

Sacred Harp Singings

1996 & 1997

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Dear Singers and Friends of Sacred Harp,

It seems like such a short time since I wrote to you in 1996 for the first time. The year has swiftly gone by!

We all have had joys and sorrows, good times and bad. We have lost a lot of great singers through death, and we mourn their passing. Our weeping and sorrow will diminish through the coming year, but we will never forget their lives. We have also had great joys this past year...some of our singers have experienced the joy of becoming proud new parents...some of our singers have united their lives by getting married. We rejoice with you.

We have seen the demise of some of our singings, but are grateful for the new ones that were started. For the first time, this year we report the "Higher Ground Singing" in Terre Haute, Indiana, new regional singings in the state of New York, and the first ever singing convention in England.

Many thanks go out to each of you who have made a contribution in helping with the production of this book: secretaries of singings; technical support; editing; proofing; those that took time to send a correction for names, addresses, and singing information; wrapping, packing, and distribution of books; and the very much needed moral support.

Make checks for minutes payable to: Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention (\$25.00 each singing session), and mail them to the address below.

I hope this new year of 1997 will be filled with love, happiness, new friendships, renewal of old friendships, and a lot of Sacred Harp singing!

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MINUTES STYLE GUIDE

Before you prepare the minutes for your singing, please familiarize yourself with the general format and style of the minutes of other singings and try to use the same format and style for your minutes. The following pointers may also be helpful:

- **Name/Location/Date** Please start the minutes with three lines showing the name of the singing, the location, and the calendar date on which it was held.
- **Breaks** Please indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized and on a line by themselves.
- **Two-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Song Numbers** Please list songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add a “t” or a “b” onto the page number. For example: 31t or 49b. If a particular song is the only song beginning on its page, a “t” or “b” should not be used. For example: 306 (not 306b).
- **Name Spellings** Please try to verify the spellings of all names.
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin where known and, if convenient, list those from the same state together.
- **Officers** Please list the new officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary who is submitting the minutes.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

If you are using a computer to prepare your minutes, you can save them from having to be re-typed by sending the minutes on disk. Both Macintosh and PC users are welcome to send disks.

- **Send a Printout** Please always include a printout along with your disk. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the disk is damaged or unreadable.
- **Formatting** Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting. Do not try to center the title. Do not type the title in upper case. These formatting elements will be added later.
- **Hard Returns** Include hard returns (sometimes called ¶ marks) only at the end of paragraphs and single lines. Never insert returns in the middle of a paragraph—instead, allow them to wrap to the full column width.
- **File Format** If you use Microsoft Word, save the file with a filename ending in .DOC. Or, if you use any other brand of word processor, save the file in Text Only format (this will disable any special formatting you may have used). If your word processor offers a choice between Text Only and Text Only With Line Breaks—be sure to choose Text Only because Text Only With Line Breaks will insert unwanted hard returns into the file.
- **File Name** Please save your text file with a name that is only eight characters or fewer, plus the extension .DOC or .TXT For example: LIBERTY.DOC or UNITED.TXT.
- **Disk Format** Please use a 3.5-inch floppy disk formatted for DOS. Macintosh users: if you have System 7.5 or later and/or PC Exchange, you can format a DOS disk using the Erase Disk command.

Please direct any questions to Chris Thorman (415) 431-7664, ct@if.net.

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

1997 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: Fifth Sunday singings, in addition to being listed in this section, are listed in a separate section starting on page 19, along with explanations of the formulas for calculating their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Wed. 1st—Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing—Walnut Hills Christian Church—Cincinnati, OH. Info: John Bealle at (513)961-1137.

Sun. 5th—Dutch Treat Singing—Shady Grove Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL, Hwy. 195.

Sun. 5th—West Georgia Singing—West Georgia College, Carrollton, GA in Food Service Building (Z-6).

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 11th—William Walker Memorial Singing—Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC.

Sat. 11th, pm—Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson and Robert Harper—Shady Grove (Keetons Cemetery), Walker County, AL. 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Saturday night before second Sunday in January each year.

Sat. 11th, pm—Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church, Boldo Community, 6 miles east of Jasper, AL, Hwy 69. Saturday night before second Sunday.

Sun. 12th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church north of Fruithurst, AL, County Road 49. Dutch Treat Singing. Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun. 12th—Old Town School Anniversary Singing—Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, IL.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 18th & Sun. 19th—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—San Francisco, CA—place to be announced. Contact Chris Thorman at (415)431-7664 for info.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 25th—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall, Fort Worth, TX, 13th Annual. Info: William Reynolds (817) 923-1921, ext. 2180. (1991 Revision/Dutch Treat).

Sat. 25th—Fohs Hall, Marion, KY, North Walker St.

Sat. 25th & Sun. 26th—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing, Bay Minette City Hall, Bay Minette, AL.

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 2nd—Uncle Bob Burnham Memorial—Recreation Center, Jacksonville, AL (Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch. Desserts are provided by the Burnham family.)

Sun. 2nd—Mount Hope Baptist Church—4 miles northeast of Sipsey, AL on highway from Sipsey to Wilburn, AL (Bug Tussle).

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 8th—Memorial for Oralee Burns—Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County, 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Saturday before the second Sunday in February each year.

Sun. 9th—Roy Avery's Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, 3 miles SW of Daviston, AL. Singing with preaching at 11:00 a.m.—91st Birthday.

Sun. 9th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—1:00 p.m.—University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, IL. (Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Sunday. Call Ted Mercer (773)486-7400 for more info.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 15th & Sun. 16th—Ohio State Convention—Northern Ohio, subject to availability. Contact John Bayer (513)835-3323 or John Bealle (513)861-1137.

Sun. 16th—Sanders Memorial—Cordova Senior Citizens Center, Walker County, Cordova, AL.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 22nd—New York State Regional Singing—Albany area. St. David's Episcopal Church, 2647 Brookview Rd., Castleton, NY. Michael Ryan (518)399-6046 or Shirley Basch (518)479-1234.

Sat. 22nd—Pacific Northwest Convention—Sunset Hill Community Center, Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), WA. Contact Karen Willard (360)897-9545 for more information.

Sat. 22nd—Winston County Memorial Singing, 4th Session—Fairview Baptist Church. 1 mile east of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 278.

Sat. 22nd & Sun. 23rd—Texas State Convention—5th Annual, College Station Conference Center (both days), 1300 George Bush Dr., College Station, TX. Contact: Charles Whitmer (281)367-6260. (1991 Revision/Dutch Treat).

Sun. 23rd—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Callaway Building, Botanical Gardens—Athens, GA. Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Av. Extension), 1 mile to Botanical Gardens sign, turn right. (Sacred Harp and Social Harp Singing).

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 1st—Duke Memorial—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—off U.S. 27 on Armstrong Mill Rd., 2 miles south of Carroll/Heard County Line between Carrollton and Franklin, GA.

Sat. 1st—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention. Page Walker Art Center, Cary, NC.

Sun. 2nd—Ephesus School Auditorium—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial, Ephesus, GA.

Sun. 2nd—Martha Harper Nix/Lewis Keeton Memorial Singing—New Flatwoods Church, 3 miles south of Nauvoo, AL, just east of Hwy. 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 8th—Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing—Old Clear Creek Church—Marshall County, AL. From Birmingham, Hwy. 75 north to Douglas, turn right on Hwy. 168 east (Douglas to Boaz Hwy). After approx. 5 miles, church is on right. (Note: You will pass Friendship church on right before you get to Old Clear Creek Church.)

Sat. 8th & Sun. 9th—Missouri State Convention—St. John's Pinckney Church, Marthasville, MO. Call Karen Isbell (314)664-1411 or Jeanette Lowry (314)433-2101.

Sat. 8th & Sun. 9th—Smith County Convention—18th Annual. New Harmony Community Center, on Farmers Market Road 724 in the New Harmony Community, between State Hwys. 64 and 110, northwest of Tyler, TX. Contact: Myrl Jones (903)593-0955 or Myra Palmer (214)223-4617. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 9th—Oxford City Hall—Oxford, MS. City Hall on the square.

Sun. 9th—Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Centerville, GA. On Hwy. 96. Exit off I-75 at Houser's Mill exit, go east on Hwy. 96 for four miles. Church on right.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 15th pm—Stephenson and Wall Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo, AL, 6 miles northeast of Jasper, AL on Hwy. 69. Saturday night.

Sun. 16th—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta, GA—Birmingham-Hopewell Road. (Cooper Book).

Sun. 16th—Wall Memorial—Glencoe Senior Citizen Center—Pineview Ave., Glencoe, AL. Hwy. 431 south (from Gadsden, 6 miles from Coosa River Bridge, go past Glencoe First Baptist Church (which is on the right), go to Pineview Ave. and turn left. If you are coming Hwy. 431 north, turn right on Pineview Ave. before you get to First Baptist Church, Glencoe.)

Sun. 16th—Log Cabin Singing—Double Springs, AL. Turn onto County Rd. 53 off Hwy. 278, take next road to left, go about 0.05 mile.

Sun. 16th pm—Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church, Double Springs, AL. Third Sunday night in March.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 22nd & Sun. 23rd—Georgia State Convention—Big Creek Church, Alpharetta, GA. Go GA Hwy. 400 north to exit 10 (old Milton Parkway), turn right (east). Church is approx. 2 mi. on left.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 29th & Sun. 30th—Southwest Texas Convention—McMahan, Texas, First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later). Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, on Farmers Market Road 713, McMahan, Texas, between Bastrop and Luling. Info: Tom or Jeb Owen (512)398-6075; Curtis Owen (512)398-2017. (Cooper Book)

Sun. 30th—Liberty Church—Henagar, AL. First fifth Sunday of year. 2 miles north of Henagar, AL on Liberty Road. From Henagar Crossing, take Hwy. 40 west to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative. Turn right and go to dead end.

Turn right, take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Rd.). Church is on right, approximately 1.5 miles.

Sun. 30th—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, AL. Directions: 2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton, Alabama. North of New Hwy. 78 or South of Old Hwy. 78. First fifth Sunday of year.

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Tues. 1st—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary-Sellers Music Bldg., 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA. Dinner on the grounds at 6:00 p.m., followed by singing.

Sat. 5th—Brazos River Singing—6th Annual, Star of the Republic Museum, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Washington, Texas. Contact Gaylon Powell (512)258-7080. (Cooper Revision/Donation and RSVP requested for catered picnic or bring a picnic lunch).

Sat. 5th—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—Free Will Baptist Bible College, Johnson Academic Bldg.—Nashville, TN. Exit to US 70S West (West End Ave.) off of I-440 in west Nashville. Go 1 block and turn right at Bowling Ave. (traffic light). Go 1 block and turn left onto Richland Ave., Johnson Academic Bldg. is in the middle of the block on the left. Parking on street in rear. Signs will be posted. (Singing is the first Saturday after Easter each year.)

Sat. 5th—Shape Note Singing—Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Ky. From Louisville, take I-71 N, go to exit 14. Turn left, go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right. Church will be on left. Contact: Robert Meek (502)893-2190. (Singing is the first Saturday after Easter.)

Sat. 5th & Sun. 6th—Potomac River Convention, 8th Session—Washington, DC area. Call (301)897-5274.

Sun. 6th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Hwy. 9, one mile north of Bruce, MS (Calhoun County).

Sun. 6th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville, AL, 6 miles east of Heflin just off Hwy. 78.

Sun. 6th—Old Enon Church—North of Lynn, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. 11th pm—Antioch Baptist Church—Birthday Singing—Friday night before the second Sunday in April, south of Tallapoosa, Georgia on old 100 Hwy.

Sat. 12th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, AL. From west to east, take Hwy. 78, go to the Georgia State Line, *immediately* turn around and come back to first road to the right, go to the next road which will be dirt and turn right. Go approx. 500 yards and church will be on left. If you are coming from the east, go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions.

Sun. 13th—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider, AL. Take Hwy. 75, go north approx. 5 miles north of Ider, turn left onto County Road 141 at Hartline Grocery, go approx. 3 miles, church is on left.

Sun. 13th—Liberty Hill Church—On Hwy. 36 approx. 5 mi. west of I-75, (take either High Falls Exit 65 or Barnesville/Jackson Exit 66) and go west toward Barnesville, GA.

Sun. 13th—Old County Line Church—9 miles west of Warrior, AL near Corner, off Miller road.

Sun. 13th—Semi-Annual Friend's Meeting House—Yellow Springs, OH. Contact: John Bealle (513)861-1137. Singing is not on a set date. Could be the third Sunday.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 19th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing, 21st Session—Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA.

Sat. 19th—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—2 miles east of Arab, AL on Hwy. 69 (Arab to Guntersville).

Sat. 19th—Southern California Regional Singing—Angel Gate Cultural Center, Santa Monica, CA. Contact Carla Smith (619)544-0432.

Sat. 19th—New York State Regional—Rochester Area—St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 77 Country Ln., Fairport, NY. Laura Densmore (716)688-2001, densmore@acsu.buffalo.edu or Nancy Crawford (716)422-8189, Nancy_Crawford@wb.xerox.com

Sun. 20th—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—South of Hwy. 8, 8 miles east of Houston, MS. (Chickasaw County).

Sun. 20th—Old Union Baptist Church—5 miles southwest of Winfield, AL on Hwy. 107.

Sun. 20th—Old Harmony—Cleburne County, AL (approx. 10 miles east of Heflin). Take Abernathy exit off I-20, take first road on right and go 1 mile. Church on right.

Sun. 20th—Pine Grove—Lookout Mountain near Collinsville, Dekalb County, AL. Take I-59 and turn east on Alabama 68 (exit 205) and follow signs to US 11, go south on US11, look for sign to church between mile marker 212 and 213.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 26th—Tyler County Singing—6th Annual. Cherokee Church, Heritage Village Museum, 2 miles west of the US 190/US 69 intersection on US 190, Woodville, TX. More info: John/Joella Thompkins (409)837-4412. (Cooper Revision/Dutch Treat).

Sat. 26th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/ Hopewell Road, north of Alpharetta, GA.

Sun. 27th—Friendship Church—8 miles southeast of Haleyville on Hwy. 195, turn south at church sign two miles, church on left. Going north, look for church sign, south 2 miles.

Sun. 27th—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—On Hwy. 75, 5 miles south of junction at Sneads Crossroads.

Sun. 27th—Alewine Memorial—St. Michael Church—Cleburne County, Fruithurst, AL. Take US 78 to Fruithurst, turn north at Post Office, go to County Rd. 49, go approx. 3 miles, turn right and follow signs to Mt. Paran Church, pass church to dead end, turn right, church on right.

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 3rd—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain, Huntsville, AL. Take US 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain. Turn north onto Monte Sano Blvd. Turn left onto Burritt Drive.

Sun. 4th—Emmaus Church—Carrollton, GA. Take Hwy. 27 south through Carrollton, go 2 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Church Road. Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and turn left.

Sun. 4th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), MS. Hwy. 341 south of Reid.

Sun. 4th—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton, AL. Between Section and Dutton, just off Alabma Highway 71.

Sun. 4th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, AL. 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 11th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles south of Nauvoo, AL, and just west of Hwy. 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. 16th pm & Sat. 17th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, 289 Park St., Upper Montclair, NJ, Info: George/Jean Seiler (201)746-0940 or “seiler@planet.net” (Friday night singing school precedes convention.)

Sat. 17th—Southern California Regional Singing—San Pedro, CA, Info: Carla Smith (619)533-3178 (days) or (619)544-3178 (evenings).

Sat. 17th—Mattox Memorial—Lawrenceburg, TN—City Administration Building.

Sat. 17th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, KY (near Lexington).

Sat. 17th—Arrow Rock, MO. Place to be announced. Contact Richard/Susan Green at (913)831-3912.

Sun. 18th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, AL, 3.5 miles east of Heflin on Hwy. 78.

Sun. 18th—New Canaan Church—Near Empire, AL, on road to fork of river.

Sun. 18th—Bethlehem Church. Heard Ave., Macon, GA. Singing begins at 1:00 p.m.; no lunch served.

Sun. 18th—Concord Baptist Church—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard (Calhoun County), MS.

Sun. 18th—New Prospect Presbyterian Church—Off Farmers Market Road 124 on County Road 212, east of Beckville, TX. Info: Ed/Alcie Craig (903)678-3379. (Cooper Revision).

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 24th—Mount Pisgah—Chambers County, AL, 6 miles south of Roanoke at Stroud, just off Hwy. 431. (Cooper Book).

Sun. 25th—Gum Pond Church—Morgan County, AL, 18 miles northeast of Cullman, AL on Gum Pond Road near Eva.

Sun. 25th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—4 miles north of Tallapoosa, GA off Hwy. 100.

Sun. 25th—Doss Memorial—Sardis Church—Morris, AL, 3 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris, AL.

Sun. 25th—Sullins School House—8 miles north of Hamilton, AL, Hwy. 49.

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., May 31st & Sun. 1st—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, GA, 2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27. Exit #3 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27, go to top of hill at Amoco service station and turn left. Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun. 1st—Sherman Baptist Church.—Calhoun County, MS.

Sun. 1st—Liberty Church—Henagar, AL. From Henagar Crossing, take Hwy. 40 west to the Farmer Telephone Cooperative, turn right and go to dead end. Turn right. Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road. Church on right, approximately 1.5 miles.

Sun. 1st—Pine Tucky Church—5 miles south of Double Springs, AL, and 1 mile east of Hwy. 195.

Sun. 1st—Sherman Baptist Church—Hill Roane Memorial, Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce, MS.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 7th—Northern Shenandoah Valley All-Day Singing—Berryville, VA. Location to be announced. Contact: John DelRe/Kelly Macklin at (606)268-0998.

Sat. 7th—Higher Ground Singing—United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, IN. Contact: Janet Fraembs at (217)345-6873.

Sat. 7th—New York State Regional Singing—Cazenovia, NY—St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 10 Mill St., Cazenovia, NY. Contact: Barbara Swetman at (325)853-5723 or P. Dan Brittain (314)655-9063, elis@servtech.com

Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Hopewell Homecoming, 6 miles east of Oneonta, AL, 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport.

Sun. 8th—Alpharetta, Georgia—Municipal Auditorium, Alpharetta, GA, in the heart of downtown Alpharetta.

Sun. 8th—Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church—13 miles northeast of Cullman, AL on Hwy. 69 (Cullman to Arab).

Sun. 8th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—1 mile east of Villa Rica, GA., just off Hwy. 78.

Sun. 8th—Oak Springs Church—3 miles north of Derma, MS.

Sun. 8th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church, Johnson School House, Fayette County, AL on Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs. 12th, Fri. 13th & Sat. 14th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Trinity United Methodist Church, 1400 Oxmoor Rd., Birmingham, AL (Homewood area, I-65 and Hwy. 31.) 1.5 miles east of I-65. From I-65, take Exit 256B (Oxmoor Rd.) East. Cross major intersection and Palisades Mall (on left) then get in far right lane as Oxmoor angles off to the right. Follow through several traffic lights. Trinity Church is on the left past Dawson Memorial Baptist.

Sat. 14th—Moore, Graves and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—15 miles southwest of Cullman, AL, 4 miles off Hwy. 69 at Wilburn, AL (Bug Tussle).

Sun. 15th—Zion Hill Baptist Church—Off Farmers Market Road 840 on County Road 368, southeast of Henderson, TX. Info: John/Emmie Morris (903)898-2150. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 15th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Take Georgia 100 south to Ephesus School, go 2.5 miles on Ephesus and Roosterville Rd.

Sun. 15th—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—3 miles northwest of Lynn, AL, just off Hwy. 278.

Sun. 15th—Little Vine Church—Near Empire, AL on Oak Hollow Rd. (Walker County).

Sun. 15th—Macedonia Church—4 miles south of Section, AL, Jackson County, 7 miles northwest of Fyffe, AL on county road to Section.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 21st & Sun. 22nd—Shady Grove Church—3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 195. (Winston County).

Sat. 21st, am & Sun. 22nd, am—Old Songs Festival, Altamont Fairgrounds, near Albany, NY. Mornings only.

Sun. 22nd—DeLong Memorial—Ebenezer Church, Intersection of Roberts Rd. and Spalding Dr., Dunwoody, GA. Exit Georgia 400 North at Northridge. Go straight across on Roberts Drive. Church is at corner of Roberts and Spalding Drive. (approx. 1 mile from Georgia 400.)

Sun. 22nd—New Hope Church—Cullman County, AL, 5 miles south of Jones Chapel, AL on Hwy. 278, County Highway from Jones Chapel to Crane Hill.

Sun. 22nd—Mt. Lebanon Church—8 miles northwest of Fayette, AL.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th—Midwest Convention—Chicago, IL Locations to be announced. Contact Ted Mercer (773)862-6477 or (773)486-7400.

Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th—Altamont Fair—Tricounty Fairgrounds, Near Albany, New York. Always the last Saturday and Sunday in June.

Sun. 29th—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, GA. 10 miles southwest of Sylvester.

July

Wed., July 2nd—Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center, Cullman, AL—July Memorial Singing. First Wednesday in July.

Fri. July 4th—(Independence Day). Muscadine Methodist Church—Cleburne County, Muscadine, AL. Take Hwy. 78 east to Muscadine, turn south on County Rd. 49, go 1 mile, church on right.

Fri. July 4th—(Independence Day). Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community, north of Hwy. 8, 3 miles west of Vardaman, MS.

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 5th & Sun. 6th—Henagar Union Convention—Liberty Church, 2 miles north of Henagar, AL. From Henagar crossing, take Hwy. 40 west to Farmer Telephone Cooperative and turn right, go to dead end, turn right, take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road. Church on right after approx. 1.5 miles.

Sun. 6th—Cross Roads Baptist Church—Take Hwy. 100 north from Tallapoosa, GA., turn left onto Steadman Road. Go approx. 7 miles, church is on right.

Sun. 6th—New Flatwoods Church—Dutton, Green and Jackson Memorial—3 miles south of Nauvoo, AL and east of Hwy. 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

Sun. 6th—Pleasant Hill Church—Warner Robbins, GA. One mile southwest of Watson Blvd. on South Pleasant Hill Rd. No lunch. Singing begins at 1PM.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th—Connecticut Convention—Place to be announced.

Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, AL.

Sun. 13th—Hardeman Church (B.F. White Book)—Glenwood Rd., Decatur, GA.

Sun. 13th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and Boiling Springs Convention—Oak Grove Community between Childersburg and Sylacauga, AL on Hwy. 280.

Sun. 13th—Lamar-Pickens Convention—80th session, Zion Church, 8 miles north of Gordo, AL, 1/4 mile west of Hwy. 159.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thur. 17th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Old Alabama Town at the Grange Hall, 310 North Hull St., Montgomery, AL. Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break. Info: (334)242-3601. Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture.

Sat. 19th—Mt. Oak Church—6 miles northwest of Arab, AL. Turn west at Discount Warehouse Grocery.

Sat. 19th—Michiana Regional—Goshen, IN. Info: Samuel Sommers (219)294-6180.

Sat. 19th—Walker County Convention, 83rd Session—Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, AL. Hwy. 78 West. Left at traffic light in front of hospital. 3-4 miles, 2nd church on right.

Sun. 20th—Chafin/Harbinson/Hollis Singing—New Prospect Church. From Cullman, AL, take Hwy. 69 south, go past landfill, take County Road 8 south, go 1 mile (1st paved road), take left and go 0.6 miles.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 26th—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—154th Session—Gum Pond, Morgan County, AL, 18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Rd. near Eva.

Sat. 26th & Sun. 27th—Mt. Zion Memorail—105th Session—Mt. Zion Church—Mt. Zion, GA, 8.5 miles west of Carrollton, GA on Hwy. 16. Behind school.

Sun. 27th—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church, south of Hwy. 8, eight miles east of Houston, MS.

Sun. 27th—Marion County Courthouse Singing, 83rd Session—Hamilton, AL, Hwy. 54, 78, & 278.

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 2nd & Sun. 3rd—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—145th Session—Wilson's Chapel, southeast of Carrollton, GA. Turn left off Hwy. A-27 at Cross Plains Rd. to church.

Sat. 2nd & Sun. 3rd—Warrior River/Clear Creek Sacred Harp Convention, 123rd Session—Mount Moriah Church, near Sneads Crossing, AL.

Sun. 3rd—Fayette County Annual Sacred Harp Singing Convention—98th Session—Bevill Junior College, Fayette, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 9th—Calhoun County (MS) Convention—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community, north of Hwy. 8, 3 miles west of Vardaman, MS, between Derma and Vardaman.

Sat. 9th & Sun. 10th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—129th Annual, Henderson Community Center, S. High St., Henderson, TX. Info: John/Emmie Morris (903)898-2510. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 10th—Macedonia Baptist Church—6.5 miles east of Haleyville, AL, and 4 miles south of Needmore, Hwy. 195, on Farm to Market Road.

Sun. 10th—Tennessee River Convention—Second Creek Church, Take Tennessee Hwy. 98 to Five Points, TN. Turn west on Liberty Grove/Five Points Rd., go about 1 mile and turn left, then go about 1 mile on paved road to church on right.

Wednesday before third Sunday

Wed. 13th—Elmore Center—153rd Session—3 miles south of Gordo, AL on Pickens County Roads 9 and 21. This is reputed to have begun in 1845.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 16th—Rock Creek, Mountain Home, and Ryan Creek Convention—Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Alabama—10 miles south of Jones Chapel on Hwy. 22.

Sat. 16th—New York State Regional—Utica/Rome area. Clinton United Methodist Church, 105 Utica Rd., Clinton, NY. Barbara Swetman (315)859-4470, bswetman@hamilton.edu or Margaret and Ron Bornick (315)853-6282, 102147.772@CompuServe.COM

Sun. 17th—Emma and Belton Beasley and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church, 0.7 of mile south of County Road 14, Winfield, AL. From Hwy. 78 in Winfield, take Hwy. 129 North. County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at Church sign. Church is 0.7 mile on right. Contact number for church is (205)487-3916.

Sun. 17th—Cedar Creek Church—9 miles southwest of Cordele, GA, off Cordele/Albany Hwy.

Sun. 17th—Cleburne County Convention—108th Session—Cane Creek Church, Cleburne County, 3.5 miles east of Heflin on Hwy. 78.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 23rd—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 195.

Sat. 23rd & Sun. 24th—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church—Hwy. 21, 7 miles northeast of Forest, MS. Contact Mark Davis at (601)932-9188.

Sat. 23rd & Sun. 24th—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, DeKalb County, AL. Take I-59 and turn east on Alabama Highway 68 (exit 205), follow signs to US 11, go south on US11 and look for sign to church between mile marker 212 and 213.

Sun. 24th—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Itawamba County, MS, 4 miles south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Road east of Tremont, MS.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 30th—Young People's Singing—Held at different locations, 1997 session at Old County Line Church, 10 miles west of Warrior, AL, near Corner off Miller Road. Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4.

Sat. 30th—Pennsylvania Regional Singing—Maidencreek Meetinghouse, near Leesport, Pennsylvania. Betty Hanf (610)582-5924 or Doron Henkin (215)656-4206 work, (610)688-6347 home, or e-mail DHenkin@aol.com

Sat. 30th & Sun. 31st—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lilburn, GA. I-85 N. to Lillburn (Indian Trail Rd. Exit). Take right on Indian Trail Rd. to intersection of Hwy. 29 (Lawrenceville Hwy.) and Killiam Hill Rd. Turn right on Hwy. 29 to first traffic light. Turn left on Main St. Go through old Lillburn, cross RR tracks, church is about 1 mile on left past RR tracks. First fifth Saturday and Sunday after July 4.

Sat. 30th & Sun. 31st—Southwest Texas Convention, Fall Session—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. First fifth Sunday and Saturday of the fall (Aug., Sept. or Oct. last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving) 915 E. 52nd St.,

between Airport Blvd. and IH-35. More info: Gaylon Powell (512)258-7080 or B. E. Matthews (512)898-5110. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 31st—Lacy's Chapel—Henagar, AL. 2.5 miles west of Henagar, Alabama on Hwy. 40. Turn at church sign. Lacy's Chapel is 0.5 mile off Hwy. 40.

Sun. 31st—Liberty (McCormick) Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Third fifth Sunday of each year. 2.5 miles southeast of Sumiton, Alabama. North of new Hwy. 78 or south of old Hwy. 78.

Sun. 31st—Taylor Methodist Church—Taylor, Mississippi, Lafayette County.

September

Labor Day, Monday, September 1

Mon. 1st (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—Talladega National Forest. Cleburne County, AL. Hwy. 78 east to Heflin, go past Edwardsville and watch for signs to enter the Forest, turn left and follow road through the Forest, follow signs in the Forest to church.

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 6th—Mulberry River Convention—92nd Session. Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), 2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton, AL, north of new Hwy. 78 or south of old Hwy. 78.

Sun. 7th—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—From Bremen, GA, take Hwy. 78 E., turn left on Old Temple Rd. at Car Wash on left, runs into Cashtown Rd. Bear left to Golf Course, turn right on Little Vine Church Rd. (approx. 2.5 miles.)

Sun. 7th—Clear Creek West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, AL, on Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Sun. 7th—Haynes Creek Church—10 miles north of Conyers, GA on state Hwy. 20, turn left on Rosebud Rd., 3 miles (approx.), church is on left..

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 13th—Central Louisiana Sacred Harp Singing—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Fry Prong, Louisiana.

Sat. 13th—Southeast Texas Convention—8th Annual—Robinson Road Community Center, 0.5 miles east of I-45 on Robinson Road at Hanna, near The Woodlands in Oak Ridge, TX. Info: Charles Whitmer (281)367-6260. (1991 Revision).

Sat. 13th & Sun. 14th—Second Annual United Kingdom Shape Note Convention—Hitchin, Hertfordshire, England.

Sat. 13th & Sun. 14th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—94th Session—Old County Line Church, 10 miles west of Warrior, AL, near Corner off Miller Road.

Sun. 14th—Mountain Home Church—3 miles southwest of Bear Creek, AL on Hwy. 241 south.

Sun. 14th—County Line Primitive Baptist Church—7 miles north of TX 105/FM 1484 intersection in Cut and Shoot, Texas Road on Farmers Market 3081 in the County Line Community. Go north on Farmers Market 1484 for 4.5 miles, take the right fork onto Browder-Taylor Rd., turn right on Willis-County Line Rd. Immediately on the left after crossing the Peach Creek Bridge. Info: Charles Whitmer (281)367-6260. (Cooper Revision).

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 20th & Sun. 21st—Calhoun County Convention—83rd Session—Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Four Mile Community, Calhoun County,

AL. Take Hwy. 21 from Anniston to Jacksonville, go to mile marker 265 and turn right, church is at the bottom of hill.

Sun. 21st—Hardeman Church, B. F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Decatur, GA, Glenwood Rd.

Sun. 21st—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, AL. 0.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 27th—Aven Hall, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

Sat. 27th—Liberty Hill Church—9 miles east of Boaz, AL, top of Horton's Gap, just off Sardis Farm to Market blacktop road. Info: Lawrence Underwood (205)593-2006.

Sat. 27th—St. Francis Singing—4th Annual. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1101 Rock Prairie Rd., College Station, TX. Info: Greg Economides (409)846-7213. (1991 Revision).

Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th—Minnesota State Convention—Minneapolis, MN area, locations to be announced.

Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, IL. Location to be announced.

Sun. 28th—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Morgan County, AL. 18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva.

Sun. 28th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 195.

Sun. 28th—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston, Georgia.

Sun. 28th—Loosascoona Primitive Baptist Church—Air Mount, north of Hwy. 330, 11 miles west of Bruce, MS.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. 3rd. pm & Sat. 4th—New England Convention—Middletown CT—Wesleyan University—Contact Neely Bruce at (203)347-3003.

Sat. 4th—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—5th Annual. Church is on Farmers Market 2496, 5 miles west of Mount Enterprise, TX. Info: Robert Vaughn (903)863-5379. (Cooper Revision).

Sat. 4th—Louisiana State—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Hopper Road, Baton Rouge, LA.

Sat. 4th & Sun. 5th—Rocky Mountain Convention—Chautauqua Community Center, Boulder, CO. Contact: John/Jeanne Schaffer at (303)234-1729. Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.

Sun. 5th—Island Park Singing, Geneva, IL

Sun. 5th—Sandy Creek Church—one mile south of Flovilla, GA.

Sun. 5th—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, 6 miles east of Oneonta, AL, and 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport.

Sun. 5th—Old Sardis Church Number 1—3 miles north of Lynn, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 11th, p.m.—Saturday night session of Tennessee State Convention—Coleman United Methodist Church, Lawrenceburg, TN. Singing in Cooper Book.

Sun. 12th—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Church—Take Tennessee Hwy. 98 to Five Points, TN, turn west on Liberty Grove/Five Points

Road. Go about 1 mile and turn left, then go about 1 mile on paved road to church on right.

Sun. 12th—Walker Cates and H. H. Brown Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church, Cleburne County, Muscadine, AL. Take Hwy. 78 east to County Road 49, take right, go 1 mile, church on right.

Sun. 12th—Chestnut Grove Baptist Church—3 miles south of Ider, AL, just off Hwy. 117.

Sun. 12th—Bailey Memorial Methodist Church—Calhoun County, Loyd, MS.

Sun. 12th—Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, OH—Semi-Annual Singing. Date is not permanent. Could be the third Sunday. Contact John Bealle at (523)861-1137.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 18—GAF Singing Convention. Location to be announced. Hoboken, GA

Sat. 18th & Sun. 19th—New York State Convention—Location to be announced.

Sun. 19th—Andrews School House—6.1 miles south of Thomaston, GA on Hwy. 74. Turn right on The Rock Road to first stop sign, bear left, 1 mile to school.

Sun. 19th—Mars Hill, McWhorter Memorial—Cleburne County, AL. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst, County Rd. 35 to 49 to 65, 5 miles on left.

Sun. 19th—Reid Memorial Singing—Old County Line Church, 10 miles west of Warrior, AL, near Corner off Miller Road.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 25th—Yellow Springs, Ohio—Cincinnati/Columbus.

Sat. 25th—Coy Putman Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church. 3 miles east of Arab, AL on Hwy. 69 (Arab to Guntersville).

Sat. 25th & Sun. 26th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W. A. Parker Memorial Singing—12 miles northeast of Jasper, AL (Walker County), 1 mile south of Hwy. 69 on Sipsey Road.

Sun. 26th—Jordan's Chapel—Newell, AL (Randolph County). U. S. Hwy. 431 to county road 82. Go across county road 431 (old U.S. 431- Morrison's Cross Roads). Go 1/4 mile, left at fork, left at next fork. Church approximately 2 miles on right.

Sun. 26th—Mt. Moriah Church—5 miles south of Snead Cross Roads, Alabama (Blount County), Hwy. 75.

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 1st—Western Ohio Schoolhouse Singing—Bluffton, Ohio.

Sat. 1st—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Off US 27 on Armstrong Mill Road, 2 miles south of Carroll/Heard County Line, between Carrollton and Franklin, GA.

Sat. 1st & Sun. 2nd—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—4 miles on Farmers Market Road 1669 out of Huntington, TX. Info: Louie Smith (409)422-4502. (Cooper Revision)

Sun. 2nd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, GA. 2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27. Exit #3 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27, go to top of hill at Amoco service station and turn left, go to dead end and turn left. Go to dead end, church on left.

Sun. 2nd—Mt. Ebron Missionary Baptist Church—Mt. Ebron Memorial, 3 miles west of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 25, Double Springs to Lynn, AL.

Sun. 2nd—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, 9 miles south of Cordele, GA.

Sun. 2nd—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Annual Singing, south of Attalla, AL, Hwy. 11.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 8th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Blvd, Nashville, TN, between Harding Road US 70 and Harding Place.

Sat. 8th—Southern Wisconsin—Sauk County.

Sat. 8th—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church, 1920 Gross Rd., Dallas, TX. Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 227-7976. (1991 Revision)

Sun. 9th—Oak Hill Baptist Church—Calhoun County, AL, 2 miles south of Oxford, AL. Get on Hwy. 21 South. Go under I-20. Take left at light onto Friendship Rd. Cross 3 bridges to traffic light. Turn right onto Cheaha Dr. Go 5 to 6 blocks, turn left onto County Line Rd. Church on right.

Sun. 9th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta, GA.

Sun. 9th—Carey Springs Baptist Church—Randolph, Pontotoc County, MS.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 15th—Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—5th Annual. Huffsmith-Kohrville Rd., Tomball, TX. Info: Bobbie Rainoshek (713)946-1006. (Cooper Revision).

Sat. 15th pm—Cross Roads Church—9 miles north of Tallapoosa, GA. North on Hwy. 100 to Steadman Rd., turn left. Go approx. 7 miles. Sat. before the third Sunday in November, in the evening.

Sat. 15th & Sun. 16th—James River Convention—Richmond, VA. Info: Stephen McMaster (804)288-1503, SLMDARIEN@aol.com.

Sun. 16th—Jones Chapel Senior Citizen Center—Hwy. 278 west of Cullman, AL.

Sun. 16th—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun, GA, Harmony Church Rd., turn right off Hwy.156 (Red Bud Rd.) 100 yds. east off I-75, Exit 1.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 22nd & Sun. 23rd—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—97th Session, Birmingham, AL, Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, north of Birmingham, I-65 Fultondale Exit, off Hwy. 31 north. Turn east to 57th Ave., 1/4 mile, look for signs.

Sun. 23rd—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn, AL, just off Hwy. 278, 3 miles north of Lynn, Ganus Wakefield Memorial.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 30th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Villa Rica, Georgia—Martin Blackmon Memorial Singing. Last fifth Sunday in the year. One mile east of Villa Rica, Georgia, just off Hwy.78.

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 6th & Sun. 7th—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Panama City, FL, Holiday Inn (Cooper Revision).

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 14th—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—0.7 mile south of County Road 14, Winfield AL. From Hwy. 78 in Winfield take Hwy. 129 north. County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then

left at church sign. Church is 0.7 mile on right. Contact for church, John Beasley (205)487-3916.

Thursday before Third Sunday

Thurs. 18th—Little Branch Primitive Baptist Church—Albertville, AL, 4 blocks west of Courthouse. Junction of Hwys. 75 and 431.

New Year's Eve Singing

Wed. 31st, pm—Wooten Family—Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, AL. Take Hw. 75, go north approx. 5 miles north of Ider. Turn left onto County Road 141 at Hartline Grocery, go approx. 3 miles, church is on left.

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend	Saturday, March 29 Sunday, March 30
Second Fifth Weekend	Saturday, June 28 Sunday, June 29
Third Fifth Weekend	Saturday, August 30 Sunday, August 31
Fourth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, November 29 Sunday, November 30

First Fifth Weekend

March 29 & 30—Southwest Texas Convention—McMahan, Texas. First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later). Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, on Farmers Market 713, McMahan, Texas, between Bastrop and Luling. Contact: Tom Owen (512)398-6075 or Curtis Owen (512)398-2017. (Cooper Revision)

March 30—Liberty Church—Henagar, AL. First fifth Sunday of year. 2 miles north of Henagar, Al on Liberty Road. From Henagar Crossing, take Hwy. 40 west to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative. Turn right and go to dead end. Turn right, take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Rd.). Church is on right, approximately 1.5 miles.

March 30—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, AL. First fifth Sunday each year. 2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton, Alabama. North of New Hwy. 78 or South of Old Hwy. 78.

Second Fifth Weekend

June 28 & 29—Midwest Convention—Chicago, IL. First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, preceding July 4. Locations announced. Contact Ted Mercer (773)862-6477 or (773)486-7400.

June 29—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, Georgia. Second fifth Sunday of each year. 10 miles southwest of Sylvester, GA.

Third Fifth Weekend

August 30—(Saturday only)—Young People's Singing—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4. Held at different locations. 1997—Old County Line Church. 9 miles west of Warrior, AL near Corner, off Miller Road.

August 30 & 31—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Camp Creech Primitive Baptist Church, Lilburn, GA. I-85 N to Lilburn (Indian Trail Rd. Exit). Take right on Indian Trail Rd. to intersection of Hwy. 29 (Lawrenceville Hwy.) and Killiam Hill Rd. Turn right on Hwy. 29 to first traffic light. Turn

left on Main St. Go through old Lilburn, cross RR tracks, church is about 1 mile on left past RR tracks. First fifth Saturday and Sunday after July 4.

August 30 & 31—Southwest Texas Convention Fall Session—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. First fifth Sunday and Saturday before of the fall (Aug., Sept. or Oct. last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving) 915 E. 52nd St., between Airport Blvd. and IH-35. Contact: Gaylon Powell (512)258-7080 or B. E. Matthews (512)898-5110. (Cooper Revision).

August 31—Lacy's Chapel—Henagar, AL. First fifth Sunday after fourth of July. 2.5 miles west of Henagar, Alabama on Hwy. 40.

August 31—Liberty (McCormick) Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Third fifth Sunday of each year. 2.5 miles southeast of Sumiton, Alabama. North of new Hwy. 78 or South of old Hwy. 78.

August 31—Taylor Methodist Church—Taylor, Mississippi, Lafayette County. First fifth Sunday after the month of July (i.e. August, September, or October).

Fourth Fifth Weekend

November 30—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Villa Rica, Georgia. Martin Blackmon Memorial Singing, last fifth Sunday in the year. One mile east of Villa Rica, Georgia, just off Hwy. 78.

LOCAL SINGINGS

This list is derived in part from a list prepared for the Shape Notes newsletter by Bob Hall and Ella Wilcox.

Alabama

Carbon Hill: Saturday Night before the second Sunday in each month—Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County, 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Contact Travis and Margaret Keeton (205)697-5268. Note: Saturday night before second Sunday in January each year (January 11) is a Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson and Robert Harper; Saturday before the second Sunday in February (February 8) is a memorial for Oralee Burns.

Cullman: First Wednesday of each month Jones Chapel Community Center. Hwy 278 West. Turn south at light, one block. Memorial in July.

Double Springs: March 16, Third Sunday night in March—Memorial for Leona Horton and Maude Adams—Shady Grove Church, Double Springs, AL.

Fayette: Second Sunday night 6 p.m., Mt. Lebanon Church, on Bluff Rd., 10 miles northeast of Fayette, Hwy. 107. Contact Larry Ballinger at (205)932-3858.

Haleyville (Winston County): First Sunday night—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church southeast of Haleyville. Contact Josie Hyde (205)486-5625.

Henagar: First Sunday night—October through April at Liberty Church. Contact David Ivey (205)971-7422, email: ively@asc.edu

Huntsville: First Friday Night of February, April, August, November. (7:00-8:30pm). Burritt Museum, 3101 Burritt Dr., on Monte Sano Mt. 7:00-8:30 p.m. Following Museum signs, take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain. Turn north onto Monte Sano Blvd. Turn onto Burritt Dr. Contact David Ivey (205)881-5291, email: ively@asc.edu; or Linton Ballinger (205)830-5301.

Haleyville: First Sunday night in each month—Friendship Church, eight miles southeast of Haleyville on Hwy. 195, south at church sign, two miles. In April—Idella Berry Memorial Singing.

Ider: Second Sunday night, October through March—Antioch Church, 5 miles north of Ider, AL, left on Hwy 75. Contact Terry Wootten at (205)632-3830.

Jasper: January 11, Saturday night before second Sunday—Memorial Singing for Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church, Boldo Community, 6 miles east of Jasper, AL, Hwy 69.

Jasper: March 15—Saturday night before the third Sunday in March—Boldo Memorial Singing (Stephenson and Wall Memorial), Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, 5 miles east of Jasper, AL, Hwy. 69.

California

Berkeley, Oakland: First Sunday, 4:30–6:30 p.m., potluck dinner following. Call Alice Sharp (510)843-8259.

Los Angeles: First and 3rd Sunday Night of each month 3:30–6:30 p.m. First Sunday Singing held in Eagle Rock at the home of Mary Rose and Stephen O'Leary (213)254-7707. Regular 3rd Sunday singings are held in Mar Vista at the home of Susan and Paul Turpin: (310)390-4165. Call Sue Jones at (310)390-4165.

Palo Alto: Usually 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., hosted lunch following. Call Paul and Lisa Ralston (415)948-4112.

Sacramento/Davis: First Sunday, 1:00 p.m. potluck, singing 2–4:30 p.m., held at home of Susan Jones and David Wright, (916)641-6744, email davesue@calweb.com.

San Diego: Sunday, 4–6 p.m., potluck supper on last Sunday. Call Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber at (619)544-0432, Jerry's email: drxox@aol.com, Carla by day: (619)533-3178.

San Francisco: Third Sundays, 4:30–6:30 p.m., hosted dinner following. Contact Carolyn Deacy at (415)585-4773, email: deacy@netcom.com; or Chris Thorman, 415-431-7664, email: thorman@netcom.com.

Santa Cruz: Tuesdays, 7:30–9 p.m., potluck at 6 p.m. Call Shelly Phillips at (408)464-8327.

Colorado

Boulder: 2nd Friday of every month—3119 9th St., Boulder, CO 80304. Contact: (303)447-9379.

Denver: Fourth Sunday, sometimes second Sunday. Call Elaine Cullor at (303)860-0662, or John Schaffer at (303)234-1729.

Fort Collins: Second Friday, 7–9 p.m. at Seventh Day Adventist Church. Call John Ramsey (303)221-9589, or Sandy Hill (303)669-6450.

Connecticut

Hartford: Third Sunday, 7–9 p.m., at Asylum Ave. Baptist Church. Call the church at (203)522-9350 or call (203)347-3003.

Middletown: First Sunday, 7–9 p.m., at singer's home. Call Phyllis or Neely Bruce at (203)347-3003.

District of Columbia

Metropolitan area: Fourth Sunday, 4–8:30 p.m. in differing locations (DC, MD and VA). Singing school, 3 p.m. Potluck, 6 p.m. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW). Call FSGW Hotline (202)546-2228; press 42 for Sacred Harp information, or Steven Sabol at (301)897-5274 email: sabol@codon.nih.gov, or Nancy Bailey at (703)532-7520. FSGW membership is not required to attend.

Metropolitan area: Every other month on Saturday or Sunday, 4– 8 p.m. in singer's homes. Call Bob Hall or Ella Wilcox (703)204-1532, email: rhall@cpcug.org

Florida

Gainesville: Third Sunday, 3:30–5:30 p.m. in singer's homes. Call Pat Morse at (904)377-8061.

Georgia

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday except June, July, August and December, 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Hwy. 120 east of Alpharetta. Exit GA 400 at Statebridge Rd., turn east. Call Faye Pettis (770)889-1703.

Athens: First Friday night of each month (except July and Aug. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Westlake Dr. 7:30–9:30 p.m. Contact Lee Rogers at (706)795-5472.

Decatur: Second Tuesday in each month. Call Liz Bryant at (404)378-5424 for location/information.

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month, from 7 p.m. For 1997 - Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, June 14, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Nov. 15, Dec. 20. Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light. Turn left on the Rabon Rock Road, cross R.R. track and take second paved street to the left. Go to the end of the block, the school and parking is on the right. Hoboken Elementary School. Contact David/Kathy Lee (912)458-2493, Clarke/Julie Lee (912)458-2268, Johnny/Delorese Lee (912)458-2595.

Tallapoosa: Saturday night before the third Sunday in November—Cross Roads Church, 9 miles north of Tallapoosa, GA. North on Hwy. 100 to Steadman Rd., turn left, go approx. 7 miles. Church on right.

Illinois

Chicago: Sundays twice monthly from 4–6 p.m., at various locations. Call the "Harp Line" (773)276-HARP. Also call: Ted Mercer, (773)486-7400; or Connie Karduck, (773)463-3637.

Charleston: Call Janet Fraembs for information, (217)345-6873.

Indiana

Bloomington: Second and fourth Sundays, 2–4 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Hwy. 46 Bypass. Call Marlen Rust, (812)336-2792.

Kentucky

Lexington: Second Sunday, September–May, 3–5 p.m. at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, 3534 Bates Creek Rd. Contact Mary Brinkman (606)272-3895, e-mail: mlbrin00@pop.uky.edu; or Keith MacAdam, (606)268-0998 (home) or (606)257-3344 (work), email: phy156@ukcc.uky.edu

Maine

Ellsworth, etc: Usually monthly, near middle of the month. Travels around state: Waterville, Ellsworth, New Sharon, Pittsfield, among other places. Call Joe Kucera, (207)285-7358.

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday, 4–8 p.m., potluck at 6 p.m. Contact Liz Cusick (410)235-6627.

Suburbs of Washington, DC: See listings under District of Columbia.

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sunday, 1:30–4:30 p.m. at a private home. Call Ruth and Richard Hooke (413)549-3587; or Tim Eriksen, (413)527-7370.

Boston: Second Monday, 7:45–10:00 p.m. at Noyes Hall, Andover Newton Theological School. Contact Bob Parr at (617)648-1009, email: parr@ll.mit.edu; or Ginnie Ely at (508)664-1344, email: ely@tle.enet.dec.com

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Irregular Sundays, 3–5 p.m. at the Ark Coffeehouse, 637-1/2 S. Main. Call Lynne deBenedette, (313)994-8064 or the Ark at (313)761-1800.

Minnesota

Minneapolis: Fourth Sunday, 5–7 p.m. Call Keith and Jenny Willard at (612)824-4070, email: keithw@tahiti.umhc.umn.edu; or Jeff Bell, (612)699-2040.

Saint Paul: Second Sunday, 5–7 p.m. Call Keith and Jenny Willard at (612)699-2040, email: keithw@tahiti.umhc.umn.edu; or Jeff Bell, (612)823-4090.

Mississippi

Bruce: Third Sundays, November through March, 1-3 p.m. at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. Contact Warren Steel, email: mudws@cotton.vislab.olemiss.edu, or Mark S. Davis, email: Horn4@aol.com, or Hugh Bill McGuire (601)983-2376.

Enon: (Chickasaw County)—One week singing school taught by Mark Davis from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Monday after the Second Sunday in July, Enon Primitive Baptist Church, south of MS Hwy. 8 on Enon Rd., 8 miles east of Houston, MS.

Houston: First Sundays, December through March, 1–3 p.m., Enon Primitive Baptist Church, Call Elder Charles Porter (601)456-3879.

Jackson: First Monday night of each month. Contact Mark Davis (601)932-9188 or Regina Glass (601)353-RICE

Missouri

Kansas City: Third Sunday, starting at 1:30 p.m. Call Susan or Richard Green (913)831-3912.

Lawrence: 1st Sunday 1:30–4:00 p.m. Call Susan or Richard Green (913)831-3912.

Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Call Karen Isbell, (314)664-1411.

New Jersey

Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday, singing school at 2 p.m., singing 3–5:30 p.m. at Montclair Friends Meetinghouse. Call George and Jean Seiler (201)746-0940.

Woodcliff Lake: Second Sunday, 2–5 p.m. 10 minutes from Tappan Zee Bridge. Call Carol Werba (201)391-2713.

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays, 2–5 p.m. at the Friend's Meeting House, 1600 Fifth St., N.W. (south of I-40, north of Mountain). Take I-40 to the 2nd and 4th Streets Exit, go south on Fourth Street, about five blocks, turn right on Bellamah. Call Alice or Harlan Van Camp (505)867-6539.

New York

Albany (New Salem): Third Sunday, 3–5 p.m. at New Salem Reformed Church. Call Sue Krug (518)765-3468; or the church (518)765-2354.

Binghamton (Vestal): Fourth Sunday 2–4 p.m. except summer months (or unless holiday, in which case Sunday before) at the Vestal Public Library. Call Dennis Leipold (607)724-8784, email: d.leipold@genie.geis.com; or Stacy Greenberg (607)748-8774.

Clinton: Second Sunday, 3–5 p.m. in Clinton United Methodist Church. Contact Barbara Swetman (315)853-5723, email: bswetman@itsmail1.hamilton.edu; or Margaret or Ron Bornick, (315)853-6282. Ithaca: First, Third, and Fifth Sunday, 2–4 p.m. in Saint John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Call Jennifer Cook, (607)273-7076, or Eric Bean, (607)273-2766.

New York City (Brooklyn): Third Sundays at 2 p.m. Call Richard Schmeidler (718)643-1524.

Rochester: Fourth Sunday, 2–5 p.m. in the Sampler Records Music Hall. Contact Chris Haller (716)387-9570; or Nancy Crawford (716)381-4279 (home), (716)422-8189 (work), email: nlc.wbst129@xerox.com

West Islip, Long Island: Call Frederick Rasenberger (516)671-0459.

North Carolina

Chapel Hill: Second Sunday, 2–4 p.m. in Person Hall on University of North Carolina campus. Call Matt Cartmill (919)493-8519; or contact Becky Hart, home: (919)682-2517, work (919)966-4032, email: BHART@SPHVAX.SPH.UNC.EDU

Durham: Third Sunday, 2–4 p.m. in Watts Street Baptist Church. Call Joy or Ron Craig (919)929-3695; or Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill, above).

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday, 2–4 p.m., usually in Mordecai Historic Park Chapel. Call Lynda Hambourger (919)781-3596; or Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill above).

Winston-Salem: Most third Sundays, 7–9 p.m. in singers' homes. Call Betty McGurk or Gene Anderson (910)374-5943, or Cleve Callison (910)760-2822.

Ohio

Ada: Fourth Sunday, 3–5 p.m., Robertson-Evans (Pharmacy) Building, Room 212, Raabe College of Pharmacy, Ohio Northern University. Contact: Kathy and Charles Knecht (419)634-4916, email: kknecht@galen.onu.edu; or Kay Bieszczad (313)856-6515.

Cincinnati: Second Sunday, 4:30–7:30 p.m., with modest potluck, at Walnut Hills Christian Church, 1438 East McMillan. Contact John Bealle (513)861-1137.

Columbus: First, third, and fifth Sundays, 4–6 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 30 West Woodruff (at Lane). Call Fred Todt (614)291-0282, email: todt@battelle.org; or Eric Conrad (614)481-7637, email: econrad@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu

Oberlin/Cleveland: Second Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church parish hall, 162 South Main St, Oberlin. Fourth Sunday at Lakewood Baptist Church, 14321 Detroit Ave, Lakewood. Contact Charles Wells at (216)774-1926, email: cfw2@po.cwru.edu or Virginal Benade (216)752-9453.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Call Nancy or Claire Powell (405)737-1186.

Oregon

(Information for all Oregon singings is available by contacting Karen Willard (206)897-9545, email: KarWillard@aol.com)

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays. Call Jean Murphy (503)342-4131.

Portland: Second and Fifth Sundays, 3–5:30 p.m. Call Kate Moore and John Kellermann (503)230-2072.

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays at 7:30–9:30 p.m. at St. James Church, Havertown. Call Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith at (610)896-1565, Marian's email: mmckenzi@haverford.edu

Pittsburgh: First or second Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 p.m. at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Will organize singings for visitors at other times. Call Deane Root or Doris Dyen (412)521-7570, email: dlr+@pitt.edu

Reading: Berks Sacred Harp Singers meet each 3rd Sunday, 7-9 p.m., September through June, near Reading. Contact Betty Hanf (610)582-5924

Wilkes-Barre (Dallas): Fourth Saturday, starting at 3 p.m. at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. Potluck at 5 p.m. Call David Martin (717)333-4007.

Tennessee

Knoxville: Call Doris DeSpain at (615)546-9058.

Nashville: First Sundays (6-8 p.m.) and third Thursdays (7-9p.m.) at Nashville Friends Meeting House, 2804 Acklen Ave. Call Timothy Reynolds (615)646-6485; Drew Foster (615)832-0989; David Carlton, carlotdl@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Friday night before 2nd and 4th Sundays (except when there is a singing 3-8 hours drive away that Saturday or a holiday weekend), practice singings, Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, 915 E. 52nd St. (between IH 35 and Airport Blvd.), Austin, Texas, 7-9 p.m. (or a little later). Contact: Gaylon Powell (512)258-7080 or B. E. Matthews (512)898-5110. Time split between Cooper and 1991 Revisions.

Grand Prairie: Third Saturdays—St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 4829 S. Carrier Pkwy.—1-3 p.m., practice singing. Contact Larry/Karol Wheat (214)262-2550 or Bruce/Beverly Coates (972)476-9937 (1991 Revision).

Houston: Saturday before third Sunday—Grace Primitive Baptist Church, 3616 Hurley St.—6-8 p.m., practice singing. Contact Billy/Cissy Moseley (281)485-0057 or Charles Whitmer (281)367-6260 (Cooper Revision/1991 Revision).

Nacogdoches: First Sunday—Landmark Baptist Church, 113 Mitchell St.—2-4 p.m., practice singing. Contact Robert Vaughn (903)863-5379 (Cooper Revision/1991 Revision).

Vermont

Brattleboro: Monthly, usually on a Sunday, 1– 5 p.m. Call Peter Amidon (802)257-1006.

Middletown Springs (Near Rutland): Second Wednesday, 7:30– 9 p.m. Call David Wright (802)235-2376; or Beth Miller (802)235-2734.

Montpelier or Plainfield: Usually first Saturday, 3–5 p.m. (Call to confirm!). Contact: Larry Gordon (802)426-3210; or L. H. Spencer (802)563-2547.

Norwich: Third Thursday, potluck at 6 p.m., singing 7–9:30 p.m. Call Brigid Farrell (802)649-3964.

Springfield: Second and fourth Fridays, 7–10 p.m. Call Walt or Pat Colteryahn (802)885-9521.

Virginia

Washington, DC suburbs: See listings under District of Columbia.

Northern Shenandoah Valley: First Saturday, 4 p.m. Potluck at 6 p.m. Close to Winchester and Berryville, VA. Call John delRe and Kelly Macklin at (703)955-2660.

Richmond: Third Saturday, 2–5 p.m., Occasional potluck snack or supper. At Richmond Friends Meeting House. Call Sue Hansen at (804)355-5539.

Washington

(Information for all Washington singings is available by contacting Karen Willard (206)897-9545, email: KarWillard@aol.com)

Bainbridge Island: Sundays, call for dates. "Westernmost Sacred Harp group in the contiguous U.S., and also the most far-out!" Call M. J. Linford (206)842-2084.

Okanogan Valley: Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. Call Mary Lassila (509)826-5299.

Olympia: Third Sunday. Contact Janet Partlow (206)352-7902.

Renton: Fourth Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Contact David and Katharine Hough (206)451-0109, email: tecdah1@sdcs.boeing.com.

Seattle: Second Sunday. Call Ali Corbin (206)329-7851, email: ali@scn.org

Wisconsin

Madison: Usually first and third Sundays, 3–5 p.m., usually at St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue. Call Jim Page at (608)255-6861, email: jimp@uwfound.wisc.edu

SINGINGS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Canada

Lennoxville, Quebec (30 miles north of Derby Line, VT): Most Thursdays, 7:30–9 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville. Contact Chuck or Cathy Neville (819)562-8727; or Mryka Hall-Beyer, email: mhallbey@magellan.geo.usherb.ca

Ottawa, Ontario: Tuesday nights except between Christmas and New Year's, and during July and August. November and December; also sing Victorian English pub Christmas carols. Contact Shelley Posen (613)235-9947, email: shelleyposen@bbs.synapse.net

Italy

Bologna: Miscellaneous shape-note music, twice weekly. A choir, not a singing. Also sings spirituals and polyphony. Contact Bruno Bassi, telephone: +39-51-374652 or +39-51-538860, email: bassi@cirfid.unibo.it

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

1996 MINUTES

The following singings: Marion County Court House Singing, Hamilton, Alabama, July 23, 1995; Young Peoples' Sacred Harp Singing Convention held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Nauvoo, Alabama, July 29, 1995; New York State Sacred Harp Convention, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Cazenovia, New York, October 13-14, 1995, were received after the 1995-1996 Minutes/Directory Book was published. The secretaries of these singings requested that these events be recorded in this publication.

MARION COUNTY COURT HOUSE SINGING

Hamilton, Alabama

July 23, 1995

The eighty-first session of the Marion County Court House Singing was called to order by Estes Jackson leading songs on pages 31b and 42. The morning prayer was led by David Ivey. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Bruce Rye; Secretary - Bonnie Rye; Arranging Committee - Elmer Conwill. Estes Jackson led song on page 49b. Leaders: Hubert Hood 454, 569b; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 176b; Eron White 168, 300; Arnold Moore 217, 480; Edwin Ballinger 222, 212; Pernie Pelfrey 475, 317; John Hyde 129, 30t; Tom Harper 373, 340.

RECESS

Bruce Rye called the class together leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Mae Conwill 89, 512; Gravis Ballinger 124, 110; Doyle Williams 155, 336; Ila Ingle 87, 61; Gene Wakefield 64, 164; Julietta Haynes 434, 172; Linton Ballinger 299, 402; Mel Kersey 565, 120; Larry Ballinger 121, 119.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Estes Jackson leading song on page 75. Leaders: Corene White 146, 314; Travis Keeton 400, 482; L. E. Hannah 83t, 306; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Josie Hyde 189, 220; David Ivey 267, 301; Marie Aldridge 142, 216; Buell Cobb 131b, 69t; Clarence McCool 349, 328; Bonnie Rye 77t, 209; Parnell Berry 99, 298; Bruce Rye 430, 200; Ercell Jackson 426t, 74b; Elmer Conwill 396, 286; Marie Aldridge 316; Linton Ballinger 76b; Buell Cobb 317, 69b (requested by Henry Tice); Marie Aldridge 334; David Ivey 269, 456; Mel Kersey 34b; Larry Ballinger 37b; Josie Hyde 198; Gravis Ballinger 137; Tom Harper 530, 500. Estes Jackson and Bruce Rye led the closing song on page 45t. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Bruce Rye; Secretary - Bonnie Rye.

YOUNG PEOPLES' SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Nauvoo, Alabama

July 29, 1995

The fifteenth session of the Young Peoples' Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Chairman Bruce Rye leading song on page 37b. Bruce Rye led the morning prayer. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Bruce Rye; Vice Chairman - Dorothea McCowan; Secretary - Bonnie Rye; Arranging Committee - Cassie Franklin and Sandra Bell; Memorial Committee - Philip Gilmore and Chris Bell; Resolutions Committee - Beth Odell

and Amber Ballinger. Bruce Rye led song on page 36b. Leaders: Teresa Ballinger 358, 147t; Emily Ballinger 34, 186; Amber Ballinger 155, 400; Jill Ballinger 47t, 100; Amanda Ballinger 30t, 300; Chris Bell 384, 46; Justin Keeton 546, 385b; Kevin Bell 45t; Kevin Bell and Bradley Keeton 345t; Dorothea McCowan 475, 196; Beth Odell 189, 442.

RECESS

Dorothea McGowan called the class together leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 485, 391; Paula Gilmore 566, 285t; Ricky Beasley 47b, 30b; Philip Gilmore 77t, 376; Tommy Beasley 348b, 31b; Ashley Keeton 343b, 354b; Edwin Ballinger 222, 299.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Bruce Rye leading song on page 76b. Leaders: David Ballinger 111b, 108t; David Beasley 39, 59; Joshua Keeton 117, 111t; Earl Ballinger 87; Gerry Hoffman 61, 114; Glenn Keeton 215, 361; Bonnie Rye 176b, 209. Philip Gilmore led songs on pages 445b and 129 for the Memorial Lesson remembering all those who had passed away in the last year and for our sick and shut-ins. As was decided last year, the Young Peoples' Singing is dedicated to the memory of Ashley Ballinger. Donations may be mailed to Larry Ballinger or Johnnie Ballinger, Rt. 2, Box 78a, Fayette, Alabama 35555. A short business meeting reported a balance from 1994 of \$52.00. This year's collection was \$135.00 to be carried over for 1996. The business session was closed and singing continued with the following leaders: Pam Keeton 142, 220; Cindy Franklin 137, 269; Jimmy Ballinger 565, 529b; Sandra Bell 276; Larry Ballinger 112; Marie Aldridge 216, 316; Delores Canerday 35; Ann Ballard 284; Estes Jackson 277; Jewel Wootten 146; Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas 34b; Edith Tate 532; Harrison Creel 342; Becky Briggs 480; Velton Chafin 225b; John Beasley 317. Bruce Rye closed the singing leading songs on pages 352 and 33b (by request). Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Bruce Rye; Vice Chairman - Dorothea McCowan; Secretary - Bonnie Rye.

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Cazenovia, New York** **October 13-14, 1995**

Friday, October 13

The seventh annual New York State Convention was called to order on Friday evening by Dan Brittain leading songs on pages 36b and 31b. George Seiler led the opening prayer. Dan Brittain led song on page 172, and welcomed everyone to the convention. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 127; Bruce Randall 297; Guy Bankes 178; Paula McGray 503; Anne Kazlauskas 203; George Seiler 347; Chris Haller 551; Margaret Bornick 186; Eric Bean 480; Gina Balestracci 148; Bill Holt 448t; Michael Darby 327; Ginnie Ely 546; Paul Gauthier 278b; Tim Wheeler 85; Judy Hauff 102; Jean Seiler 147t; Bob Parr 150; Josephine Rouse 98; Al Taylor and Paula McGray 63.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Dan Brittain leading song on page 399b. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 287; Donna Abrahams 181; Kat Kinkaid 475; Laura Densmore 228, Pierre Gingerich 117; Ron Bornick 454; Dan Hertzler 163; Richard Schmeidler 146; Dennis Leipold 129; Judy Hauff 528; Dan Brittain with guests from St. Peter's Episcopal Church 218; Barbara Swetman 125; Michael Darby 451; Rosalie Laris and Paula McGray 156; Bill Holt 70b; Kat

Kinkaid 385t; Ginnie Ely 497; George Seiler 84; Chris Haller 56b; Dan Brittain 521. The closing prayer was given by George Seiler.

Saturday, October 14

The class reassembled with Dan Brittain leading songs on pages 32t and 123t. The opening prayer was given by George Seiler. Leaders: Eric Bean 59; Paula McGray 77b; Dan Hertzler 34b; Donna Abrahams 184; Ron Bornick 274b; Mitzie Collins 159; Paul Gauthier 112; Roland Hutchinson 242; Bruce Randall 481; Angela Nelligan 497; Chris Haller 299; Gina Balestracci 72b; Guy Bankes 352; Barbara Swetman 40; Kat Kincaid 328; George Seiler 313b; Pat Serafini and Donna Abrahams 107; Bill Holt 193; Michael Darby 131b;

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Eric Bean leading song on page 46. A prayer was given by George Seiler. The remainder of the morning session was devoted to a singing school. Eric Bean gave an introduction to solmization. Judy Hauff discussed different styles of singing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Dan Brittain leading song on page 144. Leaders: Diane Mandella 455; Ginnie Ely 446; Laura Densmore "Evening Hymn" by Elisha West; Ellie Soler 277; Dan Hertzler 362; Tim Wheeler 29t; Richard Schmeidler 474; Betty Hanf 523; Margaret Bornick 268; Dan Brittain 465; Anne Kazlauskas 173; Dennis Leipold 460; Judy Hauff 411; Hal Kunkel 318; Linda Delfs "Altamont" by Gerry Hoffman; Frederick Rasenberger 360; Myrka Hall-Beyer 86; Jean Seiler 106; Bob Parr 492; Angela Nelligan 341; Ginny Huszagh 180; Josephine Rouse 71; Jennifer Cook 148.

RECESS

The class was brought together for a memorial lesson given by Jean Seiler who led song on page 384 in remembrance of Joe Beasley, Robert Mottingdorfer, Ruth Neville, Edwin Barrett, Pat Tegler, Ruth Stephenson, George Jewett, and Marion Williamson, all of New York; Roberta Adams, New Jersey; Greg Moughamian, Colorado; Kaye Stolarski, California; Anne Robinson, Quebec; John Snowberg, Wisconsin; Fred Johnson and Stephen Haseltine, Massachusetts; Doris Shiners, Florida; Lessie Cates, Alabama. George Seiler led song on page 159. Paula McGray gave the names of the sick and shut-ins and others who could not be with us: Dorothy Laming, Linda Crump, Janine Smith's father, and Aver Crider. Dennis Leipold led song on page 68.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Eric Bean leading song on page 276. Leaders: Bruce Randall 280; Chris Haller 351; Gina Ballestracci 47b; Bill Holt 377; Barbara Swetman 66; Bobbie Goodell 174; Michael Darby 291; Ron Bornick 278b; Kat Kinkaid 163t; Guy Bankes 163b; Donna Abrahams 440; Mitzie Collins 45t; Roland Hutchinson 73b; Paula McGray 300; George Seiler and Linda Smart 178; Juanita Heyermann and Ginny Huszagh 122; Ginnie Ely 502; Tim Wheeler 142; Anne Kazlauskas 335; Bob Parr 260; Paul Gauthier 428; Myrka Hall-Beyer 312b; Dan Brittain 348t; Jean Seiler, "Garden State" by Dan Brittain. Announcements were made and a count by state was taken: New York - 39; New Jersey - 3; Pennsylvania - 7; Massachusetts - 12; Vermont - 1; Mississippi - 1; Illinois - 1; Maryland - 1;

DISMISSED FOR DISH-TO-PASS SUPPER

George Seiler gave the blessing.

Dan Brittain brought the evening class together by leading songs on pages 50t, and "Scott" by Dan Brittain. Leaders: Michael Darby 67; Donna Abrahams 378b; Ginny Huszagh 56b; Kathy Forrest 299; Gina Balestracci 198; Guy Bankes

344; Margaret Bornick 410t; Ron Bornick 189; Dan Brittain 164; Mitzie Collins 186; Ginnie Ely 269; Paul Gauthier 371; Bobbie Goodell 233; Linda Delfs 152; Chris Haller 273; Judy Hauff 472.

RECESS

The class resumed with Dan Brittain leading song on page 434. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 48t; Tim Wheeler 547; Eric Bean 82; Hal Kunkel 480; Bill Holt 419; Roland Hutchinson 254; Kat Kinkaid 368; Dennis Leipold 426t; Paula McGray 522; Bob Parr 272; Bruce Randall 191; Frederick Rasenberger 421; Richard Schmeidler 155. George Seiler led the closing prayer and song on page 62.

Sunday, October 15

On Sunday morning we sang with the choir and congregation of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Secretary - Jennifer Cook.

LITTLE BRANCH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Albertville, Alabama** **December 14, 1995**

The annual singing held on Thursday before the third Sunday in December, was again held in Little Branch Primitive Baptist Church, Albertville, Alabama. The class was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading songs on pages 32 and 59.

Elder Howard Cook led the class in prayer. Cecil Gilliland led song on page 74t.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Marie Guthrie. Leaders: Hershell King 101, 100; Cecil Sanders 123, 145t; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 300, 358, 441; Ruthie Chambers 569, 39b; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Lydia Baswell 42, 137; Linton Ballinger 335, 334; Marie Guthrie 186, 144.

RECESS

The class was called together by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 134.

Leaders: Milton Oliver 61, 129; Elder Howard Cook 490, 108t; Roy Nelson 87, 270; Rhoda Norris 145b, 460; J. C. Rutledge 105; Calvin Rodgers 496; Nell Smith 274, 143; Elvin Guthrie 73b, 340, 73t.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 34b.

Leaders: Lydia Baswell 172, 549; Linton Ballinger 35; Marie Guthrie "That Beautiful Land"; Ruthie Chambers 75, 73; Hershell King 410; Milton Oliver 64; Cecil Sanders 475; Lamar Smith 36; Calvin Smith 147t; Cecil Gilliland 68b, 72b, 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by Hershell King.

Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Marie Guthrie.

MARTIN BLACKMON MEMORIAL **New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Villa Rica, Georgia** **December 31, 1995**

The annual Martin Blackmon Memorial Sacred Harp singing held the last fifth Sunday in the year at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 52. Elder J. J. Aderhold led the morning prayer. Myron House led song on page 166 followed by Elder J. J. Aderhold leading songs on pages 152 and 45t; Charlene Wallace 63 and 85. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Elder J. J. Aderhold; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging

Committee - Sheri Taylor. Myron House led song on page 135 and the following leaders were called: Lee Rogers 162, 121; Don Bowen 283, 441; Mildred Patterson 159, 61; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Jimmie Denney 313t, 212; Revy Williamson 203, 299; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 225t.

RECESS

Myron House called the class together leading song on page 213. Leaders were: Jan House 313b, 306; Elder Marshall Avery 74b, 108b; Robert Rivers, III 392, 274; Katherine Benefield 373, 445; Carlene Griffin 570 in memory of Mrs. Dura Blackmon, 448b; Helen Bryson 287, 344; Margie Dietz 501, 46; Judy Mincey 510, 475 for Virgil Phillips; Myron House 294 for Mrs. Era Lambert who is in a nursing home.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 273. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 301, 316; Billy Joe Harris 303b, 503b; Liz Bryant 270, 142; Phillip Langley 300, 215; Everette Denney 137, 123t; Bonnie Flowers 129, 120; John Puckett 209, 515; Diane Avery 186, 35; Sheri Taylor 454, 211; Charlene Wallace 185; Lee Rogers 523; Judy Mincey 31b; Helen Bryson 217; Margie Dietz 82b; Jimmie Denney 426; Billy Joe Harris 452; Everette Denney 531 in memory of Martin Blackmon; John Puckett 84; Don Bowen 348 in memory of E. C. Bowen; Elder J. J. Aderhold 146; Liz Bryant 276; Bonnie Flowers 277; Lonnie Rogers 68b; Diane Avery 145b; Phillip Langley 67; Elder Marshall Avery 331. Announcements were made. Elder J. J. Aderhold and Elder Marshall Avery led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Marshall Avery.

Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Elder J. J. Aderhold; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

WOOTTEN'S NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING **Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama** **December 31, 1995**

The annual Wootten's New Year's Eve Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church, and was called to order by Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten leading songs on pages 48t and 276. The evening prayer was led by Dewayne Wootten. Leaders: Terry Wootten 47t, 74; Levon Wootten 28b, 68b; Phillip Wootten 399b, 30t; Marlon Wootten 39t; Jenny Wootten 155, 344, 551; Eloise Wootten 234; Jeff Sheppard 461, 441; Clarke Lee 503, 120; David I. Lee 385t, 340, 448t; David J. Lee 31t, 569b; Lamar Smith 76b; Mark Brown 572 (Cooper book); Freeman Wootten 49b; Debbie Cain and Allie Brown 37b, 490; Shelbie Sheppard 440, 448b; Judy Lee 518, 410 (Cooper Book); Mel Kersey 99; Kathy Lee 81, 45t.

RECESS

Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten called the class together leading songs on pages 176t and 137. Leaders: David Ivey 106, 201; Mary Elizabeth Lee 361, 354b; Tony Ivey 306, 523; Robin Smith, Suanne Smith, and Sharon Smith 500 (Cooper book); Rachel Lee 388, 168; Norma Latham 573 (Cooper book); Bud Laney 335, 100; Richard Ivey 222, 270; Allison Ivey 300, 171; Loyd Ivey 89, 511b (Cooper book); Ricky Harcrow "Gone To Rest", "Trusting", "Roll On Dark Stream"; Erica Mitchell 354b; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 449 (Cooper book), 475, 454; Milton Oliver 54 (Cooper Book); Linda Thomas and Jewel Wootten 563 (Cooper book); Syble Adams 505, 229 (Cooper book); Leroy Digsby and Myra Dalton 348b, 163t; Lorrie Wootten 299; Eloise Wootten 474, 424; Shane Wootten 445; Susan Harcrow 102, 200, 269; Sheila Wootten 29t, 63; Dewayne Wootten 286 (Cooper book), 41b (Cooper book), 213; Dewayne

Wootten and Paula Crow 127, 147t.....HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!.....Terry Wootten 56b, 507b (Cooper book); Tony Shrader, Freeman Wootten, and Virginia Dell Glass 68b; Nancy Digsby 38b; Wayne Murphree "Where The Soul Never Dies", "When I've Traveled The Last Mile"; Syble Adams "It Is Well With My Soul", "Love At Home". Announcements were made. Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten led song on page 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by David Lee, Sr.

This singing was started in 1963 by Brenda Carroll and Eloise Wootten at the home of Chester Wootten, and has become a tradition to sing with friends and family since that time.

Submitted by: Shelbie Sheppard.

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S SINGING **Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio** **Monday, January 1, 1996**

The fifth annual New Year's Day Cincinnati Singing was called to order by Eloise Clark leading songs on pages 47t and 145t. Eloise Clark volunteered to serve as chair and John Bealle as secretary. They received unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement from the class. Leaders: Al Jose 63; Lois Hurt 49t, 551; Steve Tossey 143, 147t; Bob Meek 178, 68b; Mike Hieber 542, 448b; Debbie Hall 453, 146; Jodi Liss 102, 77.

RECESS

John Bealle reassembled the class leading songs on pages 81b and 366. Leaders: Rich Overturf 313b, 129; Lorraine Sawyer 312b, 188; Eric Conrad 42, 411; John Bayer 278, 201; Paul Foster 48b, 314; Lorraine Bayer 503b, 348t; Bob Meek 209, 569b; Michael Darby 86, 66; Lois Hurt 186, 40.

LUNCH

Eloise Clark called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 148 and 273. Leaders: Debbie Hall 200, 38t; Mike Hieber 37b, 142; Wendy Gilchrist 47t, 128; Jodi Liss 377, 179; John Stevens 155, 46; Bruce Kokernot 276, 299; Steve Tossey 299, 452; Tineke Stevens 84, 497; Paul Fishman 162; Steve Tossey 198, 334.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class to order leading song on page 448t. Leaders: Paul Foster 29; Lorraine Sawyer 250; Eric Conrad 419; John Bayer 136, 37t; Paul Denmark 45t; Tineke Stevens 327, 39; Lois Hurt 79, 59; Bob Meek 49b; Rich Overturf 28; Lorraine Bayer 39, 501; John Stevens 122, 107; Steve Tossey 223, 347. Steve Tossey dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chair - Eloise Clark; Secretary - John Bealle.

WILLIAM WALKER MEMORIAL SINGING **Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina** **January 6, 1996**

The third annual Memorial Singing for William Walker was held on Saturday, January 6, 1996 at Wofford College, South Carolina. Dr. John Bullard called the class to order, welcomed everyone, and led the morning prayer. Nomination of officers were: Chairman - Dr. John Bullard; Vice Chairman - Willie Israel; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Willie Israel. There were three (3) books used: Sacred Harp (S.H.), Southern Harmony (So.H.), and Christian Harmony (C.H.). Leaders called were: Brent Holcombe 77, 101 (S.H.); Richard Whatley 348, 207 (S.H.); Terry Chandler 55b, 117 (C.H.); J. B. Parker

128b, 157b (C.H.); Mildred Chandler 89, 355 (C.H.); Willie Israel 339, 214 (C.H.); Phil Perrin 103, 252 (So.H.); W. L. Green 66, 288 (So.H.); Sharon Kellam 171 (C.H.), 88 (So.H.); Margie Dietz 309 (C.H.), 88, 53 (So.H.).

