

Sacred Harp Singings

1997 & 1998

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Dear Singers and Friends of Sacred Harp,

Greetings! I hope this last year was a year in which you got to attend as many singings as you wished, and traveled as much as you wanted. If not, then maybe this will be the year. We certainly hope that we will be able to see your smiling faces, and hear your lovely voices a great deal this coming year.

This year three singings were canceled, and several were not held because of poor attendance or sickness in the family. I have made notations throughout the minutes of 1997 where these cases exist. We added three singings this year: Harper Memorial Singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama (restarted after a period of not being held); one in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and a new one in Atlanta, Georgia (not known at this writing if it will be annually). There have been several practice sessions initiated and maintained throughout the year all over the country. Keep up the good work!

There is a great big favor that I would like to ask of you. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit changes that occur in names and addresses, singing dates, and most of all, if you are a secretary, please follow the guidelines (How to Submit Minutes) on page 3 when you submit your minutes. I don't mean to fuss at you, but this past year was extremely difficult in that so many folks failed to send their changes and minutes until the end of November. Needless to say, that puts a lot of pressure on me and takes some of the enjoyment out of preparing the book.

Now on a joyful note...We have added a new section to the book this year, birthdays. I hope you will find this helpful and will use it to send someone a card. If your name does not appear in this section, please send the information to me so that it can be included in next year's edition.

Keep singing, and make a joyful noise!

Shelbie Sheppard

HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

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/Time** Please start the minutes with three lines showing the name of the singing, the location, the calendar date on which it was held, and the time you start singing.
- **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.
- **Payment** Make check payable to: Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention (\$30.00 each singing session, and if your books are to be shipped, please include \$7.00 for shipping. Total for each 10 books shipped—\$37.00).
- **Submit To** Shelbie Sheppard
P.O. Box 5246
Glencoe, AL 35905

COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

If you are using a computer to prepare your minutes, you can save us from retyping them by sending the minutes on disk or by e-mail. Both Macintosh and PC users are welcome to send disks. Please follow the directions below carefully.

- **Before You Start** Read *How to Submit Minutes*, page 3.
- **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. We will add these formatting elements later.
- **Hard Returns** Never insert returns in the middle of a paragraph—instead, allow them to wrap to the full column width. Include hard returns (sometimes called ¶ marks) only at the end of paragraphs and single lines. Don't use two returns in a row.
- **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 remove 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 the file with a name that is only eight characters or fewer, plus the extension .DOC, or .TXT for text files. 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.
- **To Submit by E-Mail** If you have access to e-mail, send the file as an attachment to: minutes@fasola.org. Don't include the minutes in the message body itself unless you are certain that the mail program will not add unwanted hard returns.
- **Always Send a Printout** Please mail a printout along with your payment. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the disk or e-mail attachment is damaged or unreadable.
- **Questions** Please direct formatting questions to Chris Thorman at chris@thorman.com or phone (415) 431-7664.

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

1998 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: Fifth Sunday singings, in addition to being listed in this section, are listed in a separate section starting on page 20, along with explanations of the formulas for calculating their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 1st—Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing—Walnut Hills Christian Church—1438 East McMillan, Cincinnati, OH. Info: John Bealle at (513)961-1137.

Sun., 4th—Dutch Treat Singing—Shady Grove Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL, Hwy. 195.

Sun., 4th—West Georgia Singing—West Georgia College, Carrollton, GA in Food Service Building (Z-6).

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th, 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., 10th, 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., 11th—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., 11th—Old Town School Anniversary Singing—Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, IL.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—San Diego, CA—Contact Jerry Schreiber/Carla Smith at (619)544-0432 for info.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Fohs Hall, Marion, KY, North Walker St.

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing, Bay Minette City Hall, Bay Minette, AL.

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Jan. 31st—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall, Fort Worth, TX, 13th Annual. Info: William Reynolds (817) 923-1921, ext. 2180. (1991 Revision/Dutch Treat).

Sun., 1st—Uncle Bob Burnham Memorial—9:00 a.m.—Recreation Center, Jacksonville, AL (Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch. Desserts are provided by the Burnham family.)

Sun., 1st—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., 7th—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., 8th—Roy Avery's Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, 3 miles SW of Daviston, AL. State Highway 22 to Daviston, take County Road 79 south to cross roads, church is on right. From Alex City, State Highway 22 east to Germany Ferrys Rd., take right, church is on left. Singing with preaching at 11:00 a.m.—92nd Birthday.

Sun., 8th—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., 14th & Sun., 15th—Ohio State Convention—Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact John Bayer (513)835-3323 or John Bealle (513)861-1137.

Sun., 15th—Sanders Memorial—Cordova Senior Citizens Center, Walker County, Cordova, AL.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Pacific Northwest Convention—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center, Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), WA. Singing school on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday. Contact Karen Willard at (425)452-0109 or (360)897-9545 for more information.

Sat., 21st—Winston County Memorial Singing, 5th Session—Fairview Baptist Church. 1 mile east of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 278.

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Texas State Convention—6th 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., 22nd—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, 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., Feb. 28th—Duke Memorial—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—off U.S. 27 on Armstrong Mill Rd., 100 yards just past mile marker #17 (2 miles south of Carroll/Heard County Line between Carrollton and Franklin, GA.)(13 miles from by-pass in Carrollton, GA).

Sat., Feb. 28th—New York State Regional Singing—Binghamton area, 10:00-4:00p.m. Vestal Public Library, 320 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850. For more information: Dennis Leipold (607)724-8784 dleipold@spectra.net; or Stacey Greenberg (607)748-8774.

Sat., Feb. 28th—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention. Page Walker Art Center, Cary, NC.

Sun., 1st—Ephesus School Auditorium—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial, Ephesus, GA, on GA Hwy. 100.

Sun., 1st—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., 7th—Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing—Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist 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, take a right off Hwy. 168 East onto County Road 93. (Note: You will pass Friendship church on right before you get to Old Clear Creek Church.)

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Missouri State Convention—St. John's Pinckney Church, Marthasville, MO. Call Karen Isbell (314)664-1411 or Jeanette Lowry (314)433-2101.

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Smith County Convention—19th 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., 8th—Oxford City Hall—Oxford, MS. City Hall on the square.

Sun., 8th—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. Please bring covered dish.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th 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., 15th—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta, GA—Birmingham-Hopewell Road. (Cooper Book).

Sun., 15th—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., 15th—Log Cabin Singing—Double Springs, AL. Turn onto County Rd. 53 off Hwy. 278, take next road to left, go about 0.5 mile.

Sun., 15th 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., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Georgia State Convention—Old Dekalb County Courthouse, Decatur, GA.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 27th pm, Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Potomac River Convention, 9th Session—Washington, DC area. Call (301)897-5274. Contact Steve Sabol. E-mail: Sabol@his.com

Sat., 28th—Vermont State Shape Note Convention. Plainfield Town Hall, Plainfield, Vermont.

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—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, east of Lockhart. Info: Tom or Jeb Owen (512)398-6075; Curtis Owen (512)398-2017. (Cooper Book)

Sun., 29th—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., 29th—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

Sat., 4th—William Walker Memorial Singing—Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC.

Sat., 4th—Brazos River Singing—7th 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).

Sun., 5th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Hwy. 9, one mile north of Bruce, MS (Calhoun County).

Sun., 5th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville, AL, 6 miles east of Heflin just off Hwy. 78.

Sun., 5th—Old Enon Church—North of Lynn, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 10th pm—Antioch Baptist Church—Birthday Singing—7:00 p.m. Eastern Time—Friday night before the second Sunday in April, south of Tallapoosa, Georgia on old 100 Hwy.

Sat., 11th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, AL—9:00 a.m. Central Time. 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., 12th—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., 12th—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., 12th—Old County Line Church—9 miles west of Warrior, AL near Corner, off Miller road.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing, 22nd Session—Emory Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 1886 North Decatur Road, just east of Emory University, Atlanta, GA. From I-85: Exit 32 (Clairmont Road) south to North Decatur road, turn right, church on your right. From I-20: Exit 28 (Moreland Avenue north) north on Moreland, which becomes Briarcliff Road, turn right on North Decatur Road, past Emory University, church on left. Contact Kelly Morris at (404)378-0595.

Sat., 18th—Semi-Annual Friend's Meeting House—Yellow Springs, OH. Contact: John Bealle (513)861-1137. Singing is on a set date, first Saturday after Easter.

Sat., 18th—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., 18th—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—2 miles east of Arab, AL on Hwy. 69 (Arab to Guntersville).

Sat., 18th—New York State Regional—Rochester Area—10:00-4:00 p.m. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 77 Country Corner Ln., Fairport, NY. Laura Densmore (716)688-2001, Densmore@acsu.buffalo.edu or Nancy Crawford (716)381-4279(home), (716)422-8189 (work) Nancy_Crawford@wb.xerox.com

Sun., 19th—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—South of Hwy. 8, 8 miles east of Houston, MS. (Chickasaw County).

Sun., 19th—Old Harmony—Cleburne County, AL (approx. 10 miles east of Heflin). 9:30 a.m. Central Time. Take Exit 210 (Abernathy exit) off I-20, take first road on right (County Road 60). Go 1 mile. Church on right.

Sun., 19th—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

Tues., 21st—Spring Session Singing. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA. Contact Dr. Harry Eskew (504)282-4455, ext. 3277.

Sat., 25th—Tyler County Singing—7th 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., 25th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/ Hopewell Road, north of Alpharetta, GA.

Sat., 25th—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.

Sun., 26th—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., 26th—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—On Hwy. 75, 5 miles south of junction at Snead Crossroads. Go south on 75 to KM marker 62. Just past mile marker, approx. 500 yard, turn left on Wilson's Chapel Road. Church on right.

Sun., 26th—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., 2nd—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., 3rd—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., 3rd—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), MS. Hwy. 341 south of Reid.

Sun., 3rd—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton, AL. Between Section and Dutton, just off Alabama Highway 71.

Sun., 3rd—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, AL. 1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

Sun., 3rd—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 6 miles S.W. of Ashland, AL, near intersection of Hwy. 9 and County Road 5.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 10th—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., 15th pm & Sat., 16th—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., 16th—Southern California Regional Singing—San Pedro, CA, Info: Carla Smith (619)533-3181 (days) or (619)544-0432 (evenings).

Sat., 16th—Mattox Memorial—Lawrenceburg, TN—City Administration Building.

Sat., 16th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, KY (near Lexington).

Sat., 16th—Federated Church, on High Street (one block north of Main Street), Arrow Rock, MO. Contact Richard/Susan Green at (913)831-3912.

