David Holder has been named Gospel Program Director for the Station and is doing a fine job. He is also the DJ from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Monday - Saturday. Tune him in at 1250 on your AM Dial and enjoy some good Gospel Music.

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# The Story about Darwin Hawkins and his record collection

(continued from January issue)

A few years back, I got the weird idea to type up all the songs from my gospel albums on file cards, so that I would know how many songs I have on albums, and who sings them. Up until this time I have hardly scratched the surface on this project, but plug away at it whenever I can find the time. The song that I have listed the most at this time is "How Great Thou Art." I have this song listed from 26 different albums. If I can complete this project, I will be able to tell on how many albums I have a certain song, and all the groups and soloists that sing this particular song. Weird, huh? I don't suppose anyone else would come up with such a crazy idea, would they? My wife says I should have a secretary. I sure could use one, to try to keep after this project.

I have been asked if I ever made the mistake of buying the same album the second time. As many albums as I have, it seems I can remember almost all of the record jackets. But sometimes the record companies change the record jackets, and this throws me off. I see a jacket that looks different to me, so I buy the album. After I get it home, I discover it is an album I already have, only in a different record jacket.

Some folks have wondered what will become of my album collections when I pass away. Some have even made some suggestions as to what I should do with my albums. I am giving this some serious consideration, as I am not getting any younger.

"What about the future?" you ask. If the Lord tarries yet that long, I am hoping to retire from work in the next decade. At this time I still have the desire to keep on collecting gospel albums just as long as I possibly can. I know I will continue to like gospel music as long as I live.

I could go on and on about my album collection. But the McCubbins Family asked me to write an article about my record collection, and not a book, so I had better finish this article real soon.

I would like to also say that I have several hundreds of duplicate albums in addition to my 9000 album collection. I would be interested in trading or selling these albums to other collectors reading this article. If you would be interested in these albums, please contact me at my home address listed at the end of this article.

Also all gospel groups reading this article, I would appreciate it very much if you would write to me, and tell me what albums you have recorded. I know there are many good gospel

groups in Kentucky, and I don't have a large number of albums of Kentucky groups. I buy all albums from gospel groups from their very first album up to their 100th album, if they have recorded that many. And some have, believe it or not. I have 105 different LP albums of the Blackwood Brothers, and nearly that many different albums of Jimmy Swaggart in my collection. So as you can see, I collect them all, including all the re-issues. So, please, especially all you Kentucky gospel groups, and groups from all other states that read this article, let me hear from you, so I can add your albums to my collection also.

I would like to conclude this article by thanking the McCubbins for their kindness in asking me to write this article for Gospel Reaching Out. This has been a new experience for me, as I have not before written an article for any publication. I have had some articles written about my wife and myself in other gospel publications, but this is my first attempt at writing an article by myself.

I hope I have said something that might have been helpful to someone, and that through my testimony of how good the Lord has been to me through the past five decades, that some soul may have been blessed by my feeble efforts at writing this article.

I will close by saying that I do love the Lord, and am looking for His soon return. God bless each of you, and keep looking up, for surely our redemption draweth nigh.

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