RECESS

Dr. Harry Eskew called the class together leading song on page 78 from the Southern Harmony. Dr. Eskew gave a brief history on William Walker. Leaders: Frances Carnell 503, 551 (S.H.); LeAnne Carnell 38b, 547 (S.H.); Chris Carnell 40, 178 (S.H.); Betty Moore 159 (C.H.).

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Willie Israel leading song on page 269 from the Christian Harmony. Leaders: J. B. Parker, Mildred Chandler, Terry Chandler, and Jennifer Chandler (family of four generations) 109, 289 (C.H.); Henry Zittrouer 490, 480 (S.H.); Brent Holcombe 106 (C.H.); Debra Jones 86, 481 (S.H.); Willie Israel 163 (So.H.), 204 (C.H.); Phil Perrin 40, 213 (So.H.); Sharon Kellam 266, 38 (So.H.); Richard Whatley 435 (S.H.); Frances Carnell 474 (S.H.); Dr. Harry Eskew 250 (So.H.). Announcements were made. Dr. Harry Eskew led "Parting Hand" as the closing song and dismissed with prayer. Chairman - Dr. John Bullard; Vice Chairman - Willie Israel; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

DUTCH TREAT SINGING

**Shady Grove Church, Winston County, Alabama
January 7, 1996**

Singing could not be held because of weather conditions.

ORIGINAL DUTCH SINGING

**West Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia
January 7, 1996**

Singing could not be held because of weather conditions.

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL

**Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama
January 13, 1996**

Chairman Harrison Creel led song on page 30t as the first song. Earl Ballinger led the class in prayer. Leaders: Harrison Creel 498; Cecil Sanders 434; Earl Ballinger 500; L. E. Hannah 349; Gene Wakefield 108, 109; Gravis Ballinger 475; Margaret Keeton 276; Keterina Sanders 454; Josie Hyde 361, 507; Edis Guthrie 186, 171; James L. Ballinger 405, 294; Charles Kitchens 326; Essie Calvert 384; Jimmie Gilmore 378t; John Hyde 68b; Woodley children (Fay, Doris, Betty, Doc, Frank, Felton) 75, "Not Made With Hands"; Cassie Franklin and Shelley Capps 100, 73t; Joshua Keeton 189, 30b.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class together leading song on page 512. Leaders: Marie Aldridge 217; Lena Keeton 480; Danny Creel 383; Amanda Denson 280, 269; Harrison Creel 342; Imogene Nelms 74b; Larry Ballinger 89; Travis Keeton 273; Eldagene Roberson 216; John Hocutt 272; Tressie Atkins 78; David Roberson 274t; A. C. McGough 410t; Thurman Nall 285t; Fern Kitchens 242; Calvert children (Marie, Flarce, Vernice) 77t, 142; Margaret Cowen 358, 141; Elvin Guthrie 225t; Edith Tate 106; Velton Chafin 34b; Arthur Gilmore "Jesus Died For Me"; Glenn Keeton 236; Freida Bledsoe 551; Cindy Franklin, Ann Jett,

Wanda Capps, and Lucy Heidorn 146, 229; Harrison Creel led song on page 111b as the closing song. The closing prayer was given by Glenn Keeton. Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

JACK AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL
Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst, Alabama
January 14, 1996

The annual Memorial Singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church. Before the class was organized the following songs were sung: 32t, 33, 49t, 48t. The morning prayer was led by B. J. Harris. Election of officers were: Chairman - Walter Hamrick; Vice Chairman - B. J. Harris; Secretary - Mary L. Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards. Leaders: Walter Hamrick 68b, 491; B. J. Harris 225t, 503; Mary L. Smith 61, 75; Jimmie Denney 389, 313t; Alice Edwards 73b, 341; Charlene Wallace 155, 299; Pearl Guier 40, 59; Bill Waddington 28b, 49b; Geneva Prichard 75, 63.

RECESS

B. J. Harris called the class together leading songs on pages 77b and 45t. Leaders: Revy Williamson 137, 171, 327; Lonnie Rogers 186, 97, 176b for Ola Pruitt; Evelyn Harris 159, 47t, 378t. Lois Bowman gave a warm welcome to all who came, gave thanks to the Lord for a beautiful day, and was especially thankful for all of the Kerrs that were present. Lois Bowman, members of the Kerr family, and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 179 for Uncle Jack Kerr, and song on page 94 for Uncle Henry Kerr. The songs were favorites for each of those that had been such an inspiration to all the family and their friends.

LUNCH

Singing was resumed with Walter Hamrick leading songs on pages 274t and 275. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 82t, 289, 404; Carlene Griffin 117, 122; Louise Allen 143, 318; Shelbie Sheppard and Bill Laminack 319, 59, 36b; Lou Cotney 300, 189, 196, 497; Janice Kerr and Jeff Sheppard 294; Walter Hamrick 358; Bill Waddington 47b, 547; Jeff Sheppard 475; Class songs - 345b, 178, 81, 100, 45t, 146, 106, 129, 263. Announcements were made. The song on page 445 was used as the last song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Chairman - Walter Hamrick; Vice Chairman - B. J. Harris; Secretary - Mary L. Smith.

ANNIVERSARY SINGING
Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois
January 14, 1996

The all day singing in celebration of the twelfth anniversary of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers began at 10:30 a.m. In the absence of the chairman, rising chairman Dean Slaton called the class to order leading songs on pages 42 and 107. Wendy Wahn led the opening prayer. Leaders: Sarah Davie 171; Daryl Mayberry 31b; Dave Ressler 201; Kris Richardson 217; Herb Schroeder 126; Jeanette Lowry 183; Dan Gibbons 215; Karen Hojnacki 340; Samuel Sommers 280; Carol Crawford 84; Keith Willard 108t; Ann Werthain 87; Melanie Hauff 216; Wendy Lee 59; John Bailey 313t; Anne Heider 287. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Dean Slaton; Vice Chairman - Anne Heider; Secretary - Nancy Hejna.

RECESS

Dean Slaton called the class together leading song on page 195. The following committees were appointed: Memorial Committee - Pennie Thurman and Jerry Enright; Finance Committee - Melanie Hauff and Steven Levine; Arranging Committee - Steve Warner and Lisa Grayson. Leaders: Nancy Hejna 95; Steve Warner 479; Pennie Thurman 480; Dick Dunagan 146; Lisa Grayson 218; Steven Levine 515; Sue Kessell 304; Sam Farwell 442; David Barford 163; Beverley Enright 131; James Page 268; Ann Leucke 419; Terry Hogg 66; Connie Karduck 391; Tony Reeves 159; Wendy Wahn 501.

LUNCH

Ann Heider brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 40. Leaders: Julie Vea 192; Jerry Enright 300; Becky Browne 436; Ted Mercer 278b; Marcia Johnson 176; Richard DeLong 172, 362; Judy Hauff 187; Gary Gronau 163; Kathleen Kuiper 428; Ted Johnson "Marcia"; Jenny Willard 98; Debbie Barford 368; Duran Perkins 86; John Seaton 47t; Suzanne Flandreau 485.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Dean Slaton leading song on page 112. The Founder's Lesson followed with Phil Trier leading the song on page 85. Leaders: Nathan Barford and Emmy Barford 34b; Larry Nothwehr 37b. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Pennie Thurman spoke of the loss of many older singers, many of whose bodies were ravaged by age. Today we remember them in full voice, with bodies to match their spirits. We are not so much diminished by their deaths as we are strengthened by the knowledge that they are now singing in full voice in a hollow square around the throne. Richard DeLong urged us to remember that despite a committed and robust community of singers in the Chicago area, we are not invincible. He described ever dwindling numbers of singers in the south where many of the matriarchs and patriarchs of Sacred Harp singing have come to their journey's end. We were reminded of the necessity to encourage and welcome new singers into the square. Richard DeLong then led song on page 229 in memory of the following deceased: Lee Cloud, George Boswell, Dewey Williams, Harold Smith, Terence McHugh, Ron Sager, Joe Halter, Aver Crider, Joe Beasley, R. C. Stanford, Hoyt Renfroe, Randolph Mincey, George Klein, Lessie Cates, Judy Bell, Jean Buck, Kelsey Rene Wootten, Mike Thundercloud, Natalie Weber, and Louis Blatt. We then remembered the following sick and shut-ins, in the hope that these songs would resonate in their hearts: Al Frank, Donna Acton, Cleo Hawkins, Bernice Embry, Alice Kuiper, Scott LaFrance, Lawrence Lavy, Virgil Phillips, Marie Davie, Dollie Hudgins, Eva Reeves. Connie Karduck led song on page 503 for them. Leaders: Kelly Brest VanKempen 335; Dan Havens 504; Val Dunagan 378b; D. J. Hatfield 106; Johanna Fabke 122; Paul Streeter 72b.

RECESS

Steve Warner brought the class together leading song on page 148. Leaders: Patrina Patti 189; Dan Morse 506; Meg Papadolia 232; Jim Crawford 408; Becky Browne and Gary Gronau 137; Steven Levine 475; Sarah Davie 384; Dave Ressler 411; Jeanette Lowry 448t; Richard DeLong 345b; Jenny and Keith Willard 145b; Samuel Sommers 222; Phillip Trier 53; Judy Hauff 347. Dean Slaton and Anne Heider led the closing song on page 62. Herb Schroeder dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Dean Slaton; Vice Chairman - Anne Heider; Secretary - Nancy Hejna.

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
San Pedro, California
January 20-21, 1996
Saturday, January 20

The eighth All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Angel's Gate Cultural Center. The convention was called to order on January 20, 1996, at 9:54 a.m. by Carolyn Deacy leading song on page 34b. Carri Patterson Grindon offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 114; Laura Boyd Russell 270; Chris Thorman 569b; Rick Russell 201b; Susan Turpin 290; Stephen O'Leary 76b; Janet Herman 474; Mary Rose O'Leary 300; Ted Mercer 419; Jon Rand 404; Betty Herman 421; Marc Weyl 47t; Leon Ballinger 269; Jean Schaffer 178; David Hough 73t; Eddie Huckaby 37b; Hugh McGuire 68t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Laura Boyd Russell leading song on page 159. Leaders: Tom Tucker "Piney Branch", by Tom Tucker. Carolyn Deacy led convention into a business meeting at this time. The following new officers were elected: Chairman - Laura Boyd Russell; Vice Chairman - Chris Thorman; Treasurer - Rick Russell. Leaders: Richard DeLong 448t; Ron Huss 50t; Carri Patterson Grindon 332; Deborah Johnson 86; Janet Brigham 106; Sue Kessel 528; Ted Stern 84; Sharon Kermiet 216; Dean Slaton 500; Shelley Phillips 380; Kay Bieszczad 95b.

RECESS

Chris Thorman called the singing together leading song on page 299. Leaders: Al Patterson Grindon "Altamont", by Gerry Hoffman, words by Al Patterson Grindon; Jean Olson 203; Steve Warner 66.

The business meeting was reopened: Jerry Schreiber was appointed Secretary; Memorial Committee - Carla Smith and David Swarens; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith and Susan Turpin; Resolutions - Carolyn Deacy and Mary Rose O'Leary. Leaders: Katharine O'Hara 378b; Jerry Schreiber 460; Susan Turpin 327t; Chris Thorman 117; Rick Russell 280; Mary Rose O'Leary and Carolyn Deacy 383; Carla Smith 475; Carri Patterson Grindon offered the Grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Laura Boyd Russell called the class back to order leading song on page 133. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman "India", arranged by Gerry Hoffman; Sandy Hill 454; Gordon Bigelow 31; Betty Herman 547; Laura Boyd Russell 40; Anita Sanders 492; John Schaffer 391; Midge Harder 532; Don Jolly and Marylou Jolly 352; Tom Ostwald 479; Vykki Mende Gray 455; Cathy Tucker 122; Victoria Ostwald 504; Jo Dell Albi 480; David Swarens 513; Barbara Saxton 192.

RECESS

Chris Thorman recalled the class with song on page 448b. Leaders: Sandy Hill 209; Tom Tucker 162; John Ostwald 268; Michael Laube 39; Stephen O'Leary and Beth Heckscher 171; Leon Ballinger 384; Jerry Schreiber 149; Hugh McGuire 176b; Richard DeLong 510; Jo Dell Albi and Joy Miller 278b; Ted Mercer 138; Katharine O'Hara 344; Sharon Kermiet 375; Eddie Huckaby 107; Laura Boyd Russell, Rick Russell, Carla Smith, and Jerry Schreiber 61. Carri Patterson Grindon gave the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 21

The class was called to order by Laura Boyd Russell leading song on page 52t. Stephen O'Leary offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Jon Rand 285t; David Swarens 128; Marilou Jolly 481; David Hough 142; Al Patterson Grindon 121;

Ron Huss 311; Peter Dubois and Jordan Dubois 442; Hugh McGuire 96; Celia Brown 173; Carolyn Deacy 299; Laura Boyd Russell 189; Fred Wilke 114; Sandy Hill 497; Jean Olsen 318.

RECESS

Laura Boyd Russell recalled the class with song on page 101t. Leaders: Katharine O'Hara 85; Janice Hecksel 324; Richard DeLong 426t; Chris Thorman 120; Laura Boyd Russell and Richard DeLong 59; Carla Smith 376; Anita Sanders 474; Ted Mercer 328; Tom Ostwald 254.

RECESS

The class was called back by Rick Russell leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Susan Turpin 35; Leon Ballinger 222; Susan Turpin 501; Sue Kessel 485; Jerry Schreiber 362.

The memorial lesson was offered by Carla Smith. Carla Smith then led 260 in memory of those who had died in the past year: Dewey Williams of Alabama, Judy Mincey's father, Randolph Mincey, of Georgia, Barbara Jordan of Texas, the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, Thomas Davis of Illinois, Eldon of Nebraska, Hudson Hartley and Deborah Robertson of Virginia, Itzhak Rabin of Israel, Joseph Beasley of New York, Lilli Eisman, Eileen O'Gorman, Paul Moretti, Ed Lowe, Bruce Kamerling, and Rose Posin of California.

David Swarens read the list of sick and shut-in: Anne Pickett of Georgia, Virgil and Ruby Phillips of Alabama, Alice Van Camp, Alvin Haliday, and Dodge Wiggins of New Mexico, Barry Sullivan of Colorado, Johnny Jeans of Washington, Catherine Cessnia of Pennsylvania, Sue Lindner, Leon Wilson, Reena Sonshine, Margaret Clark, and Alice Gramm of California. David Swarens led 340 for the sick and shut-in. Stephen O'Leary offered the Grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Laura Boyd Russell called the class back with song on page 46. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 48b; Mary Rose O'Leary 140; Carroll Lunsford 127; Michael Laube 133; John Schaffer 313b; Rachel O'Leary and Lucy O'Leary 168; Dean Slaton 451; Jean Schaffer 198; Midge Harder 49b; Deborah Johnson 146; Barbara Saxton 200; Betty Herman 385t; Kay Bieszczad 552; Vykki Mende Gray 217; Natalie Hall 191; Laura Shafer 454; Eddie Huckaby 155; Marc Weyl 178; Ted Stern and Ellen Stern 84; Sharon Kermiet 180; Shelley Phillips 72b; Janet Herman 312b; Stephen O'Leary 445b; Laura Boyd Russell 111b; Kay Bieszczad 159; David Hough 440; Sandy Hill 236; Sue Kessel 455; Anita Sanders 267; Dean Slaton 512; Deborah Johnson 147t; Carolyn Alport 192; Leon Ballinger 358; Ted Mercer 276; Richard DeLong 439.

A business meeting was entered, and committee reports were called for. The treasurer reported that the expenses had largely been met. The secretary reported a total of 145 songs led, and 11 states represented: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. The Resolutions Committee offered the following report: We thank God for bringing us all together at this glorious place. We are grateful for the sunshine yesterday and are grateful for the rain but wish she had held off 'til later. We thank each of you who have come from far and near to join us in singing. We thank the convention officers and committee members. It clearly takes a whole community of people to put together a convention like this. All those who were so generous with their time, labor, thoughts, gifts of public relations, cooking, housing, transportation and financial resources, without thought of exhaustion or the poor house, without whom this convention would not have happened. Big, big thanks to Laura Boyd Russell, Rick Russell, and

Betty Herman: "She loafed not, neither did she go fishing." We appreciate the lifelong singers who come from far away and patiently and gently guide us through each convention. We hope this convention inspires you to support Sacred Harp Singers across the country by: attending as many singings as possible, welcoming new singers, supporting your local singing, and attending next year's convention.

Laura Boyd Russell closed the convention leading song on page 62, and all who wished took the parting hand. Stephen O'Leary offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - Laura Boyd Russel; Vice Chairman - Chris Thorman; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber.

FOHS HALL FOUR-NOTE SINGING

Marion, Kentucky

January 27, 1996

William Paris welcomed all singers and guests to the fifth annual four-note singing by having each give their name and place of residence. The mayor of Marion, Kentucky, Micky Alexander, also gave an official welcome on behalf of the City as well as the Community Arts Foundation, who helps sponsor the singing.

The order of the singing was to be one hour from "Southern Harmony", followed by one hour from "Sacred Harp". After the noon recess we would sing selections from "Kentucky Harmony" and "Missouri Harmony" along with more selections from the morning books.

Mr. William Paris opened the "Southern Harmony" singing by leading 103, 252. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 291t, 267b; Robert Meek 213, 46; Jim Page 83, 92t; Don Waggener 296, 305; Denise Morris 133; Mary Ruth Cannon 266; Karen Isbell 277, 11; Becky Browne 72t, 27b; Keith MacAdam 38; William Paris 71.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds began the "Sacred Harp" session by leading song on page 85. Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 107, 29t; Kathy Hull 354b, 551; Gary Gronau 385t, 384; Jim Page 352, 228; Robert Meek 178, 68b; Don Waggener 410t, 58; William Paris 196, 66; Denise Morris 344, 272; Becky Browne 39t, 203; Karen Isbell 142, 76b; Mary Ruth Cannon 143, 139; Keith MacAdam 455. The session was dismissed for dinner with prayer by Don Waggener.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was begun by William Paris leading song on page 13b from the "Kentucky Harmony".

A memorial for Willard Walker, Ray Mofield, and Glenn Wilcox, who passed on during the past year, and who were great enthusiasts of "Southern Harmony", was led by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 288t from the "Southern Harmony".

Mr. William Paris asked the class to try out for him his version of "Green Ridge", an old song that once was sung at Pleasant Hill Regular Baptist Church. The next book to be enjoyed was "Missouri Harmony". Karen Isbell began this session by leading song on page 63t. Leaders: Becky Brown 87b; William Paris 23b; Tim Reynolds 121; Kathy Hull 35; Jim Page 57b; Mary Ruth Cannon 129; Gary Gronau 36b; Jeanette Lowry 150; Karen Isbell 116.

Going back to "Southern Harmony", William Paris led song on page 189.

Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 5b, 265; Arnold Hunt 20; William Hunt 66; Gary Gronau 35t, 150; Kathy Hull 94t.

The final selections were from "Sacred Harp". Leaders: Tim Reynolds 117; Keith MacAdam 441; Becky Browne 300; Jeanette Lowry 347.

Following announcements, the singing was closed with prayer by Elder William E. Hunt.

Chairman - William Paris; Vice Chairs - Tim Reynolds and Karen Isbell;
Secretary - Nancy Paris.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **Fort Worth, Texas** **January 27, 1996**

The twelfth annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January. This is the fifth year that the 1991 Revision of The Sacred Harp has been used, and it was an excellent singing. The morning session was called to order by Dr. William J. Reynolds who led the song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Cliff Hackler. After a cordial welcome to all singers and opening comments, Dr. David Music was recognized as Chairman; Dr. Timothy Studstill as chairman of the Arranging Committee; and Mrs. Mariah Humphries as Secretary. The following leaders were then called: David Music 63; Gaylon Powell 133; Cliff Hackler 40; Barbara Moore 480; Kelly Beard 77b; Al Rogers 198; Leon Ballinger 137; Beverly Coates 56; Greg Economides 454; Ray Barnett 294; Bruce Coates 176b; Joan Babcock 49b; Charlene Wallace 225t; Donald Ross 178; David Howell 159; Reed Coates 39b; Avon Miller 50; Owen Ross 192; Sarah Coates 203.

RECESS

Dr. David Music opened the second assembly by leading the song on page 155. The following leaders were called: Charles Whitmer 218; Diane Ross 354; Josh Rogan 268; Harold Hannock 274; Lawson Smith 100; Ryan Ross 276; Jennifer Rogan 328; Andrew Albers 118; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Michelle Rogan 142; Carlene Griffin 570; Esther Huckaby 358; Vivian Rogan 68b; A. A. Smith 418; Sharon Smith 418; Gary Rogan 285; Ken Smith 434; Elizabeth Rogan 215; Myra Palmer 318. Dr. David Music presented announcements. Judge Donald Ross concluded in prayer.

LUNCH

Dr. David Music opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 34b. The following leaders were called: Tim Studstill 569b; Mary Bachmann 146; Kelly Beard 327; Gaylon Powell 455; William J. Reynolds 128; Donald Ross 331; Barbara Moore 117; Charles Whitmer 504; Martha Miller 535; Leon Ballinger 84; Al Rogers 373; Myra Palmer 273; Beverly Coates 330; Charlene Wallace 441; Greg Economides 280; Ernestine Pipkin 186; Ray Barnett 354b; Bruce Coates 400; Carlene Griffin 171; Joan Babcock 122. Dr. David Music dismissed for break.

RECESS

Diane Ross opened the next session by leading song on page 150. The following leaders were called: Kelly Beard 145; Lawson Smith 300; Reed Coates 31; Avon Miller 475; Vivian Rogan 282; Owen Ross 220; Josh Rogan 79; Sarah Coates 344; Sharon Smith 143; Gary Rogan 324; Harold Hannock 148; Michelle Rogan 81; Andrew Albers 424; Jennifer Rogan 67; A. A. Smith 383; Elizabeth Rogan 66; Ryan Ross 196. Dr. David Music led 45t as the final song then closed the session with prayer. The 1997 Sacred Harp Singing at Southwestern Seminary was announced for January 25, 1997.

Chairman - Dr. David Music; Secretary - Mrs. Mariah Humphries.

BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Bay Minette, Alabama

January 27-28, 1996

Saturday, January 27

The Baldwin County Singing Convention was held at City Hall in Bay Minette, Alabama on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January. Chairman William Green opened the convention leading song on page 70t. The opening prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Vice Chairman J. A. Mosley led song on page 31b, and Alice Mosley, Secretary, led 45. Leaders: Bill Hogan 159, 572; Rachel Lee 392, 276; Elvin Guthrie 218, 311; Shelbie Sheppard 110, 385t; David Lee 364, 368t; Thurman Nall 285t, 38; Kathy Lee 32t, 411; William Green 437; Christine Gandy 145, 143; Emma Mosley 550b; Velton Chafin 114b, 225t; Buddy Tindal 36b, 535t; Cecil Sanders 73t; Ozella Blackmon 559; Brenda Merritt 497, 450; Keterina Sanders 572; Willie Mosley 77; Marie Guthrie 224, 192; Lonnie Rogers 186, 101; Leola Smith 217, 189; Becky Lombard 358, 40; Bud Oliver 47, 440b; Jeff Sheppard 388, 507b; Edith Tate 507t; Cindy Franklin 191, 505.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard and William Green led song on page 407. Leaders: Flarce Creel 384, 306; Cassie Franklin 39, 540; Harrison Creel 381, 355; Horace Batchelor 279, 289; John Merritt 264b, 539; Doug Wood 72, 283; A. C. Carter 104, 199; Murray Carter 491, 46; Jerry Schreiber 196, 137; Rachel Lee 336t; Elvin Guthrie 399; Shelbie Sheppard 54; David Lee 511b; Kathy Lee 410; Emma Mosley 84; Velton Chafin 175; Brenda Merritt 478; Marie Guthrie 434; Lonnie Rogers 377; Leola Smith 472; Bud Oliver 270; Doug Wood 145t; Harrison Creel 395b; Horace Batchelor 271b; David Lee 488. The class was dismissed with prayer by John Merritt.

Sunday, January 28

Chairman William Green opened this session leading song on page 30. Mr. Lonnie Rogers led our opening prayer. William Green led song on page 442t. J. A. Mosley, Vice Chairman, led 72, and Alice Mosley, Secretary, led 282. Leaders: Flarce Creel 559; Bud Oliver 563; Agnes Farris 410, 418; Cindy Franklin 174, 564; Bill Farris 401, 537; Vickie Aplin 411; Margaret Spurlock 268; Jeff Shepard 497, 522; Thurman Nall 550; John Etheridge 524; Harrison Creel 511b; Bill Aplin 225, 285; Velton Chafin 336b; Ozella Blackmon 282; J. A. Mosley, William Green, and two people from Montgomery Press led song on page 348. William Green announced that it was time for our Memorial Service. The committee was Cindy Franklin, Edith Tate, and Ginny Whitworth, with Cindy Franklin being the chairman. Cindy Franklin paid tribute and spoke of this service as a "Celebration Service" to our deceased singers, and for those who are sick and shut-in. Cindy's service gave great meaning for all of our loved singers that were not with us. Edith Tate and Ginny Whitworth both led a song in memory of our deceased singers and our sick and shut-ins. Leaders: Shelbie Shepard 290, 404; John Merritt 358, 38t; Tommie Spurlock 98, 183; Jerry Schreiber 506, 112; J. A. Mosley 387; Buddy Tindal 182, 73t; Lonnie Rogers 395, 222.

LUNCH

J. A. Mosley opened the afternoon session leading song on page 570. Leaders: Willie Mosley 81; Brenda Merritt 203, 196; Cassie Franklin 573, 393; Elvin Guthrie 94, 78; Emma Mosley and Crystal Menes 558, 571; Marie Guthrie 229,

280; Leola Smith 148, 185; Edith Tate 155, 371; Kate Merritt 198, 447t; Dana Merritt 392, 384; Jerry Schrieber 274; Bill Hogan 85, 58b; Alice Mosley 388, 343; Bill Farris 111t; Vickie Aplin 507t; Bill Aplin 67; Buddy Tindal 186; Thurman Nall led a print-out of "Sweet Hour of Prayer"; John Merritt 492; Tommy Spurlock 553b; Elvin Guthrie 455b; John Etheridge 482; Kate Merritt 48t; Dana Merritt 497; Bill Hogan 96; Willie Mosley 159. The closing song on page 62 was led by William Green, J. A. Mosley, and Alice Mosley. John Merritt led the closing prayer.

Chairman - William Green; Vice Chairman - J. A. Mosley; Secretary - Alice Mosley.

BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL SINGING

Jacksonville, Alabama

February 4, 1996

Singing could not be held because of weather conditions (ice).

MT. HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama

February 4, 1996

Singing could not be held because of weather conditions (ice).

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING

University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall

February 4, 1996

The fourth annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing at the University of Chicago's Ida Noyes Hall was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Duran Perkins leading song on page 155. Leaders: Wendy Wahn 220; Ted Johnson 348b; Patrina Patti 217; John Graven 66; Sam Farwell 146; David Barford 181; David Stockwell 178; Mickey Piette 27; Kathleen Kuiper 512; Marcia Johnson 434; Lisa Grayson 436; Wendy Lee 63; Debra Barford 163b; Joy Urban 149; Beverly Enright 496; Jeremy Straughn 504; Wendy Wahn 370; Duran Perkins 410t; Marcia Johnson 39t. The class organized by electing the following Officers: Chairman - Duran Perkins; Vice Chairman - Sam Sutton; Secretary - Debra Barford.

RECESS

Duran Perkins called the class together leading song on page 84. Leaders: Dan Morse 268; Melanie Hauff 215; Ted Mercer 270; Judy Hauff 565; Dean Slaton 532; Samuel Sommers 189; Connie Karduck 347; Suzanne Flandreau 274t; Bill Hamblin 106; Kelly Brest Van Kempen 335; Tom Finney 31t; Jerry Enright 123b; Brian Pollock 200; Kathy Krug 192; D. J. Hatfield 455; Flawn Williams 198; Sue Kessell 236.

RECESS

Ted Johnson brought the class together leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Wendy Lee 82t; Debra Barford 218; Lisa Grayson "Norman", her own composition; Marcia Johnson 260; Kathy Krug 293; Jim Helke 564; Jeremy York 47t; Terry Hogg 112; John Cravens 49b; Ted Mercer 352; Sam (last name unknown) 56b; Connie Karduck 103; Samuel Sommers 46. Duran Perkins led song on page 62 as the closing song, and singers were dismissed after taking the "parting hand". Scores of listeners and new singers dropped in throughout the day. This singing is co-sponsored by the University of Chicago Folklore Society and the date, set by the University, can vary in early February each year.

Chairman - Duran Perkins; Vice Chairman - Sam Sutton; Secretary - Debra Barford.

OHIO STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Bluffton and Ada, Ohio

February 17-18, 1996

Saturday, February 17

The fourth annual Ohio State Convention for Saturday was held at the Ebenezer Mennonite Old Schoolhouse near Bluffton, Ohio. Kathy Knecht called the class to order leading song on page 49t. Beth Huener offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Jim Coppock 288; Virginia Cameron 128; Eric Conrad 163t; Charlotte Wolfe 47t; Linda Coppock 38b; Nathan Barford 34b; Robert A. Meek 178; Debbie Barford 171; John Bayer, Jr. 123b; Emmie Barford 479; Kat Kinkade 528; Samuel Sommers 422; Christine Guth 77t; Loraine Bayer 501; Leyland DelRe 504; Kelly Macklin 125; Michael Hieber 37b; James Page 268; Fred Todt 38t; Jodi Liss 89.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class back by leading song on page 474, and conducted the business meeting. Co-Chairpersons - Kathryn and Charles Knecht; Vice Chair - Paul Foster; Secretary - Kay Bieszczad; Arranging - Beth Huener; Treasurer - Jo McCormick; Location Committee - John Bealle and Michael Darby; Memorial Committee - Michele Rae Biery, Beth Huener, and Kelly Macklin. Leaders: Kay Bieszczad 551; Kathy Knecht 84; Charles Knecht 29t; Paul Foster 442; Beth Huener 86; Michael Darby 350; Charles Wells 49b; Jeff Franklin 556; Ted Mercer 328; Connie Karduck 352; Marsha Johnson 434; Eloise Clark 188; Brad Oglesby 137; Ted Johnson 142; Debbie Hall 497; Elizabeth Todd 146; Melanie Hauff 421; Lorraine Sawyer 312b; Jerry Enright 370; John Bayer, Jr. 274t; Michele Rae Biery 273; Alexander Knecht and his mother, Kathryn Knecht 198; Jim Coppock 532; Michael Darby 183; Virginia Cameron 36b; Eric Conrad 39t; Kay Bieszczad 159.

While waiting for the final preparations for lunch, the class sang several familiar tunes for the ladies of the church who were serving lunch.

LUNCH

Kathy Knecht called the class back together leading song on page 46. Leaders: Judy Hauff 423; Dave Barford 168; Sylvia Thomas 455; Linda Coppock 542; Charlotte Wolfe 99; Robert Meek 143; Debbie Barford 269; Jim Coppock 485; Michael Darby 131b; Kay Bieszczad 105; Charles Knecht 500; Christine Guth 179. A collection to cover expenses was taken. Leaders: Beth Huener 236; Loraine Bayer 102; Leyland DelRe 213t; Kelly Macklin 214; Paul Foster 110; Dave Barford 147t; Linda Coppock 196; Charlotte Wolfe 192; Nathan Barford 66; James Page 216.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Charles Knecht leading song on page 42b. Leaders: Robert Meek 68; Emmie Barford, Regina Bayer, and Leyland DelRe 189; Debbie Barford 149; Kathryn Knecht 344; Michael Hieber 448b; Kat Kinkade 411; Samuel Sommers 426b (for his godson, Ian Samuel); Lois Hurt 59; Fred Todt 480; Jodi Liss 191; John Bealle 377; Charles Wells 569b; Jeff Franklin 300; Ted Mercer 90; Connie Kardock 34t; Marcia Johnson 33t; Brad Oglesby 503; Lorraine Sawyer 195. Announcements of upcoming sings were made, including a special sing in Chicago next weekend, and conventions in Kentucky the first Saturday after Easter, in Missouri on March 9, and the annual Midwest

Convention during the fifth weekend in June. Laura Weber then lead the class in closing with the song on page 347.

Sunday, February 18

The Sunday session of the convention was held at the chapel on the campus of Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. The class called itself to order by singing the song on page 153 without a leader. Leaders: Kathy Knecht 48t; Beth Huener 163b; Paul Foster 48b; Kay Bieszczad 452; Charles Knecht 32b; Joe Todd 312b; Ted Mercer 346; Virginia Benade 49b; Marcia Johnson 32t; Connie Karduck 498; Jeff Franklin 99; Charles Wells 45t; Lois Hurt 551; John Bealle 278t; Brad Oglesby 171; Samuel Sommers 543; Fred Todt 315; Kat Kinkade 215; James Page, 474; Jodi Liss 200; Kelly Macklin 464; Leyland DelRe 448t; John Bayer, Jr. 567; Loraine Bayer 313b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Eloise Clark leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Elizabeth Todd 85; Mike Hieber 159; Christine Guth 272; Michael Darby 31t; Judy Hauff 172; Michele Rae Biery 186; Jerry Enright 383; Melanie Hauff 444; Debbie Hall 453; Ted Johnson 368; Michele Rae Biery 163b. The memorial lesson was given at this time. Messages were given by Michelle Rae Biery and Kelly Macklin. Noted especially was the relatively large number of children present, particularly the several young leaders. We hope this trend will continue. This is part of the tradition which seems to be generally absent from the northern sings. Beth Huener read the names of the deceased: Georgia - Randolph Mincey, Martha Clarke Wells (mother of Charles Wells who died on August 12, 1995. Martha Clarke Wells was the great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin White); Tennessee - Jack Everts; Ohio - Sherrill Brandenburg (a friend of Ed and Lil Huener); Pennsylvania - Christopher Rose who died on January 18, 1996; Alabama - Hoyt Renfro, Lessie Cates, Aver Crider, and Dewey Williams; Florida - George Klein; New York - Joe Beasley; Illinois - Jean Buck and Ron Buck. Those sick and shut-ins remembered: Jane Conrad, mother of Eric Conrad, who is recovering from a heart attack; Tammy Webster, a close friend of Paul Foster, who is battling leukemia; Virgil Phillips; Eleanor Heasley of Pennsylvania who is recovering from a December auto accident; Jack Corley, Eva Reeves, and Lissa Blood. To conclude, Kelly Macklin lead the song on page 566. Leaders: Lorraine Sawyer 114; Paul Foster 193; Kay Bieszczad 178; Michael Hieber 323b; Charles Knecht 377; Alexander Knecht 59 (with his mother Kathryn and little sister); Kathryn Knecht 376; Ted Mercer 240; Marcia Johnson "Marcia", a 1994 composition by Judy Hauff and John Bayer; Beth Huener 547.

LUNCH

The class was called back by Paul Foster leading song on page 155. Leaders: Joe Todd 58; Jeff Franklin 351; Brad Oglesby 63; Samuel Sommers 369; Fred Todt 212; Kat Kinkade 428; James Page "Northern Court", a 1992 composition by James Page; Kelly Macklin 372; Jodi Liss 103; John Bealle 217; John Bayer, Jr. 39b; Loraine Bayer 61; Lois Hurt 79; Elizabeth Todd 495; Christine Guth 362; Michael Darby 56b; Eloise Clark 524; Judy Hauff 546; Michelle Rae Biery 361.

RECESS

The class was called back by Eloise Clark leading song on page 107. Leaders: Jerry Enright 399t; Ted Johnson 348b; Debbie Hall 184; Melanie Hauff 536; Christine Guth 30b; Lois Hurt 49t; Kelly Macklin 208; James Page 550; Samuel Sommers 112; Marcia Johnson 288; Judy Hauff 313t; Kat Kinkade 106; John Bealle 36b; John Bayer, Jr. "Okefenokee", a 1995 composition by John Bayer, Jr. and Judy Hauff; Charles Knecht 430; Leyland DelRe 28b; Kay Bieszczad 56t; Beth Huener 39t; Paul Foster 95. Announcements followed about the sings

mentioned Saturday. Also, mentioned were an upcoming sing in Virginia and the Michiana sing in Goshen, Indiana in July. Charles Knecht led song on page 62 as the closing song. Beth Huener gave the closing prayer.

Our leaders were from 8 states: 12 from Illinois, 2 from Indiana, 2 from Kentucky, 2 from Michigan, 33 from Ohio, 1 from Pennsylvania, 3 from Virginia, and 1 from Wisconsin. A total of 180 songs were led, and the total number of singers averaged about 80.

Chairman - Kathryn Knecht and Charles Knecht; Vice Chairman - Paul Foster; Secretary - Kay Bieszczad.

SANDERS MEMORIAL **Cordova Senior Citizen Center - Cordova, Alabama** **February 18, 1996**

The annual singing of the Sanders Memorial was held at the Cordova Senior Citizen Center on the third Sunday in February. The singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 295b. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel. Velton Chafin led song on page 36b. The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Cindy Franklin; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Velton Chafin led song on page 56t. Cecil Sanders read a note received from Virgil and Ruby Phillips, and led songs on pages 318, 434. Leaders: John Hyde 297, 546; Gene Wakefield 100, 168; Ila Engle 373, 270; Sue Aaron 63, 335; Lena Keeton 176b, 217; Julianna Jett 146; Ann Jett "The Great Roll Call", "That Beautiful Land"; Travis Keeton 179, 58; Clayton Ezell 163t, 137.

RECESS

John Hocutt called the class back together leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Thurman Nall 503b, 523b; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Christine Gandy 145b, 354b; Gordon Wilkerson 436, 530; Bud Oliver 73t, 345t; Cassie Franklin 166b, 108t; Milton Oliver 321b, 222; Lola Roberson 475, 208; Cindy Franklin 220, 198; Cecil Sanders 294, by request; Velton Chafin 480, for Tom Harper. The blessing for lunch was given by Clayton Ezell.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Velton Chafin leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 83t, for Ora Lee and Bob Fannin, 47t, 67; Harrison Creel 157, 182; Larry Ballinger 91, 90; Lucy Heidorn 40, 155; Josie Hyde 183, 224; Harrison Creel 378b, 111b; Marie Aldridge 192, 186; Wanda Capps 448t, 187; Eugene Forbes 101t, 112; Clayton Ezell 278t; Bud Oliver 145t; Thurman Nall 287; Milton Oliver 403; Gordon Wilkerson 498; Eugene Forbes 405; John Hyde 124; Cecil Sanders 390, in memory of his parents, 569b; Velton Chafin 78 for his sister, Tressie Atkins. Velton Chafin and John Hocutt led song on page 225t for the closing song. The closing prayer was given by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Cindy Franklin.

WINSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE MEMORIAL SINGING **Winston County, Alabama** **Saturday, February 24, 1996**

The third session of the Winston County Courthouse Memorial Singing was held in memory of the singers and supporters who have passed away. The class was called to order by Milford Watts leading song on page 90. The morning prayer was led by Brother Blanton Adire. The class organized for the day by

electing or appointing the following: Chairman - Milford Watts; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Milford Watts led song on page 106. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 108b, 109; Lena Harper 460, 122; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Amanda Denson 339; Gina Courtington 294 (for grandmothers, Lena Wakefield and Mrs. Cobb); Corene White 73t, 379; Eron White 300; Hubert Hood 340, 569b; Roxie Keeton 48; Brother Blanton Adire 159, 335; Estelle Napier 318, 283; Cecil Sanders 475 (in memory of Tom Roberson); A. C. McGough 410t, 390; Lola Roberson 137, 297 (in memory of her husband, Tom Roberson).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Odie Horton leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 145b, 147t; Elmer Conwill 146, 290; Juanita Whitman 37b, 39b; L. E. Hannah 83t (for Ora Lee Fannin), 273; Gladys Bonds 77t, 499; Buell Cobb 31b, 138t; Margaret Keeton 43, 57; Rose Altha Taylor 336, 144; Cecil Gilliland 123b, 329; Ada Godsey 34t, 63 (in memory of husband, Howard Godsey); Milford Watts 490.

LUNCH

Elmer Conwill called the class back to order leading songs on pages 416 and 275b. Leaders: Paul Gilliland 565b, 308; Clifford Wakefield 418, 421; Dr. Warren Steel 163, 390; Dorothea McCowan 218, 196; Mamie Jones 445, 442; Roma Rice 104, 147b; Josie Hyde 225t, 278t; Odie Horton 276, 426t; John Hyde 111b, 30t; Myrtice Graham 161, 157; Amanda Denson 373, 217; Milford Watts 183, 97. Milford Watts led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Milford Watts; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

College Station Conference Center, College Station, Texas

February 24-25, 1996

Saturday, February 24

The fourth annual Texas State Convention met at College Station Conference Center in College Station, Texas. Preceding the convention, a singing school was held by Charles Whitmer. Chairman Mike Hinton called the convention to order leading song on page 59. After opening prayer by B. E. Matthews, Chairman Mike Hinton led song on page 452. Vice Chairman Don Barker then led 145b, and Secretary Gaylon Powell led 328. The following leaders were called: Greg Economides 528; Bill Reynolds 159; Ophelia Matthews 480; Baron Powers 268; Sarah Coates 224; Peter Nichols 128; Chris Blevins 400; Vivian Rogan 49t; Tom Owen 492; Emmie Morris 475; Beverly Coates 472; Tammy Powell 546; Michael Moseley 142; Jennifer Rogan 112; Leon Ballinger 460; Owen Ross 66; Troxel Ballou 61; Mary Bachmann 64.

RECESS

Chairman Mike Hinton called the singers back leading song on page 340. Leaders: Charles Whitmer 218; Edith Owen 34b; Ernestine Pipkin 146; Myrl Jones 189; Barbara Moore 312b; David Moseley 117; Josh Rogan 63; Al Rogers 198; Diane Ross 504; Kelly Beard 347; B. E. Matthews 318; Glenn Davis 58; Reed Coates 47t; Monnie Ross 148; Doris Hanks 384; Michele Rogan 38t; Jeb Owen 373.

LUNCH

After Vice Chairman Don Barker called the singers back, leading song on page 354b, the following leaders were called: Don Ross 391; Amanda Owen 84; Ray Barnett 294; Mary Oruc 178; Gary Rogan 47b; Kevin Powell 240; Marcelene

Hardy 172; Elizabeth Rogan 216; Leland Owen 73t; A. A. Smith, Jr. 383; Bruce Coates 73b; John Morris 512; Myra Palmer 436; Gaylon Powell 267 (by request); Greg Economides 532; Owen Ross 361; David Moseley 40; Chris Blevins 171. Committees were appointed: Memorial Committee - Beverly Coates, Al Rogers, and Barbara Moore; Nominations Committee - Doris Hanks, Greg Economides, and Jeb Owen.

RECESS

Mike Hinton called singers back leading song on page 490. Leaders: Amanda Owen 300; Kevin Powell 535; Baron Powers 79; Sarah Coates 344; Troxel Ballou 65; Tammy Powell 454; Elizabeth Rogan 168; Reed Coates 133; Marcelene Hardy 192; Josh Rogan 439; Jeb Owen 182; Jennifer Rogan 324; Doris Hanks 176b; Ophelia Matthews 569b; Glenn Davis 53; Michele Rogan 45t. Mike Hinton led 72b for the closing song for the day. The singing closed with prayer by Leon Ballinger.

Sunday, February 25

The Convention met Sunday morning with Chairman Mike Hinton calling the session to order leading song on page 143. After prayer by B. E. Matthews, the following leaders were called: Vice Chairman Don Barker 97; Secretary Gaylon Powell 335; A. A. Smith Jr. 406; Edith Owen 47t; Ray Barnett 408; John Morris 377; Joan Porter 457; Kay Martin 276; Andrew Albers 573; Don Ross 284; Pam Rainoshek 143; Josh Rogan 117; Bernice Cottle 61; Trish Henderson 236; Myrl Jones 142; Amanda Owen 36b; Owen Ross 168.

RECESS

Don Barker called the singers back leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Gary Rogan 369; Tom Owen 250; Baron Powers 358; Mary Oruc 49b; Leon Ballinger 137; Ernestine Pipkin 186; Doris Hanks 448b; Elizabeth Rogan 215; Jeb Owen 480; Emmie Morris 273; Mary Bachmann 538; Jennifer Rogan 196.

This being the time for the Memorial Lesson, Barbara Moore made a few comments and read the list of names: Oma Porter, Estelle Terry, Cobie Allen, Floyd Stiefel, Arnevis Norton, Ethel Clark, Dale Redmon, Sr., Lewis Vaughn, and Kevin Aplin. Al Rogers led 285t in their memory. Beverly Coates led 147t for the sick and shut-ins. Mike Hinton led the class in prayer to close the morning session.

LUNCH

Secretary Gaylon Powell called the singing back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Charles Whitmer 556; Hobie Henderson 330b; B. E. Matthews 434; Diane Ross 354; Myra Palmer 208; Reed Coates 49t; Glenn Davis 146; Al Rogers 452; Michele Rogan 274t; Barbara Moore 145b; Sarah Coates 440; Marcelene Hardy 112; Bruce Coates 387; Ophelia Matthews 565b; Vivian Rogan 100; Leland Owen 235b; Kelly Beard 542; Peter Nichols 546. A short business meeting was held. The following were nominated and elected for the 1997 session: Don Barker, Chairman; Bruce Coates, Vice Chairman; Gaylon Powell, Secretary. Announcements were made.

RECESS.

The singers were called back by Mike Hinton leading song on page 288. Leaders: Beverly Coates 163b; Monnie Ross 108b; Doris Hanks 34; Kay Martin 267; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Andrew Albers 399; Greg Economides 551; A. A. Smith, Jr. 384; Tom Owen 442; Baron Powers 119; Myra Palmer 441; Diane Ross 455; John Morris 448t; Leon Ballinger 405; Don Ross 225t; Emmie Morris 220; Kelly Beard 485; Owen Ross 212. The fifth annual session will return to the College Station Conference Center the fourth Sunday in February and Saturday before in 1997. After the closing prayer by Curtis Owen, the convention closed with Mike

Hinton leading song on page 62. Chairman - Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman - Don Barker; Secretary - Gaylon Powell.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION
Seattle, Washington
February 24-25, 1996

The fifth annual session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Sunset Hill Community Center in Ballard, a neighborhood of Seattle, Washington. On Saturday afternoon, February 24, Judy Hauff of Chicago taught a four hour singing school, attended by about 80 students. On Sunday, February 25, our singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Dave Hough leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was given by Joanne Hoover. The following posts were filled: Chair - Dave Hough; Secretary - Anne Huckins; Treasurer - Reed Schilbach; Arranging - Kathy Vlach. Leaders: Katharine O'Hara 378b; Marcia Stedman 313b; Ken Cofield 61; Audrey Karabinus 503b; Reed Schilbach 324; Jack Lofton 200; Linda Nelson 312b; Susan Helf 47t; Jacob Priestley 569b; Joanne Hoover 28b; Jinx McGuire 414b; Karen Willard 278b; Shannon McGuire 268; Jim Friedrich 163; Anne Huckins 84; Glenn Salisbury 35; Kathy Vlach 358.

RECESS

Dave Hough led song on page 385t to bring the class together. Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 428; Sandy Klein 323b; Hal Kunkel 532; Carla Smith 296; Sandy Hill 454; Jerry Schreiber 328; Judy Hauff 528; Howard Newell 66; Molly Sayvetz 99; Gary Plouff 209; Karen Stingle 254, Paul Booth 198.

RECESS

The class was reassembled and the following leaders were called: Sharon Kermiet 384; Darlene Simpson-Brown 34b.

Our Memorial Lesson was held at this time. After a brief explanation of what the Memorial Lesson is and why we include it in our conventions, Katharine O'Hara and Marcia Stedman stood at opposite corners of the square, faced each other and read antiphonally the following:

"In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them. In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them. In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them. In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them. In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them. In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them. When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them. When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them. When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them. So long as we sing, they too shall sing, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them."

The song on page 85 was led for those who have died: New York - Joe Beasley; Germany - Oskar Biehler; Alabama - Helen Ivey Cordell, Stan Davis, Ruth Fansler, Ruby Sheppard Gibson, Ester Reed, Dewey Williams, and Kelsey Rene Wootten; Idaho - Dewey H. Cofield and Linda Culley; Colorado - Forrest Cornwell; Virginia - Ellen Read Hough; Arizona - Fernando Jamarne, Jim Jefferis, George Lissandrello, Joe Mendito, Arthur Miller, Patti Skyshadow, Jenny Cutler Strickler, and Donald B. Willard.

Marcia Stedman led song on page 147 for the sick and shut-ins: Donna Mae Butler, Gene Callahan, and Catherine Cessna - Pennsylvania; Betty Chamberlain and Annie Dolby - Arizona; Rork Egan, Michael Hoey, and Deb Johnson - Colorado; Dario Landazuri and Lawrence Lavy - Ohio; Vinnie Mendito, Kate Moore, Louise Poussaint, Katharine Sayvetz, and Louise Yates.

Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 114; Rick Russell 48t; Jan Evans 146; Chris Kermiet 376; Jean Murphy 380; Gerald Currens 178.

LUNCH

Dave Hough led song on page 282 to bring the class together. Leaders: Bruce MacDonald 163t; Karen Willard "Harper's Lament"; Sarah Bryant 38; Craig Brandis 49b; Carla Smith 34t; Hal Kunkel 362b; Laura Boyd Russell 211; Jerry Schreiber 236; Sandra Klein 210; Sandy Hill 350; Rick Russell 280; Judy Hauff 542; Sharon Kermiet 189; Paul Booth 191; Carolyn Deacy 299; Chris Kermiet 48.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber led song on page 276 to reassemble the class. Leaders: Jack Lofton 344; Molly Sayvetz 497; Gary Plouff 102; Erika Nelson 455; Howard Newell 535b; Jan Maher 377; Glenn Salisbury 354b; Garylee Johnson 146; Judy Hauff 368. The Board of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singers announced that beginning in 1997 they will sponsor two conventions: one to continue on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February and to be held at this same site in Seattle, Washington, and the other to be held in Portland, Oregon sometime at the end of October or beginning of November. These two conventions will be annual. An announcement greeted by much surprise followed by affirmation and pleasure: Katharine O'Hara and David Hough will be wed on Friday, July 26, 1996! The Resolutions Committee wished first of all to thank the Creator for letting us all come together in this very friendly and welcoming singing community. We are thankful for the fine weather, this wonderful singing hall, and all those who have come to share. We thank Judy Hauff for teaching us so well the southern style, sharing that spooky recording, and getting us all to shuffle and slide. We thank all the organizers of this year's convention including Karen Willard, Dave Hough, and Katharine O'Hara; Reed Schilbach and Susan Helf for locating this superb site in which to sing; Reed Schilbach for arranging the lovely dinner Saturday night and hosting the party afterwards; the faithful souls at the registration tables: Ken Hallock, Jerry Schreiber, Laurel Stone, Karen Willard; the kitchen crew: Ken Hallock, Darlene Carson, Sarah Sharpe, Alex Hallock, Darlene Simpson-Browne, and Judy Renicker; housing coordinator Susan Helf; all the local hosts and hostesses; all those whose talented hands provided the wonderful and bounteous food; and finally, all the singers who travelled here from afar to sing with us. Dave Hough led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the Parting Hand. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Joanne Hoover. Attending both the school and the singing were: 62 from Washington, 11 from Oregon, 8 from California, 6 from Colorado, 2 from Pennsylvania, 1 from Montana, 1 from Utah, 1 from Illinois, and 1 from Massachusetts. Chairman - Dave Hough; Secretary - Anne Huckins.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA "OLD HARP SINGING" **State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia** **February 25, 1996**

The twenty-third session of the Old Harp Singing of songs from the Social Harp and the Sacred Harp was held in the Visitor Center of the State Botanical Gardens on the fourth Sunday in February. The Social Harp was used in the morning, except where noted, and the afternoon singing was from the Sacred Harp.

The class was called together by John Garst leading song on page 544 in the Sacred Harp. Hugh McGraw gave the opening prayer. The class organized by electing last year's slate to serve again as officers: Chairman - John Garst; Vice

Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary - Charlene Wallace. Judy Mincey was appointed as Arranging Committee and Lee Rogers as Assistant Secretary. John Garst led song on page 51 from the Social Harp. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 76b, 76t; Lee Rogers 53, 133; Judy Mincey 133, 135; Dan Bailey 171, 173; Joyce Harrison 208b, 190b; Henry Zittrouer 68t, 143 (Sacred Harp); Helen Bryson 42, 89; David Grant 33t, 198.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class together leading song on page 250 of the Social Harp. Leaders: Bruce King 156, 118t; Richard DeLong 31, 37; Angela Benton 86, 90; Don Bowen 87, 194; Jeff Sheppard 176, 78; Billy Hollingsworth 79b, 160; Ash Raymond 52t, 20; Annette Raymond 83, 115; Kelly Morris 55b; Laura Akerman 191; Richard DeLong 154, 228; John Garst 155.

LUNCH

Lee Rogers opened the afternoon session of singing from the Sacred Harp leading songs on pages 352 and 327. Leaders: Kevin Kelly 52b; Janet Shepherd 155; Joyce Harrison 236; David Grant 287, 154; Helen Bryson 179, 182; Richard Johnson 273, 454; Raymond Hamrick 81, 231. Richard DeLong led song on page 230 and gave a short introduction to Sacred Harp singing for visitors and new singers, illustrating with songs on 72b and 110.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class together leading song on page 186. Leaders: Judy Mincey 475; Ash Raymond 479, 56t; Bruce King 268, 457; Kevin Kelly 49b; Charlene Wallace 49t, 425b; Kelly Morris 147t, 34t; Karen Morris 178t, 299; Laura Akerman 434, 341; Judy Mincey 133 (for Michael Lindsey). John Garst led the closing song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by John Hollingsworth.

Respectfully submitted, Lee Rogers.

Chairman - John Garst; Vice Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Page Walker Art Center, Cary, North Carolina** **Saturday, March 2, 1996**

The opening prayer was led by Convention Chaplain Henry Bizzell. Outgoing President Becky Hart led songs on pages 49t and 52t to begin the day of singing, followed by Tim Gee, outgoing Vice President leading song on page 38t. The following leaders were then called: Claudia Egelhoff 203; Gabriel Kastle 385t; G. C. Waldrep 192; John Feddersen 280; Matt Cartmill 71; John Smith 369; Mary Johnston 86; Sharon Kellam 133; Nancy Newell 163b; Don Polaski 38b; Sandra Polaski 178; Suzanne Newton 143; Mark Edwards 117; Becky Hart 142. A business session was held for the purpose of electing new officers. Those elected were: President - Matt Cartmill; Vice President - Mary Johnston; Secretary/Treasurer Tim Gee; Chaplain - Henry Bizzell. Matt Cartmill led song on page 528.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Matt Cartmill leading song on page 276. Leaders: Stephen McMaster 532; Peggy Loddengaard 61; Tim Eriksen 67; Lynda Hambourger 551; Cath Oss 448; Henry Bizzell 159; Peter Irvine 282; Hal Kunkel 193b; Frederick Rasenberger 56b; Patricia Temple 85; Gail Doss 128. G. C. Waldrep conducted a touching memorial lesson and then led song on page 347. Suzanne Newton contributed with 569b. Henry Bizzell closed the lesson with a prayer.

LUNCH

Matt Cartmill called the convention to order leading song on page 274b. Leaders: Joy Craig 34b; Gail Doss 314; Leslie Alperin 268; Blake Morris 546; Carlene Griffin 81t; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Gabriel Kastle 106; G. C. Waldrep 260; John Feddersen 361; Matt Cartmill 228; John Smith 549; Mary Johnston 344; Sharon Kellam 35; Nancy Newell 155; Don Polaski 454; Sandra Polaski 497; Suzanne Newton 156; Becky Hart 535, 269; Stephen McMaster 503.

RECESS

Matt Cartmill led song on page 31 to reassemble the class. Leaders: Erin Newton 377; Gerry Bowen 324; Hal Kunkel 318; Frederick Rasenberger 317; Patricia Temple 168; Gail Doss 135; Peggy Loddengaard 68; Lynda Hambourger 45; Henry Bizzell 127; Tim Gee 66; Blake Morris 163t; Stephen McMaster 373; Gerry Bowen 254; Ron Craig 504; Sandra Polaski 300; Gabriel Kastle 408; Joy Craig 84; John Feddersen 217; Claudia Egelhoff 501; Sharon Kellam 565; Mary Johnston 40; Nancy Newell 107; Suzanne Newton 82t; Becky Hart 291; Hal Kunkel 475; G. C. Waldrep 158; Frederick Rasenberger 421. The convention adjourned with 62 as the closing song.

Chairman - Matt Cartmill; Vice Chairman - Mary Johnston;
Secretary/Treasurer - Tim Gee.

DUKE MEMORIAL SINGING

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - Heard County, Georgia Saturday, March 2, 1996

The Duke Memorial Sacred Harp Singing met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County on Saturday, March 2, 1996. The class was called together by Everette Denney leading song on page 335. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Everette Denney led song on page 68b. Leaders: Felton Denney 72, 31t, 112; Don Bowen 32t, 37b, 59. Lonnie Rogers was appointed to act as the arranging committee. Leaders: Everette Denney 82; Don Clark 171, 186; John Plunkett 39t, 196; Bernard Denney 108t, 141, 155.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Everette Denney leading song on page 137. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 101t, 225t, 410t; Judy Mincey 523, 535, 348; Josephine Denney 75, 145, 143; Revy Williamson 99, 117.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Everette Denney leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 288, 290; Rev. Lloyd Toney 127, 45t, 100. M. T. Fuller gave a short address on the history of Bethel Church and the surrounding area. Leaders: Myra Tucker 63, 40; Jeff Sheppard 75, 97; John Plunkett 142; Don Bowen 503; Don Clark 480, 47b; Felton Denney 489; Bernard Denney 299; Judy Mincey 501; Shelbie Sheppard 168; Myra Tucker 84; Jeff Sheppard 441; Rev. Lloyd Toney 128; Josephine Denney 159, 358 (by request); Lonnie Rogers 348. Announcements were made, and page 490 was led by Everette Denney as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lloyd Toney.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney

MARTHA HARPER NIX - LEWIS KEETON MEMORIAL
New Flatwoods Church - Nauvoo, Alabama - Walker County
March 3, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Tim Gilmore leading song on page 31t. The morning prayer was given by A. C. McGough. Tim Gilmore led song on page 37b. The class elected the following officers: Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Ronald Gilmore; Secretary - Estelle Gilmore; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Tim Gilmore led song on page 77t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 142, 203; Hubert Hood 454, 569b; Arnold Moore 235b, 445b; Cecil Sanders 47t, 34t; Gene Wakefield 35, 64; Hugh Jones 498, 500; A. G. McGough 147t, 390; L. E. Hannah 391, 182; Johnny Humber 172, 200; Lisa Geist 269, 560.

RECESS

The class was called back by Ronald Gilmore leading song on page 306. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 283; Lola Roberson 475, 436; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 78; Willadean Barton 290; Josie Hyde 224, 225t; Lena Keeton 100, 546; Larry Ballinger 119, 282; Bruce Rye 270, 187; John Hyde 297, 73t; Ila McDonald 129, 275b; Tim Gilmore and Anita Naramore 111b, 145 (in memory of their mother, Lavada Gilmore). Tim Gilmore 442 (for Tom Harper).

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Tim Gilmore leading song on page 349. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 298, 530; Estelle Napier 123t, 471b; E. B. Madison 421, 217; Flarce Creel 384, 56t; Ellen Jones 392, 394; Edith Tate 106; Ila Ingle 137, 155; Odie Horton 326, 122; Keterina Sanders 89, 146; Warren Steel 197, 400; Lewis Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 318, 376; Tom Harper 434, 411; Kermit Adams 28b, 276; Alene Woodley 399b; Dorothea McCowan 218, 196; Janis Jones 373, 143; Rachel Jones 45t, 59; Velton Chafin 503, 66; Travis Keeton 274, 161 (for his brother, Wallace Keeton). Everyone was invited back next year. Tim Gilmore and Ronald Gilmore led song on page 278b as the closing song. Elder Ronald Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Ronald Gilmore; Secretary - Estelle Gilmore.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL
Ephesus, Georgia
March 3, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers convened at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March. Lonnie Rogers called the class together leading song on page 75. The morning prayer was given by Billy Joe Harris. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 33b; Elder Marshall Avery led songs on pages 40 and 74b. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Vivian Rogers. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 101t. Denney Rogers, mayor of Ephesus, gave a welcome address and led song on page 100. Leaders: Felton Denney 87; Jeff Sheppard 129, 475; I. V. McWhorter 82, 97; Keith Willard 111t, 102; Lucille Gunnells 123t, 189; Kim Cagle 371, 373; Eloise Avery 34b; 35; Ruby Phillips 331; Milton Oliver 321b, 222; Daphene Causey 318, 439; Laura Webb 288, 178.

RECESS

The class was called together by Felton Denney and Seth Denney leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Myron House 173, 135; Sheri Taylor 325, 324; Bill Green

481; Floy Wilder 327; S. T. Reed 289, 134; Shelbie Sheppard 88t, 137; Linda Thomas 171; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Lee Rogers 274b, 513; Bud Oliver 47t, 39b; George Rogers and G. W. Rogers 339; Jan House 496, 498. Rebecca Carlile, principal of Ephesus School, gave a short talk, and welcomed everyone to the school. Leaders: Revy Williamson 503; Alice Edwards 73b; Don Bowen 549b, 347. Rev. Fred Cook gave the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

The singing resumed after lunch with Lonnie Rogers and Rev. Fred Cook leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 452, 445b; Leola Smith 48t, 418. The memorial lesson was given by Ruth Brown with remarks about the long list of singers that we have lost in the last year. Felton Denney led 147t in memory of: Lee McCormick, Chad McCormick, Lloyd Kimbrell, Woodrow Denney, Mrs. Lois Adair, and Malcolm Rogers. The Lonnie Rogers children: Denney Rogers, Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, and Paige Harrod led songs on pages 340 and 143. The memorial was closed with prayer by Mary Florence Smith. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 183, 441; Oscar McGuire 155, 276; Evelyn Harris 159, 270; Judy Mincey 474, 497; Tokey Boggs 445b, 449; Everette Denney 335, 119; Lou Cotney 300, 212; B. M. Smith 28b (for his mother), 384; Carlene Griffin 225t; Louise Holland 144, 273; Keith Willard 160. A collection of \$81.18 was taken. Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers and Felton Denney led song on page 348b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith. Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Vivian Rogers.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION

Webster University Music Annex, St. Louis, Missouri

March 9-10, 1996

Saturday, March 9

The eleventh annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Webster University Music Annex on the Webster University campus by the chairperson, Karen Isbell, who led the song on page 313b. The morning prayer was led by Jim Hearn. Other convention officers were: Vice Chairperson - Gary Gronau; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Rebecca Browne; Memorial Committee - Judy Mincey and Ted Mercer; Hospitality Committee - JoDell Albi; Sales and Registration Committee - Jeanette Lowry. Gary Gronau led song on page 38t; Rebecca Browne 171. Leaders: Kathleen Thro 421; Charlie Derleth 111b; Ann Leckie 186; Jim Solheim 377; Patty Doss 102; Dave Ressler 411; Emily Gruber 86; Bill Ellason 59; Kathryn Smith 148; Dan Gibbons 383; Lee Steinmetz 309; Connie Karduck 192; James Page 505; Rebecca Green 84; Marcia Johnson 297; Bill Carlson 352; Jenny Willard 515b; Jerry Enright 197; Jeanette Lowry 183.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Gary Gronau leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 122; Tim Reynolds 182; Susan Green 350; John Bailey 556; Melanie Hauff 430; Bob Borcharding 107; Sandie Scott 117; Ted Mercer 274b; Presley Barker 313b; Judy Mincey 475; Keith Willard 74b; Karen Hojnacki 340; Robert Meek 143; John Seaton 103; Darryl Mayberry and Janet Borman 454; Richard Green 99; Julie Vea 372; Judy Hauff 503b; Janet Fraembs 532; Ted Johnson 440; Marsha Kostman 497; JoDell Albi 180. Grace was said by Johanna Fabke.

LUNCH

The class resumed for the afternoon session with Jeanette Lowry leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Keith Willard 501b; Julie Vea 106; Melanie Hauff 428; Robert Meek 178; Kathleen Thro 385t; Richard Green 38b; Janet Fraembs 455; John Seaton 47t; Judy Mincey 510; Jim Solheim "Missouri Harp"; Darryl Mayberry 85; Tim Reynolds 198; Jenny Willard 168; Judy Hauff 220; James Page 131t; Jean Carhart 569b; Karen Hojnacki 436; Ted Johnson 89; Sandie Scott 128; John Bailey 145b; Susan Green 474.

RECESS

Karen Isbell called the class back to order leading song on page 142. Leaders: Dan Gibbons 203; Rebecca Green 63; Jerry Enright 442; Ted Mercer 521; Paula Goode 31t; Lee Steinmetz 250; Marcia Johnson 260; Bill Carlson 336; Janet Borman 66; Bob Borcherding 384; Kathleen Wyllie 282; Johanna Fabke 504; Connie Karduck 36t; Marjie Kennedy 163b; Dave Ressler 189; Kathryn Smith 299; Rebecca Browne 300. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lee Steinmetz. Karen Isbell closed the session by leading song on page 347.

Sunday, March 10

The Sunday session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the same location by Chairperson Karen Isbell, who led 31t from the 1994 facsimile reprint of the Missouri Harmony. All songs led during this session were from the Missouri Harmony. Tim Reynolds led the morning prayer. Jeanette Lowry led song on page 44b; Gary Gronau 63t; Rebecca Browne 75. Leaders: Judy Mincey 28b; Ted Mercer 166; Ann Leckie 101; Charlie Derleth 24b; Patty Doss 150; Presley Barker 77; JoDell Albi 23t; Jan Kettle 65b; Richard Green 66t; Judy Hauff 40b; Tim Reynolds 46b; Julie Vea 85; Ted Johnson 145b; Jim Solheim 133; Marsha Kostman 41t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Dave Ressler leading song on page 146. Leaders: James Page 131; Johanna Fabke 162; Connie Karduck 39t; Keith Willard 28t; Sandie Scott 24t; Dan Gibbons 100; Melanie Hauff 105; Jerry Enright 87b; Kathy Kaiser 94; Jeanette Lowry 74; Marcia Johnson 84; Dave Ressler 81; Judy Mincey 80; Ted Johnson 72t; Jan Kettle 107; Tim Reynolds 14 (Supplement); Richard Green 32b; Judy Hauff 32t; Keith Willard 57b; Julie Vea 58; Ted Mercer 89; James Page 152; Marcia Johnson 144; Jerry Enright 110; JoDell Albi 56. Grace was offered by Marcia Johnson.

LUNCH

Karen Isbell called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 48b; Philip Alderman 21. The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Mincey and Ted Mercer. Judy Mincey spoke about living in a way that defeats death by loving and sharing with each other. Death is not an occasion for despair; our hearts are with those who have gone before. We sing songs about being alive and with our loved ones now and forevermore. She led song on page 45 for the deceased, and spoke about a love that transcends any we've ever known before, but one that we experience by being part of the Sacred Harp community. Those remembered on the memorial list were: Missouri - Jo Tedesco and Henry Loew; Wisconsin - Tom McCartney; Georgia - Randolph Mincey and Junior DeLong; New York - Joe Beasley; Alabama - Aver Crider, Dewey Williams, Kelsey Wootten, and Ruby Sheppard Gibson. Ted Mercer spoke for the sick and shut-ins, saying that many were the mainstays of their singings for an extended period of time; that we are all their beneficiaries; that they are all our family members and friends. He led song on page 62t, remembering the following list of names: Missouri - Donna Acton and Joyce Smith; Tennessee - Clayton Ezell; Georgia - Eva Reeves, Jerry Sheppard, and Mozelle Sheppard; Alabama - Hazel Cagle, Ruby Phillips, and

Virgil Phillips; Illinois - Lissa Blood, Barbara Orton, and Peter Vea. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Dave Ressler. Leaders: Sandie Scott 23b; Connie Karduck 22b; Kathy Kaiser 79; Johanna Fabke 65t; Ann Leckie 83; Jerry Enright 66b; Kathryn Smith 6b (Supplement); Bill Ellason 91; Paula Goode 26t; Charlie Derleth 116; Jan Ketelle 95; JoDell Albi 6t (Supplement); Presley Barker 44t; Patty Doss 59; James Page 132; Ted Mercer 104; Marsha Kostman 44b; Julie Vea 111; Tim Reynolds 121; Connie Karduck 151; Sandie Scott 106; Gary Gronau 46t; Jim Solheim 96b; Dan Gibbons 62b. The convention was closed with prayer by Connie Karduck, and all took the "Parting Hand". Chairperson - Karen Isbell; Vice Chairperson - Gary Gronau; Secretary - Rebecca Browne.

OXFORD CITY HALL **Oxford, Mississippi** **March 10, 1996**

The sixteenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Warren Steel leading songs on pages 138b and 36b. George Easley led the morning prayer. Mark Tew led songs on pages 53 and 99, and the class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel; Arranging Committee - Mark Davis and Mel Kersey. Leaders: Mark Davis 124, 61; Mel Kersey 565, 32t; Travis Keeton 123t, 203; Josie Hyde 200, 434; Arnold Moore 314, 313t; Anne Steel 209, 179; John Hyde 30t, 297; John Van Horn 222, 142; Margaret Keeton 276, 475.

RÉCESS

Warren Steel called the class together leading song on page 418. Others who led: Gary Smith 34b, 569b; Kurt Davis 354, 345t; Hugh Bill McGuire 344, 328; Patti Hook 63, 82t; Bob Cook 46, 457; Chris Bell 168, 385b; Sarah Smith 290, 129; Kevin Robinson 490, 373; Bradley Allen 546.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Warren Steel leading song on page 215. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 108b, 109; Lena Keeton 217, 480; Dorothea McCowan 218, 196; Wilma Mitchell 108t, 120; Ester Mann 143, 426t; Lisa Davis 530, 220. As a memorial lesson, Dorothea McCowan led 245 in memory of Joseph Beasley and Aver Crider. Jack Barbera led song on page 460 in memory of George Boswell and Toxey Fortinberry. Leaders: Henry McGuire 442, 183; Lee Wise 47b, 47t; Ann Ballard 284, 512; Robert Earl Alexander 170, 548; Andy Davis 436, 269; George Easley 299; Bernice Embry 67; Ruby Easley 145b, 146; John Simmons 44; Nan Johnson 40, 45t. Following announcements, the officers led the closing song on page 288. The class was dismissed with prayer by Robert Earl Alexander.

Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel.

GILLILAND AND BROTHERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Boaz, Alabama** **March 10, 1996**

The Gilliland Memorial Singing was held at Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in March. Cecil Gilliland opened this year's singing leading songs on pages 36b and 104. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Cecil Gilliland led song on page 155. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Lawrence Underwood; Secretary - Helen Lambert; Arranging Committee -

Pauline Oliver. It was announced that this singing would hereafter be known as the Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing, and that this session was dedicated to Mr. Luther Miller who had just recently passed away. It was also announced that this singing would be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in March in 1997, which will be March 8. Leaders: Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 275b, 274t, 100, 358; Larry Lambert and Helen Lambert 74b, "Brown", 410b; Martha Woodard 142; Jewel Wootten 168, 371; Lydia Baswell 143, 288; Ann Jett 546, 327; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Bernice Greer 129, 313; Rhoda Norris 317, 460; Pauline Childers 318, 224.

RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class back together leading songs on pages 32t and 82t. Leaders: Willowese Malone 89, 354; Edith Tate 75, 167; Woodrow Brothers 348, 47b, 166; Eunice Kimbrell 134; Harrison Creel 30t, 111b; Linda Thomas 47b, 137; Roy Nelson 87, 270; Flarce Creel 454, 475. The class was dismissed with prayer by James Brothers.

LUNCH

Cecil Gilliland called the class back to order by leading songs on pages 175 and 138t. Leaders: Freeman Wootten 63; Milton Oliver 384, 321; Pam Sims and Austin Sims 127, 164; S. T. Reed 34b, 35; Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", 400; Mrs. Ervin Brothers (Sarah) requested 441; Martha Woodard 97; Roy Nelson 434; Bud Oliver 426; Harrison Creel 512, 378b; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 189; Ann Jett 269; Pauline Childers 480 (dedicated in memory of Lucille Brothers); Carmon Brothers 358 by request; Lawrence Underwood 383; Cecil Gilliland 294 and 38b by request; Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 146. Announcements were given and the closing song on page 62 was led by Cecil Gilliland. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Lawrence Underwood; Secretary - Helen Lambert.

BOLDO MEMORIAL SINGING

**Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church at Boldo, near Jasper,
Alabama**

Saturday night, March 16, 1996

The annual Stephenson and Wall Memorial Singing was held Saturday night before the third Sunday in March. We are adding Agnes Hocutt to the memorial. The singing was opened by Velton Chafin leading song on page 52t. The evening prayer was offered by Elder Ronald Gilmore. Velton Chafin led song on page 34t. The class organized by retaining the same officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Leaders: Lena Keeton 124, 546; A. C. McGough 410t, 410b, 30t; Madge McCoy 329, 123t; Gene Wakefield 143, 164; Rita McCoy 87, 45t; Willodean Barton 454, 475; Elder Ronald Gilmore 276, 460; Pauline Childers 212, 269, 139, 480; Charlotte Langley 58, 535b; Flarce Creel 166t, 157; Ann Jett 496, 327, 37b; Cassie Franklin 100, 108t; Edith Tate 73t; Travis Keeton 33b, 31b; Cindy Franklin 399b, 373, 497; John Hocutt 138; Harrison Creel 317, 111b, 167. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 76t and 75 for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel. Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church - Birmingham Rd.,
Alpharetta, Georgia
March 17, 1996

The annual Cooper Book singing was held the third Sunday in March at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called together by Loy Garrison leading songs on pages 59, 83t, 99, and 500. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Cagle. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Ray Richards; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison. Leaders: Ray Richards 339, 546, 45t; Elder Charles Cagle 515; Brother Bobby Cagle 513t, 199, 37.

RECESS

The class was called together by Loy Garrison leading song on page 197. Leaders: Faye Pettis 398b, 461, 100; Liz Bryant 49b, 48t; Bonnie Cagle 501; Mary Lou Cagle 500, 449; Elder Charlie Dockery 343b, 111b; Loy Garrison 507, 506, 571, 478, 323.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Loy Garrison leading songs on pages 363 and 225. Leaders: Ray Richards 359, 554; Elder Charles Cagle 573; Brother Bobby Cagle 572, 546, 540, 541; Faye Pettis 376, 340, 563; Liz Bryant 393, 270; Mary Lou Cagle 127, 144, 146; Elder Charles Cagle 332; Juanita Richards 89; Loy Garrison 54t, 28. Loy Garrison led song on page 264b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Ray Richards.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Ray Richards; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

**MEMORIAL SINGING - GLENCOE SENIOR CITIZEN
CENTER**

Glencoe, Alabama (near Gadsden)

March 17, 1996

The annual Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Glencoe Senior Citizen Center the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading songs on pages 59 and 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Bud Oliver led song on page 82; Hershell King led song on page 235. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin. Leaders: Bud Oliver 73t; B. J. Harris 445, 452; Lonnie Rogers 97, 225t; Margie Smith 335; Roy Nelson 148, 434; Martha Woodard 428, 303; Larmar Smith 76b; Cassie Franklin 216, 312b; B. M. Smith 276, 318.

RECESS

Cindy Franklin called the class back together by leading song on page 298. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 283, 282; Lydia Baswell 192; Dewayne Wootten 36b, 37b; Linda Thomas 201; Buddy Tindell 426t; Rhoda Norris 498; Everette Denney 405, 34b; Norma Latham 565; Thurman Nall 285t; Eloise Wootten 299.

RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class to order by leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Bill Green 284; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 300, 189; Pauline Childers 224, 384; Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", 112; Cecil Gilliland 345t, 275b; Daphene Causey 136, 140; Cindy Franklin 143.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver called the class back together leading song on page 270. Leaders: Virgil Phillips 47s, 137; Henry Johnson 63b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 63; Coy Ivey 120 (in memory of his mother, Helen Ivey Cordell), 171; Wanda Capps 546, 454; Velton Chaffin 273; Pearl Guier 45t; Jewel Wootten and Freeman Wootten 43; Flarce Creel 389, 56t; Marlon Wootten 441, 448b; Pam Nunn 365, 200; Edith Tate 98; Jimmie Denney 101t, 313t; Rene Greene 528, 269.

RECESS

Hershell King called the class to order leading song on page 204. Leaders: Milton Oliver 217, 222; Ann Jett 42, 77t; Shane Wootten 47b, 155; Leola Smith 187, 176b; Jeff Sheppard 113, 380; Susan Green 64, 474; Shelbie Sheppard 368, 38b; S. T. Reed 379; Ruby Phillips 39b; Jeff Sheppard 456. Bud Oliver and Hershell King led song on page 146 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard

THE LOG CABIN SACRED HARP SINGING **North of Double Springs, Alabama** **March 17, 1996**

The ninth session of the Log Cabin Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by Juanita Whitman. Travis Keeton led song on page 83t. The class was organized and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Roma Rice. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 179; Cecil Sanders 460; Roma Rice 49b, 145b; Gladys Bonds 39t, 63; Corene White 314, 403; Ada Godsey 482, 318; L. E. Hannah 448, 498; Juanita Whitman 341; Tom Harper 112, 300, 384; Eron White 37b for Unie B. Howard, 73t; Arnold Moore 111t, 111b; Ila Ingle 270, 335; Larry Ballinger 282; Linton Ballinger 35, 36b; John Hyde 75, 129; Parnell Berry 283, 306; Cecil Wakefield 61, 290; Lena Keeton 276, 196; Gene Wakefield 168, 64.

LUNCH

Several of the singers had to leave after lunch to sing at a funeral. The singers left were: Morris Gray, Lorene Gray, Lera Pollock, Rose Altha Taylor, Ada Godsey, Amanda Denson, Dawson Adams, Kermit Adams, Gladys Bonds, Roma Rice, Juanita Whitman, Robert Barton, Edith Barton, and Cecil Wakefield. The following songs were sung: 31b, 30t, 30b, 32t, 278b, 358, 457, 312, 75, 39b, 39t, 175, 167, 48t, 164, 144, 44, 101, 59, 45t, 546, 426, 454, 276, 376, 43, 159, 153, and 294. The song on page 62 was the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Dawson Adams.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Roma Rice.

GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING (LEONA HORTON, MAUDE ADAMS, MINA ADAMS, DELIA WATTS) **Shady Grove Church - Double Springs, Alabama** **March 17, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing in honor of the Godsey sisters: Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams, was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 48t. The evening prayer was led by Milford Watts. Dawson Adams led song on page 147t. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Odie V. Horton. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 56, 57; Lena

Keeton 100, 405; John Hyde 37b, 111b; Billy Williams 339; Lola Roberson 137, 297 in memory of her husband, Tom Roberson; Ivalene Donaldson 39b; Amanda Denson 134, 64; Rose Altha Taylor 317b in memory of Aunt Leona Horton; Josie Hyde 203, 411; Gladys Bonds 47b, 49b in memory of her dad, Levi Godsey; Milford Watts 201b, 129, 400, 376 in memory of Uncle Jessie Adams; Ora Lee Fannin 99, 83t, 67 for her husband, Robert Fannin, and in memory of her brother, Ralph Adams; Pernie Pelfrey 343b, 371 in memory of her mother, Maude Adams and Aunt Delia Watts; Odie V. Horton 133, 33b, 81t in memory of his father, Bud Horton; Thurman Horton 138b, 375 for Robert Fannin who was not able to attend; Odie V. Horton 131t. Kermit Adams led songs on pages 101t and 59 for the closing songs, and the class was adjourned with prayer by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Old Dekalb Courthouse - Decatur, Georgia

March 23-24, 1996

Saturday, March 23

The thirty-fifth session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The convention was called to order by Doug Allison leading song on page 59. Prayer was led by Jack Smith. Doug Allison led song on page 47 followed by Richard Whatley leading song on page 510; Jack Smith 63; Charlene Wallace 159. Members of various committees were called: Richard DeLong 57; Chris Carnell 324; Helen Bryson 179; Jeanette DePoy 475; Janice Paulk 477; Laurie Allison 335; Don Bowen 66; Liz Bryant 270; Frances Mary D'Andrea 192; Kelly Morris 47b; Judy Mincey 474; Kenneth DeLong 263; Dan Bailey 183; B. M. Smith 273; Linda Thomas 276; Reba Dell Windom 171; George Snider 551; Connie Karduck 460; Rev. Mike Hawkins 29; Jeanette Lowry 215; Everette Denney 123; Dave Ressler 411.

RECESS

The class was called together by Doug Allison leading song on page 145. Leaders were: Margie Smith 373; Cathy White 178. A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Elder Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman - Ted Mercer; Secretary and Treasurer - Charlene Wallace; Chaplain - Jack Smith; Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong and Doug Allison; Memorial Committee - G. C. Waldrep and Jeannette DePoy; Finance Committee - Laurie Allison, Dan Bailey, and Don Bowen; Resolutions Committee - Judy Mincey, Kelly Morris, and Helen Bryson; Locating Committee - Kenneth DeLong, Felton Denney, and Liz Bryant. Elder Jesse Roberts led song on page 245. Leaders called were: Sharon Kellam 76b; Dan Gibbons 455; Mark Bumgardner 569b; Carlene Griffin 516; Judy Wolber 452; Mel Kersey 120; Jack Smith 155; Jack Corley 168; Bob Bonnell 457; Mary Brownlee 501; Kate Hauk 236; Myra Tucker 84.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Ted Mercer leading song on page 121. Leaders were: John Plunkett 535; Karen Morris 77; Felton Denney 503; Otis Hester 542; Lou Cotney 218; Edith Tate 532; Faye Pettis 380; Hannah Roberts 329; Lissa Blood 71; Marie Aldridge 304; Rachel Carnell and Eric Carnell 480; Karen Isbell 142; B. J. Harris 445; Henry Zittrouer 235; Horace DeLong 45t, 384; Jessica Roberts 318; Karen Snowbird 547; Evelyn Harris 30.

RECESS

Elder Jesse Roberts called the class together leading song on page 441. Leaders were: G. C. Waldrep 250; Lynn DeBenedette 200; Sharon Kermiet 216; Lynn Rosser Allen 65; Larry Olszewski 354b; Richard Green and Susan Green 350; Ashley Roberts 348; Kyle Greenlee 91; Debra Jones and Diana Shelton 504; Leanne Carnell 86; Mary F. Smith 170; Louis Hughes 31; Margie Dietz 46. Announcements. Elder Jesse Roberts and Ted Mercer led song on page 56 as the closing song. Jack Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 24

The convention was called to order by Elder Jesse Roberts leading song on page 47. Jack Smith led the morning prayer. Ted Mercer led song on page 138. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 441; Linda Allen 66; Junie Wooten 203; Sara Jane Huggins 159; Susan Roberts 146; Carlene Griffin 225; John Hollingsworth 384; Louis Hughes 282; G. C. Waldrep 158; Don Bowen 556; Lynn DeBenedette 48; George Snider 143; Don Gibbins 362.

RECESS

The class was called together by Elder Jesse Roberts leading song on page 344. Leaders: Jeanette DePoy 180; Myra Tucker 34b; John Green 170; Frances Mary D'Andrea 198; Kate Hauk 236; Otis Hester 195; Kenneth DeLong 365; Johnny Lee 31; Jacob Griffith 128; Joyce Harrison 320; Ashley Roberts 368.

RECESS

Ted Mercer called the class together leading song on page 240. Leaders were: Liz Bryant 32b; Dan Bailey 117; Cathy White 155; Sharon Hamrick 385b; Kathy Lee 32; Cassie Franklin 328; Sharon Kermiet 82; Buell Cobb 86. Memorial lesson: For Georgia deceased: Randolph Mincey, Virginia Temple, Berol Elliott, Verma Kelly, Annette Blalock, Donald Stripling, Earnie Brown, Myrtle McGraw and Leroy McGraw; Helen Bryson led songs on pages 347 and 112. For Alabama deceased: Aver Crider, Agnes Hocutt, Dula Webb, Hoyt Renfroe, Ola Pruitt, Forney Cobb, Ervin Brothers, Jack Harcrow, Viola Barker, Lem Price, Ruby Gibson, Ervin Brothers, Irvin Creel, Kelsey Wooten, Dewey Williams, Aaron Keeton; Linda Thomas led song on page 503. For all the other states: Texas - Arnevis Norton and Dale Redmon, Sr.; Florida - Burris Pettis; Wisconsin - John Snowbird; New York - Joe Beasley; Mississippi - John Bain; Jessica Roberts led song on page 208. For all the sick and shut-ins: Gertrude Bateman, Eva Reeves, Hazel Cagle, William Headrick, Hermon Wilson, Eda Wilson, Fredna Smith, Mozelle Sheppard, Jerry Sheppard, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Freeman Wooten, Paul Hershberger, Elbert Smith and Guz Hoyer; Jeanette DePoy led song on page 72b. Kenneth DeLong closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elder Jesse Roberts leading song on page 196. Leaders were: Richard Whatley 207; Jim Carnes 436; Laura Akerman 528; Bonnie Flowers 369; Raymond Hamrick 479; Joseph Johnson, Curator of Music History Museum, Macon, Georgia; Matthew DeLong 329; Connie Karduck 456; Reba Windom 224; Cindy Franklin 280; Jeanette Lowry 197; Dave Ressler 454; Clark Lee 120; Karen Isbell 448; Hannah Roberts 419; Martha Ann Stegar 324; Reuben Ball 497; Karen Snowbird 99; Sheri Taylor 380; Lissa Blood 373; Lee Family 47b, 49b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ted Mercer leading song on page 61. Leaders were: Lee Robers 354; Margie Dietz 410; Diane Wall 300; Andy Morse 455; Oscar McGuire 573; Angela Benton 147; Henry Johnson 68b; Alice West 313; B. M. Smith 28b; Billy Hollingsworth 63; David Lee 383; Teenie Moody 106; Judy Mincey 485; Sharon Kellam 79; Kyle Greenlee 178; Mary F. Smith 318; Dr. Jim

Griffin 358. A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. The Financial Report was given. Locating Committee was given, reporting that the 1997 session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention would be held at Big Creek Church, Alpharetta, Georgia. Resolutions Committee. We, the Resolutions Committee, would like to thank our God for allowing us the opportunity to meet together and raise our voices to sing. Our thanks for the beautiful spring weekend weather. We are thankful for the occasion to renew old friendships, and to cultivate new ones. Our thanks to the Dekalb Historical Society and Oakhurst Baptist Church for their generosity in allowing use to us this great room and the chairs. Continued thanks to all of the committees, organizers, and helpers for their willingness to serve, and their ability to do so with a smile and a kind word. We thank our God and Creator for the opportunity to pass the legacy of Sacred Harp music along to those who are coming along and growing as individuals. We hereby resolve to urge new and continued support for new and more established singing throughout the state and nation. We resolve to encourage each one in attendance to take the time throughout the year to make a phone call to those who are ill and shut-in and unable to attend singings, in the hope that this may brighten their day. Lastly, we hope that each of you will be able to join us next year for the thirty-sixth Georgia State Convention. Respectfully submitted: Kelly Morris, Judy Mincey, and Helen Bryson. Business session closed. Announcements were made. Elder Jesse Roberts and Ted Mercer led song on page 62, "Parting Hand", as the closing song. Dismissed with prayer by Jack Smith.

Chairman - Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman - Ted Mercer; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas

March 30-31, 1996

Saturday, March 30

The ninety-seventh annual Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met on the fifth weekend of the Spring at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahan, Caldwell County, Texas. Chairman B. E. Matthews called the singing to order at 10:00 a.m. with song on page 31b. Jeb Owen led the morning prayer. B. E. Matthews led song on page 137; Vice Chairman Al Rogers led 563; and Secretary John Baker led 189. Leaders: John Morris 272; Don Ross 291; Kelly Beard 57; Barbara Moore 229; Edith Owen 515; Beverly Coates 133; Kevin Powell 335; Leon Ballinger 142; Ophelia Matthews 365; Doris Hanks 63; Mike Hinton 541; Charles Whitmer 376; John Schaffer 300; Jeanne Schaffer 168; Sandy Hill 218; Vivian Rogan 49t; Tammy Powell 559; Diane Ross 230.

RECESS

Chairman B. E. Matthews called the class together with song on page 511b. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 522; Emmie Morris 215; Louis Smith 217; Monnie Ross 148; Sharon Smith 571; Frank Price 135; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Jeb Owen 508; Gary Rogan 54t; Sarah Coates 186; Elizabeth Rogan 216; Abbie Morris 203; Amanda Owen 155; Jennifer Rogan 299; Reed Coates 47t; Michele Rogan 128; Jeb Owen 508; Gary Rogan 54t. The convention held its business meeting, moving Al Rogers up to Chairman, electing Jeb Owen as Vice Chairman, and John Baker as Secretary.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Chairman Al Rogers leading song on page 40. Leaders: Ryan Ross 112; Olivia Blevins 450; Russell Riepe 383; Celeste Riepe 45t; Chris Blevins 146; Katie Moseley 505; Josh Rogan 239; Sue Fairbanks 488b; Marcelene Hardy 172; A. A. Smith, Jr. 67; Richard Daniels 440; Mary Bachmann 279; Myra Palmer 414; Judith Nieth 573; David Moseley 427; Ray Barnett, 540; Michael Moseley 68t; Mark Rowell 486.

RECESS

Al Rogers reassembled the class leading song on page 127. Leaders: Verna Powell 103, 104; Dick Steil 484b; Tom Owen 213; George Jones 558; Leland Owen 47b; Bruce Coates 507b; Cassandra Baker 159; Curtis Owen 278b; Martha Aiken 277; Kelly Beard 82; Frank Price 64; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Sandy Hill 371; Jeanne Schaffer 132; John Schaffer 332; Mark Rowell 400; Judith Nieth 111b; James Moseley 36b. Chairman Al Rogers closed the day of singing with song on page 69. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Chris Blevins.

Sunday, March 31

Singing began at 9:30 a.m. with Al Rogers leading song on page 293b. Prayer was given by George Jones. Al Rogers led 63; Jeb Owen 449; John Baker 120. Leaders: Diane Ross 434; Gary Rogan 339; Leon Ballinger 384; Sandy Hill 381t; Mike Hinton 388; Emmie Morris 220; Beverly Coates 442t; A. A. Smith, Jr. 300; Jeanne Schaffer 475; Louis Smith 222; Monnie Ross 108b; Ophelia Matthews 447t; Charles Whitmer 218; John Morris 163t; Barbara Moore 268t; Olivia Blevins 168; Tammy Powell 200; John Schaffer 235.

RECESS

Jeb Owen opened leading song on page 290. Leaders: B. E. Matthews 473; Jeannette Adams 470; Don Ross 360; Carey Burkett 159; Sharon Smith 274t; Jennifer Rogan 48b; Katie Moseley 77t; Elizabeth Rogan 280; Abbie Morris 392; Amanda Owen 215; Sarah Coates 212; Michele Rogan 196; Joshua Rogan 572; Michael Moseley 277; David Moseley 450; Richard Daniels 507b; Doris Hanks 422b; Myra Palmer 497; Vivian Rogan 32t; Dick Steil 500; Ray Barnett 408; Gaylon Powell 66; Mary Bachmann 225t; Verna Powell 146; Lisa Hardaway 288. The memorial service was held. Kevin Powell led song on page 176t for the sick and shut-ins. Mike Hinton read the following list of friends and singers who passed away this past year: Floyd Stiefel and Colbie Allen, both of Alabama, Oma Porter, Estell Terry, Curtis Jeffrey, Mamie Burselson, Arnevis Norton, Lewis Vaughn, B.K. Powell, and Lonnie Cato. Ryan Ross and Mike Hinton read lines from various songs expressing the Eternal Hope of Heaven, and singing "praises of our Lord and King" in that great land. They then lead 285b. Prayer for the lunch was offered by Bruce Coates.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Jeb Owen opened the afternoon service leading song on page 511b. Leaders: Wendy Laubach 578, "Love At Home"; Kevin Powell 216; Marcelene Hardy 112; Ryan Ross 406; Burl Russell 491; Edith Owen 336b; Nell Berry 358; Leland Owen 343; Tony Benitez 101t; Martha Aiken 45t; George Jones 369; Edwin Reed 546; Landis Powell 336t; Cassandra Baker and Amanda Blevins 39; James Moseley 440b.

Announcements for future singings were made before singing continued. Leaders: Tom Owen 411; Julie Ann Mitchie 381t; Janie Porter 571; Curtis Owen 198; Bruce Coates 511t; Reed Coates 36b; John Schaffer 143; Jeanne Schaffer 128; Sandy Hill 323t; Don Ross 149; Lisa Hardaway 61; A. A. Smith, Jr. 53; Mike Hinton 146. Chairman Al Rogers closed the singing at 2:30 p.m. leading song on page 62. The closing prayer was given by B. E. Matthews.

Chairman - Al Rogers; Vice Chairman - Jeb Owen; Secretary - John Baker.

LIBERTY CHURCH
Henagar, Alabama
March 31, 1996

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 87 and 144. The morning prayer was led by Lavaughn Ballinger. David Ivey led song on page 176t. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 108t, 48t; Norma Latham 78, 569b; Rodney Ivey 47t, 100; Rex Wilks 47b, 40; Eloise Wootten 99; Joyce Walton 65, 67; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 300, 189; S. T. Reed 220; Gravis Ballinger 475, 110; Mike Dunn 424, 186.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 168. Leaders: Tony Ivey 70t; Levon Wootten 63; Don Bowen 415, 283; Shawn Carroll 286; John Henry Busby "Jesus Died For Me", 45t; Terry Wootten 111b, 335; Milton Oliver 321b; Vickie Mitchell and Ericka Mitchell 354b, 361; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Margie Smith 499; Eloise Avery 34b (for Virgil and Ruby Phillips), 171; Jerry Schreiber 200, 441; Richard Ivey 282, 76b; Marian Ivey, Adam Bethune, and Martha Monroe 87, "That Beautiful Land"; Stuart Ivey 159; Jenny Wootten 147t; Allison Ivey 270; Sarah Harcrow 82t; Jackson Harcrow 63; Ericka Mitchell 354b.

LUNCH

Marlon Wootten brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Karen Ivey 129; Susan Harcrow 224, and 235 in memory of Jerry Blackwood; Bud Oliver 145b; Carla Smith 375, 536; B. M. Smith 222, 384; Judy Mincey 474; Larry Ballinger 123t; Reba Windom and Mae Holt 208 for Aunt Woodie Walker, 269; Lisa Geist 546, 377; Marshall Avery 271t, 278b; Jeffery Wootten 276; Mel Kersey 503; Louis Hughes 89, 31t; Henry Johnson 68b; Brenda Carroll 299; Wayne Wootten 212, 203; Eskel Hughes 460, 348b; Dewayne Wootten 119; Lamar Smith 36b; Billy Thompson 535b; Phillip Wootten 106; Bud Laney 101t; Charles Stiefel and Jeanette Dollar 290, "We Will Sing With The Angels There"; Robert Harper 75; Jeff Sheppard 549. Announcements were made. David Ivey and Marlon Wootten lead song on page 137 for Virgil and Ruby Phillips, and Loyd and Louise Ivey. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Phillip Wootten. The 1997 singing will be March 30th.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Marlon Wootten; Secretary - Norma Latham.

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
March 31, 1996

The class was called to order by Chairman Velton Chafin leading song on page 52t. Prayer was given by Harrison Creel. Velton Chafin led song on page 59. The class was organized, and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Leaders: Velton Chafin 36b; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Lora Cargo 460, 340; Mae Conwill 73t, 314; Woodrow Hocutt 63, 208; Christine Gandy 345t, 405; John Hyde 75, 61; Elmer Conwill 319, 337.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Velton Chafin leading song on page 50b. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 108b, 109; Edith Tate 155, 371; Travis Keeton 273, 297; J. A. Mosley 282, 341; Yancey Jett 42, 44; Willodean Barton 145t, 475 in memory of Tom Roberson and for Virgil and Ruby Phillips; Ann Jett 546, 496; Cassandra Franklin 276, 129.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back together leading song on page 388. Leaders: Willie Mae Moon 217, 441; Thurman Nall 47b, 68b; Lena Keeton 498, 222; Jewel Wootten 32t, 39b; Tressie Adkins 422, 298; L. E. Hannah 511, 517; Freeman Wootten 108t, 30t; Flarce Creel 71, 229; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 145b. The table was graced by Velton Chafin.

LUNCH

John Hocutt brought the class back together leading songs on pages 70t and 78. Leaders: Lola Roberson 137, 436; Alice Mosley 345b, 330b; Cynthia Franklin 523b, 503b; Harrison Creel 89, 512; Julianna Jett 146, 88t for Aunt Marie Aldridge; Cecil Sanders 123t; Wanda Capps 200, 142; Thurman Nall 34b; Jewel Wootten 74b; Alice Mosley 45t; Willie Mae Moon 48t; Christine Gandy 127; Elmer Conwill 33b; Lola Roberson 187; L. E. Hannah 83t; J. A. Mosley 144; John Hyde 569b; Lena Keeton 482; Gene Wakefield 168; Woodrow Hocutt 192; Lora Cargo 434; Flarce Creel 269; Ann Jett 327; Cynthia Franklin 497. Velton Chafin led song on page 437b as the closing song. Announcements were made and the class was dismissed by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate.

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Edwardsville, Alabama

April 7, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwardsville Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Harvey Austin leading songs on pages 59 and 45t. The morning prayer was given by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 225t, 445; Mary F. Smith 39b, 39t; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 186, 348; Pearl Guier 40, 503, 303; Everette Denney 171, 119, 34b; Lou Cotney 189, 218, 300; Kenneth DeLong 354t, 34t, 282.

RECESS

Harvey Austin called the class together leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Roy Nelson 35, 270, 87; Jan House 236, 143; Jeff Sheppard 57, 415, 137 for Virgil Phillips. A Memorial was held remembering those who have passed away in the last year with Mary F. Smith conducting. The deceased remembered were: Render Lastin, Ola Pruitt, Pauline Jacobe, and Zella Thompson. Jana House led songs on pages 499 and 498. Pearl Guier led songs on pages 448b and 68b for the sick and shut-ins. Rev. Horace Merrill welcomed everyone, and closed the memorial with prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

Harvey Austin called the class together leading song on page 335. Leaders: Midael Turner 45; Alice Edwards 271b, 73b, 104; Myron House 479, 562; 105; I. V. McWhorter 496, 97; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 314, 106; Charlene Wallace 331, 276, 327; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t, 146; Molene Thompson 490; Neal Thompson 566, 204, 317; Cathy Williams 451, 273; Lewis Norton 30b, 318 for Eula Johnson, 569b; Louise Holland 61, 63, 200; Horace Merrill and Keith Turner 294; Harvey Austin 373. Announcements were made. Harvey Austin and B. J.

Harris led song on page 340 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Neal Prichard.

Chairman - Harvey Austin; Vice Chairman - B. J. Harris; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

April 7, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Enon Church was called to order by A. C. McGough leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. Travis Keeton led song on page 179. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Travis Keeton led song on page 131b. Leaders: L. E. Hannah 85, 56t; Ivalene Donaldson 129, 108t; Paula Springfield 82t, 159; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Mae Conwill 208, 206; Margaret Keeton 337, 43; Gene Wakefield 100, 164; Edith Tate 37b, 73t; Lena Keeton 123t, 176b; Lola Roberson 137, 460.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 348b and 343. Leaders: Odie V. Horton 89, 282; Josie Hyde 143, 294; Gladys Bonds 44, 77; Cecil Sanders 145t; Tom Harper 434, 441, 440, 411; Jane Fulford 236, 64; Ila Ingle 384, 335; Amber Springfield 204; Clarrica Springfield 166b; Parnell Berry 512, 285.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 235 and 400 by request. Leaders: Amanda Denson 63, 45t; John Hyde 275b, 297; Elmer Conwill 475, 478; Cecil Sanders 340; Ivalene Donaldson 175; Paula Springfield 58, 546; Mae Conwill 74b; Margaret Keeton 138t; Edith Tate 139; L. E. Hannah 97; Gene Wakefield 168; Lena Keeton 124; A. C. McGough 382; Odie V. Horton 403; Steve Miles 84, 163t; Ila Ingle 146; Josie Hyde 405; Parnell Berry 306. Travis Keeton led song on page 68b for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Steve Miles.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING

South of Tallapoosa, Georgia on Old 100 Highway

Friday Night, April 12, 1996

The fourth session of the Birthday Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. Johnny Wright called the class together leading song on page 59. Prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Johnny Wright led song on page 159. Leaders: Everette Ellis 335; Pearl Guier 40, 45t; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Mildred Johnson 167; Myron House 109, 135. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman - Everette Ellis; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Mary F. Smith. Leaders called were: Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Revy Williamson 101, 111; B. M. Smith 30, 146; Joyce Clackum and Leonard Benefield 127, 445; B. J. Harris 147, 503; Lou Cotney 300, 189; Lonnie Rogers 186, 225.

RECESS

Johnny Wright called the class together leading songs on pages 145 and 274. Leaders: Margie Smith 32, 108; Everette Denney 31, 137; Mary Ann Haagen

168, 178; Elder James Embry 68b, 354b; I. V. McWhorter 82; Mildred Patterson 339; Elder Lewis Norton 323b; Daphene Ray 332; Charlene Wallace 155; Natalie Williams and Florence Williams 490; Diane Clayton 358 in memory of Joe Warren and Vinie Phillips. After announcements Johnny Wright led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.

Chairman - Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman - Everette Ellis; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

STATE LINE CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **April 13, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church in Cleburne County, Alabama (just off highway 78 at Georgia/Alabama state line) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The day of singing began with B. M. Smith leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was given by John Bayer. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 35; Mary Florence Smith 327; B. M. Smith 448b; Shelbie Sheppard 269 in memory of her mother, Lessie Cates. The class was organized with the same officers being elected: Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Helen Bryson. The class voted to pay B. M. Smith \$180.00 for windows that were replaced in the church. Leaders: Carla Smith 319; Roy Nelson 434; Kathy Lee 63; Terry Wootten 542; Karen Willard 53; Ted Johnson 68t; Riley Lee 354b; Judy Hauff 172; Mel Kersey 47t; Lou Cotney 189; Jerry Schreiber 184; Katherine Manning 212; Al Grindon 567; John Bayer 331; Judy Mincey 475; S. T. Reed 34b; Ernestine Pipkin 276.

RECESS

The class was called to order by B. M. Smith leading song on page 123. Leaders: David Lee 201b; Charles Whitmer 556b; Carol Grindon 497; Loraine Bayer 225t; Bud Oliver 73t; Clark Lee 30b; Kelly Beard 170; Marcia Johnson 547; Charlene Wallace 481; Mary Lee 64.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class together leading song on page 87. Leaders: Shane Wootten 300; Pam Nunn 236; Louis Hughes 388; Connie Karduck 222; Jerry Enright 29t; Julie Lee 72b; Peter Pate 396; Jimmie Denney 313t; Kacy Pate 442; Lonnie Rogers 137; Lisa Grayson 192; Pearl Guier 303b; Mary Ann Haagan 191; Ted Mercer 166.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with B. M. Smith leading song on page 335. Leaders: Kat Kincade 411; Milton Oliver 384; Cathy White 178; Don Bowen 282. A memorial lesson was given by Helen Bryson. She gave us some thoughts to reflect on: At this time we pause to remember our friends and loved ones who have passed away in the last year. There's a statement that says....The more material things we have, the more we have to worry about. This building we are singing in today is going back to the basics of life, and those who we are singing for today did the basic things in their lives by visiting the sick, sending cards, bringing food to singings, and inviting people to singings. Let us remember not only the deceased, but all of the sick and shut-ins. As we sing the song on page 348b, we must remember that our days are fleeting, and make the most of each day that we are here. The memorial was closed with prayer by David Lee. Leaders: Keith Willard 385; Rene Greene 200; Melanie Hauff 347; Everette Denney 152; Jeanette DePoy 290; Cassie Franklin 436; Lewis Norton 39b;

Jenny Willard 274t; Cindy Franklin 146; B. J. Harris 452b; Peggy Moody 383; Richard DeLong 530; I. V. McWhorter 91; Phillip Langley 299; Eloise Avery 426b; Linda Thomas 39t; Mildred Patterson 119; Marlon Wootten 448t; Katherine Benefield 108t; Arlene Strickland 82t; Marshall Avery 74b; John Plunkett 71; Jerry Sheppard 365; Jan House 143; Myron House 562; Alice Edwards 73b; Liz Bryant 122; Katie Grindon 107; Evelyn Harris 155; Margie Smith 503; Jeff Sheppard 196. B. M. Smith and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

HARPETH VALLEY - PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee

April 13, 1996

The thirty-fifth annual Harpeth Valley - Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order on the first Saturday after Easter by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 59. Darrell Holley led the opening prayer. Tim Reynolds led song on page 159. Darrell Holley welcomed the singers to the campus of the Free Will Baptist Bible College where he is a faculty member. This is the first time this singing has been held away from the Harpeth Presbyterian Church where Priestley Miller was the minister for twenty-one years. Darrell Holley led songs on pages 68b and 354b. The following leaders were called: Gordon Wilkerson 30t, 112; Fay Thompson 128, 64; Melanie Hardy 84, 143; David Carlton 178, 146; Sandie Scott 117, 268; Hibbard Thatcher 49b, 155.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order by leading songs on pages 85 and 192. Leaders: Allen Fannin 82t, 373; Gary Smith 34b, 49t; Sarah Smith 406, 129; Phillip Collum 73b, 72b; Seth Holloway 388, 294; Darrell Holley 127, 324; Gordon Wilkerson 475, 217; Sandra Cohron and Henry Cobb 277, 299.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together by leading songs on pages 452 and 39t. Leaders: Fay Thompson 53, 479; David Carlton 102, 254; Sandie Scott 28t, 28b; Hibbard Thatcher 147t, 40; Allen Fannin 430, 313b; Gary Smith 145b; Sarah Scott 100; Sandra Cohron 107, 312b; Ann Betts 29t, 35. After announcements Tim Reynolds led song on page 45t as the closing song. David Carlton led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary - Sandie Scott.

SIXTH SHAPE NOTE SINGING

Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky

April 13, 1996

The sixth annual Shape Note Singing was held at Harrods Creek Baptist Church at Brownsboro, Kentucky. The session was called to order by Deb Loftis who led "Holy Manna" and "Ortonville" from the Southern Harmony book. Leaders: Bob Meek "David's Lamentation"; Laura Chipe "New Britain" and "Indian Convert". Prayer was offered by Ron Williams, pastor of Harrods Creek Baptist Church. Leaders: Faith Shine "Star In The East"; Ester Rothenbusch "Promised Land", "Resignation"; Keith MacAdam "Exultation"; Fred Todt "Consolation". Deb Loftis gave a talk on the history of the Big Singing in Benton, Kentucky.

RECESS

The morning session was called back to order by Bob Meek leading from The Sacred Harp book with song on page 143. Leaders: Eric Conrad 142; Debbie Hall 146; Fred Todt 480; Lee Steinmetz 163; Janet Fraembs 481; Keith MacAdam 178; Dick Dunagan 73; Val Dunagan 66; Ester Rothenbusch 147; Bob Meek 117; Laura Chipe 145; Deb Loftis 354; James Page 193; Bev Tillman 63; Hugh McElrath 72; Lois Hurt 551; Eric Conrad 163; Debbie Hall 200; Fred Todt 547; Lee Steinmetz 236; Janet Fraembs 335; Keith MacAdam 107; Dick Dunagan 448; Val Dunagan 171. At this time a memorial session was called for with Keith MacAdam leading 479 in memory of his mother. Hugh McElrath led 49 in memory of Glen Wilcox. The morning session was closed with prayer by Jack Oliver, pastor of Vine Street Baptist Church.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Laura Chipe who led from the Southern Harmony book the song "O Come, Come Away". Leaders: Faith Shine "The Young Convert"; Todd Greve "Remember Me"; Jim Page "Georgia"; Mary Brinkman "Evening Shade"; Eric Conrad "Samanthra"; Deb Loftis "Sweet Rivers"; Lee Steinmetz "Rock of Ages"; Keith MacAdam "French Broad"; Janet Fraembs "Green Fields"; Val Dunagan "The Babe of Bethlehem"; Ester Rothenbusch "The Singing Christian"; Daryl Mayberry "The Morning Trumpet". Deb Loftis gave a talk on the comparison of Southern Harmony and Sacred Harp.

RECESS

The afternoon session was called back to order using The Sacred Harp book. Leaders: Daryl Mayberry 556; Laura Chipe 159; Fred Todt 457 by request of Pat Meek; Deb Loftis 312; James Page 216; Hugh McElrath 49; Lois Hurt 79; Bob Meek 569b; Eric Conrad 504; Daryl Mayberry 82; Debbie Hall 184; Fred Todt 212. At this time an announcement was made that 71 had registered for the singing. A state role call was made, and the afternoon session was closed with Bob Meek leading from The Sacred Harp book the song on page 267. Hugh McElrath led from the Southern Harmony book "The Christian's Farewell". Hugh McElrath closed the singing with prayer.
Secretary - Robert A. Meek.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

April 14, 1996

The annual singing at Antioch Baptist Church in Ider, Alabama was held on the second Sunday in April. The chairmen of the singing were Phillip Wootten and Shane Wootten. Phillip Wootten and Shane Wootten brought the class together leading songs on pages 82, 42 and 30. The morning prayer was offered by Dewayne Wootten. Leaders: Marty Wootten 171; Bud Oliver 270; Lamar Smith 36b; Marlon Wootten 445; Rex Wilks 67; Dewayne Wootten 283; Judy Mincey 50; Myra Dalton 448; B. M. Smith 273; Kathleen Thro 383; Don Bowen 384; Jenny Wootten 551; Sandy Hill 203; Susan Davis 196; Liz Bryant 66; Joan Aldridge 198; Lisa Grayson 179; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Aaron Wootten 176; Steven Killingsworth 170; Mary Elizabeth Lee 64; Henry Johnson 68.

RECESS

The singing resumed. Leaders: Shawn Carroll 28b; Jerry Enright 77t; Ted Johnson 48b; Pam Wilkerson 424; Kat Kinkade 528; Regina Bayer and Rachel Lee 274; Sharon Kermiet 129; Arleen Strickland 566; Bud Laney 100; Peter Pate 572; Jenny Willard 373; Jennifer Wootten 163; Erika Mitchell 354b; Shelbie Sheppard 29b; Kathy Lee and Hannah Lee 32t; Kelly Beard 414; Jason Wilks

569b; Mel Kersey 354t; Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 189; Elder Marshall Avery 53; Stuart Ivey 384; Brenda Carroll 442; Teresa Love 457; B. J. Harris 503; Katherine Manning 512; Julie Lee 109; Kacy Pate 312; Karen Travis 29t; Jerry Wootten, Jeremy Wootten, and Zachary Wootten 448t.

LUNCH

The class was reassembled by Phillip Wootten and Shane Wootten leading song on page 106. Leaders: Jeffrey Wootten 147; Jeff Sheppard 440; Jim Carnes 48 to words of 317; Charles Whitmer 376; Mark Brown "Beulah Land". Terry Wootten led song on page 62 and "Love At Home" for the memorial lesson. Leaders: Wayne Wootten 137; Johnny Lee 322; Judy Hauff 345; Syble Adams "We Will Sing With The Angels There"; David Lee and Clarke Lee 565, 159; John Bayer 123b; Wayne Murphree 59; Mary Ann Haagen 217; Dustin Townson 58; Marcia Johnson 532; David Killingsworth 277; Eloise Avery 39b; Karen Willard, Keith Willard, and Barbara Willard 495; Melanie Hauff 216; Buell Cobb 285; Phil Summerlin and Rayford Brown 99; Eloise and Sheila Wootten 40; Levon Wootten "Not Made With Hands"; Phillip Wootten and Shane Wootten "Willie". Announcements were made and the closing prayer was offered by Elder Bud Laney.

Chairmen - Phillip Wootten and Shane Wootten

Submitted by: Sheila Wootten.

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Corner, Alabama

April 14, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 335. The morning prayer was led by Clayton Ezell. Hadyn Creel led song on page 30t. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the present officers serve on a permanent basis. Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Hadyn Creel; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn; Arranging Committee - Edith Tate and Cindy Franklin. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 40; Deborah Langley 145t, 155; Cecil Gilliland 171, 273; Gordon Wilkerson 34b, 47t; Sherry Guthery 340, 58; Larry Ballinger 282; Cecile Cox 384; Travis Keeton 300; Mae Seymour 298.

RECESS

Hadyn Creel led song on page 405 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 63, 276; Phillip Langley 203, 269; Carla Smith 222, 146; Students from folklore class at Samford University (April Harris, Denise Elmore, Tim Reeves, David Hodge, Lotta Johnson, Jeanne Sullivan, Mandy Bolla, Mike Hess, Katie Hubbard, Jollica Hogan, Lynn Sillavan, Pat Sillavan--mother of Lynn Sillavan, Jeff Anderson, Adam Robinson, Jimmy Henry, Jeremy Everette, Jim Brown--instructor) 268, 45t; Clayton Ezell 137; Jerry Schreiber 383, 35; Elmer Conwill 396, 400; Keterina Sanders 454; Edward Howton 290, 436; Tressie Adkins 422, 78; Willie Mae Moon 475.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 512. Leaders: Bill Green 267; Connie Karduck 460, 498; Ruth Walker 430; Elene Stovall 217, 441; Lena Keeton 64, 546; John Hyde 275b; Amber Springfield 204; Johnny Humber 200; Lora Cargo 373, 344; Kathleen Robbins 434; Richard DeLong 301, 530; Creel brothers and sisters (Pauline Childers, Marie Aldridge, Edith Tate, Harrison Creel, and Hadyn Creel) 378b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Harrison Creel leading song on page 317. Leaders: Milton Oliver 329, 345t; Josie Hyde 507; Ted Mercer 368, 345b; Ila Ingle 245b; Paula Springfield 389, 380; Geona Whitworth 100; Gene Wakefield 108b, 109; Velton Chafin 494; Leola Smith 318, 59; Edwin Ballinger 67; Fay Kalteux 378t; Henry Guthery 240; George Cox 108t; Gertrude Wood 112; A. C. McGough 274t; Ann Jett 327, 358; Willodean Barton 391; Harrison Creel 342.
RECESS

The class was called to order by Earl Ballinger leading song on page 299. Leaders: Tom Harper 392, 500; Pauline Childers 212, 480; Gravis Ballinger 110; Flarce Creel 166; Dorothea McCowan 218, 196; Edith Tate 73t; Cassie Franklin 485; Marie Aldridge 192; Wanda Capps 36b; Adam Robinson 72b; Jim Brown 159; Cindy Franklin 225t, 198. After announcements, Harrison Creel and Hadyn Creel led songs on pages 111b and 46. The class was dismissed with prayer by Velton Chafin.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Hadyn Creel; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn.

YELLOW SPRINGS **Friends Meetinghouse, Yellow Springs, Ohio** **April 20, 1996**

The twelfth semi-annual Sacred Harp singing at Yellow Springs was called to order by Linda Coppock leading songs on pages 147t and 299. The class organized by electing the following: Chair - Linda Coppock; Vice Chair - John Bealle; Treasurer - Chris Cox; Arranging Committee - Deb Hall; Secretary - Marlen Rust. Leaders: John Bealle 569b, 543; Marlen Rust 84, 66; Eric Conrad 168, 70b; Chris Cox 163b, 72b; Deb Hall 200, 146; Virginia Benade 49b, 28b.
RECESS

Linda Coppock called the class back together by leading the first verse of the song on page 34b. Leaders: Eloise Clark 81t, 524; Laura Russell 91, 268; Loraine Bayer 77t, 133; John Bayer 331, 125. The square was made larger so leading by walking the time could be done. John Bayer and Jodi Liss led song on page 47t while walking the tempo, a pattern they learned from a group of singers from Hoboken, Georgia. Jodie Liss called all singers from Cincinnati into the center of the square to lead 573, as a celebration of their singing all the way through the book during the last 31 months. Leaders: Sylvia Thomas 196, 444; Laurel Cornell 236, 178; Bill Shetter 454, 277.

LUNCH

After an abundant lunch, the afternoon session was resumed with Eric Conrad leading song on page 155. Leaders: Paul Foster 42, 442; Jim Coppock 313b, 273; Ann Marie Bullock 455, 549b; Loretta Beckner 532, 132; Barbara Bowers 312b, 324; Charles Knecht 430, 142; Michael Darby 370, 102. A memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Coppock, and songs on pages 86 and 288 were sung in memory of the following deceased: Richard Froton, Walter Bibler, Mariann Lucas, Jack Everts, Dox Rex, Frank Sensel and the victims of the Oklahoma bombing. The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Charles Wells, Alyce Stadulis, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Brandon Kinder, and Tammy Webster.

RECESS

Linda Coppock called the class back together by leading the second verse of the song on page 34b. Leaders: Kathy Knecht 184, 143; Marlen Rust 276; Laurel Cornell 497; Eric Conrad and John Bayer 71; Bill Shetter 38t; Virginia Benade 38b; Laura Russell 535; Michael Darby 480; John Bayer 278b; Charles Knecht 126; John Bealle 45t; Barbara Bowers 348t.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class to order by leading song on page 63. Leaders: Eloise Clark 229; Chris Cox 491; Loraine Bayer 225t; Jim Coppock 135; Paul Foster 377; Linda Coppock 542; Deb Hall 344; Kathy Knecht 373; Laurel Cornell 358; Bill Shetter 145; Virginia Benade 52t; Charles Knecht 352; Paul Foster 415; Kathy Knecht 87. Linda Coppock led song on page 114 for the closing song. The closing prayer was given by John Bayer.
Chair - Linda Coppock; Vice Chair - John Bealle; Secretary - Marlen Rust.

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING **Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia** **April 20, 1996**

The twentieth annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Chairwoman Judy Mincey leading song on page 59. Jack Smith gave the opening prayer. Leaders: Laura Akerman 146, 155; Kelly Morris 49b; Jack Smith 480, 145t. A business was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Kelly Morris; Vice Chair - Jeannette DePoy; Arranging Committee - Laura Akerman; Secretary - Dowman Wilson; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and Bill Levisay. Kelly Morris led song on page 535b. Leaders: Helen Bryson 215; Jeannette DePoy 475; Louis Hughes 183; Don Bowen 510, 266; Caran Bryant 40, 454; Dowman Wilson 107; Richard DeLong 370; Tim Cook 72b; Charlene Wallace 299; Bill Scott 159; Dolly Hudgins 343; George Snyder 143; Cary Cleaver 455.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy brought the class back together leading song on page 66. Leaders: Peg Geronimo 47b; David Kam 277; Frances Mary D'Andrea 383; Richard Whatley 110; Al Grindon 213t; Lynn Farmer 178; Carri Grindon 332; Gene Bessent 147t in memory of Tommie Bessent, Jim Besent's mother; Katie Grindon 497; Cathy White 114; Carlene Griffin 270; John Whittemore 216; Joan Durden 29t; Kelly Morris 34t. A recess for lunch was called, with Jack Smith asking the blessing.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with Kelly Morris and Bill Levisay leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Richard Carroll 198, 358; Karen Morris 236; John Plunkett 182, 209; Larry Woodring 268, 196; Jack Corley 373, 168; Jim Friffin 127; Myra Tucker for Gerdie Smith 84; Tom Cullen 48b; Jane Treadwell 47t; Laura Akerman 532; John Yntema 327; Carri Grindon 504; Katherine Yntema 479; Al Grindon 300; John Griffin 335; Jennifer Collins 61; Judy Mincey 485; Richard DeLong 426t; Richard DeLong and Anne Carroll 288; Henry Stack 117, 181; Charlene Wallace 224; Katie Grindon 163b; Elizabeth Carroll 503b, 189. Kelly Morris led song on page 267 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Joan Durden.

Chairman - Kelly Morris; Vice Chairman - Jeannette DePoy; Secretary - Dowman Wilson.

ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Hwy. 69 East of Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 20, 1996**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Elder Matt Jordan leading songs on pages 31b and 59. Prayer was led by

Hershell King. The class was organized by retaining the same officers: Chairman - Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Arranging Committee - Rhoda Norris and Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Irene Jordan, assisted by Linda Thomas. Leaders: Matt Jordan 32t, 101t; Hershell King 56, 97, 75; Irene Jordan 480, 569; Martha Woodard 69t, 65, 204; Estelle Napier 389, 217, 283; J. C. Rutledge "That Beautiful Land", 105; Lula Underwood and Lawrence Underwood 300, 170, 274t.

RECESS

Matt Jordan called the class back together leading songs on pages 68b and 30b. Leaders: Gerald Larson 406, 146; Lyles Burke 40, 137; Bud Oliver 30t, 47t, 39b for Virgil Phillips and Ruby Phillips; Irene Jordan 268 in memory of her daughter, Sharon Jordan Leach; Cecil Gilliland 345t, 275b, 343; Marie Guthrie 225t, 189, 192; Milton Oliver 321, 441; Linda Thomas 171, 39t.

LUNCH

Hershell King called the class back together leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 565, 74b, 175, 207 for Alice Washburn; Imogene Nelms 312b, 31t, 36b; Linda Thomas 155; Lyles Burke 112, 460; Rhoda Norris 276, 384; Gerald Larson 37b, 34b; Bud Oliver 73t; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 196; Milton Oliver 224; Carmon Brothers 340; Martha Woodard 335; Marie Guthrie 434; Imogene Nelms 200; J. C. Rutledge 46; Hershell King led song on page 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by J. C. Rutledge.

Chairman - Elder Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Irene Jordan, assisted by Linda Thomas.

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleburne County, Alabama

April 21, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: B. J. Harris 30t; Elder Neal Prichard 566, 204, 39b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 46. The class was organized for the day, and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith. B. J. Harris led song on page 303b. Leaders: Lucile Gunnels 40, 189; Everette Denney 405, 335, 34b; Charlene Wallace 139, 289, 299; Harvey Austin 144, 569b; Lou Cotney 300, 212, 218.

RECESS

B. J. Harris brought the class back together leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Roy Nelson 75, 148, 105; Revy Williamson 77, 155; Stan Edwards 340, 460; Carlene Griffin 117, 122, 126. Mary Florence Smith gave the memorial, and reflected on those that have passed away since last year and years passed. Lovella Kerr led songs on pages 48b and 285t in memory of: Elder Lawrence Daugherty who was a pastor at Old Harmony Church for several years, Rev. Fred Newborn, Clellon Warren, Freeman Harris, and Talmadge Harris. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 68b and 225t for the sick and shut-ins. Elder Neal Prichard closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 503b. Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 325, 29t; I. V. McWhorter 109, 171; Shelbie Sheppard 110, 28b, 137; Ruth Daniel 378, 46; Jeff Sheppard 129, 128, 120, 278b; Nillie

Mae White 47b, 100; Mildred Patterson 143, 108t; Florence Williamson 78, 290; Sherrill Durand 127; Brenda Harris 378t; Lewis Norton 79, 318, 323b; Mary Ann Scarbrough 445b; Amber Scarbrough 45t; Ruth Brown asked B. J. Harris, Evelyn Harris, and their children (Lara Waits, Dale Harris, and Brenda Harris) to lead. The Harris Family led song on page 452b, and song on page 159 in memory of Evelyn Harris' mother, Estelle Warren. Announcements were made. B. J. Harris and Elder Neal Prichard led song on page 69t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Lewis Norton.
Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

OLD UNION CHURCH **Southwest of Winfield, Alabama** **April 21, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Union Baptist Church on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Earl Ballinger leading song on page 56t. The morning prayer was led by Buddy Ballinger. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Earl Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Edwin Ballinger; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger. Earl Ballinger led song on page 80b. Leaders: Edwin Ballinger 110, 496; Johnny Humber 208, 212; Leslie Ballinger 31b, 101t; Arnold Moore 490; Julie Ballinger, Jill Ballinger, Amber Ballinger, and Carol Robbins 405, 45t, 100, 318; Keterina Sanders 89, 454; A. A. Malone 496, 68b; Jimmy Ballinger 565, 491.

RECESS

The class was called together by Linton Ballinger leading songs on pages 460 and 168. Leaders: Brenda Robbins 500, 530; Travis Keeton 392, 426t; Flarce Creel 389, 475; Leon Ballinger 49t, 84; Ila Ingle 384, 480; Dwayne Ballinger 300, 299; Lena Keeton 317, 498; John Hyde 544, 63; Emily Ballinger 186, 340; Lomax Ballinger 222, 217.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Earl Ballinger leading song on page 155. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 354b, 200; Margaret Keeton 276, 78; Gene Wakefield 108b, 109; Mae Conwill 142, 171; Tom Harper 434, 436; Edith Tate 167; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 124; Josie Hyde 477, 470; Gladys Bonds 73t, 77t; Elmer Conwill 216, 396; Beth Odell 546, 269; Harrison Creel 569b, 512; Lisa Geist 327, 566; Odie Horton 326, 48t; Lavaughn Ballinger 123t, 294; Betty Backus 166, 134; Larry Ballinger 137; Earl Ballinger 35. Earl Ballinger led song on 176t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger. Chairman - Earl Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Edwin Ballinger; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger.

SPRING SACRED HARP SINGING **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary** **April 23, 1996**

The singing was opened by Harry Eskew leading song on page 49t. Jim Fields offered the opening prayer and led song on page 72b. Officers for the evening were appointed: Chairman - Nancy Cleveland; Secretary Nancy Van Den Akker. Leaders: Wallace McKenzie 40; Nancy Van Den Akker 523b; Nancy Cleveland 80t; Jared Prewitt 133; Rick McLain 38b; Barry Aymond 128. Jim Fields gave a brief lesson on leading. Leaders: Melissa Goldsmith 45t; Alicia Farnham 159.

Harry Eskew made some announcements, and discussion was held on the proposed date for the Louisiana State Convention this year. A decision was made to move the singing back one week from what had been decided, to the Saturday before the last Sunday in October. Singing continued, and leaders called were: Karl J. Lieck 155; Coleene Ennis 186; Shelvin Lamb 314; Virginia Fields 354; Nancy Cleveland 268; Harry Eskew 361; Elizabeth Muhleisen 503b; Charles Franklin 567; Wanda Gregg 63. Wallace McKenzie led song on page 62 for the closing song.

Registered attendance - 26; Collection for expenses - \$40.

Chairman - Nancy Cleveland; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

Washington, D.C.

April 26-28, 1996

Friday, April 26

A singing school, taught by Warren Steel was held at Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, Virginia on Friday evening, April 26.

Saturday, April 27

The seventh session of the Potomac River Sacred Harp convention was called to order by Peter Pate leading 59. A prayer was offered by the Rev. Williams of Pohick Church. Singing continued with Peter Pate leading 332; Clare Chapin 40; Cathy Tucker 28b; Miriam Kilmer 184. The convention moved into a business session and the following officers were elected: Chair - Miriam Kilmer; Vice Chair - Mary Kay Friday; Secretary - Kacy Pate; Treasurer - Cathy Tucker. Leaders: Evan Duncan 271b; Phyllis Gonigam 84; Tim Slattery 352; Mary Ann Daly 274; Liz Cusick 178; Tom Tucker 501; Joyce Saxon 99; Alix Baillie 33; Marty DeNys 327; Howard Frost 182; Mary Kay Friday 120; Lewis Naylor 452; Joanne Devoe 31; Susan Wantland 200; Steven Sabol 428; Ella Wilcox 474; Sarah Davie 384; Janine Smith 282.

RECESS

Marty DeNys brought the class back leading 268. Leaders: Fred Beardsley 454; Brad Oglesby 192; Gina Balestracci 183; Kyle Greenlee 147; Donna Abraham 440; Guy Bankes 287; Gary Smith 34b; Pat Temple 85; Glen Wright 513; Diane Mennella 418; Blake Morris 442; Michele Biery 299; Frederick Rasenberger 348b; Jean Seiler 227; Hal Kunkel 434; Mary DeNys 504.

Amanda Denson offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mary Kay Friday brought the class back leading song on page 147b. Leaders: Steven Sabol 139; Eric Bean 70b; Howard Brady 294; Kacy Pate 186; Lois Hurt 551; Amanda Denson 269; Ted Mercer 328; Doron Henkin 163; Joan Aldridge 475; Richard Schmeidler 66; Barbara Swetman 300; Roland Hutchinson 242; Bob Parr 215; Connie Karduck 492; Marlin Beasley 33b; Dan Brittain 399b; Becky Briggs 343; Miriam Kilmer 479; Bill Holt 224; Johanna Fabke 313b; George Seiler 168; Ginnie Ely 391.

RECESS

Mary Kay Friday brought the class back leading song on page 191. Sarah Smith 290; Jim Friedrich 410; Paula McGray 430; Henry Buzzell 63; Dan Hertzler 198; Susan Mampre 497; Jim Brady 155; Walter Hartley 146; Warren Steel 396; Cheryl Stafford 49b; Gail Doss 408; Kathy Manning 392; Rhonda Hendershot 569; Frank Evans 38; Kat Kinkade 411; Bob Hall 217. Announcements were made. Warren Steel led 285, and Miriam Kilmer 323 for the closing songs. The closing prayer was offered by Marty DeNys.

A singing of alternate songs was held with the following songs led:

Mary Kay Friday - India; Warren Steel - Pilgrim; Dan Brittain - Steel; Doron Henkin - Tribulation, Pownal; Blake Morris - Weeping Mary, Lovely Vine; Glen Wright - Stow; Susan Mampre - Cumberland; Jeff Lund and Ginnie Ely - Millbrook; Miriam Kilmer - Pinecrest; Roland Hutchinson - Hallelujah New; Guy Bankes - Walpole; Peter Pate - Mississippi; Jean Seiler - Montclair; Dan Brittain - Garden State; Hal Kunkel - Ten Thousand Charms; Dan Hertzler - Greenfields; Tom Tucker - Mason Neck; Dan Brittain - Reynolds.

A delightful social, hosted by Cathy and Tom Tucker, was held at the Alexandria home of Mimi Stevens.

Sunday, April 28

The convention resumed at Hearst Hall, Washington National Cathedral with Miriam Kilmer leading song on page 184. The opening prayer was offered by George Seiler. Leaders: Paula McGray 295b; Fred Todt 278; Kat Kinkade 131; Tom Padwa 56b; Walter Hartley 155; Eric Hildebrant 66; Chuck Beasley 33b; Mary Kay Friday 180; Sally Findlay 455; Susan Mampre and Anais Wright 24; Kathy Manning 318; Dan Hertzler 189; Ginnie Ely 454; George Seiler 347; Bill Holt 419; Leyland delRe 196.

RECESS

Mimi Stevens brought the class back leading song on page 192. Warren Steel 260; Richard Popp 175; Henry Buzell 45; Jim Friedrich 122; Donna Abraham 173; Ann Beasley Ballard 57; Cheryl Stafford 143; Anna Taylor and Leyland delRe 354; Becky Briggs 340; Dan Brittain 444; Marlin Beasley 480; Kelsey Taylor 40; Connie Karduck 176; Bob Parr 272; Brad Oglesby 101; Joan Aldridge 29; Sarah Smith 406; Richard Schmeidler 254; Barbara Swetman 35; Ted Mercer 123b; Doron Henkin 378b; Amanda Denson 442.

The memorial lesson was led by Peter Pate. He offered a reading of the epitaph of Edward, the Black Prince, which encourages all to think on their own mortality. Peter suggested that we all think of family, friends, and Sacred Harp as a memorial to those who have gone before. Ginnie Ely led 502 for the sick and shut-in: Patti Benner, Joanne Starks, Patricia Pate (CA), Jerilyn Schumacher (IL), George Smith, Tony DeFusco (PA), Brenda Pena (NY), Elizabeth Hale (GA), Marie Davie (AZ), Louise Yates (MD), Richard McCann (DC), Ellchen Meyer-Bothling (Germany), Martin Kilmer (Canada).

Claire Chapin led 163b for the deceased: Mary McCarty, Richard Atherton, Stephen Haseltine (MA), Jack Chapin (CT), Bob Jurgenson (ME), Nancy Sorenson (IL), Roberta Adams (NJ), Sylvia Evans (OH), Michael Samartha (CA), Joe Beasley (NY and AL), Robert Mottingdorfer (NY), Ruth Fansler (NY and PA), Chris Rose (PA), John O. Duncan (TX), Harold Smith (WI), Dewey Williams (AL), Alan Davies, George Hescocock, Jason Law, Henry Wu, William Oestreicher (MD), the Rev. Thomas Casey, Jane Morse, Stephanie Scheer, Colin Campbell (VA), Oskar Biehler (Germany).

Singing resumed with Tim Slattery and Miriam Kilmer leading 344.

George Seiler offered grace for lunch.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with Peter Pate leading 87. Leaders: Tom Tucker 142; Sara Davie 145b; Joanne Devoe 484; Joyce Saxon 236; Collin Wade 178; Michele Biery 532; Marty deNys 232; Gina Balestracci 474; Gary Smith 34b; Karen Foley 495; Fredrick Ratsenberger 436; Jean Seiler 415; John Daniel delRe and Tommy Hall 276; Sue Hanson 209; Lily Wade 448b; Kelly Macklin 157; Fred Beardsley 475; Kyle Greenlee 114.

RECESS

Tim Slattery 32; Pat Temple 64; Guy Bankes 481; Gail Doss 274; Glen Wright 492; Hal Kunkel 470; Eric Bean 163; Steve Atlas 128; Janine Smith 542; Dottie Hurlley 271; Blake Morris 270; Kacy Pate 106; Steven Sabol 250.

The resolutions committee report thanking all participants was received. Blake Morris led 212.

Announcements - 8th Potomac River Sacred Harp convention will be held the first Sunday in April 1997 and Saturday before. Locations will be announced in the newsletters.

The closing song on page 62 was led, and all who wished took the "Parting Hand".

Chair - Miriam Kilmer; Vice Chair - Mary Kay Friday; Treasurer - Kathy Tucker; Secretary - Kacy Pate.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Haleyville, Alabama** **April 28, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held the fourth Sunday in April, and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Travis Keeton led song on page 276. The class organized by electing the following officers:

Chairman - Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Parnell Berry led songs on pages 283 and 99. Leaders: Hubert Hood 49b, 454, 569; Doyce Bailey 143, 406; Cecil Sanders 434; Arnold Moore 35, 208; Keterina Sanders 89, 73t; L. E. Hannah 306, 349; Kermit Adams 34b, 376; Paul Godsey 75, 168; Flarce Creel 475, 318; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 275b; Larry Ballinger 123, 90.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 400. Leaders: Ann Jett 546, 496; Willodean Barton 44, 145t; Pauline Childers 217, 212, 480; David Godsey 455, 111t; Edith Tate 155, 389; Josie Hyde 507, 234; Danny Creel 182, 269, 383; Tressie Adkins 78, 142; Teddy Godsey 189, 196.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing was called to order by Parnell Berry leading song on page 298. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 288, 179; Hershel Godsey 68b, 101t, 37b; Gladys Bonds 39t, 499b; Pernie Pelfrey 145b, 83t; Mae Conwill 143, 274t; Ada Godsey 411, 34t, 202; Harrison Creel 378b, 512, 348b, 111b; Billy Williams 39b, 213b; Roma Rice 338, 92; Julliette Haynes 209, 216; John Hyde 313t, 297; Milford Watts 430, 428; Dawson Adams 147t; Jerry Hood 36b; Lola Roberson 137, 187. Parnell Berry led song on page 46 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

OAK GROVE CHURCH **Alpharetta, Georgia** **April 28, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Church was held the fourth Sunday in April. Judy Mincey called the class together leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Cagle. Judy Mincey led song on page 46t. Leaders: Jack Corley 123t, 109; Helen Bryson 49t, 66; Bobby Bailey 63,

452; Loy Garrison 74b, 566; Elder Charles Cagle 338; Don Bowen 77b, 225t, 354t; Kenneth DeLong 371, 303b; Jeannette DePoy 341, 569.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Mincey leading song on page 140. A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Ray Richards; Vice Chairman - Jr. Cagle; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison. Leaders: Brother Bobby Cagle 499b, 498; Jr. Cagle 127, 544; Mary Lou Cagle 288, 544b; Ray Richards 282, 239; Vaudie M. Sherer 45t, 143; Winona Cagle 482, 23, 35, 285t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Ray Richards leading song on page 128. The class voted to change this singing date to Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1997. Leaders: Jack Corley 445, 108b; Helen Bryson 287, 147t, 155; Bobby Bailey 30t, 159; Loy Garrison 106, 50b; Don Bowen 166, 426t, 448b; Kenneth DeLong 303, 501b; 347; Jeannette DePoy 475, 384; Judy Mincey 501b, 497; Bobby Cagle 43; Jr. Cagle 490; Gina McNeese 58, 146; Mary Lou Cagle 323b, 542; Vaudie Sherer 85, 278b; Winona Cagle 489b, 82t. Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Bobby Cagle. Chairman - Ray Richards; Vice Chairman - Jr. Cagle; Secretary Dorothy Garrison.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Snead Crossroads, Alabama

April 28, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in April was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Brother J. O. Handley. Carmon Brothers led songs on pages 59 and 470. The class was organized and the following officers elected: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - J. O. Handley; Secretary - Hazel Brothers; Arranging Committee - Pauline Oliver. Carmon Brothers led song on page 154. The following leaders were called: Lydia Baswell 106, 222; J. O. Handley 68b; Eloise Avery 56t, 35; Corene White 73t, 379; Ester Brown 46, 300; Jewel Wootten 335, 345b; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class back together leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Elder Marshall Avery 137, 37b; Freeman Wootten 61, 43; Calvin Rogers 39b, 49b; Mary Tidmore 294, 400; Bud Oliver 30t, 384; Leola Smith 402, 358; Martha Woodard 65; Beecher Yancy 452; Eron White 168; Hershell King 460, 410t; Milton Oliver 176, 321; Brother Marlon Wilkerson 34t, 45t; Dexter Cobb 48; Carmon Brothers "Not Made With Hands". The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Marlon Wilkerson. The afternoon session was called off due to a funeral.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - J. O. Handley; Secretary - Hazel Brothers.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

Fruithurst (Cleburne County), Alabama

April 28, 1996

The annual Alewine Memorial Sacred Harp singing at St. Michael Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The singing had been held in June, and this was the first session on a new date. Corrine Laminack and Jeff Sheppard called

the class together leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Harvey Austin. Corrine Laminack led song on page 32t, and welcomed everyone. The class was organized and the following officers elected: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Corrine Laminack; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Pearl Guier. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 61 and 176t. Leaders: Corrine Laminack 108, 401; Pearl Guier 40, 127; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 75, 225t; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Revy Williamson 99, 155; Shelbie Sheppard 186, 106, 137 for Virgil and Ruby Phillips; Charles Creel 428, 440.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class together leading song on page 87. Leaders: Margie Smith 56t, 335; C. W. Garner 348b, 349; Lucille McElroy 452b, 445; Louise Allen 81t, 143, 119; Harvey Austin 566, 405; Pauline Kilgore 354b, 334; Nell McElroy 358, 294; B. M. Smith 503, 73, 123t.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard called the class together leading song on page 85. Leaders: Mildred Patterson and Ellen Waters 332, 35, 274, 145t; Josie Wootten 100; Pearl Guier 45t; Charles Creel 84, 111b, 216; Margie Smith 303; B. M. Smith 358 for Mrs. Lizzie Chandler who was 93 years of age and able to attend the singing, 147t for Pauline Kilgore; Alice Edwards 271b; Harvey Austin 36b; Lucille McElroy 68b, 146. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Charles Creel.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Corrine Laminack; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING

Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama

May 4, 1996

The twelfth annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday, May 4th in the church building on the grounds of Burritt Museum and Park. Burritt Museum is located atop Monte Sano Mountain, the second highest elevation in Alabama. Pam Wilkerson, Chairperson, called the class to order leading songs on pages 39t, 39b, and 277. Lamar Smith led the morning prayer. The class organized by selecting the following officers: Vice Chairman - Lomax Ballinger; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 460; Teresa Ballinger 318; Gary Leopold 159; David Ballinger 111b; Sam Jones 87; Estelle Napier 392; David Ivey 137 in honor of Virgil Phillips; Amanda Ballinger 155; Donald Cook 143; Lora Cargo 200, 189; Jimmy Ballinger 491; Linda Thomas 47t; Hershell King 163t; Amber Ballinger 400; Milton Oliver 384; Loyd Ivey 424; Beth Todd 89; Donald Jones 147t.

RECESS

Chairperson Pam Wilkerson called the class together leading song on page 475. Leaders: H. A. Godsey 108t, 68b; Shelbie Sheppard 290; Freeman Wootten 111t; Leslie Ballinger 101t; Coy Ivey 222; Margaret Keeton 276; Gravis Ballinger 78; Becky Browne 181; Lamar Smith 36b; J. L. Hopper 149; Frances Jones 35; Gary Gronau 110; Rhonda Arnold 186; Edwin Ballinger 269; Jewel Wootten 37b; Joe Todd 81t; Sam Sommers 524; Barbara Cook 452; Mark Taylor 34b; Don Bowen 549; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 63, 45t; Larry Ballinger 282; Gladys Bonds 77t; Glen Harper 45b; Charles Meidinger 352.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Lomax Ballinger leading song on page 335. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Syble Adams 532; S. T. Reed 225t; Judy Mincey 497; Ray Nelson 434; Allison Ivey 100; Bud Oliver 270; Jeanette Lowry 454; Rex Wilks 40; Lisa Geist 546; Dan Gibbons 142; Jeff Sheppard 176t; Glenda Hopper 310; Mark Carroll 430; Karen Ivey 99; Travis Keeton 343; Earl Ballinger 441; Philip Gilmore 138b; David Killingsworth 448t; David Godsey 299, 196; Norma Latham 373; Bill Schrader 330b; Paula Gilmore 566; Alan Jones 236; Jeff Sheppard 408; Becky Browne 436; Coy Ivey 97; Sam Sommers 112; Beth Todd 146; David Killingsworth 523; Jeanette Lowry 411; J. L. Hopper 438; Larry Ballinger 498; Pam Wilkerson 203. Following the announcements, Chairperson Pam Wilkerson led song on page 62, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairman - Pam Wilkerson; Vice Chairman - Lomax Ballinger; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)

Walker County, Alabama

May 5, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. Travis Keeton led song on page 203. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Travis Keeton led song on page 270. Leaders: Hubert Hood 454, 569b; A. A. Malone 183, 283; Edwin Ballinger 32t, 67; Arnold Moore 208, 67; Earl Ballinger 76, 78; Tressie Adkins 155, 137; Willodean Barton 290, 391; Ila Ingle 480, 384; Tom Harper 300, 392; Roxie Keeton 530; L. E. Hannah 511, 336; Ivalene Donaldson 108, 274t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with A. C. McGough leading songs on pages 391 and 475. Leaders: Mae Conwill 288, 74b; Lena Keeton 89, 546; Lucy Heidorn 145b, 146; Margaret Keeton 422, 402; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 371; Gene Wakefield 56t, 100; Edith Tate 532; John Hocutt 211, 272; Pam Ashley and Glen Keeton 171, 117; Kermit Adams 377, 316.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the class back together leading song on page 270. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 286, 44; Larry Ballinger 91, 217; Parnell Berry 177, 373; Johnny Humber 382, 200; Lola Roberson 222, 192; Ada Godsey 411, 34t; Josie Hyde 224, 198; Cassie Franklin 88t, 485; Flarce Creel 34b, 66; Harrison Creel 30t, 512; Roma Rice 452, 213; Dorothea McCowan 126, 196; Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 59, 108; Lena Keeton and Gwen Cornelius "Not Made With Hands", 143; Cindy Franklin 297, 551b; L. H. Gilmore 337, 73t; Gladys Bonds 499, 33b; John Hyde 75, 313t. Travis Keeton and A. C. McGough led song on page 48t for the closing song. A. C. McGough dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Margaret Keeton.

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Carrollton, Georgia
May 5, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Felton Denney leading songs on pages 72 and 73; Everette Denney 164, 34b; Sheri Taylor 77, 126. The morning prayer was led by Marshall Avery. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor; Chaplin - Marshall Avery; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Jimmie Denney and Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Bernard Denney 100, 145b; Josephine Denney 127, 452; Marshall Avery 32, 40; Roy Nelson 105, 87; Eloise Avery 340, 64; Liz Bryant 354, 475.

RECESS

Everette Denney brought the class back together by leading song on page 503. Leaders: Tokay Boggs 68b, 111b; Jimmie Denney 101t, 313t, 63; Revy Williamson 203, 299; Denny Rogers 318, 345; Denny Rogers and Vivian Rogers 112; Wilford Denney 159, 143; Preston McClendon 436; Phillip Langley 268, 84; Louis Hughes 426.

LUNCH

Felton Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 448b. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 332, 368; Charlene Wallace 297, 441. The memorial was conducted by Lonnie Rogers. Songs on pages 225t and 45t were led for the following deceased: Grady Boggs, Mattie McClendon, Florence Pate Stephens, Mr. Smith and Ruby Gibson. Marshall Avery led songs on page 82 and 81t for the sick and shut-ins, remembering: Bill Green, Mozelle Sheppard, Jerry Sheppard, Mary Shadinger Walker, J. D. Muse, Lois Stanson, Alvin Stanson, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, and Norman Shadinger. Leaders: Bonnie Flowers 518, 28b; Mildred Patterson and Ellen Waters 457, 294; Bobby Bailey 27, 97; Lori Goode 59, 358; Gene Duke and Donna Duke 111t, 276, 36b; Debra Langley 155, 186; Paige Harrod 222; Margie Dietz 385b, 122; Jeff Sheppard 176t, 172; Carlene Griffin 146, 405; Everette Denney 55; Rev. Loyd Toney 128. Everette Denney and Felton Denney led song on page 414 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Rev. Frank Andrews. Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor.

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Nauvoo, Alabama
May 12, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Arthur Gilmore leading song on page 32. The morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton. Arthur Gilmore led song on page 30t, and turned the class over to last year's vice chairman, Joshua Keeton. The class organized by electing the following Officers: Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairman - Pam Keeton; Secretary - Ashley Keeton; Arranging Committee - Jimmie Gilmore. Leaders: Joshua Keeton 30b, 111b; Arnold Moore 137, 35; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Dovey Jackson 319; 421; Ashley Keeton 108t, 124; Cecil Sanders 145t, 145b; Ila Ingle 63, 87; Gene Wakefield 108b, 109, 136; John Hyde 569b, 73; Mae Conwill 126, 146.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Joshua Keeton leading song on page 294. Leaders: Jimmie Gilmore 378; Jimmie Gilmore, Pam Keeton, Joshua Keeton, and Ashley Keeton 43, 288 for Garnsey and Ethel McGough; Josie Hyde 144, 225, 34b, 475; Tom Harper 112, 172, 340, 500, 434, 358. A memorial lesson was held with A. C. McGough leading 290 in memory of Robert McGough and Lillie McGough; Elmer Conwill 382, 316, and 216 in memory of Joe Harper, Martha Harper, Wallace Harper, Grady Harper, Robert Harper, and Lavada Gilmore; Glenn Keeton 143, 45t in memory of Floyd Davis, Wilma Davis, Pete Keeton, and Frank Burns.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Joshua Keeton leading song on page 189. Leaders: Lena Keeton 498, 546; Travis Keeton 400, 300, 276; John Beasley 285, 317; Lola Myrtle Roberson 297, 460; Pam Keeton 171, 456 for Garnsey McGough, 200 for Ethel McGough, 566 for Jimmie Gilmore; Arthur Gilmore "Jesus Died For Me", 208; Gwen Cornelius and Pam Keeton 490; Gwen Cornelius 59; David Beasley 335, 348; Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 33b, 138b, 68b, 177; Elmer Conwill 179, 337; Paula Gilmore 388, 343; Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, and John Harper Gilmore 31; Dwight Ingle, Ila Ingle, and Tom Harper 373, 530; A. C. McGough 457, 410; Glenn Keeton 231; Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 123. The closing song on page 62 was led by Joshua Keeton, Jimmie Gilmore, Pam Keeton, and Philip Gilmore. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore. Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairman - Pam Keeton; Secretary - Ashley Keeton.

GARDEN STATE SINGING CONVENTION

Upper Montclair, New Jersey

May 17-18, 1996

Friday, May 17

The fourth annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Montclair Friends' Meeting House. The class was called to order by George Seiler, welcoming everyone and leading song on 31t. Blake Morris led the class in prayer. The business meeting was held with the election or appointment of the following officers: Co-Chairmen - Jean Seiler and George Seiler; Secretary - Gina Balestracci; Chaplain - Marlin Beasley; Arranging Committee - Paula McGray, Dan Hertzler, Dennis Leipold, and Blake Morris; Memorial Committee - Cora Sweatt, Bill Holt, and George Seiler; Resolutions Committee - Laura Densmore and Gary Smith; Reception Committee - Susan Bingham and Martha Jane Husick; Finance Committee - Karen Snowberg and Howard Katz; Food Committee - Virginia Douglas and Diane Mennella. Leaders: Jean Seiler 34b; Gina Balestracci 40; Dennis Leipold 101t; Ginny Landgraf 442; Guy Banks 552; Kyle Greenlee 147t; Susan Bingham 198; Doron Henkin 228; Cath Oss 336; Susan Wantland 200; Paul Gauthier 542; Barbara Swetman 196; Bill Mates 178; Ginnie Ely 159.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Dan Hertzler leading song on page 84. Chairman George Seiler introduced David Ivey from Huntsville, Alabama, teacher of the singing school. Responding to questions from the class, David discussed various topics, leading tunes to illustrate: tempo (441, which he beat in 2 and in 4; 70t), modes of time (384, 30b, 163b), tunes that begin on an upbeat (64, 75), time changes and rests (448t), written and unwritten repeats (408), part doublings on all the parts (24), pronunciation (35), songs not sung as notated (376), dynamics

(235). David led song on page 186 and asked for other requests. Blake Morris requested 245, which Joe Beasley had led at last year's convention, and was invited to lead it. The class then sang 101t, a favorite song of Leonard Lacy, who was David's great-uncle and first singing-school teacher. David encouraged several people who had not led at conventions to join him in leading 117 and 417. He was then asked to end the singing school by leading 415, his own composition. Neely Bruce closed the session with prayer.

Saturday, May 18

On Saturday morning the class reassembled and the session was called to order by Jean Seiler leading song on page 47t. George Seiler led the opening prayer. Leaders: George Seiler 49b; Gina Balestracci 274t; Richard Schmeidler 66; Eric Johnson 150; Tim Slattery 217; Dick Levine 155; Karen Ivey 288; Sally Findley 455; Mryka Hall-Beyer 280; Frank Evans 315; Paula McGray 300; Howard Katz 492; Gary Smith 178; Tim Eriksen 83b; Dottie Hurley 145b; Bill Holt 430; Pat Temple 291; Karen Snowberg 547; Neely Bruce 173; Bob Parr 528; Marlin Beasley 40; Peter Irvine 448t; Stephen McMaster 282; David Ivey 106; Betty Hanf 479; Ann Ballard 209; Karen House 183; Sarah Smith 400.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Dennis Leipold leading song on page 299. Leaders: Laura Densmore 107; Miriam Kilmer 335; Gabriel Kastle 385t; Kelly House 189; Bradford West 210; Kat Kinkade 368; Michael Kaye 48t; David Martin 47b; Allen Fannin 112; Roland Hutchinson 242; Jennifer Hodgdon 31t; Lynne deBenedette 481; Carol Werba 147t; Susan Wantland 168; Eleanor Soler 159; Paul Gauthier 131t; Doron Henkin 383. The memorial lesson began with Bill Holt leading 340 to honor the sick and shut-in: Paul Buffington and Bess Buffington - Delaware; Fred Leutner - Florida; Mary Wise - Ohio; Tony DeFusco, Emily Hirst-Martz, and Mary Marley - Pennsylvania; and Karen Dodd - Virginia. Cora Beasley Sweatt shared recollections of what Sacred Harp singing had meant to her family and to her brother, Joe Beasley, and reminded the class of the thanks we owe to all those Sacred Harp singers who have gone before us. She led the class in 72b, asking the class to reflect on the quote from Heb.13:5. Those who were remembered were: Joe Beasley (Alabama and New York), Joe Smith, and Dewey Williams - Alabama; Patricia Lang - Arizona; Nora Brignolo - Connecticut; Sam Klappert - Florida; Stephen Haseltine - Massachusetts; Dick Adams, Roberta Adams, Jose Barriero, Emil Schell, and Betty Schell - New Jersey; Joel Eriksen, Ruth Murray Fansler (New York and Pennsylvania); Margaret Kelly, Carmen Lewis, Robert Mottingdorfer, and Sybil Schwartz - New York; Sylvia Evans - Ohio; Betty G. Newberry - Tennessee; W. S. Atherton, Colin Campbell, and Carolyn Merrill - Virginia; John Snowberg - Wisconsin. George Seiler led 122 and read excerpts from a letter from Clarke Lee that concluded with these thoughts: "What a wonderful joy to share with one another the innermost feelings of the heart, and how overwhelming it all is sometimes. It is a great joy to be with others who feel and express their feelings, and share with others the joys and griefs of their own experiences of Sacred Harp, in their own way, without trying to make others see and believe as they do. May God continue to pour out His Blessings on we poor mortals. May we be blest to continue to share in the glories of Sacred Harp and find the true and lasting fellowship of Sacred Harp in the bounds of eternity, to be with the Lord and His children for ever and ever, Amen." The morning session concluded with Jean Seiler leading song on 378t and Marlin Beasley leading a prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ginnie Ely leading song on page 389. Three new songs followed, each led by its composer: Blake Morris, "Carillon," written for this convention; Hal Kunkel, "Ten Thousand Charms"; and Roland Hutchinson, "Hallelujah New." Jean Seiler led "Montclair," written by Bruce Randall for the first Garden State Convention. Leaders: ten members of the Beasley family (Ann and Charles Ballard, Sarah and Gary Smith, Cora and Kirby Sweatt, Chuck and Johnnie Beasley, Marlin and Juanita Beasley) 146; Bill Mates 480; Cath Oss 56b; David Wilkie 160t; Joanne DeVoe 228; Mryka Hall-Beyer 269; Neely Bruce 484; Ginny Landgraf 504; Tim Slattery 192; Barbara Swetman 125; Tim Eriksen 285t. After announcements Jean Seiler called for the state count. The 144 singers came from 11 states and Canada: New Jersey 58; New York 27; Massachusetts 11; Pennsylvania 11; Alabama 10; Virginia 8; Maryland 5; Rhode Island 4; Connecticut 4; Vermont 3; Tennessee 2; Quebec 1. RECESS

Sally Findley brought the class together leading song on page 474. Leaders: Jeff Colarusso 347; Karen Ivey 532; Chuck Beasley 33b; Tom Padwa 569b; David Ivey 553; Tom Gibney 501; Richard Schmeidler 254; Pat Temple 191; Kyle Greenlee 124; Eric Johnson 344; Bob Parr 260; Kat Kinkade 411; Howard Katz 362; Dan Hertzler 86; Gabriel Kastle 89. The Resolutions Committee presented their report, in which they thanked all the officers, committees, and individuals whose efforts contributed to the success of the convention. Gary Smith said: "Sacred Harp is a song with many voices, with many accents, from many homes. It has many ages, and is ageless. It has become nationwide, and is becoming international. Sacred Harp is and has become an important, vibrant, encompassing part of our lives. In our past, we have traveled, fellowshiped, and, on occasion, endured some measure of hardship for our 'peculiar' blessing. We have seen Sacred Harp decline, but now we see it seeming to increase. We have seen examples of singers, living and dead, who have labored mightily to spread Sacred Harp, to root it thoroughly and securely in the only place which really matters, our hearts. Sacred Harp is vitally alive today, as evidenced by the composers whose works we have sung today. To honor those who have gone before, and to honor those who are even now laboring mightily in the Lord's vineyard, let us now resolve together to continue that work, by singing, and going, and by living in the spirit which gives the Sacred Harp its voice." Leaders: Guy Bankes 120; Karen Snowberg 99; Allen Fannin 45t; Miriam Kilmer 378; Kelly House 198; Gina Balestracci, Virginia Douglas, and Diane Mennella 268. George Seiler and Jean Seiler led song on page 62, with all present taking the "parting hand". Marlin Beasley closed the convention with prayer. Co-Chairmen - Jean Seiler and George Seiler; Secretary - Gina Balestracci.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING **San Pedro, California** **May 18, 1996**

The fourth annual Southern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Carla Smith leading song on page 59. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer: Come Holy Spirit, Holy Breath. Fill our hearts with joy and our mouths with praise, that our voices may well up from the deep places, and this room may thunder with the power of abundant life. Tune our songs to the pitch of divinity that we may express to the full the blessing of our humanity to the glory of Your Name, Amen. Rick Russell led song on page 270. The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Carla Smith; Vice Chairman -

Gerry Hoffman; Arranging Committee - Rick Russell; Secretary - Gerry Hoffman; Memorial Committee - Susan Turpin; Treasurer - Jerry Schreiber; Chaplain - Jim Friedrich. Leaders: Karen Willard 37b, 28b; Susan Turpin 290, 95; Midge Harder 222, 58; Carolyn Deacy 196, 178; Janet Herman 192, 500; Jim Friedrich 344, 324; Jon Rand 271t; 285t; Al Patterson Grindon 63, 147t; Tom Ostwald 209, 504; Chris Thorman 474, 120; Paul Booth 29b, 65.
RECESS

Janet Herman brought the class back together leading song on page 276. Leaders: Janice Hecksel 159, 485; Jerry Schreiber 217, 198; Mary Rose O'Leary 475, 542; Marc Weyl 49b, 128; Betty Herman 29t, 372; Gerry Hoffman 216, 182. At this time, Susan Turpin presented the memorial: It is now time for our memorial lesson, the time in a Sacred Harp convention when we remember and honor singers, friends, and family who have died in the past year. When we come to this time, we feel grief at our loss. Life is a gift, and this gift has ended for those we have named. Our grief is the grief of love. If we had not loved, we would not now be grieving, and so we can be grateful even for our grief. As we grieve, we realize there is something else about this memorial lesson. My dear friends and companions, it's the reminder that the journey taken by these friends and loved ones awaits us one day. Death is inevitable. We will all one day face death. And so we wonder, what is this experience of death? What happens when we die? It seems it might be easier if someone would just tell us in plain language, if maybe our scientists could tell us like they tell us about what happens out in space and what goes on inside the cell. But it is not to be. Death seems to be more like the experience of love, more suited to the language of poetry than of science. In these songs we sing, we find rich poetry, with myriad reflections on death. The language is about crossing Jordan's stream, being on our way to Canaan. I assure you, the writers of the lyrics are not talking about chartering a bus to go see Canaan. No, they're talking about going home to heaven. And how does this language describe heaven, this glorious home above? As a place where "sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more"; a place where there are "Sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight." Just as our Sacred Harp singing is not a place of preaching any dogma, but rather a place to lift our hearts and voices in harmonious music, so this poetry is not meant to be analyzed and evaluated, but rather to be pondered in our hearts. Let the music and words touch your heart and allow your understanding to slowly unfold in what is true for you. And so now as I read the names of those who have gone before us, let us give thanks for all that we have received in the gift of their lives, and in the vision unfolding in each of our hearts, Come let us join our friends above that have obtained the prize, And on the eagle wings of love to joy celestial rise: Connecticut - Carolyn Merrill. New Jersey - William Downin. California - Sandy Bayba, Niles Merton, John Lashley, Chris Reader, and J.R Kiehl. Susan Turpin then led 312t and 163b for the deceased, and song on page 340 for the sick and shut-in: California - Catherine Calahan of Santa Barbara, Karen Huss and Margaret Clark of Los Angeles; Ohio - John Bayer, Sr. Singing was resumed by Stephen O'Leary leading song on page 212; Carla Smith 375, 376. Jim Friedrich said grace, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called back from lunch by Midge Harder leading song on page 46. Leaders: Ron Huss 91, 96; Jean Olson 421, 84; Carri Patterson Grindon 203, 146; Laura Boyd 365, 156; Karen Willard 448t, 448b; Fred Wilkey 510, 31t; Natalie Hall 133, 454; Michael Laube 332, 48b; Rick Russell 48t, 291.