Sun., 17th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, AL, 9:30 a.m. Central Time. 3.5 miles east of Hefflin on Hwy. 78.

Sun., 17th—New Canaan Church—Near Empire, AL, on road to fork of river.

Sun., 17th—Liberty Hill Church on Highway 36 approximately 5 miles west of I-75, (take either High Falls Exit 65 or Barnesville/Jackson Exit 66) and go west toward Barnesville, Georgia. Bring covered dish.

Sun., 17th—Concord Baptist Church—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard (Calhoun County), MS.

Sun., 17th—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., 23rd—Mount Pisgah—Chambers County, AL—9:00 a.m. Central Time—6 miles south of Roanoke at Stroud, just off Hwy. 431. (Cooper Book).

Sat., 23rd—Higher Ground Singing—United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, IN. Contact: Janet Fraembs at (217)345-6873 or Marlen Rust at (812)336-2792.

Sun., 24th—Gum Pond Church—Morgan County, AL, 18 miles northeast of Cullman, AL on Gum Pond Road near Eva.

Sun., 24th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—4 miles north of Tallapoosa, GA off Hwy. 100.

Sun., 24th—Doss Memorial—Sardis Church—Morris, AL, 3 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris, AL.

Sun., 24th—Sullins School House—8 miles north of Hamilton, AL, Hwy. 49.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Midwest Convention—9:15 a.m.—Chicago, IL. Locations to be announced. Contact Ted Mercer (773)862-6477 or (773)486-7400.

Sun., 31st—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, GA. 10 miles southwest of Sylvester.

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, GA—9:30 a.m. Eastern Time—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., 7th—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., 7th—Pine Tucky Church—5 miles south of Double Springs, AL, and 1 mile east of Hwy. 195.

Sun., 7th—Sherman Baptist Church—Hill Roane Memorial, Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce, MS.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Northern Shenandoah Valley All-Day Singing—Berryville, VA. Location to be announced. Contact: John DelRe/Kelly Macklin at (606)268-0998.

Sat., 13th—New York State Regional Singing—Utica/Rome, NY area—10:00-4:00 p.m.—Location to be announced. Contact: Barbara Swetman at (315)853-5723, bswetman@hamilton.edu, or Margaret & Ron Bornick (315)853-6282, e-mail: 102147.772@compuserve.com.

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—9:00 a.m.—Hopewell Homecoming, 6 miles east of Oneonta, AL, 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport. From I-59, take Hwy. 231 North. Go beyond Mile Marker 249. Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church. Go to dead end, turn right. Church is on left.

Sun., 14th—Alpharetta, Georgia—Municipal Auditorium, Alpharetta, GA, in the heart of downtown Alpharetta.

Sun., 14th—Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church—13 miles northeast of Cullman, AL on Hwy. 69 (Cullman to Arab).

Sun., 14th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—1 mile east of Villa Rica, GA., just off Hwy. 78.

Sun., 14th—Oak Springs Church—3 miles north of Derma, MS.

Sun., 14th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church, Johnson School House, Fayette County, AL on Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 18th, Fri., 19th & Sat., 20th—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., 20th—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., 21st—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., 21st—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—near Ephesus, GA. Take Georgia 100 south to Ephesus School, go 2.5 miles on Ephesus and Roosterville Rd.

Sun., 21st—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Near Natural Bridge, AL, just off Hwy. 278 east at County Road 49.

Sun., 21st—Little Vine Church—Near Empire, AL on Oak Hollow Rd. (Walker County).

Sun., 21st—Macedonia Church—In Macedonia Community, 4 miles south of Section, AL, Jackson County, 7 miles northwest of Fyffe, AL on county road to Section.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 26th, Sat., 27th, & Sun., 28th—Old Songs Festival, Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY. Morning sings, workshops (518)765-2815.

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Shady Grove Church—3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 195. (Winston County).

Sun., 28th—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., 28th—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., 28th—Mt. Lebanon Church—Bluff Road off Hwy 107, 8 miles northwest of Fayette, AL.

July

Wed., July 1st—Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center, Cullman, AL—July Memorial Singing. First Wednesday in July.

Fri., July 3rd—(Independence Day Singing). Muscadine Methodist Church—Cleburne County, Muscadine, AL—9:00 a.m. Central Time—Take US Hwy. 78 to Muscadine, turn south on County Rd. 49, go 1 mile, church on right. Held on Friday 3rd because of conflicts with other singings.

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., July 4th—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, AL, 6 miles S.W. of Ashland near intersection of Highway 9 and County Road 5.

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

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—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., 5th—Cross Roads Baptist Church—9:30 a.m. Eastern Time—Take Hwy. 100 north from Tallapoosa, GA, turn left onto Steadman Road. Go approx. 7 miles, church is on right at the intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road.

Sun., 5th—New Flatwoods Church—Dutton, Green and Jackson Memorial—3 miles south of Nauvoo, AL and east of Hwy. 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

Sun., 5th—Ag Center at Perry Fairgrounds—Perry, GA. No lunch. Singing begins at 1PM.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Connecticut Convention—Place to be announced.

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, AL.

Sun., 12th—Hardeman Church (B.F. White Book)—Glenwood Rd., Decatur, GA.

Sun., 12th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and Boiling Springs Convention—9:30 a.m. Central Time—Oak Grove Community, north of Sylacauga, AL off Hwy. 280 to Oak Grove Community Fire Station. Turn right at Fire Station. Go to dead end.

Sun., 12th—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., 16th—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., 18th—Mt. Oak Church—6 miles northwest of Arab, AL. Turn west on county road at Discount Warehouse Grocery.

Sat., 18th—Michiana Regional—Goshen, IN. New Testament Baptist Church. Take State Road 15 south out of Goshen about one mile. Turn right (west) onto County Road 38. Church is approximately 3 miles on right. Info: Samuel Sommers (219)294-6180.

Sat., 18th—Walker County Convention, 84th 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., 19th—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., 25th—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—110th Session—Gum Pond, Morgan County, AL, 18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Rd. near Eva.

Sat., 25th—Marilou Jolly Memorial, Poway, California. Contact Carla Smith at (619)533-3181 (days) or (619)544-0432 (evenings).

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Mt. Zion Memorial—105th Session—Mt. Zion Church—10:00 a.m. Eastern Time—Mt. Zion, GA, 8.5 miles west of Carrollton, GA on Hwy. 16. Behind school.

Sun., 26th—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church, south of Hwy. 8, eight miles east of Houston, MS.

Sun., 26th—Marion County Courthouse Singing, 83rd Session—Hamilton, AL, Hwy. 54, 78, & 278.

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—146th Session—Wilson's Chapel, southeast of Carrollton, GA. Turn left off Hwy. A-27 at Cross Plains Rd. to church.

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Warrior River/Clear Creek Sacred Harp Convention, 124th Session—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 approximately 5 miles, take a right off Hwy. 168 east onto County Road 93. (Note: You will pass Friendship Church on right before you get to Old Clear Creek Church).

Sun., 2nd—Fayette County Annual Sacred Harp Singing Convention—99th Session—Bevill Junior College, Fayette, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—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., 8th—New York State Regional—Albany area...10:00-4:00 p.m...St. David's Episcopal Church, 2647 Brookview Rd., Castleton, NY. Contact: Michael Ryan (518)399-6046; Shirley Basch (518)479-1234 lbasch@global2000.net.

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—130th Annual, Henderson Community Center, S. High St., Henderson, TX. Info: John/Emmie Morris (903)898-2510. (Cooper Revision).

Sun., 9th—Macedonia Baptist Church—6.5 miles east of Haleyville, AL, and 4 miles south of Needmore, Hwy. 195, on Farm to Market Road.

Wednesday before third Sunday

Wed., 12th—Elmore Center—154th 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., 15th—Rock Creek, Mountain Home, and Ryan Creek Convention—Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Alabama—10 miles south of Jones Chapel on Hwy. 22.

Sat., 15th—Chattanooga, Tennessee Singing—location to be announced. Contact Linda Sides at (423)875-8619 or lindaj@voyageronline.net.

Sat., 15th, p.m., Sun., 16th—Sat., 2-5 p.m.—Singing School—Women's Center, 303 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA, beach social to follow.—Sun., 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Senior Citizens Opportunities, 222 Market St., Santa Cruz, CA. Contact Kathleen Marie Pouls (408)475-8885.

Sun., 16th—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., 16th—Cedar Creek Church—9 miles southwest of Cordele, GA, off Cordele/Albany Hwy.

Sun., 16th—Cleburne County Convention—109th Session—9:30 a.m. Central Time—Cane Creek Church, Cleburne County, 3.5 miles east of Heflin on Hwy. 78.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 195.

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Mississippi State Convention—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, north of Newton, MS on the Pine Bluff/New Ireland Rd. Contact Mark Davis at (601)932-9188.

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—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 US 11 and look for sign to church between mile marker 212 and 213.

Sun., 23rd—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., 29th—Young People's Singing—Held at different locations, 1998 session at Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4. Southwest Texas Singing Convention-Fall Session is yielding to this singing. (1991 Revision) on Saturday. See directions to church below.

Sat., 29th—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., 29th & Sun., 30th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Intersection of Roberts Rd. and Spalding Dr., Dunwoody, Georgia. 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). First fifth Sunday and Saturday after July 4.

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—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). Saturday session, 1998, of this convention will yield to the Young People's Singing Convention. (1991 Revision).

Sun., 30th—Lacy's Chapel—Henagar, AL. 2.5 miles west of Henagar, Alabama just off Hwy. 40. Turn at church sign. Lacy's Chapel is 0.5 mile off Hwy. 40.

Sun., 30th—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., 30th—Taylor Methodist Church—Taylor, Mississippi, Lafayette County.

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Mulberry River Convention—93rd 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., 6th—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., 6th—Clear Creek West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, AL, on Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 6th—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.

Sun., 6th—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing, Island Park, Geneva, IL (Always the Sunday before Labor Day). From 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Labor Day, Monday, September 7

Mon., 7th (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—9:30 a.m. Central Time—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.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Central Louisiana Sacred Harp Singing—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Fry Prong, Louisiana.

Sat., 12th—Southeast Texas Convention—9th 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., 12th & Sun., 13th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—95th Session—Burrirt Museum, 3101 Burrirt 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 Burrirt Drive. Contact David Ivey (205)881-5291.

Sun., 13th—Mountain Home Church—3 miles southwest of Bear Creek, AL on Hwy. 241 south.

Sun., 13th—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., 19th & Sun., 20th—Calhoun County Convention—84th Session—9:30 a.m.—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.

