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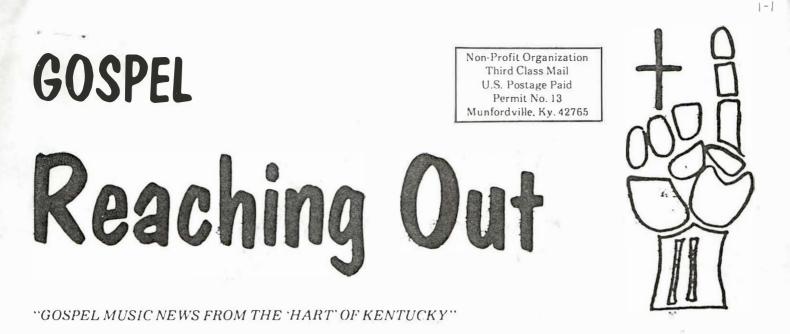
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MUNFORDVILLE, KENTUCKY 42765



Gospel Music Barn Opening

Pictured above is our gospel music barn we're building. We will soon have the outside ready for painting. We're going to build 24 more feet onto the front for concessions and dressing rooms. The building now is 50 feet wide, 100 feet long and we have about 2 acres of parking area in back of the building. Hopefully we will have a campground and cabins available later on in 1982. Our plans now is to have our opening singing the first or middle of March. We are in the process of getting the Primitive Quartet from Chandler, North Carolina for our guest singers for our opening night. We haven't completely decided on a name for the barn yet. We will

have an update on all this--maybe next month. We will be taking bookings soon. We're looking forward to meeting many groups that we see and read about in the Reaching Out and we would like to thank the Reaching Out for giving us help. We meet so many people that tell us they feel like they know us personally who get the Reaching Out. Many goals have been accomplished for the Bertram family in 1981 and we would like to thank all our friends, but most of all God for making it all possible

> Yours in Christ The Bobby Bertram family Windy, Kentucky

JANUARY 1982

Kentucky State Singing Convention

The Kentucky State Gospel Singing Convention for 1982 will be held at Warren East High School just north of Bowling Green, Ky, on Highway 31W. The dates set for the convention are October 9 and 10. The convention is normally held in September but this was the only time a building could be rented.

We urge all gospel groups to keep this date in mind and be there for the singing Convention.

. Thank you, Earl Norris President, Kentucky State Singing Convention Larry Overton, Secretary

Life-Gate Baptist Church

A "Thank you" for the attendance of all, including those from Green County who attended the Christmas supper with the members of the Life-Gate Baptist Church of Campbellsville, Ky., that was held in Taylor County RECC Building, Friday night, December 11, with Bro. Otis Skaggs, pastor.

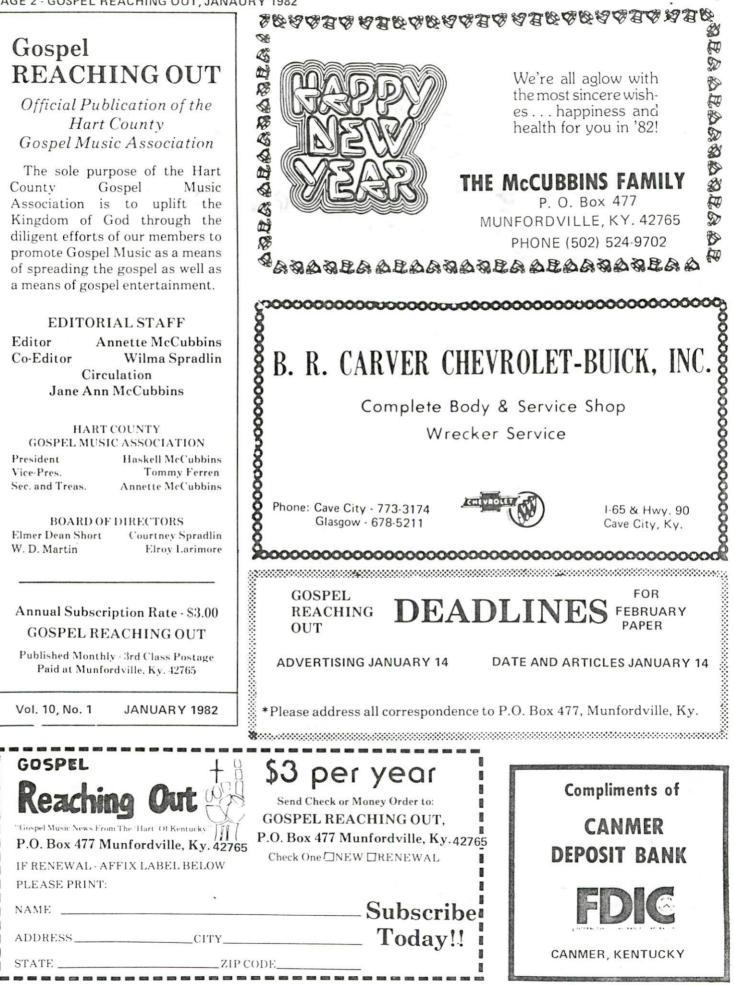
On January 3, 1982, Life-Gate Baptist Church will begin Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m., and Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:00 p.m.