RECESS

Singing was resumed by Chris Thorman leading song on page 40. Leaders: John Ostwald 268; Sharon Berman 117; Chris Thorman 269; Paul Booth 347; Jim Friedrich 410t; Janet Herman 411; Tom Ostwald 455; Carolyn Deacy 299; Jerry Schreiber 528; Mary Rose O'Leary 213t; Jon Rand 385t; Betty Herman 442; Susan Turpin 34t; Laura Boyd 384; Gerry Hoffman 278t; Carla Smith 137; Stephen O'Leary 300; Rod Willard and Karen Willard 408; Al Patterson Grindon 385b; Marc Weyl 107; Carri Patterson Grindon 497. The Resolutions Committee then thanked God who made the music possible and made us able to sing it and get such pleasure from it; thanks to all who put the convention on, particularly those performing the duties; thanks to those who brought all the delicious food; and thanks to all who came, and especially those who came from great distances. The class was dismissed by Carla Smith leading song on page 62. Jim Friedrich gave the closing prayer: O Mystery beyond our knowing, You have risen up among us in the glory of sound, You have moved in our hearts through the joy of community. As we take the parting hand, may we never be parted from You, but take Your Presence with us into all the places we go -- as the spirit of love and joy and community by which You are renewing the face of creation. Keep us safe on our journey home, and bring us together again and again, until the day when there will be no more partings, and we shall shout and sing and feast with You forevermore, Amen.

Chairman - Carla Smith; Vice Chairman - Gerry Hoffman; Secretary - Gerry Hoffman (with assistance from Janet Herman and Jerry Schreiber).

SECOND ANNUAL ARROW ROCK SPRING SINGING **Federated Church, Arrow Rock, Missouri** **May 18, 1996**

Joe Casad called the class to order leading song on page 28. Rev. Charles Bullock Bennett led the morning prayer. Wendy Hofmann led song on page 117, and Becky Browne led song on page 32t. The class was organized, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Susan Green; Vice Chairman - Joe Casad; Secretary - Richard Green; Arranging Committee - Becky Browne and Joe Douglas; Memorial Committee - Karen Isbell and Jenny Willard; Finance - Wendy Hofmann. The following leaders were called: Susan Green 350; Joe Casad 299; Dave Ressler 37b; Jo Dell Albi 29t; Patti Butterfield 102; Joe Douglas 497; Karen Isbell 313t; Anna Sylvester 146; Jeanette Lowry 183; Richard Green 38b; Ann Leckie 56b; Peter Nichols 53; Charley Derleth 447; Jenny Willard 168; Susan Green 35; Jim Solheim 218; Keith Willard 39t; Dan Gibbons 442; Gary Gronau 137; Rebecca Green 66; Patti Butterfield 86; Richard Green 99; Jeanette Lowry 100; Wendy Hofmann 85t; Peter Nichols 334; Karen Isbell 142; Joe Douglas 419; Jenny Willard 300; Gary Gronau 110; Susan Green and Charles Bennett 128; Charley Derleth 111b; Joe Casad 454; Ann Leckie 385t; Keith Willard 144. Rev. Charles Bennett asked the blessing on the food, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Joe Casad called the class to order leading song on page 159. Leaders: Anna Sylvester 92; Dave Ressler 542; Jim Solheim 377; Jo Dell Albi 474; Joe Douglas 89; Dave Para and Cathy Barton 82t, 178; Ann Leckie 208; Paul Drummond 205. The memorial lesson was given by Karen Isbell and Jenny Willard, and led song on page 348. The class remembered the recently deceased: Michael Hoban, Missouri. The following sick and shut ins were also remembered: Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Dr. Rodney Willard, William Green, Joyce Smith, Donna Acton, and Evelyn Browne. Leaders: Richard Green 203; Dave Ressler 200; Patti

Butterfield 436; Jim Solheim 269; Donna Walters 28t; Charley Derleth 347; Jeanette Lowry 430; Susan Green 217; Karen Isbell 501; Wendy Hofmann 268; Anna Sylvester 120; Cathy Barton and Dave Para 215 (in honor of Booneville graduating seniors); Dan Gibbons 181; Paul Drummond 127; Jenny Willard 145b; Joe Casad 148; Jo Dell Albi 212; Gary Gronau 192; Keith Willard 74. Susan Green thanked all the committees for their service, and Dave Ressler for keying the music. After announcements, Susan Green and Joe Casad led song on page 62 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Rev. Charles Bennett led the closing prayer.
Chairman - Susan Green; Vice Chairman - Joe Casad; Secretary - Richard Green.

HARMONY CHURCH

**City Administration Building, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
May 18, 1996**

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order with Clayton Ezell welcoming everyone and then leading song on page 129. Tim Reynolds led the morning prayer. Clay Mattox led songs on pages 143 and 335. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Clay Mattox; Arranging Committee - Gordon Wilkerson and Clayton Ezell; Secretary - Frances Mattox. Clayton Ezell led songs on pages 34b, 58, and 112. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 89, 73t; Cecil Sanders 30t, 145t; Frances Mattox 119; Frances Mattox and Margie Norwood 453; Vivian Davis and Clayton Ezell 45t, 405.

RECESS

The class was called to order with Clay Mattox leading song on page 399b. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 159, 28b, 117; Mr. Nippers 63, "Not Made With Hands"; Angela Phillips 111t, 294, 358; Margie Norwood and Frances Mattox 100; Margie Norwood 535b, 147t.

LUNCH

The class was called to order with Tim Reynolds leading songs on pages 39t, 312b, and 81t. Leaders: Angela Phillips 405, 128, 75, 408; Margie Norwood 168, 109, 46; Gordon Wilkerson 460, 189b, 380; Keterina Sanders 454, 48t; Clayton Ezell 278t; Cecil Sanders 225t. A motion was made and accepted to have next year's meeting at this same place. Clay Mattox led song on page 59 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Clayton Ezell.
Chairman - Clay Mattox; Secretary - Frances Mattox.

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

**Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles (near Lexington),
Kentucky
May 18, 1996**

The Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. At 9:00 a.m. Ron Pen called the class to order, and Caroline Simmons gave an invocation. Ron Pen began the first morning session with song on page 58. Leaders: Keith MacAdam 84, 155; Raphael Finkel 128, 535; Bob Meek 178, 143; Laura Chipe 179, 68b; Charles Coulston 107, 497.

RECESS

Ron Pen opened the second morning session with songs on pages 209 and 524. Leaders: Mary Brinkman 40, 73b; Don Waggener 410, 59; Mitchell Martin, Jr. 276, 569b; John Bealle and daughter, Josie Bealle 46; John Bealle 278t; David

Rusk 81t, 86; Eloise Clark 485, 66; Bob French 506, 56b; Laurel Cornell 236, 48b.

RECESS

The memorial lessons were given during the third morning session. Ron Pen eulogized Glen C. Wilcox (Kentucky) who died November 24, 1995. Because of Dr. Wilcox's long-time association with Southern Harmony and the Big Singing in Benton, Kentucky, Ron led New Britain from the Southern Harmony. Keith MacAdam spoke briefly of his mother, Muriel Snow Faulkner MacAdam (New York) who died March 26, 1996, and her influence on his life and music. He led 312b in her memory. There was a period of announcements for upcoming singings from those in attendance. The class sang 49 for grace, and Ron Pen dismissed the class for a potluck lunch on the grounds.

LUNCH

Keith MacAdam opened the first afternoon session with song on page 479, and then led 457 to thank Pat Meek who coordinated the kitchen activities for the singing. Leaders: William Ralph Paris 64, 61; Laurel Cornell 49, 284; Bob French 245; John Bealle for Eloise Clark 48t, 475; David Rust 117, 454; Mitchell Martin, Jr. 216, 178; Eloise Clark 313b, 47t.

RECESS

The second afternoon session began with Keith MacAdam leading 268. Leaders: Denise Morris 358, 146; Raphael Finkel led "Lansdowne" (his own composition which he debuted last year), 269; Ron Pen 455, 126; Mary Brinkman 159; Keith MacAdam for Nancy Paris 31t; Bob Meek 53; Laura Chipe 168; Keith MacAdam 299 at Ron Pen's suggestion in order for Alice Swim and Cindy Clendenon to stand in the square. The class sang 267 to close.

There were 35 singers registered for the day with several guests.

Organizing Committee: Mary Brinkman (song leader), Raphael Finkel, Keith MacAdam, Ron Pen, and Caroline Simmons; Secretary - Charles Coulston.

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **May 19, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Cecil Edwards leading song on page 75. The morning prayer was led by B. J. Harris. Cecil Edwards led song on page 61; B. M. Smith 127, 70t. A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown; Arranging Committee and Secretary - Hester Edwards. B. M. Smith led song on page 101t. Leaders: Lou Cotney 196, 300; Frances Jones 569b, 334; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Harvey Austin 566, 335; Revy Williamson 137, 155; Mildred Patterson 313t, 319; I. V. McWhorter 109, 349; Don Bowen 66, 178; Joyce Clackum 56t, 111t; Estelle Flowers 270, 384.

RECESS

Singing was resumed with B. M. Smith leading song on page 123. Leaders: Roy Nelson 97, 434 for Lola Jenkins; Bonnie Flowers 72b, 342; A. L. Beckett 369, 490; Carlene Griffin 113, 309; Donald Jones 100, 147t for Aunt Ginny and Aunt Grace; Eloise Avery 480, 426b. A cemetery report was given by Charles Norton. A memorial lesson was held to remember those who have passed away in the last year. Those remembered: Russell Norton, Ruby Gibson, Herman Lambert, Mr. Smith (father of Joyce Walton), Ester Reed, Mrs. Jessie Lee Jackson, David Weaver (infant), William Cole Austin, and all those whose names were not

called. Bonnie Flowers led song on page 347 for the deceased. Ruth Brown spoke of the sunshine that we give to each other, and B. J. Harris led song on page 32t for the sick and shut-ins. Ruth Brown led song on page 285t and was joined by Louise Holland and Sylvia Holland. The memorial was closed with prayer by Elder Marshall Avery.

LUNCH

The class was called together by B. M. Smith leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Richard DeLong 205, 202; Sylvia Holland 348b, 45t; Bud Oliver 145t, 426t; Judy Mincey 50b, 410; John Plunkett 53, 39t; Katherine Benefield 47t, 47b; Jonathan Blakely 176, 31t; Evelyn Harris 87, 146; Marshall Avery 74b, 111; Reba Norton and Karen Reeves 61; Bobby Bailey 303, 68b; Jeff Sheppard 408, 358 by request; Herman Smith 332, 333; Sam Jones 179, 63; Lewis Norton 318, 39b; B. J. Harris 225t; Cecil Edwards 294 by request; B. M. Smith and Judy 127; Louise Holland 323b, 147t; Shelbie Sheppard 143; Pam Nunn 269; Florence Williams 418; Ginnie Prater 496. Announcements were made. B. M. Smith led song on page 36b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. A. L. Beckett.

Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

NEW CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH **Sipsey (Walker County), Alabama** **May 19, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Canaan Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May was called to order by Cecil Sanders leading song on page 30t. Prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Cecil Sanders led songs on pages 59 and 123t. The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Arranging Committee - Edith Tate; Secretary - Willodean Barton. Cecil Sanders led song on page 63. Leaders: Lora Cargo 124, 39b, 39t; Gene Wakefield 100, 101t; Ann Jett 56t, 146, 399b; Gennie Nelms 480, 155, 141t; Cassie Franklin 348b, 569b, 546.

RECESS

Edith Tate called the class back together leading songs on pages 37b and 73t. Leaders: Lena Keeton 290, 122, 482; Wanda Capps 142, 36b; Eron White 300, 168; Marie Guthrie 89, 389; Tressie Adkins 217, 78, 298; Keterina Sanders 460, 454; Cindy Franklin 294, 358, 475, 143; Harrison Creel 111b, 490. The pastor of the church welcomed each and everyone.

LUNCH

Cecil Sanders called the class back leading song on page 124. Leaders: Corene White 126, 544b; Larry Ballinger 98, 90; Willodean Barton 145t, 135; Lora Cargo 145b, 274t; Tressie Adkins 72t, 119, 72b, 141; Gertrude Woods 97, 108t, 108b; Gene Wakefield 109, 136; Eron White 111t; Gennie Nelms 45t. The class was dismissed in prayer by Lora Cargo.

Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK) **Chambers County, Alabama** **May 25, 1996**

This singing was organized in 1903/reorganized in 1992.

The annual Cooper Book singing at Mount Pisgah Church was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by

Chairman Don L. Clark leading songs on pages 335 and 64. The morning prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell. Leaders and their selections were as follows: Regina Clark 558, 168; Alice Hochstetler 440b; Mary Elizabeth Lee 505, 361; Steve Grauberger 571; G. C. Waldrep 546; Flarce Creel 39; Wendell Hickox 62; Johnny Lee 225; Johnny Lee and Virgil Phillips 137; Harrison Creel 355.

RECESS

After a 10 minute recess the class was reassembled by Don Clark leading song on page 422b. Leaders: Hannah Lee 360; Ann Jett 503; Kathy Lee 48b; Cassie Franklin 559, 393t; Wanda Capps 200; David Lee 501; Cindy Franklin 229; Gaylon Powell 522; Karen Martin 159; Curtis Rogers 447t; Rachel Lee and Carrie Martin 140; Eugene Forbes 36b; Brenda Merritt 133; Liz Bryant 270; S. T. Reed 54t.

RECESS

After a 10 minute recess, order was restored by Don L. Clark leading song on page 224. Leaders: Isabelle Green 341; Emmie Lou Grayson 569; Freeman Wootten 128; Helen Bryson 172 for Christine Keeble, 484; Jenny Gurley 112; Phil Slay 72; Clarke Lee 563; Daphene Causey 304; Jewel Wootten 507b; Stanley Smith 156; Judy Hauff 336t; John Etheridge 38t; Shane Wootten 201; Linda Thomas 500; Velton Chafin 491; B. M. Smith 38b; Bud Oliver 47t. The class was dismissed one hour for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Don Clark leading song on page 520. Leaders: Norma Latham 511b; Clyde Watkins 106 for Ralph Heath and J. C. Harden; Edna Ruth Phillips 453t; Murray Carter 491; Julie Lee 437; Kate Merritt 171; Lonnie Rogers 395b; Agnes Farris 410; Jeff Sheppard 497; Eloise Avery 478; A. C. Carter 89; Marshall Avery 85; John Merritt "Confederate Memorial Lesson"; Paula Fagan 488b.

RECESS

After a 10 minute recess, order was restored by Chairman Don Clark leading song on page 100. Leaders: Linda Fagan 335; Julianna Jett 146; Horace Batchelor 56; John Plunkett 358; Jimmie Denney 101t; Bill Farris 87; Annie Lee Price 373; Leonard Price 290; Tommy Spurlock 183, 553; Brenda Merritt 94 for Ruby Phillips; David Lee and Clarke Lee "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

We thank each and every one of you for your support in helping to make the day a wonderful success. A contribution of \$165.20 was received from the class for expenses. John Merritt gave special wishes to his daughter Kate, who is graduating from high school this year. Please make plans to join us next year on Saturday, May 24, 1997. Announcements were made. Don Clark led song on page 527 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Marshall Avery.

Chairman - Don L. Clark; Secretary - Regina Clark.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Morgan County, Alabama

May 26, 1996

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 323b. Prayer was offered by Milford Cobbs. Milford Cobbs led song on page 339. Leaders: Steve Cobbs 285t, 460, 280; Arvid Holmes 155, 171; 343; Rhoda Norris 137, 187; Eron White 186, 168; Wilda Holmes 384, 441.

RECESS

Leaders and selections: Lessie Grant 61, 111t; Marie Guthrie 298, 192, 225; Christine Leeth 496, 490; Judy Caudle 234, 84, 448t, 78; Linton Ballinger 82t, 76b, 64; Richard Ivey 270, 567; Stuart Ivey 63, 385b, 551; Unie B. Howard 37b, 48t; Mildord Cobbs 381, 147t. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Hershell King.

LUNCH

Milford Cobbs called the class back to order by leading song on page 36b, and 89 by request in memory of Annie Mae Holmes; Nancy Thompson, Jonathan Thompson, and Brandon Thompson 274 for J. L. Oden and Mary Oden who are shut-ins, 40 and 45t; Judy Caudle 358 in memory of Bera Bradford and Mary Holmes, 499, and 285t requested by Perry Williams in memory of all Sacred Harp singers; Marshall Avery 35, 81, 159; Eloise Avery 123t, 73t; Corene White 216, 314; Allison Ivey 99, 47t; Karen Ivey 47b, 388, 34t; Eunice Kimbrell 535, 69t; Hershell King 80b, and 389 for Mary Oden; Susan Holmes 313t, 49b, 222 in memory of T. C. Cobbs and Pauline Cobbs; J. L. Hopper 288, 383 in memory of Una Mae Holmes Ford, 306; Herbert Cobbs 295, 283; Dan Hopper 449, 301, 376; Dan Hopper and Alta Self 282; David Ivey 340 in memory of Preston Crider, Aver Crider, and Agnes Hocutt, 56b for Mr. Herbert Cobbs; Gerald Holmes 203, 68b, 268. Milford Cobbs led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J. L. Hopper.

We are very thankful for the visitors who came to help us sing, and invite everyone to come next year.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100** **May 26, 1996**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held the fourth Sunday in May at Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Miranel Swafford called the class together leading song on page 348b. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Miranel Swafford led song on page 155; Charlene Wallace 63 and 79. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith and Carlene Griffin. Leaders: Miranel Swafford 345; Florence Williams 569b, 78; Carlene Griffin 81, 126; Mary F. Smith 213, 277; Don Bowen 426, 448b; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Margie Smith 405, 313t; Harvey Austin 101t, 108t; Bobby Bailey 452, 127; Revy Williamson 30, 112; Louis Hughes 31, 49 for I. V. McWhorter.

RECESS

Miranel Swafford called the class back together leading song on page 137. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 47t, 225t; Norma Latham 354b, 388; B. M. Smith 389, 28b; Shelbie Sheppard 110, 142; Roy Nelson and Louise Nelson 87, 176t; B. J. Harris 340, 503; Judy Mincey 354, 163b; Lonnie Rogers 141, 186; Richard DeLong 41, 375; Jeff Sheppard 270, 140; Everette Denney 49b, 52. Brother W. A. Ivie, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone and blessed the food.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Florence Williams leading song on page 490. Leaders: Phillip Langley 215, 47b; Elder Lewis Norton 172, 434; Avis Robinson 457, 59. A memorial lesson was given, and those remembered were: Mrs. Evelyn Liner, Effie Robinson, Belle Roberts, Rastus Adams, Ida Holcombe, and John Word. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 294 and 318. Richard

DeLong led songs on pages 390 and 61 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was concluded with prayer by Rev. Ivan "Bud" Dingler. Leaders: Katherine Benefield 373, 378; Harvey Austin 335; Mildred Patterson and Ellen Walters 145; Louis Hughes 138; Natalie Williams 45t; Margie Smith 36b; Roy Nelson 128; Shelbie Sheppard 106; B. M. Smith 475; Judy Mincey 34b; Don Bowen 474; Norma Latham and Mia Makris 401; Bobby Bailey 68b; Elder Lewis Norton 39b; Everette Denney 161; B. J. Harris 445; Rev. Ivan "Bud" Dingler and B. M. Smith 143. Announcements were made. Miranel Swafford and Florence Williams led song on page 209 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by B. J. Harris.

Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

SULLINS SCHOOL HOUSE

Hamilton, Alabama

May 26, 1996

The sixty-first session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Sullins School House was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 47t. The morning prayer was led by Hugh B. McGuire. Estes Jackson led song on page 48t. The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and John Hyde. Estes Jackson led song on page 52t. Leaders: Hubert Hood 152, 569; Arnold Moore 137, 145b; Mae Conwill 154, 298; Ivalene Donaldson 129, 290; L. E. Hannah 336, 213t; Lena Keeton 460, 123t, 546; Erselle Jackson 426t, 74b, 74t; Travis Keeton 348b, 235b, 142; Estes Jackson 186.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 276 and 272. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 56, 108b, 136; Hugh B. McGuire 107, 106, 268; Warren Steel 65, 183, 392; John Van Horn 89, 212; Linda Gilmore 408, 146, 127.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of this singing was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 57. Leaders: Juliette Haynes 216, 430, 440; Henry McGuire 78, 200, 442; Josie Hyde 220, 434; Elgie Mae Woods 294, 189; John Hyde 30t, 63, 297; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84, 122; Lola Roberson 475, 208; Larry Ballinger 207, 58, 90; Elder Frank Woods 222, 196; Tim Gilmore 306, 383, 416; Beatrice Brewer 373, 75; Elmer Conwill 326, 77t. Estes Jackson led song on page 45t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Frank Woods. Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

DOSS MEMORIAL SINGING

Sardis Baptist Church, Morris, Alabama

May 26, 1996

The annual Doss Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held the fourth Sunday in May. The singing was called to order by acting chairman, Lora Cargo, in the absence of Chairman Floyd Screws who could not serve due to illness. Lora Cargo led song on page 124. The morning prayer was led by David Branham. Lora Cargo led songs on pages 59 and 34. Leaders: Dolores Wilks 313; Dick Nail 108, 373; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Gordon Wilkerson 434, 475; Ila Ingle 155,

30; John Hocutt 516; Flarce Creel 272, 73; John Jenkins 119, 64; Syd Caldwell 129, 171 in memory of his grandfather, J. L. Edge; Lora Cargo and Syd Caldwell 129 for Rosa Hughes who has recently been ill.

RECESS

Lora Cargo led song on page 124 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Margaret Aderholt 203, 436; Bud Oliver 145, 384; Audrey Branham 45t, "Not Made With Hands"; Clayton Ezell 480, 225; Cecil Sanders 498; Mamie Jenkins with daughter Dorothy 112, 328; David Branham 145, 354; Tressie Adkins 217, 426.

RECESS

Lora Cargo led song on page 124 to bring the class to order. Margaret Aderholt led song on page 319 for the sick and shut-ins. Cindy Franklin led song on page 146 for the loved ones that have passed away. Brother Tortorice led prayer to close the memorial service. Leaders: Gerstal Nail 40; Dolores Wilks and Kathleen Traywick 294. The pastor of the church, Chris Tortorice, welcomed everyone and led in prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Lora Cargo leading songs on pages 124 and 101. Lora Cargo and Gordon Wilkerson led song on page 50. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 312, 512; G. C. Waldrep 546, 512; Willodean Barton 290, 391; Tim Whitaker 100, 460 in memory of Ira James; Ann Jett 269, 327; Aquilla Branham 143, 68; Buell Cobb 358, 138; Toney Smith 329; Wanda Capps 448, 142; Harrison Creel 111, 348; Peggy Holmes 378; Florence Garner 208; Cindy Franklin 503, 362; Whitney Branham 551, 274; Lida Mullins 339; Cassie Franklin and Shelley Capps 47, 37, 48; Dorothea McCowan 218, 196; Cohen Cavin 335; Jeanette Tynes 442, 273; Rosa Hughes 36, joined by Lora Cargo and Gordon Wilkerson; Arlon Tate 59. Lora Cargo led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother James Abel.

We would like to thank Lora Cargo for a job well done and wish Floyd Screws a speedy recovery, and hope he will be able to be with us next year from Texas.

Chairman - Floyd Screws; Acting Chairman - Lora Cargo; Vice Chairman and Arranging Committee - Dick Nail; Secretary - Dolores Wilks.

HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH

Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 & U.S. 27 South

June 1-2, 1996

Saturday, June 1

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The singing was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Prayer by Hugh McGraw. Charlene Wallace led song on page 453. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 205; Phillip Langley 299; Mary F. Smith 148; Geneva Prichard 75; Debra Langley 532; Jeanette DePoy 32; Elder Homer Benefield and Katherine Benefield 56t; Bill Waddington 122; Cassie Franklin 528; Leola Smith 267; Jeff Sheppard 142; Helen Bryson 392; Myra Tucker 40; Lora Cargo 475; Mark Johnson 49b; Harvey Austin 108; Don Bowen 66; Lou Cotney 196; Roy Nelson 452; Susan Roberts 146.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Judy Henry leading song on page 117. A motion was made to go into the business session. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw; Memorial Committee - Sheri Taylor, Mary F. Smith, and Geneva Prichard. Leaders: Tim

Cook 37b; Kathy White 178; Reed Coates 49; Kathy Williams 276; Andy Morris 182; David Ward and Hugh McGraw 254; Cindy Franklin 436; Kelly Beard 501; Richard DeLong 385b; Amanda Denson 442; Ted Mercer 139; John Fedderson 280; Lynda Hamburger 294; Buell Cobb 131b; Mel Kersey 565; Linton Ballinger 300; Alfred Scussotte 208; John Schaffer 174; Sandy Hill 203; John Plunkett 567; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Bruce Coates 277; Judy Mincey 556; Doug Allison 385; Sharon Kellam 282; Shelton Williamson 222; Laura Akerman 224; Kelly Morris 147; Toney Smith 150; Beverly Coates 354.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Charlene Griffin leading song on page 170. Leaders: Virgil Phillips 137; Kate Hauk 155; Lynn Allen 278; Jack Smith 192; Jean Schaffer 213b; Becky Hart 270; Liz Bryant 377; John Green 405; Kenneth DeLong 395; Amy Green 275; John Forman 217; Ernestine Pipkin 218; Henry Zittrouer 480; Frances Mary D'Andrea 127; Craig Harris 515; Linda Thomas 464; Bobby Bailey 79; Sharona Nelson 34b; Florice Akin 421; Tokay Boggs 426; Sara Coates 344; Julie Vea 441; Kathleen Kuiper 573.

RECESS

The class was called together by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Mildred Patterson 159; Everette Denney 335; Sheri Taylor 209; Myron House 131; Felton Denney 503; Karen Rollins 143; Louis Hughes 318; Jan House 361; Jimmie Denney 101t; Teenie Moody 100; Lucille Gunnells 358; Lucille Forman 496; Lee Rogers 91; Louis Hughes, Jr. 37b. Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace led song on page 46, and Elder Homer Benefield dismissed with prayer.

Sunday, June 2

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 87. Prayer by Elder Homer Benefield. Charlene Griffin led song on page 283. Leaders: Danny Griffin 314; Josephine Denney 143; Don Bowen 454 for Elene Stovall; Debra Langley 299; Barbara Saxon 504; Anita Sanders 480; Mark Johnson 354b; Gregg Harris 566; Bill Waddington 268; Kathleen Kuiper 458; Charles Wood 479; Daphene Causey 478; John Hollingsworth 186; Jean Schaffer 198; Kathy White 324; Reby Stanford, Revy Williamson, Gladys McGraw, and Charlene Wallace 57; Earlis McGraw 148; Kelly Beard 472; David Killingsworth 440.

RECESS

Robbie Rivers called the class together leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Matt DeLong 213; Raymond Hamrick 54; Bonnie Flowers 503; LaDean Wood and Evin 86; Flarce Creel 475; Lynda Hamburger 189; Ann Jett 546; John Schaffer 44; Reed Coates 178; Harrison Creel 498; Sandy Hill 42; Estelle Flowers 331; Alfred Sausotte 192; Becky Hart 291; Cassie Franklin 485; Sara Coates 350; Kristie DeLong 542.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Judy Henry leading song on page 197. Leaders: Sharona Nelson 276. Memorial Lesson. Charlene Wallace led song on page 48 in memory of Alabama deceased: Aver Crider, Ola Pruitt, Agnes Hocutt, Aaron Creel, Virginia Beatty, Dula Webb, Hoyt Renfroe, Arnevis Norton, Ruby Gibson, Hubert Green, Kelsey Wootten, Dewey Williams, Colbie Allen, Odell Cleveland, Ester Reed, Harold Jackson, Elder Lawrence Daugherty, and Mrs. Ellis Thompson. Teenie Moody led songs on pages 28b and 222 in memory of Georgia deceased: Randolph Mincey, Mae Moon, R. C. Stanford, Herman Lambert, and Rosie Robinson; and for other deceased: Carolyn Merrell of Virginia and Joe Beasley of New York. For the sick and shut-ins Jeanette DePoy

led song on page 83; Lonnie Rogers 348b. The memorial was closed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Phillip Langley leading song on page 394. Leaders: Judy Mincey 497; John Schaffer 213; Ted Mercer 362; Julie Vea 474; Beverly Coates 56b; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Kathy Williams 306; Robert Rivers, III 147; Louis Hughes 290; Margie Dietz 153; Richard DeLong 448t; Susan Roberts 40; Toney Smith 444; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Cindy Franklin 551; Lee Rogers 263; Bruce Coates 569b.

RECESS

Johnny Wright called the class together leading song on page 455. Leaders: Ruth Walker 490; Helen Bryson 411; Tokay Boggs 316; Ellis Goldin and Hugh McGraw 112; Liz Bryant 549; Oscar McGuire 573; Noel Rush 460; Ryan Allen 114; Jeff Sheppard 448b; Sheri Taylor 368; Louis Hughes, Jr. 68b; Roy Nelson 176t; Bobby Bailey 452; David McGukin 433; Lucille Gunnells 218; Everette Denney 489; Amanda Denson 236; Andy Morris 47. After announcements, Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, Judy Henry, Hugh McGraw, and Elder Homer Benefield led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

LIBERTY CHURCH

Henagar, Alabama

June 2, 1996

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 34t. The morning prayer was led by Rev. Edward Tanner. David Ivey led song on page 499. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 39b, 335; Coy Ivey 48t; Loyd Ivey 61, 78; Eloise Wootten 47t; Rex Wilks 37b, 30t; Norma Latham 348, 482 in memory of her parents, Eulas Ivey and Helen Ivey Cordell; Woodie Walker and Coy Ivey 378t, 208; Lamar Smith 76; Edward Tanner 84, 45t; Martha Woodard 57; Terry Wootten 317; Mel Kersey 99; Willie Mae Moon 47b in memory of her parents, 68b; Reba Windom 276, 155. The memorial lesson usually held at this time in the cemetery was cancelled because of rain.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 448b. Leaders: Wayne Wootten 31t, 30t; Marian Bethune, Adam Bethune, and Ivey Bethune 551; Allison Ivey 40; Teresa, Lindsey, and Candice Bethune "That Beautiful Land"; Tyler Wilks 128; Richard Ivey 384; Mike Dunn 186; Jason Wilks 312b; Linda Thomas 345b; Rodney Ivey 299; Lorrie Wootten 474; Leola Smith 176b; Leroy Digsby and Nancy Digsby 163, 36b.

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 70t. Leaders: Marty Wootten 269, 354b; S. T. Reed 32b; Stuart Ivey 159, 300; Bud Oliver 343 for Barrett Ashley; Karen Travis 147t; Karen Ivey and Loyd Ivey 454; Mae Seymour 373 for Maxine Lacy and in memory of Leonard Lacy, 189; Ester Brown 460, 426t; Betty Shepherd 126, 216; Bickett Howton 436, 101t; Joan Aldridge "We Will Sing With The Angels There"; The Ivey First Cousins "Gone To Rest", "Trusting" in memory of their loved ones; George Lacy and Joyce Walton 424; Mae Holt, Reba Windom, Chrystine Lacy 282, 146 in memory of Noah Lacy, Margie Lacy, Winford Lacey, and Hugh Brandon;

Milton Oliver 403; Grady Price 72b; John Henry Busby and Loyd Ivey "Jesus Died For Me"; Tony Ivey, Sandy Ivey, and Scott Ivey 87, 421; Jap Walton 153; Rodney Ivey, Jackie Tanner, and Richard Ivey 137 for Virgil Phillips, 172; Mattie Townsel 119; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 475; Robert Harper 75. Announcements were made. David Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Tony Ivey led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Tony Ivey. Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Marlon Wootten; Secretary - Norma Latham.

PINE TUCKY CHURCH **Winston County, Alabama** **June 2, 1996**

The eighty-fourth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Pine Tucky Church was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 111b and 108t. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Gene Wakefield led song on page 108b. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 475; B. B. Mattox 129, 217; Arnold Moore 81t, 290; Keterina Sanders 89, 317; Gravis Ballinger 144, 300, 34b; Chris Bell 358, 276; John Hyde 314, 297, 73t; Milford Watts 53, 275b, 123b.

RECESS

Gene Wakefield called the class back to order leading songs on pages 57 and 56t. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 32t, 39b; Parnell Berry 283, 99; L. E. Hannah 498, 500, 201; A. C. McGough 410t, 410b, 454; Rose Altha Taylor 426t; Mae Conwill 512, 172, 298; Beatrice Brewer 460, 373, 123t; Faye Donaldson 299, 430; Tom Harper 434, 436, 442.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 179. Leaders: Lena Keeton 340, 171, 546; Larry Ballinger 270, 282, 71; Ila Ingle 480, 335, 145b; Josie Hyde 183, 182, 543; Margaret Keeton 98, 517, 225t; Kermit Adams 487, 30b, 47t, 74b; Cecil Wakefield 490, 491, 339; Elmer Conwill 288, 44; Travis Keeton 37b, 203, 196, 400. Gene Wakefield led song on page 62 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Milford Watts. Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

NORTHERN SHENONDOAH VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING **Berryville, Virginia** **June 8, 1996**

The third annual Northern Shenandoah Valley All Day Singing held on Saturday before the second Sunday in June was called to order by John delRe leading song on page 47t. Kelly Macklin led the class in an opening prayer. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretary - Stephen McMaster; Finance Committee - Marilyn Estep; Chaplain - Frank Evans. Kelly Macklin led song on page 399b. Leaders: John Hewes 410t; Elise Meyer-Bothling 66; Pat Temple 324; Kathy Manning 421; Liz Cusich 178; Tom Tucker 38b; Mary Wright 145b; Susan Wantland 299; Leyland delRe 157; Paula McGray 404; Kelly Macklin 433; Guy Bankes 77b; Clare Chapin 40; Evan Duncan 84;

Lynden Willingham 117; Stephen McMaster 86; Alix Baillie 106; Blake Morris 141; Iris Knell 128; John Daniel delRe 56b; Kat Kinkade 383.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lewis Naylor leading song on page 452b. Leaders: Janine Smith 179; Carol Selleck 176t; Bev Oneida 180; Anna Taylor and Kelsey Taylor 274; Kelsey Taylor 77; Peter Pate 232. Paula McGray gave the memorial lesson, and led song on page 72t, verse 1, for the sick and shut-ins; verse 2 for the deceased. The memorial was closed with prayer by Peter Pate. The class resumed singing with John delRe leading song on page 144. Leaders: Elise Meyer-Bothling 49b; Kathy Manning 110; Pat Temple 168; Liz Cusick 372; Tom Tucker 200; Mary Wright 82; Susan Wantland 287; Fred Beardsley 454; Marilyn Estep 236; Guy Bankes 481; Paula McGray 44; Clare Chapin 73b; Evan Duncan 346; Lynden Willingham 47b; Stephen McMaster 532; Alix Baillie 455; Blake Morris 111b; John delRe 49t. Frank Evans led the class in prayer before dismissing for lunch.

LUNCH

John delRe brought the class back together leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Iris Knell 312; Frank Evans 315; Kat Kinkade 546; Tim Slattery 228; Lewis Naylor 347; Janine Smith 335; Carol Selleck 35; Bev Oneida 203; Anna Taylor and Kelsey Taylor 278b; John Daniel delRe 276; Peter Pate 503; John Hewes 551; Elise Meyer-Bothling 147; Kathy Manning 380; Melissa Dunning 189; Pat Temple 291; Liz Cusick 163b; Tom Tucker 547; Mary Wright 148; Susan Wantland 29; Fred Beardsley 513; Marilyn Estep 504; Guy Bankes 556; Clare Chapin 98.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Evan Duncan leading song on page 155. Leaders: Stephen McMaster 159; Kat Kinkade 300; Paula McGray 81; Lynden Willingham 209; Stephen McMaster 535; Alix Baillie 466; Blake Morris 67; Iris Knell 388; Frank Evans 38t; Kat Kinkade 362; Janine Smith 74b; Carol Selleck 39b; Bev Oneida 492; Peter Pate 486; John delRe 123b; Kelsey Taylor and Kathy Manning 53; Marilyn Estep 268; Alix Baillie 135; Stephen McMaster 474; Pat Temple 371; Peter Pate 97; Tom Tucker 501; John delRe 113; Lynden Willingham 112. Following announcements, the class took the "Parting Hand" with song on page 62 as the closing song. Frank Evans dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretary - Stephen McMaster.

HIGHER GROUND SINGING **United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana** **June 8, 1996**

Happiness and joy I've found; for I'm on much higher ground...incidentally, for those who might not know, "Terre Haute" is French for "high ground".

The first annual session of the Higher Ground Singing, a joint venture of the Bloomington, Indiana and Charleston Area, Illinois singers, was called to order at the United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana, with Dave Rust leading song on page 40. The following officers were elected: Chair - Marlen Rust; Vice Chair - Don Bardsley; Secretary - Janet Fraembs; Co-Chaplains - Laurel Cornell and Lee Steinmetz; Memorial Committee - Daryl Mayberry and Terry Hogg; Arranging Committee - Don Bardsley and Marlen Rust. The opening prayer was offered by Lee Steinmetz. Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 565; Don Bardsley 497;

Marlen Rust 178; Janet Fraembs 68b; Carolyn Craig 141; Daryl Mayberry 48t; Mike Veech 547; Janet Borman 34; John Bailey 340; Laurel Cornell 49; Dorothy Glanzer 72; Molly Evans 107; Donna Purdom 454; Terry Hogg 501; Karen Hojnacki 178; Dave Rust 146; Bill Shetter 147; Don Bardsley 335.

RECESS

Marlen Rust brought the class back to order leading song on page 84. Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 491; Jim Solheim 218; Carolyn Craig 373; Janet Fraembs 532; Daryl Mayberry 475; Mike Veech 228; Janet Borman 66; Laurel Cornell 236; John Bailey 145; Dorothy Glanzer 324; Karen Hojnacki 220; Molly Evans 203.

LUNCH

Don Bardsley brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 87. Leaders: Molly Evans 86; Donna Purdom 48b; Peggy Brayfield 481; Terry Hogg 112; Bill Shetter 448; Lee Steinmetz 163; Jim Solheim "Missouri Harp", his original composition; Carolyn Craig 182; Janet Fraembs 455; Mike Veech 128; Daryl Mayberry 385; Janet Borman 159; John Bailey 384; Laurel Cornell 143; Dorothy Glanzer 65.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Marlen Rust leading song on page 38t. Leaders: Karen Hojnacki 198; Molly Evans 489; Donna Purdom 126; Peggy Brayfield 504; Terry Hogg 155; Bill Shetter 515; Lee Steinmetz 154; Daryl Mayberry 421; Don Bardsley 528; Janet Borman 63; John Bailey 361; Laurel Cornell 254. The memorial lesson was held with Marlen Rust leading song on page 47b for the deceased: Daniel Fraembs was remembered. Daryl Mayberry led song on page 368 for the sick and shut-ins: Pam Nitz was named. Leaders: Dorothy Glanzer 73b; Karen Hojnacki 192. Laurel Cornell offered the closing prayer and led the "Parting Hand".

Singers from Bloomington and Evansville, Indiana; Charleston, Mattoon, Hazel Dell, Decatur, Rockford, and Elgin, Illinois; East Troy, Wisconsin; and St. Louis, Missouri were present.

Chair - Marlen Rust; Vice Chair - Don Bardsley; Secretary - Janet Fraembs.

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Oneonta, Alabama

June 8-9, 1996

Saturday, June 8

The fiftieth session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Marshall Avery. Terry Hullett led song on page 32t. Leaders: Roie Alexander 317; Douglas Conn 337; S. T. Reed 338; Martha Woodard 75; Lamar Smith 76b; Willie Mae Moon 460; Thurman Nall 503; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Cecil Sanders 475; Leola Smith 318; Bud Oliver 73t; Eloise Avery 348b; Clarke Lee 39t; Linda Thomas 106; Jeff Sheppard 549; Julie Lee 72b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 112. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Virgil Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee - Doug Conn and Linda Thomas. Leaders: B. M. Smith 149; Keterina Sanders 454; Elder Roy Avery 271; Calvin Phillips 147t; Becky Browne 89; Johnny Lee 31t; Carlene Griffin 225t; Mel Kersey 39b; Genora Whitworth 212; Freeman Wootten 565b; Jeanette Lowry 542; Milton Oliver

384; Charlene Wallace 481; Roy Nelson 434; Cassie Holmes 68b for Ruby Phillips; Cecil Gilliland 282; Lonnie Rogers 137.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 64. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 448t; Hershell King 426t; Katrina Holmes 119; Coy Ivey 47t; Edith Tate 93; Larry Ballinger 270; Reba Dell Windom 192; Velton Chafin 385t; Flarce Creel 217; Earl Ballinger 299; James Cain 218; Gary Gronau 163; Jimmie Denney 313t; Phil Summerlin 35; Marlon Wootten 448b; Carmon Brothers 376.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 273. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 300; Norma Latham and Bud Oliver 418; J. A. Mosley 365; Chita Blakely 196; Clayton Ezell 390; Pam Nunn 528; Ernest Phillips 99; Joyce Walton 455; Gordon Wilkerson 380; Syble Adams "There Is A Fountain"; Arthur Gilmore and Jimmie Gilmore 276, 378t; Everette Denney 34b; Alice Mosley 285; Linton Ballinger 186; Paula Gilmore 30b; A. C. Rutledge 105; Herbert Phillips, Calvin Phillips, and Virgil Phillips 345t, 45t; Dorothea McCowan 551; John Merritt 73b; Elder Philip Gilmore 316; Betty Johnson 406; Jap Walton 420; Ann Ballard 421; Elder Arthur Beckett 490; Rhoda Norris 498. Terry Hullett led song on page 62t for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Calvin Phillips.

Sunday, June 9

On Sunday morning the class was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Elder Marshall Avery. Terry Hullett led song on page 340. Leaders: Margie Smith 512; Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 349, 145b; Alice Mosley 45t; Elder Marshall Avery 74b; J. A. Mosley 63; Leola Smith 43; John Etheridge 65; Regina Clark 454; Henry Guthery 558; Julie Lee 109; Don Clark 171; Jeanette Lowry 369; Freeman Wootten 441; Richard Ivey 270; Pam Nunn 269; Thurman Nall 569.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 189. Leaders: Mel Kersey 120; Shelbie Sheppard 290; Allison Ivey 442; Marty Wootten 64; Becky Browne 203; Stuart Ivey 300; John Merritt 68; Martha Woodard 428; John Lee 285t; Josephine Rousse 98; Eugene Forbes 222; Marie Hyatt 332; Elder Philip Gilmore 216; Karen Ivey 475; Milton Oliver 321; Genora Whitworth 136.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 142. Leaders: Clarke Lee 147t; David Ivey 83b; Betty Johnson 127; Gary Gronau 181; Jeff Sheppard 182; Brenda Merritt 542; B. M. Smith 384; Lamar Smith 36b; Herby Bailey 34; Herbert Phillips 376; Paula Gilmore 75. At this time the memorial lesson was held. Linda Thomas and Doug Conn led 45t, "Sweet By and By", and 61 for the following deceased: Colbie Allen, Ester Reed, Elbert Drake, Kelsey Wootten, Agnes Hocutt, Joe Smith, Hoyt Renfroe, Aver Crider, Effie Brock, Evelyn Browne, Maxine Phillips, Eula Stallings, Jerry Lamb, Bud Bailey, Doyce Oden, Pa Glover, and Ron Rutherford. Buell Cobb led song on page 467 for the sick and shut-ins. Elder Philip Gilmore closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 97. Leaders: Virgil Phillips 137; Cassie Holmes 68; Calvin Phillips 143; Katrina Holmes "Not Made With Hands"; John Lee 48t; Brenda Merritt 434; John Etheridge 211; Don Clark 480; Jeanette Lowry 430; Clarke Lee 32; Becky Browne 56b; Mel

Kersey 503; Julie Lee 28; Regina Clark 178; John Merritt 76; Eloise Avery 37; Thurman Nall 523; Gary Gronau 456; Buell Cobb 445; J. A. Mosley 282; B. M. Smith 54; Jeff Sheppard 176t; Shelbie Sheppard and Becky Browne 383, 106; Jeff Sheppard 33. Terry Hullett, Elder Philip Gilmore, and Virgil Phillips led the closing song on page 62. The closing prayer was led by Elder Philip Gilmore. Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Virgil Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wooten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt.

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Alpharetta, Georgia

June 9, 1996

The one hundred twenty-eighth annual session was opened by Chairman Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 57 and 60. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Wills. Richard DeLong led song on page 403. Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong led songs on pages 303 and 354t. Richard DeLong called the following leaders: Doug Allison 299, 282; Don Bowen 426t, 171; Mary D'Andrea 383, 106; Lee Rogers 502, 503; Reuben Ball 348b, 497; Faye Pettis 87, 532; Diane Walls 384, 349, Lori Allison 34b, 335.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class together leading song on page 409. Leaders: Judy Mincey 34t, 278t; John Hollingsworth 196, 155; Floy Wilder 142, 224; Louis Hughes 31t, 108t; Kathy White 159, 146; Loy Garrison 35, 50b; Dan Bailey 569b, 117; Helen Bryson 78, 454; Janice Paulk 145b, 145t; Kim Cagle 371, 373.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong began the afternoon of singing by leading songs on pages 213t and 214. Leaders: Richard Whatley 501, 276; Tim Cook 515, 147t; Jack Corley 121, 300; Jeanette DePoy 225t, 475; Dennis Walls 45t, 127; Dollie Hudgins 119, 61; Susie Hardeman 58, 82t; Horace DeLong 460, 192, 434; Andy Morse 440, 344. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 445 and 288 for those not able to be with us.

RECESS

Richard DeLong led song on page 273 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: John Plunkett 547, 182; Robert Kendrick 480, 153; Becky Almon 170, 217; Kevin Webb 274t, 401; Judy Mincey 52t; Don Bowen 516; Janice Paulk 274b; Jeanette DePoy 89. Richard DeLong led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Robert Kendrick.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary - Hazel Cagle.

MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Cullman, Alabama on Hwy. 69 East

June 9, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading songs on pages 61, 49b, and 48t. The morning prayer was given by Bascum Mattox. Bascum Mattox led songs on pages 30t and 76b. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 144, 139, 127; Bascum Mattox 42, 129, 155, 168; Gordon Wilkerson 123, 112, 145t.

LUNCH

Elvin Guthrie called the class back to order leading songs on pages 358 and 143. Leaders: Imogene Nelms 119, 312, 441; Rhoda Norris 146, 145b; Manilia

Hudson 108t, 43; Ilene Williamson 274t, 124, 87. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkerson; Arranging Committee - Hershell King; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson. The singing continued with Hershell King leading songs on 101t, 97, and 80b. Leaders: Arvid Holmes 64, 63; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land", 100; Reede Powell 126, 186, 430; Edis Guthrie 171, 29t, 91; Janet Goodwin 268, 108b, 300; Bascum Mattox 217; David Roberson 388, 389. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Copeland.

Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkerson; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

NEW HOPE CHURCH

Villa Rica, Georgia

June 9, 1996

No minutes of this singing were recorded. Due to prior commitments of singers, the class was dismissed at lunch.

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Jimmie Denney; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

PLEASANT HILL (JOHNSON SCHOOL HOUSE)

Aldridge Memorial - Fayette County, Alabama

June 9, 1996

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing at Pleasant Hill (Johnson School House) was held the second Sunday in June. Joan Aldridge called the class together leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Joan Aldridge led song on page 30t. The business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairperson - Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Elmer Conwill led songs on pages 137 and 100. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 89, 73t; Mae Conwill 270, 272; Arnold Moore 480; Ila Ingle 145b, 32t; Odie Horton 33b; Bud Oliver 343, 145t; Lucy Heidorn 155, 217 in memory of D. M. Aldridge; Gene Wakefield 56t, 64; Earl Ballinger 61, 76b; Marie Aldridge 192, 316; Joan Aldridge 371.

RECESS

Cecil Sanders called the class back together leading song on page 108t. Leaders: John Hyde 39b, 37b; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 74b; Flarce Creel 402, 475; Tom Harper 411, 441, 382; Edith Tate 146, 389; Josie Hyde 302, 564; Larry Ballinger 123t, 119; Travis Keeton 471b, 275b; Lena Keeton 482, 498; Beatrice Brewer 384, 460; Edwin Ballinger 168, 110. The class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 285 and 286. Leaders: Charlie Ballard 512, 45t; Marie Aldridge 304, 88t; Dorothea McCowan 551, 218 in memory of her uncle, Joseph Beasley; Elene Stovall 454, 436 in memory of Fleecie Tucker, D. M. Aldridge, and Robert Aldridge; Allison Stovall and Elene Stovall 318, 84; Ann Ballard requested prayer for her brother, Chuck Beasley, who is to undergo surgery, and led songs on pages 208 and 204; John Beasley 406, 100; A. C. McGough 82t, 81t; Tommy Beasley 348b, 30b; David Beasley 330b, 335; Harrison Creel 111b, 342 in memory of D. M. Aldridge; Bud Oliver 34b; Joyce Hubbard 179; Clearcy Rutledge 42, 37b; Lucy Heidorn 53, 200; Joan Aldridge 43 for cousin Shirley who is sick at home, 294 by

request. Flowers on pulpit were in memory of Snow Tucker and Fleecie Tucker. The Tuckers' daughter stood before the class and told how important this day had always been to her parents and thanked all the singers for coming to sing, and also, for the singing at her mothers' funeral. Announcements were made. Joan Aldridge led song on page 46 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

Chairperson - Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
June 13, 14, 15, 1996

Thursday, June 13

The seventeenth session of the National Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Chairman Buell Cobb called Thursday's session to order by leading song on page 61. Chaplain Gaylon Powell led the morning prayer. Leaders: Kathy Williams 494; Gaylon Powell 328; Don Bowen 475; Ginnie Ely 228; Helen Bryson 78; Cora Sweatt 81; Cindy Franklin 213t; Dave Collett, Trinity United Methodist Church Minister of Music, 45t; Elizabeth Muhleisen 121; H. J. Jackson 480; Lou Cotney 196; George Cox 303; Gina Balestracci 107; Ed Snell 30; Nancy Van Den Akker 119; Daphene Causey 140; Tommy Creel 37b; Louise Holland 144.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jesse Roberts leading song on page 284. Leaders: Chris Bell 358; Janice Jackson-Johnson 288; Marshall Avery 159; Wanda Capps 546; Travis Keeton 297; James Howell 68b; Pauline Childers 480; Mel Kersey 354t; Willie Israel 86; Toney Smith 227; Flarce Creel 56t; Katherine Manning 380; Phil Summerlin 278t; Edith Tate 532; Pauline Griggs 43; Carroll Lunsford 127; Cassie Franklin 216.

RECESS

Donald Smith called the class back to order by leading song on page 35. The convention went into a business session. The following officers and committees were elected and appointed: Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Kathy Williams; Chaplain - Gaylon Powell; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin, Jimmy Causey, and Susan Roberts; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and Hubert Nall; Memorial Committee - Jesse Roberts, Tom Owen, and Mike Hinton; Resolutions Committee - Linda Thomas, Ginnie Ely, and Berkley Moore. The business session was closed and singing resumed. Leaders: Hubert Nall 46; Marie Aldridge 217; Bob Bonnell 335; Ruby Bowen 169; Ginnie Prater 460; Ann Jett 327; Lomax Ballinger 300; Willie Mae Moon 441; Amanda Denson 142; Emily Jones 33b; George Seiler 284; Becky Briggs 340; Linton Ballinger 36b; Eloise Avery 426b; Dan Huger 47b; Jean Seiler 200; Elvin Morris 490; Susan Roberts 47t; Roland Hutchinson 146; Anne Louise Kazlauskas 173; Mike Hinton 373. The blessing for lunch was led by Gaylon Powell.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Buell Cobb leading song on page 75. Leaders: Linda Thomas 299; A. C. McGough 454; Sharon Kellam 349t; Jeb Owen 182; Cecile Cox 426t; Paul Gauthier 542; Hannah Roberts 176b; Ila Ingle 270; Richard DeLong 419, 530 by request from Tom Harper; Ashley Roberts 195; Ann Ballard 512; Tom Owen 442; Julianna Jett 108t, 399b; Ted Mercer 468; Don Klein and Sandy Klein 517; Dorothea McCowan 218; Eugene Forbes

566; Richard Schmeidler 474; Bill Hogan 38b; Gary Smith 34b. Buell Cobb and Toney Smith led songs on pages 69b and 294 for the closing songs. The closing prayer was led by Gaylon Powell.

Friday, June 14

The Friday session of the Convention was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 31. Elder Marshall Avery led the opening prayer. Leaders: Kathy Williams 171; Gaylon Powell 411; Mark Davis 38; Tom Owen 492; Linda Thomas 155; Don Bowen 163b; Mike Hinton 384; Ginnie Ely 446; Hubert Nall 40; Berkley Moore 71; Jesse Roberts 428; Earl Ballinger 299; Janet Jones 373; John Hocutt 516; Sharona Nelson 34b; Sarah Smith 406; Edward Howton 436; Myra Dalton 376.

RECESS

Cindy Franklin called the class back to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Mae Seymour 176b; Tom Harper 434; Lee Steinmetz 491; Estelle Napier 217; Syble Adams 532; Coy Ivey 30t; Janet Fraembs 475; Louis Hughes 503; Joyce Walton 348b; David Ivey 30b; Nell Estes 192; Don Clark 73t; Janaice Haworth 59; Tommie Spurlock 442; Lee Rogers 502; Herman Smith 139; Judy Mincey 497; John Foreman 426b; Dolores Canerday 85; Joan Aldridge 198; Charles Kitchens 326; Lucille Foreman 361; Leola Smith 109; John Green 405; Judy Hauff 528; Jason Ritch 388; Duds Fthhrtd and Buell Cobb 270; Mark Davis 288. The blessing for lunch was led by Don Clark, and the class was dismissed.

LUNCH

Cindy Franklin called the class back to order leading song on page 189. Leaders: Freeman Wootten 383; Maude Frederick 208; Jap Walton 153; Willard Frederick 77t; Charlene Wallace 385; Ashley Roberts 182; Justin Keeton and Bradley Allen 546; Cassie Franklin 368; Jeb Owen 480; Hannah Roberts 547; Chris Bell 146; Bill Hogan 145t; Pauline Childers 212; Roland Hutchinson and Gina Balestracci 254; Eloise Avery 35; Travis Keeton 418; Daphene Causey 369; Ted Mercer 36t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mel Kersey leading song on page 82. Leaders: A. C. McGough 225t; Flarce Creel 269; Marshall Avery 53; Dan Huger 268; Jean Seiler 277; Don Klein and Sandy Klein 210; Harry Eskew 128; Carroll Lunsford 89; Katherine Manning 550; Richard DeLong 408; Helen Bryson 294. Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led song on 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Gaylon Powell.

Saturday, June 15

Chairman Buell Cobb assembled the Saturday session of the Convention by leading song on page 52. The opening prayer was led by Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Mark Davis 344; Kathy Williams 273; Gaylon Powell 455; Susan Roberts 146; Tom Owen 447; Jesse Roberts 304; Mike Hinton 384; Linda Thomas 45t; Ginnie Ely 454; Berkley Moore 133; Don Bowen 282; Hubert Nall 84; George Seiler 148; Willie Israel 147t; Jeff Sheppard 26; Andy Morse 504; Richard Schmeidler 66; B. M. Smith 99.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Judy Hauff leading song on page 171. Leaders: Warren Steel 315; Dorothea McCowan 551; Juan Martinez 186; Sharon Kellam 176t; Shane Wootten 448; Mattie Townsel 155; B. J. Harris 452; Becky Briggs 318; James Howell 141; Anne Kazlauskas 125; Wayne Wootten 276; Elene Stovall 556; Gary Smith 178; Cora Sweatt 145b.

RECESS

Toney Smith called the class back to order by leading song on page 377. Leaders: Daniel Hopper 54; Elizabeth Muhleisen 47t. At this time, the session was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Jesse Roberts introduced the memorial lesson by making the following remarks: In the last 1700's, some of the American composers began to use discord in some of their music as a means of emphasis. William Billings, believing that the pure sounds we love so greatly today were the only proper ways to write music, wrote a satirical song to the "Goddess of Discord". In that song, every syllable was a discord. It seems that like is often the way of that song. There are wonderful chords in life, but it seems that life is mostly composed of discords. There is joy in family, friends, and fellowship among our Sacred Harp singers, but more often, like is overshadowed by trials, hardship, sickness, and separation. Early in our lives, we sing songs in the Old Harp because of our love for the songs. As we get older, we begin to associate certain songs with specific singers, and eventually we associate most songs with beloved singers who have left us. When we sing these songs, it seems that we can still hear those singers who have gone to be with God still singing in our midst. Every singing and every song becomes a memorial to those singers, and not only to the singers, but to the God who loved and sustained them, and showed mercy to us in allowing these gracious people to influence our lives. Some we remember today have gone to be with the Lord; others are sick, and cannot be with us today. While we sing for those singers who have passed away this past year and those who are sick and feeble, and while we weep, this weeping and singing is for our loss, not theirs. They sing where there is no trial, or death, or sickness, or parting. God has given us the joy of singing in a time of mourning to comfort our hearts and secure our understanding in the fact that ... "He arose, ascended high, and showed our feet the way; Up to the Lord our souls shall fly, At the great rising day."

Mike Hinton read the names from Alabama and led song on page 235 for the following deceased: Joe Beasley, Joe Smith, Dewey Williams, Aver Crider, Kelsey Wootten, Hoyt Renfroe, Effie Brock, Colbie Allen, Agnes Hocutt, Jack Harcrow, Pa Glover, Anita Wyatt, Ina Rosser, Tan Kelly, Hubert Green, Jessie Swindle, Ester Reed, Lois Roberson, and Robert McCowan.

Tom Owen led song on page 101t in memory of these singers from other states: New York - Robert Mattingdorfer; New Jersey - Roberta Adams; Texas - Lonnie Cato; North Carolina - J. P. Egerton and Wade Moore; Georgia - Eula Stallings and Inez Thomaston; California - Daniel Fraembs; Mississippi - Cynthia Ledlow and J. W. Wilson.

Judy Hauff led song on page 70 for these sick and shut-in friends: Alabama - Terry Wootten, Elsie Beasley, Rodger Morrison, Chug Beasley, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hardin, Bill Green, and Hazel Cagle; Virginia - Kat Kincade and Betty Ann Armstrong; West Virginia - Mr. Heineke; North Carolina - Barbara Abrams, Mary Morse, and Quay Smathers; Mississippi - Janice Nelson; Texas - Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Jim Roberts, and Herbert Leopard; Georgia - Jerry Sheppard and Mozell Sheppard.

Chaplain Gaylon Powell closed the memorial service with prayer.

The blessing for lunch was led by Andrew Albers, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard assembled the afternoon session by leading song on page 87.

Leaders: Paul Wyatt 515t; Don Klein 143; Charles Whitmer 320; Andrew Albers 214; Jim Carnes 209; Lisa Davis 528; Pennie Bosarge 535b; Margie Dietz 360; Henry Johnson 68b; Evelyn Harris 30t; Edna Phillips 200; Mitchell Martin

497; David Carlton 324; Jenny Gurley 340; John Plunkett 53; Carol Ann Vaughn 34t; Paul Gauthier 565; Gina Balestracci 72b; Lou Cotney 189; Ann Ballard 319; Ila Ingle 335; Amanda Denson 236; Lee Steinmetz 250; Ruth Brown 142; Janet Fraembs 218; Helen Bryson 456; Hannah Roberts 220; Kurt Davis 354b; Jeb Owen 480; Ashley Roberts 137.

The Convention entered a business session to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee reported generous contributions, more than covering expenses of the Convention. Don Bowen and Hubert Nall - Finance Committee. Secretary's report: This year, 348 people from 18 states registered during the three days of the Convention. During those three days, 148 leaders led 217 songs. State distribution of leaders is as follows: Alabama - 250; Georgia - 20; Florida - 12; Tennessee - 10; Illinois - 7; Mississippi - 7; Massachusetts - 5; Texas - 5; New Jersey - 4; North Carolina - 4; Louisiana - 3; California - 2; Colorado - 2; Virginia - 2; Minnesota - 1; New York - 1; Michigan - 1; Arkansas - 1. Kathy Williams, Secretary.

All report were accepted as presented to the Convention, and the business session was closed. Buell Cobb, Mark Davis, Kathy Williams, and Gaylon Powell led song on page 62, and singers took the parting hand to close the Convention. The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Gaylon Powell.

Following the day's singing, a large group of singers made the traditional trip to Alabama Folk Life Festival's City Stages to present a program of Sacred Harp music.

Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Kathy Williams; Chaplain - Gaylon Powell.

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL **Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama** **June 15, 1996**

The morning session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 138t and 101t. Harrison Creel led the morning prayer. The election of officers was held with the class voting to keep the same officers as the year before:

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Marie Guthrie; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 63 and 35. Leaders: A. C. McGough 30t, 111b; Cecil Sanders 460; Keterina Sanders 389, 290; Edwin Ballinger 67, 73t; John Hocutt 312b, 225t; David Roberson 146, 142; Eldagene Roberson 335, 313t; Pauline Childers 318, 224; Imogene Nelms 446, 229; Cassie Franklin 348b, 276; Vernice Calvert 183, 298.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 317b. Leaders: Emmie Lou Grayson 108b, 345t; Travis Keeton 426t, 203; Flarce Creel 270, 475; Mavis Price and Flarce Creel 108t, 208; Charlene Wallace 155, 186; Marie Guthrie 220, 434; John Hocutt 73b; Wanda Capps 36b, 112; Edith Tate 336, 441; Larry Ballinger 91, 90; Cindy Franklin 479, 501b; Velton Chafin 564.

LUNCH

The first leaders for the afternoon session were Julianna Jett and Cassie Franklin leading songs on pages 399 and 88; Marie Aldridge and Kathleen Robbins 436, 192; Ann Jett 546, 269; Lucy Heidorn 40, 53; Harrison Creel 512, 342; Larry Ballinger 327; John Hocutt 34t; Edwin Ballinger 111; Pauline Childers 212; Cassie Franklin 344; Cindy Franklin 497; Billy Williams 28. After announcements, Harrison Creel led song on page 275 for the closing song. Velton Chafin gave the closing prayer.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Marie Guthrie.

**KING SCHOOL HOUSE (MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH)
Natural Bridge, Alabama
June 16, 1996**

The eighty-eighth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Vernon Church was called to order by Clifford Wakefield leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Cecil Wakefield. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 30b. The class organized by electing and appointing the following officers: Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 61. Leaders: A. A. Malone 68b, 203; Cecil Wakefield 290, 168; Arnold Moore 72b, 490; Gladys Bonds 57, 77t; Debra Wakefield 521, 394; Bill Hogan 36b, 155; Ila Ingle 145t, 278b; Jane Fulford 99, 300.

RECESS

John Hyde called the class back to order leading songs on pages 159 and 73t. Leaders: Pat Shaddix 143, 222; Keith Deaton and Gene Wakefield 56t, 108b; Clearcy Rutledge 445b, 37b; Mae Conwill 206, 294 by request for Decoda Hallman; Tom Harper 392, 500, 358; Pernie Pelfrey 475, 371; Bradley Allen 546, 385b; Hubert Hood 454, 569.

LUNCH

Clifford Wakefield led song on page 480 to bring the class back to order. Clifford Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Windel Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langsford, Betty Baccus, Julie Postum, and Fayrene Wakefield (children of S. L. and Cathrine Wakefield); Geneva Horton (daughter of Arthur and Alice Ward); David Wakefield (son of Luthur and Mary Wakefield); Josie Hyde (daughter of A. M. and Minervia Harper) led songs on pages 426t, 426b, 333, 290, and 168 as a memorial for the loved ones gone on. Leaders: Josie Hyde 424, 225t; Elmer Conwill 299, 316; Margaret Keeton 129, 42; Beatrice Brewer 298, 373; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 110; Lena Keeton 498, 124; Earl Ballinger 144, 78; Amanda Denson 269, 217; Larry Ballinger 123t, 113; Faye Donaldson 273, 430; Helen Langston 391, 358; Odie Horton 170; Betty Baccus and Ashlie Cook 59, 145b; Larry Wakefield 153, 339; Windel Wakefield 317, 108t; Fayrene Wakefield 314, 208; Travis Keeton 482, 566. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 100 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Clifford Wakefield. Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**ZION HILL HOMECOMING SINGING (COOPER REVISION)
12 miles south of Henderson, Texas (Rusk County) off Hwy. 840
June 16, 1996**

The annual Zion Hill Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by John Morris leading songs on pages 58 and 59. Donald Ross led the morning prayer. Leaders called were: Joe Nelson 61, 274t; Charlie Vaughn 63, 337; Mary Bachmann 393, 344; Dalton Clanton 507b, 563; Donald Ross 121, 466; Janie Oliver 384, 170; Gaylon Powell 493, 559; Edith Owen 276, 442t; Oma Gentry 447t, 358b; Jr. Smith 53, 67.

RECESS

John Morris brought the class back to order leading song on page 377. Leaders: Dr. Harold Hill 74b, 168; Myra Palmer 101t, 100; Diane Ross 40, 171; Burt Russell 75, 418; Nathan Sarvis 488, 427; Monnie Ross 49t, 143.

The memorial lesson was led by Donald Ross leading song on page 541 in memory of those who have passed away in the last year.

LUNCH

John Morris opened the afternoon session of singing by leading song on page 186. Leaders: Barbara Moore 225t, 239; Curtis Owen 507t, 300; Abbie Morris 108b, 145; Joan Smith 119, 127; Dale Redmon, Jr. 274t, 397; Ruby Morris 345, 277; Joan Porter 505, 159; Robert Vaughn 413, 456; Clydene McKey 56, 573; David Rousseau 72, 82.

RECESS

John Morris called the class to order by leading song on page 272. Leaders: Emmie Morris 142, 215; Charlie Vaughn 549; Mary Bachmann 110; Dalton Clanton 395b; Donald Ross 47; Gaylon Powell 512; Edith Owen 49; Jr. Smith 383; Diane Ross 146; Monnie Ross 422; Barbara Moore 497; Abbie Morris 207b; Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; Joan Smith 45. John Morris led song on page 69 for the closing song. David Rousseau led the closing prayer.

Chairman - John Morris; Secretary - Emmie Morris.

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Highway 43, Jackson County, Section, Alabama

June 16, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was held in memory of Colbie Allen and Faye Allen this year. The singing was called to order by Robert Harper leading songs on pages 68b and 48t. Lamar Smith led the opening prayer. Leaders: Sandra Jordan 39b, 45t; David Ivey 87, 388; Bud Oliver 32t, 47t; Norma Latham 569b, 480; Milton Oliver 512, 403; Stuart Ivey 40, 300; S. T. Reed 277, 278t; Karen Ivey 37b, 58; Karen Travis 74b, 29t.

RECESS

After a ten minute recess, singing resumed with Robert Harper leading songs on pages 235, 335, and 288. Leaders: Ruth Hancock 101, 144, "Jesus Died For Me"; Loyd Ivey 145b, 83t; Clyde Black 454, 82t; Sumner Ellis and Stuart Ivey 182, 186; Richard Ivey 567, 282; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Allison Ivey 75, 270. Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Brother Lamar Smith.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Robert Harper leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Charles Stiefel 129, 89; Loyd Ivey 30, 400; Marty Wootten 354, 406; Rex Wilks 45t, 452; Stuart Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Sumner Ellis 269, 384; Allison Ivey 171; Karen Travis 170; Norma Latham 317; Loyd Ivey 426; Bud Oliver 345t, 418; David Ivey 345b; Clyde Black "That Beautiful Land"; S. T. Reed 103; Stuart Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Sumner Ellis 155, 100; Jeremy Presley 82, 87; Robert Harper 68, 30. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Loyd Ivey.

We want to thank everyone who supported our singing in memory of Colbie Allen and Faye Allen. They will long be remembered for their contribution and love for Sacred Harp singing. Please come again next year. Also, we have church every Sunday with the exception of the third Sunday in June and some fifth Sundays. We Welcome You!

Chairman - Robert Harper; Secretary - Sandra Jordan.

LITTLE VINE CHURCH
Oakey Hollow Road, Walker County, Alabama
June 16, 1996

The class was called together by Chairman John Hocutt leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel. John Hocutt led song on page 32t. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary-Protem - Edith Tate for Kathleen Robbins; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. John Hocutt led song on page 448b. Leaders: Gina Balestracci (NJ) 274, 47b; Tommy Creel 37b; Nancy Van Den Akker (LA) 523, 496; Kathy Robinson 146; Anne Kazlauskas (MA) 68t, 327; Roland Hutchinson (MA) 287, 112; Gertrude Wood 110; Jo Dell Albi (MO) 385t, 564; Paul Gauthier (MA) 131t, 542; Sandy Klein (CO) 49b, 65; Charles Whitmer (TX) 153, 147t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading song on page 528. Leaders: Ginnie Ely (MA) 546, 389; Elizabeth Muhleisen (LA) 323, 64; Dan Huger 117, 480; Willodean Barton 475; Sharon Kellam (NC) 348t, 282; Willie Israel (NC) 28b, 114; Cassandra Franklin 342; Donald Klein (CO) 540, 347; Cynthia Franklin 362.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class together leading song on page 225t. Leaders: John Kanode (LA) 452, 45t; Kathleen Robbins 434; Richard Schmeidler (NY) 155, 34b; Mark Davis (MS) 566, 236.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Billy Williams leading song on page 39b. Leaders: George Seiler (NJ) 268, 122; Jean Seiler (NJ) 48t, 299; Judy Hauff (IL) 411, 187; Jim Carnes 436, 270; Buell Cobb 138t; Tressie Adkins 222; Juan Martinez 361, 168; Wanda Capps 448t; Ann Jett 495; Sarah Smith 108; Gary Smith 178; Pauline Childers (MI) 234, 269; Edith Tate 35; Flarce Creel 344; Cecil Sanders 498; Keterina Sanders 454; Georgia Kanode (LA) 358, and 348 for her brother, Ed Craig. After announcements were made, John Hocutt led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed by Jim Carnes. Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate for Kathleen Robbins.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Ephesus, Georgia
June 16, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June at the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 75 and 112. The morning prayer was led by Curtis Rogers. B. M. Smith led songs on pages 123 and 72. Lonnie Rogers spoke on the history of Hopewell Church and the singing, which has been held since approximately 1884, maybe even as early as 1878. The singing has been held on the same date for all these years. The class was organized, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karleen Williams; Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace and Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith, Sherry Louvorn, and Curtis Rogers. Leaders: Karleen Williams 100, 143; Margie Smith 101t, 503; Felton Denney 147b, 489b; Tokey Boggs 68b, 145b; Mary

Florence Smith 448b, 63; John Forman 192, 318; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Everette Denney 317, 127; Shelbie Sheppard 402, 202.

RECESS

Lonnie Rogers called the class to order leading song on page 298. Leaders: Curtis Rogers 387, 147; I. V. McWhorter 426t, 74t; Susan Rice, Randa Rollins, and Barry Rollins (grandchildren of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers) 358, 343; Carlene Griffin 222; Louis Hughes, Jr. 32t, 137; Kim Cagle 176b, 155; Sharona Nelson 201, 146; Billy Joe Harris 303, 480; Karen Rollins 34b, 373; Jimmie Denney 335, 176t.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the class back together by leading song on page 405. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 327, 148; Jeff Sheppard 156, 316; Evelyn Harris 47t, 82; Louis Hughes, Sr. 31t, 76b. The memorial was given by Mary Florence Smith. Curtis Rogers led songs for Johnny McCormick and Mrs. Mel Morgan. L. W. Denney led songs in memory of Woodrow Denney and his daughter, and Dorsey Webster. The memorial was closed with prayer. Leaders: The Rogers Children 340, 45t; Lucille Forman 384, 36b; Phillip Denney 87, 455; Liz Bryant 542, 77; David McGukin 430, 215; Wilford Denney 159, 143; Bonnie Flowers 394, 540; Richard DeLong 345b, 205; Debra Langley 120, 546; Bobby Bailey 27, 452b; Estelle Flowers 406, 434; Phillip Langley 300, 84. We are especially proud to have Kim and Hazel Cagle with us today. The outside church entrance ramp was built especially for Hazel, and will bear her name. Announcements were made, and Lonnie Rogers led song on page 341 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Loyd Toney.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karleen Williams.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING - CAZENOVIA St. Peter's Episcopal Church June 22, 1996

The third New York State Regional Singing of 1996 was held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cazenovia, New York. The singing was called to order by Dan Brittain leading the song on page 87, followed by an opening prayer.

Leaders: Harriet Carter 268; Janet Shipman 481; Margaret Bornick 146, 38b; Dennis Leipold 61, 85; Tim Brown 84, 66; Nancy Crawford 178; Barbara Swetman 91, 475; Thomas Muench 47b, 49b; Chris Haller 497, 267; Paula Groves 335; Laura Densmore 228, 86; Donna Abrahams 272, 532.

RECESS

Dan Brittain called the class back leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Eric Bean 344, 163t; Ginny Huszagh 133, 198; Harriet Carter 159, 107; Janet Shipman 528; Margaret Bornick 454; Dan Brittain 245; Dennis Leipold 47t, 82t; Tim Brown 479, 40; Nancy Crawford 551; Tom Muench 63, 180; Chris Haller 351, 455; Laura Densmore 276, 504; Eric Bean 46, 59.

LUNCH

Dan Brittain called the class back with song on page 218. Leaders: Ginny Huszagh 209, 430; Donna Abrahams 200, 300; Barbara Swetman 73b, 236; Harriet Carter 569b, 122; Janet Shipman 410t, 277; Margaret Bornick 65, 191; Dan Brittain 203, 99; Dennis Leipold 142, 182; Tim Brown 373; Nancy Crawford 148.

RECESS

Leaders: Tom Muench 311, 147t; Chris Haller 288, 183; Paula Grove 45t; Laura Densmore 287, "Evening Hymn"; Eric Bean 285t, 71; Ginny Huszagh

“Star in the East”; Donna Abrahams 29t, 168; Barbara Swetman 171, 299. Anyone who had not led was invited to stand in the center, by sections, during a lesson: Eric Bean (basses and tenors) 106; Donna Abrahams (altos) 34b; Barbara Swetman (trebles) 313b. Dan Brittain 145t. After announcements were made, the class was dismissed by Dan Brittain leading 521. The tentative date for the Regional Singing in Cazenovia in 1997 is the Saturday before the second Sunday in June.

Chairman - Dan Brittain; Arranging - Ron Bornick; Secretaries - Harriet Carter and Barbara Swetman.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH **Winston County, Alabama** **June 22-23, 1996**

Saturday, June 22

The annual Sacred Harp singing on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Church was called to order by Odie V. Horton leading song on page 159. The morning prayer was led by Cecil Wakefield. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Odie V. Horton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. Elmer Conwill led song on page 317b. Leaders called were: Eron White 37b; Ada Godsey 73t, 59 in memory of Eren Horton; Corene White 379, 403; Ila Ingle 32t, 29; Velton Chafin 225t, 34b; B. B. Mattox 129, 421; Gladys Bonds 81t, 77t; Juanita Whitman 285t, 480; Keterina Sanders 89, 454; Cecil Wakefield 408, 310; Gene Wakefield 164, 64.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill brought the class together leading song on page 348b. Leaders: L. E. Hannah 83t for Ora Lee Fannin, 349; Roma Rice 290, 566; Lola Roberson 137, 478; Amanda Denson 276, 128; Emily Jones 45t, 49b; Pauline Childers 217, 384; John Hyde 61, 297; Mae Conwill 475, 216; Dawson Adams 39t, 68b; Ora Lee Fannin 471, 332, 212.