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—Minnesota State Convention—Minneapolis, MN area, locations to be announced. Contact Paul Wyatt (612) 698-1525 or Midge Olsen (612) 646-6441.

Sun., 20th—Hardeman Church, B. F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Decatur, GA, Glenwood Rd.

Sun., 20th—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., 26th—Aven Hall, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

Sat., 26th—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., 26th—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., 26th & Sun., 27th—Rocky Mountain Convention—New Mexico Info: Harlan and Alice Van Camp at (505) 867-6539 or Doug MacPherson: dmac@unm.edu. Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, IL. Location to be announced.

Sun., 27th—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Morgan County, AL. 18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva.

Sun., 27th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 195.

Sun., 27th—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston, Georgia. From square in Thomaston, go west on GA 74, approx. 5 blocks, turn right across RR at Hammond's Mill Rd., then sharp left on Emmaus Church Rd. About 0.3 miles.

Sun., 27th—Loosascoona Primitive Baptist Church—Air Mount, north of Hwy. 330, 11 miles west of Bruce, MS.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 2nd pm & Sat., 3rd—New England Convention—Vermont—Place to be announced. Contact Larry Gordon at (802)426-3210.

Sat., 3rd—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—6th Annual. Church is on Farmers Market 2496, 5 miles west of Mount Enterprise, TX. Info: Robert Vaughn (903)863-5379. (Cooper Revision).

Sat., 3rd—Louisiana State—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Hopper Road, Baton Rouge, LA.

Sat., 3rd—Santa Barbara Regional Singing, Goleta, California. Contact Tom or Victoria Ostwald at (805)965-4707.

Sun., 4th—Sandy Creek Church—one mile south of Flovilla, GA on Highway 87.

Sun., 4th—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, 6 miles east of Oneonta, AL, and 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport. From I-59, take Hwy 231 North. Go beyond Mile Marker 249. Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church. Go to dead end, turn right. Church is on left.

Sun., 4th—Old Sardis Church Number 1—3 miles north of Lynn, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, OH—Semi- Annual Singing. Date is not permanent. Contact John Bealle at (523)861-1137.

Sat., 10th, p.m. & Sun., 11th—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. Saturday p.m. singing is in the Cooper Book and Sunday singing is in The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.

Sun., 11th—Walker Cates and H. H. Brown Singing—9:30 a.m. Central Time—Muscadine Methodist Church, Cleburne County, Muscadine, AL. Take Hwy. 78 east to County Road 49, take right, go 1 mile, church on right.

Sun., 11th—Chestnut Grove Baptist Church—3 miles south of Ider, AL, just off Hwy. 117.

Sun., 11th—Bailey Memorial Methodist Church—Calhoun County, Loyd, MS.

Sun., 11th—Harper Memorial Singing—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, AL. Contact Pamela Keeton at (205)221-4465.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 16th p.m. & Sat., 17th—New York State Convention—Location to be announced.

Sat., 17th—Georgia, Alabama, Florida Singing Convention. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, DeFuniak Springs, FL.

Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Oregon—Sellwood Community Center, Portland, Oregon. Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school, normal singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday.

Sun., 18th—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. Bring covered dish.

Sun., 18th—Mars Hill, McWhorter Memorial—Cleburne County, AL. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst, County Rd. 35 to 49 to 65, 5 miles on left.

Sun., 18th—Reid Memorial Singing—Old County Line Church, 10 miles west of Warrior, AL, near Corner off Miller Road.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Coy Putman Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church. 3 miles east of Arab, AL on Hwy. 69 (Arab to Guntersville).

Sat., 24th—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, 3.2 miles south of Exit 77, Highway 13, from I-20 at Morton, Mississippi (Cooper Book).

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—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 Sipsev Road.

Sun., 25th—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.

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Oct. 31st—Western Ohio Schoolhouse Singing—Bluffton, Ohio.

Sat., Oct. 31st—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Off US 27 on Armstrong Mill Road, 100 yards just past mile marker #17 (2 miles south of Carroll/Heard County Line, between Carrollton and Franklin, GA.)(13 miles from the by-pass in Carrollton, GA.)

Sat., Oct. 31st & Sun., Nov. 1st—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., 1st—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m. Eastern Time—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., 1st—Mt. Ebron Missionary Baptist Church—Mt. Ebron Memorial, 3 miles west of Double Springs, AL on Hwy. 25, Double Springs to Lynn, AL.

Sun., 1st—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, 9 miles south of Cordele, GA. Bring covered dish.

Sun., 1st—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Annual Singing, south of Attalla, AL, Hwy. 11.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Blvd, Nashville, TN, between Harding Road US 70 and Harding Place.

Sat., 7th—Southern Wisconsin—Sauk County. Contact Jim Page at (608)255-6861.

Sat., 7th—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church, 1920 Gross Rd., Dallas, TX. Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 227-7976. (1991 Revision)

Sun., 8th—Oak Hill Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—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., 8th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta, GA.

Sun., 8th—Carey Springs Baptist Church—Randolph, Pontotoc County, MS.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—6th Annual. Huffsmith-Kohrville Rd., Tomball, TX. Info: Bobbie Rainoshek (713)946-1006. (Cooper Revision).

Sat., 14th pm—Cross Roads Church—9 miles north of Tallapoosa, GA. North on Hwy. 100 to Steadman Rd., turn left. Go approx. 7 miles, church is on right at intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road. Sat. before the third Sunday in November, in the evening.

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—James River Convention—Richmond, VA. Info: Stephen McMaster (804)288-1503, SLMDARIEN@aol.com.

Sun., 15th—Jones Chapel Senior Citizen Center—Hwy. 278 west of Cullman, AL.

Sun., 15th—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun, GA, Harmony Church Rd., turn right off Hwy. 156 (Red Bud Rd.) 100 yds. east off I-75, Exit 31.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—98th Session—9:00 a.m.—Birmingham, AL, Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, north of Birmingham, I-65 Fultondale Exit (Exit 266), off Hwy. 31 north. Turn east to 57th Ave., 1/4 mile, look for signs.

Sun., 22nd—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., 29th—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., 5th & Sun., 6th—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Panama City, FL, Holiday Inn (Cooper Revision).

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 13th—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., 17th—Little Branch Primitive Baptist Church—Albertville, AL, 4 blocks west of Courthouse. Junction of Hwys. 75 and 431.

New Year's Eve Singing

Thurs., 31st, pm—Wootten Family—7:00 p.m. until—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 28
 Sunday, March 29

Second Fifth Weekend Saturday, May 30
 Sunday, May 31

Third Fifth Weekend Saturday, August 29
 Sunday, August 30

Fourth Fifth Weekend Saturday, November 28
 Sunday, November 29

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

—Southwest Texas Convention—McMahan, Texas. First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later). Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas (Cooper Revision).

—Liberty Church—Henagar, AL. First fifth Sunday of year.

—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, AL. First fifth Sunday each year.

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

—Midwest Convention—Chicago, IL. First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, preceding July 4. Locations announced.

—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, Georgia. Second fifth Sunday of each year.

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

—(Saturday only)—Young People's Singing—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4. Held at different locations.

—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Atlanta, GA area. Different locations. First fifth Sunday and Saturday before after July 4.

—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) (Cooper Revision).

—Lacy's Chapel—Henagar, AL. First fifth Sunday after fourth of July.

—Liberty (McCormick) Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Third fifth Sunday of each year. Southeast of Sumiton, Alabama.

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

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Villa Rica, Georgia. Martin Blackmon Memorial Singing, last fifth Sunday in the year.

LOCAL SINGINGS

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

Alabama

Anniston: Golden Springs Community Center, Spring Valley Rd. (Golden Springs Road, turn at tennis courts. Contact Roy Nelson at (205) 237-7637; Ruth Brown at (205) 831-2227; Jeff Sheppard at (205) 492-6061. Held second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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, Bluff Road off Hwy. 107, 8 miles northwest of Fayette. Contact Larry Ballinger at (205)932-3858.

Haleyville (Winston County): First Sunday night—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church southeast of Haleyville on Hwy 195, south of church sign, two miles. In April—Idella Berry Memorial Singing. Contact Josie Hyde (205)486-5625.

Henagar: First Sunday night—October through April at Liberty Church. Contact Coy Ivey (205)657-4681, email: ively@asc.edu

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

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 10, Saturday night before second Sunday—Memorial Singing for Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church, Boldo Community, 5 miles east of Jasper, AL, Hwy 69.

Jasper: March 14—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.

Mobile: Singing School - Third Thursday of each month - 7:00 p.m. Call Bill Hogan at (334)342-4137 for location.

California

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

Los Angeles: First and third 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 third 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.

Tallahassee: Friday before third Sunday in each month except July, August, and December at 7:00 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church, 2145 W. Pensacola St., Tallahassee, FL. Call Alice Bejnar (850) 656-2027.

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 August). Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Westlake Dr. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Contact Lee Rogers at (706)795-5472.

Decatur: First Thursday in each month, Oakhurst Baptist Church, 222 East Lake Dr., 7:30-9:30 p.m. Exception: January and possibly December. Oakhurst Baptist is two blocks south of the East Lake MARTA station. From Atlanta, take Dekalb Ave. (or from Decatur, take W. Howard Ave.) to the light at Paden Circle. Turn north; Paden Circle curves around and deadends on East Lake. Turn right and go two blocks; the church will be on your left on the corner of 3rd and East Lake. Call Liz Bryant at (404)378-5424 for location/information.

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month, from 7 p.m. 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.

Kansas

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

Kentucky

Lexington: Second Sunday, September-May, 3-5 p.m. at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, 3534 Tates 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

Louisville: Third Sunday of month, 3-5:00 p.m. Vine Street Baptist Church. Contact Bob Meek at (502)893-2190.

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, 2–5 p.m. at the Ark Coffeehouse, 316 S. Main. Call Charlotte Wolfe at (734)663-0262, or the Ark at (734)761-1800.

Kalamazoo: Third Sunday, 4–6 p.m., pot luck dinner following. Call Bill and Martha Beverly at (616)382-4288, email: beverly@net-link.net

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.

Morton: Saturday night before the first Sunday of each month 6–9:00 p.m., Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, 3.2 miles south of Exit 77 off I-20 on Hwy. 13. Contact Mark Davis (601)919-0209, Lydia Hamby (601)939-1626, or Regina Glass (601)269-3635.

Pass Christian: First Tuesday. Singing school. Contact John or Brenda Merritt at (601)452-0517 for location and information.

Missouri

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

Lawrence (Kansas): First 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.