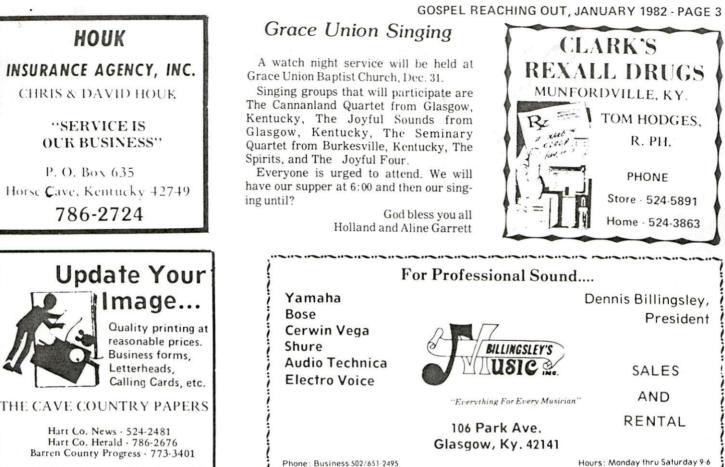
On January 17, 1982 the McCubbin family will be there in morning and night services.

On January 31, 1982, at 7:00 p.m., the local Joymakers with Buddy Lowe, of Green County and the Lincolnaires from Hodgenville will be at the Life-Gate Baptist Church.

Public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

Sungate Reporter, Fannola Acree





Saturday 9-5 CLOSED SUNDAY

Best Wishes

Joyous New Year

The Joymakers

May the New Year be rich in peace, love and contentment for you and your family. らねむねまみ むまわらねむねまん むまわらねむねまん む

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To The Editor

Dear Friends in Kentucky,

We enjoy the little magazine. It always reminds us of the evening spent with you at Deep Creek Church, two years ago last September 14, when we were visiting our cousins, Lowell and Dorothy Cantrall.

Praying for your ministry and wishing you all a joyous holiday season.

Please renew our subscription to the Gospel Reaching Out.

Henry and Delia Larsen Cornelius, Oregon P.S. I'm right proud that Jane Ann chose my birthday for her wedding day. Delia

Burl Streval Has Fatal Heart Attack

Almost everyone remembers Burl Streval of the Famous Blue Ridge Quartet. He passed away on stage in Butler, Pennsylvania, November 12, while singing there. He was only 53 years old and had been a member of the Blue Ridge for more than 27 years. His wife and three children survive.

The Blue Ridge Quartet served as the pallbearers for the funeral held in Spartanburg, South Carolina, November 16.



Here's hoping this will be the year of health, happiness for everyone! Our best wishes to you!

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Futurist Calls For Christians To Lead 'Conspiracy Of Loving Change'

What should we do if, as many now believe, the end of the world is upon us? Some say we should stockpile dried food and precious metals, and arm for Armageddon. But according to futurist Tom Sine this is a tragic retreat which lures us to "take our lives, our gifts, and our resources out of the ballgame" and squander them on ourselves.

In his new book The Mustard Seed Conspiracy (Word Books, Waco, Texas, \$5.95), Sine challenges those Christians who mindlessly join the consumerist culture and contribute to the injustice that results when the five percent of the world who are Americans use up over 40 percent of the earth's resources.

Instead he calls for the moral courage to radically alter our lifestyles to help meet shortages in natural resources and food, and to become part of a "conspiracy of loving change". Unlike many doom-sayers, however, Sine sees many indications that the "conspiracy" is already working. Former "Galloping Gourmet" Graham

Kerr, converted to Christ after earning a reputation as "one of America's leading hedonists", gives away his fortune and works for a pittance with Youth With A Mission.

"Ted" and "Ann" cut down on expenses by selling their car and using public transportation. They save enough money to personally support an agriculturist who has trained 10,000 people in a Caribbean community to produce their own food.

"Al", an engineer, turns down a job designing missiles in favor of developing better cardiology equipment and engineering new ways for speech-handicapped kids to communicate.

Sine is spending his time these days collecting and sharing examples of Christians who are becoming more sensitive to the world's pain.

To illustrate our needless panic in the face of our changing standard of living, Sine likes to tell the true story of guests at a dinner party who dined on mushrooms gathered personally by the hosts. The leftovers were given to the family cat, which

FAGI BIFI iteml was soon seen writhing in pain on the kitchen floor. Assuming the worst, everyone fled to the emergency room to have their stomachs pumped.

As they made their way shakily back to the hosts' home someone finally decided to tend to the poor cat. There she was, contendedly purring over a new littler of eight kittens.

The metaphor of a meal is significant for Sine. He is not calling for a no-growth, Spartan lifestyle. His consistent theme is the kingdom of God, and that included the Messianic banquet.

"As harbingers of the new age of God we should be the ones that are teaching the world to sing, and rejoice", he writes. The point is that too few are being invited to join the celebration because too few Christians view the future as an invitation from God to be part of a spiritual feast.

Sine's ideas sometimes encounter surprising resistance. "Do you realize", a college co-ed asked him, "that if we start feeding hungry people things won't get worse, and if they don't get worse, Jesus won't come?"

Although he has trouble with that sort of response, Sine sticks with his Christian stance. "All of the challenges facing us in our uncertain future are at their core spiritual issues," he says.

Although he thinks the institutional church will always be necessary, smaller fellowship groups are more likely to challenge people to "become a part of an international insurgency that is turning the world rightside up".

When he's not traveling or speaking on behalf of The Mustard Seed Conspiracy, Sine is instructor of futurism at both the University of Washington and Seattle Pacific University. He is consultant to World Concern and other world relief organizations and to corporations and churches trying to be more alert to human needs and future possibilities. He also appears as a regular commentator on the Christian Broadcasting Network, raising viewer consciousness on human concerns.



been cancelled due to the holidays and being close to the first of the year. Watch you local paper for listing in February.