LUNCH

Billy Williams called the class to order. Leaders: Julietta Haynes 200, 222; Flarce Creel 299, 231; Kenneth Fannin 313t, 405; Josie Hyde 440, 300 for Lola Roberson; Pernie Pelfrey 145b, 67; Tom Harper 434, 441, 373; Clifford Wakefield 153, 144; Lena Wakefield 546, 100; Talbert Godsey 380, 457; Lora Hale 192, 340; Kermit Adams 455, 52t; Travis Keeton 53, 270; Amanda Denson 271, 491. Elmer Conwill led songs on pages 369 and 46 for the closing songs.

The class was dismissed with prayer by Joel Logan.

Sunday, June 23

The morning session was called to order by Odie V. Horton leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was given by Milford Watts. Leaders: Hubert Hood 49b, 569b; Roma Rice 31b, 32t, 63; L. E. Hannah 56t, 74, 182; Lorene Gray 75, 175b, 30; Josie Hyde 155, 186; Cecil Wakefield 61, 339; Kermit Adams 176t, 176b; Lola Roberson 222, 546; Viola Young 490, 143; Alicia Pollock 72b, 358, 45t; Leah Pollock 81t, 34t, 108t; Roxie Keeton 454, 349; Nellie Alexander 340, 101t; Loretta Whitman 100, 108b, 58.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Dawson Adams leading songs on pages 48t, 73b, and 147b. Leaders: Jane Fulmer 40, 46, 64; Pernie Pelfrey, Edna Pace, Carla Morris 145b, 145t, 111t; Milford Watts 201, 129, 120; Kermit Adams 67 in memory of his brother, Ralph Adams, and 337 in memory of his brother, Merrell Adams, killed in World War Two; Azilee Adams 317b, 335; Ada Godsey

460, 275b; Amanda Denson 334, 74b, 391; Talbert Godsey 112, 340, 457; Gladys Bonds 36b, 59; Ora Lee Fannin 523b, 321b; Joan Gilbreath "Not Made With Hands"; Billie Sue Claborn, Nellie Alexander, Roma Rice, and Carolyn Godsey 276, 124; Travis Keeton 398, 426, 300; John Hyde 72t, 314, 111b. Odie V. Horton led song on page 97 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Dawson Adams.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Odie V. Horton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

DELONG MEMORIAL

Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia

June 23, 1996

The annual DeLong Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the fourth Sunday in June. Richard DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 34b. Kenneth DeLong led the morning prayer. Richard DeLong led song on page 57. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 354t, 572; Helen Bryson 182, 48b; Reuben Ball 499, 497; Joan Durden 114, 29t; Henry Johnson 127, 68b; Cathy White 159, 358; Jack Corley 300; Jeannette DePoy 436; Ted Mercer 270; Becky Almand 170; Louis Hughes, Sr. 183; Dianne Walls 299; John Plunkett 523; Dollie Hudgins 343; B. M. Smith 475; Laurie Allison 36b. The following officers were elected for the following year: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

RECESS

The class was called together by Kenneth DeLong leading song on page 275b. Leaders: Matt DeLong 34t; Violet Thomason 189; Raymond Hamrick 466; Hannah Roberts 157; Sharona Nelson 66; Dan Bailey 442; Janice Paulk 518; Dennis Walls 276; Ashley Roberts 528; Carlene Griffin 37b; Horace DeLong 434, 384; Faye Pettis 236. The memorial lesson was held with remarks by Richard DeLong. He spoke of his earliest memories of coming to singings, and the first time one realizes that you have become a part of the Sacred Harp singing community and family, and as you get older how precious these memories become. Elder Jesse Roberts remarks centered on those who had married into the DeLong family or who were friends of the DeLong family. Jesse Roberts led song on 30t for the deceased. Deceased since last year: Ola Pruitt, Ethel Cook, and Mae Moon. Richard DeLong led song on page 109 for the sick and shut-ins. This year they are: Eva Reeves, Hazel Cagle, Jerry Sheppard, Mozell Sheppard, Betty Womack, Charles Dannals, Euna DeLong, Ms. Brady, and William Headrick.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Richard DeLong leading song on page 220. Leaders: Doug Allison 481; Jessica Roberts 532; Lee Rogers 502; Charlene Wallace 516; Chris Carnell 180; Susan Roberts 347; Shane Ellis 112; Leann Carnell 547; Shirley Ellis 144; Jesse Roberts 260; Debra Jones 480; Robert Kendrick 354b; Alice West 350; Jack Smith 515; Mike Castleberry 401; Margie Smith 494; Richard DeLong 507; Helen Bryson 172.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back to order by leading song on page 333. Leaders: Sharona Nelson 445; Ted Mercer 444; Hannah Roberts 163b; Liz Bryant 142; Andy Morse 31t; Ashley Roberts 196; Chris Carnell 155; Jessica Roberts 454; B. M. Smith 373; Horace DeLong 45t; Raymond Hamrick 231; Frances Carnell 360; George Snyder 503. Announcements were made. Richard DeLong and Kenneth DeLong led the class in the closing song on page 62. The

class was dismissed with prayer by Jesse Roberts. \$50.00 of the collection was given to Ebenezer Church to help cover expenses of the singing.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong;
Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

MT. LEBANON CHURCH
Near Fayette, Alabama
June 23, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Lebanon Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Buddy Ballinger. Larry Ballinger led song on page 109. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger. Linton Ballinger led song on page 460. Leaders: Dwayne Ballinger 340; Teresa Ballinger 299; Charles Humber 480; Miranda Gilbreath 546; Jerry Jenkins 100; Jill Ballinger and Amanda Ballinger 155; Stuart Ivey 300; Lomax Ballinger 168; Arnold Moore 445b; Carol Robbins, Amber Ballinger, Whitney Ballinger, Caylor Ballinger, Kylie Ballinger, and Julie Ballinger 400, 454; Albert Humber 45t; Allison Ivey 75; Keterina Sanders 73t; Phillip Ballinger 212; Flarce Creel 475; David Ballinger, Will Thompson, Jarrod Litton, Anna Litton, and Case Odell 108; Sherry Stover 358.

RECESS

Johnny Humber brought the class together leading song on page 200. Leaders: Beverly Nelson 203; Richard Ivey 384; Mae Seymour 217; Marlon Wootten 283; Teresa Guyton 216; Gordon Wilkerson 530; Pauline Childers 186; Gravis Ballinger 34b; Mae Conwill 142; Clarence McCool 349; Emily Ballinger 78; Lamar Smith 36b; Leslie Ballinger 144; A. A. Malone 448t; Ila Ingle 87; Leon Ballinger 84; Norma Latham 313; Wayne Baines 436; Lucy Heidorn 40; David White 371; Beth Odell, Janet Litton, and Brenda Robbins 318, 560; Clifford Wakefield 157; Alice Moseley 282; Bickett Howton 434; Edwin Ballinger 270; Chris Ballinger 110.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Lavaughn Ballinger and David Woods leading songs on pages 63 and 294. Leaders: Jimmy Ballinger 565; Karen Ivey 532; Harrison Creel 111b; Lena Wakefield 298; Clayton Ezell 390; Julianna Jett 146; Ann Jett 56t; Sumner Ellis 82t, 30t; Etma Bardon 189; David Ivey 229; Marie Aldridge 336; Tom Harper 411; Milton Oliver 222; Edith Tate 53; Velton Chafin 564; Tressie Adkins 422; Loyd Ivey 424; Beatrice Brewer 137; Bud Oliver 426t; J. A. Mosley 341; Joan Aldridge 269; Gene Wakefield 108b.

RECESS

Buddy Ballinger called the class back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Lisa Giest 120; Elmer Conwill 296; Dr. Julietta Haynes 309; Coy Ivey 112; Betty Baccus 456; Elene Stovall 441; Charlie Ballard 388; Erselle Jackson 275b; Dorothea McCowan 304; Estes Jackson 345b; James L. Howell 68b; Leon Ballinger 490; Earl Ballinger 176t. Larry Ballinger led song on page 91 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger. Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber.

NEW HOPE CHURCH
Cullman County, Alabama
June 23, 1996

The sixty-second session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the fourth Sunday in June, but no minutes were taken. The singing will be held again next year with the hope that there will be more support from singers.
Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Eron White.

MIDWEST CONVENTION
Chicago, Illinois
June 29-30, 1996
Saturday, June 29

The eleventh annual session of the Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention opened at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago. Lisa Grayson called the convention to order by leading song on page 192. She gave a warm welcome not only to local singers but to those who had come from so far to be present. Phillip Wootten from Alabama then offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Katheen Kuiper 31b; Kathryn Krug 171; Daryl Mayberry 373; James Page 216; Charles Wells 38b; John Seaton 217; Susan Jaster 486; Jerilyn Schumacher 145t; Stephen Parker 228; James Nelson Gingerich 29; Karen Hojnacki 198; Julie Vea 444; Steve Warner 125; Jeff Franklin 55b; Val Eng 280; Laura Webb 178; Pauline Childers 475; Val Dunagan 203.

RECESS

The morning session continued with Lisa Grayson leading song on page 434. A business session then took place, with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Kathleen Kuiper; Vice Chairman - David Barford; Secretary - Kristin Richardson; Assistant Secretary - D.J. Hatfield; Chaplain - Wendy Wahn; Arranging Committee - Constance Karduck, Margie Smith, James Nelson Gingerich, and Melanie Hauff; Memorial Committee - Syble Adams, Shelbie Sheppard, Steven Levine, and Elaine Cullor; Finance Committee - Carolyn Deacy, Kathy Williams, Steve Warner, and Phillip Langley; Resolutions Committee - Jeanette Lowry, Terry Wootten, and Katy Hicks; Locating Committee - Ted Mercer, Judy Hauff, and Kelly Brest Van-Kempen. Leaders: Thomas Finney 36b; Kathryn Smith 269; Chris Thorman 474; Buell Cobb 270; Ann Jett 546; Mel Kersey 47b; Jeanette Lowry 542; John Bailey 436; Kay Bieszczad 551; Bart Bradfield 236; Elaine Cullor 235; Mark Davis 240; Pennie Thurman 480.

RECESS

Kristin Richardson called the class together by leading song on page 142. Leaders: Seth Houston 277; Pam Nunn 218; D.J. Hatfield 300; Anna Pfau 415; Nancy Hejna 214; Tommie Spurlock 442; Sarah Davie 556; Walter Hartley 146; Carolyn Craig 182; Leyland DelRe and Regina Bayer 433; Dan Havens 567. The blessing for lunch was then offered by Wendy Wahn.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 385b. Leaders: Becky Browne 304; Reba Windom 196; Gaylon Powell 365; Jodi Liss 335; Steven Levine 32t; Ernestine Pipkin 276; David Lee 201b; Mae Holt 224; Dave Ressler 454; Cassie Franklin 196; Duran Perkins 504; Carla Smith 376; Brad Oglesby 101t; Marcia Johnson 448t; Harrison Creel 498; Syble Adams 147t;

B. M. Smith 273; Shelley Robbins 82; Ted Mercer 278b; Lissa Blood 145b; Richard Popp 441; Lisa Davis 200.

RECESS

David Barford reassembled the class by leading song on page 391. Leaders: John Bayer 354t; Myra Dalton 378b; Roland Hutchinson "Hallelujah New"; Elene Stovall 528; Clarke Lee 39t; Carolyn Deacy 114; Dick Dunagan 108b; Hannah Roberts 98; Jim Pfau 501; Floy Wilder 430; John Bealle 46; Judy Mincy 497; Tom Tucker 191; Karen Snowberg 99; Gary Gronau 137. Kathleen Kuiper and David Barford then closed the Saturday session by leading song on page 180.

Sunday, June 30

Kathleen Kuiper called the class to order at 9:10 a.m. leading song on page 77b. David Lee of Georgia offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 340; Debra Langley 496; Mike Hinton 373; Jessica Roberts 436; Walt Graff 396; Rene Greene 220; Dean Slaton 383; Barbara Moore 117; Katy Hicks 37b; Jacob Griffith 288; Suzanne Flandreau 297; Michele Rae Biery 186; Jeffrey Bell 290; Beverly Enright 254; Phillip Wootten 106; Flarce Creel 299; Don Bowen 426t; Jeanette DePoy 475; Phillip Langley 222; Al Frank 59; Connie Karduck 460.

RECESS

The morning session resumed with David Barford leading song on page 351. Leaders: Ashley Roberts 442; Elizabeth Lobato 177; Sande Scott and Tim Reynolds 313b; Elizabeth Todd 89; Samuel Sommers 548; Sheri Taylor 306; Emmie Barford, Regina Bayer, Leyland DelRe, and Gloria Young 277; Kelly Beard 242; Eloise Clark 84; Mary Bachman 369; Jerry Schreiber 274t; Virginia Warren 217; Sue Fairbanks 45t; Scott Schroeder 28; Kathy White 178.

RECESS

Kathleen Kuiper brought the class together by leading song on page 203. Leaders: Greg Economides 535; Margaret Sayvetz 344; Jewell Vania 81; Charles Whitmer 320; Gina Balestracci 183; Johanna Fabke 122. The session was then turned over to the Memorial Committee. Shelbie Sheppard opened the Memorial Lesson with the following words: "It is just a joy, a great joy, that this many people can get together, from all walks of life, all occupations and nationalities, and sing to the glory of God. We may not all have the same religious creed, but whether we believe it or not, we all have one God. This list of names is long. You may not know anyone on this list, you may know them all. But somewhere in this walk of life, if you have not lost a loved one who appears on this list, that doesn't mean you can't sing for them, just like you sing for everybody else. Believe you me, I have been there, I know what I'm talking about. Sacred Harp friends mean more to you when you lose a loved one than you will ever know. Sacred Harp friends you can depend on. Sacred Harp friends are there when you need them, they're there to help you, and when you lose one of them, it's just like losing a member of your family. To show you what good friends I've accumulated over the years through Sacred Harp singing, I had people the first weekend in April that came to help me cook from the states of Washington, Minnesota, California, Illinois-and it goes on and on. And I would not have known any of them ten years ago, if it had not been for Sacred Harp singing. So if you don't know anyone on this list, or if you know them all, sing as if it were a member of your family, because they were." Steven Levine then read the names of the deceased: Alabama - Colbie Allen, Ester Reed, Agnes Hocutt, Joe Smith, Jack Harcrow, Aver Crider, Kelsey Wootten, Cleve Blevins, Hoyt Renfroe, Guy Parker, Dula Webb, Ruby Gibson, Hubert Greene, Dewey Williams, Tom Roberson, Homer Cordes, Ola Pruettt, Lonnie Jones, Odell Cleveland, Elbert Drake, Russell Norton, Harold Jackson, Lawrence Daugherty, Luther Miller,

Irvin Creel, Flecie Tucker, and Lucile Brothers; Arkansas - Odes Franklin; Georgia - Evelyn Browne, LeRoy McGraw, and Earline McGraw Baker; Illinois - George Edel, Lee Cloud, Jim Pizzia, and Doris Taub; Indiana - Welma Nelson, Walter Bavers, and Oscar Berlin; Michigan - Edith Hicks and Petra Coronado; Minnesota - Bruce Johnson; Mississippi - Cynthia Ledlow, Toxey Fortinberry, and George Boswell; New York - Joe Beasley and Bob Mottingdorfer; Pennsylvania - Ruth Fansler and Kenneth Goldstein; Texas - Lonnie Cato, Gerald Fry, Arnevis Norton, and Henrietta Henderson; Virginia - Matthew Shuster; Wisconsin - John Snowberg; Canada - Barbara Ward. Remembered also were the U.S. servicemen killed in Saudi Arabia. As a memorial to the deceased, Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 327. Elaine Cullor then read the names of the sick and shut-in for whom Syble Adams led song on page 171. Jessie Roberts offered a prayer of remembrance for those named. Leaders: Alice Hochstetler 160b; Bill Waddington 503b; Cathy Tucker 40. Cathy Tucker dismissed the class for lunch with a blessing.

LUNCH

Debbie Barford opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 99. Leaders: Joe Todd 337; Beth Hoffman-Reed 271t; Jerry Enright, Karen James, and Carol Buche 421; Jeff Sheppard and Terry Wootten 176t and 47t; Anne Heider 189; Johnny Lee 31t; Melanie Hauff 347; Jesse Roberts 544; Kathy Williams 455; Richard DeLong 550; Linda Thomas 472; Judy Hauff 536; Gordon Olsen 163b; Kit Pfau 48t; Ted Johnson "Boulder"; Louise Holland 318; Sharon Kellam 76b; Herb Schroeder 128; Susan Roberts 284; Al Rogers 63; Paul Wyatt 515; Kristin Richardson 269.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Kelly Brest Van-Kempen leading song on page 335. Leaders: Robert Meek 143; Midge Olsen 312; Anthony Reeves 146; Wendy Lee 148; David Lee and Clarke Lee of Georgia, together walked time for 565; Wendy Wahn 86; Bill Hamblin 47b; Sue Kessel 236; Jay Sappington 478; Jeremy York 229. Jeanette Lowry, on behalf of the Resolution Committee, spoke the following words: "Thanks to the many, many dear people who have made this eleventh session of the Midwest Convention possible. We thank the officers, the organizers, and all the committee members who handled housing, arranging, publicity, sales, registration, and all the other many jobs. We especially thank Wendy Wahn, who designed and oversaw production of the water bottles and T-shirts, and Dan Havens, who crafted and contributed the bolo tie for the raffle. We thank strong hands who helped with setting up and tearing down for the sessions each day; we thank the hosts who housed, escorted, and transported visitors; we thank the Irish American Heritage Center and St. Paul's Church. We thank the cooks-including people like Jan Ketelle, who, coming from Wisconsin, never fails to bring several dishes. And in that category, we also thank Kate Thomas, who with her helpers organized the spreading of the tables each day, and all the folks who helped in the kitchen, especially last night-a lot of out-of-towners helped with that. I've also been asked to thank people who traveled many miles to come and cook this weekend, including Carolyn Deacy, Katie Hicks, and Julie Veal. We thank all of our families and friends who may not be singers but who have understood our need to remove ourselves from the world and meet with our Sacred Harp family. We thank the treasured families who have cherished and sustained the precious tradition of the Sacred Harp for generations and traveled far to teach us and support all of us. We thank the Creator, within whose circling power we stand and whose praise we sing, and we resolve to continue the tradition and spread the joy of Sacred Harp here and in

all the places we call home, and we resolve to return to Chicago and to faithfully support all the singings available to us throughout the year.” The closing prayer was then offered by Wendy Wahn, and “The Parting Hand” was led by the officers: Kathleen Kuiper, David Barford, D. J. Hatfield, and Kristin Richardson. Chairman - Kathleen Kuiper; Vice Chairman - David Barford; Secretaries - D.J. Hatfield and Kristin Richardson.

JONES CHAPEL SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Cullman, Alabama

July 3, 1996

The annual July Memorial Singing was held on the first Wednesday in July. Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 134. Cecil Sanders led song on page 166. Leaders were called by Cecil Sanders: Keterina Sanders 89, 269; B. B. Mattox 129; A. D. Chandler 61, 136; Ruth Walker 48 in memory of her mother, Aver Crider, and 290; Betty Shaver 145t, 155; Odie Horton 282; Martha Woodard 274b, 274t; Travis Keeton 276, 297; Pernie Pelfrey 183t, 275. RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class back to order by leading song on page 273. Leaders: Hershell King “That Beautiful Land”, 347; Reddie Evans 300, 304; Clayton Ezell 507, 144; Marie Guthrie “The Great Roll Call”; Billy Williams 325b, 120; Gordon Wilkerson 215, 430; Charlie McCoy 280, 240; Elvin Guthrie 225, 164; Lavert Howell 68b.

The memorial of those that passed away last year was held at this time. Our friends and loved ones were as follows: Otto McCoy, Aver Crider, Agnes Hocutt, Tom Roberson, and Ervin Creel. Betty Shaver led song on page 217 in memory of her day, Otto McCoy; Eron White 234 in memory of Aver Crider; Pernie Pelfrey 475 in memory of Agnes Hocutt; Travis Keeton 182 in memory of Tom Roberson and Ervin Creel. Marie Guthrie led song on page 411 for the sick and shut-ins: Alpha Black, Cecil Gilliland, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Essie Calvert, Vernice Calvert, Terry Wootten, L. E. Hannah, John Hyde, J. L. Oden, and Mary Oden. The memorial was closed with prayer by Ulys Walker. The class resumed singing with the following leaders: Edith Tate 106; Flarce Creel 229; Betty Shaver 143; Gordon Wilkerson 144; Clayton Ezell 460; Henry Guthery 45t (Amazing Grace).

LUNCH

Henry Guthery brought the class back to order leading song on page 188. Leaders: Gordon Wilkerson 298; Don Robinson 200, 100; Lavert Howell 73t; Ruth Walker 112; Edith Tate 35; Lora Cargo 222; Billy Williams 54; Flarce Creel 299; Marie Guthrie 189; Martha Woodard 448; Elvin Guthrie 495; Clayton Ezell 485; Eron White 340, dedicated to everyone that helped with lunch, singers, and listeners; Reddie Evans 434. After announcements were made, Henry Guthery led song on page 568 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Clayton Ezell, mayor of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretary - Eron White.

MUSCADINE METHODIST CHURCH

Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama

July 4, 1996

The thirteenth session of the July 4th Sacred Harp singing met at Muscadine Methodist Church. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading songs on pages 32t and 37b. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: B.

M. Smith 90, 123t; Margie Smith 313t, 31b; Shelbie Sheppard 216, 269. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 186. Leaders: Chris Thorman 189; Josephine Denney 52t, 145t; Bud Oliver 270; Melanie Hauff 95b, 215; John Bailey 106, 340; Hannah Roberts 515b; Carlene Griffin 516; Ted Mercer 346.

RECESS

The class was called together by B. M. Smith leading song on page 152. Leaders: Everette Denney 63, 119; Karen Hojnacki 300; Henry Johnson 82t; Carolyn Deacy 290; Felton Denney 503b; Reba Dell Windom 454; Ted Johnson 89; Lee Rogers 242; Ashley Roberts 200; Chip Barker 147t; Charlene Wallace 479; Mary Florence Smith 318.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 61. Leaders: Don Bowen 485; Cassie Franklin 107; Leola Smith 294; Milton Oliver 384; Shannon Crim 178; Harvey Austin 335; Lou Cotney 196.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 155. Leaders: Louis Hughes 421; Susan Roberts 40; Jacob Griffith 277; Edith Tate 371; Richard DeLong 362; Louise Holland 144; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Judy Mincey 532; Shelton Williamson 222; Pam Nunn 171; Alice Edwards 73b; Lewis Norton 34t; Revy Williamson 209; Bonnie Flowers 458; I. V. McWhorter 35; Cindy Franklin 475; Homer Benefield 56t; Estelle Flowers 388; Roy Nelson 456; Rene Greene 507; Phillip Langley 182; Geneva Prichard 389; Liz Bryant 344; Florence Williams 490; Katherine Benefield 405; Mildred Patterson 294; B. M. Smith 73b in memory of Norman Shaddinger. Jeff Sheppard asked that we all remember what this day, July 4th, stands for, and for the freedom we have that permits us to meet and sing. The pastor of the church, Donald Payne, welcomed everyone, and extended an invitation for all to visit with the church any time, and that God gave us independence from our sins. By request, Jeff Sheppard led song on page 110. Leaders: Chris Thorman 137; Ashley Roberts 383; Ted Johnson 83t; Karen Hojnacki 300; Hannah Roberts 157; Ted Mercer 39b; Cassie Franklin 212; John Bailey 448b; Jeff Sheppard 58. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B. M. Smith led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Donald Payne, pastor of the church.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

July 6-7, 1996

Saturday, July 6

The eightieth session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 30b. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Leaders: Shane Wootten 48t; Loyd Ivey 32t; Marlon Wootten 99; Rex Wilks 30t; Wayne Wootten 64; Milton Oliver 314; Rodney Ivey 268; Norma Latham 503; Lamar Smith 36b; Ted Mercer 132; B. M. Smith 473; S. T. Reed 32b; Don Bowen 475; Jeff Sheppard 440; Bud Oliver 39b; Linda Thomas 47t; Maxine Lacy 373; Henry Johnson 452; Martha Woodard 303; Margie Smith 393; Judy Mincey 474; Boyd Scott 358.

RECESS

The singing resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 83b. Leaders: Hershell King 176b; Jerry Enright 77t; Mary Elizabeth Lee 124; Pan Nunn 441; Cindy Franklin 551; Melanie Hauff 368; Betty Shepherd 216; Shelbie Sheppard 137; Cassie Franklin 392; Kathy Lee 39t; Sam Sommers 362; John Etheridge 34t; Beverly Enright 415; Leola Smith 284.

RECESS

Loyd Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Mel Kersey 120; Julie Lee 61; Louis Hughes, Jr. 32t; Willie Mae Moon 568; Joyce Walton 447; Phillip Langley 196; Ashley Roberts 434; Karen Hojnacki 198; Terry Wootten 298; Hannah Roberts 408; Louis Hughes 480; Jacob Griffith 106.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with David Ivey and Rodney Ivey leading song on page 186. Leaders: Darlene Dalton 33b; Phil Summerlin 163t. A motion was made, second, and carried with a show of hands to keep the same officers: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Marlon Wootten; Secretary - Norma Latham. Leaders: Chris Thorman 501; Syble Adams "There Is A Fountain"; Susan Roberts 117; Clarke Lee 332; Edward Howton 436; Ted Johnson 48b; Virgil Phillips 222; Reba Windom 224; Johnny Lee "Not Made With Hands"; Mae Seymour 327; Don Clark "Jesus Died For Me"; Coy Ivey and his grandchildren: Zach Ellis, Richard Ivey, Sumner Ellis, Stuart Ivey, Worth Ellis, and Ivey Ellis 82t, 87, "Trusting"; Sandy Ivey and Scott Ivey 30t; Carolyn Deacy 114; Terry Wootten and Jewel Wootten 29t; Chip Barker 80t; Jesse Roberts 245; John Bailey 270; Jo Dell Albi 101t; David Lee 128; Jeanette Lowry 421; Glenn Harper 40; Sarah Harcrow 37b; Jackie Tanner 299; Mae Holt 269; Susan Harcrow 218; Charlotte Heard 535; Robert Harper "That Beautiful Land"; Lorrie Wootten 454; Elder Bud Laney 100. After announcements, David Ivey led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jap Walton.

Sunday, July 7

The Sunday morning session was called to order with David Ivey leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Johnny Lee. David Ivey led song on page 179. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 426t; Shane Wootten 82; Norma Latham 317; Wayne Wootten 276; Rex Wilks 67; S. T. Reed 35; Mattie Townsel 119; Sam Sommers 319; Lamar Smith 76b; Milton Oliver 321; Eloise Wootten 318; Reba Windom 186; Bud Oliver 145b; Jenny Wootten 344; Henry Johnson 68b; Karen Ivey 475; Rachael Lee 45t; Jerry Enright 74b.

RECESS

Coy Ivey brought the class together leading songs on pages 56t and 63. Leaders: Tony Ivey 350; Linda Thomas 448b; Woodie Walker 208; Brenda Carroll 299; Richard Ivey 270; Linton Ballinger 388; Kathy Lee 39b; Shawn Carroll 28b; Allison Ivey 40; Thurman Nall 285t; Lisa Ballinger 269; Freeman Wootten 343; Leola Smith 176b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Shane Wootten leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 144; Jewel Wootten 56b; Mary Elizabeth Lee 145t; Marian Biddle and Teresa Bethune "That Beautiful Land"; Joyce Walton 289; Lora Cargo 498; Alice Mosley 235; Hannah Roberts 516; Mike Dunn 551 in memory of his grandmother, Eula Stallings.

The memorial was presented at this time by Eloise Wootten and Linda Thomas. Linda Thomas read scripture from II Corinthians 5 and Revelations 21, and

then offered the following comments. "I never knew how much comfort and strength there was in the Lord until I had to depend upon it. I found strength beyond measure and peace that passes understanding. Many of you have lost so much more--spouses, children, grandchildren, and I can only try to sympathize. I do know God's grace is always sufficient." Eloise Wootten read the names of the deceased: Colbie Allen, Eula Stallings, Ester Reed, Joe Smith, Edna McCurdy, Kelsey Wootten, Guy Parker, Cleve Blevins, Andrew Stiefel, Floyd Stiefel, Hoyt Renfroe, Aver Crider, Luther Miller, Effie Brock, Paul Wagner, and Gordon Townsel. Eloise Wootten and Linda Thomas led song on page 290 in memory of the deceased. For the sick and shut-ins, Linda Thomas read I Timothy 4:14: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee", and then offered the following comments, "God made each of us a unique individual unlike anyone else on earth. We need to ask God, 'What is the task that only I can do? Who needs what only I can give? Who needs love and encouragement from me? Who need to hear about Christ from me?' God shows His love through friends. Christian friends can be such an encouragement to each other. 'I've never seen God, but I know how I feel. It is friends like you who make Him so real!' Lets make God's love real in someone's life--a card, call, or visit would mean so much." Eloise Wootten read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and Bud Oliver led song on page 345t for the following: Barrett Ashley, Bonnie Ashley, Lawrence Underwood, Buddy Tindal, Kenneth Brandon, Lily Brandon, Mary Stiefel, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips. Elder Tony Ivey closed the memorial with prayer. David Lee and Clarke Lee led "Sweet Hour of Prayer", by request.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by David Ivey and Jimmy Ballinger leading song on page 565. Leaders: Johnny Lee and Mel Kersey 503; Velton Chafin 302; Jeanette Lowry 168; Dewayne Wootten 170; Gravis Ballinger 300; Clarke Lee 106; Edwin Ballinger 491; Phil Summerlin 348b; Ashley Roberts 306; Marty Wootten 448t; Patti Doss 83; Beverly Enright 546; Lomax Ballinger 101t; David Lee 49b; Larry Ballinger 78; Arvid Holmes 383; Amanda Ballinger 155; J. A. Mosley 282; Terry Wootten 316; Teresa Ballinger 361; Roy Nelson 456; Susan Roberts 145t; Lavon Wootten 46; Jo Dell Albi 77t; David Ballinger 111b; Jesse Roberts 372; Mae Holt 212; Bryant Lee 274t; Chris Carroll 48t; Mark Carroll 400; Sandra Jordan and Ruth Hancock 129; Joan Wilks "Trusting Jesus"; John Henry Busby and Loyd Ivey "Jesus Died For Me"; Charles Stiefel and Dennis George 47b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 75; Syble Adams 171; Julie Lee 109; Marlon Wootten, Shane Wootten, and Andrew Wootten 445.

David Ivey thanked the arranging committee, Coy Ivey and Shane Wootten, for a job well done and asked for announcements. David Ivey led song on page 566 by request of Johnny Lee. David Ivey, Coy Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Marlon Wootten led song on page 146, and those who wished took the parting hand. Rev. Tony Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Marlon Wootten; Secretary - Norma Latham.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **July 7, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July, and was called to order by Miranel Swafford leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was offered by B. J. Harris. Miranel Swafford led song on page 137; Margie Smith 354b, 512; Mary L. Smith 75, 426t; Charlene

Wallace 99, 299. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Louis Hughes; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards and Mary F. Smith to assist; Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. Louis Hughes led song on page 138b. Leaders: I. V. McWhorter 82t, 97; Billy J. Harris 503b, 225; John Bailey 145b, 532; Carlene Griffin 144, 171; Chris Thorman 91, 31t; Shelbie Sheppard 139, 556; Louis Hughes, Jr. 68b, 388.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Louis Hughes leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Chip Barker 105, 117; Sheri Taylor 332, 485; Ted Johnson 348b, 145t; Carolyn Deacy 114, 504; Jacob Griffith 127, 59; Eskel Hughes 235, 340.

A memorial was held to remember those who have passed away in the last year. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 490 and 343 for the following deceased: Mrs. Lillie Eisman from California, Carl Hughes, Mrs. Euzel Wood, Ola Pruitt, Norman Shaddinger, Herman Lambert, Mildred Edwards, and Rev. Leon Cosby. Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 146 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by the pastor of the church, Rev. Hershel Tibbits.

LUNCH

Louis Hughes called the class to order leading song on page 57. Leaders: Revy Williamson 155, 187; Melanie Hauff 74, 430; Jeff Sheppard 214, 208; Karen Hojnacki 455, 454; Evelyn Harris 47t, 460; Phillip Langley 328, 344; Cassie Franklin 53, 411; Winston Stephens 122, 535; Ted Mercer 82b, 151; Geneva Prichard 45t; Cindy Franklin 269, 189; Bobby Bailey and Susann McNalley 40, 87; Judy Mincey 497, 501; Everette Denney 34b, 30b; Lee Rogers 335, 475; Don Bowen 77b, 494; Teenie Moody 268, 296; Bonnie Flowers 49b, 333; B. M. Smith 384; George Garner, C. W. Garner, and Donna Whitney 318, 222; B. M. Smith 294. Announcements were made. Louis Hughes and Miranel Swafford led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Hershel Tibbits.

Chairman - Louis Hughes; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL **New Flatwoods Church - South of Nauvoo, Alabama** **July 7, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for the Duttons, Greens, and Henry "Doc" Jackson was called to order by L. H. Gilmore leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was led by Earl Ballinger. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - L. H. Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Lena Keeton Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Johnny Humber and Huey Jones. L. H. Gilmore led song on page 36b. The following leaders were called: Johnny Humber 39b, 145t; Arnold Moore 389, 480; Keterina Sanders 290, 454; Mae Conwill 129, and 511 for L. E. Hannah who is ill; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57; Estelle Napier 146, and 319 in memory of her brother, Henry "Doc" Jackson; Ila Ingle 270, 30t; Beatrice Brewer 137, 373; L. D. Jackson 418, 457; Estell Gilmore with her husband 421, 318.

RECESS

The class was called back by Huey Jones leading songs on pages 220 and 498. Leaders: Lena Keeton Wakefield 34b for Clarence Dutton who is home ill, "Not Made With Hands" for Olen Keeton; Alene Woodley 77t, 35; Earl Ballinger 78, 87; Flarce Creel 460, 475; Tom Harper 112, 300, 392, 500; Cecil Sanders 123t;

Pernie Pelfrey 73t, 74b; John Hocutt 448b, 225t; Clifford Wakefield 317, 141; Ronald Gilmore, the pastor, led 285 in memory of Henry "Doc" Jackson, Jim Studdard, and Mamie Studdard, also for Clarence Dutton who is home. Prayer was led by Huey Jones.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 179 and 235 in memory of the Duttons, Greens, Jacksons, and Ruth McGough. Leaders: Edith Tate 75, 155; Josie Hyde 546, 297, 507; Marie Aldridge 217, 192; Rachel Jones 59, 294 in memory of her grandfather, Henry "Doc" Jackson; Mary Jones 186, 394; Elmer Conwill 530, 482; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Clearcy Rutledge 42; Dorothea McCowan 344, 304, 358 for Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Carrell; A. C. McGough 382, 340; Kermit Adams 120, 28b; Janet Jones 68b, 143; L. H. Gilmore, Travis Keeton, and Harrison Creel led song on page 62 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Chairman - L. H. Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Lena Keeton Wakefield.

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 13-14, 1996

Saturday, July 13

The annual Cullman County Court House singing was called to order by Henry Guthery leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Henry Guthery led song on page 460. Leaders were called as follows: E. E. Kilgo 454, 101t; Ester Brown 218; Rhoda Norris 216; Thurman Nall 265; Martha Woodard 428; Vernice Calvert 137, 298; Tyler Newman 340, 59; Eloise Avery 225, 171; Linda Thomas 299; S. T. Reed 138t, 138b; Leola Smith 147t, 43.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Milford Cobbs 274b, 381; Shirley Phillips 204, 426; Carmon Brothers 74b, "That Beautiful Land"; David Roberson 146, 388; Lamar Smith 343b, 76b. At this time a motion was made and duly seconded to go into a business session. The class voted to elect the following officers: Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Henry Guthery leading song on page 189. Leaders: Reddie Powell 358; Milton Oliver 270, 384; Wanda Capps 182, 366; Edith Tate 336, 532; Jewel Wootten 186, 345b; Lonnie Rogers 348b, 112; Flarce Creel 344, 475; Gordon Wilkerson 498, 480; A. C. McGough 482, 390; Ann Jett 84, 136; Dorothea McCowan 218, 304. At this time, Henry Guthery led 45t and Lonnie Rogers led the class in prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called back to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Louis Hughes 47, 303b; John Hocutt 139, 236; Stanley Smith 193; Travis Keeton 142, 179; Aubrey Tyree 189, 434; Hershell King 222, 97; Manilia Hudson 551, 100; Marie Aldridge 436, 316; Buell Cobb 26, 440; Cindy Franklin 317, 497.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class back to order by leading song on page 331. Leaders: A. D. Chandler 81t, 313t; Corene White 314; Unie B. Howard 486;

Eron White 408; Bascum Mattox 217; Marie Guthrie 389; Ruth Walker 430; Iva Lee Cockrell 68; Reedie Powell 269; Sherry Guthery 58; Essie Calvert 89; Imogene Nelms 383; Billy Williams 448b. Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 46 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

Sunday, July 14

The Sunday morning session was called to order by Henry Guthery leading song on page 31b. Harrison Creel led the opening prayer. Henry Guthery led song on 101t. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 454; Leola Smith 349, 389; Martha Woodard 278t, 271t; Gene Wakefield 108b, 136; Bascum Mattox 155, 186; Iva Lee Cockrell 319; Imogene Nelms 446, 222; David Roberson 220, 146; Flarce Creel 182, 200; Eldagene Roberson 215, 196; Tressie Adkins 78, 172; Eloise Avery 426, 460.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order by leading song on page 527. Leaders: Thurman Nall 287, 503; Milford Cobbs 143, 323b; Lena Wakefield 370, 546; Chris Bell 168, 385b; Charlie McCoy 236, 240; Henry Johnson 82t, 68b; Allison Ivey 128.

At this time the class was turned over to the memorial committee. Eron White gave the memorial. "Every year at this time, in the Cullman County Convention, we remember our friends and relatives who have passed on, and our sick and shut-ins. The deceased are singing around the Great White Throne. It's a happy time for them and that's how we need to remember them. The song says....There is a Happy Land Far, Far Away, Where Saints in Glory Stand, Bright, Bright as Day. Oh How They Sweetly Sing, Worthy Is Our Saviour King, Loud Let Our Praises Ring, Praise, Praise for Aye." Imogene Nelms read the names of the deceased, and the sick and shut-ins. Edith Tate led songs on page 48t and 212; Velton Chafin led 420 and 426t for the deceased. Imogene Nelms and Eron White led 340 for the sick and shut-ins. Harrison Creel closed the memorial with prayer. Memorial lesson respectfully submitted by Eron White and Imogene Nelms.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 543. Leaders: Judy Caudle 234; Buell Cobb 235b; Cecil Wakefield and Kelsie Wakefield 159, 133, 111; Larry Ballinger 139; Louis Hughes and Alison Dodson 31t, 290; Margaret Keeton 475; John Hyde 297.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery opened the afternoon session leading song on page 505. Leaders: Tom Harper 434, 530; Donald Robinson 120, 192; Imogene Nelms 145; David Ivey 396; Karen Ivey 532, 45t; Josie Hyde 507; Travis Keeton 273; Shirley Phillips 354b, 46; Jane Fulmer 99; Ila Ingle 441; Betty Shaver 280, 217; Unie B. Howard 383; Marie Guthrie 380, 411; Corene White 216; Sherry Guthery 64; Ruth Walker 436; Aubrey Tyree 298; Hershell King 176; Judy Hopper 28b; Edith Tate 37t; Martha Woodard and Nell Reuben Morris 428. Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 521 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION

Sylacauga, Alabama

July 14, 1996

The annual singing of the Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and the Boiling Springs Convention was called together with the class singing songs on pages 37b, 47b, 47t, 32t, and 81. The morning prayer was led by Douglas Conn. The class was organized and the following officers elected: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Chita Blakeley. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 57. Leaders: B. M. Smith 276, 101t; Chita Blakeley 43, 74t; A. L. Beckett 369, 30b; Willard Frederick 490, 77t.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order by leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Douglas Conn 384, 436. Oak Grove Church hosted a singing school on Friday and Saturday evening before the singing on Sunday. It was very well supported and some of the students led: Daniel Dean 75, 470; Virginia Futral 36b, 46; Stanley Sims 85t, 82; Gavin Blakeley 401; Dana Dean 59, 39b; Wendy Futral "The Great Roll Call", 100; Kyle Blakeley 126, 313t; Dollie Bush 340, 216; Jason Ritch 133, 388; Joseph Ritch 401, 153; Jenny Gurley 112, 358. Leaders: Hilda Morrison 426t, 317; B. J. Harris 503, 303b. Elder Bufrey Dean welcomed everyone, and dismissed the class with prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by B. M. Smith leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 480, 566; Shelbie Sheppard 29t, 28b, 106; Milton Oliver 314, 321; Kim Cagle 371, 460; Maude Frederick 145b, 442; Jim Carnes 385b, 171; Brenda Dean 98, 417; Evelyn Harris 155, 378t; Jonathan Blakeley 108b, 31t; Floy Wilder 456, 434; E. W. Bush 341, 147t; Deborah Ritch 220, 168; Myra Goss 170, 380; Audress Gurley 108b, 37t; Edna Phillips 200, 196; Pennie Bosarge 337 for her brother, Rodger Morrison; Bufrey Dean 268, 378b. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard, B. M. Smith, and Bufrey Dean led song on page 176t for the closing song. Elder Bufrey Dean dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Chita Blakeley.

MICHIANA SINGING

Goshen, Indiana

July 20, 1996

The ninth annual Michiana Singing held at the New Testament Baptist Church was called to order by James Nelson Gingerich leading song on page 171. Matthew Lind led 146. John Bayer led the morning prayer, and led song on page 68b. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 36b; Christine Guth 131b; Paul Foster 212; Christine Stevens 497; D. J. Hatfield 101t; Janet Fraembs 480; Dean Slaton 532; Joe Todd 337; Reba Windom 270; Jerry Enright 217b; Chris Sepic 34b; Jan Ketelle 430; Lisa Grayson 392; Bob Meek 178; Debbie Hall 163b; Anthony Reeves 254; Warren Steel 442; Melanie Hauff 421; John Beale 46; Daryl Mayberry 492; Johanna Fabke 148; Elizabeth Todd 31t.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class back to order leading song on page 386 for Don Bowen. Leaders: Michelle Rae Biery 501; David Barford 547; Kristin Richardson 195; Michael Hieber 448b; Anne Heider "Evanston"; Wendy Lee

175; Beverly Enright 455; Richard DeLong 387; Jo Dell Albi 504; Michael Darby 133; Beth Hall 358; Emmie Barford 87; David Rust 163; Kathryn Knecht 99; Al Frank "The Spiritual Sailor". The Memorial Lesson followed. John Bayer remarked that Sacred Harp singers leave religious and political differences at the door of the singing, providing fertile ground for friendship, love, and affection to grow. The memorial lesson is about this love and friendship among singers. John Bayer then led 354b for the deceased: Indiana - Christopher Berkey, Welma Nelson, Brooke Doriot, and Oscar Berlin; Wisconsin - Carrie Fordham and Ann Zigler Lawrence; Arizona - Charles Heaton; Texas - Gerald Fry; Massachusetts - Christopher Lee; Alabama - Dewey Williams, Cleve Blevins, Colbie Allen, and Ester Reed; Nancy Campbell and Finley Heck. John Bayer led song on page 86 for the sick and shut-ins: California - Dr. Rodney Willard; Wisconsin - Peter Vea and Lucille Vea; Indiana - Arthur Hall and John Stevens; Florida - Edith Hall; Illinois - Millie Ogg; Ohio - Cy Drichta and Tammy Webster. Other leaders were: Lorraine Sawyer 94; Ted Mercer 349; Fred Todt 278t.

LUNCH

Matthew Lind brought the class back leading song on page 120. Leaders: Kathy Krug 192; Marcia Johnson 485; Steve Warner 125; Joan Aldridge 474; Judy Hauff 522; Nancy Hejna 29t; Eloise Clark 475; Debbie Barford 218; Ted Johnson 419; Charles Knecht 352; James Page "County K"; Paul Streeter 66; Xander Knecht 27; Allisson Biery 155; John Bayer 278b; Jo Dell Albi 473; Wendy Lee 335; Richard DeLong 448t; Dean Slaton 500; Reba Windom 216; Samuel Sommers 426.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich called the class back together leading song on page 277. Leaders: Jerry Enright 277; Matthew Lind 220; Lorraine Bayer 503; John Bealle 534; Linda Speck 186; Ted Mercer 217; Joan Aldridge 454; Marcia Johnson 434; Johanna Fabke 83t; Lisa Grayson 528; Dave Barford 268; Jan Ketelle 362; Melanie Hauff 542; James Page 573; Nancy Hejna 95; Judy Hauff 110.

Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was led by John Bayer.

Submitted by Beth Hall and Samuel W. Sommers.

MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH **Six miles northwest of Arab, Alabama** **July 20, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Leonard Hayes. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Lolette King; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper. Leaders: Hershell King 34; David Light 300, 176b, 192; Carmon Brothers 445b, "That Beautiful Land", 222, 137; Milton Oliver 321, 64; Eldagene Roberson 144, 215; Imogene Nelms 66, 42, 441; Dan Hopper 56, 74b, 399; Bud Oliver 30, 145b.

RECESS

Leaders: Wilda Holmes 384, 44; Arvid Holmes 46, 460; Milford Cobbs 143, 127, 323b; Nancy Thompson 77, 106; J. L. Hopper 322, 310, 163; Adrienne Bonham (TX) and Mary Lamb (GA) 59, 45t, 40; David Ivey 107, 160b; Marie Guthrie 113, 389; Rhoda Norris 498, 187; Hershell King 340, 97.

LUNCH

David Light called the class to order leading songs on pages 274 and 110.

Leaders: Ramona Light 189, 172; Eurilla Woods and Ramona Light 288, 87,

62; Sandra Light 119, 354; Judy Caudle 147, 448, 403, 304; Adrienne Bonham and Mary Lamb 358; Dan Hopper 388, 85, 149; David Ivey 329, 56b; Judy Caudle 84; David Light and Ramona Light 441; David Light 200. Hershell King led song on page 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Oliver Rutledge.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Lolette King.

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION **Jasper, Alabama** **Saturday, July 20, 1996**

The eighty-second session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention met July 20th at Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called together by Velton Chafin leading song on page 52. Morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton. Velton Chafin led song on page 42. Duly moved and seconded to enter a business session to elect officers for the day. Those elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Memorial Committee - Brenda Merritt and Cynthia Franklin. Velton Chafin led song on page 56t. The following leaders were called: Joshua Keeton 111t, 111b; Gurtrude Wood 37b; Willodean Barton 290, 391; J. A. Mosley 480, 387; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Coy Ivey 63, 101t; Gene Wakefield 108b, 136; Mae Conwill 75, 100; Roxie Keeton 441; Roma Rice 109, 186.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class together leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Flarce Creel 270, 217; Lena Wakefield 498, 475; Brenda Merritt 187, 189; Cynthia Franklin 347, 198; A. C. McGough 340, 460; Thurman Nall 490; John Morris 448t, 163t; Elmer Conwill 396, 286; Emmie Morris 142, 383; Jimmie Gilmore 276, 288; Cassandra Franklin 35, 335. At this time a memorial was held. Brenda Merritt read from Isaiah 38:18-20, and then led song on page 138b for the following loved ones: Joe Beasley, Ruby Gibson, Hubert Green, Aver Crider, Tom Roberson, Colbie Allen, Homer Cordes, Aaron Keeton, Mae Doss, Mary Helen Chafin, James Kerr, Curtis Dutton, Johnnie Sue Beasley, John Baine, Bebel Barton, Ruthie Cozart, Harold Jackson, Agnes Hocutt, Luther Miller, Irvin Creel, Fleecie Tucker, Lucile Brothers, Herman Lambert, Juesel O'Rear, and Ervin Brothers. Velton Chafin led song on page 385 for the many sick and shut-ins.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton reassembled the class leading songs on pages 212 and 343. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 384, 306; Alice Mosley 45t; Bill Farris 282, 401; Ila Ingle 146; Tommie Spurlock 137; Agnes Farris 112, 418; Estes Jackson 302, 436; Ann Jett 546; Ada Godsey 411, 499; Jane Shaddix 300, 210; Harrison Creel 512; Pernie Pelfrey 145b; Deloris Canady 79; Ashley Keeton 124, 108t; John Hocutt 240; Tom Harper 500; John Merritt 101b; Dorothea McCowan 304; Pam Keeton 171, 220; Arthur Gilmore 378t, "Jesus Died For Me"; Charles Kitchens 201, 535; Ersell Jackson 426; Cecil Sanders 354; Derrick Kitchens, Laura Kitchens, and Emily Kitchens 117, 40; Glenn Keeton 236. After announcements were made, Charles Kitchens dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL
New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama
July 21, 1996

The one hundred twenty-third session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Vernice Calvert leading song on page 59. Prayer was led by Lamar Smith. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella C. Blackmon; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. Vernice Calvert led song on page 30t. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 454; Essie Calvert 340; Tom Harper 112, 384; Corene White 171; Gertrude Woods 137; Henry Guthery 240; Gordon Wilkerson 269, 415; J. A. Mosley 63, 40; Aubrey Barfield 480, 283; Thurman Nall 285t, 503b; John Hollis 337, 455.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class to order by leading song on page 354. Leaders: Emmie Hollis 168, 215; Tommy Spurlock 84, 430; John Etheridge 319; Bill Farris 74t, 87; Margaret Spurlock 108b; Alice Mosely 345b, 282; Agnes Farris 378t, 418; Milton Oliver 434; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; James Oliver 145t, 186 for B. W. Ashley who is sick; Coy Ivey 344.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class to order by leading song on page 358. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 299, 300; Karen Ivey 106; Karen Ivey and Coy Ivey 222; Earl Ballinger 208, 110; Josie Hyde 507; Ester Brown 460 for Alpha Black who is in a nursing home, 426t; Willodean Barton 82t, 391; David Ivey led 198 in memory of Monroe Edwards, by request; Larry Ballinger 151.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Vernice Calvert leading song on page 322. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 100, 182; Adrienne Bonham 127, 274t; Richard Ivey 490, 270; Gene Wakefield 158, 56t; Lena Wakefield 298, 546; Edith Tate 436 for Marie Aldridge who was unable to attend; Mary Lamb 370, 45t; Ann Jett 495; Buell Cobb 187; Donald Robinson 120; David Roberson 220; David Ivey 553; Cassie Franklin 107; Marie Guthrie 380; Harrison Creel 378b, 342; Flarce Creel 34b; Elvin Guthrie 172; Cindy Franklin 362; Travis Keeton 402; John Merritt 294, 491; Eldagene Roberson 313; John Hyde 73t; Ila Ingle 278; Eron White 192; Velton Chafin, Tressie Adkins, Brenda Merritt, and Ozella Blackmon 277, 111b; Freda Bledsol 335. Vernice Calvert led song on page 45t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith.

Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella C. Blackmon.

COTACO CONVENTION
Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church
July 27, 1996

The one hundred fifty-third session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Chairman Elder Dan Hopper leading songs on pages 88b and 89. The morning prayer was led by Elder J. L. Hopper. Dan Hopper led song on page 213b. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Elder Dan Hopper; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretaries - Judy Caudle and Nancy Thompson; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper and Milford Cobbs. Leaders and selections were as follows: Dan Hopper 144; Arvid Holmes 40, 171; David Ivey 31t, 572; Linton Ballinger 145t, 145b; Hershell King 100, 101t; Eron

White 434, 460; Marie Guthrie 155, 336; Rhoda Norris 177, 403; Kent Beck 107, 48b; Karen Ivey 270, 47b, 34t.

RECESS

The class was reassembled, and the following leaders with their selections were called: Bud Oliver 39b, 47t, 73; Carol Newman 75, 358; Milton Oliver 332, 335; Eldagene Roberson 189, 186; Allison Ivey 48t, 182; Milford Cobbs 46, 127; Nancy Thompson, Brandon Thompson, and Jonathan Thompson 274t, 445; Frances Jones 569b, 334; Susan Holmes 313t, 441; Dan Hopper 117. The class was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Elder Dan Hopper.

LUNCH

Afternoon leaders and selections are as follows: Buell Cobb 42, 320; Corene White 146, 379; Billy Williams 410t, 448b; Imogene Nelms 275b, 411; J. L. Hopper 543, 304; Judy Caudle 306, 131t, 448t; Coy Ivey 84, 384, 222; Wilda Holmes 480, "That Beautiful Land"; Sam Jones 85, 58; Carol Fannin 122, 399b; Kenneth Fannin 176, 163; Glenda Hopper 49t, 123t; Buckley Hopper 268; Gerald Holmes 203; 68b, 136; David Ivey 295 by request of Herbert Cobbs; Kent Beck 56t, 56b; Dan Hopper and Judy Caudle 78. Dan Hopper led song on page 209 as the closing song, and the class was asked to remember Kimmie Holcomb who could not be with us on this date. Chairman Dan Hopper opened the floor for anyone interested in hosting the singing next year. No requests were received, so the Convention will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 1997. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Hershell King.

Chairman - Dan Hopper; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretaries - Judy Caudle and Nancy Thompson.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL

Mt. Zion, Goergia (off Hwy. 16)

July 27-28, 1996

Saturday, July 27

The one hundred fourth session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July. Carlene Griffin called the class together leading song on page 59. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer. Carlene Griffin led song on page 61. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 33b, 141, 299; Judy Henry 77, 128; Cindy Cook 67, 222; Margie Smith 373, 405; B. M. Smith 37b, 28b; Kenneth DeLong 424, 425; Helen Bryson 138, 48b; Bobby Bailey 45t, 87; Jimmie Denney 313t, 101t; Katherine Benefield 108t, 111; Mildred Patterson 340, 108b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 117. Leaders: Josephine Denney 144, 452; Lou Cotney 300, 218; Everette Denney 49b, 49t; B. J. Harris 503, 225t; Elder Lewis Norton 34, 39b; Jap Walton 153, 420; Louis Hughes 31, 448; Felton Denney 523, 155; Nick Griffin 139, 127.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Carlene Griffin leading song on page 75. Leaders: Reba Norton 64; Harvey Austin 566, 335; Timothy Haley 46, 334; Phillip Langley 142, 328; Elder Homer Benefield 56t. A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw. Leaders: Mary F. Smith 496, 227; Richard DeLong 375, 431; Joyce Walton 432, 40; Wesley Haley 276, 479; Lonnie Rogers 112, 389; Lucille Forman 177, 565; Doug Allison 35, 278; I. V. McWhorter 317, 426b; Bernard

Denney 341, 339; Laurie Allison 36b, 34; John Forman 137, 192; Alice Edwards 73b; Rita Haley 63, 268; Louise Holland 58; 68b; Revy Williamson and Reby Stanford 318, 327. After announcements, Carlene Griffin and Phillip Langley led song on page 209 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Sunday, July 28

The convention was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 345t. The morning prayer was led by Myron House. Carlene Griffin led song on page 81; Charlene Wallace 186, 282. Leaders: Margie Smith 512, 303; I. V. McWhorter 109, 371; Myron House 27, 29t; Mary F. Smith 222, 213; Bobby Bailey 79, 145b; Lee Rogers 492, 313; Danny Griffin 318, 143; Jan House 178, 179; Louis Hughes 201, 148; Charles Woods 544, 489; Sharon Hamrick 269, 276; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 348b.

RECESS

Carlene Griffin called the class together with song on page 448b. Leaders: Nick Griffin 96, 551; Bud Oliver 300, 270; Revy Williamson 299, 99; Milton Oliver 329, 325; Lisa Webb 124, 369; Earlis McGraw 312b, 568. Memorial lesson. Charles Wood led 159 and 77, and Charlene Wallace led 503 and 570 in memory of: Leroy McGraw, Grady McGraw, Erlene McGraw Baker, Pauline Martin, R. C. Stanford, Margaret Bishop, and Norman Shadinger. For all the sick and shut-ins, Sheri Taylor led songs on pages 26 and 39b. Myron House dismissed with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 205. Leaders: Alice Edwards 104; B. M. Smith 475, 284; Louis Hughes, Jr. 388, 137; Shelbie Sheppard 481, 29b; Raymond Hamrick 310, 402; Susan Green 350, 217; Jeff Sheppard 352, 172; Jeanette DePoy 354, 341; Richard Green 38b, 203; Reby Stanford 454, 460; Sheri Taylor 224, 324; Teenie Moody 430, 268; Richard DeLong 315, 83b; Louise Holland 37b, 64; Karen Moreland 235, 155; Susan Green 347; Richard Green 198, 142; Louis Hughes, Jr. 31; Lee Rogers 510. Announcements were made. Carlene Griffin and Charlene Wallace led song on page 46 as the closing song. Myron House dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

MARION COUNTY COURT HOUSE SINGING

Hamilton, Alabama

July 28, 1996

The eighty-second session of the Sacred Harp Singing held at Hamilton Court House was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. The class organized by electing and appointing the following officers: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and Larry Ballinger. Estes Jackson led song on page 39b. Leaders: Hubert Hood 49b, 454; Gene Wakefield 56t, 108b; Arnold Moore 460; Odie V. Horton 89, 48t; Mae Conwill 566, 300; Cassie Franklin 208, 217; John Hyde 275b, 63; Allison Ivey 47t, 186; Billy Williams 297, 299; Flarce Creel 475, 269.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class back to order leading song on page 336. Leaders: Kent Beck 40, 34b; Juliette Haynes 200, 430; Buell Cobb 131b, 103; Amanda Denson 421, 385b; Kermit Adams 546, 426t; Earl Ballinger 177, 176t; Edith

Tate 157, 106; Karen Ivey 203, 168; Gravis Ballinger 110, 78; Margaret Keeton 276, 187.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 129. Leaders: Beth Odell 442, 298; Johnny Humber 134, 382; Ann Jett 327, 495; Lena Wakefield 314, 434; Josie Hyde 198; Lisa Geist 273, 189; Cindy Franklin 280, 178; Marie Aldridge 216, 142; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Gladys Bonds 77t, 499b; Harrison Creel 378b, 342, 348b; Nellie Alexander 290, 276; Loretta Whitmon 294, 272; Larry Ballinger 270, 282; Cecil Wakefield 335, 79; Etma Bardon 373, 99; Lavaughn Ballinger 384, and 84 dedicated to Sara Black; Elmer Conwill 411; Estes Jackson "Not Made With Hands", by request. Estes Jackson and Elmer Conwill led song on page 45t for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

WARRIOR RIVER-CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION

Hopewell Church, Oneonta, Alabama

August 3-4, 1996

Saturday, August 3

The one hundred twenty-second session of the Warrior River Convention and the ninety-seventh session of the Clear Creek Convention was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Marshall Avery. Cecil Gilliland led song on page 134. Leaders: Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Freeman Wootten and Stephen Hullett 82t; Larry Lambert and Helen Lambert 74b, 410b, "Not Made With Hands", 332; Martha Woodard 274t, 277; Virgil Phillips 475, 34b; Lydia Baswell 172, 434; Terry Hullett 288, 64.

RECESS

The class was called back by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 454 and 441. Leaders: Jewel Wootten 282, 349; Coy Ivey 84, 129; Linda Thomas 32t, 299; Phil Summerlin 36b, 66; Ruth Walker 112, 298; Richard Green and Susan Green 99, 350, 178, 35; Norma Latham 63, 495.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Elder Philip Gilmore leading songs on pages 30t, 30b, 33b, 39t. Leaders: Roie Alexander and Elder Philip Gilmore 313, 317, 108t; Rebecca Green 84; Virgil Phillips, Wayne Phillips, and Mary Ann Holmes 45t, 290 for Ruby Phillips; Elder Marshall Avery 108b, 278b, 31t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 77t. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b, 145t; Hershell King 426t, 544. Chairman Cecil Gilliland called for a business session. Elder Philip Gilmore brought the devotion from Psalms 43:5, "For I shall yet praise Him", offered prayer, and then led song on page 48t. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Waylon Blakely; Secretary - Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee - Milton Oliver and Larry Lambert; Memorial Committee - Elder Marshall Avery and Eloise Avery; Resolutions Committee - Helen Lambert and Chita Blakely; Finance Committee - Carmon Brothers and Bud Oliver. Leaders: Leola Smith 143, 31; Jeff Sheppard 75, 186, 303; B. M. Smith 273, 497, 448b; Shelbie Sheppard 411, 38b; Paula Gilmore 445, 68; Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth 217, 218; Chita Blakely 376, 236; Waylon Blakely and Elder Philip Gilmore 126, 403, "That Beautiful Land"; Pearl Galbreath and

Linda Thomas 134; Milton Oliver 206, 224. Terry Hullett led song on page 47t for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Elder Philip Gilmore.

Sunday, August 4

The Sunday session was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Marshall Avery. Terry Hullett led song on page 89. Leaders: Waylon Blakely 138t; Jewel Wootten 170 for Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood, 270; Rebecca Green 84; Kyle Blakely 313, 31t; Gavin Blakely 135; Susan Green 123, 127; Richard Green 142, 203; Ann Green 146; Martha Woodard 428, 335; Roie Alexander 32t; Elder Marshall Avery 74b, 271t.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Waylon Blakely and Freeman Wootten leading "That Beautiful Land". Leaders: Freeman Wootten 97, 163t; Eloise Avery 426b, 35; Milton Oliver 321, 145t; Doug Conn 207, 204; Larry Lambert and Helen Lambert 332, 410t, 49b, 544. At this time the memorial lesson was held by Elder Marshall Avery and Eloise Avery. They spoke of our friends and loved ones who have passed away, and the many memories they left us. Eloise Avery read the names of those deceased since our last convention: Effie Brock, Lucille Brothers, Luther Miller, Guy Parker, Hoyt Renfroe, Kelsey Wootten, Aver Crider, Joe Smith, Colbie Allen, Ester Reed, Agnes Hocutt, Verlon Blackwood, Tommy Creel, and J. B. Lowe. Elder Marshall Avery and Eloise Avery led song on page 285t and 387 for the deceased. Eloise Avery led in prayer. After prayer they led song on page 290 for the sick and shut-ins which included: Ruby Phillips, Barrett Ashley, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Nora Collett, J. T. Conn, Ozellia Gilliland, Herbert Phillips, Vera Blakely, Lola Jenkins, Jerry Sheppard, Mozell Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oden, Alpha Black, Bill Green, Mae Seymour, Unie B. Howard, Lavoy Smith, and Jeanette Lowry; and 137 for Virgil Phillips. Leaders: Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Terry Wootten 75, 79.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett and Stephen Hullett leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Linda Thomas 48t, 39t; Josephine Sellers Rouse 108b, 29t; Eron White 186, 384 for Unie B. Howard. A business session was held and the announcement was made that the 1997 Warrior River-Clear Creek Convention will be held at Mt. Moriah Church near Snead's Crossing. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Chita Blakely. We, the Resolutions Committee, would like to acknowledge the reason for singing these songs, which is our Creator, in whom the universe was made, and who has given us this sweet spirit of fellowship while giving praise to the One who has brought us this far and will lead us home. Be it resolved that we use every form of communication to encourage and enlighten the surrounding communities of our singing this year. Pray that the Lord will send singers and listeners who love our form of worship. We wish to thank Hopewell Church for hosting the Warrior River-Clear Creek Convention, for the hospitality, and for the food which was wonderful. We thank the officers for your leadership, organizational skills, and humbleness in serving and carrying on the business brought before the Convention. In seeking the old paths and walking therein, we want to say thanks to all who came and made this convention one of much rejoicing. Respectfully submitted: Helen Lambert and Chita Blakely. The Finance Committee reported a balance brought forward of \$131.27, a collection of \$100, an expenditure of \$50.00 for the minutes, gift to the church of \$50.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$131.27. Leaders: Henry Johnson 452, 68b; Corene White 73t, 403; Chita Blakely 430, 440; Leola Smith 80b, 318; Carmon Brothers 445b, 499; Ellen Harris and Larry

Brasher 284, 28b; Marie Hyatt 128, 30t; Herby Bailey 448b, 89; Lula Lowery and Eloise Avery 434, 441; Richard Green, Susan Green, Rebecca Green, and Ann Green 475, 380. Terry Hullett and Waylon Blakely led the closing songs on pages 62 and 45t, and all who wished, joined in taking the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Marshall Avery.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Waylon Blakely; Secretary - Jewel Wootten.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION
Wilson's Chapel Church - Carrollton, Georgia
August 3-4, 1996

Saturday, August 3

The one hundred forty-fourth session of the Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Wilson's Chapel near Carrollton, Georgia on Saturday, August 3rd, and Sunday August 4th, 1996. Chairman Sheri Taylor called the Convention to order leading song on page 61. Lonnie Rogers led the group in prayer. Sheri Taylor led song on page 340 for Sharona Nelson who was unable to attend. Leaders: Felton Denney 72b, 347; Jimmie Denney 63, 313t; Gene Duke 81, 68b; Charlene Wallace 167, 287; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 225t; Helen Bryson 27, 411; Jacob Griffith 82, 106; Jan House 143, 142; Richard DeLong 458, 213; Karen Rollins 489, 34b; Billy Joe Harris 503, 452; Lisa Webb 78, 200.

RECESS

Felton Denney called the convention together leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Jeanette DePoy 436, 354t; Everette Denney 335, 569. On orderly motion, the Convention entered into a business session. The class elected the following officers: Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Donna Duke. The officers appointed the following committees: Arranging Committee - Jimmie Denney; Memorial - Ruth Brown, Lonnie Rogers, and Lori Goode; Finance - Gene Duke and Don Bowen; Resolution - Judy Mincey and Evelyn Harris. Leaders: David McGukin 522, 326; Carlene Griffin 270, 309; Lucille Gunnells 310, 234; Louis Hughes 290, 535; Judy Mincey 50, 556; Kenneth DeLong 369, 316; Reby Stanford 203, 327.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Felton Denney leading song on page 321. Leaders: Phillip Langley 344, 196; Pearl Guier 40, 59; Myron House 227, 191; Cindy Franklin 318, 37b; Don Bowen 548, 510; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Geneva Prichard 146, 47b; Laura Webb 66, 542; Kathy Williams 208, 269; D. J. Hatfield 56b, 36t; Lee Rogers 528, 228; Dan Bailey 156, 145.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor continued the singing leading song on page 86. Leaders: Lloyd Toney 100, 45t; Cassie Franklin 126, 120; Bobby Bailey 275, 274; Nick Griffin 551, 127; Janet Sheppard 114, 454; Benard Denney 159, 299; Louise Holland 323b; Sheri Taylor 475. Sheri Taylor and Felton Denney led song on page 323t for the closing song.

Sunday, August 4

The Sunday session was called to order by Sheri Taylor, Chairman, leading songs on pages 48t and 47b. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Felton Denney 31t, 73t; Jimmie Denney 46, 87; Lonnie Rogers 186, 460 for Jim Cagle; Bob Bailey 68b, 45t; Lori Goode 63, 358; B. M. Smith 225t, 34t; Josephine Denney 31b, 47t; Jacob Griffith 290, 127; Lou Cotney 218, 196; Jack Smith 192, 480; Lisa Webb 349, 148; Judy Mincey 34b, 178.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor brought the class together leading song on page 294. Leaders: Don Bowen 283, 517; Cindy Franklin 498, 475; B. J. Harris 445, 420; Frances Mary D'Andrea 163t, 142; D. J. Hatfield 207, 30b. The traditional memorial lesson was held by Ruth Brown who read scripture from Ecclesiastes 3, and then read the names of those deceased since the last convention: Tommy Creel, William Headrick, LeRoy McGraw, Norman Shadinger, Mrs. Louvorn McLendon, Margie Bryon, Dula Webb, Joe Beasley, Kelsey Wootten, Ruby Gibson, Hubert Green, Aver Crider, Dewey Williams, Tom Roberson, Colbie Allen, Homer Cordes, R. C. Stanford, Ester Reed, Ola Pruitt, Odell Cleveland, Agnes Hocutt, Ruthie Cozart, Floyd Stiefel, Elbert Drake (Ruby Phillips' brother), Russell Norton, Harold Jackson, Lawrence Daugherty, Luther Miller, Irvin Creel, Fleecie Tucker, Lucille Brothers, Herman Lambert, Earline McGraw Baker, Curtis Dutton, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Tilda Mosley, John Bain, Mae Doss, J. J. Sexton, and B. C. Word. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 345t and 348b. Lori Goode led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins, including: Charlie Dammals, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Clelen Cobb, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Hazel Cagle, Margie Smith's father, G. C. Waldrep, and Betty McGlashan (Henry Wilson's daughter). Rev. Jerry Cole closed the memorial service with prayer. B. J. Harris closed the morning session with prayer.

LUNCH

Charlene Wallace brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 276 and 111b. Leaders: Louis Hughes 499, 147t; Kathy Williams 348t, 479; Jeff Sheppard 478, 293; Lucille Gunnells 137, 136; Richard DeLong 435, 511; Noel Rush 189, 454; Myrtle Dyed 36, 303; Revy Williamson 209; Myron Tucker 40, 84; Lee Rogers 571, 352; Andy Morris 57, 448; Sheri Taylor 198.

RECESS

Felton Denney called the afternoon session together by leading song on page 149. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 39t, 547; Shelbie Sheppard 217, 202; Evelyn Harris 146, 155; Dollie Hudgins 82t; Jacob Griffith 117; Gene Duke 101t, 56t; Phillip Langley 222, 328; Laura Webb 29t; Lloyd Toney 129; D. J. Hatfield 112. A business session was held and the following reports given: Resolutions Committee - We resolve to continue to praise God in song for all the blessings He bestows upon us. Among those are this beautiful site, and the dedication of the Wilson clan to its preservation; the music we sing here with joy and love for one another. We are blessed by this fellowship of people from different places and backgrounds who love this tradition and encourage its growth. We are blessed with the abundance of the earth as exemplified by the overflowing table at lunch and the talented hands that prepared the food. We are blessed with dedicated people who act as officers and work "behind the scenes" to make everything run so smoothly. So, we resolve to continue to sing. At every opportunity, we will raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to the Author of all mercies. Submitted by Evelyn Harris and Judy Mincey.

Financial Committee - The report was given by Gene Duke. Donna Duke read the treasurer's report. Announcements for future singings were announced, and Felton Denney reported on the play "Murder of Chief McIntosh" in which Sacred Harp singers were taking a part. He needed all available singers for the night's session to come to McIntosh Reserve Park, Carrollton, Georgia at 4:30 p.m. to help in the singing of Sacred Harp music. Sheri Taylor and Felton Denney closed the Convention by leading song on page 62.

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary/Treasurer - Donna Duke.

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION
Bevill State Junior College, Fayette, Alabama
August 4, 1996

The ninety-seventh session of the annual Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Bevill State Junior College on the first Sunday in August. The session was called to order by Johnny Humber leading song on page 39b. Earl Ballinger led the morning prayer. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Johnny Humber; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger. Leaders: Johnny Humber 75; Larry Ballinger 89; Leslie Ballinger 31b; Arnold Moore 490; Amanda Ballinger 47t; A. A. Malone 183, 432; Buddy Ballinger 343b, 445b; Keterina Sanders 454, 389; David Ballinger 111b; Wayne Bain 100, 155; Amber Ballinger and Julie Ballinger 400; Edwin Ballinger 340; Ila Ingle 480; John Hyde 73t, 297; Chris Ballinger 216, 120; Jill Ballinger 30t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Linton Ballinger leading songs on pages 145t and 145b. Leaders: Jimmy Ballinger 565b, 108t; Emily Ballinger and Teresa Ballinger 68b, 361; Lora Cargo 421, 460; Albert Humber 405, 137; Pauline Childers 318, 234; Travis Keeton 212, 142; Mae Conwill 270; Clarence McCool 77t, 569; Willodean Barton 44; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 123t; Pernie Pelfrey 147b; Flarce Creel 157, 475; Gene Wakefield 56t, 108b; Tressie Adkins 422; Elma Bardon 300, 430; Velton Chafin 354t; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 99; Lena Wakefield 546; Johnny Humber 441.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Larry Ballinger leading song on page 220. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 491; Josie Hyde 477, 225t; Tom Harper 436, 373, 411; Edith Tate 37b, 345t; Elmer Conwill 286, 288; Clearcy Rutledge 42; Larry Wayne Humber 45; Bud Oliver 426t, 406; Elene Stovall 426, 222; Harrison Creel 498, 512, 348; Lisa Geist 568, 377; Odie Horton 452b; Amanda Denson 376, 186; Buell Cobb 187, 495; Lomax Ballinger 166b, 63; Earl Ballinger 176t, 202; Brenda Robbins 269, 313t; Lavaughn Ballinger 384, 84; Velton Chafin 66; Bud Oliver 282; Pauline Childers 217; Linton Ballinger 299; Edwin Ballinger 110. Johnny Humber led the closing song on page 62. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Johnny Humber; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Linton Ballinger.

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
(COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas

August 10-11, 1996

Saturday, August 10

The one hundred twenty-eighth session of the convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas, and was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 134. The morning prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn. Leaders called were: Marion Grant 171; Emmie Morris 292; Louis Smith 217; Gaylon Powell 559; Wanda Capps 505; B. E. Matthews 298; Milton Oliver 501; Ernestine Pipkin 497; Vivian Rogan 32t; Agnes Farris 410; Tom Owen 411; Avon Miller 527; Cassie Franklin 392; Jeb Owen 522; Marie Aldridge 216; M. H. Creel 355; Myrl Jones 300.

RECESS

John Morris reassembled the class by leading song on page 467. Leaders: Velton Chafin 528b; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507b; Karen Ivey 540; Bob McLemore 58; Amanda Owen 142; Greg Economides 571; Allison Ivey 203; Lawson Smith 515; Dr. Harold Hill 381t; Julianna Jett 146; Diane Ross 235; Stuart Ivey 384; Bob Bonnell 489; Sandy Hill 324; Edith Tate 371; Thurman Nall 38; Kelly Beard 139; Edith Owen 276; Mike Hinton 541; J. W. Oliver 440; Elizabeth Rogan 148; Stanley Smith 512; Donald Ross 419; Bill Aplin 466; Pauline Childers 224; Kevin Powell 133; John Merritt 263; Sarah Coates 192; Coy Ivey 222; Flarce Creel 39.

LUNCH

John Morris called the class to order by leading song on page 378t. Leaders: Myra Palmer 414; Ryan Ross 112; Richard Ivey 137; Lisa Hardaway and Noah 572; Joan Aldridge 189; Michelle Rogan 427; Brenda Chafin Merritt 450; Reed Coates 49t; Olivia Blevins 274; Josh Rogan 215; Joe Nelson 98; Eloise Avery 478; Beverly Coates 543t; Christopher Blevins 47t; Aubrey Barfield 524; Robert Vaughn 50t; John Kanode 573; Curtis Owen 442.

RECESS

John Morris called the class to order leading song on page 331t. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 508; Ann Jett 503; A. A. Smith, Jr. 53; Cindy Franklin 393t; David Ivey 205; Bruce Coates 553b; Elder Marshall Avery 85; Al Rogers 45t; Ray Barnett 229; Leola Smith 70t; Bill Farris 401; Horace Batchelor 279; Gary Rogan 54t; Nancy Powell 500; Stanley Smith 336. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Marshall Avery.

Sunday, August 11

John Morris called the class to order leading song on page 377t. The opening prayer was led by Bruce Coates. Leaders: Hershell King 535; Buddy Ballinger 36b; Mary Bachman 225t; Sam Craig 145; Barbara Moore and Opal Miller 268t; Monnie Ross 108b; Jennifer Rogan 299; David Mosley 63; Glen Davis 518; Katie Mosley 142; Joseph Stang 58; Terry Kilpatrick 449; Wendy Laubach 40; Mary Ruth Stiefel 365; Michael Mosley 508; Abbie Morris 572; Nancy Powell 505; Louie Smith 215; Horace Batchelor 367; Bill Farris 87.

RECESS

John Morris reassembled the class by leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Wanda Capps 144; James Mosley 101t; Mary Oruc 383; Leola Smith 185; B. E. Matthews 473; Elder Marshall Avery 74b; Mona Short 511b; David Ivey 304; Agnes Farris 418; Cindy Franklin 559; Tom Owen 179; Cassie Franklin 39; Marie Aldridge 414; Jeb Owen 189; Ann Jett 54t; M. H. Creel 395b; John Kanode 571; Aubrey Barfield 140; Dale Redmon, Jr. 514; Eloise Avery 515; Karen Ivey 563; Amanda Owen 168; Edith Tate 404. The memorial service was held at this time. Devotional by Mary Craig: "Eye hath not seen; Ear hath not hear"; the glories that await us there. We commemorate today certain saints who have shared our faith walk, and now enjoy these glories, their faith having become sight. One beloved hymn reminds: "One day the silver cord will break, and I no more on earth shall roam...". The chorus says: "And I shall see Him face to face, and tell the story 'Saved By Grace'." We are told in the scriptures that, while we are made a little lower than the Angels, we who have been saved by the blood of Jesus, will sing a new song, one that the Angels cannot sing. "I have been redeemed," yes redemption's song! Nature offers a good analogy to our departure: The Redwood tree, so strong, so majestic, lives a long time. When a tree dies, the cause of death is often catastrophic. Great trauma occurs when the tree falls to earth. The trauma, the impact, causes her to release her energies into the soil and surrounding atmosphere. Additionally, she releases burls that contain

her means of continuity--her seeds. (You can buy these burls in gift or souvenir shops in the great Northwest. Some, coated with shellac, can be used as decorative items. Natural ones placed in a little moisture will grow, for you, a little redwood tree. How exciting to watch it emerge.) The mother tree never really dies, for she lives on in them. We, in dying, lose all our energies. Our bodies will decay. Our spirits will return to the One who gave them. But, just as the redwood provides for a circle of sister trees, we leave a circle of influence. We need to inquire of ourselves as to the quality of this influence. A song, page 208, "Little Songs and Little Ways" by Minnie Floyd, provides by closing prayer: "O give us Lord a little drop of heavenly love and union, O may we never, never stop short of a full communion." Joan Smith led song on page 61, and Cindy Franklin led page 29b in memory of those who passed away in the past year: Anna Lou Ballinger Wylie, Rusk County, Texas; Monroe Grant, Texarkana, Texas; Agnes Hocutt, Jasper, Alabama; Kevin Aplin, Southeast Alabama; Dewie Wilks, Southeast Alabama; Dewey Williams, Southeast Alabama; Tommy Creel, Jefferson County, Alabama; Uncle Irvin Creel, March 8, 1996, Jefferson County, Alabama; Lucille Brothers, buried in Michigan; Andrew Stiefel, Fyffe, Alabama; Floyd Stiefel, Fyffe, Alabama; Suzy Schwinkendorf, Ft. Worth, Texas, July 1996; Virginia Kirby, Santa Barbara, California; Edna Faulkner Wilson, Henderson, Texas; Lonnie Cato, Sulpher Springs, Texas; Oma Porter, Conroe, Texas; and Estell Terry, Brownwood, Texas, December 24, 1995. Gaylon Powell led song on page 430 for the sick and shut-ins.