Nebraska

Lincoln: First and third Sundays of each month at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd. at 2:00 p.m. Contact Arlie Prokop at (402) 423-0015 or e-mail: arlieprokop@hotmail.com.

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.

Santa Cruz: Call (408)426-9155 for information. March, April, May. Tues: 7:30-9:00.

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

Louisville: Ohio Valley Shaped Note Singers, Louisville, Ky meet every 3rd Sunday of the month from 3-5 p.m. at Vine Street Baptist Church. Contact Bob Meek at (502)893-2190.

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: cwf2@po.cwru.edu or Virginia 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 (360)897-9545, email: KarWillard@aol.com).

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

Forest Grove: First Sunday, 3-5 p.m., 2214 16th Ave. Contact: Thalia Steward at 503/357-5056 or Elizabeth Wilson at 503/904-0893.

Portland: Second and Fifth Sundays, 3–5:30 p.m., 2915 NE 14th Ave., Portland. Call Marie Brandis (503) 287-7583.

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

Chattanooga: Contact Linda Sides at (423)875-8619 or lindaj@voyageronline.net.

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

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

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 (360)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 (360)352-7902.

Renton: Fourth Sunday from 3-5 p.m.. Contact David and Katharine Hough (425)451-0109, for location. email: tecdah1@sdc.cs.boeing.com.

Seattle: Second Sundays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Phinney Ridge Lutheran, 7500 Greenwood N. Call Jack Lofton (206) 783-4508.

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: shelley.posen@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

1997 MINUTES

The following singings: Connecticut Sacred Harp Singing Convention, July 28, 1996, and Third Annual Ebenezer Singing, Bluffton, Ohio, November 9, 1996, were received after the 1996-1997 Minutes/Directory was published. The secretaries of these singings requested that these events be recorded in this publication.

CONNECTICUT SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION Middletown, Connecticut July 28, 1996

The Connecticut Sacred Harp Singing Convention took place from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 1996 at the First Church of Christ, Middletown, Connecticut. It was preceded by a day long singing school led by Virginia Ely and open singing on Saturday. The convention was called to order by Susan Garber leading song on page 84.

The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Susan Garber; Vice Chairman - Virginia Ely; Secretary - Bonita Cartoun; Arranging Committee - J. P. Mandler; Chaplain - Peter Hanson.

Chaplain Peter Hanson offered an opening prayer. Leaders: Virginia Ely 34b; Susan Garber 267; Virginia Ely 87; Ed Johnson 347; Alan Fannin 59, 63; Karen Snowberg 49, 99; Mabel Green 45t; John Whitfield 47b, 178; Barbara Swetman 481, 299; Jim Desmond 133, 110; Bobbie Goodell 503; 174; Peter Hanson 81t, 58; J. P. Mandler 47t; Susan Garber 222, 358; Kay VanReyn 268; Eric Johnson 150, 155; Peter Hanson 479, 454; Alan Fannin 112, 82t; Karen Snowberg 447, 198; Mabel Green 24; John Whitfield 111t, 107; Virginia Neville 209, 410; Mary Neville 217, 163b; Susan Garber 200.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Susan Garber leading song on page 148. Leaders: Sarah Hines 86, 146; Barbara Swetman 73b, 39t; Jim Desmond 218, 122; Bobbie Goodell 123t, 66; J. P. Mandler 77b; Leonard Spencer 216, 442; Susan Garber 236, 183; Eric Johnson 40; Peter Hanson 51b, 64; Alan Fannin 430, 285t; Bobbie Goodell 117.

A memorial lesson was led by Virginia Ely in memory of friends who have passed away including: Roberta Adams, Joe Beasley, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Evie Duncan, Ruth Fansler, Andrew Garber, Robert Mottingdorfer, Mary Morley, Emil Schell, Betty Schell, Sue Shoaff, Joe Smith, John Snowberg, and Dewey Williams.

The sick and shut-in friends were remembered which included: Betty Burke and Margie Jenkins. Susan Garber led song on page 218, a favorite of Joe Beasley, and Virginia Ely led song on page 340.

Leaders: Karen Snowberg 547, 532; Mabel Green 63; John Whitfield 111b, 38b; Barbara Swetman 125, 168; Bobbie Goodell 313b, 186; J. P. Mandler 569b, 474; Virginia Neville 73t, 528; Mary Neville 73t, 528; Mary Neville 267, 378; Sarah Hines 497; Leonard Spencer 70b, 195; David Barron 189, 272; Sarah Hines 266; Barbara Swetman 91, 180. Susan Garber led song on page 62 as the closing song. All were invited to attend the 14th annual Connecticut Convention which took

place on the third Sunday and Saturday before in July, 1997 at the First Church of Christ, Middletown, Connecticut.

Chairman - Susan Garber; Vice Chairman - Virginia Ely; Secretary - Bonita Cartoun.

EBENEZER SINGING

Bluffton, Ohio

November 9, 1996

The third annual Ebenezer Singing was held on Saturday, November 9, 1996, and was called to order by Kathy Knecht leading song on page 49t. Chaplain Beth Huener led the opening prayer. Leaders: Brad Oglesby 45t; David Rust 38t; Beth Todd 99; Christine Guth 390; Beth Huener 66; James Nelson Gingerich 29t; Kay Bieszczad 276.

A business meeting was held. Chaplain Beth Huener was appointed to lead the memorial lesson in the afternoon.

Leaders: Charles Knecht 27; John Bealle 124; Charlotte Wolfe 168; Pat Forsberg-Smith 68b; Chris Sepic 479; Eloise Clark 46; Charles Wells 547; Virginia Benade 49b; Joe Todd 280.

RECESS

Kathy Knecht called the class back together leading song on page 277. Leaders: Alexander Knecht 29b; Beth Todd 31t; Brad Oglesby 63; James Nelson Gingerich 102; John Bealle 84; Pauline Childers 269, 546; Charlotte Wolfe 85; David Rust 81t; Charles Knecht 209; Chris Sepic 45b; Beth Huener 183; Eloise Clark 524; Joe Todd 312b; Christine Guth 179; Charles Wells 551; Virginia Benade 313b; Charlotte Wolfe 192; Kathy Knecht 178.

The class dismissed for lunch, which was served by the women of Ebenezer Church, and sang "Holy Manna" in appreciation for their work.

LUNCH

James Nelson Gingerich called the class to order leading song on page 59. Leaders: David Rust 186; Beth Todd 89; Brad Oglesby 365; Charlotte Wolfe 196; Michael Darby 291; John Bealle 455; Chris Sepic 362; John Bayer, Jr. 131t; Kathy Knecht 144; Eloise Clark 475; Joe Todd 58; Beth Huener 344; Charles Knecht 444; Christine Guth 522; Charles Wells 229; Virginia Benade 30b; James Nelson Gingerich 454; David Rust 373; Beth Todd 497; Brad Oglesby 28b; Pauline Childers 224; Beth Huener 569.

The memorial lesson was presented by Chaplain Beth Huener, and was based on Psalm 133 which deals with the acceptance, joy, and connection with one another that this joyful joining together in song brings, even when some of our friends cannot be with us. Some of the people mentioned were: Ed Huener, father of Beth Huener and Kay Bieszczad, who went into the emergency room this morning (as of the date of the minutes he is out and is fine); those in "Church Triumphant", specifically Welma Nelson; and another singer's father who is ill and whose name has been misplaced.

Leaders: Michael Darby 114; Charlotte Wolfe 504; John Bayer, Jr. 278b; Chris Sepic 452; Kathryn Knecht 388; Eloise Clark 222; Joe Todd 143; Charles Knecht 191; Christine Guth 214; Charles Wells 38b; James Nelson Gingerich 430; David Rust 225t; Beth Todd 35; Brad Oglesby 127; Pauline Childers 216; Kathryn Knecht 438.

RECESS

The class was called back by Fred Todt leading song on page 65. Leaders: Michael Darby 180; Charlotte Wolfe 47t; John Bayer, Jr. 165; Chris Sepic 268; Eloise Clark 532; Joe Todd 200; Charles Knecht 328; Christine Guth 106;

Charles Wells 47b; James Nelson Gingerich 103; David Rust 481; Beth Todd 112; Pauline Childers 480; Pauline Childers 212; Fred Todt 86. Fred Todt led song on page 62 as the closing song.
Chairman - Kathryn Knecht; Vice Chairman - Jo McCormick; Secretary - Kay Bieszczad.

MARTIN BLACKMON MEMORIAL **New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Villa Rica, Georgia** **December 29, 1996**

The annual memorial singing at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church the last fifth Sunday in the year was held December 29, 1996. The class was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 60. Elder J. J. Aderhold led song on page 56, followed by Charlene Wallace leading songs on pages 63 and 99.

The class was organized for the day by electing or appointing the following: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Elder J. J. Aderhold; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Jimmie Denney and Jan House. Myron House led song on page 113. Leaders: John Plunkett 91, 182; Judy Mincey 410, 50b; Don Bowen 229, 163; Felton Denney 186, 503; Ted Mercer 27, 521; Kenneth DeLong 225b, 560; Phillip Langley 306, 318; Wesley Haley 122, 84; Cathy White 147, 146.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Myron House leading song on page 135. Leaders: Kim Cagle 176b, 373; Helen Bryson 81b, 163; Henry Johnson 388, 30b; B. J. Harris 340, 345b; Evelyn Harris 155, 47; Raymond Hamrick 350, 495; Jeanette DePoy 369, 475; B. M. Smith 497, 273; Mary F. Smith 371, 276.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 90. Leaders: Richard DeLong 88, 375; Carlene Griffin 225; Katherine Benefield 108, 111; Lonnie Rogers 141, 348b; Everette Denney 335, 426; Jonathon Meiburg 208, 159; Ellen Walters and Mildred Patterson 145, 300; Laura Webb 358, 178; Sheri Taylor 324, 354; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Liz Bryant 501, 142; Jimmie Denney 61, 68b; Jan House 209, 313.

RECESS

The class was called together by Myron House leading song on page 175. Leaders: Ted Mercer 185; Judy Mincey 510; Henry Johnson 338; Jonathan Meiburg 112; Jeanette DePoy 569b; Liz Bryant 313b; Helen Bryson 299; Don Bowen 77b; Cathy White 196; Elder J. J. Aderhold 45, 72b; Richard DeLong 571; Phillip Langley and Geneva Prichard 532; Myron House 294; Kenneth DeLong 316. Announcements were made. Myron House led song on page 323 for the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Elder J. J. Aderhold; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

WOOTTEN NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING **Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama** **December 31, 1996**

The annual Wootten 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 82t and 31t. The evening prayer was led by Tony Ivey. Leaders: Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten 48t, 171; Marlon Wootten 59; Dewayne Wootten 111t, 348b; Levon Wootten 448b, 441; Clarke Lee 385t, 29t; Jennifer

Wootten 163t; Jeff Sheppard 99; Erika Mitchell 145b, 354b, 87; Davis Wilkerson, KeriAnn Wilkerson 354; Pam Wilkerson 572 (Cooper Book); David Lee 63, 128; Hershel Wootten 84 (Cooper Book), 47t.