LUNCH

John Morris called the class together leading song on page 207. Leaders: Thurman Nall 198; Allison Ivey 182; Julianna Jett 108t; Zac Rogan 348; Miki Lynn Thompson 324; Leon Ballinger 405; Stuart Ivey 300; Sandy Hill 99; Diane Ross 434; Mike Hinton 146; Edith Owen 293t; J. W. Oliver 270; Elizabeth Rogan 280; Stanley Smith 196; Donald Ross 395t; Pauline Childers 212; Sarah Coates 306; Coy Ivey and Richard Ivey 282; Flarce Creel 222; Ryan Ross 406; Michelle Rogan 128; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Reed Coates 47b; Lawson Smith 220; Beverly Coates 336b; Curtis Owen 558b; A. A. Smith, Jr. 67; Bruce Coates 45t.

RECESS

Josh Rogan called the class to order leading song on page 137. Leaders: Gary Rogan 230; Lisa Hardaway 288; Gaylon Powell 218; Vivian Rogan 100. Kelly Beard led song on page 377 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Judge Donald Ross.

Co-Chairpersons - John Morris and Emmie Morris; Vice Chairman - Sam Craig; Secretary/Treasurer - Marion Grant.

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION **Zion Church, eight miles north of Gordo, Alabama** **August 11, 1996**

The seventy-ninth session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in August, and was called to order by Chairman A. A. Malone leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Brother Johnny Humber. A. A. Malone called for an election of officers, and resigned from his position as Chairman. Those elected to serve were: Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretary - Earline Ellis; Arranging Committee - Wayne Baines. It was decided to change the day of singing to the second Sunday in July. Leaders: Clarence McCool 30b, 68b, 75; Lavert Howell 61, 82t, 87; Annie Lou Price 63, 89, 100;

Johnny Humber 39b, 452b, 565; Etma Barton 30, 298, 299; Buell Cobb 31, 321, 282.

RECESS

The class resumed singing. Leaders: Wayne Baines 317, 569, 59; Dorothy Elmore 145b, 323b, 390; Larry Ballinger 123, 119, 109; Earline Ellis 318, 359, 144; Toney Smith 37b, 69t, 284.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by A. A. Malone leading songs on pages 112, 203, and 384. Leaders: Lavert Howell 68b, 141; Etma Barton 373, 189, 460; Dorothy Elmore 480, 46, 490; Larry Ballinger 78; Toney Smith 474; Annie Lou Price 349, 172; Johnny Humber 389, 348; Earline Ellis 558; Buell Cobb 207, 205; Wayne Baines 155, 146. The closing prayer was led by Brother Johnny Humber.

Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

August 11, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in August, and was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Rev. Rodgers, pastor of the church. Dawson Adams led song on page 39t. The class organized by retaining the same officers: Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Leaders were called as follows: John Hyde 63, 73t; Hubert Hood 454, 569b, 340; Billy Williams 319, 299; Beatrice Brewer 298, 373, 137; Gene Wakefield 136, 460, 64; Debra Wakefield 183, 426b, 441; Gladys Bonds 89, 57.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Parnell Berry with songs on pages 388 and 306. Leaders: Doyal Williams and Ethel Williams 127, 29, 336; Sandra Williams 31t, 78, 276; Ada Godsey 408; Faye Donaldson 270, 371, 290; Mae Conwill 273 for L. E. Hannah who was unable to attend, 323, 142; Kermit Adams 426t, 277, 30b; Loretta Whitman 143, 358, 58.

LUNCH

Parnell Berry called the afternoon session of singing to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Odie V. Horton 406, 32b; Roma Rice 81t, 123t, 231; Tom Harper 300, 392, 318, 500; Pernie Pelfrey 475, 47t, 67; Elmer Conwill 179, 379, 348b; Lena Wakefield 200, 544, 30t, and 530 for Tom Harper; Bradley Allen 385, 546.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 496, 343, and 314. Leaders: Josie Hyde 155, 171, 189; Margaret Keeton 187, 499; Nellie Alexander 490, 124; Ila Ingle 384, 434, and 436 for her dad, Tom Harper; Cecil Wakefield 203, 168; Ivalene Donaldson 129, 77t; Betty Baccus 396, 134, 285t; Junita Whitman 337, 37b; Clifford Wakefield 135, 141; Milford Watts 430. Dawson Adams and Parnell Berry led song on page 36b for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONVENTION

Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Five Points, Tennessee August 11, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in August was called to order by Clayton Ezell leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Tim Reynolds. Clayton Ezell led songs on pages 32t and 33b. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairperson - Debbie Sides; Secretary - Alicia Conatser; Arranging Committee - Clayton Ezell. Leaders: Gordon Wilkerson 112, 42, 100; Tim Reynolds 108b, 27, 61; Cecil Sanders 101t, 145t; Estelle Napier 171, 460, 39b; Elvin Guthrie 28b, 127.

RECESS

Debbie Sides called the class back to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 290, 454; David Roberson 388, 220; Marilyn Burchett 64, 358; Marie Guthrie 89, 155; Lucille Pettus 143, 340; Eldagene Roberson 144, 313t; Margie Norwood 405, 147.

LUNCH

Debbie Sides brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 159 and 569b. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 278t; Judge Otis Knippers "Not Made With Hands"; Alicia Conatser 143, 341; Anita Shaddix 384, 274t; Marie Guthrie 371, 192; David Roberson 282, 274b; Elvin Guthrie 294, 49t; Marilyn Burchett 333, 168; Cecil Sanders 512; Tim Reynolds 268, 455; Estelle Napier 285t, 217. Debbie Sides led song on page 46 for the closing song. Chairperson - Debbie Sides; Secretary - Elicia Conatser.

ELMORE CENTER

Four miles south of Gordo, Alabama, County Roads 9 and 21 August 14, 1996

The one hundred fifty-second annual session of the Sacred Harp singing at Elmore-Center United Methodist Church was called to order by Chairman A. A. Malone leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by Raymond O'Mary. Leaders: A. A. Malone 59, 300; Raymond O'Mary 176t, 204, 75; Clayton O'Mary 159, 39b, 323b; Billy Williams 101t, 89, 339; Dorothy Elmore 335, 452; A. C. McGough 81t, 290, 317.

RECESS

Moderator A. A. Malone brought the class back to order leading song on page 47b. Leaders: George Cox 569b, 490, 303; Travis Keeton 343, 61, 146, 147t; Levert Howell 68b, 73t, 127; Earline Ellis 294, 100, 46, 47t; Raymond O'Mary and Dorothy Elmore 445. The class was dismissed for lunch, and Jimmy Johnson gave the blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Chairman A. A. Malone and Jimmy Johnson leading song on page 565. Leaders: Grafton Pritchett, A. A. Malone, and Jimmy Johnson 49, 36; Grafton Pritchett and A. A. Malone 28b; Travis Keeton 348b, 482; A. C. McGough 390, 30t; Cecile Cox 135, 282; Billy Williams 448b; Dorothy Elmore 108, 72; Clayton O'Mary and Raymond O'Mary 358, 74b, 285t; Levert Howell 341, 401; Dorothy Elmore 535; A. C. McGough 480; Earline Ellis 349, 539; Raymond O'Mary 196. The class was dismissed by singing song on page 45t, and the closing prayer was led by Clayton O'Mary. The church extended an invitation to the group to come back next year, August 13, 1997.

Chairman - A. A. Malone; Secretary - Martha B. Howell.

ROCK CREEK MOUNTAIN HOME - RYAN CREEK CONVENTION

Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center

August 17, 1996

The one hundredth session of the Rock Creek Mountain Home, and the one hundred twenty-third session of the Ryan Creek Convention met at the Jones Chapel Senior Citizen Center on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, and was called to order by Vernice Calvert leading song on page 59. Vernice Calvert led the morning prayer, and led song on page 56t. Leaders: Gabriel Kastle 56b; Corene White 73t, 379; Elver Kilgore 40, 101t, 112; Essie Calvert 75, 72b; Ruth Walker 32t, 57; Bascom Mattox 168, 217; Stella Pratt 319, 318. RECESS

Vernice Calvert called the class to order leading song on page 30t. A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Unie B. Howard; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams; Locating Committee - Bascom Mattox and Elver Kilgore. Vernice Calvert led song on page 322. Leaders: Eron White 155, 186; Reddie Evans Powell 430, 200. A memorial was held at this time with Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 48t, 403, and 179 for the following deceased: Aver Crider, Agnes Hocutt, Otto McCoy, Tom Roberson, Tommy Creel, Monroe Edwards, and Everette McCormick. Billy Williams led song on page 28b for the sick and shut-ins which include: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Willie Blackwood, Cecil Gilliland, Lela Crider, Mamie Creel, Alvin Parker, Thora Parker, Alpha Black, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oden. The memorial was closed with prayer by Lamar Smith. Leaders: Aubrey Tyree 298, 434; Gabriel Kastle 81t, 106, 183. The class sang "Amazing Grace", and dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Vernice Calvert leading song on page 137. Leaders: Donald Robertson 323b, 138b, 120; I. V. Cockrell 31b, 68b; Hershell King 108t, 80b, 340; Unie B. Howard 384, 58; Gabriel Kastle 189, 108b, 385t, 317b, 192, 551, 48b, 30b (all request from the class); J. P. Cox 45t. Vernice Calvert led song on page 421 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Ulys Walker.

We were very happy to have this young man from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gabriel Kastle, with us in our convention, and hope that he will come again. Everyone loved him.

Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Unie B. Howard.

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION

Cane Creek Church

August 18, 1996

The one hundred-seventh session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Heflin, Alabama on the third Sunday in August, and was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Walter Hamrick, leading songs on pages 45t and 59. The morning prayer was led by Billy Joe Harris. The Introductory Lesson was led by Harvey Austin from a book given to the Convention in memory of the late J. W. Laminack. Songs used were 101t and 108t. The business session was held, and the following

officers were elected: Chairman - Harvey Austin; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Secretary and Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Chaplain - Lewis Norton. Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 503b, 452b; Mary Florence Smith 37b, 85; Milton Oliver 100, 111t; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; I. V. McWhorter 72b, 159; Roy Nelson 153, 176t; Nellie Mae White 145b, 87.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Chairman Harvey Austin leading song on page 335. Leaders: John Plunkett 209, 300; Ruth Daniel 378t, 40; Karen Reeves and Reba Norton 323, 61, 358; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b for Barrett Ashley; Revy Williamson 63, 77t; Bud Oliver 30t, 39b. The memorial lesson was presented by Mary Florence Smith, and the names presented were: Allen Arnett, Hazel Cagle, Ola Pruitt, and Myrtle Davidson. The family of Hazel Cagle was especially remembered, and many singers were attending her funeral on this day. Also, Ola Pruitt was remembered for all the many years she was a supporter and secretary for this convention. Bud Oliver led songs on pages 403 and 288 for the deceased. Evelyn Harris led songs on pages 490 and 340 to remember the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Mary Florence Smith.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Billy Joe Harris leading songs on pages 225t and 445b. Leaders: Milton Oliver 321, 222; Lou Cotney 268, 189, 218, 212; Lewis Norton 318, 34t, 569b; Louise Holland 63, 49b. The convention was opened for a business session for the purpose of a location for the convention for another year. No one asked for the convention, so the convention will meet at Cane Creek Church again in August, 1997. The business session was closed. Leaders: Luke Allen 277; Brenda Harris 146; Evelyn Harris and Haley Webb 45t; Corine Laminack and Julia Brown 334, 339, 452b; Ruth Brown, Hester Edwards, and Alice Edwards 143 for Pearl Guier; Louise Allen 119, 147t; Shelton Williamson 299. After announcements were made, Harvey Austin and Billy Joe Harris led song on page 46 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Lewis Norton.

Chairman - Harvey Austin; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith.

BEASLEY - LEE MEMORIAL SINGING Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama August 18, 1996

The annual Elder John Belton Beasley, Emma Keeton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial Singing was held at Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama on the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading songs on pages 32 and 49b. The morning prayer was led by Rickey Beasley. Marlin Beasley led song on page 31b. The class organized, and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 144; Rickey Beasley 47b, 566; Arnold Moore 460, 77; Keterina Sanders 73, 454; Gene Wakefield 108b, 56; Becky Briggs 335, 336; Gabriel Kastle (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) 48b, 89; Mae Conwill 171, 314; Cecil Sanders 441; Dr. Juliette Haynes 296, 430; Elmer Conwill 396, 286.

RECESS

Josie Hyde called the class to order leading song on page 298. Leaders: Odie Horton 403, 424; Tressie Adkins 222, 78; Terry Hogue (Decatur, Illinois) 28b, 501; Ann Ballard 208, 30; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 475; Beatrice Brewer 373, 384;

Don Robertson 212, 215; Lena Wakefield 530, 498, 500; Buell Cobb 410, 525; Cora Sweatt 127, 312b; Marlin Beasley 285. Prayer was given by Rickey Beasley.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 400 and 209. Leaders: Dorothea McCowan 344, 304; Kermit Adams 377, 75; Essie Calvert 82, 391; Johnny Humber 200, 131b; Gail Doss (Richmond, Virginia) 142, 282; Tom Harper 411; Frances Lee 274, 72b; Larry Ballinger 139, 123; Ila Ingle 112, 480; John Beasley 100, 81.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Marlin Beasley leading song on page 318. Leaders: Tommy Beasley 348, 317; Charlie Ballard 512, 354b; Patsy Kelley "Not Made With Hands" in memory of her mother, Johnnie Sue Beasley, who passed away this year; David Beasley 275b, 39b; Tara Morton and Juanita Beasley 45; Gabriel Kastle 378b, 48; Gail Doss 276, 503; Terry Hogue 84, 68b. Announcements were made, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Rickey Beasley.

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan.

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION **Shady Grove Church - Winston County, Alabama** **August 24, 1996**

The ninety-eighth session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. B. B. Mattox led the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 75. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Dawson Adams led song on page 44. Leaders: Ashley Owens 108t, 410t; Cecil Wakefield 61, 129; B. B. Mattox 42, 37b, 101t; Azilee Adams 34t, 337; Gene Wakefield 100, 103, 56t; Avelene Donaldson 39b, 274; Roma Rice 104, 109; Stella Pratt 334, 147.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order by leading song on page 131b. Leaders: Roxie Keeton 82t, 544b; Hubert Hood 49b, 569b; Travis Keeton 57 for Rose Altha Taylor; Lorene Gray 47t, 47b; Ila Ingle 270, 436, 434; Ada Godsey 40, 28b; Mae Conwill 34b, 35, 63; Josie Hyde 551 for Larry Riddle.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Dawson Adams leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Tom Harper 112, 172, 300, 384; Gladys Bonds 111b, 81t; Pernie Pelfrey 475, 74b; Milford Watts 203, 460, 385.

In the next session, we will remember the sick and shut-ins. We miss them very much. Those remembered: L. E. Hannah, Lola Roberson, Ora Lee Fannin, Robert Fannin, Emily Jones, and Oscar Jones. Also remembered were the singers that have recently passed on: Fred Berry, Tommy Creel, and Agnes Hocutt.

Leaders: Margaret Keeton 97, 225, 144, 432; Elmer Conwill 422, 179; Amanda Denson 297, 179; Josie Hyde 137, remembering Lola Roberson and Tom Roberson, 511, 470 for L. E. Hannah who is at home very sick; Loretta Whitman 340, 272, 105; John Hyde 168, 313t, 159 for Tom Roberson and Lola Roberson; Blanton Adaire 30t, 75, 335; Kermit Adams 426t, 426b; Ashley Owens 480; Bradley Allen 385b. Dawson Adams and Gene Wakefield led song on page 62 for the closing song. The closing prayer was given by Blanton Adaire.

Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

CATSKILL REGIONAL SINGING - STAMFORD, NEW YORK
United Methodist Church
August. 24, 1996

The fourth New York State Regional (Catskill) singing of 1996 was held at the United Methodist Church in Stamford, New York. The singing was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 34b, followed by introductory remarks. The opening prayer was led by Donna Abrahams. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 481; Margaret Bornick 38b, 268; Donna Abrahams 430, 48t; J. P. Mandler 49b, 276; Ron Bornick 299, 562; Dennis Leipold 285t, 207; Eric Bean 107, 47t.

RECESS

Eric Bean led a singing school during which songs on pages 324, 49b, 45t and 178 were used as examples. Singing resumed with leaders: Tim Wheeler 348t, 142; Gina Balestracci 183, 569b; Karen Snowberg 447, 556.

LUNCH

Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 551, "Sappho" by William Billings; Eric Johnson 150, 99; Shirley Basch 146, 56; Michael Ryan 47b, 114; Diane Mennella 86, 488. Donna Abrahams made a few remarks about her father, Abraham Abrahams, who died 10 years ago today. She asked members of the class to name others whom they would like to remember and led song on page 373.

RECESS

Leaders: Dan Brittain 298, 534; Ginny Huszagh 189, 196; Barbara Swetman 127 for sick and shut-ins; Margaret Bornick 472; J. P. Mandler 155; Ron Bornick 454; Eric Bean 553; Gina Balestracci 455; Karen Snowberg 532; Roland Hutchinson 218; Eric Johnson 378t; Shirley Basch 191; Dennis Leipold 348b; Michael Ryan 181.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman called the class back together leading song on page 91. A short business meeting was held to discuss future dates and places for the Regional Singing. Albany singers will host a singing on the fourth Saturday in February, 1997. Announcements. Leaders: Diane Mennella 448t; Kathie Miller 159; Dan Brittain 269; Michael Ryan 117; Margaret Bornick and Donna Abrahams 236; Eric Bean 528; Ron Bornick 128; Gina Balestracci 274t; Karen Snowberg 547. Eric Bean thanked Chris Hauser for locating the site and acting as hostess for the singing. Eric Johnson led 378b. Barbara Swetman led song on page 106 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Donna Abrahams.

Chairman - Barbara Swetman; Arranging - Dennis Leipold; Secretary -- Margaret Bornick and Karen Snowberg; Local Arrangements - Chris Hauser.

MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
CONVENTION
Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi
August 24-25, 1996

Saturday, August 24

The sixty-eighth session of the Mississippi State Sacred Singing Convention was called to order by President Mark Davis leading song on page 37b. After welcoming everyone, President Davis led song on page 65. The opening prayer was led by Elder Hilton Moore. President Davis led 111b.

After President Davis appointed Junie McNeil and Virginia Carter as the Arrangement Committee, Vice President John Van Horn led 179 and 74t. Secretary Jean Gray led songs on pages 108t and 297. Leaders continued as follows: Hugh Bill McGuire 298, 430; Arlon Gardner 129, 49b; Elder Charles Porter 155, 137; John Merritt 497, 522 (Cooper Book), 145b especially for Janice Nelson and Mae Ola Nelson who were unable to be at the convention; John Hollingsworth 460, 68b.

President Davis finding a quorum present, officially opened the convention welcoming everyone present, especially out of state visitors.

RECESS

After recess the singing continued with President Davis leading song on page 54 from the Cooper Book. Leaders: George Easley 313t, 299; Tim Gray 40, 61; Durward Scarborough 45t, 240; Ester Mann 426t, 503b; T. J. Funderburk 322, 569b; Linda Funderburk 330t, 328; Andrew Albers 78 (Cooper Book), 267b. President Davis appointed Tim Gray, Arlon Gardner, and T. J. Funderburk as the Business and Credentials Committee.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order with President Davis leading 178 and 185. Leaders: Regina Glass 124, 126; Lisa Davis 350, 528; Virginia Carter 147b, 131b; Dennis Cranford 277, 30b; W. M. Allen 104, 490; Dr. Warren Steel, University of Mississippi, 422, 420 (Cooper Book); Gabriel Kastle, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 209, 45; Dr. Harry Eskew, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 47b, 146; Henry McGuire 442, 183; Cayla McGuire 506, 477.

The convention entered into a business session at this time. A motion was made and carried to retain the following officers: President - Mark Davis; Vice President - John Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray; Chaplain - W. M. Allen. By request, President Davis led 236, Easter Anthem.

RECESS

Singing was resumed with President Davis leading song on page 566b. Other officers followed: Arrangement Chairperson Junie McNeil 310, 176b; Vice President Van Horn 306; Secretary Jean Gray requested Henry McGuire lead 254, Rose of Sharon. Leaders: Hugh Bill McGuire 215; Arlon Gardner 171; Elder Charles Porter 334; John Merritt 559 (Cooper Book); George Easley 438; Tim Gray 358; Durward Scarborough 339; Ester Mann 32t.

President Davis thanked everyone present for coming, and for the bountiful lunch. There were five states represented outside Mississippi. President Davis appointed Hugh Bill McGuire and Durward Scarborough as the Location Committee, and Ester Mann and John Hollingsworth as the Memorial Committee. President Davis led 46 for the closing song, and the convention was dismissed by Chaplain W. M. Allen.

Sunday, August 25

The Sunday morning session was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome to all by President Mark Davis leading songs on pages 111t and 166b. Prayer was led by Durward Scarborough. Leaders: Mark Davis 85; Vice President John Van Horn 83t, 77t; Secretary Jean Gray 143, 288; Hugh Bill McGuire 76b, 172; John Hollingsworth 36b, 192; Hugh McGuire 176t, 515 (Cooper Book). President Davis reminded the various committees of their reports at 2:00 p.m. Leaders: Mike McNeil 384, 101t; Billy Hollingsworth 268, 49t; Henry McGuire 276, 189b; Durward Scarborough 323b, 500 (Cooper Book). Andrew Albers and Charles Franklin were appointed to the Resolution and Hospitality Committee.

RECESS

Singing resumed with President Davis leading song on page 269. Leaders: Andrew Albers 369 (Cooper Book), 436b; Ester Mann 147t, 39t; Cayla McGuire 60, 45t; Colvin Mann 63, 127; Darlene Reynolds 204, 131 (Christian Harmony), by request from Janice Nelson; Arlon Gardner 448b, 47b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with President Davis leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Drew McGuire 441; Tim Gray 47t, 434; Dr. Wilma Mitchell 84, 569b; Regina Glass 117, 278t; Junie McNeil 119, 145t; Allen Bower 49b; Vice President Van Horn 122; Secretary Jean Gray requested 218 be led by Henry McGuire and Tim Gray; Hugh Bill McGuire 503. After reports from each committee, President Davis expressed his thanks to the people of Antioch Church and others for the food and for helping with the convention. A motion and second was given with vote to approve the reports of the committees. Memorial Committee members, Ester Mann and John Hollingsworth, led 72 in memory of Cynthia Ledlow and 85b in remembrance of Janice Nelson, Mae Ola Nelson, and Neva Dee Mayes. By request, President Davis led 236, Easter Anthem.

RECESS

Singing resumed as follows: President Davis 274t; Hugh McGuire 507b; Mike McNeil 204 (Christian Harmony); Henry McGuire 220; Durward Scarborough 59; Wilma Mitchell, by request of Mr. Clyde Walters, 117, "Angel Band" (Christian Harmony); Andrew Albers 506 (Cooper Book); Arlon Gardner 378t, 373. After announcements, President Davis led song on page 285t. Tim Gray dismissed the class with prayer.

President - Mark Davis; Vice President - John Van Horn; Chaplain - W. M. Allen; Secretary - Jean Gray.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION **Pine Grove Church** **August 24-25, 1996**

The ninety-third session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August at Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama. The class was called to order by Milton Oliver leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: S. T. Reed 82t; Randall Smith 36b, 137; Bud Oliver 145b; Lamar Smith 76b; Don Bowen 354t, 503b; Margie Smith 373; Thurman Nall 480; Judy Mincey 556; Dave Ressler 192; Hershell King 460, 112; Larry Ballinger 123t; Henry Johnson 73t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Milton Oliver leading song on page 40. A business session was held, and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman - Milton Oliver; Vice Chairman - S. T. Reed; Secretary - Randall Smith; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver; Memorial Committee - Alanna Blanks and Linda Thomas; Finance Committee - Lamar Smith and Scot Oliver. Leaders: B. M. Smith 475, 448b; Linton Ballinger 300; Boyd Scott 358; Jim Carnes 209; Edwin Ballinger 496; Martha Woodard 278t; Kat Kinkade 372, 542; Tommie Spurlock 430; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Michele Biery 163t, 163b; Mel Kersey 47t; Chris Ballinger 110; Aubrey Barfield 365, 283; Brenda Carroll.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 270. Leaders: Brad Oglesby 68b; Louis Hughes 306; Patricia Temple 85; Mary Wright 66; John Plunkett 535; Joan Aldridge 474; Lou Cotney 196; David Ballinger 111b; I.

V. McWhorter 91; Ruth Walker 290; Shelton Williamson 222; Lomax Ballinger 168; Jonathan Blakely 77t.

LUNCH

S. T. Reed called the class to order leading song on page 32b. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 385b; Earl Ballinger 299; Rhoda Norris 316; Jeanette Lowry 216; Teresa Ballinger 361; John Etheridge 348b; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Don Clark 171; Charles Whitmer 218; Becky Browne 377; Gravis Ballinger 78; Jerry Enright 29t; Betty Sheppard 269; Roy Nelson 153; Anthony Reeves 150; Buell Cobb 440; Joyce Walton 455; Jewel Wootten 383; Ester Brown 426t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Alice Edwards 73b; Elene Stovall 436; Syble Adams and Pam Wilkerson 441, 424; Jeff Sheppard 120; Mary Florence Smith 434; Leola Smith 220; Mary Ruth Stiefel 112; Tony Ivey 213; Mattie Lou Townsel 119; Alanna Blanks and Milton Oliver 405; Willie Mae Holt 224. Milton Oliver led song on page 46 as the closing song, and Hershell King dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 25

The Convention was called to order by Milton Oliver leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Leaders: S. T. Reed 72b; James Bud Oliver 39b; Scot Oliver 176b; Lamar Smith 36b; Rodney Ivey 47t; Jackie Tanner 101t, 108t; Evelyn Harris 155, 159; Coy Ivey 73t, 63; Linda Thomas 39t; Rex Wilks 37b, 53; Boyd Scott 58, 127.

RECESS

The class was called to order by S. T. Reed leading song on page 79. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 103, 49t; B. J. Harris 503, 452b; J. C. Smith and James Bud Oliver 480; Pearl Guier 59, 303; Ruth Brown 142, 335; J. C. Rutledge 490; Karen Travis 117; Phil Summerlin 277; Billy Williams 78, 297.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Milton Oliver and Eric Blanks leading song on page 206. Leaders: Don Bowen 34b, 497; Hershell King 34t, 97; Stuart Ivey 182, 300; Mary Wright 148, 324; Myra Dalton and Christy Blevins 523, 448t; Richard Ivey 76b, 270; Cassie Franklin 217, 368; Dennis George 68b; Allison Ivey 134, 111b; Anthony Reeves 504; 378b.

LUNCH

James Bud Oliver and Rodney Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Henry Guthery 151; David Ivey 336; Kat Kinkade 411; Leola Smith and Buddy Davis 166; Dave Ressler 430; Karen Ivey 475; Mark Brown 282; Cindy Franklin 269; Brad Oglesby 369; Patrica Temple 89.

A memorial lesson was held by Linda Thomas and Alanna Blanks. Linda Thomas read scripture from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, and Alanna Blanks read the names of the deceased. Bud Oliver and Milton Oliver led song on page 452 in memory of Paul Wagner; David Ivey 48t in memory of Aunt Ester Reed; David Ivey led song on page 418 in memory of his uncle, Ed Latham, husband of Norma Latham, who passed away the previous week; Coy Ivey led "Trusting" in memory of the following: Colbie Allen, Fleecie Tucker, Joe Smith, Kelsey Wootten, Guy Parker, Luther Miller, Agnes Hocutt, Aver Crider, Floyd Stiefel, Andrew Stiefel, Tommy Creel, Hazel Cagle, Elder Cladis Moon, Evelyn Brown, and William Headrick. Bud Oliver led song on page 343 for the following sick and shut-ins: Barrett Ashley, Bonnie Ashley, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Mary Stiefel, Vester Jones, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Lessie Reed, Bill Green, and from Missouri: Joyce Smith and Karen House.

“Happy Birthday” was sung for Aunt Woodie Walker. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Mark Brown.

Leaders: Betty Shepherd 216; Loyd Ivey 454; Michele Biery 189; Charles Whitmer 147t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Alanna Blanks leading song on page 405.

Leaders: Becky Browne 203; Jim Carnes 146; Roy Nelson 456; Joan Aldridge 273; Jerry Enright 383 in honor of Barrett Ashley and Lawrence Underwood; Jeanette Lowry 314; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 348; Shelbie Sheppard 106; Louis Hughes 410t; Wayne Wootten 276; B. M. Smith and Margie Smith 501; Ben Bridges 63; Elene Stovall 99; Kristy Finley and Nelda Tolbert 73t; Melvin Stiefel 512; Eloise Wootten 171; Jeff Sheppard 457; Willie Mae Holt 183. Milton Oliver called for a report from the Finance Committee. The Committee reported a collection of \$207.00. Announcements were made. Milton Oliver, S. T. Reed, Lamar Smith, Bud Oliver and Wayne Reed led song on page 62 for the closing song, and all who wished, took the parting hand. The Convention was dismissed with prayer by B. J. Harris.

Chairman - Milton Oliver; Vice Chairman - S. T. Reed; Secretary - Randall Smith.

CHERRY TREE SINGING

James Creek Church

August 25, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp Singing at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi on the fourth Sunday in August was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 31t. The morning prayer was led by Clayton Ezell. Elmer Conwill led song on page 48t. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Mae Conwill; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Leaders: Eugene Wakefield 56t, 57; Faye Donaldson 124, 100; Lena Wakefield 460, 34b; Warren Steel 67, 396; Edith Tate 35, 76b; Willodean Barton 119, 111t; Margaret Keeton 546; Pernie Pelfrey 399b, 482; Clarence McCool 349, 430; Anne Steel 171, 268; Lucy Marie Heidorn 186, 299; Ila Ingle 441, 112.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back together leading songs on pages 203 and 300.

Leaders: Tressie Atkins 78, 217; Cecil Sanders 123; Flarce Creel 475, 270; Arnold Moore 208; Ivalen Donaldson 175b; Keterina Sanders 454; Mae Conwill 273 for L. E. Hannah who was unable to attend; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 384; Tom Harper 436, 530, 500; A. A. Malone 282, 348b; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84; Johnny Humber 172, 283. Clayton Ezell offered thanks at lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Travis Keeton leading song on page 200.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 80; Clayton Ezell 480, 269; Gordon Wilkerson 434, 380; Marie Aldridge 192, 88t; Gabriel Kastle 421, 198; Josie Hyde 507; Gravis Ballinger 110; Kermit Adams 276, 426t; Harrison Creel 512, 342; Linton Ballinger 290; Juliette Haynes 216; Edwin Ballinger 168, 445; Larry Ballinger 91; Dorothea McCowan 196, 304; Estes Jackson 95; Ann Ballard 408; Ercell Jackson 145b; Betty Baccus 294, 392; John Beasley 317; John Hyde 73t, 63. Elmer Conwill led song on page 58 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION
Liberty Church (McCormick), Walker County, Alabama
August 31, 1996

The ninety-first session of the Mulberry River Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Liberty Church (McCormick) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, and was called to order by Chairman Velton Chafin leading song on page 49t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Ronald Gilmore. Velton Chafin led song on page 32t. The class entered into a business session, and elected or appointed the following officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Willodean Barton; Memorial Committee - Lucy Heidorn and Eldagene Roberson. Velton Chafin led song on page 35. Leaders: Gertrude Wood 37b, 137; David Roberson 146, 274t; Corene White 379, 403; Samuel Sommers 112, 113, 426b; Ila Ingle 436, 434, 441; L. H. Gilmore 34t, 48t, 73t; Pernie Pelfrey 73b, 371, 399b; Odie Horton 378t, 97, 135.

RECESS

Velton Chafin reassembled the class leading song on page 437b. Leaders: Tom Harper 300, 384, 392, 498; Tressie Adkins 222, 78, 422; Charles Kitchens 90, 205, 179; Velton Chafin 475.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class together leading song on page 75. A memorial lesson was held at this time. Lucy Heidorn spoke to the class about death being one of life's most difficult experiences. We do not understand it, and as humans, we fear things we do not understand. We live by faith that we will reach Heaven, but no one can tell us what it will be like for no one has been there, and come back to tell us of its beauty. However, the scriptures give us the assurance that though death is the end of physical life, it is the beginning of spiritual life eternal. Lucy read Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2, Hebrews 9: 27-28, and asked the class to quote John 3:16 in unison. Our deceased loved ones are: Aver Crider, Tom Roberson, Elder Clydus Moon, Agnes Hocutt, Irvin Creel, Tommy Creel, Hazel Cagle, Ervin Brothers, Lucille Brothers, Pat Shaddix, Guy Parker, Ed Latham, Otis Nall, Bebel Barton, Jewel O'Rear, Fred Berry, Ester Reed, and Otto McCoy. Leaders for the memorial were Willodean Barton leading song on page 348b, and Harrison Creel leading song on page 378b. Lucy Heidorn led song on page 124 for the following shut-ins: Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Hadyn Creel, Lucille Talbert, Mamie Creel, Mae Seymour, Lola Roberson, L. E. Hannah, Bernard Moon, Sara Black, Furn Kitchens, Mary Gardner, Bob Fannin, Ora Lee Fannin, Ruth Aaron, Emily Jones, and Oscar Jones. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Ronald Gilmore.

LUNCH

Charles Kitchens asked the blessing for the food, and after lunch the class was reassembled by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 297, 288, and 388. Leaders: Eron White 408, 273; Milton Oliver 206, 208; Eldagene Roberson 354b, 215; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 349, 383, 376; Ester Brown 391, 88t; John Hocutt 270, 66; Mae Conwill 159, 74b, 500; Harrison Creel 30t, 111b; Flare Creel 299, 314; Elmer Conwill 298, 296; Marie Aldridge 217; Thurman Nall 569, 503; Barbara Swetman 313, 106; Cassandra Franklin 47b, 107; Buddy Tyndal 426t, 448t; Lucy Heidorn 40, 155; Cynthia Franklin 285t, 499b, 34b; Edith Tate 89; Willodean Barton 454. After announcements were made, L. H. Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL SINGING
Maidencreek Meetinghouse, near Leesport, Pennsylvania
August 31, 1996

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singers hosted an all-day regional singing on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, August 31, 1996 at the historic Maidencreek Meetinghouse (built 1759) near Leesport, Pennsylvania, north of Reading, Pennsylvania. The singers hope to make this an annual event for the Saturday of Labor Day weekend 1997. Officers: Chairman - Guy Bankes; Arrangements - Doron Henkin; Set-up - Pat Pingle; Registration - Susan Munch; Chaplain - George Seiler; Pitching - Ruth Shaffer, Jean Seiler, Paula McGray, and Gabriel Kastle; numerous other arranging activities - Betty Hanf. Singers attended from six states: Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts. There was 74 songs led, three in German and five from sources other than The Sacred Harp. The singing was called to order by Guy Bankes leading song on page 49t. The opening prayer was led by George Seiler. Leaders: Guy Bankes 77b, 350; Doron Henkin 300, 117; Betty Hanf 479, 63; Gabriel Kastle 68b, 500; Jean Seiler 65, 200; Carol Werba 556, 163t; Paula McGray 215, 163b; Dennis Leipold 83t, 52t; Molly Sayvetz 344, 171, Kat Kincade 372, 542.

RECESS

Guy Bankes called the class to order leading song on page 350. Leaders: George Seiler 31t, 168; Hal Kunkel 137, 392; Roland Hutchinson 287, 112; Tim Wheeler 377, 34b; Guy Bankes 147t (offerings); Gina Balestracci 430, 389; Diane Menella 551, 86; Susan Mantland 299, 56b. Guy Bankes gave a memorial lesson, and George Seiler led song on page 347. Guy Bankes closed the memorial lesson with prayer, a minute of silence, and led song on page 549. Leaders: Ellie Soler 46, 457; Jon Hewes 268, 84.

RECESS

Guy Bankes called the class to order leading song on page 276. Ruth Shaffer spoke on the history of shape-note singing schools in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and on the local German language shape note tradition. She demonstrated by leading Als Koenig David hatte vernommen (David's Lamentation), 206 of Die Union Choral Harmonie compiled by H. C. Eyer, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania 1839; Reading (Verwiff, O Herr), 192 of Die Pennsylvanische Choral Harmonie, compiled by T. Weber, Hellertown, Pennsylvania 1886 14th edition; and Pottsville (Gottlob ich weiss nun wohl wohin); 92 of Die Union Choral Harmonie. These songs were done in shapes, German, and English by the singers.

RECESS

Guy Bankes called the class together leading song on page 474. A session of new and old shape note music from sources other than The Sacred Harp was held at this time. Gabriel Kastle led his composition "Wounded Heart"; Roland Hutchinson led William Billings' "Sappho"; Doron Henkin led his arrangement of "Balm in Gilead", and his composition "Praise"; Diane Menella led Roland Hutchinson's composition "Hallelujah New"; Hal Kunkel led his composition "Ten Thousand Charms". Singing resumed of songs from The Sacred Harp. Leaders: Doron Henkin 113; Jean Seiler 313b; Kat Kincade 411; Molly Sayvetz 178.

RECESS

Guy Gankes called the class to order leading song on page 474. Leaders: Ellie Soller 184; Gina Balestracci 236; Dennis Leipold 186; Paula McGray 156; George Seiler 148. Guy Bankes thanked the organizers, singers, and especially Betty Hanf, founder of the Berks County Sacred Harp Singers, for site selection, coordination, and leadership. Guy Bankes read from an obituary for William Billings in honor of his coming 250th birthday. Betty Hanf spoke on the history of the Maiden creek Meetinghouse, built in 1759 and moved to its present location above Lake Ontelaunee by the city of Reading in 1926. Leaders: Carol Werba 91; Tim Wheeler 30; Diane Menella 486; John Hewes 254; Gabriel Kastle 421; Hal Kunkel 373; Roland Hutchinson 245; Doron Henkin 260. The class concluded with song on page 62, and closed with prayer led by George Seiler. The Berks County Sacred Harp singers thank all those who travelled far and near to join us in song.
Chairman - Guy Bankes; Secretary - Doron Henkin.

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST

**Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House), Fayette County,
Alabama**

September 1, 1996

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp singing met at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) on the first Sunday in September, and was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading song on page 119. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Larry Ballinger led song on page 123t. The class organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Travis Keeton led songs on pages 134 and 157. Leaders were called as follows: Arnold Moore 490, 314; Mae Conwill 176t, 175b; Willodean Barton 145t, 82t; Tressie Adkins 78, 430; Sam Sommers 312b, 133; Tom Harper 340, 373, 411; Cecil Sanders 441; Clearcy Rutledge 42; Keterina Sanders 89, 290.

RECESS

The class was called back by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 336 and 337. Leaders: Beatrice Brewer 176b, 384; Odie V. Horton 276, 27; Larry Ballinger 207; Johnny Humber 208, 288; Edith Tate 35, 75; Barbara Swetman 84, 87; Ann Jett 37b, 495; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 335; Ila Ingle 500, 530 for her dad, Tom Harper, on his 93rd birthday.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 57. Leaders: Dorothea McCowan 234, 196; Josie Hyde 280, 240; Harrison Creel 317, 512; Elder Clayton O'Mary 108, 109; A. A. Malone 183, 448t, 203; John Hyde 297, 73t, 61; Julianna Jett 59, 399, 146; Barbara Swetman 148, 73b; Sam Sommers 24, 528, 532; Lavaughn Ballinger 294; Rev. Johnny B. Holcomb and Lavaughn Ballinger 45t; Ann Jett 141; Harrison Creel 342; Elmer Conwill 44, 475 (by request). The Clear Creek Convention West is a moveable singing, but since no other church called for it, the convention will be held again at Pleasant Hill Church in 1997 on the first Sunday in September. Travis Keeton and Elmer Conwill led song on page 69t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Clayton O'Mary.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

LITTLE VINE CHURCH
Near Bremen, Georgia
September 1, 1996

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in September. The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading songs on pages 75 and 47. The morning prayer was led by B. J. Harris. Charlene Wallace led songs on pages 61, 79, and 123; Judy Henry 77 and 72. The class was organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Judy Henry. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 65 and 325. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 39b, 101t; Alice Edwards 73b, 104, 271b; Everette Denney 72b, 34b, 405; Mary F. Smith 30, 313, 317; Revy Williamson 225t, 503.

RECESS

The class was called together by Richard DeLong leading song on page 371. Leaders called were: Sheri Taylor 146, 358, 131b for Lisa and Laura Webb; Reby Stanford 204, 335; Roy Nelson 535, 128.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 437, 121, and 369. Leaders called were: Ruth Brown 63, 155, 312b; Louise Nelson and Roy Nelson 87; Phillip Langley 306, 47b, 268. The memorial lesson was held with Richard DeLong leading song on page 295 in memory of Leroy McGraw, R. C. Stanford, Jasper Wilson, and Hazel Cagle. For all the sick and shut-ins, Sheri Taylor led song on page 435. Regular singing resumed with the following leaders: Hester Edwards, Gladys McGraw and Gladys Simmons 274, 67, 285; Coty Griffin 401; Evelyn Harris 378; Phillip Langley 454; Roy Nelson 97; Everette Denney 186; B. J. Harris 340; Mary F. Smith 277 for Mozelle Sheppard and Aline Stanford; Charlene Wallace 213. Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 294 (by request) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by B. J. Harris.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL
Island Park, Geneva, Illinois
September 1, 1996

The Labor Day weekend singing at the Fox Valley Folk Festival was called to order by Pennie Thurman leading songs on pages 145 and 178. Leaders: Karen Hojnacki 547; Al Frank 207; Beverly Enright 464; Dave Stockwell 528; Johanna Fabke 350; Emmie Barford 421; Jerry Enright 270; Lisa Grayson 274. Marcia Johnson gave an explanation of Sacred Harp and led song on page 28b. Janet Borman led song on page 34b; Lyman Newton 49t; D. J. Hatfield 292; Darryl Mayberry 146; Ann Werhane 155; Kathleen Kuiper 404; Herb Schroeder 110.

LUNCH

Marcia Johnson called the class together leading song on page 448. The class then went into a business session, and the following officers were elected for 1997: Chairman - Pennie Thurman; Vice Chairman - Dan Morse. Leaders: Judy Hauff 142; John Bailey 532; Ted Mercer 300; Nathan Barford 457; Ted Johnson 385; Ann Kauth 45t; Debbie Barford 215; John Seaton 47t; Jim Page 95; Wendy Wahn 535; Dan Havens 117; Melanie Hauff 216; John Gurtz 500; Julie Veal 419; Sue Kessell 455; Lissa Blood 282; David Barford 49b; Dean Slaton 171.

Following announcements, Kris Richardson led song on page 269, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Pennie Thurman; Vice Chairman - Dan Morse.

LABOR DAY SINGING **Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama** **September 2, 1996**

The annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama on September 2, 1996. The singing was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 61. The morning prayer was led by Harvey Austin. Josephine Denney led songs on pages 45t and 145b, and Mary Florence Smith led songs on pages 146 and 186. The class was organized, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Josephine Denney. B. M. Smith led songs on pages 104 and 182. Leaders called were: Harvey Austin 566; Lou Cotney 218; Don Bowen 178; Florence Williams 569b; Bobby Bailey 87; Frances Jones 127; Sam Sommers 368; Leola Smith 234; Jimmie Denney 313t; Debbie Hartman 48t; Milton Oliver 224; John Plunkett 34t; Liz Bryant 270; Alice Edwards 73b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by B. M. Smith leading song on page 335. Leaders: Lewis Norton 39b; Buddy Davis 166b; Pearl Guier 31t; Alan Jones 84; Margie Smith 503; Felton Denney 299; Louise Holland 58; Louis Hughes 480; Evelyn Harris 155; Everette Denney 489b; I. V. McWhorter 371; Roy Nelson 434; Bud Oliver 73t; Charlene Wallace 225t; Jeff Sheppard 289 (in memory of Lee Jones and Henry Kerr); Judy Jones 323b; B. M. Smith 294. Joe Jones of Huntsville, Alabama, a member of the committee to preserve Shoal Creek Church, spoke of the plans the committee has for the church, and a short history of the church. A collection of two hundred twenty dollars was presented to the committee by the singers. Huston Jones of Heflin, Alabama, has been elected as chairman of this committee.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 103. Leaders: Reba Norton and Karen Reeves 341, 275b; Henry Johnson 68b; Barbara Swetman 168; Phillip Langley 142; Ginnie Prater 492; Kenneth Mize 496; Judy Mincey 475; Shelbie Sheppard 528; Richard DeLong 422; Sonja Randall and Alice Edwards 104; Jacob Griffin 277, 454; Buddy Davis 31b; Roy Nelson and Louise Nelson 35; Judy Jones 334; Sam Sommers 362; Louis Hughes 189; Barbara Swetman 358; Don Bowen 198; Liz Bryant 384; Judy Mincey 523b; Henry Johnson 495; Bud Oliver 30t; Phillip Langley 196; John Plunkett 189; Joan Plunkett 49t; Lewis Norton 292; Charlene Wallace 410; Felton Denney 318 (for Lonnie Rogers and Vivian Rogers); Richard DeLong 522; Lou Cotney 300; B. M. Smith 127. After the announcements, Jeff Sheppard and B. M. Smith led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Sam Sommers.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith.

CENTRAL LOUISIANA SACRED HARP SING
Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Dry Prong, Louisiana
September 7, 1996

This was the first meeting of Sacred Harp singers in Central Louisiana. The opening prayer was led by Elder R. J. Wade, pastor of Harmony Primitive Baptist Church. Jim Fields gave an introduction to the shapes, and led songs on pages 101t and 39t. Nancy Van Den Akker led 31t. Since this was the first meeting of this group, officers were elected to conduct the sing. Those elected were: Chairman - Jim Fields; Treasurer - Rick McLain; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker. Leaders: Jim Fields 105; Virginia Fields 452b; Rick McLain 49t; Elizabeth Muhleisen 128; Judy Papa 354b; Harry Eskew 47, 40; Wallace McKenzie 155; Jim Fields 108b; Nancy Van Den Akker 361; Virginia Fields 323b. Prayer before lunch was offered by Cleamon Downs.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Jim Fields, who offered a few words on the Rudiments and led song on page 63. Thanks were offered for the food provided by church members. Names were gathered for the Memorial Lesson: Joanne Lewis, Linda Scott, Don Harvey, Faye Fields, Albert Shows, and Jonathan Lang. Harry Eskew led song on page 31b for the deceased and ill. Singing continued and leaders called were: Cleamon Downs 133; Elizabeth Muhleisen 178; Rick McLain 85; Elder R. J. Wade 101t; Judy Papa 165; Harry Eskew 159; Wallace McKenzie 45t; Jim Fields 186; Nancy Van Den Akker 569b; Virginia Fields 72b; Elizabeth Muhleisen 82t; Cleamon Downs 79; Rick McLain 341; Judy Papa 314; Jim Fields 358.

An announcement was made for the State Sing, to be held October 5 in Baton Rouge. A collection was taken in the amount of \$115.00. There was some discussion of a location for next year's sing, with several attendees expressing interest in hosting it at their churches. It was decided to return to Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Dry Prong, Louisiana next year, and in the meantime to collect invitations for succeeding years and other times of the year. Elder R. J. Wade offered some comments on the value of the Sacred Harp tradition. He said many of the young people were interested in reconnecting with their cultural roots, and the Sacred Harp was a good example of one that was worthwhile. Harry Eskew offered the closing prayer, and Wallace McKenzie led song on page 62 for the closing song. Attendance was 45.
Chairman - Jim Fields; Treasurer - Rick McLain; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Shady Grove Church, Dutton, Alabama
September 7-8, 1996
Saturday, September 7

The ninety-third session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Coy Ivey leading songs on pages 59 and 63. Prayer was led by Lamar Smith. The officers were called as follows: Margie Smith 501; Nora Parker 36b; David Ivey 134; Mel Kersey 47; Judy Hauff 399b; Terry Wootten 385; Bud Oliver 39b; Virgil Phillips 475; Carla Smith 498; Don Bowen 454; Phil Summerlin 39. Other leaders: Mark Brown 82; Lamar Smith 76b; Joyce Walton 52b; Norma Latham 418; Loyd Ivey 426; Edith Tate 136.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Coy Ivey leading song on page 30. A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chairman - Rex Wilks; Vice Chairman - David Ivey; Secretary - Nora Parker (permanent); Chaplain - Phil Summerlin; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver, Paula McGray, and Mel Kersey; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown, Connie Karduck, and Clarke Lee; Resolutions Committee - Jim Carnes, Terry Wootten, and Reba Dell Windom; Locating Committee - Jerry Enright, Jeff Sheppard, and Joyce Walton; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, Syble Adams, and Cindy Franklin. Leaders: Rex Wilks 53; Syble Adams 212; Jerry Enright 300; Melanie Hauff 277; Lonnie Rogers and Freeman Wootten 225t; Elene Stovall 137; Rodney Ivey 186; Kat Kinkade 428; Allison Ivey 182; Jerry Schreiber 200; Connie Karduck 391; Clarke Lee 285t; Barbara Swetman 481; Kelly Beard 179; Lucy Heidorn 185; Ted Johnson 83; Louis Hughes, Jr. 284.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rex Wilks and David Ivey leading songs on pages 40 and 358. Leaders: Erika Mitchell 354b; Aaron Wootten 101t; Jeff Sheppard 142; Joan Aldridge 198; Mary Kay Friday 191; David Lee 335; Marcia Johnson 282; Jamie Dalton 538; Marie Aldridge 193; Johanna Fabke 71; Ricky Harcrow 163t; Kathy Lee 100; Cassie Franklin 75; Ted Mercer 74; Billy Williams 54.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Rex Wilks leading song on page 119. Leaders: B. M. Smith 548; Julie Lee 231; Pauline Childers 318; Stuart Ivey 270; Hillary Brown 45t; Dewayne Wootten 345t; Tyler Wilks 186; Sarah Harcrow 37b; Mary Brown 551; Ernestine Pipkin 218; Pam Wilkerson 203; Myra Dalton 332; Paula McGray 127; Shelley Capps 405; Hershell King 460; Mildred McElroy 61; Richard DeLong 296; Rhonda Arnold 448; Milton Oliver 403; Jim Carnes 171; Cindy Franklin and Wanda Capps 146; Linda Thomas 48; Mark Brown "Beulah Land".

RECESS

The class reassembled with Syble Adams leading song on page 59. Leaders: Reba Windom 224; S. T. Reed 32b; Jap Walton 153; Marvin McElroy 112; Louis Hughes 300; David Carlton 133; Willie Mae Moon 383; Marlon Wootten 147; Karen Ivey 209; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Ruth Brown 535; Karen Travis and Jane Wilks 117; Leroy Digsby 387; Eddie Brown 312b; Christie Blevins 480; Mark Brown 503; Sheila Wootten 436. Rex Wilks led the closing song on page 67. The class was dismissed with prayer by Ralph Heard.

Sunday, September 8

The convention was called to order on Sunday by Rex Wilks and David Ivey leading songs on pages 74 and 49b. The morning prayer was led by Phil Summerlin. Leaders: Bud Oliver, Paula McGray, and Nora Parker 32b, 77b, 317; Coy Ivey 48; Rhonda Arnold 39; Jackie Tanner 37; Jason Wilks 68b; Don Bowen 283; Stuart Ivey 53; Mark Carroll 448; Syble Adams 186; Virgil Phillips 137; Mark Brown 430; Reba Dell Windom 384; Roy Nelson 97; Marcia Johnson 216; Richard Ivey 270; Lee Rogers 474; Cassie Franklin 29t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rex Wilks leading song on page 145b. Leaders: B. M. Smith 475; Johanna Fabke 122; Pauline Childers 269; Ted Johnson 372; Linton Ballinger 299; Melanie Hauff 318; Pam Nunn 528; Phillip Wootten 312b; Ann Jett 327; Mike Dunn 424; Judy Mincey 497; Henry Johnson 159; Jewel Wootten 277; Nancy Digsby 348b; B. J. Harris 303; Flarce Creel 546.

RECESS

Rex Wilks brought the class together leading song on page 111. Leaders: Rodney Dalton and Tim Dalton 106; Judy Hauff 201; Harrison Creel 512; Jeffery Wootten 176. A memorial lesson was held at this time. Ruth Brown made a talk about joyful noises made unto the Lord. The names of the deceased were read as follows: Vieve Dupre Davis, Colin Campbell, Hazel Cagle, Colbie Allen, Faye Allen, Tommy Creel, Dillie Harris, Elder H. C. Moon, Agnes Hocutt, Irvin Creel, Otto McCoy, Joe Beasley, Aver Crider, Dewey Williams, Tom Roberson, Homer Cordes, Aaron Keeton, Mae Doss, Fleecie Tucker, Lucille Brothers, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Kelsey Rene Wootten, Ed Latham, Ruby Gibson, Hubert Green, LeRoy McGraw, Ester Reed, Randolph Mincey, Ola Pruitt, Odell Cleveland, Ruthie Cozart, Floyd Stiefel, William Headrick, Otis Nall, Joe Smith, Guy Parker, Luther Miller, Effie Brock, Andy Herrrel, J. B. Lauel, E. A. Stallings, and Eula Stallings. Richard DeLong led song on page 224 in their memory. The sick and shut-ins named were: Jeanette Lowry, Carl Karduck, Edith Cline, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Lois Stanson, Cecil Gilliland, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oden, Barrett Ashley, Woodie Walker, Claude Moon, Herbert Phillips, Alpha Black, Nora Collett, Bill Green, J. T. Conn, Mae Seymour, and Maxine Lacy. Joyce Walton led song on page 45t for the sick and shut-ins. B. J. Harris closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Buell Cobb 205; Sarah Harcrow 61; Evelyn Harris 30; Levon Wootten 39b; Kelly Beard 504.

LUNCH

The afternoon session reassembled with Rex Wilks and David Ivey leading song on page 298. Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t; Carla Smith 222; Jerry Schreiber 66; Ted Mercer 345; Barbara Swetman 35; Mary Kay Friday 313b; Kat Kinkade 411; Juan Martinez 146; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Lonnie Rogers 340; Louis Hughes, Jr. 99; Marty Wootten 171; Phil Summerlin 441; Allison Stovall and Elene Stovall 440; Jamie Dalton, Myra Dalton, and Tammy Dalton 419; Louis Hughes 290; Willie Mae Holt 269; Wayne Wootten 234; Joan Aldridge 189.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bud Oliver and Mel Kersey leading song on page 565. A business session was held to hear committee reports. Resolution Committee. On behalf of the entire United Convention, we respectfully thank Shady Grove Church and the surrounding community for their warmest welcome and hospitality. We thank all officers and committees for so ably discharging their duties. We thank all those who have traveled from far and near to support the Convention. We thank all of our ancestors who have preserved this great tradition for our enjoyment and our spiritual enrichment. And, above all, we thank our loving God for allowing this Convention not merely to continue over these 93 years, but to thrive. And, we ask for God's continued blessing on us and on Sacred Harp. Respectfully submitted. Reba Dell Windom, Terry Wootten, and Jim Carnes. The Locating Committee reported that the 1997 session would meet at Old County Line Church, 10 miles west of Warrior, Alabama near Corner, Alabama. Locating Committee: Jerry Enright, Jeff Sheppard, and Joyce Walton. The Finance Committee reported that \$503.00 was collected. Paid out for minutes, \$50.00; paper goods, \$55.32; food \$175.00; church \$100.00. Balance on hand \$1,409.88. End of business session. Leaders: Milton Oliver 321; Cindy Franklin 34b; Melvin Stiefel 138b; Freeman Wootten and Olivia Allen 480; Allison Ivey, Tyler Wilks, and Jenny Wootten 134, 155; Mildred McElroy 192; Jim Carnes 95; Jeff Sheppard 163b; Terry Wootten 542; Willie Mae Moon 503; Edith Tate and Shelley Capps 73; Warren G. Meadows 569; Linda Thomas, Eloise Wootten, and Jordan Ratliff 107; Connie Karduck

313; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Pam Wilkerson 376. David Ivey and Rex Wilks led the closing song on page 62. The Convention was dismissed with prayer by Phil Summerlin.

Chairman - Rex Wilks; Vice Chairman - David Ivey; Secretary - Nora Parker.

MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH
Near Bear Creek, Alabama
September 8, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mountain Home Church on the second Sunday in September was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 39b and 47t. The morning prayer was led by Doyle Williams. An election of officers was made, and the following were installed: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Margaret Keeton. John Hyde led song on page 73t. Leaders called were: Arnold Moore 111t, 111b; Cecil Sanders 348b; Chris Bell 384; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57, 108b; Beatrice Brewer 112, 373, 123t; Gladys Bonds 48t, 77t; Doyle Williams and Ethel Williams 445, 318, 336; Pernie Pelfrey 426t, 83t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 275b, 290, and 82t. Leaders: Bradley Allen 546, 385b; Lena Wakefield 371, 480, 222; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 101t, 358; Keterina Sanders 100, 454; Mae Conwill 418, 314, 179; Odie V. Horton 387, 378t, 400; Larry Ballinger 89, 90, 98; Josie Hyde 294 (by request).

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 63. Leaders: Paul Frederick 298, 224, 45t, 499; Elmer Conwill 411, 300, 396; Twylia Pickard 76, 399b, 408; Fayrene Pickard 143, 323, 438; Dorothea McCowan 475, 234, 196; Josie Hyde 64, 434; Ann Ballard 336, 512, 421; Betty Baccus 134, 285t; Dawson Adams 47t, 68b; Amanda Denson 155, 53, 274; Margaret Keeton 276, 78, 97; Chris Bell 168. John Hyde and Travis Keeton led song on page 297 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Dawson Adams. We wish to thank Fayrene Pickard and Twylia Pickard for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION
Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, between Anniston and
Jacksonville, Alabama
September 14-15, 1996
Saturday, September 14

The eighty-second session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Convention met at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama on the the third Sunday and Saturday before in September, and was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 30b. The morning prayer was led by Everette Denney. Ruth Brown led songs on pages 47t and 146; Evelyn Harris 47t and 146. A business session was held, and the following officers and committees were elected or appointed: Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Ruth Brown; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee - Joyce Walton. Leaders: B. J. Harris 347; Ruth Brown 36b; Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards 40, 87 for Mary Florence Smith who was hurt in a car accident and

unable to attend; Jap Walton 420b; Margie Smith 225t for Lonnie Rogers, 303, 313t; Harvey Austin 108t, 335; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Virgil Phillips 475; Liz Bryant 122, 270; Roy Nelson 176t, 480, 153; Jewel Wootten 276, 283.

RECESS

Ruth Brown called the class to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: B. M. Smith 284, 285t; Leola Smith 176b, 124; Everette Denney 489, 503; Linda Thomas 123t, 299; Milton Oliver 224, 222; Shelbie Sheppard 211, 296; S. T. Reed 44, 43; Joyce Walton 65, 67.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Ruth Brown leading song on page 155. Ruth Brown made the announcement that Harvey Austin had received word during the lunch hour that his brother, Malone Austin, had been killed in an automobile accident. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b, 73t; Charlene Wallace 267, 331 for Ruby Phillips; Jimmie Denney 68b, 126; Lou Cotney 218, 196, 497; John Forman 203, 217; Josephine Denney 75, 100; Jeff Sheppard 129, 137; Lucille Forman 177, 565b; Bobby Bailey 156, 408; Beulah Reese 421, 72b; Carlene Griffin 97, 448b; Felton Denney 120, 523b; Sonja Randall and Alice Edwards 104, 45t; Louise Nelson and Roy Nelson 35, 128; Pearl Guier 49t, 143; Shelbie Sheppard 28b for Freeman Wootten. B. J. Harris led song on page 490 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Cook.

Sunday, September 15

The convention was called to order by B. J. Harris leading songs on pages 32t and 37b. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Ruth Brown 378, 84; Evelyn Harris 101t, 155; Pearl Guier 503, 36b; Margie Smith 393, 494; Roy Nelson 303, 434 for Lola Jenkins; Shelbie Sheppard and Alice Edwards 186, 365; John Forman 63, 426b; Lovella Kerr 68b, 127; Bud Oliver 345t, 145t; Shelton Williamson 300, 222, 299.

RECESS

B. J. Harris brought the class back together leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 327, 439, 441; Henry Johnson 89, 159, 338; Daphene Causey 91, 151; Milton Oliver 368, 319; Lou Cotney 189, 212, 358; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b.

The memorial was given by Joyce Walton with comments made about the large number of singers and friends we have lost in the past years, and led song on page 122 in remembrance of: Dula Webb, Joe Beasley, Kelsey Rene Wootten, Ruby Gibson, Hubert Green, Aver Crider, Dewey Williams, Tom Roberson, Colbie Allen, Homer Cordes, R. C. Stanford, Mary Helen Chafin, Ester Reed, Randolph Mincey, Ola Pruitt, Lonnie Jones, Odell Cleveland, Agnes Hocutt, Elbert Drake, Russell Norton, Harold Jackson, Lawrence Daugherty, Luther Miller, Irvin Creel, Fleecie Tucker, Lucille Brothers, Herman Lambert, Joe Smith, James Kerr, Earlene McGraw Baker, Tommy Creel, Curtis Dutton, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Tilda Mosley, John Bains, Mae Doss, Ruthie Cozart, J. J. Sexton, Floyd Stiefel, William Headrick, Hazel Cagle, Clydus Moon, Otis Nall, Ed Latham, Dillie Creel Harris, Malone Austin, and Erik Hand. B. M. Smith led song on page 499 for the sick and shut-ins. There are a lot of people who are sick and shut-in whose name will not appear on our list, but they are remembered along with the following: Mary Florence Smith, Revy Williamson, Clelon Cobb, Lola Jenkins, Vena Holley, Barrett Ashley, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Mae Seymour, Lavoy Smith, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Marshall Avery, Cecil Gilliland, and Hayden Creel. The memorial was closed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

LUNCH

B. J. Harris called the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 318, 48b, 148; Louis Hughes 31t, 347, 410t; Lucille Forman 136, 137, 496; Lonnie Rogers 560b, 348b, 298; Carlene Griffin 70t, 77b; Coy Ivey 452, 49b; I V. McWhorter 349, 371; Louise Nelson and Roy Nelson 87, 82t; Kenneth Calvert 45t, 49t; Jeff Sheppard 312b, 313t; Sonja Randall and Jeff Sheppard 40, 56t; Joyce Walton 171; B. M. Smith 213b, 384, 344. After announcements were made, B. J. Harris led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jap Walton.

Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Ruth Brown; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

MINNESOTA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

St. Paul and Shakopee, Minnesota

September 14-15, 1996

Saturday, September 14

Merriam Lexington Presbyterian Church, St. Paul

The Seventh Annual Minnesota Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Co-Chairs Kathy Wallace and Stephen Levine at 9:30 a.m. sharp, and were accompanied by Stephen Parker and Denise Kania in leading song on page 34b. Chaplain Myles Alexander offered an opening prayer. After brief announcements, the singing resumed with the following leaders called: Stephen Levine 344; Walter Graff 39b; Denise Kania 352; Mark Ellenberger 288; Jennie Willard 171; Gordon Olsen 163b; Kit Pfau 276; Myles Alexander 36t; Mary Rose O'Reilly and Robin Fox 481; John Bailey 270; Midge Olsen 299; Jerry Enright 383; Eleanor Haase 312b; Paul Landskroener 313b; Maryann Corbett 146; Paul Wyatt 365; Karen James 503; Gary Gronau 362. The class adjourned for a morning break at 10:20 a.m.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kathy Wallace leading song on page 29. Leaders: Jeff Bell 217; Johanna Fabke 163t; John Rebischke 102; Julie Vea 441; Stephen Parker 547; Janet Borman 155; Ted Mercer 77t; Val Eng 528; Pat Forsberg-Smith 68b; Wendy Lee 335; Bob Parr 228; Judy Hauff 203; Richard Popp 240; Karen Hojnacki 384; Charles Wells 569b; Carol Buche 143; Ted Johnson 283. The class was adjourned for a break at 11:20 a.m.

RECESS

The singing was resumed with Robin Fox leading song on page 497. Leaders: John Seaton 269; Val Dunagan 475; Daryl Mayberry 454; David Ivey 428; Susan Green 350; Sherry Minnick 65; Melanie Hauff 421. A brief business meeting was held just before lunch. Jim Pfau and Bill Waddington were elected Co-Chairs of the 1997 convention by acclamation.

LUNCH

The class was called back into session following the lunch break by Denise Kania leading song on page 40. Leaders: James Page 268; Carol Crawford 290; Francis Gurtz and Colette Miller 380; Christine Stevens 107; Jim Parsons 100; Dick Levine 178; Keith Willard 39t; Becca Green and Allison Grate 49t; Kathy Wallace 315; Ted Mercer 485; Bob Parr 260; Jenny Willard 108; Pat Forsberg-Smith 277; Ted Johnson 369; Judy Hauff 464; Robin Fox 542; David Ivey 182; Meg Parsons 209; Daryl Mayberry 213; Jerry Enright 300.

RECESS

Following the afternoon break at 1:55 p.m., the class was called back into session by Jim Pfau leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Mark Ellenberger 172; Richard Popp 218; Melanie Hauff 415; Richard Green 99; Julie Vea 106; Steven Levine

358; Janet Borman 66; Gary Gronau 434; Jean Carhart 566; John Bailey 340; Margo McCreary 47; Paul Landskroener 168; Val Dunagan 278t; Charles Wells 38b; Denise Kania 126. The class was adjourned for the day at 2:55 p.m. by singing song on page 347, "Christian's Farewell", led by Steven Levine and Kathy Wallace. The class was dismissed with a closing prayer by Chaplain Myles Alexander.

Sunday, September 15

Town Hall, Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota

The class was called back into session by Co-Chairs Stephen Levine and Kathy Wallace leading song on page 52t. Chaplain Myles Alexander offered an opening prayer. Morning leaders were: Keith Willard 74b; Robin Fox 150; Paul Wyatt 551b; Stephen Parker 47t; Bill Waddington 209; Karen Hojnacki 220; Richard Green 137; Karen James 421; John Seaton 48t; Eleanor Haase 84; Dick Dunagan 30b; Margo McCreary 497; Jeff Bell 452; Johanna Fabke 122; Myles Alexander 510; Carol Crawford 89; Gordon Olsen 86. The class adjourned for a morning break at 10:25 a.m.

RECESS

Jenny Willard brought the class back to order leading song on page 145b.

Leaders: James Page 284; Wendy Lee 392; Berkley Moore 114; Becky Browne 142; Anna Pfau 415; Melanie Hauff 445; Gretchen Pfau and Rebecca Gereen 178; Ted Johnson 48b; Susan Green 35; Gloria Krusemeyer 268; Scott Schroeder 149; John Bailey 454; Mary Rose O'Reilly 203; Dick Levine 147t; Kit Pfau 81t; Anthony Park 299; Val Eng 500. The class adjourned at 11:30 for a brief recess.

RECESS

After the break the class was reconvened by Stephen Levine leading song on page 32. The floor was then given to Keith Willard, chair of the Memorial Committee who explained the tradition to those new to the convention and read the list of sick and shut-ins: Don Johnson, Sara Curry, Florence Becker, Marjorie Parker, Annie B. Wyatt, Barrett Ashley, Lawrence and Lula Underwood, Viola Smith, Ruth Wyatt, Louise Wallace, Jeanette Lowry, Lisa Grayson, Ed Keuper, Norman Wersan, Maurice Faubion, Rodney Willard, Virgil and Ruby Phillips, and Vester and Flossie Jones. The song on page 348 was sung for their healing. David Ivey of Huntsville, Alabama spoke eloquently of the tradition of remembering those who have passed on. The longer we sing, the more of these names we come to know. He then read the list of those who have passed on: Gerrit van Egdsen, Tommy Creel, Irvin Creel, Dillie Creel, Robert and Camilla Haase, Chris Whiting, Dewey Williams, Al Levin, Mike McDonald, Bruce Johnson, Roberte Gruber, Ed Latham, Ester Reed, Evelyn Browne, Joyce Smith, Colbie Allen, Floyd Stiefel, Andrew Stiefel, Kelsey Wootten, Agnes Hocutt, Hazel Cagle, Guy Parker, Aver Crider, Joe Smith, Eula Stallings, Cleve Blevins, Oscar Berlin, Christopher Lee, Patrick Riley, and Bill Monroe. The song on page 285 was sung for their memory. Walter Graff then offered a prayer of thanks for the companionship of all of these friends.

LUNCH

The class was called back into session following the lunch break by Jim Pfau leading song on page 59. Leaders: Midge Olsen 455; Bob Parr 502; Felicia Stevens 84; David Ivey 328; Daryl Mayberry 212; Ted Mercer 216; Meg Parsons 440; Jerry Enright 442; Judy Hauff 472; Gary Gronau 110; Jenny Willard 383; Mark Ellenberger 28; Jan Ketelle 163t; Jim Parsons 444; Denise Kania 479; Richard Popp led "Seeley" by Richard Popp 1995; Julie Veal 419; Charles Wells 49b; Janet Borman 34b; Steven Levine 192. A break was called at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Keith Willard leading song on page 29t. The roll of states represented was called and there were people from: Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, New Jersey, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. In all, 14 states were represented. Diana Zwiag, Colleen Zwiag, and Maggie led song on page 186, followed by the raffle drawing. Eloise Jerome made a beautiful afghan that was won by Judy Hauff. Leaders: Pat Forsberg-Smith 341; Donna Latifa 117; Martha Henderson 290; Walter Graff 441; Carol Buche 504; Tineke Stevens 501; Francis Gurtz and Colette Miller 183; Robin Fox 47b; Richard Green 198; John Seaton 171; Karen Hojnacki 145t; Kathy Wallace 189. A brief business session included announcements of future singings, and the Treasurer's report that expenses ran \$1,388 and contributions of \$1,576. The Secretary, Stephen Parker, reported that 157 tunes were led. Resolutions Committee Chair Julie Vea and Karen Hojnacki offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted: "The Minnesota Convention is a model of cooperation with the local singers working cooperatively and efficiently, but most of all, happily and with grace. Rarely are there so many willing workers for the jobs that must be done. We thank them and the spirit with which they lent their hands. We resolve that the Minnesota tradition of co-chairing the convention so aptly maintained by Kathy Wallace and Steven Levine be continued and that next year's weather be as cooperative as this year's. Resolved that the Minnesota Convention be known for the efficient cooperation between members of committees and the greatest number of committee members: Locating Committee of Jenny Willard; Publicity; Graphics; Housing; Child Care Coordinator; Arranging Committee; Secretary; Pitching; Chaplain; Registration; Setup and Take-down; Refreshments; Food; Financial; Memorial; Clean-up; Raffle; Saturday's Party; Singers; Chairs. This convention has been run like a fuguing tune, with each person in their proper station." The class adjourned this year's convention by taking the "Parting Hand", 62. Chairmen - Stephen Levine and Kathy Wallace; Secretary - Stephen Parker. 1997 Chairmen - James Pfau and Bill Waddington.

UNITED KINGDOM SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION **Woodside Hall, Hitchin, Hertfordshire** **September 14-15, 1996**

Note: Two books were used - the Sacred Harp, and Northern Harmony. Unless otherwise noted with an (NH), all other page numbers are from the Sacred Harp. Also, the following people and the state in which they live are from the United States, and this information will not appear each time after the listing of their name: Bruce Randall - Massachusetts; Georgia - Judy Mincey; Washington - Dave Hough, Katharine Hough, Joanne Hoover, Susan Helf, and Ken Cofield; New York - Diane Menella and Richard Schmeidler.

Saturday, September 14

Steve Fletcher (Hitchin) led song on page 276. A workshop was conducted by Bruce Randall with the following selections used: 49t, 49b, 479, 40, 155.

RECESS

Following the break, the workshop continued. Other selections used were: 84, 209, 191, 178, 279, 268, 114.

LUNCH

The convention was called to order, and the following leaders were called: Steve Fletcher (Hitchin) 178 for Ian Giles and David Ward; Richard L. Schmeidler 34b; Bernard Collard (Ramsden, Oxon) 362b; Diane Menella 551; Rachel Jordan

(Lewes) 183; Dave Hough 282; David Atkin (Hungerford) 31t; Judy Mincey 532; Dave Townsend (Witney) and Ali Foden (Brighton) 268 for Sally Drage; Ian Head (Burnham, Bucks) 100 (NH), 26 (NH); Susan Helf and Ken Cofield 442; Mandy Townsend (Witney) 440; Ken Cofield 344; Steve Fletcher (Hitchin) and Clare Mee (London) 98 (NH), 44 (NH); Paul Sanderson (Bury) 107; Joanne Hoover 504; Dave Richardson (Warwick) 61; Caroline Humphreys (Winchester) 16 (NH).

RECESS

Leaders: Sheila Smith (Wimbledon) 86; Richard Schmeidler 84; Mike Bailey (Winchester) 287; Simon Beirne (Linslade) 186 (NH), 76 (NH); Gillian Warson (Bicester) 299 for Gordon Ashman; Dave Townsend (Witney) 47t; Mick Verrier (Essex) 188 (NH); Steve Fletcher (Hitchin) and Mike Hoy (Nottingham) 76 (NH), 72 (NH); Bob Lilley (Leighton Buzzard) 84 (NH); Brian Fisk (Romsey) 479; Paul Gailiunas (Newcastle) 204 (NH), 108 (NH); Joanne Hoover 146; Bernard Collard (Ramsden, Oxon) and Michael Bloom (London) 148 (NH), 10 (NH); John and Pat Stonell (Newcastle) 140 (NH); David Atkin (Hungerford) and Jill Thompson (Brighton) 40; Mike Bailey (Winchester) 334 for all morris dancers; Joanne Hoover 277; Judy Mincey 198. The Saturday afternoon session closed.

Sunday, September 15

The Sunday morning session began with a workshop conducted by Bruce Randall. The following selections were used: 63, 86, 58. "Hallelujah New" was taught by Diane Mennella, and "Relief" by Bruce Randall.

RECESS

The convention was called to order, and the following leaders called: Steve Fletcher 159; Judy Whiting (Bolton) 503; Katharine Hough 455; Bob Lilley 12 (NH); Dave Hough 385; Caroline Humphreys 22 (NH); Susan Helf 163b; Ruth Cooper (Nottingham) 7 (NH); Joanne Hoover 66; Mick Verrier and Jacqui Clark (Southampton) 150 (NH).

LUNCH

Leaders: Joanne Hoover and Christine Gaskin (Bromley) 49t; Bernard Collard (Ramsden) and Jutta Ried (Richmond) 168 (NH), 12 (NH); Jackie Patten (Morchard Bishop) and Ian Ferguson (Bournemouth) 9 (NH); Dave Townsend and Cressida Pryor (Hitchin) 31t; John Stonell and Sophie McDougall (Alnwick) 10 (NH).

A time for Lessons: Memorial, Sick and Housebound, and Celebration. Judy Mincey gave opening remarks. Paul Sanderson gave the Memorial Lesson, and used a composition by Bruce Randall, "Relief", which was written in memory of Chris Whiting. The following deceased were remembered: David Gaskin, Mary Gurovitch, Aver Crider, Greta Townsend, Edgar Barnard, Dewey Williams, Robert Mottgendorfer, Eric Hedger, LeRoy McGraw, Chris Barnett, Donald Millichap, Ester Reed, Chris Whiting, Bill Tow, Agnes Hocutt, Dall Allsopp, Mary Taylor, Irvin Creel, Edna Gee, James Sanderson, Lucille Brothers, Jean Passmore, Juliet Lynch, Erlene McGraw Baker; Ellen Hough, Len Blake, Tommy Creel, William Duncan, Janis Beirne, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Alan Week's mother, Joe Beasley, William Headrick, Roger Hume (Bert Fry, Archers), Kelsey Rene Wootten, Hazel Cagle, Ruby Sheppard Gibson, and Dillie Creel Harris. Paul Sanderson remembered the following sick and housebound by leading "Millbrook" (NH) by Bruce Randall: Catherine Brant, Jack Turney, Keith Wright, Johnny Jeans, Marilyn Osterman, Ian Giles, Gordon Ashman, Eileen Spurr, Dorothy Tow, Jenny Hambridge, Maggie Miskin, Alicia Baddley, and Jackie Beardslee. The Celebration Lesson was given by Bernard Collard,

leading song on page 228. The celebrations are: (1) the return to good health of Christine Gaskin; (2) the return to good health of Sophie McDougall; (3) Joan and Robert Ross's 17th wedding anniversary; (4) Joan Ross's new job; (5) Jean and Alan Seymour's silver wedding anniversary; (6) Janet Campbell Smith and Ian Wiseman married 6 September; (7) Sophie and Stuart McDougall's 2nd wedding anniversary; (8) Ruth and Dave Cooper's silver wedding anniversary on 11th September; (9) Paul and Diane Sanderson's baby, due in February 1997; (10) Dave and Katharine Hough's wedding on July 26, 1996; (11) Gillian and Richard Warson's 10th wedding anniversary on 19 September; (12) Alan Simpson, recovering from an operation; (13) ourselves, the first United Kingdom Shape Note Convention.

RECESS

Leaders: Ken Cofield 71; Dave Richardson 452b; Mary Townsend 163t; Dave Hough 68b; Dave Townsend 324; Richard Schmeidler 184; Mike Bailey 164 (NH), 58 (NH); Diane Mennella 313b; Sheila Smith 42; Katharine Hough 378b; Ian Head 194 (NH), 28 (NH); Judy Mincey 376; Mandy Townsend 117; Steve Fletcher and John Souter 209; Dave Townsend 128; Bruce Randall 497; Steve Fletcher 45t. The convention was closed.