RECESS

Terry Wootten called the class back to order leading songs on pages 144, 101t, and 84. Leaders: Mary Elizabeth Lee 45t, 64, 361; Vickie Mitchell 480; Keith Townson 106; Stuart Ivey and Richard Ivey 300, 306; Milton Oliver 505 (Cooper Book); S. T. Reed 344; Wayne Wootten 448t; Jeff Oliver 490, 68b; Kaila Oliver 309; David Lee and Clarke Lee 47b (walked the time).

Refreshments were served, and the blessing of the food was led by Gerald Wootten.

RECESS

Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten called the class to order leading songs on pages 32t and 203. Leaders: B. M. Smith 475, 28b; Bryan Lee 274t; Rayford Brown 503; Joseph Lee 376; Johnny Lee 107 (Cooper Book), 515 (Cooper Book); Jamie Dalton 186, 542; Syble Adams 559 (Cooper Book); Dennis George 457; Shane Wootten 385b, 56b; Richard Green and Susan Green 350; Cathy Lee and Julie Lee 500 (Cooper Book), 563 (Cooper Book); Thurman Nall 38t (Cooper Book); Jenny Wootten and Cassie Franklin 528; Shelbie Sheppard 38b; Loyd Ivey and Eloise Wootten 454, "Trusting"; Edith Tate 73t; Albert Ryals 138b, 159; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 553, 532; Phil Townson and Danett Townson 58, 518 (Cooper Book); Jenny Wallace 566; Cindy Franklin 393 (Cooper Book); Myra Dalton and Brenda Carroll 384, 383; Elizabeth Oliver and Dale Roberson 30b, 30t; Margie Smith 501; Olivia Allen and Gertha Parker 378, 36b; Tony Ivey 163b;.....HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!.....Gary Wootten and Jeremy Wootten 235; Sarah Harcrow 101t; Terry Wootten 484 (Cooper Book); Johnny Lee 41 (Cooper Book). Announcements were made. Marty Wootten led song on page 62 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Hershel Wooten. David Lee and Clarke Lee instructed those that wished to participate in the singing of the Drone.

In last year's minutes we reported that this singing was started in 1963, but since that time it was corrected, and the beginning year should be 1962.

Chairmen - Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S SINGING

Cincinnati, Ohio

January 1, 1997

The sixth annual Cincinnati New Year's Day singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Eric Conrad called the class to order leading song on page 47.

The class was organized and the following officers were elected. Chairman - John Bealle; Secretary - Eric Conrad.

Leaders: Eric Conrad 183; John Bealle 448, 569b; Eloise Clark 84, 276; Debbie Hall 284, 146; Billie Grey 48b, 49b; Fred Todt 348, 338; Rich Overturf 29b; Wendy Gilchrist 178, 335; Bob Meek 209, 64.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Marlen Rust 497, 66; Lois Hurt 79, 551; William Shetter 87, 347; David Rust 162, 186; Carolyn Craig 28, 373; Bruce Kokernot 128; John Bealle 218. Bob Meek then dismissed the class for lunch with prayer.

LUNCH

Fred Todt called the class to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Linda Coppock 542, 196; Steve Tossey 323b, 312b; Jim Coppock 198, 273; Mike Hieber 445b, 142; Eric Conrad 84, 70; Fred Todt 430, 535; Lois Hurt 306, 81b; Michael Darby 81, 201; Bob Meek 452, 40.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class to order leading song on page 108. Leaders: David Rust 42, 71; Carolyn Craig 58, 268; Claire Outten 59, 135; William Shetter 143, 163b; Marlen Rust 47b; Alvin Jose 63; Billie Grey 117, 455.

RECESS

Eric Conrad called the class to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Mike Hieber 37b, 147; Debbie Hall 474, 453; Michael Darby 350, 291; Linda Coppock 480, 236; Wendy Gilchrist 479; Rich Overturn 313, 49; Bruce Kokernot 38; Eloise Clark 46, 145b; Steve Tossey 122. Steve Tossey dismissed the class with prayer, and closed the session leading song on page 347.

Chairman - John Bealle; Secretary - Eric Conrad.

DUTCH TREAT SINGING

Shady Grove Church, Winston County, Alabama

January 5, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp Dutch Treat Singing was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County on the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - John Hyde and Larry Ballinger. Travis Keeton led song on page 268.

A business session was held to elect officers for the radio program, "The Sacred Harp Hour", at Houston, Mississippi. Officers elected were: President - Cynthia Franklin; First Vice President - Travis Keeton; Second Vice President - Larry Ballinger; Third Vice President - Lena Wakefield; Secretary and Treasurer - Johnny Humber.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 89; Dr. Doyle Williams 85, 99; Cynthia Franklin 123t, 157; Edith Tate 37b, 137; Ivaleen Donaldson 145b, 175b; Flarce Creel 229, 147; L. E. Hannah 83t, 500.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading song on page 134. Leaders: Ora Lee Fannin 212, 530; Elmer Conwill 288, 276; Velton Chafin 354t, 178; Eron White 384, 172 (for Unie B. Howard); Parnell Berry 173, 306; Ila Engle 498, 371; Emily Jones 318, 73t; Cecil Sanders 225; Gravis Ballinger 300, 34b; Lena Wakefield 47t, 546; Willodean Barton 274t, 145t.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton led song on page 68b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Josie Hyde 66, 234; Keterina Sanders 58, 454; Harrison Creel 111b, 138t, 512; John Hocutt 144, 138t, 475; Gene Wakefield 100, 56t; Gladys Bonds 57; Johnny Humber 200, 441; Mae Conwill 97, 78; Dawson Adams 328, 526 (for Rose Altha Taylor); Pernie Pelfrey and Edna Pace 312b, 31b; Cecil Wakefield 480, 491; Mertice Graham 551, 448t; John Hyde 61, 544b; Travis Keeton 297.

Kermit Adams and Travis Keeton led song on page 34t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

WEST GEORGIA SINGING
State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia
January 5, 1997

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at the Food Service Building, State University of West Georgia was held the first Sunday in January. Myron House called the class together leading song on page 109. B. J. Harris led the morning prayer. Myron House led song on page 90, and was followed by: B. M. Smith 73, 38; Charlene Wallace 105, 186.

Officers elected or appointed for the day were: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Sheri Taylor; Memorial Committee - Evelyn Harris and Margie Smith.

Leaders: Felton Denney 347, 31; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 225; Evelyn Harris 30, 332; Jan House 151, 200; Jimmie Denney 276, 155; Rita Haley 63, 268; Kim Cagle 371, 460; B. J. Harris 303, 503; Margie Smith 101, 313.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 166.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 569b, 388; Phillip Langley 480, 222; Carlene Griffin 122, 126; Everette Denney 161, 34b; Shelbie Sheppard 216, 217; Timothy Haley 46, 334; Jeanette DePoy 111b, 142; Louis Hughes 515, 410; Gene Duke 32, 119.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with B. M. Smith leading song on page 123. Leaders: Jacob Griffith 82, 178; Lisa Webb 159, 542.

The memorial lesson was held with Jeff Sheppard leading 176b and 176t in memory of: Hazel Cagle, Ola Pruitt, Lola Jenkins, Clelan Cobb, Vena Holley, Tom Harper, Herman Lambert, Buddy Tindal, Delta Wootten, William Headrick, Randolph Mincey, and Charles Dannals.

For the sick and shut-ins, B. M. Smith led songs on pages 318 and 354b. Felton Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Laura Webb 163b, 66; Judy Mincey 287, 501; Wesley Haley 361, 298; Margie Dietz 31b, 65; Teenie Moody 523, 300; Don Bowen 426, 448b; Richard DeLong 402, 513; Karen Rollins 489, 327; Louise Holland 61, 273; Bernard Denney 299, 143; Eris Muse 339, 340; Sheri Taylor 45, 358.

This singing will no longer be the Original Dutch Singing. The new name will be West Georgia Singing, with all the local people providing lunch.

Announcements were made. Myron House and B. M. Smith led songs on pages 475 and 348 for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

WILLIAM WALKER MEMORIAL SINGING
Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
January 11, 1997

The fourth annual William Walker Memorial Singing was held at Wofford College on Saturday, January 11, 1997. Harry Eskew opened the singing by welcoming the singers and visitors. Prayer was led by John Bullard.

Harry Eskew introduced Hugh McGraw to teach a brief four note singing school. Hugh McGraw led page 49 from the Sacred Harp. Harry Eskew followed with brief remarks about the life of William Walker.

The business session was held. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - John Bullard; Vice Chairman - Willie Isreal; Secretary - Charlene Wallace;

Arranging Committee - Willie Isreal. Three books were used: Sacred Harp (S.H.); Christian Harmony (C.H.); Southern Harmony (So. H.).

Leaders: Brent Holcombe 101 (S.H.), 230 (C.H.); Dr. Walter S. Hartley 178, 146 (S.H.); Sharon Kellam 71 (S.H.), 191 (C.H.); Lee Rogers 35 (S.H.); Gene Crenshaw 547 (S.H.); Henry Zittrouer 59 (S.H.); Frances Carnell 163b, 368 (S.H.); Laurel Horton 200, 48b (S.H.).

RECESS

The class was called together by Willie Isreal leading song on page 117 (C.H.), 86 (S.H.). A proposal was made by Harry Eskew to change the date of singing, due to weather conditions in January. The 1998 session will be held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Leaders: Debra Jones 159, 480 (S.H.); Perry Carnell 570, 479 (S.H.); Andy Morse 183, 57 (S.H.); Scott Swanton 32, 215 (So. H.); John Bullard gave the blessing followed by lunch at the college.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Judy Mincey leading songs on page 50 and 287 (S.H.). Leaders: Harry Eskew 8 (So. H.), 40 (S.H.); Diane Eskenasy 89, 135 (C.H.); Don Bowen 66, 32 (S.H.); Lynda Hambourger 299 (C.H.), 528 (S.H.); J. B. Parker 55b, 160 (C.H.); Jennifer Chandler and Mildred Chandler 109 (C.H.); Terry Chandler 369 (C.H.); four generations of the Parker family--J. B. Parker, Mildred Chandler, Terry Chandler, and Jennifer Chandler 82 (C.H.); Dan Huger 92 (So. H.), 339 (C.H.); Chris Berg 136, 381 (C.H.); LeAnne Carnell 180, 198 (S.H.); Steve Walker 214, 70 (C.H.); Becky Walker 81 (C.H.).