A total of 48 attended the workshop and singing on Saturday, and 40 on Sunday. Submitted by: Judy Mincey.

BENNY KEETON MEMORIAL

Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama September 15, 1996

The twenty-fifth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove Church on the third Sunday in September was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. Travis Keeton led song on page 37b. The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Larry Ballinger and John Hyde. Travis Keeton led song on page 212. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 101t, 34b; Ila Ingle 470 (in memory of her mother, Annie Harper), 112; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 313; Lucy Heidorn 63, 172; Lena Wakefield 475, 546; Pernie Pelfrey 155, 47t; Ada Godsey 201, 59; Ann Jett 448b, 495; Edith Tate 187, 410; Gene Wakefield 108b, 109; Tom Harper 384, 318, 498. Lena Wakefield asked that this singing be a memorial in honor of her father, Benny Keeton.

RECESS

The singing resumed with A. C. McGough leading songs on pages 225t and 454. Leaders: Roma Rice 319, 166; Harrison Creel 348b, 111b; John Hocutt 271t, 270; Larry Ballinger 275, 282; Velton Chafin 26, 24; Keterina Sanders 89, 100; Marie Aldridge 336, 217; Flarce Creel 389, 460; Odie V. Horton 47b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of this memorial singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 179. Leaders: Johnny Humber 200, 208; Kermit Adams 220, 457; Edwin Ballinger 67, 69t; Becky Briggs 569, 512; Amanda Denson 266, 267; Fayrene Pickard 143, 480; Gary Smith 147t, 49b; John Hyde 566, 482; Sarah Smith 129, 75; Lewis Gilmore 337, 376; Travis Keeton 345t. Travis Keeton and A. C. McGough led song on page 62 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Lewis Gilmore.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

LIBERTY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Boaz, Alabama

September 21, 1996

The fiftieth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing at Liberty Hill Church was called to order by Lawrence Underwood leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Brother Buddy Nix. Lawrence Underwood led song on page 275b, followed by Lula Underwood leading 358. Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood led songs on pages 170, 189, and 300. The class organized by retaining the following officers: Chairman - Lawrence Underwood; Vice Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Secretary - Linda Thomas; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers. Leaders: Cecil Gilliland 389, 345t; Carmon Brothers 204, 445; Bud Oliver 32t, 37b, 39b; Linda Thomas 39t, 106; Milton Oliver 270, 321, 34t; Rhoda Norris 318, 177.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class to order leading "That Beautiful Land". Leaders: Eugene Blackwood 298, 112; Ester Brown 460, 426t; S. T. Reed 418, 388, 64; Henry Guthery 134, 101, 425; Hazel Brothers 145b; Cecil Gilliland 273; Bud Oliver 373 (for Avie Blackwood), 48t, 47t, 73; Virgil Phillips 34b, 137, 475.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by singing song on page 97. Leaders: S. T. Reed 129, 68b; Ester Brown 36b; Ester Brown and Linda Thomas 290; Milton Oliver 100; Virgil Phillips 225t; Lawrence Underwood with daughter, Gladys Nix, and sister, Lillian Peppers 217, 335; Eugene Blackwood 288; Bud Oliver 28b; Henry Guthery 30t, 383 (for Lawrence Underwood); Carmon Brothers 544; Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and great-granddaughter, Cassie Anagnostis 354b; Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Cassie Anagnostis, and Lillian Peppers 294. Lawrence Underwood and Buddy Nix led 146 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Buddy Nix.

Chairman - Lawrence Underwood; Vice Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Secretary - Linda Thomas.

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Mattoon, Illinois

September 21-22, 1996

Saturday, September 21

The twelfth annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at the International Revival Center in Mattoon, Illinois with Chairman Donald Bardsley leading song on page 376. Chaplain Lee Steinmetz opened the convention with prayer, and led song on page 68b. Vice Chair Janet Fraembs 335; Secretary Molly Evans 203. The following leaders were then called: Janet Borman 147t; Val Dunagan 82t; Peggy Brayfield 481; Jim Page "Berryville," an original composition; Dick Dunagan 108b; Mike Veech 228; Jerry Enright 100; Marcia Johnson 436; Robert Meek 209; Jeanette Lowry 216; Dave Ressler 192; Ted Johnson 68t; Joan Aldridge 475; Herb Schroeder 217; Karen Hojnacki 145t; Becky Browne 181; Karen Isbell 110.

RECESS

The class continued singing with Lee Steinmetz leading song on page 565. Leaders: Gary Gronau 163t; John Bailey 270; Judy Hauff 411; Daryl Mayberry 528; Patricia Doss-Butterfield 448t; Connie Karduck 492; John Ramsey 442; Dan Gibbons 377; Berkley Moore 71; Ted Mercer 69b; Bill Hamblin 106; D. J. Hatfield 28b; Lee Steinmetz 491; Janet Fraembs 218; Molly Evans 515; Janet

Borman 155; Val Dunagan 385b; Peggy Brayfield 547; James Page "County K," an original composition; Dick Dunagan 34b; Mike Veech 107; Jerry Enright 168; Marcia Johnson 260. Chaplain Lee Steinmetz asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Donald Bardsley brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Gary Gronau 29b; Robert Meek 143; Jeanette Lowry 446; Dave Ressler 455; Wendy Lee 215; Jim Lawrie 441; Dan Morse 268; Ted Johnson 430; Joan Aldridge 454; T. Scott Smith 40; Herb Schroeder 146; Karen Hojnacki 220; Becky Browne 299; Karen Isbell 269; Gary Gronau 83t; John Bailey 145b; Judy Hauff 542.

RECESS

Don Bardsley brought the class back leading song on page 178. Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 354b; Daryl Mayberry 198; Patricia Doss-Butterfield 324; Connie Karduck 352; Jan Ketelle 440; John Ramsey 70t; Berkley Moore 99; Dan Gibbons 474; Ted Mercer 43; Bill Hamblin 47b; D. J. Hatfield 296; Janet Borman 66; Val Dunagan 312b; James Page 193; Dick Dunagan 344; Jerry Enright 383; Marcia Johnson 69t; Robert Meek 236. Following announcements, the Saturday session was brought to a close with Don Bardsley leading 347, and Chaplain Lee Steinmetz offering the benediction.

Sunday, September 22

The Sunday morning session of the convention was called to order by Don Bardsley leading song on page 46. The morning prayer was led by Lee Steinmetz, who then led the class in singing 49b. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 479; Molly Evans 142; John Bailey 448b; Lois Ramsey 159; Ted Mercer 390; Berkley Moore 73t; John Ramsey 294; Jan Ketelle 36b; Terry Hogg 112; Connie Karduck 464; Joan Aldridge 182; Karen Hojnacki 300; Mike Veech 277; Herb Schroeder 332; Wendy Lee 148; Jerry Enright 123b; Dick Dunagan 378b; James Page 268; Lissa Blood 57; Val Dunagan 87; Peggy Brayfield 485; D. J. Hatfield 379.

RECESS

Don Bardsley called the class together leading song on page 59. Leaders: William Shetter 30t; Lee Steinmetz 496; Janet Fraembs 532; Molly Evans 489; John Bailey 436; Lois Ramsey 111t; Ted Mercer 86; Berkley Moore 133. The Memorial Lesson was led by Don Bardsley. Don Bardsley led song on page 87 for the sick and shut-ins: Lisa Grayson and Carl Karduck from Illinois; Don Johnson from Colorado; Kelsey Manning from Virginia; and B. W. Ellertsen from Georgia. Lee Steinmetz led song on page 28t for the deceased: J. R. South and John Petri from Illinois; Daniel Fraembs from California; Fleece Tucker and Hazel Cagle from Alabama; and Donna Derr from Missouri. The lesson was closed with a prayer by Don Bardsley.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called back by Don Bardsley leading 168, followed with prayer by Chaplain Lee Steinmetz. Leaders: Jan Ketelle 145b; Terry Hogg 84; Connie Karduck 472; Karen Hojnacki 384; Mike Veech 147t; Herb Schroeder 128; Wendy Lee 175; Jerry Enright 125; Dick Dunagan 74b; James Page 421; Lissa Blood 445; Val Dunagan 217; Peggy Brayfield 504; D. J. Hatfield 419; Lee Steinmetz 163b; Janet Fraembs 385t; Molly Evans 335; John Bailey 340; Ted Mercer 174; Berkley Moore 290; Jerry Enright 30b; Terry Hogg 117.

RECESS

Don Bardsley called the class back leading song on page 475. Leaders: Jerome Colburn 42; Connie Karduck 122; Karen Hojnacki 192; Mike Veech 547; Herb Schroeder 497; Wendy Lee 270; Jan Ketelle 460; Dick Dunagan 31t; James Page

444; Lissa Blood 207; Val Dunagan 108t; Peggy Brayfield 313b; Don Bardsley 191 and 62, followed by the closing prayer.

Chair - Don Bardsley; Vice Chair - Janet Fraembs; Chaplain - Lee Steinmetz; Secretary - Molly Evans. Minutes submitted by Janet Fraembs.

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION **Shady Grove Church** **September 22, 1996**

The annual Winston County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 38t and 73t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Elmer Conwill. Kermit Adams led songs on pages 46 and 47b. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 74b, 83t; Hubert Hood 168, 569b; Rose Altha Taylor 129; Gene Wakefield 56t, 136; Eron White 37b, 48t; Dr. Doyle and Ethel Williams 85, 39t; Cecil Sanders 112; Gladys Bonds 47t, 77t; Arnold Moore 34t, 410; Milford Watts 41, 119.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kermit Adams leading song on page 157.

Leaders: Odie Horton 192; Fayrene Wakefield 480, 546; Willodean Barton 290, 82; Tom Harper 434, 436, 441; Corene White 97, 314; Dawson Adams 328, 68b; Ila Ingle 470, 382 in memory of her mother, Annie Harper; Ora Lee Fannin 448, 213 for her husband, Robert Fannin; Edith Tate 532, 384; Larry Ballinger 123t, 113; Amanda Denson 117, 74t; Velton Chafin 45t.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class together leading songs on pages 209 and 137.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 178, 225t; Fayrene Pickard 438, 317b; Margaret Keeton 432, 187 (for L. E. Hannah); Flarce Creel 475, 340; Josie Hyde 300, 224; Marie Aldridge 316, 272; Ester Brown 30t, 222; Harrison Creel 378b; Lena Wakefield 84, 436; Mae Conwill 338, 273 (for L. E. Hannah); Nell Alexander 176b, 101t; Loretta Whitman 79, 124, 405; Viola Young 155, 313 (in memory of John Cagle); Cecil Wakefield 159, 158; Beatrice Brewer 298, 373; Amanda Whitman and Loretta Whitman 294, 62 (in memory of Ted Godsey); Keterina Sanders 454, 389; Elmer Conwill 478. Announcements were made, and Kermit Adams led song on page 31b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

GUM POND CHURCH **Morgan County, Alabama** **September 22, 1996**

The annual September Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Arvid Holmes leading song number 39b. The morning prayer was offered by David Ivey. Arvid Holmes led song on page 40, and opened the floor for motions concerning the election of officers. Motion and second was accepted to retain the same officers: Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle. Leaders and selections were as follows: David Ivey 335, 480;

Christine Leeth 127, 319; Eldagene Roberson 144,175; Steve Cobbs 285, 460, 490.

RECESS

The class was called back to order. Leaders and selections: David Roberson 384, 314; Elvin Guthrie 172, 73b, 398; Herbert Cobbs 405, 126, 56b; Stuart Ivey 300,182,186; Richard Ivey 58, 306, 452; Nancy, Jonathan and Brandon Thompson 354, 77t, 68b, 63. The class was dismissed for lunch. Prayer was led by Elder Elbert Barton.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed singing with the following leaders and selections: Marie Guthrie 222, 192, 380; Alta Self 334,143, 80b; Karen Ivey 48t, 390 (by request of Mrs. Mamie Buckelew); Genie Nelms 312b, 66, 517; Judy Caudle 569, 64; Allison Ivey 475, 134; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land", 295; Lessie Grant 406, 61; Susan Holmes and Jane Long 441, 340; Carol Newman 373, 204; J. L. Hopper 450, 291; Dan Hopper 451, 399t, 220; Athea Gibbs 47, 34t, 34b; Elbert Barton 31t. The class was dismissed for the day with prayer led by Elder Elbert Barton. We invite everyone to join us next year on the 4th Sunday in September, 1997 for another day of singing.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Clinton, Mississippi

September 28, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mississippi College was called to order by Mark Davis leading songs on pages 123, 101t, and 30t. The opening prayer was led by Colvin Mann. Singing resumed with leaders: Tim Gray 40, 45t, 146; Durward Scarborough 68b, 240; Jean Gray 108t, 143; Dennis Cranford 178, 145t, 277; Wilma Ann Mitchell 147t, 63, 569b; Mittie Kay Smith 87, 72b; Johnny Alford 155, 176b, 137; Hubert Williams 335, 480.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Davis leading songs on pages 111t and 111b. Singing resumed with leaders: Junie McNeil 32t, 36b; Everett McLellan 37b, 48t; Regina Glass 268; Esther Mann 39, 438, 565; Lisa Davis 127, 217, 479; Colvin Mann 49t, 354b, 164; Lewis Oswalt 128, 58, 358; Bonnie Blu Williams 49b, 82; Helen Hey 159; James Metts 288, 314. The class sang 46t and was dismissed in prayer by Mark Davis.

Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Lewis Oswalt.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRED HARP SINGING

Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama

September 28, 1996

The sixteenth annual Young People's Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday, September 28th in the church building on the grounds of Burritt Museum and Park. Burritt Museum and Park is located atop Monte Sano Mountain, the second highest elevation in Alabama. Dorothea McCowan called the class to order leading song on page 37b. Richard Ivey led the morning prayer. The class organized by selecting the following officers: Chairman - Cassie Franklin; Vice Chairman - Allison Ivey; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Arranging Committee - David Ballinger and Shelley Capps; Locating Committee - Richard Ivey and Amber Ballinger; Memorial Committee - Dorothea McCowan and Teresa

Ballinger; Resolutions Committee - Lisa Geist and Stuart Ivey; Finance Committee - Tyler Wilks and Angela Jones. Chairman Cassie Franklin led song on page 73t. Vice Chairman Allison Ivey led songs on pages 134 and 182. Leaders: Tyler Wilks 128; Amber Ballinger 155; Stuart Ivey 300, 384; Lisa Geist 532, 269; Richard Ivey 306, 270; Shelley Capps 100, 108t; Teresa Ballinger 84, 345t; David Ballinger 111b, 68b.

RECESS

Chairman Cassie Franklin called the class together leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Karen Chin and Cassie Franklin 72b; Allison Ivey and Angela Jones 144, 81t; Amanda Ballinger 137, 30t; Daniel Hopper 136, 213b; Dorothea McCowan 196, 304; Rodney Ivey 222, 475; Rex Wilks 145b, 145t.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Allison Ivey brought the class back together leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 186; Larry Ballinger 282. The Memorial Lesson was led by Dorothea McCowan and Teresa Ballinger leading songs on pages 378b and 274t. Leaders: Buell Cobb 81b, 131b; Flarce Creel 217, 454; Tina Leopold 358.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Cassie Franklin and Allison Ivey leading songs on pages 47t and 39t. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 299; Seth Holloway 354b, 294; Doyce Bailey 147t; Gravis Ballinger 168; Karen Ivey 388; Hershell King 97; Travis Keeton 324; Leon Ballinger 142; Alan Jones 73b; Edith Tate 446; Gary Smith 569b; Marlin Beasley 146; Judy Caudle 448t; J. L. Hopper 149; Sam Jones 35.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Richard Ivey and Tyler Wilks leading song on page 63. Leaders: Cindy Franklin 123t, 389; Flora Skinner 418, 358; Earl Ballinger 78; Coy Ivey 334; Leola Smith 340; Bud Oliver 480; Paul Frederick 224; Gary Leopold 159; Mark Carroll 406; David Ivey 331 for Ruby Phillips; Amanda Denson 273; Linda Thomas 32t; Pam Wilkerson 34b; Angela Jones 49t, 486; Bill Schrader 452b; J. C. Rutledge 105. The Business Session was called to order by Cassie Franklin. The Resolutions Committee submitted the following: "Be it resolved that: (1) we thank Burritt Museum for allowing us to hold the sixteenth annual Young People's Singing here; (2) we extend a special thanks to the ladies who prepared the wonderful lunch; (3) we thank each family that is represented here today; (4) but our greatest thanks is offered to our Lord for blessing us with a great heritage and for giving us the opportunity to praise Him in song." Submitted by the Resolutions Committee, Lisa Geist and Stuart Ivey. The Finance Committee reported that \$89 was donated for the minutes and for the Ashley Ballinger Memorial Fund. Contributions may be made at any time to: Larry Ballinger, Route 2 Box 78a, Fayette, Alabama 35555. The following officers were elected for next year: Chairman - David Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Teresa Ballinger; Secretary - Cassie Franklin. The Locating Committee reported that the 1997 Young People's Singing will be held at Old County Line Baptist Church near Corner, Alabama on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August. Following the announcements, Chairman-elect David Ballinger led song on page 62, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Sam Jones.

Chairman - Cassie Franklin; Vice Chairman - Allison Ivey; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas

September 28-29, 1996

Saturday, September 28

The Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met on the fifth weekend of the Fall, 1996, at Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church in Austin, Texas. The singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday by the Chairman, Al Rogers, leading song 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Curtis Owen. Al Rogers then led 563; Vice Chairman Jeb Owen led 58 and 99; Secretary John Baker led 100 and 341. Leaders: Ophelia Matthews 82, 384; John Morris 186, 272; Leland Owen 335, 285t; Doris Hanks 355, 515; Dick Steil 268t, 143; Bruce Coates 553, 336t; Mike Hinton 288, 146; Emmie Morris 215, 324; Frank Price 572, 573.

RECESS

Jeb Owen brought the class back to order leading song on page 558. Leaders: Beverly Coates 36b, 54t; B. E. Matthews 137, 298; James Moseley 31t, 300; Edith Owen 47t, 276; Sharon Smith 541, 571; Reed Coates 47b, 49t; Wendy Laubach 49b, 505; Kevin Powell 419, 376; Mike Moseley 293b, 508; Sarah Coates 212, 299. The class recessed for lunch with prayer by Gaylon Powell.

LUNCH

The Chairman, Al Rogers, called the singing back to order with 575. Leaders: Gary Rogan 511b, 168; Tom Owen 131b, 200; Katie Moseley 101t, 142; Amanda Owen 112, 40; Vivian Rogan 283t, 282; David Moseley 63, 87; Curtis Owen 489; Tina Walston 497, 475; Bruce Crawford 440b; Elizabeth Rogan 171, 148; Michele Rogan 427, 196; Gaylon Powell 239, 189; Cassandra Baker 323b; Joan Porter 451, 128; Joseph Stang 58, 559.

RECESS

Al Rogers brought the class to order leading song on page 500. Leaders: John Baker 358; Mary Bachmann 393t, 568; Mike Hinton 414, 229; Tammy Powell 132, 192; Frank Price 127, 43; Beverly Coates 154b; John Morris 319; Gary Rogan 129, 377b; Bruce Coates 488b; Vivian Rogan 395b. The Chairman, Al Rogers, closed the day with number 69, and the class was dismissed by Elder Bruce Crawford.

Sunday, September 29

The singing opened on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman Al Rogers leading 63. Opening prayer was offered by Gary Rogan. The Chairman, Al Rogers, led 573; Vice Chairman Jeb Owen 290, 559; Secretary John Baker 164, 168. Leaders: Tom Owen 398b, 120; Emmie Morris 183, 203; Tina Walston 274t, 388; B. E. Matthews 176t (for Herbert Leopard), 414; Leland Owen 73t, 381t; Doris Hanks 442t, 422b; Ophelia Matthews 447t, 491; Mike Moseley 112, 276; Bruce Coates 28b, 32t; Sharon Smith 45, 119; H. P. O'Mary 395b, 335.

RECESS

Jeb Owen brought the class to order leading song on page 511b. Leaders: Joseph Stang 229, 58; David Moseley 61, 571; Amanda Owen 142, 277; Michele Rogan 235, 522; James Moseley 378t, 508; Elizabeth Rogan 216, 280; Katie Moseley 87, 293b; Reed Coates 72, 101t; Sarah Coates 395t, 543; Mary Bachmann 143, 344; Vivian Rogan 49b, 343; Frank Price 128, 129.

A memorial service was held for those singers and friends who had passed away during the last year: Lutisha Watson, June Ross, Jewel Roberts, and Lonnie Cato. Dick Steil read selected verses from the song book, and Bruce Coates led

36b. John Morris then led 337 for the sick and shut-in that were unable to attend this singing. The class was then dismissed for lunch with prayer by Tom Owen.

LUNCH

Jeb Owen brought the class to order leading song on page 179. Leaders: Gary Rogan 324, 369; Edwin Reed 341, 573; Mark Webb 450, 492; Curtis Owen 155, 198; Randy Crawford 336t, 572; Dick Steil 451, 393t; Joan Porter 488b, 507b; Kevin Powell 379, 383; Cassandra Baker 159, 323; Landis Powell 47t, 47b; Bruce Crawford 540, 518; Beverly Coates 133, 507t.

RECESS

Jeb Owen resumed the singing leading song on page 408. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 329, 218; John Morris 163t, 390; Wendy Laubach 40; Bruce Coates 505. The singing was closed by Chairman Al Rogers leading 62, and the closing prayer was offered by B. E. Matthews.

Chairman - Al Rogers; Vice Chairman - Jeb Owen; Secretary - John Baker.

(NOTE: The spring 1997 singing of SWTSHSC will be held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas on the 5th weekend of March 29-30, 1997.

Info: Jeb or Tom Owen (512-398-6075) or John Baker (512-376-6871) or Curtis Owen (512-398-2017).

UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION

Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia September 28-29, 1996

Saturday, September 28

The one hundred twenty-eighth session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Chairman Jesse Roberts leading song on page 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Roy Davis. Vice Chairman Helen Bryson led song on page 70t. Kenneth DeLong led the following songs for the introductory lesson: 31b, 87, 171, 278b, 282, 425, 317b, 572, and 560.

Leaders: Jesse Roberts 456 (in honor of Mrs. Hazel Cagle who was a faithful attendee of this convention as well as Secretary for many year, and who passed away this August); Frances Mary D'Andrea 183, 198; Margie Dietz 46, 159; Loy Garrison 177, 137; Jeannette DePoy 369, 373 (dedicated to her godfather who passed away this morning).

RECESS

Helen Bryson called the class to order leading songs on pages 428 and 287.

Leaders: Janice Paulk 478, 222; Horace DeLong 192, 45t; Joan Durden 29t, 47b; Don Bowen 59, 145b; Susan Roberts 49b, 155; John Plunkett and Jason Shirley 91, 182; Lee Rogers 184, 112; J. C. Moore 30t; Charlene Wallace 79, 283; Elder Roy Davis 348, 499.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts resumed the singing leading songs on pages 108 and 214. Leaders: Mary Alice Latimer 358, 454; Andy Morse 84, 203; Frances Carnell 503, 551; Ashley Roberts 235, 532; Dan Bailey 569b, 401; Dianne Wall 147t, 497; Ted Mercer 138t, 185; Leanne Carnell 180, 547. On orderly motion, the Convention entered into a business session. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary - Helen Bryson. Kim Cagle reported that the convention account at Valley National Bank had been closed (total account on closing \$2,245.06). Jesse Roberts resumed the singing leading song on page 39t.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong resumed the singing by leading song on page 303. Leaders: Hannah Roberts 269, 501. The officers appointed the following committees: Finance and Locating - Richard DeLong and Kim Cagle; Arranging Committee - Judy Mincey and Susan Roberts; Memorial Committee - Jeannette DePoy and Faye Pettis; Resolutions - Ted Mercer and Lee Rogers; Chaplain - Elder Roy Davis. Leaders: Richard DeLong 439, 436; Dollie Hudgins 119, 61; Reuben Ball 318, 475; Faye Pettis 165, 434; Mike Castleberry 354b, 566; Judy Mincey and Susan Shirley 368, 376. Announcements were made. Jesse Roberts and Kenneth DeLong led 372 as the closing song. Elder Roy Davis offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 29

The second day of the convention began with Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong leading songs on pages 34t and 73t. Elder Roy Davis offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Helen Bryson 448, 272; Jeannette DePoy 122, 475; Richard DeLong 316, 301; Susan Roberts 146, 277; Judy Mincey 494, 178; Faye Pettis 342, 380; Ted Mercer 123b, 134; Lee Rogers 347, 218; Elder Roy Davis 445, 48t; Charlene Wallace 267, 570.

RECESS

Helen Bryson called the class together by leading song on page 294. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 155, 196; Ashley Roberts 569b, 454; Reuben Ball 348b, 497; Floy Wilder 142, 297; Wesley Haley 300, 298; Hannah Roberts 385b, 504; Loy Garrison 104, 50b; Cathy White 34b, 358; Margie Dietz 101t, 102; Louis Hughes, Jr. 384, 76b; Rita Haley 268, 63.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Helen Bryson leading song on page 35. Leaders: Dollie Hudgins 82, 108t; Don Bowen 426t, 176t; Horace DeLong 460, 384; Dianne Wall 100, 299; Jack Corley 168, 328. The memorial lesson was held. The sick and shut-ins remembered are: Eva Reeves, Edna Wilson, Herm Wilson, Violet Thomason, Mary Morse, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Daphene Causey, Gertrude Bateman and Mildred Dumas. Jeannette DePoy asked us to remember these people and offer our support and encouragement. We should not make assumptions that they know we are thinking about them; go ahead and make a phone call or send a card. Cathy White led song on page 542 for the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered this year are: Velma Kelly, Annette Blalock, B. F. Pettis, Junurs Hudgins, Mae Moon, Charles Dannals, Chris Whiting, and William Headrick. Richard DeLong reminded us that this is the second oldest convention still to be held. We share a great sense of community, we're part of a large family, and the pull of Sacred Harp is very powerful. Lastly, it is only right that we should remember the matriarchs and patriarchs that have been a part of this legacy. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 39b and 229 for the deceased. This year the convention has lost a very dear woman, Mrs. Hazel Cagle. She served for many years as the Secretary of this Convention and many other singings. She served as a mentor and guide to many singers, both young and old. She supported the tradition of Sacred Harp singing wherever she went and will always remain an inspiration. By request of the family, the following leaders led in memory of Hazel Cagle: Helen Bryson 456; Jesse Roberts 434; Kenneth DeLong 503.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jesse Roberts leading song on page 66. Leaders: Dennis Walls 128, 288; Junior Wooten 480, 28b; Frances Mary D'Andrea 163t, 106; J. C. Moore 335, 45t; Laura Ackerman 304, 436; Dan Bailey 77b, 145t; Mike Castleberry 401, 127; John Plunkett 209, 53; Jean Lamer 117. The class was called into a business session to hear the following reports: Finance and

Locating Committee Report - Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church asked for and was granted the Convention to be held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in August, 1997. Lee Rogers read the Resolutions Report as follows: The 128th session of the Union Musical Convention expresses gratitude to the One whose praise we sing for granting us once again the fellowship and joy of this convention, and the many blessings we enjoy. We thank the officers and committees who have run this Convention so smoothly, and made it such a pleasure for the rest of us. We are grateful for the many years that Hazel Cagle served this Convention, and illuminated it with her spirit. We thank all of those who made this convention a success; those whose voices made sublime music; those whose hands prepared delicious food; and those whose spirit and support encouraged and sustained us. We especially thank Big Creek Church and members for once again extending the hospitality they always show toward Sacred Harp singing and singers, old and new. We are hereby resolved to carry on the Union Musical Convention and the great tradition of Sacred Harp singing in the spirit of the community of singers, past and present, and to welcome into our midst the new singer that joins us to carry it forward into the future. On orderly motion, the convention closed the business session. After announcements, the class sang "Parting Hand", and the Convention was dismissed with prayer by Elder Roy Davis. Chairman - Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary - Helen Bryson.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Corrales, New Mexico
September 28-29, 1996
Saturday, September 28

The seventh Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Historic Old Corrales Church in Corrales, New Mexico. The convention was called to order by Chairwoman Sandy Hill leading songs on pages 47 and 350. The morning prayer was led by Roy Nelson. Leaders: John Schaffer 391; Anita Landess 503; Sandy Klein 128; Ed Stevens 40; Sally Gwylan 163t; Harlan Van Camp 569b; Carol Selleck 235b; Allan Stavely 112; Anita Sanders 66. A motion was made and seconded to go into a business session. The following officers were duly elected or appointed: Chairman - David MacPherson; Vice Chairman - Alice Van Camp; Secretary - Harlan Van Camp; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee - Sandy Hill, Liz Bryant, Alice Van Camp, and Alan Stavely; Finance Committee - Carter Clary and Barbara Fern; Locating Committee Chairman - John Schaffer; Memorial Committee - Shelbie Sheppard and Carla Smith. After the business session, singing resumed. Leaders: Daniel Davis 315; Scott Schroeder 34b; Liz Bryant 270; Lou Cotney 218; Janet Herman 379; Joann Palmer 178; David Swarens 536; John Beard 282; Mary Oruc 383; Deborah Johnson 375 (Bill and Kay Johnson standing in the center of the square).

RECESS

The class was called to order by David MacPherson leading song on page 59. Leaders: Toby Tenenbaum "Milton Falls" (his own composition); Kathy Krug 209; Roy Nelson 456; Jeanne Schaffer 127; Billie Joe Harris 452b; Betty Herman 180; John Bailey 155; Elsie Brock 318; Clarence Pope 68b; Laura Boyd Russell 211; Mark Bumgardner 146; George Snyder 454; Mattie Townsel 119; Craig Harris 479; Jane Campbell 497; Katherine Benefield 373; Marilou Jolly 480; Stephen Parker 547; Vykki Mende Gray 202; Pearl Guier 49t; Rick Russell 200;

Louis Hughes 31t; Carla Smith 274t; Norma Latham 489; Midge Harder 64; Felton Denney 523; Joyce Walton 348b; Bill Waddington 268; Jerry Schreiber 198. The blessing for lunch was led by Gerald Hand.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 35. Leaders: Mary Lou Van Laanen 361; Rhonda Griswold 159; Louise Nelson and David Nelson 87; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Jap Walton 153; Ruth Brown 36b; Carter Clary 535b; Lori Rodgers 58; Josephine Denney 145b; Evelyn Harris 39b; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Christopher Maier 117; Jeff Sheppard and Gerald Hand 176t; Everette Denney 405; Kelly Beard 570; Ellen Walters 45t; Lonnie Rogers 225t; B. M. Smith 475.

RECESS

The afternoon session was called to order by David MacPherson leading song on page 84. Leaders: Daniel Davis "Bosque del Apache" (his own composition); Elsie Brock 460; Felton Denney 120; Carla Smith 500; Janet Morgan 400; Lou Cotney 189; Rick Russell 297; Pearl Guier 303b; Joyce Walton 455; Jerry Schreiber and Ann Dietz 510; Norma Latham 482; Bill Waddington 299; Roy Nelson 97; Billie Joe Harris 445; Louis Hughes 57; John Beard 290; Stephen Parker 344; Vykki Mende Gray 222; Laura Boyd Russell 83t; Mark Bumgardner 85; Mattie Townsel 63; Kathryn Krug 217; David Swarens 42; Clarence Pope with Mrs. Pope (celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today) 312. Jeff Sheppard was invited to lead the 100th song of the day, 163b. The closing prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers.

Sunday, September 29

The Sunday session was called to order by David MacPherson leading song on page 39t. The opening prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Alice Van Camp 171; Ed Stevens 186; Harlan Van Camp 86; Allan Stavely 107; Louise Tenenbaum and Toby Tenenbaum 267; Janet Herman 95; Daniel Davis 137; Katherine Benefield 405; Deborah Johnson 147t; Midge Harder 48t; Liz Bryant 384; Scott Schroeder 313b; George Snyder 149; Craig Harris 515b; B. M. Smith 273; Carol Selleck 89; Ernestine Pipkin 283; Jeanne Schaffer 198; Josephine Denney 100; Jane Matthews 155; Betty Herman 428; Anita Sanders 528; Christopher Maier 65.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sandy Hill with song number 53. Leaders: Sandy Klein 358; Toby Tenenbaum "Jamestown" (his own composition); Bill Waddington 481; Lonnie Rogers 345t; Marilou Jolly 81b; Everette Denney 34b; Mary Oruc 49b; Elsie Brock 146; Joyce Walton 40; Rick Russell 145t; Kelly Beard 81t; Lou Cotney 196; Jap Walton 420; Ruth Brown 142. At this time a memorial lesson was given wherein we were reminded that the close band of Sacred Harp singers, those who come to sing, those who come to cook and sing, and those who just come, will be with us for the rest of our lives, even in heaven where there will be no preaching...just singing! The list of those remembered, and who have passed on included: Joe Beasley, Kelsey Rene Wootten, Ruby Gibson, Hubert Green, Aver Crider, Dewey Williams, Tom Roberson, Colbie Allen, Homer Cordes, R. C. Stanford, LeRoy McGraw, Mary Helen Chafin, Ester Reed, Randolph Mincey, Ola Pruitt, Lonnie Jones, Odell Cleveland, Agnes Hocutt, Elbert Drake, Russell Norton, Harold Jackson, Lawrence Daugherty, Joe Smith, Irvin Creel, Fleecie Tucker, Lucille Brothers, Herman Lambert, James Kerr, Erlene McGraw Baker, Tommy Creel, Curtis Dutton, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Tilda Mosley, John Bain, Mae Doss, Ruthie Cozart, J. J. Sexton, Floyd Stiefel, William Headrick, Hazel Cagle, Clydus Moon, Otis Nall, Ed Latham,

Dillie Creel Harris, Malone Austin, Eric Hand, Elder Arthur L. Beckett, Dave O'Dell, Gil Johnson, William Downin, Al Levin, Bruce Johnson, and Mike McDonald. Jeff Sheppard led the song on page 369. The sick and shut-ins included: Mary Florence Smith, Revy Williamson, Clelon Cobb, Lola Jenkins, Vena Holley, Barrett Ashley, Lawrence and Lula Underwood, Mae Seymour, Lavoy Smith, Jerry and Mozelle Sheppard, Marshall Avery, Cecil Gilliland, and Hayden Creel. Carla Smith led song on page 327. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Billie Joe Harris. The regular singing was continued, and leaders called were: Daniel Davis 317b; Laura Boyd Russell 156; Midge Harder 180. Jap Walton led a prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with John Bailey leading song on page 532. Leaders: John Schaffer 38b; Anita Landess 37b; Dr. James Howell 68b; David Swarens 284; Donald Klein 550; Marjorie Smith 313t; Carla Smith 430; Ellen Walters 75; Evelyn Harris 101t; Roy Nelson 434; Pearl Guier 143; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Billie Joe Harris 340; Mark Bumgardner 72b; Louis Hughes 410b; Jerry Schreiber 362; Felton Denney 566; Norma Latham 332; Stephen Parker 504; Vykki Mende Gray 195; Gerald Hand 65; Anita Landess 291.

RECESS

David MacPherson called the class back together leading song on page 452b. Kathryn Krug led song on page 102. Ruth Brown called for a gathering of those people who were reunited at this singing convention. The Sheppards together with the Hand family, and the Nelson family all came to the center while Jeff Sheppard led songs 342 and 45t in honor of the reunion. Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 77t; Mattie Townsel 79; Louise Nelson 82; Kelly Beard 61; Joyce Walton 111b; Ruth Brown, B.M. Smith, and Pearl Guier 73b (Ruth Brown's favorite song). The Locating Committee reports that the next Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Convention will be on the first weekend in October, 1997 in Boulder, Colorado. Chairman David MacPherson led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Lonnie Rodgers. Everyone is welcome to come to the regular Sacred Harp Singings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at the Friends Meeting House, Fifth and Bellamah, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Chairman - David MacPherson; Vice Chairwoman - Alice I. Van Camp; Secretary - Harlan L. Van Camp.

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL **Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama** **September 29, 1996**

The fifteenth session of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was given by Clayton Ezell. Velton Chafin continued, leading songs on pages 32t and 36b. The class organized, and elected to keep the same officers as the previous year: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Vernice Calvert (not present due to illness); Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. After the short business session, the following leaders were called: Cecil Sanders 460, 322; Larry Ballinger 119, 475 (for Virgil Phillips who was present); John Hyde 61, 275b; Willodean Barton 274t, 454; John Merritt 108b, 137; Gennie Nelms 220, 215; Mae Conwill 216, 358; Toney Smith 225t; Clayton Ezell 300, 34b; Gordon Wilkerson 112, 269; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 401; Flarce Creel 270; Thurman Nall 34t, 108; Lena Wakefield and Glenn Keeton 441, 73t.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back to order leading song on 117. Leaders: Judy Caudle 40, 403; Ozella Blackmon 35, 384; Janet Lucas 100, 408; Cassie Franklin 142, 349; Eldagene Rogerson 186, 306; Edith Tate 116, 167; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Gene Wakefield 103, 56t; Travis Keeton 57, 471b; Pamela Keeton 171, 217; Ashley Keeton 124, 146; Harrison Creel and Yancey Jett 342, 111b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order with Velton Chafin leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Ann Jett 495, 496; Josie Hyde 361, 200; Joshua Keeton 189, 470; Marie Guthrie 411, 397; Eddis Guthrie 172, 99; Billy Williams 276, 297; Glenn Keeton 285, 239; Wanda Capps 222, 546; Brenda Merritt 498; Regina Hill 143, 84; David Roberson 63, 196; Cindy Franklin 198, 497, 344, 146. At this time, announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Lavaughn Ballinger gave the closing prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Secretary - Eldagene Rogerson.

LACY'S CHAPEL Henagar, Alabama September 29, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Lacy's Chapel the first fifth Sunday after July 4th was called to order by David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 57 (in memory of Noah Lacy). The morning prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin. David Ivey led song on page 94. Leaders: Reba Windom 48t, 378t (for Woodie Walker, who was unable to attend); Coy Ivey 30t, 101t (in memory of Leonard Lacy); Eloise Wootten 108t, 89; Karen Ivey 40, 171; Rodney Ivey 100, 47t; Maxine Lacy 176b, 146; Richard Ivey 58, 134; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Henry Johnson 338, 68b.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading songs on pages 179 and 86. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 176t, 97; Scott Ivey 87; Allison Ivey 84, 268; Stuart Ivey 182, 300; David Ballinger 59, 111b; S. T. Reed 144, 379; Leon Ballinger 405, 212; Bud Oliver 145b, 39b.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 298. Leaders: Tony Ivey 70t, 417; Linton Ballinger 335, 339; Dorothea McCowan 456, 304; Sandy Ivey 39t; Milton Oliver 172, 217, 403; Betty Shepherd 299, 216, 101t; Stuart Ivey 384; David Ballinger 45t; Richard Ivey 306; Allison Ivey 155; Leon Ballinger 296; Karen Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 475, 532; Henry Johnson 388; Reba Windom 137, 168; Dorothea McCowan 218, 222; Stuart Ivey and David Ballinger 269; Stuart Ivey and Lamar Smith 36b. Announcements were made. David Ivey and Stuart Ivey led song on page 441 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Loyd Ivey. The singing will be held next year on August 31, 1997.

Chairman - David Ivey; Secretary - Eloise Wootten.

NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION Wellesley College, Wellesley Massachusetts October 4-5, 1996

Friday, October 4

The twenty-first annual New England Convention was held at Wellesley College, and began with Ginnie Ely leading songs on 52t and 171. The opening

prayer was led by Steve Marini. Ginnie Ely was appointed as Chairman; Neely Bruce and Phyllis Bruce as Vice Chairmen; Dennis O'Brien, Bill Holt, and Ann Kaslauskas as Arranging Committee; Henry Goodhue as Treasurer; Ann O'Brien as Secretary. Leaders: Larry Gordon 168; Peter Amidon 48t; Bob Parr 200; Donna Abrahams 99; Barbara Swetman 383; Glen Wright 492; Rachel Jordan 31t; Allan Fannin 112; Jean Seiler 209; Susan Mampre 102; Hill Grimmett 195; Daniel Hertzler 147; George Seiler 66; Margaret Bernick 186; Jane Zanichkowsky 504; Walter Hartley 178; Joel Cohen 495; Ann O'Brien 212.

RECESS

The convention reconvened with Bruce Randall leading song on page 222. Leaders: Ann Kaslauskas 203; Steve Marini 228; Bradford West 63; Ronald Bornick 128; Virginia Neville 163b; Dennis O'Brien 477; Fred Todt 278t; Kelly House 332; Sarah Smith 129; Matthew Wojcik 189b; Paula McGray 528; Gary Smith 34b in memory of Joe Beasley; Roland Hutchinson 236; June Matthews 268; Doron Henkin 220; Judy Mincey 475; Henry Goodhue 73b; Ted Mercer 328; Karen McArthur 217; Richard Schmeidler 474; Paul Gauthier 542. Roland Hutchinson announced a special singing of music by William Billings for his 250th birthday on Sunday afternoon, October 6 at the Boston Common burial ground. Ginnie Ely led song on page 373 as the closing song. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Karen McArthur.

Saturday, October 5

Ginnie Ely called the morning session to order leading song on page 34b. The morning prayer was led by Karen McArthur. Leaders: Susan Jaster 87; Bruce Randall 168; Peter Amidon 306b; Jim Bean 138; Diane Mennella 551; Karen House 362; Steve Fletcher 276; Gretchen Eckhardt 56b; Bill Holt 203; Carol Werba 122; Dane Richardson 32b; Gary Gronau 218; Ginnie Ely 454; Donna Abrahams 377; Sheila Girling-Smith 117.

RECESS

The convention reassembled with Paula McGray leading song on page 155. Leaders: Bob Parr 391; Peter Irvine 163b; Francis Bliss 84; Bernard Collard 28b; Katie Shimieu and Kei Shimieu 228; Glen Wright 91; Tom Gibney 501b; George Seiler 347; Maura Burns 180; Kelly House 193; Frederick Rasenburger 436; Bobbie Goodell 344; Gary Smith 569b; Neely Bruce 380; Jean Seiler 142; Pat McMahan 198.

RECESS

The convention reconvened with Sue Turbak leading song on page 40. Leaders: Susan Mampre 372; Dan Hertzler 547. The Memorial lesson was held at this time. Steve Marini led song on page 260 and read the following list of names of the deceased: Ernest Cote, Rosa Donno Catucci, David Cist, Judy Brewer, Joe Beasley, Dewey Williams, Ruth Fansler, Hazel Cagle, Janice Nelson, Martha Killonan, Ronald Vachon, Florence Owen, Chris Whiting, Doll Allsopp, Sybil Schwants, Ester Tennebaum, Samuel Klappent, Joyce Tracy, Alan Conboy, Catherine Bunce Mathis, Norma Federlein, Martha Drake, Ruby Sheppard Gibson, Everett Kinsey, Jeanne Arnold Stevens, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Herbert Hosmer, Dorothy Spitzer, Roger McGuinness, Robert Karnan, Benjamin Post, Edwin Krumsieg, Dmitry Pokrovsky, Cynthea Novick, Herbert Mayne, Joyce Anderson, Ora Cusson, Helen Nearing, Lou Mattingly, Marita Burke, Delores Cuff, Bob Hewitt, Kent Hines, Stuart Greenspan, Lucy Venno, Paul Viglione, Joseph DiIulio, Helene Marini, and Carmen Lewis. All of us have faced or will face the loss of our loved ones. Ultimately, these passings are not about death, but about living our lives by faith. We honor the memories of those departed, trusting in God's grace and mercy. Ann O'Brien led the convention in prayer for

the sick and shut-ins, led song on page 35, and read the following list of names submitted: Darleen Kessner, Phil Shea, Tony DeFusco, Elaine MacLachlan, Kathy Neely, Gordon Ashman, Ian Giles, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Lyn Spotswood, Jorge Quinones. Peter Amidon then spoke for all those departed or absent from us, noting that the moments we have together are fleeting and few, and we treasure them greatly. He then concluded the memorial lesson leading song on page 288. Leaders: Larry Gordon 272; Charles Whitmer 147; Cindy Bean 209; Gary Sides 491; Sarah Smith 354b; Fred Todt 480; Karen McArthur 273. Hill Grimmatt led the lunchtime prayer.

LUNCH

The convention was called together by Neely Bruce (tune number unrecorded). Leaders: Michael Kaye 48t, Eliza Goodhue 371; Tony Singleton 300; Michal Truelsen 566; David Pater 45t; Larry Spencer 504; Anayis Joy Mampre-Wright 24 assisted by her parents Susan Mampre and Glen Wright (other young children and their parents joined); Peter Amidon distributed and led a new song "10,000 Charms", tune by Hal Kunkel (1996) and words by Robert Robinson (1758); Howard Katz 30b; Barbara Smith 523b; Charles Whitmer 320; Sue Turbak 335; Jeff Colby 148.

RECESS

The convention reassembled with Bill Holt leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Tim Eriksen 236; Mary Neville 47b; Roland Hutchinson distributed and led a new song "Hallelujah New", tune by himself (1996) and words by Charles Wesley (1759); Lynn DeBenedette 430; Kaiti Carpenter 538; Frank Donno 294; Gina Balestracci 287; Guy Banks 444; Paul Merry 186; Patty Cuyler 189; Joel Cohen 290. The chairman then called for a business session. The following people were acknowledged for their contributions by Sue Turbak, representing the Resolutions Committee: housing coordination, Bob Parr; food coordination, Jane Zanichkowsky; signs, Paula McGray; child care, Sharon, Tara and Lauren Gauthier; mailing list, Tom Venman; flyer and t-shirt design, Michal Truelsen; vending, Karen McArthur; site arrangements, Steve Marini. The Treasurer reported that convention expenses had been met with the generous donations that had been collected. He also detailed the expenses of the convention. The Secretary reported that approximately 300 people had registered, with a count for Friday night of 159 and Saturday 202. Registrants represented 20 states and three foreign countries: Canada with 10 registrants; Germany with one; and the U.K. with 12. Many singings throughout the U.S. were announced. For 1997 the New England Convention will be held on October 3-4 in Middletown, Connecticut at Wesleyan University, chaired by Neely Bruce and Phyllis Bruce. Singing resumed with the following leaders: Alan Fannin 442; Steve Marini 250; Susan Jaster 324; Matt Wojcik 268. Ginnie Ely then led songs on page 269 and 62, and all who wished to took the parting hand. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Steve Marini.

Chairman - Ginnie Ely; Vice Chairmen - Neely Bruce and Phyllis Bruce; Secretary - Ann O'Brien.

SEVENTH ANNUAL LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana October 5, 1996

The convention was called to order by the Chairman, Rick McLain. Randy Myers, pastor of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, offered the opening prayer. A brief school was given on shapes and scales. Leaders: Jim Fields 63; Rick McLain 133; Nancy Van Den Akker 59; Harry Eskew 178; Elizabeth Muhleisen 66;

Chip Wise 34b; A. E. Probst 68b; Virginia Fields 354b; Georgia Kanode 136. Election of officers: Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Frances Roper; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker. It was decided that for the next sing, notices were to be sent via internet, to those on the mailing list, to various shape note newsletters, and others. The singing date was changed to the Saturday before the first Sunday in October, as a regular date; the next state sing will therefore be at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church on October 4, 1997.

RECESS

Leaders: Jim Fields 58; R. J. Wade 47t; John Kanode 128; Judy Papa 145b; Jim Myers 282; John Merritt 358, 101t; Brenda Merritt 168, 460; Jim Fields 333; Rick McLain 38t; Harry Eskew brought his students from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to the middle of the square to jointly lead 45. Before breaking for lunch, grace was offered by R. J. Wade.

LUNCH

The Memorial Lesson was called. Harry Eskew led 285t for the deceased: Gloria Van Den Akker, Claude Wilkerson, Dwan Brown, and Margaret Collier. For the sick and others needing to be remembered in prayer, 267 was led: Jeffrey Slattery and family, Faye

and Phillip Fields, Sam Papa, Johnnie Johnson, Clydell McLain, Jane Jones, Ralph Heath, Olga Holcomb, Ed Craig, and Alcie Craig.

Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 480; Brad Pope 198; Wallace McKenzie 284, 155; Regina Glass 297; Chip Wise 59; Elizabeth Muhleisen 503; A. E. Probst 268; Virginia Fields 452; Georgia Kanode 348b; John Kanode 105; Jim Myers 40; John Merritt 300; Brenda Merritt 47b. The report of registration was given: Louisiana - 30; Mississippi - 6; for a total registration of 36. A collection was taken for the expenses of the singing, and a report of monies spent and collected was presented. Leaders: Jim Fields 530, 464; Harry Eskew 146; Brad Pope 48; Wallace McKenzie 49b. Announcements were made of upcoming singings. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and Jim Fields led song on page 62.

Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Frances Roper; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

COOPER BOOK SINGING **Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton, Alabama** **Saturday, October 5, 1996**

The singing started at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman Rex Wilks bringing the class to order leading songs on pages 31t and 47t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Leaders: Eddie Brown 67, 290; Pam Wilkerson 77t, 137; Milton Oliver 54, 50; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Thurman Nall 502, 541; Rachel Shavers and J. T. Shavers 449; Myra Dalton 455; Davis Wilkerson 348; Karen Travis 84; Hillary Brown 571; Rhonda Arnold 503; Syble Adams 559; Linda Thomas 478.

RECESS

Rex Wilks brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Mel Kersey 47b, 122; Don Clark 292b, 138t; Bud Oliver 563, 444t, 444b, 445t; Cindy Franklin 393t; Johnny Lee 336t, 527; S. T. Reed 567, 570; John Etheridge 86, 447; Clarke Lee 38t, 430; Cassie Franklin 392, 98; Aubrey Barfield 522, 225t; Edith Tate 491, 404; Charlotte Heard 574. The class was dismissed for lunch, and the blessing for the food was led by Johnny Lee.

LUNCH

Syble Adams led songs on pages 328 and 229 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 285t; David Lee 516, 501; Flarce Creel 384, 275; Mike Jones 395, 381t; Joan Aldridge 515, 572; Tommy Spurlock 140, 183;

Christy Blevins 511b, 508; Billy Williams 54t; Norma Latham 511t, 573; Joan Wilks 63; Terry Wootten 114b, 484; Margaret Spurlock 108b, 112; Myra Dalton 111t, 176t; Cindy Franklin 486; Clarke Lee and David Lee 488b, and walked the time; Syble Adams "Precious Memories"; Johnny Lee and Syble Adams 199. Announcements were made. Rex Wilks led song on page 62 for the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Warren G. Meadows.
Chairman - Rex Wilks; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, AND HYATT
MEMORIAL
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
October 6, 1996**

The thirtieth session of the annual memorial singing for Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Jimmy Hullett, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers, Maudine Alexander, Alvin Alexander, Arville Hyatt, and J. B. Lowe was called to order by Terry Hullett leading songs on pages 59 and 32t. The morning prayer was led by Calvin Phillips. Terry Hullett led song on page 40. Leaders: Jewel Wootten 63; Roie Alexander 313t, 317; Calvin Phillips 406, 143; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 441; Roy Nelson 145b, 176t; Linda Thomas 37b, 345b; Thurman Nall 34b, 523.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 166. Leaders: B. M. Smith 144, 284; Mel Kersey 47t, 347; Shelbie Sheppard 165, 142; Margie Smith 101t, 276; Freeman Wootten 47b, 43; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Velton Chafin 319, 78; Jeff Sheppard 359 for Bill Green, 475 for Virgil Phillips.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 189. Leaders: Bud Oliver 332, 270; Harrison Creel 30t, 111b; David Ivey 501, 177; Ann Jett 73t, 77t; Waylon Blakely 217, 216; Milton Oliver 171, 384; Flarce Creel 546, 498; Loyd Ivey 438, 388; Chita Blakely 121, 147t. Roie Alexander, Jewel Wootten and Donna McCray led songs on pages 155 and 119 in memory of J. B. Lowe, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 222. "Happy Birthday" was sung for Aunt Lola Jenkins who is 95 today. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 273, 434 for Aunt Lola Jenkins; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Marlon Wootten 186, 448b; Marie Hyatt 206, 128; Cecil Sanders 440; Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", "Brown"; Dorothea McCowan 137, 304; Paula Gilmore 31t, 68b; Cindy Franklin 285t, 499b; Wanda Capps 53, 411; Cassie Franklin 283, 282; Shelley Capps 512, 146; Terry Hullett, Philip Gilmore, Roie Alexander and Jewel Wootten led 45t as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen - Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander and Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

**OLD SARDIS CHURCH #1
Near Lynn, Alabama (County Road 17)
October 6, 1996**

The thirty-eighth session of this Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Homer

Miles. Travis Keeton led song on page 82. The class organized for the day by retaining the following officers: Honorary Chairman - Tom Harper; Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Steve Miles; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. John Hyde led songs on pages 73t and 297. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 276, 432; Ila Ingle 498 for her dad, Tom Harper who is in the hospital, 470 in memory of Annie Harper, her mother, 411; Doyle Williams 338, 155; Lena Wakefield 499, 475; Willodean Barton 145t, 391; Betty Baccus 392, 396; Mae Conwill 274t, 275b, 314; Gene Wakefield 460, 168.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Tressie Adkins leading songs on pages 137 and 217. Leaders: Roxie Keeton 454, 349; Gladys Bonds 455, 34b; Edith Tate 35, 93; Vonda Palmer 46, 45t; Margaret Keeton 456, 424; Marie Aldridge 216, 440 for Uncle Tom Harper; Larry Ballinger 101t, 113, 560; Dawson Adams 68b, 39b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 290 for Fletcher Simms. Leaders: Beth Mobley 36b, 147t; Amanda Denson 360, 379, 120; Loretta Whitman 171, 373; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 426t; Clearcy Rutledge 37b, 42; Joyce Hubbard and Genette Tidwill 183, 336; Julietta Haynes 200, 298; Christie Allen, Bradley Allen and Jessica Williams 385b, 546, 475; Clifford Wakefield 480, 278b, 143 (by request); Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Betty Baccus, Faye Donaldson, Clifford Wakefield, and Gene Wakefield 388, 270, 358 in memory of Marvin Farris; Steve Miles 128, 159; Amanda Whitman 59, 105; Gwenn Cornelison and Lena Wakefield "Not Made With Hands", 234; Josie Hyde 225t, 278t. Travis Keeton and Steve Miles led 62 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Rev. Sammy Taylor. We wish to thank Uncle Tom Harper for paying for the minutes.

Honorary Chairman - Tom Harper; Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Steve Miles; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama October 13, 1996

The annual Walker Cates and Herbert Brown Memorial was held at Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by B. J. Harris. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 35; B. M. Smith 152, 30t; Shelbie Sheppard 269, 202; Margie Smith 284, 335. The class was organized, and the following officers elected: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 75. Leaders: Jacob Griffith 178, 127; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Bud Oliver 32t, 39b; Daphene Causey 222, 327; Laura Webb 358, 454; Louis Hughes 406, 76b; Carlene Griffin 306; Lonnie Rogers 348b, 225t; Pam Nunn 186, 224; Edward Howton 101t, 436; Charlene Wallace 192, 434.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 388. Leaders: Felton Denney 523, 31t; Revy Williamson 77t, 99; Jan House 168, 441; Louis Hughes, Jr. 384, 347; Pearl Guier 59, 49t; Milton Oliver 270, 145t; I. V. McWhorter 109, 74t.

LUNCH

B. M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 57. Leaders: Rene Greene 300, 142; B. J. Harris 340, 452; Lou Cotney 189, 196; Bobby Bailey 68b,

45t; Louise Allen 212, 143; Sheri Taylor 542, 216; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Richard DeLong 459, 374; Bonnie Flowers 106, 129; Teenie Moody 383, 391; John Forman 63, 137; Estelle Flowers 425, 208; Lucille Forman 200, 206; Kenneth Mize 49b, 569b; Florence Williams 418, 78; Lewis Norton 491, 34t; Reba Norton 275b, 136; Lois Stanson 426t. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B. M. Smith led songs on pages 288 and 46 for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lewis Norton.
Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

CHESNUT GROVE CHURCH
Ider, Alabama
October 13, 1996

The seventieth session of the annual Chesnut Grove Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in October. The singing was called to order by Co-Chairman Terry Wootten leading song on page 36b. Co-Chairmen Terry Wootten and Chris Carroll led songs on pages 37b and 101t. Pastor Ralph Heard welcomed the congregation and led the morning prayer. Terry Wootten and Chris Carroll led songs on pages 32t and 136 (for Winnie Blevins). Leaders: Billy Thompson 448b, 535; Mark Brown 330t; Tyler Wilks 65; Myra Dalton 145b; David Killingsworth 38b, 73b; Rodney Ivey 47t, 186; Shawn Carroll 28b, 108t; Clyde O'Dell 147b, 398 (Cooper Revision).

RÉCESS

Singing resumed with Chris Carroll leading song on 48t. Leaders: Rex Wilks 68b, 30t; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Darlene Dalton 147t, 454; Henry Johnson 72b, 388; Charlotte Heard 163t; Christy Blevins 49b; Marty Wootten 503; Coy Ivey 358; Erika Mitchell and Vickie Mitchell 87, 354b; Floyd Peters 82t; Dewayne Wootten 99, 126; Steven Killingsworth 299, 47b. Phillip Wootten asked the noon blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Steve Schmidgall leading songs on 313b, 45t, and 547. Leaders: Tony Shrader 29t; Jenny Wootten 128; Phil Summerlin 97; Jeffrey Wootten 176t, 441; Stuart Ivey 300, 182; Richard Ivey 306, 58; Allison Ivey 405, 134; David Ballinger 59, 111b; Charles Stiefel 448t; Brenda Carroll 313t, 384; David and Karen Ivey 475, 120 in memory of Billy Beaty; Phillip Wootten 106; Marlon Wootten 171; Levon Wootten 335; Joyce Walton 139; Shane Wootten 159; Mark Brown "Beulah Land" by request; Chris Carroll and Terry Wootten led "Not Made With Hands" and "Love at Home". Billy Thompson and Shawn Carroll were selected as Co-Chairmen for the 1997 session. Terry Wootten and Chris Carroll led "Where the Soul Never Dies" as the closing song. The singing was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Ralph Heard.

Co-Chairmen, Chris Carroll and Terry Wootten; Secretary, Charlotte Heard.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION
Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg,
Tennessee
October 13, 1996

Tim Reynolds called the Sunday session to order leading song on page 73b. The morning prayer was offered by Carthal Williams. Officers for this convention are: Chairman - Paul Plant; Vice Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Secretary - Cindy

Franklin; Arranging Committee - Clellan Ezell and Glenda Ezell. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 34b; Clayton Ezell 278t, 225t; Gordon Wilkerson 475, 498; Keterina Sanders 454; Cecil Sanders 460; Mary Ruth Cannon 64; David Roberson 196, 220; Sandie Scott 117, 128; Velton Chafin 119, 319; Linda Thomas 299, 47t; John Hyde 61, 63; Clara Sayles 178, 59; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back together leading song on page 200. Leaders: Lora Cargo 189, 269; J. A. Mosley 341; Wanda Capps 283; Larry Ballinger 282; Shelley Capps 100, 73t; Mel Kersey 47b, 503; Flarce Creel 546, 275b; S. T. Reed 567, 495; Eldagene Roberson 215, 142; Thurman Nall 287, 523; Marie Guthrie 434, 380; Harrison Creel 512, 530; Kathy Hull 143, 551; Elvin Guthrie 193, 270; Edith Tate 157, 532; Floyd Screws 480, 348b; Ann Jett 48t, 49b; Earl Ballinger 177.

LUNCH

After a bountiful lunch, Tim Reynolds called the class back together leading songs on pages 27 and 159. At this time we went into a Memorial Lesson to remember singers and lovers of Sacred Harp who have passed away in the past year. Mary Ruth Cannon spoke a few thoughts concerning how we remember the passing of loved ones as we should remember Who died for us and our sins, so that we have assurance of eternal life as expressed in words of the song on 49b. The class then sang 49b. The list of deceased were as follows: Aver Crider, Tom Roberson, Glen Gillespie, Agnes Hocutt, Irvin Creel, Lucille Brothers, Tommy Creel, Dillie Harris, Odis Nall, Ester Reed, and Grover Williams. Sick and shut-ins: Vernice and Essie Calvert, Beatrice Ezell, Tom Harper, Lola Myrtle Roberson, L. E. Hannah, Unie B. Howard, and Eron White. Cindy Franklin then led 37b. Tim Reynolds closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 72b, 294; Chris Ballinger 58, 110; Josie Hyde 507; Travis Keeton 566, 482; Cassie Franklin 187, 344; Elmer Conwill 396, 300; Diane Ezell 137; Gene Wakefield 56t, 108b; Mae Conwill 298; Henry Guthery 558; Sherry Guthery 340, 410t; Debbie Sides 84; Paige Hunter and Alicia Conastseo 40; Anita Shadix 235b; Marie Aldridge 192, 436; Lena Wakefield 30t, 123t; Alice Mosley 87t 345b; Emily Shadix 45t; Vella B. Gillespie 358; Harrison Creel and family 342 (by request); Harrison Creel 111b; Cindy Franklin 198, 497; Sheila Burdett 196. Tim Reynolds led song on page 146 for the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

* Saturday night session of the Convention is held at Coleman United Methodist Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and the Cooper Book is used.

Chairman - Paul Plant; Vice Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Secretary - Cindy Franklin.

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Ithaca, New York** **October 18-19, 1996**

The eighth annual New York State Convention was called to order on Friday evening by Dan Brittain leading song on page 32. George Seiler led the opening prayer. Eric Bean then led song on page 285, and welcomed everyone to the convention. Leaders: Paula McGray 73b; Dennis Leipold 48; Gina Balestracci 72b; Guy Banks 481; Betty Hanf 479; Walter Hartley 151; Judy Hauff 542; Richard Schmeidler 474; Donna Abrahams 430; Diane Mennella 448; Kat Kinkade 134; Roland Hutchinson 358; Bruce Randall 181; Allen Fannin 68b; Ginnie Ely 328; Dan Hertzler 475; Barbara Swetman 383; Tim Wheeler 547;

George Seiler 480; Doron Henkin 504; Paul Gauthier 228; Jean Seiler 492; Bob Parr 391.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Eric Bean leading song on page 114. Leaders: Karen Snowberg 99; Dan Brittain 458; Janet Shipman 198; Susan Bingham 147t; Howard Katz 56b; Harriet Carter 569b; Ron Bornick 84; Laura Densmore 86; Hal Kunkel 113; Scott Luscombe 497; Margaret Bornick 313b; Anne Kazlauskas 29b; Kat Kinkade 372; Bill Stephens 384; Judy Hauff 550; Paula McGray 543; Eric Bean 294. The closing prayer was given by Jean Seiler.

Saturday, October 19

The class reassembled with Roland Hutchinson leading song on page 28t. Eric Bean began the singing school by leading song on page 34b. The opening prayer was given by Jean Seiler. Eric Bean then led songs on pages 324, 49t, 49b, 48b, and 122.

RECESS

Eric Bean continued the singing school by leading song on page 146. Leaders: Ginnie Ely and Paula McGray 68b; Doron Henkin 203; Gina Balestracci 358; Roland Hutchinson 452; Dan Brittain 385b, 209, 313b; Paula McGray 39t, 448t, 504, 48b; Ginnie Ely 446.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Eric Bean leading song on page 171. Leaders: Bruce Randall 189; Tim Wheeler 377; Henry Goodhue 66; Mitzie Collins 106; Linda Delfs 110; Ginny Huszagh 142; Lucy Goodhue 481; Kathy Forrest 178; Janet Shipman 344; Eliza Goodhue 504; Ron Bornick 155; Gina Balestracci 176; Guy Bankes 120; Paul Gauthier 30b; Bob Parr 50; Kat Kinkade 214; Allen Fannin 573; Judy Hauff 282; Dan Hertzler 143; Walter Hartley 146; Donna Abrahams 28t.

RECESS

The class was brought together for the memorial lesson by Eric Bean leading song on page 452. Judy Hauff spoke about the meaning of the memorial lesson in the context of the Sacred Harp community and read the names of the deceased. Jean Seiler then led song on page 163b in remembrance of Johnnie Sue Beasley, Hazel Cagle, and Dewey Williams of Alabama; Agnes Scorgie of Colorado; Martha Killonen of Maine; Louise Yates of Maryland; Donald Derivan, George Kiel, Carmen Lewis, Heidi Van Voorhis, and Sarah and Jennifer of New York; Ruth Fansler and Bob Siegal of Pennsylvania; and Mary Sainsbury and Chris Whiting of England. Judy Hauff read the names of the sick and shut-in, and Tim Wheeler led song on page 216 for: Phil Shea, Tony DeFusco, Mary Horst, Antoinette Swetman, Bob Scorgie, Helen Snowberg, Crystal Van Horn, Hugh Anderson, and Michael Kaye. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Ginnie Ely leading song on page 196. Leaders: Dennis Leipold 232; Laura Densmore 228; Susan Bingham 198; Roland Hutchinson 524. Donna Abrahams made a presentation (the "Golden Apple" Award) to Ginny Huszagh for meritorious service (of the food variety) for all eight years of the convention who then led song on page 180. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 392; Margaret Bornick 472; Scott Luscombe 195; Anne Kazlauskas 207; Jean Seiler 299; Harriet Carter 268.

RECESS

Eric Bean brought the class together leading song on page 46. A count by state was taken: Illinois - 1; New Hampshire - 1; New Jersey - 5; New York - 38;

Pennsylvania - 10; Massachusetts - 11; Virginia - 1; Vermont - 1. A count was also taken of those who were attending the New York State Convention for their eighth year: 9; for their first year: 13. Leaders: Diane Mennella 200; Betty Hanf 148; Bill Stephens 30; Richard Schmeidler 254; Karen Snowberg 218; George Seiler 183; Howard Katz 31; Paula McGray 286; Doron Henkin 220; Dan Brittain 376; Barbara Swetman 353. Announcements were made of upcoming singings. Jean Seiler gave the blessing.

DISMISSED FOR DISH-TO-PASS SUPPER

Eric Bean brought the evening class together by leading song on page 45. A portion of the class was then devoted to singing new songs. Leaders: Gina Balestracci "Effingham" (Billings?); Roland Hutchinson "Paria" (Billings?); Hal Kunkel "Augsburg" (Kunkel); Doron Henkin "Praise" (Henkin); Dan Brittain "Self-Examination" (Brittain), "Ohio" (Brittain); Richard Schmeidler "Hallelujah New" (Hutchinson); Eric Bean "Ten Thousand Charms" (Kunkel). The class continued with Nancy Crawford and Ginnie Ely leading song on page 551. Leaders: Bruce Randall 273; Henry Goodhue 474; Guy Banks 236; Susan Bingham 159; Betty Hanf 47b.

RECESS

The class resumed with Eric Bean leading song on page 192. The Resolutions Committee of Donna Abrahams and Kathy Forrest then thanked all those involved with the various aspects of the convention and led song on page 212. Leaders: Anne Kazlauskas 211; Paul Gauthier 82; Pierre Gingerich 312b; Bob Parr 208; Kat Kinkade 163; Karen Snowberg 532; Judy Hauff 245; Ginnie Ely 454; Dan Hertzler 278; Jean Seiler 217; Howard Katz 347; George Seiler 186; Diane Mennella 488; Mitzie Collins 277; Paula McGray 156. Eric Bean led song on page 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. Jean Seiler then closed the convention with prayer.

YELLOW SPRINGS

Friends Meetinghouse, Yellow Springs, Ohio

October 19, 1996

The thirteenth semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Linda Coppock leading song on page 276. Leaders: Debbie Hall 284; Barbara Bowers 64; Fred Todt 34; Chris Cox 147; Virginia Benaid 38b; Mike Hieber 82; Paul Foster 148. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Paul Foster; Vice Chairman - Michael Darby; Secretary - Linda Coppock; Arranging Committee - Linda Coppock. The singing resumed with the following leaders called: Laura Weber 143; Laura Russell 503; Michael Darby 201b; Linda Coppock 183; John Bayer 165; Debbie Hall 299; Barbara Bowers 155; Fred Todt 328; Chris Cox 175; Virginia Benaid 496; Mike Hieber 445; Paul Foster 377; Laura Weber 254; Laura Russell 522; Michael Darby 53; John Bayer 131t; Linda Coppock 542; Debbie Hall 497; Barbara Bowers 348t. Mike Hieber led the class in a prayer of thanksgiving, and dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with song on page 128. Leaders: Fred Todt 209, 168; Chris Cox 72b, 73b; Virginia Benaid 300, 28b; Paul Foster 71, 95; Alexander Knecht 348, 100; Kathy Knecht 266, 99; Charles Knecht 29t, 430; Sylvia Thomas 556, 65.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with song on page 236. Leaders: John Bayer 131t, 58; Linda Coppock 163t; Debbie Hall 198, 200; Fred Todt 313b, 344; Chris Cox 163b, 452; Virginia Benaid 260, 84; Paul Foster 312b, 142; Laura Russell 495,

275t; Michael Darby 56b, 324; Kathy Knecht 463, 454; Charles Knecht 37b, 126; Sylvia Thomas 501; Linda Coppock 532; Debbie Hall 146. The class had a moment of silent prayer, and closed with song on page 114. Chairman - Paul Foster; Vice Chairman - Michael Darby; Secretary - Linda Coppock.

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama October 20, 1996

The annual McWhorter Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama on the third Sunday in October. The class was brought to order by Cecil Edwards leading song on page 75. The morning prayer was given by B. J. Harris. Cecil Edwards led song on page 61. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 129, 124, 123t; Mary Florence Smith 317b; Alice Edwards 73b, 341 in memory of Bill Edwards; Bobby Bailey 27, 452b, 37; Carlene Griffin 42, 309; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 141, 155; Lovella Kerr 72b, 161.

RECESS

Chairman Cecil Edwards brought the class to order leading song on page 159. Leaders: Margie Smith 76b in memory of Carl Hughes, 373, 313t; Evelyn Harris 77t, 47t, 100; Karen Reeves and Reba Norton 143, 358, 63; Billy Joe Harris 339, 340 in memory of Carl Hughes, 503; I. V. McWhorter 496, 97, 426t; B. M. Smith 30t, 335, 222; Shelbie Sheppard 36b, 38t, 66.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Teenie Moody 126, 274 in memory of her mother, Ludie McWhorter Lambert, and John McWhorter; Carol Arrington 68t, 268 for her brother, Tommy McGraw; Lewis Norton 35, 34t, 39b, 292; Walter Hamrick 137, 318, 45t; Lou Cotney 300, 189, 497; Louise Allen 81t, 294; Shelbie Sheppard 269 by request; Ruth Brown 49b, 40; Mary Florence Smith 378t in memory of Ola Pruitt; Shelton Williamson 460; Cecil Edwards 491 for his wife, Reba. Cecil Edwards led song on page 69b for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Lewis Norton. Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

REID MEMORIAL

Old County Line Church, Corner, Alabama October 20, 1996

The seventy-seventh session of the Reid Memorial was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman M. H. Creel leading song on page 45t. Prayer was offered by Gordon Wilkerson. M. H. Creel led song on page 317. This singing is permanently organized until the Creel family sees fit to make changes. Leaders: Henry Guthery 283, 316; Coy Ivey 546; Clayton Ezell 269; Jan Kettle 108t; S. T. Reed 176; Leola Smith 87; Tommy Spurlock 565; Mae Conwill 216; Billy Williams 297; Paula Springfield 408; Stuart Ivey 300; John Hocutt 492; Valerie Gillespie 405; Joan Aldridge 454; Linton Ballinger 299; Jo Dell Albi 101t; Chris Bell 358; Keterina Sanders 290; Aubrey Barfield 480; Margaret Spurlock 212; Richard Ivey 270; Lena Wakefield 498.

RECESS

Hadyn Creel brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 85 and 388. Leaders: Henry Johnson 338; Pernie Pelfrey 371; Tyler Wilks 128; Travis Keeton 324; Becky Browne 110; Bud Oliver 42; Clarissa Springfield 343; John Seaton 47t; Willodean Barton 391; Larry Ballinger 151; Ozella Blackmon 192.

RECESS

Gravis Ballinger brought the class to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Mae Seymour 434; Floyd Screws 112; Melanie Hauff 319; Allison Ivey 298; Cassie Franklin 411; Elmer Conwill 296.

Cindy Franklin led song on page 37b as the call to the memorial given by Lucy Heidorn. A quote from Ulysses states, "I am a part of all that I have met." But we can add that we are a part of many whom we have not met. I never knew my Reid great-grandparents, but I am a part of them through heritage. This singing each year is a memorial to them, James Harris Reid and Margaret Jane Yarborough Reid; and their children, Emory Reid, Annie Reid Creel, Mattie Reid Creel, and in honor of Mamie Reid Creel, age 95. The three Reid sisters married three Creel men so the Reid family and the Creel family became inseparably entwined. The present day Creel family members are their descendants and relatives. Since the singing last year, three members of the Creel family have died. Irvin Creel---Great Uncle Irvin, a soft-spoken man, lived into his nineties. Dillie Creel Harris---Great Aunt Dillie, blessed with a sweet smile, lived into her eighties. Tommy Creel---my cousin, seemingly too young to die, only lived into his forties. He loved family and enjoyed coming to this place. We are sad that they are no longer with us in this earthly life, but we can keep them in the secret places of our hearts and remember them whenever we wish. Our consolation comes from the words in Ecclesiastes 12:7. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Lucy Heidorn led song on page 345t, and concluded with prayer. Heavenly Father, We thank you for allowing us to know and love Uncle Irvin, Aunt Dillie, and Tommy. Grant us peace as we honor their memories. And now let all the people say, "Amen". Leaders: Marcia Johnson 282; Hubert Nall 159; David Ivey 470.

LUNCH

Cindy Franklin brought the class to order leading song on page 327. Leaders: Sherry Guthery 340; Lucy Heidorn, Jerry Ryan, and mother, Marie Aldridge 145t; Margaret Keeton 365; Thurman Nall 491; Jewel Wootten 503; Jeanette Lowry 369; Milton Oliver 318; Yancy Jett 44; Willie Mae Moon 475; Buell Cobb 321; Julianna Jett 146; Gordon Wilkerson 380; Josie Hyde 507; Joan Wilks 29t; Velton Chafin 355; Lora Cargo 84; Earl Ballinger 203; Charlotte McCarn 143; Gene Wakefield 168; Richard DeLong 224; Gertrude Wood 137.

RECESS

Chairman Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Ted Mercer 302; Freeman Wootten 418; Rex Wilks and Karen Ivey 424; Johnny Humber 275b; Pauline Childers 234; Elvin Guthrie 218; Marie Aldridge 88t; Ann Jett and Wanda Capps 166b; Eloise Avery 35; David Brannon 119; Kermit Adams 220; Tim Whitaker 100; Marshall Avery 108b; Amber Springfield 58; Gladys Bonds 499b. After announcements, Chairman Harrison Creel led 378b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by G. C. Bromley.

Chairman - M. H. Creel; Vice Chairman - Kathleen Robbins; Secretary - Marie Aldridge.

COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church
October 26, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of Coy Putnam was called to order by Matt Jordan leading songs on pages 31, 63, and 566. The morning prayer was led by Hershell King. The class was organized, and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Rhoda Norris; Arranging Committee - Dan Hopper and Willard Hopper. Leaders: Hershell King 67, 100; David Light 274, 300; Imogene Nelms 523, 53; Judy Caudle 131b, 171; Wilda Holmes 384, 145; Sandra Light 143, 354b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Matt Jordan leading song on page 146. Leaders: Milton Oliver 321, 270; Rhoda Norris 317b, 318; Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", 445; Marie Guthrie 123t, 430; Ramona Light and David Light 441, 172; J. L. Hopper 374, 26, 28; Dan Hopper 27, 54; Matt Jordan 45t (by request), 480 (in memory of J. P. Hawk). The class was dismissed for lunch, and prayer was led by Elder J. L. Hopper.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Matt Jordan leading songs on page 390 and 410 in honor of J. L. Oden who is in the nursing home. Leaders: Nancy Thompson 143 (in memory of Mary Cobbs); Herbert Cobbs 73t, 37b, 37t, 295; Lessie Grant 108b, 27; Dan Hopper 235, 294. This singing will remain at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Highway 69, east of Arab, Alabama. Matt Jordan led song on page 72 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Dan Hopper.

Chairman - Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Rhoda Norris.

MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS AND W. A. PARKER MEMORIAL
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church - Walker County, Alabama
October 26-27, 1996

Saturday, October 26

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W. A. Parker was called to order by John Hocutt leading songs on pages 30, 31b, and 111. The morning prayer was given. Saturday session, songs were selected and sung by the class without leaders being called.

Sunday, October 27

The class was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Gene Wakefield called the leaders. John Hocutt led song on page 30t. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 56, 108b; Pauline Childers 224, 384; Nora Parker 36b, 317; Frances Lee 72, 159; Willodean Barton 145, 88; John Hyde 73, 39b, 37b; Becky Briggs 33b, 348b; Elmer Conwill 126, 296; Willie Mae Moon 441, 440; Gertrude Wood 112, 155; Mae Conwill 154, 42, 340.

RECESS

John Hocutt brought the class together leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Josie Hyde 225, 500 (for Tom Harper who is sick), 503; Elsie Beasley 336, 460, 318; Cassie Franklin 283, 76b, 546; Cindy Franklin and Flarce Creel 475, 123, 497; Lena Wakefield 480, 498, 122.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 168. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 68b, 82, 153; Travis Keeton 349, 418, 179; Harrison Creel 167, 512, 111b, 342; Billy Williams 378, 78, and 77 (in memory of W. A. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers), 283 (in memory of Agnes Hocutt and Bertha Henson); Flarce Creel 454; Larry Ballinger 119, 121; Hattie Handley 45. John Hocutt led songs on pages 27 and 46 for the closing songs. This singing will meet again in 1997, same place, and same time.
Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Mrs. W. A. Parker.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Sneads Cross Road, Alabama
October 27, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder J. O. Handley. Carmon Brothers led song on page 34t. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Elder J. O. Handley; Secretary - Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee - Ruby Brothers. Carmon Brothers led songs on pages 35 and 39b. Leaders: Jammy Brothers 340, 43, 100; Beecher Yancey 452, 410t; J. J. Brothers 335, 470; Eron White 37b, 168.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading song on page 136. Leaders: Gavin Blakely 101t, 401; Rhoda Norris 39b, 145b; Kyle Blakely 145t, 31t; Corene White 97, 146; Freeman Wootten 63; Jewel Wootten 32t, 33b, 81t; Ella Lee Robertson 61, 373; Calvin Rogers 135, 68b; Waylon Blakely 69t, 30t, 512.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 45t and 146. Leaders: Chita Blakely 123t, 278b, 421; Hershell King 176b, 235; Lydia Baswell 42, 300, 137, "Don't Grieve Your Mother"; Lamar Smith 36b; Dexter Cobb 75, 39t; Hershell King 426t; Class sang "That Beautiful Land", 332, 358, and "Not Made With Hands"; Carmon Brothers and Alice Washburn 111b (for their sister, Lillie Lybrand); Carmon Brothers 277, 30t. Carmon Brothers led song on page 62 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Hershell King.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Elder J. O. Handley; Secretary - Jewel Wootten.