The class was dismissed with prayer by John Bullard after which the singing adjourned to the nearby cemetery and sang 341 and 62 at the gravesite of William Walker. John Bullard dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - John Bullard; Vice Chairman - Willie Isreal; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama January 11, 1997

The annual Birthday/Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo Community, near Jasper, Alabama on Saturday night before the second Sunday. Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 30t. The evening prayer was led by Elder Glenn Payne. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin; Secretary - Wanda Capps. Harrison Creel led song on 411b, and leaders were called as follows: Sherry Guthrie 340, 58; A. C. McGough 147t, 36b; Josh Keeton 108t, 111t; Lisa Belcher 142, 383; Willodean Barton 290, 314; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Shelley Capps 73t, 145b; Marie Guthrie 113, 336; Julianna Jett 146, 399; Elsie Moon and Randy Moon 68b, 166; Charles Kitchens 326, 205; Margaret Keeton 475; Cecil Sanders 225t; Lena Wakefield 144, 546; Jettie Lawson 460; Doris Talley 120.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 275b. Leaders: Betty Kitchens 89; Elvin Guthrie 482, 479; Derrick Kitchens 45t, 171; Odie Horton 403, 317; Imogene Nelms 66; Velton Chafin 229; Glenn Keeton 231, 34b; Fay Naramore, Felton Woodley, and Frank Woodley 75, "Not Made With Hands"; David Roberson 384, 220; Henry Guthery 465, 527; Gene Wakefield 168, 138t; Eldagene Roberson 216, 215; Ann Jett 269, 327; Travis Keeton 412; Wanda Capps 489, 39b; Cindy Franklin 123t, 497.

Harrison Creel led song on page 348b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Glenn Payne. The singing will be held again next year.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

JACK AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL

**Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst, Alabama
January 12, 1997**

Singing could not be held because of weather conditions.

ANNIVERSARY SINGING

**Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois
January 12, 1997**

The all day singing in celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers was called to order by Dean Slaton leading song on page 40. Chaplain Herb Schroeder gave an opening prayer. Anne Heider led song on page 28.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairperson - Anne Heider; Vice Chairperson - Kelly Brest van Kemper; Secretary - Daryl Mayberry; Finance Committee - D. J. Hatfield and Steve Warner; Memorial Committee - Wendy Wahn and John Seaton; Resolutions Committee - Marcia Johnson; Arranging Committee - Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff.

Leaders: Wendy Wahn 373; Val Dunagan 171; Daryl Mayberry 212; Jerilyn Schumacher 282; James Page "County K" (original composition).

Phil Trier was introduced as the "founder" of the Chicago group. He made a few remarks, asked those of the original group to stand, and then led song on page 84.

Leaders: Herb Schroeder 128; Pennie Thurmon 31t; Karen Hojnacki 220; Patricia Doss Butterfield 215; Gary Gronau 181; Steve Warner 114; Robert Meek 452; Kelly Brest van Kemper 73; John Bailey 270; Connie Karduck 392; Al Frank 102; Dick Dunagan 312b; Beverly Enright 455; Pierre Gingerich 117; Debbie Barford 218.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Anne Heider leading song on page 565b. Leaders: Becky Browne 269; Duran Perkins 535; Janet Borman 155; Samuel Sommers 172; Sue Kessell 304; Tony Reeves 254; Jeanette Lowry 436; D. J. Hatfield 506; Ernestine Pipkin 203.

LUNCH

The class was reassembled by Anne Heider leading song on page 319. Leaders: Jerry Enright 32b; Keith Willard 39t; Kathleen Kuiper 385; Dean Slaton 434; Richard DeLong 411; Marcia Johnson 260; Kelly Beard 250.

A report was given by the Finance Committee stating that donations made were enough to meet the expenses of the singing.

A very moving memorial lesson was given by Wendy Wahn. Readings from Job and Romans were used. "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God." "We do not live to ourselves and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord: so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

We come to this singing and to this memorial lesson each with our own faith, our own memories, and particular individuals we sing for. While we are not all

of one faith, we are of one song. It is Sacred Harp music that brings us and binds us together.

The memorial lesson is a time to remember....to bring to the front of our thought those who have died in the last year as well as those who are sick and shut-in. It seems particularly important as we come together for our Anniversary Singing. There are many who were with us during the birthing process and early years of this group who are with us no more. This memorial lesson is a time to grieve, a time to celebrate the lives of those who now rest from their labors, as well as a time to sing back to health and life those who are sick and shut-in. Sacred Harp singing is about life. The songs we sing are about life's journey, the struggles, and the hope of a better land and place to come. We have been blessed by these songs and by the fellowship of singers wherever and whenever we gather to sing. We are an extended family that spans over space and time. It is therefore fitting that we set aside time to remember those who have briefly walked with us in life's journey. Celebrations are not always happy or joyous. It takes courage to mourn, to grieve, and to share those feelings with others. In the coming together to sing, the tunes, texts, and the very vibrations touch our souls and make the grieving easier because we know we are not alone. We probably all have an image of what heaven or life after death will be. I would like to share mine with you. I picture heaven a place of great celebration, where I will once again meet those whom I have lost...and what a grand reunion it will be! They will have a form that is whole, that is healed, and there, with God, they will welcome me with open arms. And there, with all the saints, will be the great heavenly banquet. There will be singing...a wonderful Sacred Harp singing, and the pain of life will be no more. As the names of those who have died are read, our collective remembering creates a sacred moment that touches the past, and celebrates the lives of those for whom we sing.

Those remembered in death include: Bruce Mosier - Indiana; Tom Harper - Alabama; Mike Warner - California; Evelyn Browne and Edna Wilson - Georgia; Don Johnson - Colorado. Wendy Wahn led song on page 206 in their memory.

John Seaton read the list of sick and shut-in, and led song on page 103 for the following: David Fichter, Alice Kuiper, Tina Seastrom, and Caroline Kramer - Illinois; the Malloy triplets and Joseph Brooks - Missouri; Cleo Hawkins and Bernice Embry - Mississippi. The memorial lesson was concluded with prayer by Wendy Wahn.

Leaders: Regina Bayer and Emily Barford 146; Thomas J. Willard 145; Ted Mercer 216; Lisa Grayson 222.

RECESS

Anne Heider brought the class back together leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Ted Johnson 142; David Lee 278b; Nathan Barford 268; John Bayer 331; Dave Barford 480; Jim Lawrie 200; Carol Crawford 461; Suzanne Flandreau 335; Bill Hamblin 106; Petrina Patti 192; Paul Streeter 147; Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff 503; Chandler York 163b; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Richard DeLong 448; Kathy Lee 30t; Kelly Beard 347; David Lee and Judy Hauff 47b (walked time in the square); John Bayer 567; Pierre Gingrich 497; Jeanette Lowry, Charles Derluth, Jr., and Gary Gronau 475.

Marcia Johnson gave the Resolutions Committee report. Thanks were given, and acknowledgements made. Announcements were made of future singings.

The officers of the singing came forward and led song on page 62 for the closing song. The closing prayer was given by Herb Schroeder. After the closing prayer, David Lee of Hoboken, Georgia showed those that wished to participate how to

sing a “drone”. A small group stood facing each other in the center singing a tune. All four parts were represented in this center group...then in concentric circles outside that group, the basses walked one direction, a circle of trebles walked the opposite direction, and finally tenors on the outside going the same direction as the basses. Each person in his circle hummed the note of their part, walking slowly around the center singers. The object is to blend the voices into one mellow sound while allowing the voices in the center to be heard. This proved to be a very interesting experience for all.

Chairperson - Anne Heider; Vice Chairperson - Kelly Brest van Kemper;
Secretary - Daryl Mayberry.

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Marin Headlands, California** **January 19, 1997**

The ninth annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at 9:30 a.m. in the Rodeo Beach Conference Center in Marin Headlands, California. The convention was called to order by Laura Boyd Russell leading song on page 87. Jim Friedrich led the opening prayer.

Last year's officers then led: Chris Thorman 59; Jerry Schreiber 182; Rick Russell 66.

Chairman Laura Boyd Russell led the convention into a business meeting, and the class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Chris Thorman; Vice-Chairman - Carla Smith; Secretary - Pat Boyd; Assistant Secretary - Don Ward; Treasurer - Richard Rands; Assistant Treasurers - Janet Brigham and Judy Mincey. Leaders: Dottie Horn and Winston Stephens 535; Jeanne Schaffer 371; Bob Brylawski 163t; Kris Mills 38b; Tom Ostwald 504; Paul Ralston 200; Marc Weyl 300; Carolyn Deacy 456; Jim Friedrich 84; Richard DeLong 224; Catherine Callahan 209; Ken Cofield 324.

The following committees were announced: Arranging Committee - Laura Boyd Russell and Janet Herman; Memorial Committee - Carla Smith, Alice Sharp, and Shelbie Sheppard; Chaplain - Jim Friedrich; Resolutions Committee - Mary Rose O'Leary, Barbara Saxton, and David Ivey; Locating Committee - Jerry Schreiber. Leaders: Cindy Willard Danner and Audra Holt 85.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Carla Smith leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Paul Booth 198; Anita Sanders 492; Gerry Hoffman “Baltimore” (handout); David Ivey 205; Susan Helf 479; John Ostwald 126; Judy Mincey 475; George Seiler 480; Iona Singleton 159; David Ralston 191; Leon Ballinger 299; Shannon McGuire 268; Jane Campbell 236.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Carla Smith leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Jean Seiler 277; David Swarens 536; Shelly Phillips “Ruth” (handout); Sandy Klein 391; Jim Brock 354b; Ron Cohen 245. The memorial service followed with Shelbie Sheppard and Carla Smith leading song on page 327 in memory of those who had died in the past year: California - Alice Grams, David Nadel, Gail Rich, Mario Savio, Murray Biederman, Patti Benner, and Raymond Biase; Alabama - Johnnie Sue Beasley, Tom Harper, and Delta Wooten; Colorado - Don Johnson; Washington D.C. - Jeffrey Slattery; Massachusetts - Paul Tsongas; Pennsylvania - Michael Brylawski, Jere Knight, Helene Brylawski, and Madeline Hillman; Rhode Island - Velma Moore; New Jersey - William Downin; Iowa - Dorothy Brenneman; Virginia - Ellen Read Hough; Ontario, Canada - David Mackenzie Parry.