JORDAN CHAPEL
Newell, Randolph County, Alabama
October 27, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan Chapel was held the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 75, 30t, 36b, 32t, and 33b. Billy Joe Harris led the morning prayer, followed by Jeff Sheppard leading songs on pages 61 and 35. The following officers were elected to serve another year: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Honorary Chairman - Rosa Hughes; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Vivian Rogers. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 101t, 113; Mary Florence

Smith 27, 289; Billy Joe Harris 523b, 503, 340; Jimmie Denney 68b, 313t, 335; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Milton Oliver 85, 123t, 203; Rosa Hughes 159.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 303b. Leaders: B. M. Smith 204, 222, 475, 358; Lucille Forman 46, 277 (in memory of her father), 460, 329; Bud Oliver 39b, 73t, 145b; I. V. McWhorter 72b, 146, 371, 426t; Margie Smith 225t, 276, 569; Bobby Bailey 232, 278b, 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 82t, 87, and 155. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 176, 143, 448b; Jeanette Tynor 124, 45t. The memorial lesson was given at this time by Ruth Brown and Vivian Rogers. Ruth Brown spoke of her visit to the rest home to see Clelon Cobb, and others who need our cards, visits, and prayers. "We must so live", she said, "that when our time comes, just be ready. The Bible says 'to make a joyful noise unto the Lord', and we do that almost every Sunday when we sing these songs. Everyone here is touched in some way by one of these deceased we are singing for today." The following were remembered: Vena Holley, Hazel Cagle, Lois Matthews (mother of Louise Nelson), Grace Morrison, Lily Murphy, Arthur Beckett, LeRoy McGraw, and Norman Shadinger. Ruth Brown and Vivian Rogers led songs on pages 285t, 339, and 122 for the deceased, and the memorial was closed with prayer by Mary Florence Smith. Leaders: Velma Richardson 336, 36b; Evelyn Harris 87, 49t; Shelton Williamson 300; Carolyn Berry 147t, 507; Lou Cotney 218, 196, 497, 40; Miranel Swafford and Hester Edwards 348b (in memory of Gilbert Pope, father of Miranel Swafford), 274t, 49b; Rosa Hughes 177. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 108t for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Billy J. Harris.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Heard County, Georgia** **November 2, 1996**

The singing held on Saturday, November 2, 1996 at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia (off U.S. 27 South on Armstrong Mill Rd.) was called to order by Chairman Everette Denney leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Brother Homer Benefield. Everette Denney led songs on pages 303 and 335. Leaders: Josephine Denney 81, 100, 101; Jeanette DePoy 32, 89, 47b, 475; Roy Nelson 145b, 145t, 87.

RECESS

Everette Denney brought the class to order leading songs on pages 72b and 75. Leaders: Lou Cotney 358, 300, 189, 40; Elsie Brock 146, 171, 176t; John Plunkett 91, 182, 523b, 268; Carlene Wallace 49b, 159, 276; Bill Bailey 68b, 45t, 27. The blessing for our food was given by Brother Lloyd Toney.

LUNCH

Everette Denney brought the class back together leading song on page 348. Leaders: Mildred Patterson 274, 108t, 108b, 319; Carlene Griffin 117, 155, 551, 56; Homer Benefield 141; Katherine Benefield 111t; Lloyd Toney 452; Bernard Denney 61, 410t, 339, 147t; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 373, 384; Felton Denney 147b, 31. Everette Denney led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
South of Bremen, Georgia, off Highway 27
November 3, 1996

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held the first Sunday in November at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 60. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer. Charlene Wallace then led song on page 87. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 59, 75; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Don Bowen 570, 347 in memory of his dad, E. C. Bowen; I. V. McWhorter 84, 91; Lonnie Rogers 560, 225t; Mary F. Smith 222, 309; Phillip Langley 542, 215; Florice Akin 146; Mildred Patterson 212; Cathy White 523, 358; Tokey Boggs 569, 499; Myron House 148, 173. The election of officers was held. Those elected were: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry; Arranging Committee - Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw; Chaplain - Elder Homer Benefield.

RECESS

The class was called together by Katherine Benefield leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Jan House 441, 143; Billy Joe Harris 47b, 503; Judy Mincey 474; Kelly Morris 147; Liz Bryant 504; Phil Summerlin 475; Lee Rogers 228; Bud Oliver 42; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Jacob Griffith 454; Amanda Denson 365; Louis Hughes, Jr. 276; Ann Jett 269; Buell Cobb 467; Jeanette DePoy and Scott DePoy 142; Harrison Creel 498; Evelyn Harris 30; Dalmon Wilson 40; Elizabeth Cusick 178; Cassie Franklin 187; Albert McGraw 294; Charles Woods 535.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Charlene Wallace and Jacob Griffith leading song on page 127. Leaders were: Kenneth DeLong 306; Cindy Franklin 73 (for Edith Tate); Jeff Sheppard 174; Martha Ann Stegar 63; Flarce Creel 384; Laura Akerman 532; Louis Hughes, Sr. 480; Laura Webb 163; Richard DeLong 234; Teenie Moody 272; Everette Denney 164; Margie Dietz 270; Andy Morse 455; Bonnie Flowers 458; Jimmie Denney 61; Alice Edwards 73; Florence Williams 490; Felton Denney 155; Shelton Williamson 300; David Phillips 421; Revy Williamson and Reby Stanford 328, 327.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw leading songs on pages 283 and 369. Leaders: Louise Holland 271; Jane Helmuth 45; Elder J. J. Aderhold 72b, 144; Josephine Denney 145b; Robbie Rivers 49b; Charlene Wallace 436 in memory of Hazel Cagle. Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, and Elder Homer Benefield led page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by B. J. Harris.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Near Cordele, Georgia
November 3, 1996

The seventy-seventh session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order by Oscar McGuire, Chairman, leading "Webster" page 31b and "I Would See Jesus" page 75. The opening prayer was offered by Mr. Jon Robinson. The following committees were appointed by Oscar McGuire: (1) Arrangement Committee - Joyce Harrison and Oscar McGuire; (2) Nominating Committee - Raymond Hamrick and Wesley Haley; (3) Memorial Committee -

Joyce Harrison and Rita Haley. Leaders: Richard Johnson 32t, 45t; Rita Haley 59, 63; Jon Robinson 235b, 155; Joyce Harrison 275b, 147t; Sharon Hamrick 306b, 276; Misty Haley 129, 334; Otis Hester 335, 277.

RECESS

Leaders: Richard Johnson 273, 196; Beth Haley 479, 480; Ruth Johnson 313t, 297; Timothy Meeks 358, 318; Bonnie Rewis 143, 566; Greg Holmes 145t, Ann Corbin 304, 164; Patty Collins 490, 206; Timothy Haley 46, 282. Chairman Oscar McGuire called for the business session. Wesley Haley represented the Nominating Committee and presented a slate of officers for the coming year. Those nominated were: Richard Johnson - President; Timothy Meeks - Vice President; Rita Haley - Secretary/Treasurer; Joyce Harrison - Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Jon Robinson - Chaplain. These officers were duly elected. The new officers' terms began at the close of the convention. Next in business, the singings for the coming year were reviewed and changes made. The convention welcomed delegates from other singing associations. Lebanon Church was commended on the fine job the membership had done in rebuilding the church which was destroyed in a tornado one year ago. The convention agreed to donate all of the day's collection to the general fund of Lebanon Church. The business session was then closed.

LUNCH

Oscar McGuire opened the afternoon session with page 37b and 171. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 300, 274t; Michael Pate 298, 127; Jon Robinson and Kay Robinson 339, 503. A memorial service was held at this time. Joyce Harrison announced the following deceased: Henry Cook and Hazel Cagle. Joyce Harrison then led songs on pages 56 and 503 for those deceased. Shut-ins included: Gertrude Bateman, Mildred Dumas, Sara Akin, Polly Hester, Doris Haley, and Bob Meeks. Rita Haley led songs on pages 81 and 122 for those mentioned. This concluded the memorial service. Leaders: Bob Corbin 323b, 401; Marjorie Robinson 569b, 39b; David Grant 287, 311.

RECESS

Leaders: Richard Johnson 454; Wesley Haley 137, 460; Barry Wilkinson 30t, 31t; Luann Turner 523b, 515; Raymond Hamrick 354t, 385; Lamar Robinson 138b, 34t; Larry Wilkinson 100, 176b; Greg Holmes 72b; Opal Holloway 290, 341; Nada Huron 49t, 49b; Joyce Harrison 491; Georgia Ann Corbin and grandson, Jessie Oglesby 274, 473; Joyce Harrison 236. Richard Johnson, newly elected President, closed the convention by asking for announcements of other singings. Richard Johnson led song on page 42. Jon Robinson offered the closing prayer.

President - Oscar McGuire; Vice President - Richard Johnson;
Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley.

ALVIS BROTHERS AND B. I. WOOD MEMORIAL SINGING Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church November 3, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 335 and 59. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Carmon Brothers led song on page 58. The class was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Hazel Brothers; Arranging Committee - Hazel Brothers. Leaders: Hershell King 61, 101t; Larry Lambert 410t, 410b; Kyle Blakely 313t, 135; L. H. Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Cassie Anagnostis

300, 274t, 430; Martha Woodard 87; Jonathan Blakely 123t, 30b; Linda Thomas 37b, 48t; Gavin Blakely 100, 128.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 108t, 108b, and "That Beautiful Land". Leaders: Henry Johnson 68b, 388; Marie Hyatt 30t, 124; Steve Lambert 49b, 129; Billie Dean Bowlin, Avie Blackwood, Carmon Brothers, and Doris Brown 172, 97, 378t, 36b; Ron Crocker 45t, 340; Helen Lambert 426t, 441.

LUNCH

The class was called back in session by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 65 and 64. Lamar Smith and Carmon Brothers led 76b for all the deceased, and 146 for the sick and shut-in. Leaders: Chita Blakely 39t, 67; Deborah Ritch and Vera Blakely 168, 89; Ella Ruth Chamblee 39b, 32t; Henry Johnson 462; Ron Crocker 569b, 328, 285t; Hershell King 490, 544; L. H. Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Chita Blakely 112, 189, 358; Hazel Brothers, Kathy Brothers, and Phil Brothers 200, 44, 141, 460; Chita Blakely 445 (in memory of Alfred O'Donnell); Waylon Blakely 369, 143. The song on page 452b was sung for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Ron Crocker.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Hazel Brothers.

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING

Near Double Springs, Alabama

November 3, 1996

The ninety-first session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Ebron Church was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 111b and 75. Elmer Conwill led song on page 74b. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer. Elmer Conwill led song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Bobby Robinson. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 103, 56t; Dr. Doyle Williams 29t, 127, 338; Herbert Hood 49b, 454, 569b; Clifford Wakefield 61, 480; Cecil Sanders 313.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Elmer Conwill leading song on page 44. Leaders: Amanda Whitman 45t, 354, 269; Keterina Sanders 389, 59, 137; Loretta Whitman 388, 106, 334, 460; Connie Robinson and Josie Hyde 294, 72b; Lena Wakefield 471, 566, 498 (in honor of Tom Harper); Elmer Conwill 500.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 98 and 142. Leaders: Nellie Alexander 143, 340; Billy Williams 378t, 448b, 28b; Margaret Keeton 424, 337, 129; Jayne Fulmer 99, 300 (in memory of her sister, Pat Shaddix), 196; Mae Conwill 314, 133; Ada Godsey 34t, 40, 275b; Roma Rice 145b, 225t, 104; John Hyde 39b, 290, 544; Billy Baccus 341, 396, 392; Cecil Wakefield 134, 294; Dawson Adams 68b, 48t, 47; Josie Hyde 27, 36b, 179; Travis Keeton 274; Betty Baccus and Hazel Hill 167; Elmer Conwill 147 (in memory of Hueby Godsey). The closing prayer was given by Rev. Jim Baccus. Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING
The Gathering Place, Milton, Wisconsin
November 9, 1996

The tenth annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, and was called to order by Johanna Fabke leading song on page 312b. John Seaton led the morning prayer. Leaders: Jim Page 421; Jan Ketelle 36b; Julie Vea 276; Dick Dunagan 34b; Lisa Grayson 446; Kathy Krug 300; Bill Waddington 163b; Daryl Mayberry 422; Kathy Kaiser 350; Midge Olsen 273; Jerilyn Schumacher 485; Gordon Olsen 503b; Ted Mercer 419; Jenny Willard 383; John Bailey 448b; Paul Foster 442; Lee Steinmetz 491; Keith Willard 274.

RECESS

Johanna Fabke brought the class together by leading song on page 71. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Johanna Fabke; Chaplain - John Seaton; Secretaries - Dick Dunagan and Val Dunagan; Arranging Committee - Karen Hojnacki, Ted Mercer, and Tony Reeves; Memorial Committee - Brad Hunnicutt and Jerry Enright; Potluck - Julie Vea. Leaders: Shelley Robbins 189; Paul Wyatt 40; Karen Hojnacki 220; Judy Hauff 522; Colette Miller 368; Janet Borman 515; John Seaton 269; Steven Levine 153; Jerry Enright 290; Janet Fraembs 378b; Carol Crawford 306; Francis Gurtz 288; Melanie Hauff 216; Jim Pfau 152; Marcia Johnson "Boulder"; Steve Parker 454; Tony Reeves 504. John Seaton led in prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Johanna Fabke leading song on page 178. Leaders: C. J. Hatfield 448t; Dan Havens 567; Dean Slayton 362; Eleanor Haase 352; Al Frank 326; Duran Perkins 31t; Julia Vea 106; Dick Dunagan 74; Lisa Grayson 436; Kathryn Krug 260; James Page 268; Bill Waddington 299; Daryl Mayberry 475; Kathy Kaiser 335; Midge Olsen 198. The memorial lesson was held with Brad Hunnicutt leading song on page 126 for the deceased: Alabama - Merle Etheridge; Pennsylvania - George Smith; Illinois - Millie Ogg and Helen Robbins; Wisconsin - Roscoe Vest; Tim, Barb, Steve and Dave, coworkers of Jim and Carol Crawford; Maryland - Robert and Camilla Haase; Georgia - Randolph Mincey. Jerry Enright led song on page 369 for the sick and shut-in: Colorado - Don Johnson; New Mexico - Harry Ives; California - Sara Curry; Alabama - Virgil Phillips, Ralph and Lurleen Heath; Wisconsin - Tom Casey; Ohio - Tammy Webster and Josh Farthing. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 384; Jerilyn Schumacher 87; Jan Ketelle 304; Gordon Olsen 148; Gene Haupman 39t; Ted Mercer 298; Jenny Willard 99; John Bailey 532; Keith Willard 29; Lee Steinmetz 496; Shelley Robbins 455; Karen Hojnacki 192; Dan Havens 91; Eleanor Haase 181; Paul Wyatt 365; Judy Hauff 187; Paul Foster 332.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with James Page leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Janet Borman 107; D. J. Hatfield 108b; John Seaton 47t; Steven Levine 474; Jerry Enright 186; Carol Crawford 497; Duran Perkins 34t; Janet Fraembs 385; Melanie Hauff 278b; Francis Gurtz 500; Marcia Johnson 464; Jim Pfau 297; Steve Parker 344; Dean Slayton 456; Tony Reeves 146; Al Frank 354b. Johanna Fabke led the closing song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by John Seaton.

Chairman - Johanna Fabke; Secretaries - Dick Dunagan and Val Dunagan.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, November 9, 1996

The twelfth annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee was called to order on Saturday before the second Sunday in November by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Clayton Ezell. Tim Reynolds led song on page 73b. The following leaders were called: Gordon Wilkerson 145t, 112; Fay Thompson 128, 53; Darrell Holley 63, 68b; Hibbard Thatcher 178, 40; Jocelyn Kasper 45t, 49t; Drew Foster 117, 159; Kerene Box 405, 336; Bob Meek 236, 457.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order leading song on page 84. Leaders: O. K. Rooker 421, 168; Glenn Wegge 34b, 47t; David Carlton 277, 146; Allen Fannin "Ten Thousand Charms" by Hal Kunkel (1996), 373; Marilyn Burchett 64, "Resignation" (page 38 in The Southern Harmony); Thelma Elliott, Clayton Ezell, and Henry Cobb 340.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Gary Smith 49b, 569b; Seth Holloway 354b (in memory of his father who passed away this year); Sarah Smith 290; Coleman Helme and David Carlton 551; Lewis Frost 452b; Alice Watkin 135, 145t; Sandra Cohron 81t, 48b; Sandie Scott and Henry Cobb 47b, 128; Sandie Scott 28b; Clair Sayles 147t, 107; Lona Spencer 36t, 137; Clayton Ezell 300, 358, 480; Clayton Ezell and Bob Meek 269. Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 209 for the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Oxford, Alabama
November 10, 1996

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November, and was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 30t; Roy Nelson 303, 35; Pearl Guier 503, 127; Margie Smith 84, 32t. A business session was conducted for the purpose of electing officers. Those nominated and duly elected to serve were: Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Pearl Guier. Leaders: B. J. Harris 40; Louise Nelson 145t; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Susan Turpin 294, 34b; Milton Oliver 224, 430; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Rick Russell 148, 66; Sandra McCurdy and daughter, Jamie 335, 119; Virgil Phillips 475, 137; Carlene Griffin 225t.

RECESS

The class was called together with Roy Nelson leading song on page 176t. Leaders: B. M. Smith 497, 499b; Cindy Franklin 123t, 347; Shelbie Sheppard 484, 505; Louis Hughes, Sr. 410t, 31t; Laura Russell 396, 101t; I. V. McWhorter 129, 349; Harrison Creel 498, 111b; Lou Cotney 196, 218; Laura Webb 477, 178.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 452. Leaders: Henry Johnson 388, 338; Cassie Franklin 182, 208; Jeff Sheppard 448t (for Lewis and Gertrude Norton), 48t (for Virgil Phillips), 68b (for Dr. James

Howell); Sheri Taylor 172, 110; Felton Denney 155, 523; Flarce Creel 299, 269; Lonnie Rogers 290, 348b; Linda Thomas 171; Charlene Wallace 185, 549; Josephine Denney 31b, 143; Everette Denney 161, 489b; Rick Russell 183, 501; Evelyn Harris 358, 159; Ruth Brown and Dixie Roberts 45t, 36b; Laura Russell 213; Susan Turpin 378b. B. J. Harris and Roy Nelson led song on page 46 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Felton Denney. We were so pleased to have Rick Russell, Laura Russell and Susan Turpin visit with us from California.

Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

OAK GROVE CHURCH **Alpharetta, Georgia** **November 10, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Church was held on the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Helen Bryson leading songs on pages 34b and 35. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Cagle. Leaders: Loy Garrison 171, 50b; Elder Charles Cagle 123t; Richard DeLong 121, 131b, 139; Frances Mary D'Andrea 155, 47t, 49b; Jeanette DePoy 100, 278t, 475; Mary Lou Cagle 208, 424, 143; Jack Corley 123b, 136, 270.

RECESS

The class was called together by Helen Bryson leading song on page 287. Leaders: Ray Richards 111b, 128; Brother Bobby Cagle 138b, 43, 283; Charles Cagle, Jr. 544b, 490; Dolly Hudgins 61, 82; Susan Posey 503, 501. The class was organized, and voted to keep the same officers: Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 513, 482 and 41.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Helen Bryson leading songs on pages 88b, 166, and 213. Leaders: Winona Cagle 566, 499b; Kim Cagle 32, 176; Loy Garrison 531b, 565, 498; Frances Mary D'Andrea 384, 127; Susan Posey 81t, 40, 178; Jeanette DePoy 192, 460, 354t; Jack Corley 340, 332, 373. A memorial service was held, and Mary Frances D'Andrea led songs on pages 500 and 369 for the sick and shut-ins which included: Charlie Dockery, Laurie Allison, Eva Reeves, Velma Johnson, Murle Bates, Bertha Cook, and Euna DeLong. Jeanette DePoy led songs on pages 410t and 347 for the deceased: Hazel Cagle, Randolph Mincey, Henry Cook, Merle Etheridge, and Charles Dannals. The memorial was then closed. Leaders: Brother Bobby Cagle 493; Helen Bryson 196, 276; Richard DeLong 230, 426. After announcements were made, Helen Bryson led song on page 45t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Charles Cagle.

Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **November 16, 1996**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Mary Florence Smith leading song on page 59. The opening prayer was led by Mary Florence Smith. The class organized by retaining the same officers:

Chairman - Mary Florence Smith; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Mize; Secretary - Miranel Swafford; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards. Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 37b; Belinda Stansbery 445b, 340; Miranel Swafford 32t, 348b; Carlene Griffin 81t, 49b; Charlene Wallace 81b, 101t; B. M. Smith 122, 136; Margie Smith 35, 31b; Hester Edwards 30t, 36b; Michael Turner 45t; Florence Williams 569b, 490.

RECESS

Mary Florence Smith called the class together leading song on page 378t. Leaders: Corine Laminack 345t, 405; Ceford Wood 343b, 87; Revy Williamson 225t, 503b; Theo Woodell 457, 146; Gladys McGraw 67; Alice Edwards 104. Announcements were made. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 274t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Mary Florence Smith. Chairman - Mary Florence Smith; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Mize; Secretary - Miranel Swafford.

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION

**Richmond, Virginia
November 16-17, 1996**

Saturday, November 16

The fifth annual James River Convention was held on November 16 at the Parish Hall, Christ Ascension Episcopal Church, and was called to order by Pat Temple leading song on page 85. The morning prayer was led by Craig Baughan. Gail Doss led song on page 59; Mary Wright 66; Blake Morris 101; Jamie Dalton 42; Myra Dalton 186. Chairman Pat Temple made announcements and opened nominations for officers. The following were elected: Chairman - Gail Doss; Vice Chairman - Blake Morris; Treasurer - Stephen McMaster; Secretary - Mary Wright. Leaders: Gail Doss 49; Blake Morris 67; Stephen McMaster 532; Mary Wright 145b; Marty DeNys 327; Sandra Polaski 146; Henry Bizzell 63; Becky Hart 270; Don Polaski 198; Nancy Lee Newell 178; Kathy Manning 213t; George Seiler 268; Paula McGray 428; Mary DeNys 390; Craig Baughan 229; Jean Seiler 200; Fred Beardsley 474; Janine Smith 153; Ida Mae Leatherman 161.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Sue Hanson leading song on page 479. Leaders: Lynda Hamburger 478; Homer Rudolph 38b; Doron Henkin 378; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Hal Kunkel 189; Joyce Wade 424; Kat Kinkade 504; Frank Evans 191; Myra Dalton 196; Marty DeNys 547; Pat Temple 535; Sandra Polaski 192. The meal blessing was given by Craig Baughan.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Blake Morris leading song on page 89. After an announcement period, the class resumed singing. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 501; John delRe 32t; Sue Hanson 33b; Peter Pate 500; Lynda Hamburger 436; Janine Smith 384; Jamie Dalton 442; Nancy Lee Newell 163b; Becky Hart 142; Don Polaski 454; Homer Rudolph 354b; Kathy Manning 475; George Seiler 313b; Paula McGray 280; Mary DeNys 312b; Jean Seiler 372; Doron Henkin 421; Kelly Macklin 218; Hal Kunkel 456; Fred Beardsley 513; Joyce Wade 236; Henry Bizzell 127; Frank Evans 209.

RECESS

Blake Morris brought the class to order leading song on page 378t. Leaders: Marty DeNys 232; Leyland delRe 275b; Bev Oneida 180; Stephen McMaster 28b; Sandra Polaski 217; Mary Wright 106; John Daniel delRe 276; Peter Pate 543; John delRe 27; Paula McGray for Jean Tutweiler 31b; Blake Morris for Ida

Mae Leatherman 143. A round of applause was given for Jean and George Tutweiler's hours in the kitchen. Pat Temple led song on page 168. Gail Doss expressed appreciation to Jean Fearnow and her husband for making the church facilities available for the convention and led song on page 56t. The closing prayer was given by Craig Baughan.

Sunday, November 17

On Sunday morning the convention was called to order at the Dorey Park Recreation Center by Gail Doss leading song on page 29t. The morning prayer was led by Craig Baughan. Leaders: Tom Tucker 183; Bev Oneida 291; John delRe 113; Ida Mae Leatherman 452; Hal Kunkel 447; Kelly Macklin 385b; Stephen McMaster 47t; Frank Evans 145; Kat Kinkaid 528; Pat Temple 85 (for Mr. Patterson of D. C.); Craig Baughan 569b; Steve Sabol 417; Doron Henkin 201b; Mary DeNys 448; Paula McGray 39t; Paula McGray for Helen Bledsoe of South Dakota 254.

RECESS

Kathy Manning called the class together leading song on page 144. Leaders: George Seiler 84; Fred Beardsley 147t; Jean Seiler 299; Kacy Pate 171; Joyce Wade 155; Cathy Tucker 106; Peter Pate 487; Mary Wright 324. The memorial lesson was opened by Kathy Manning who led song on page 523 and spoke of the fragility of life and the courage and fortitude shown by the sick and shut-in: Kentucky - Edward Avecedo; Virginia - Kelsey Taylor; California - Rod Willard; Ohio - Jane O'Meara; Maryland - John Holmes, Sr. and John Holmes, Jr. Kelly Macklin led song on page 365 and used the example of St. Patrick in the lesson to remember those who died over the past year: California - Gail Rich; West Virginia - Bill Heneike; Alabama - Johnnie Sue Beasley; Pennsylvania - George Smith, Penny Smith, Florence Siple and Mary Horst; Virginia - Carolyn McMaster Morrell, LuVerne Boschen, Jr., Collin Campbell, and Jeffrey Slattery; Nova Scotia - Etta Webber; Colorado - Don Johnson; Florida - William Robert Martin. Craig Baughan concluded the memorial with a prayer. Leaders: Blake Morris 129; Tom Padwa 480. The meal blessing was given by Craig Baughan.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Gail Doss leading song on page 147b. Leaders: Blake Morris for Ida Mae Leatherman 250; Hal Kunkel 304; Joanne DeVoe 306; Peter Pate 379; Cathy Tucker 122; Jean Seiler 455; Tom Tucker 313b; Bev Oneida 430; Blake Morris for Norma Morris 45t; Paula McGray 56b, verse 2. Announcements were made and the attendees from their respective states were recognized: North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Alabama, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., South Dakota, and Virginia. Leaders: John delRe 118; Leyland delRe 433; Steve Sabol 245; Kelly Macklin 368; Tom Padwa 56b, verse 1 and 3; Kathy Manning 328; George Seiler 159; Stephen McMaster 373; Kat Kinkaid 411; Craig Baughan 347; Doron Henkin 260; Sandra Polaski 497; Paula McGray 352; Fred Beardsley 546; Blake Morris 501b; Kacy Pate 77t; Pat Temple 556; Don Polaski 344; Hal Kunkel 532; Peter Pate 217; Kathy Tucker 40. George Seiler presented resolutions of thanks to all those who served on the committees which made the convention a success: housing - Blake Morris; food - George and Jean Tutweiler; setup - Homer Rudolph; publicity - Barbara Alexander and Stephen McMaster; chaplain - Craig Baughan; memorial - Kelly Macklin and Kathy Manning; registration - Norma Morris; pitching - Blake Morris, Jamie Dalton, Paula McGray, and Jean Seiler. Thanks were given to Blake Morris for arranging the new music session. Gail Doss led song on page 62 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Craig Baughan.

Chairman - Gail Doss; Vice Chairman - Blake Morris; Secretary - Mary Wright.

HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Calhoun, Georgia

November 17, 1996

The annual all day singing was held the third Sunday in November at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Judy Mincey leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Ed Smith. Leaders: Judy Mincey 31t; Ed Smith 214, 38b; Margie Smith 35, 32t; Don Bowen 287 (for Helen Bryson), 282 (for Laurie Allison); Lee Rogers 145b, 475; Louis Hughes, Jr. 303, 146; Shelbie Sheppard 149 (request of Kim Cagle), 106; Jimmie Denney 68b, 101t; Jeanette DePoy 306, 385t; Louis Hughes, Sr. 144, 145t.

RECESS

Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading song on page 479. A business session was held, and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. Leaders: John Plunkett 71, 196; Cathy White 490, 335; Chad Mitchell 36b, 63; Everette Denney 72b, 127; Donna Duke 176b, 100; Kim Cagle 371, 373; Melanie Hardy 159, 84; Loy Garrison 503, 83t.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey reassembled the class leading song on page 87. Leaders: B. M. Smith 441, 28b; Susan Smith 440, 186; Jeff Sheppard 448t, 432 (for Jerry Sheppard). Judy Mincey gave the memorial lesson, and led song on page 163 for the following deceased: Charles Dannals, Dovie Howell, Colbie Allen, Homer Cordes, R. C. Stanford, Mary Helen Chafin, LeRoy McGraw, Ester Reed, Randolph Mincey, Ola Pruitt, Lonnie Jones, Odell Cleveland, Agnes Hocutt, Elbert Drake, Russell Norton, Harold Jackson, Lawrence Daugherty, Luther Miller, Irvin Creel, Fleecie Tucker, Lucille Brothers, Joe Smith, Herman Lambert, James Kerr, Erlene McGraw Baker, Tommy Creel, Curtis Dutton, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Tilda Mosley, John Bains, Mae Doss, Ruthie Cozart, J. J. Sexton, Floyd Stiefel, William Headrick, Hazel Cagle, Clydus Moon, Otis Nall, Ed Latham, Dillie Creel Harris, Malone Austin, Eric Hand, Elder Arthur L. Beckett, J. T. Conn, Lois Matthews, Vena Holley, Merle Etheridge, and Don Johnson. Judy Mincey led song on page 50b for the sick and shut-ins which included: Elder and Mrs. John David, Laurie Allison, Jerry Sheppard, and Mozelle Sheppard. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Ed Smith. Leaders: Liz Bryant 99, 211 (in memory of Don Johnson); Faye Mitchell 50 (1971 Revision "Jordan's Shore"), 390; John Hollingsworth 460, 418; Bob Mitchell 82t, 40; Bonnie Flowers 179, 270; Bobby Bailey 452, 45t; Richard DeLong 44, 182; Gene Duke 56t, 348b; Melvin Parker 150, 47t; Robert Chandler 235, 236; Ralph Parker, Michael Morrison, Billy Morrison, and Charlotte Morrison 47b, 49b; Lawrence Mooney 39t, 39b, and 441 (by numbers, at the request of Richard DeLong); J. B. Parker 36b; Jennifer Burns 358, 155. Judy Mincey led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lawrence Mooney.

Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

JONES CHAPEL SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
Cullman County, Alabama
November 17, 1996

The annual Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Chairman John Hocutt leading songs on pages 124 and 129. The morning prayer was led by Henry Guthery. The class organized and the following officers were elected: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretaries - Josie Hyde and Eron White; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Leaders: Corene White 73t, 97, 379 (in memory of her mother, Cora Collins); Keterina Sanders 389, 317; Lena Wakefield 235, 335, 34b; Ruth Walker 115, 183 (in memory of her mother, Aver Crider), 430; Imogene Nelms 441 (in memory of her father, Harley Guthrie), 391, 411.

RECESS

The class reassembled with John Hyde leading songs on pages 30t, 375, and 313t (in honor of Uncle Tom Harper). Leaders: B. B. Mattox 186, 168, 421; Gene Wakefield 100, 136, 138t; Larry Lambert 332, 74b (in memory of Ervin Brothers), 410; Billy Williams 331, 28b (in honor of Unie B. Williams); Travis Keeton 278 (in memory of Ben Keeton), 37b, 48t.

RECESS

The class was called back by Henry Guthery leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Helen Lambert 480, 95 (in memory of her father, Ervin Brothers), 277; Roma Rice 93, 426 (in honor of Rose Altha Taylor, who is to have surgery on Monday), 297; Elvin Kilgo 42, 192.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 146. Leaders: Elder Gene Robinson 139, 438; Willodean Barton 274, 434; Josie Hyde 103, 358 (by request), 384 (for Uncle Tom Harper, who is unable to attend); Pernie Pelfrey 566 (in memory of Tom Roberson, and in honor of Lola Roberson and Rose Altha Taylor), 312 (in memory of Earl Pelfrey); David Robinson 63, 36b; Ada Godsey 34b (in memory of Howard Godsey), 448 (for her brother, Bob Fannin), 80b (in honor of Rose Altha Taylor and L. E. Hannah); Marie Guthrie 222, 189, "That Beautiful Land"; Cecil Sanders 294, 475; Eron White 340 (in memory of all the singers who have passed away that attended the Jones Chapel singing), 273; Henry Guthery 450, 402. After announcements were made, John Hocutt led song on page 47t. The closing prayer was led by Ulys Walker.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretaries - Josie Hyde and Eron White.

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham,
Alabama

November 23-24, 1996

Saturday, November 23

The ninety-seventh session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Edwin Farris. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 75; Linda Thomas 106; Elder Edwin Farris 29t; Edith Tate 73; Harrison Creel 348b, 378b; Willie Mae Moon 48t; Bud Oliver 39b; Cassie Franklin 47t; B. M. Smith 475; Jewel

Wootten 40; Coy Ivey 63; Azilee Adams 337; Margie Smith 503; Virgil Phillips 137; Carla Smith 112; Jeffrey Bell 228; Jeannette DePoy 369.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 498. Leaders: Norma Latham 418; Danny Creel 269; Henry Johnson 68b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347; Shelbie Sheppard 28b; Rex Wilks 53; Leon Ballinger 84; Samuel Sommers 386; Mel Kersey and Jim Wike 99; Judy Mincey 474; Edward Howton 436; Judy Caudle 234; Jerry Enright 411 (in memory of Tom Harper); Carlene Griffin 511; Daphene Causey 439; Mae Seymour 301; Linton Ballinger 300; Reba Windom 192; J. L. Hopper 543; James Ballinger 405.

RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class together leading song on page 345t. Leaders: Katharine Hough 569; Jerry Schreiber 344; Mattie Townsel 145b; Walter Graff 101t; Cathy White 159; Louis Hughes, Sr. 410t; Jenny Willard 168; Charles Whitmer 147t; Don Bowen 163b; Jenny Gurley 340; Charles Farris 460; Edna Phillips 143; Gail Doss 85; David Hough 282; Milton Oliver 206; Keith MacAdam 107; Keith Willard 74b; Pauline Childers 318; Jeff Sheppard 260.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel reassembled the class leading song on page 512. Leaders: Phil Summerlin 152; Phillip Langley 383; Lou Cotney 218; Bobby Bailey 35. A business session was held. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - David Ivey; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas; Chaplain - Elder Edwin Farris; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger, Coy Ivey, and Cindy Franklin; Memorial Committee - Connie Karduck and Shelbie Sheppard; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, Willie Mae Moon, and Jerry Schreiber; Resolutions Committee - Buell Cobb, Azilee Adams, and Jerry Enright. End of business session. Leaders: Ann Jett 327; Connie Karduck 391; Bill Hogan 48t; Leola Smith 182; Thurman Nall 523; Bob Meek and friends 178; Richard DeLong 419; Charlene Wallace 481; Hubert Nall 34b; Hershell King 384; Flarce Creel 299; David Ivey 477; Wanda Capps 36b; Pam Nunn 186; John Bealle 46; Ted Mercer 240; Dorothea McCowan 304.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Bud Oliver leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Jonathan Blakely 67; Travis Keeton 203; Mae Holt 358; Eloise Clark 49b; A. C. McGough 454; Anna Marie Bullock 535; Lomax Ballinger 222; Ruth Brown 335; Sambo Patrick 34t; Cindy Franklin 146; Buell Cobb 81b; Waylon Blakely 31t; Freeman Wootten 37b. Bud Oliver, David Ivey and Elder Edwin Farris led song on page 45t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Edwin Farris.

Sunday, November 24

The Sunday session began with Bud Oliver leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Edwin Farris. Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; David Ivey 448b; Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas 290 (for Ruby Phillips); Elder Edwin Farris 480; Coy Ivey and Cindy Franklin 475; Connie Karduck 460; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Don Bowen 270; Willie Mae Moon 470; Jerry Schreiber 528; Azilee Adams 317; Jerry Enright 77t; Allison Ivey 134; Jenny Willard 108t; Pauline Childers 234; Warren Steel 411; David Ballinger 111b; Charles Whitmer 133; Rodney Ivey 137; Bill Hogan 65.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class together leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 89; Samuel Sommers 524; David Hough 385t; Anna Marie Bullock 388; Karen Ivey 112; Walter Graff 371; Joan Aldridge 189; Leola Smith 176b;

Karen Travis 535; Edward Howton 434; Corene White 171; B. M. Smith 384; Mae Seymour 217; Jeff Sheppard 403; Cathy White 87; Bob Meek 236; Marilyn Burchett 64; Milton Oliver 224; Jeannette DePoy and Richard DeLong 448t; Nell Estes 192; Sambo Patrick 53.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 329. Leaders: Bill Shetter 452; Carla Smith 296; John Hartsougil 268. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Shelbie Sheppard gave the memorial, and Connie Karduck read the long list of names. Ted Mercer led song on page 565, and Thurman Nall led song on page 48t for the following deceased: Don Johnson, Joseph Phillips, Hazel Cagle, Willie Windsor, Otis Nall, Ed Latham, Ellen Hough, Colbie Allen, Ester Reed, Agnes Hocutt, Joe Smith, Luther Miller, Guy Parker, Effie Brock, Lucille Brothers, Tommy Creel, J. T. Conn, Tom Harper, Tenna Rogers, Irvin Creel, Dillie Creel Harris, Jesse Swindall, Charles Dannals, Janice Nelson, Chris Whiting, Otto McCoy, Homer Cordes, R. C. Stanford, LeRoy McGraw, Mary Helen Chafin, Randolph Mincey, Ola Pruitt, Lonnie Jones, Odell Cleveland, Russell Norton, Elbert Drake, Harold Jackson, Lawrence Daugherty, Vena Holley, Merle Etheridge, and Ewell Nelson. Reba Dell Windom led song on page 128 for the following sick and shut-ins: Bill Green, Gertrude Norton, Catherine Cessna, Laurie Allison, Ruby Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Ashley, Lawrence and Lula Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hardin, Jerry and Mozelle Sheppard, Herbert Phillips, Nora Collett, Ozettia Gilliland, Alpha Black, Woodie Walker, Mamie Creel, Lucille Tolbert, Elder Bernard Moon, Vernice and Essie Calvert, Vester and Flossie Jones, Eloise and Marshall Avery, L. E. Hannah, Lola Roberson, and Maxine Lacy. After a few moments of silent prayer, Samuel Sommers closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Bobby Bailey 40; Gail Doss 455; Tyler Wilks 63; Victoria Aplin 274t; Stuart Ivey 84; Daphene Causey 223; Hubert Nall 186; Virgil Phillips 34b.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Jr. 276; Ann Jett 546; Keith Willard 144; Eloise Clark 278t; T. J. Willard 145b; Bill Aplin 33b; Judy Mincey 497; Jim Carnes and Celia Carnes 146; Toney Smith 185; Syble Adams "There Is A Fountain"; Marie Aldridge 336; Billy Williams 28b; Eron White 408; Henry Johnson 338; Margie Smith 501; Jeff Bell 569b; Rex Wilks 47b; Katharine Hough 277; John Bealle 442; Flarce Creel, Ann Jett, and Cindy Franklin 37b; Pam Nunn 155; Dorothea McCowan 218; Ruth Brown 142; Mattie Townsel 136; Richard Ivey 306; Charles Farris 299; Harrison Creel 342; Buell Cobb 425; Jenny Willard 421; Kermit Adams 377; Richard DeLong 387; Edith Tate, Marie Aldridge, Pauline Childers, and Harrison Creel 378b. A business session was held. Jewel Wootten gave the finance report. Balance brought forward \$1,127.29; interest \$52.74; collection \$558.80; total \$1,738.83. Supplies \$102.25; ham \$26.50; chicken and slaw \$84.12; gift to the church \$250.00; minutes \$50.00; Balance \$1,225.96. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Jerry Enright. Shelbie Sheppard gave the report for the "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings". Balance on hand as of November 22, 1995, \$6,709.71; deposit of \$448.50; balance on hand as of December 31, 1995 was \$7,158.21. Printing of book for 1995-1996 - \$3,897.00; postage for mailings of book \$234.16; deposits \$5,217.50. Balance as of November 19, 1996 - \$8,244.55. End of business session. Bud Oliver, David Ivey and Edwin Farris led song on page 146 while the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was led by Elder Edwin Farris. There was a total of thirteen states represented.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - David Ivey; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas.

**GANUS AND WILFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama
November 24, 1996**

The twenty-sixth session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Clifford Wakefield leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by Doyle Williams. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 27. The class organized for the day, and elected the following officers: Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 61. Leaders: Hubert Hood 388, 569; Doyle Williams 29t, 192, 187 (for Lola Roberson); Ivalene Donaldson 32t, 77t; Roma Rice 333, 104; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Cecil Sanders 475; Clara Stults 274t, 124; Debbie Wakefield 442 (in memory of Tom Harper), 426b.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading songs on pages 341 and 566. Leaders: Charlie Wakefield 280, 123t; Windel Wakefield 159, 108t; Earl Ballinger 128, 78; A. C. McGough 147t (for Bernice), 225t; Jane Fulford 126, 186; Fayrene Wakefield 480, 546; Willodean Barton 290, 391; Helen Langston 143, 392; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Clifford Wakefield leading song on page 111b. The children of S. L. and Catherine Wakefield--Cecil Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Windel Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, Julie Poston, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, and Fayrene Wakefield--led songs on pages 339, 168, 421, 134, and 272 as a memorial for their relatives and friends that have passed away. Leaders: Edwin Ballinger 145t, 340; Leon Ballinger 212, 268; L. E. Hannah 498, 389; Larry Wakefield 100, 153; Larry Ballinger 139, 119; Josie Hyde 434, 500 (in memory of Tom Harper); Gravis Ballinger 34b; Faye Donaldson 432, 371; Betty Baccus 161, 285t; Pernie Pelfrey 145b (for Ila Ingle), 67; Gene Wakefield 56, 108b; Lena Wakefield 565, 436; Cecil Wakefield 209, 208 (for Rose Altha Taylor); John Hyde 297, 73t; Julie Postom and Junior Postom 58, 63; Elmer Conwill 530 (in memory of Tom Harper), 175, 74b (for Mae Conwill); Odie Horton 326, 426t (in honor of Rose Altha Taylor, and in memory of Ganus Wakefield). Clifford Wakefield led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Cecil Wakefield. Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**FLORIDA STATE SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER
BOOK)**

Panama City, Florida

November 30-December 1, 1996

Saturday, November 30

The twenty-ninth session of the Florida State Singing Convention held at the Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida, the first Sunday and Saturday before in December, 1996 was called to order by Chairman Bill Aplin leading songs on pages 70 and 319. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: First

Vice Chairman David Lee 335; Second Vice Chairman Elvin Guthrie 334; Victoria Aplin 293b; Aubrey Barfield 140; Secretary Jewell Vania 143. A warm welcome was given to all visitors. Leaders: Milton Oliver 54; Clayton Ezell 300; Mike Jones 159; Faye Pettis 434; John Bealle 268b; John Morris 163; Kathy Lee 505; Greg Economides 306; Loy Garrison 37. The announcement of committees was given as follows: Memorial Committee - Shelbie Sheppard, Emmie Morris, and Faye Pettis; Finance Committee - Tommie Spurlock and B. M. Smith.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by David Lee leading song on page 76b. Leaders: David Roberson 63; Johnny Lee 46; Kim Cagle 32t; Shelbie Sheppard 290; Mary Elizabeth Lee 393; Linton Ballinger 36b; Norma Latham 511b; John Merritt 38t; Nancy Van Den Akker 500; Gordon Wilkerson 220; B. M. Smith 559; Elizabeth Labato 482; Hershell King 67.

RECESS

Second Vice Chairman Elvin Guthrie called the class to order leading song on page 135. Leaders: S. T. Reed 133; A Youth Group from Rosemont Baptist Church 229; Eloise Clark 31t; Bob Bonnell 203; Leola Smith 528; Lonnie Rogers 395b; Stephen Labato 506; Jeff Sheppard 410; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507; Ted Mercer 552; Genny Whitworth and Nathan Green 100; Marie Guthrie 192; Richard DeLong 524; Julie Lee 270. The class was dismissed for lunch, and the blessing for the food was led by Aubrey Barfield.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman Bill Aplin leading song on page 508. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 137; Eldagene Roberson 215; John Kanode 571; Mia Makris 358; Lane Albritton 145t; Emmie Morris 142; Bill Hogan 132; Thurman Nall 541; Alice Hochstetler 138; Clarke Lee 563; Eloise Avery 515; John Etheridge 553; Eva Padgett 218; Winston Jones 47b; Alice Mosley 343; Tommie Spurlock 574; Brenda Merritt 68t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Chairman Bill Aplin leading song on page 466. Leaders: Ernest Cock-Croft 225t; Cecile Cox 282; J. A. Mosley 144; George Cox 108t; Stanley Smith 522; Agnes Ferris 404; Mae Holt 384; Bill Ferris 393; Clarke Lee and David Lee 488. Announcements were made. Chairman Bill Aplin led song on page 54b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Tommie Spurlock.

Sunday, December 1

The Sunday morning session was called to order by Chairman Bill Aplin leading songs on pages 75 and 567. The morning prayer was led by Clarke Lee. Leaders: First Vice Chairman David Lee 355; Second Vice Chairman Elvin Guthrie 78; Victoria Aplin 411; Secretary Jewell Vania 341; Aubrey Barfield 200. Aubrey Barfield gave a warm welcome to all our singers and friends. Leaders: Milton Oliver 503; Clayton Ezell 137; J. C. Rutledge 501; Faye Pettis 235; John Morris 543b; Reba Windom 171; Greg Economides 280.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Chairman Bill Aplin leading song on page 372. Leaders: Kathy Lee 572; David Roberson 414; Margie Smith 508. The Memorial Lesson was given for our friends and loved ones that have passed away this past year. Shelbie Sheppard used the words from the song on page 61, "Sweet Rivers", to give us encouragement and comfort. Our encouragement comes from the promise of sweet rivers just before our eyes, and comfort that those we lost through death have already crossed that river. Faye Pettis read the names of those who have passed away, and Emmie Morris led song on page 61 for the

following: Monroe Grant, June Ross, Otis Nall, Dewey Wise, Lonnie Jones, Dillie Creel Harris, Tom Harper, Ervin Creel, Delta Wootten, Ed Latham, Hazel Cagle, J. T. Conn, Elder A. L. Beckett, Vena Holley, Merle Etheridge, Don Johnson, Tennie Reid Rogers, Velma Kelly, Annette Blalock, Burriss Pettis, Ruthie Cozart, and Tommy Creel. Faye Pettis read the names of those who are sick and shut-in, and Emmie Morris led song on page 369 for the following: Myrl Jones, A. A. Smith, Lawson Smith, Unie B. Howard, Vernice Calvert, Essie Calvert, Bernard Moon, Elsie Moon, L. E. Hannah, Elmer Cordell, Marshall Avery, Eva Reid, Julie Clark, Ralph Heath, Lurleen Heath, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, J. C. Hardin, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Herbert Leopard, Woodie Walker, Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Ernestine Pipkin, Horace Nall, Deborah Nichols, Buddie Tindall, and Ruth Tindall. Johnny Lee closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Johnny Lee 41; Dale Redmon, Jr. 563; Bill Green 225; Lane Albritton 330t; Shelbie Sheppard 38b; Lonnie Rogers 377t; Norma Latham 518; Leon Ballinger 212.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Chairman Bill Aplin leading song on page 224. Leaders: Ann Barnett 58; Harlie Guthrie 310; Nancy Van Den Akker 207b; Hershell King 80b; Mary Elizabeth Lee 361; Sarah Hicox, Hanna Lee, and Rachel Lee 336; Bob Bonnell 451b; Leola Smith 185; Linton Ballinger 186; George Cox 395b; Marie Guthrie 189; Bryant Lee and Daniel Hicox 162; J. A. Mosley 174; Julie Lee 292; Eldagene Roberson 142.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Chairman Bill Aplin leading song on page 146. Leaders: Clarke Lee 106; Alice Mosley 45t; Bill Farris 559; Thurman Nall 287; Agnes Farris 410; John Etheridge 214; Tommie Spurlock 183; Emmie Morris 383; Carolyn Webb 391 (for her mother, Mammie Riley). Officers for the 1997 Florida State Convention: Chairman - David Lee; First Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Second Vice Chairman - Leon Ballinger; Secretary - Jewell Vania. We want to thank everyone who came, and to each one who had a part in making the convention a success. Thank you for your support! Officers for the 1996 and 1997 Florida State Convention led song on page 82 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Johnny Lee.

Chairman - Bill Aplin; First Vice Chairman - David Lee; Second Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Jewell Vania.

LIBERTY CHURCH

Helicon, Alabama

December 1, 1996

The forty-eighth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Liberty Church in Winston County on the first Sunday in December was called to order by John Hocutt leading songs on pages 32t and 30t. The morning prayer was led by the pastor, Coleman Johnson. The class organized by John Hocutt appointing the following officers: Chairman - Aubrey Tyree; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Lena Wakefield. Cecil Sanders led song on page 42 for Essie and Vernice Calvert. Leaders: Odie Horton 81t, 48t; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57, 100; Iva Cleghorn 300, 36b; Bertha Wilson and Ruth Parris 421, 206; Billy Williams 76b, 28b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Willodean Barton 44, 82t; B. B. Mattox 42, 129, 318, 406 (for Alpha Black);

Lena Wakefield 146, 546; Reddie Powell Evans 430, 269, 126, 358 (by request); Josie Hyde 179, 225, 224.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by John Hocutt leading songs on pages 72t and 72b. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 58; John Hyde 275b, 73t, 297; Corene White 37b (for her sister, Eron White), 314; Travis Keeton 61, 566, 482; Stella Pratt 319, 426b; Margaret Keeton 270, 321, 475; E. E. Kilgo 40, 235, 206; Lamar Smith 343; Coleman Johnson 445, 421, 491; Aubrey Tyree 208. John Hocutt led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lamar Smith. It was decided by the class and the community to discontinue the singing.

Chairman - Aubrey Tyree; Secretary - Lena Wakefield.

JOSEPH JACKSON BEASLEY MEMORIAL **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **December 7-8, 1996**

Saturday, December 7

The second annual Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial was called to order by John Beasley leading songs on pages 31b, 33b, 32t, and 81t. The morning prayer was led by George Seiler. The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - John Beasley; Vice Chairman - Richard Schmeidler of Brooklyn, New York; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield and Gene Wakefield; Chaplain - George Seiler of Glen Ridge, New Jersey; Memorial Committee - Jean Seiler of Glen Ridge, New Jersey, and Cora Sweatt; Resolutions Committee - Gary Smith. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 84, 287; Jean Seiler 106, 47t; Gary Smith 34b, 49t; Cora Sweatt 29b, 127, 145b; Travis Keeton 425, 290, 57; Dr. Julietta Haynes 42, 371, 405; Gene Wakefield 460, 168, 56t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Beasley leading songs on pages 317b and 318. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 148, 31t, 122; Mae Conwill 63, 206, 208; Sarah Smith 354b, 406; Tim Reynolds of Nashville, Tennessee 39t, 171, 440, 163.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Beasley leading songs on pages 317b and 318. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 155, 146; Dustin McCowan 30t; Dorothea McCowan 384, 218, 382; Elmer Conwill 500, 498, 475; David Carlton of Nashville, Tennessee 495, 133, 551; Marilyn Burchett of Nashville, Tennessee 64, 72b, 143; Marlin Beasley 480, 111b, 335; Frances Lee 59, 278, 159; Becky Briggs 45t, 388; Freddie Briggs 141; Brenda Pena of New York 229, 317b, 39b; Lena Wakefield and Juanita Beasley 348b, 392, 373; Tim Reynolds 223; David Carlton 102; Marilyn Burchett 178; John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by George Seiler.

Sunday, December 8

The Sunday morning session was called to order by John Beasley leading songs on pages 37b and 40. The morning prayer was led by George Seiler. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 34b, 276; Charlene Wallace 171, 192; Gravis Ballinger 475; Ann Ballard 106; Buell Cobb 42, 330; Jean Seiler 48t, 299; Hugh McGraw 312b, 313t; Carlene Griffin 270, 332; Harrison Creel 530, 500; Brenda Pena 523b, 569b; Warren Steele 74t, 83; Elsie Beasley 63, 460; Thurman Nall 480, 503b.

RECESS

Richard Schmeidler call the class to order leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Flarce Creel 389, 229; Dr. Doyle Williams 29t, 186; Pernie Pelfrey 371; George Seiler 347, 146; Mae Conwill 314; Joshua Keeton 342, 189; Becky Briggs 345t, 45t. The memorial Lesson was led by Jean Seiler. Jean Seiler led song on page 288 for the deceased, and Cora Sweatt led song on page 400 for the sick and shut-in. Buell Cobb presented a plaque from The Sacred Harp Publishing Company to The Beasley Family in honor of Joseph Jackson Beasley, and for his support and dedication to the cause of Sacred Harp. The memorial was closed with prayer led by George Seiler.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by John Beasley leading songs on pages 108 and 290. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 56, 57; Edith Tate 98, 532; Larry Ballinger 78; Dorothea McCowan 196, 304; Beverly Beasley and Alvin Beasley 499; Josie Hyde 507; Travis Keeton 349; Sarah Smith 30t; Johnny Umber 208; Dr. Julietta Haynes 216; Carl Horton 452; David Beasley 348b, 317; Glenn Keeton 225, 365; Elmer Conwill 379.

RECESS

Richard Schmeidler called the class to order leading song on page 28. Leaders: Gary Smith 49b, 49t; Patsy Kelley "Not Made With Hands", 72b; John Hyde 73b; Lena Wakefield 220; Kermit Adams 120, 31b; Cora Sweatt 274t; Charles Ballard 512, 388; Marlin Beasley 325; John Beasley 335. Gary Smith presented the Resolutions Committee report. Richard Schmeidler led song on page 46 for the closing song. George Seiler closed the session with prayer. The Beasley Family would like to express their gratitude to The Sacred Harp Publishing Company for its recognition and dedication.

Chairman - John Beasley; Vice Chairman - Richard Schmeidler; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan.

HOBOKEN SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Hoboken, Georgia

December 14, 1996

The first annual all day singing was held at Hoboken School Auditorium on Saturday before the third Sunday in December. The class was called to order at 9:05 AM by Clarke Lee and David Lee leading 106. A welcome address was given by David Lee. The class then sang the scales. David Lee and Clarke Lee led song on page 447t and walked time. The morning prayer was offered by John Bayer. David Lee and Clarke Lee led 99, walking time. Julie Lee and Kathy Lee led 159 and 36b.

Leaders called: Rodney Carter 571; Jason Deal 58; Carole Timins 559; Janine Smith 340; Emmie Lou Grayson 77t; Joe Todd 337; Kathryn Keller 348t; Winston Jones 553b; Kit Pfauf 48t; Jesse Roberts 230; Aubrey Barfield 522.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading 76b. Leaders were: Lee Rogers 501; Hannah Roberts 405; Bob Bonnell 87; Melanie Hauff 436b; Thurman Nall 38t; Eugene Hickox 283t; Carla Smith 156. By special request, Silas and Elvera Lee came to the center of the square and led 53, 49b, and 75 with David and Clarke Lee. Norma Latham 54t; Mike Jones 395b.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Bryant Lee 104; Steven Levine 518; Joan Aldridge 515; Ashley Roberts 140; Keith Willard 32t. By special request of John Bayer, David and Clarke Lee took John's two sons, Jubal and Hans, and led 392. S.T. Reed 497; Cassie Franklin

567; Ted Johnson 89; Joseph Lee 155; Liz Bryant 270; Bill Aplin 444t; Kathy Wallace 148; Ronnie Dale Lee 152; Don Bowen 505.

LUNCH

David Lee brought the class back together leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Ted Mercer 98; Charles Brewer 489; Lois Bonnell 330t; Regina Bayer and Rachel Lee 282; Connie Karduck 218; Jeff Sheppard 142; Alice Hochstetler and Eric Brough 411; Regina Clark 292b; Judy Hauff 74b; Coy Ivey and grandchildren 222; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee and children David Lee, Delda East, Arlene Strickland, Sonya Johnson, and Melinda Lee 264b; Jenny Willard 184t; John Etheridge 86; Hanna Lee and Sara Hickox 500; Rodney Ivey and Karen Ivey 511b.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading song on page 478. Leaders: Richard DeLong 433; John Bayer 131t; Stanley Smith, Tommie Spurlock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farris 183; Wendall Hickox 62; Bud Oliver and David Ivey 384; Cindy Franklin and Cassie Franklin 486, 393t; Jerry Schreiber 421; Tollie Lee 85t; Susie Jacobs and Tommy Craft 563; Marcia Johnson 488b; Buell Cobb 466; Judy Mincey 376; Jerilyn Schumacher 361; Victoria Aplin 508.

RECESS

Don Clark brought the class back together leading song on page 422b. Leaders: Kathy Williams 220; Susan Roberts 40; Ben Smith and Stanley Smith 133; Beth Todd 335; Pat Morse 451b; Elizabeth Lobato 543b.

David Lee and Clarke Lee thanked everyone for coming. Announcements were made. The next session of the GFA convention will be held here in Hoboken the third weekend in October, 1997. Our next annual singing will be held here at the school auditorium in Hoboken on the third weekend in March, 1998. David Lee and Clarke Lee led song on page 343b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Alvin Johnson.

Chairmen: David Lee and Clarke Lee

Secretary: Don Clark and Amy Lee

1994 AND 1995 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 1995 minutes. We have listed the date of death when known. It is not our intention to omit any name or date. If you can supply these dates, we would appreciate it if you would share them with us. We realize that some names may be spelled wrong or listed in the wrong state, but this was not intentional.

12-08-93	Carlton Wood	Georgia
01-15-94	Runie Glover	Alabama
03-11-94	Evelyn Dillishaw	Georgia
03-15-94	Dana Jackson	Georgia
03-30-94	Henry Kerr	Alabama
04-11-94	Viola Hicks	Georgia
05-15-94	Mrs. J. J. Aderhold	Georgia
05-29-94	T. J. Ross	Florida
10-31-94	Lindsey Crider	Alabama
10- -94	Dura Blackmon	Georgia
11-03-94	Harry Dumas	Georgia
11-17-94	Grady Albright	Alabama
11- -94	Rev. Jeffery Thompson	
12-01-94	Carlton Hitchcock	Georgia
01-14-95	Erma Jones	Alabama
02-11-95	Lessie Cates	Alabama
02-14-95	Winford Lacey	Alabama
02-15-95	Ted Godsey	Alabama
02-18-95	Lois Green	Alabama
03-11-95	Junurs Hudgins	Georgia
03-19-95	Helen Ivey Cordell	Alabama
03-20-95	Mary Morris	Alabama
03- -95	Ethel Clark	Texas
04-12-95	Martha Clark Wells	Ohio
04-16-95	Dale Redmond, Sr.	Texas
05-18-95	William Lewis Vaughn	Texas
05-19-95	Barbara Newman	Kentucky
06-01-95	Forney Cobb	Alabama
06-08-95	Ervin Brothers	Alabama
06- -95	Aaron Creel	Alabama
06-09-95	Arnevis Norton	Texas
06-21-95	Myrtle McGraw	Georgia
06-30-95	Jack Harcrow	Alabama
06- -95	Henry "Doc" Jackson	Alabama
07-24-95	Hoyt Renfroe	Alabama
07- -95	Viola Barker	Alabama
08-06-95	Dula Webb	Alabama
10-05-95	J. P. Hawkins	Texas
10-05-95	Joe Beasley	New York
10-06-95	Hubert Green	Alabama

10-14-95	Kelsey Rene Wootten	Alabama
10-14-95	Ruby Gibson	Alabama
10-21-95	Lorenz Tadsen	Ohio
10-31-95	Aver Crider	Alabama
11-11-95	Dewey Williams	Alabama
11-18-95	Tom Roberson	Alabama
11-24-95	Glen C. Wilcox	Kentucky
11-26-95	Colbie Allen	Alabama
11-27-95	Homer Cordes	Alabama
11-28-95	R. C. Stanford	Georgia
12-13-95	Odell Cleveland	Alabama
12-24-95	Estelle Terry	Texas
12-28-95	Ruthie Coczart	Alabama
12-30-95	Leroy McGraw	Georgia
12- -95	J. J. Sexton	
12- -95	Dovie Howell	Georgia

Alabama

Robert Aldridge
 Fay Allen
 Kevin Aplin
 Lewis Atkins
 Maudie Ausley
 Viva Barnes
 Jack Borden
 Hugh Brandon
 Mary Brumbaugh
 Jimmy Burgess
 Jason Calhoun
 Edna Calvert
 Palmer Calvert
 Milton Campbell
 Lucille Capps
 Bulah Creel Cates
 Louis Clark
 Vera Mae Cole
 Anna Lou Couch
 Mary Helen Chafin
 Stan Davis
 James Denson
 Bill Edwards
 Carl Edwards
 Jewett Edwards
 Lee Ann Forsyth
 Sam Fowler
 Josie Gibson
 Rex Godsey
 Melvia Gray
 Elmo Green
 Ernestine Hall
 Freeman Harris

Bertha Henson
 Elder Harley Hocutt
 Douglas Howard
 Rayburn Humber
 Arville Hyatt
 Johnnie Hyde
 David Ingle
 Dwight Ingle
 Pauline Jacobe
 Dessie Jackson
 Maggie Jones
 Aaron Keeton
 Cephus Keeton
 Velma Kelly
 Render Lastin
 Nina Little
 Cora Livingston
 Roy Mauldin
 Otis McCoy
 Nellie Miles
 Etta Morgan
 John Morris
 Carolyn Nall
 Rev. Fred Newborn
 Carl Norton
 Randall Norton
 Lottie Pelham
 Aubrey Persall
 J. W. Phillips
 Jewel Ponder
 Theo Preston
 Leon Price
 Addie Mae Prysock
 Donald Ray

Lois Robinson
 Beatrice Shumack
 Henry Smith
 Mr/Mrs. Donald R.
 Smith
 Viola Smith
 Wanda Smith
 Hattie Swann
 Edward Swetman, Sr.
 Arvillee/Louie Taylor
 Nena Tittle
 Mrs. Tyree
 Trixie Vandiver
 Wilford Wakefield
 Elvadie Wallace
 Clellon Warren
 W. A. "Gus" Watson
 Wallace Watts
 Winford Watts
 Arlin Weaver
 Gary Weston
 Naomi Wheat
 Clyde White

Arizona

Marion Hennessy
 Fernando Jamarne
 Jim Jefferies
 Patricia Lang
 George Lissandrello
 Joe Mendito
 Arthur Miller
 Patti Sky Shadow
 Jenny Cutler Strickler

Donald B. Willard

California

Daryl Anderson
Tiny Blair
Ralph Brown
Rex Coultas
Lillie Eisman
Howard Arthur Faxe
Connie Hastings
Griffith
Louise Hoeftin
Mike Jorgenson
Bruce Kamerling
Ed Lowe
Jake Lunsford
Paul Moritti
Eileen O'Gorman
Rose Posin
Michael Samarthia
Kaye Stolarski
Aileen Toguinto

Colorado

Forrest Cornwell
Greg Moughamian

Connecticut

Nora Brignolo
John N. "Jack" Chapin
Mark Ely
Frann Kravats
Carolyn Merrill
Jim Ramey

Florida

Rev. Henry Barfield
Kay Chapin
Nell Chapin
Sam Klappert
George Klein
Kathleen Mattson
Sarah Morrill
B. F. Pettis
T. H. Plant
Doris Shiners
Rudy Skaggs
Dorothy Taggart

Georgia

Lois Adair
Doris Bailey
Connell Barron

Annette Blalock
Grady Boggs
E. C. Brandenburg
Ernie Brown
Kevin Buerger
David Burleson
Burma R. Caldwell
Francis Carmon
Ross Chambers
Roy Crawford
Joyce Daniel
L. M. Daniel
Bertif Denney
Woodrow Denney
Lewis Doyal
Berol Elliott
Nora Finley
Emmett Fuller
Florice Gammon
Lawrence Griffin
Talmadge Harris
John Hawley
Joe Henderson
Louise Henson
Vera Hughes
Maynard Hurston
Alton Jackson
Sue Kaplan
Velma Kelly
Willie Kelley
Mr/Mr. Loyd Kimbrell
Jerry King
James Lambert
David Langley
Chad McCormick
Lee McCormick
Vernon McCormick
Katie McCullough
L. M. McCullough
Mattie McClendon
Millard Mitchell
Effie Mize
Zera Mize
Winnelle Morgan
Rosie Moses
Nancy Merrill
Maggie Noles
Woodrow Palmer
Levi Patterson
Shirley Wilson Philpot
Gail Price
Amos Rogers

Daniel Rogers
Malcom Rogers
Pauline Roger.
Raymond Rollins
Gilbert Skaggs
Stella Smith
Bill Spence
Florence Pate Stephens
J. C. Stephens
Donald Striplin
Virginia Temple
Lillie Todd
Mary Jane G. Townson
Bonnie Traylor
Delbert Underwood
Vennie Wallace
Julia Walls
Elsie Wilder
Geraldine Wood

Idaho

Dewey H. Cofield
Linda Cully

Illinois

Jean Buck
Ron Buck
Alberta Chapman
Tom Davis
Peggy Dillard
Gerald Golliet
Paul Kunzer
Rev. Mike Matoin
Emmie Dolly Martin
Mr. Roberts
Marjory Ryle
Helmuth Schumacher
Nancy Sorenson
Lola Steinmetz
Anne Tarsa
Herb Tomita
Marilyn Trier

Kansas

Frank Curry
Grace Moore Heider
John Snyder

Kentucky

Jean Lathrop
Ray Mofield
Willard Walker
Glenn Wilcox

Louisiana

Webster Callahan
Elsie Lewis
Guy Lewis
Ben Myers
Mable Wilkinson

Maryland

Glenna Cent
Marty Cook
Alan B. Davis
George Hescocq
Bob Jurgenson
Jason Law
Mary McCarty
William Oestricher
Henry Wu

Massachusetts

Donald Demeritt
Stephen Haseltine
Fritz Holland
Fred Johnson

Michigan

Ruth Kjellberg
Curtis M. Smith

Minnesota

Jon Francis
Henry Frisch
Sylvia Frisch
Hank Jones
George C. Power

Mississippi

John Bain
Dr. George W. Boswell
Lillian Burt
Toxe Fortinberry
Cynthia Ledlow
Benny Rigdon

Missouri

Henry Loew
Jo Tedesco

New Jersey

Dick Adams
Roberta Adams
Jose Barriero
Betty Schell
Emil Schell

New York

Edwin Barrett
Knox Britain
Al Crossman
Joel Erikson
Ruth Fansler
George Jewett
Margaret Kelly
Carmon Lewis
Howard Liss
Clara Ella Gertin Lozier
Rogert Mottingdorfer
Stephanie Munoz
Ruth Neville
Beth Rose
Sybil Schwartz
Ruth Stephenson
Pat Tegler
Sandy Thacher
Marion Williamson

Ohio

Rick Anderson
Sherrill Brandenburg
Sylvia Evans
Jean Lathrop
Marlin Miller
Minnie Clayton Oglesby
Tim Zahnis

Oklahoma

Ivone Moore

Oregon

Laren Hall
Shirley Lacey
Pat Ray

Pennsylvania

Buddy Lake
Chris Rose

South Carolina

Al Hamilton

South Dakota

Elvira Bjordal
Evva Graff

Tennessee

Paul Coppock
Jack Everts
Betty Newberry

Texas

Byrd Buchner
Mamie Burleson
Myrtle Cobbs
Kay Cox
Louise Deatherege
Howard Dorris
John O. Duncan
George Economides
Lila Fulmer
Kathryn Gaynor
Caralee Hamilton
Weldon Hutcheson
Curtis Jeffrey
Irvin Johnson
Barbara Jordan
Flora Morgan
Bernard Nelson
Leonard Nelson
Oma Porter
B. K. Powell
Elder H. D. Russell
Elder Jack Simmons
Vernon Thele
Elder Pete Walker
Alice Weltz
Y. B. Yancey

Vermont

Robert L. Behr

Virginia

W. S. Atherton
Colin Campbell
Rev. Thomas Casey
Woodrow Wilson
Craday
Hudson Hartley
Ellen Read Hough
Kenton Kilmer
Hardin A. King
Carolyn Merrill
Jane Morse
Jim Posey
Deborah Robertson
Stephanie Scheer
Charlie Steven
Russell Woollen

Washington

Milissa Fernandez
Alma Gonigam

Leroy Hoffman
Thomas Lutz
Melvin McGuire
Jenny Strickley
Noel Volberding

Wisconsin

Sargent Gerald
Amundson
Dorothy Fabke
Jim Jennison
Fred Karsten
Tom McCartney
Kermit Olsen
Harold Smith
John Snowberg

Austria

Gersela Steinberger

Canada-Quebec

Anne Robinson

France

Jacques Ellul

Germany

Alice Peterman
Oskar Beihler

Nigeria

Ken Saro

Nova Scotia

Etta Weber

State Unknown

John Aylor
Dorothy Bailey
Gen. Marvin Ball
Judy Bell
Mirian Bergman
Walter Bibler
Louis Blatt
Orville Boldwin
Frances Buntynn
Debbie Burton
Annabeth Carlson
Gus Carlson
Jason Calhoun
Perry Chansler
Tom Coppe
Lewis Cox
Janet D'Amore
Carol Depp
Bonnie Dudas
Paul Echols
Dorinda Edgington
Alonzo Emigh
Leola Emigh
Bertah Farson
Joe Fawbush
Wayne Finkleman
Richard Froton
Charles Gill
Sidney Gerling
Lomond Graham
Lee Grimmett
Roger Grimsley
Joe Halter

James Hayford
Carl Hilderbrant
Harold Horrocks
Carter Ide
George Jeffers
Grace Johnson
Porter Kellam
Shemuc Lawless
Bob Lewis
Mariann Lucas
Terrance McHugh
Dorothy Meier
Marilyn Miller
Howie Murre
David Parry
William Pixley
Marjorie Pyle
Dox Rex
Laverne Robinson
Barton Rouse
Daniel Rudolph
Ron Sager
Frederich Schaeffer
Richard Schissler
Frank Sensel
Robert Singer
Margaret Strain
Oscar Street
Edward Tally
Jeff Thomas
Mike Thundercloud
Joan Townson
Lois Tysunger
Sarah Viglione
Arthur Weyl, Jr.

DEATHS 1996

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 1996 minutes.

01-12-96	Ester Reed	Alabama
01-13-96	Randolph Mincey	Georgia
01-15-96	Ola Pruitt	Alabama
01-18-96	Zella Thompson	Alabama
01-18-96	Christopher Rose	
01-25-96	Lonnie Jones	Alabama
01- -96	Russell Norton	Alabama
01- -96	Lawrence Daugherty	Alabama
01- -96	Elbert Drake	Alabama
02-27-96	Agnes Hocutt	Alabama
02- -96	Harold Jackson	Alabama
02- -96	Lucille Brothers	Alabama

03-01-96	Dewwy Wise	Alabama
03-04-96	Luther Miller	Alabama
03-06-96	Irvin Creel	Alabama
03-14-96	Fleecie Tucker	Alabama
03-26-96	Muriel S. F. MacAdams	Kentucky
03- -96	Chris Whiting	England
05-02-96	Joe Smith	Alabama
05-17-96	Herman Lambert	Georgia
05- -96	Erlene McGraw Baker	Georgia
06-01-96	James Kerr	Alabama
07-20-96	Johnnie Sue Beasley	Alabama
07-30-96	Tommy Creel	Alabama
07- -96	Curtis Dutton	Alabama
07- -96	Tilda Mosley	Alabama
07- -96	John Bains	Alabama
07- -96	Mae Doss	Alabama
07- -96	Floyd Stiefel	Alabama
07- -96	Suzy Schwinkendorf	Texas
08-01-96	William Headrick	Georgia
08-15-96	Clydus Moon	Alabama
08-16-96	Hazel Cagle	Alabama
08-30-96	Otis Nall	Alabama
08-21-96	Ed Latham	Alabama
08-26-96	Arthur L. Beckett	Alabama
08-31-96	Elder Art Godfrey	Tennessee
09-02-96	Dillie Creel Harris	Alabama
09-14-96	Malone Austin	Alabama
09-14-96	Eric Hand	Texas
09-22-96	June Ross	Texas
09- -96	Charles Dannals	Georgia
10-05-96	J. T. Conn	Alabama
10-17-96	Merle Ethridge	Alabama
10-18-96	Lois Matthews	Alabama
10-20-96	Vena Holley	Alabama
11-09-96	Don Johnson	Colorado
11-12-96	Ewell Nelson	Alabama
11-20-96	Teenie Reid Rogers	Alabama
11-21-96	Tom Harper	Alabama
11-25-96	Delta Wootten	Alabama
12-05-96	Elder Bernard Moon	Alabama

Alabama

William Cole Austin
 Allen Arnett
 Bud Bailey
 Bebuel Barton
 Virginia Beatty
 Fred Berry
 Verlon Blackwood
 Cleve Blevins

Effie Brock
 Evelyn Browne
 Nancy Campbell
 Mary Helen Chafin
 Myrtle Davidson
 Monroe Edwards
 Glen Gillespie
 Pa Glover
 Finley Heck

Mrs. Jessie Lee Jackson
 Aaron Keeton
 Tan Kelly
 James Kerr
 Jerry Lamb
 J. B. Lowe
 Everette McCormick
 Robert McCowan
 Otto McCoy

Edna McCurdy
Grace Morrison
Lily Murphy
Doyce Oden
Jewel O'Rear
Juesel O'Rear
Guy Parker
Maxine Phillips
Lois Roberson
Ina Rosser
Ron Rutherford
E. A. Stallings
Eula Stallings
Pat Shaddix
Joyce Smith
Andrew Stiefel
Jim Studdard
Maxine Studdard
Jessie Swindle
Gordon Townsel
Paul Wagner
David Weaver
Dewie Wilks
Grover Williams
B. C. Word
Anita Wyatt

Arizona

Charles Heaton

Arkansas

Odes Franklin

California

Sandy Baba
Daniel Fraembs
J. R. Kiehl
Virginia Kirby
John Lashley
Niles Merton
Chris Reader
Gail Rich

Colorado

Agnes Scorgie

Florida

William Robert Morton

Georgia

Rastus Adams
Margaret Bishop
Annette Blalock

Margie Bryon
Ethel Cook
Henry Cook
Rev. Leon Cosby
Mildred Edwards
Ida Holcombe
Evelyn Liner
Pauline Martin
Grady McGraw
Mrs. Louvorn
McLendon
Mae Moon
Belle Roberts
Effie Robinson
Rosie Robinson
Norman Shadinger
Inez Thomaston
Jasper Wilson
Mrs. Euzel Wood
John Word

Illinois

Lee Cloud
George Edel
Millie Ogg
John Petri
Jim Pizzia
Helen Robbins
J. R. South
Doris Taub

Indiana

Walter Bavers
Christopher Berkey
Oscar Berlin
Brooke Doriot
Welma Nelson

Louisiana

Dwan Brown
Margaret Collier
Faye Fields
Don Harvey
Jonathan Lang
Joanne Lewis
Linda Scott
Albert Shows
Gloria Van Den Akker
Claude Wilkerson

Maine

Martha Killonen

Maryland

Camilla Haase
Robert Haase
Louise Yates

Massachusetts

Christopher Lee

Michigan

Petra Coronado
Edith Hicks

Minnesota

Bruce Johnson

Mississippi

J. W. Wilson
Janice Nelson

Missouri

Donna Derr
Michael Hoban

New Jersey

William Downin

North Carolina

J. P. Egerton
Wade Moore

New York

Donald Derivan
Kenneth Goldstein
George Kiel
Carmon Lewis
Heidi Van Voorhies

Pennsylvania

Mary Horst
Bob Siegal
Florence Siple
George Smith
Penny Smith

Texas

Lonnie Cato
Gerald Fry
Monroe Grant
Henrietta Henderson
Pearl Powell
Jewel Roberts
Lutisha Watson
Edna Faulkner Wilson

Anna Lou Ballinger
Wylie

Virginia

LuVerne Boschen, Jr.
Carolyn McMaster
Morrell
Jeffery Slattery
Martha Shuster

West Virginia

Bill Henieke

Wisconsin

Tim Barb
Carrie Fordham
Ann Ziegler Lawrence
Roscoe Vest

Canada

Barbara Ward

England

Mary Sainsbury

State Unknown

Dall Allsopp
Joyce Anderson
Edgar Barnard
Chris Barnett
Janis Beirne
Len Blake
Judy Brewer

Martha Burke
Rose Donno Catucci
David Cist
Alan Conboy
Ernest Cote
Delores Cuff
Ora Cusson
Vieve Dupree Davis
Joseph Dilulio
Martha Drake
William Duncan
Norma Federlein
David Gaskin
Edna Gee
Stuart Greenspan
Robert Gruber
Mary Gurovitch
Eric Hedger
Andy Herrell
Bob Hewitt
Kent Hines
Herbert Hosmer
Ellen Hough
Roger Hume
Bruce Johnson
Gil Johnson
Robert Karnan
Everett Kinsey
Samuel Klappent
Edwin Krumsieg
J. B. Lauel
Al Levin

Juliet Lynch
Helen Marini
Catherine Bruce Mathis
Lou Mattingly
Herbert Mayne
Mike McDonald
Roger McGuinness
Donald Millichap
Helen Nearing
Cynthia Novick
Dave O'Dell
Florence Owen
Jean Passmore
Benjamin Post
D'mitry Pokrovsky
Patrick Riley
James Sanderson
Sybil Schwartz
Dorothy Spitzer
Jeanne Arnold Stevens
Mary Taylor
Ester Tennebaum
Bill Tow
Greta Townsend
Joyce Tracy
Ronald Vachon
Gerrit Van Egsden
Lucy Venno
Paul Viglione
Willie Windsor