Alice Sharp led song on 61 to remember those who are sick or shut-in or otherwise unable to attend the singing: California - Leon Wilson and Vicki Friedberg; Colorado - Lydia Carlson; Oregon - Betty Chamberlain; Washington - Myesha Andrews. The singing resumed, and leaders called were: Mary Rose O'Leary 542; Joan Schwartz 155; David Brandt 40; Chris Thorman 454; David Ivey 455; Karen Willard 142; George Seiler 347. Stephen O'Leary offered the lunch prayer.

LUNCH

Janet Herman brought the class back from lunch leading song on page 114. Leaders: Ted Mercer 328; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Karen Ivey 47t; Betty Herman 442; Richard DeLong 448t; Susan Turpin 387; Leon Ballinger 269; David Hough 384; Arnold Zwicky 497; Carla Smith 421; Hugh McGuire 428; Vykki Mende Gray 202; Joanne Hoover 47b; Judy Mincey 441; Rick Russell 217; Katharine Hough 271t; Chris Thorman 474; Karen Willard 176t; Barbara Saxton and Sue Lindner 192; John Schaffer 313b; Carolyn Deacy 464; Jerry Schreiber 304.

RECESS

Carla Smith brought the class together leading song on 46. Leaders: Lucy O'Leary 448b; Stephen O'Leary 501; Janet Herman 77t; Jinx McGuire 58; Ruth Gorrin 195; Karen Stingle 254; Barry Phillips 168; Donald Klein 556b; Jane Hancock 106; Paul Kostka 122; Robert Katz 250; Lisa Ralston 196; Dan Curtis 178; Jean Reynolds 344; Richard Rands 186.

RECESS

Carla Smith brought the class back from recess leading song on 36b. Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 83t; David Ivey 83b; Karen Ivey 222; Ted Mercer 86; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Richard DeLong 385.

A business session was then held. Chris Thorman acknowledged visitors from other states. Represented were: Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.

Treasurer Richard Rands reported that convention expenses had been covered. Barbara Saxton of the Resolutions Committee thanked the following people:

- 1) Chris Thorman and Carolyn Deacy for organizing the convention;
- 2) Food Committee - Sue Lindner, Barbara Saxton, and Lisa Ralston, for organizing the dinner on the grounds;
- 3) Registration Committee for organizing registration;
- 4) Richard DeLong for leading the singing school on Saturday;
- 5) Carolyn Deacy and Alice Sharp for organizing housing for out-of-town singers;
- 6) many people, too numerous to list, who brought food for the potluck and helped in other ways.

Next year's convention will be held in San Diego.

Chris Thorman led the closing song on 62. Jim Friedrich dismissed the class with a closing prayer.

Chairman - Chris Thorman; Vice Chairman - Carla Smith; Secretary - Pat Boyd.

FOHS HALL FOUR-NOTE SINGING

Marion, Kentucky

January 25, 1997

The sixth annual four-note singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman William Ralph Paris. The first one-hour session was sung from Walker's "The

Southern Harmony” with the opening song on page 103 led by William Ralph Paris.

The Mayor of Marion, Kentucky, Michael Alexander, welcomed the singers to Fohs Hall on behalf of the City and the Community Arts Foundation.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 15, 90; Becky Browne 120, 72t; Keith MacAdam 265, 50; Bob Meek 266, 275; Jim Page 78, 83; Dan Gibbons 92, 76.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order for a one-hour session from “The Sacred Harp” leading song on page 200. Leaders: Pattie Doss-Butterfield 56b, 436; David Carlton 102, 551; Bob Meek and Jack Oliver 236; Jim Page “County K” (his own composition), 268; Sandie Scott 128, 40; Bill Shelter 198, 178; Keith MacAdam 209, 479; Laura Chipe 145t, 225t; Becky Browne 29t, 36b; Dan Gibbons 137, 300. Jack Oliver gave the blessing as we adjourned for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by William Paris, at which time the memorial lesson was given by him for Arnold Hunt of Marion, Kentucky. The song on page 66 from “The Southern Harmony” was led in memory of Arnold Hunt.

The afternoon session from “The Southern Harmony” was begun by William Paris leading song on page 80. Mr. Paris demonstrated the technique from Walker’s “The Southern Harmony” for measuring time by use of a plumb bob suspended on a string. The string has knots at specified intervals and when held at a certain knot, the meter of a tune can be obtained by swinging the plumb bob. Leaders: Sandy Shultheis 32; David Carlton 38, 164; John Ramsey 90, 44; Sandie Scott 252, 103; William Paris 89b, 24b; Jocelyn Kasper 22; Keith MacAdam 88, 48; Jim Page 67, 322, Dave Ressler 306, 167; Tim Reynolds 16, 276t, 276b; Bob Meek 324t.

RECESS

The fourth session was from “The Sacred Harp”. Tim Reynolds began this session leading song on page 192. Leaders: Dave Ressler 18 (Kentucky Harmony), 183; Jocelyn Kasper 72b, 186; Drew Foster 117; Clair Sayles 569b, 107; William Paris 89; Dave Ressler 454; John Ramsey 348, 224; William Paris 127; Drew Foster 126; Pattie Doss-Butterfield 189; Sandie Scott 475.

Announcements of singings in Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and Wisconsin were made. Elder William E. Hunt and Sybil Hunt led song on page 79, “The Old Ship of Zion”, in memory of Arnold Hunt. Elder William E. Hunt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - William Paris; Vice Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Secretary - Nancy Paris.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Ft. Worth, Texas January 25, 1997

The thirteenth annual Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday, January 25, 1997 in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. This is the sixth year that the “1991 Revision of The Sacred Harp” has been used, and it was an excellent singing with 105 in attendance. The morning session was called to order by Dr. David Music leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Gaylon Powell. After a cordial welcome to all singers and opening comments, Dr. David Music recognized Dr. Timothy Studstill as Chairman of the Arranging Committee, and Mrs. Mariah Humphries as Secretary.

The following leaders were called: Dr. William J. Reynolds 128; Judge Donald Ross 225; Barbara Moore 58; Kelly Beard 379; Floyd Screws 480; Sarah Coates 212; Leon Ballinger 217; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Byron Talbot 34b; Mary Bachmann 43; Michelle Rogan 142; Ray Barnett 294; Beverly Coates 318; A. A. Smith 67; Larry Wheat 81; Josh Rogan 215; Al Rogers 198; Kevin Powell 216; Stephen McMaster 347; Karel Wheat 312b; Diane Ross 543.

RECESS

Dr. David Music opened the second assembly by leading song on page 40.

Leaders: Bruce Coates 535; Liz Rogan 148; Myrl Jones 430; Avon Miller 242; Sharon Stephenson 418; Vivian Rogan 49b; Janice Haworth 63; Myra Palmer 436; Gaylon Powell 383; Esther Huckaby 358; John Morris 475; Reed Coates 523b; Kelly Beard 163b; Stephen McMaster 373; Beverly Coates 448; Leon Ballinger 137. Judge Donald Ross concluded in prayer.

LUNCH

Dr. David Music opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 155.

Leaders: Barbara Moore 189; Janice Haworth 73b; Judge Donald Ross 507; Floyd Screws 340; Sarah Coates 454; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Ray Barnett 408; Mary Bachmann 441; Emmie Morris 220; A. A. Smith 53; Larry Wheat 159; Al Rogers 569b; Diane Ross 497; Bruce Coates 387; Myrl Jones 300; Father Ronald Baker 360; Karel Wheat 168; Avon Miller 548; Sharon Stephenson 274; Myra Palmer 273; Gaylon Powell 236; John Morris 455. David Music presented announcements. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 84; Stephen McMaster 28b; Liz Rogan 280; Byron Talbot 59; Kelly Beard 267; Beverly Coates 313b; David Howell 312b; Gaylon Powell 143.

Dr. William Reynolds led song on page 45t as the final song then closed the session with prayer.

The 1998 Sacred Harp Singing at Southwestern Seminary was announced for January 31, 1998.

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

BALDWIN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

(COOPER BOOK)

Bay Minette, Alabama

January 25-26, 1997

Saturday, January 25

The Baldwin County Singing Convention was held in the City Recreation Hall at Bay Minette, Alabama on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Chairman J. A. Mosley opened the convention leading song on page 30t. S. T.

Reed led the opening prayer.

Leaders: A. E. Probst 65; Mattie Townsel 145b; Norma Latham 571; Thurman Nall 140, 290; J. W. Oliver 440b, 330t; S. T. Reed 271t, 569; Hershell King 395b, 535t; Wanda Gregg 40, 89t; Leola Smith 297, 185; Nancy Van Den Akker 152, 573; Bill Hogan 32t, 300; Aubrey Barfield 497, 365.

RECESS

J. A. Mosley called the class to order leading song on page 82. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 140, 543b; David Lee 383, 196; John Merritt 203, 263; Vickie Aplin 337, 122; Will Meaness 484; Cassie Franklin 508, 559; Rachel Lee 505; John Etheridge 288; Bill Aplin 466, 567; Tommie Spurlock 376, 574; Lurleen Heath 384, 222; Flarce Creel 39; Ann Jett 47, 54t; Albert Ryals 507b, 475; Harrison Creel 395b, 381. J. A. Mosley and David Lee led song on page 369, and David Lee led a prayer for the blessing of the food.

LUNCH

J. A. Mosley called the class to order after lunch by leading song on page 341. Leaders: Beulah Purvis and Wanda Fay 411, 410; Stanley Smith 296, 140, 272; Ben Patrick 470, 450; Cathy Lee 500, 392; Crystal Meanness 501; Charlene Wallace 192, 171; Carlene Griffin 170, 270; Hannah Lee 164, 511; Bryant Lee 49b; Christine Gandy 127, 348; Willie Mosley 72, 159; Bill Green, Honorary Chairman, 73t, 286b; Horace Nall 433, 516; Melissa Allured and Regina Glass 186, 182; A. E. Probst 239; Lurleen Heath 290.

Announcements were made. Song on page 377 was used for the closing song. John Merritt led the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 26

William Green, Honorary Chairman, and J. A. Mosley, Chairman, opened the morning session leading song on page 49t. J. A. Mosley led song on page 49b, followed with prayer led by S. T. Reed.

J. A. Mosley and Alice Mosley led song on page 45t. Leaders: Hershell King 204, 442; Norma Latham 54t, 567; Lurleen Heath 377b, 377t; Mattie Townsel 119, 155; Melissa Allured 447t, 447b; Eloise Wootten 299, 222; Harrison Creel 89; Tommie Spurlock 183, 402; Nancy Van Den Akker 408, 139; S. T. Reed 225t, 522; Wanda Gregg 85, 28; Flarce Creel 440b, 217; Bill Hogan 412, 146; Ann Jett 573, 503; John Merritt 566, 55; Thurman Nall 553b, 38t; Bill Aplin 67, 385; Emma Mosley 163t, 224; Ben Patrick 174, 387, 58.

J. A. Mosley announced that it was time for our memorial service. The Memorial Committee was comprised of : John Merritt, Leola Smith, and Cassie Franklin. John Merritt, who was chairman, gave a very meaningful talk regarding the meaning of "memorial" and how much our deceased singers and the shut-ins, would be so proud of the new songs that were led today. Cassie Franklin led song on page 393t, and Leola Smith led song on page 559. John Merritt led song on page 264, and closed the service with prayer.

A business meeting for the purpose of electing officers was held. The class voted to have as Chairman - J. A. Mosley; Vice Chairman - Bill Hogan; Honorary Chairman - William "Bill" Green. J. A. Mosley and Harrison Creel led song on page 228t. Harrison Creel offered the prayer for the blessing of the food.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Dana Merritt leading songs on pages 486 and 358. Leaders: Regina Glass 42, 36; Brenda Merritt 522, 478; Willie Mosley 84, 77t; William Green 404; Gennie Whitworth 136; Hershell King 343; Cassie Franklin 86, 140; Bud Oliver 73t, 145b; Aubrey Barfield 220, 186; Melissa Allured and Regina Glass 142; Harrison Creel 395b; Tommie Spurlock 358; Nancy Van Den Akker 414.

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

BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL SINGING

Jacksonville, Alabama

February 2, 1997

The thirtieth session of the Bob Burnham Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held the first Sunday in February, and was called to order by Ruth Brown, daughter of Bob Burnham, leading song on page 59. (Note: The twenty-ninth session was held in 1995, and the 1996 session had to be cancelled because of weather conditions.) The morning prayer was led by Felton Denney. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 82t and 122, followed by Margie Smith leading song on page 503.

The class organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Honorary Secretary - Nell Temple, who is unable to attend because of sickness in the family; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 142; Pearl Guier 303; Don Bowen 171; Pam Nunn 300; Jim Carnes 146; Judy Mincey 50b; Lamar Smith 36b; Daphene Causey 136; Jimmy Cates 137 (for his mother, Lessie Cates); Carlene Griffin 225t; Phil Summerlin 569b; Deborah Langley 155; Louis Hughes 347; Evelyn Harris 30t; Jimmie Denney 101t; Charlene Wallace 277; Bobby Bailey 35.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order by leading song on page 121. Leaders: Geneva Prichard 85; Milton Oliver 145t; Louise Nelson 87; Henry Johnson 68b; Lou Cotney 222; Roy Nelson 434 (for Lola Jenkins); Phillip Langley 196; Alice Edwards 73b; Felton Denney 523b; Terry Wootten 475; Liz Bryant 384.

Ruth Brown and Pearl Guier gave the memorial lesson and made reference to the memorial given at the Pacific Northwest Convention in Seattle, Washington given by Katharine O'Hara and Marcia Stedman in 1996. The words in that memorial expressed the feelings so well of many, many people, and certainly reflected the feelings on those remembered today: Clelan Cobb, Vena Holley, Milton Wallace, Hazel Cagle, Rodger Morrison, Lois Matthews, Ewell Nelson, Malone Austin, Ola Pruitt, Randolph Mincey, Allen Arnett, and Raymond Arnett. Sick and shut-in: Sandi Sensenbach, Jane Galant, Ollie Arnett, Mike Daniels, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Nell Temple, Eula Johnson, J. E. Allen, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, and Moena Denny. Ruth Brown and Pearl Guier led song on page 45t and closed the memorial with prayer. After the memorial, Ruth Brown stated that her father, Bob Burnham, died in 1965, and her son, Robert Brown, died in 1967, and asked Shelbie Sheppard to sing for her dad. Shelbie Sheppard gave a brief talk on Bob Burnham and what he had meant to her, and led song on page 400 in his memory.

Leaders: B. M. Smith 97; Helen Bryson 411; Lonnie Rogers 389; Linda Thomas 47t; Harvey Austin 335; Lee Rogers 454. The blessing of the food was given by Roy Nelson.

LUNCH

Ruth Brown called the class to order after lunch by leading song on page 63.

Leaders: Kim Cagle 186; Floy Wilder 383; Everette Denney 426t; B. J. Harris 452; I. V. McWhorter 91; Buell Cobb 138; Louise Holland 323b; Rene Greene 273; Jeff Sheppard and pupils of recent singing school 40, 49b; Liz Bryant 542; Louis Hughes 480; Helen Bryson 428; Terry Wootten 436; Charlene Wallace, Phillip Langley, and Geneva Prichard 532; Buell Cobb, Karen Moore, and Jack Moore 440; Phil Summerlin 430; Daphene Causey 451; Roy Nelson 380; Shelbie Sheppard, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 269; Lonnie Rogers 343; Floy Wilder 402; B. M. Smith 473; Judy Mincey 474; Henry Johnson 163b; Deborah Langley 299; Felton Denney 120; Lee Rogers 287; Evelyn Harris 159; Lamar Smith 76b; Pearl Guier, Jewell Harden and Floye Driskill 143.

Announcements were made. Ruth Brown, Jeff Sheppard, Margie Smith, and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

MT. HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama
February 2, 1997

The annual singing at Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February was called to order by Cecil Sanders leading songs on pages 32t and 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Pastor Stacks.

The class organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - M. H. Creel; Secretary - Flarce Creel; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Cecil Sanders 460; Gertrude Wood 137, 112; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Flarce Creel 34b, 43, 475; Gene Wakefield 100, 103, 108b; Tressie Adkins 78, 276, 422; John Hyde 111b, 297, 73t; John Hocutt 225t, 278b; David Roberson 220, 146, 490; Odie Horton 147t, 47b, 28b.

RECESS

Cecil Sanders called the class to order leading song on page 318. Leaders: Lois Roberson 300, 203; Josie Hyde 200, 186, 192 (in memory of Lola Myrtle Roberson); Marie Guthrie "Great Roll Call", 434, 411; M. H. Creel 167, 112, "Not Made With Hands".

Pastor Stacks opened his message with "This is the day which the Lord has made, be glad in it" before reading the 100th Psalm, and a short message afterwards. Sister Lilly Williams dismissed with prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

Cecil Sanders called the class together after a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all leading song on page 205. Leaders: Velton Chafin 399b, 472, 175b; Lena Wakefield 436, 480; Cassie Franklin 217, 187, 448b, 229; Ann Jett 37b, 42, 269, 327; Cindy Franklin 198, 64, 189; Billy Williams 231, 68b; Julianna Jett 59, 108, 56; Travis Keeton 348b, 343b, 383; Marie Guthrie "Great Roll Call" (by request); M. H. Creel 342 (by request).

Cecil Sanders and M. H. Creel led song on page 378b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Stacks.

Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - M. H. Creel; Secretary - Flarce Creel.

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE
Kalamazoo, Michigan
February 8, 1997

A special all day Sacred Harp singing was held in the Olmsted Room of Mandelle Hall at Kalamazoo College. Singers from Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana were among the leaders present, together with an impressive crowd of beginners and spectators.

The singing was called to order by John Fink leading song on page 47t. Samuel Sommers led the morning prayer. John Fink led song on page 49b, and called the following leaders: Warren Steel 40, 59; Zaide Pixley 47b; Pauline Childers 89. Warren Steel then conducted a workshop for beginners on the history and practice of Sacred Harp singing, in which he also led songs on pages 36b, 39t, and 87. This class was attended by many students in the Liberal Arts Colloquium of Kalamazoo College.

Return to regular singing. Leaders: Ann Werhane 100; Jerry Enright 32b; Don Garber 178; Daryl Mayberry 511; Pat Forsberg-Smith 501; Samuel Sommers 112; Warren Steel 57; Anne Heider 362; Nancy Hejna 29t; Warren Steel 280.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with John Fink leading songs on pages 155 and 186. Leaders: Kent Beck 276; Steve Warner 147t; Charlotte Wolfe 301, 128; Janet Berman 346; Zaide Pixley 183; Pauline Childers 234; Ann Werhane 117; Jerry Enright 77t; Don Garber 268; Daryl Mayberry 269, 535; Pat Forsberg-Smith 66; Samuel Sommers 528; Samuel Sommers and Pauline Childers 532; Anne Heider "Evanston"; Nancy Hejna 95b, 209.

RECESS

The class reconvened in the foyer of Mandelle Hall for the final hour of singing with John Fink leading songs on pages 146 and 215. Leaders: Janet Berman 28b; Kent Beck 86; Steve Warner 89, 547; Charlotte Wolfe 99; Barbara Van Eck 159; Ann Werhane 384; Jerry Enright 448t; Don Garber 156; Daryl Mayberry 82t; Pat Forsberg-Smith 341, 340; Samuel Sommers 358, 24b; Anne Heider 236; Susan Hoekema, David Hoekema, and Warren Steel 224.

Following announcements, John Fink, Zaide Pixley, and Warren Steel led the closing song on page 285t. Samuel Sommers dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - John Fink; Vice Chairman - Zaide Pixley; Secretary - Charlotte Wolfe.

LINCOLN BIRTHDAY SINGING

**University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, Illinois
February 9, 1997**

The fifth 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, outgoing Chairman, leading song on page 155. Rising Chairman, Samuel Sommers, led song on page 354, and Debra Barford, Secretary, led song on page 340. Leaders: Karen Hojnacki 340; Mark Miller 107; Lissa Blood 108; John Bailey 30; Petrina Patti 217; Bill Hamblin 106; Nathan Barford 268; Kathy Kaiser 313b; Al Frank 146; Connie Karduck 528; Paula Hatfield 159; Suzanne Flandreau 424; David Stockwell 178; Melanie Hauff 215. The class then organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Samuel Sommers; Vice Chairman - D. J. Hatfield; Secretary - Debra Barford; Arranging - Marcia Johnson and Lisa Grayson.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Samuel Sommers leading song on page 82. Leaders: D. J. Hatfield 208; Emmie Barford 451; Greg Harris 46; Ted Johnson 145t; David Barford 224; Warren Steel 250; Ted Mercer 266; Kathy Krug 117; Dean Slaton 500; Judy Hauff 434; Janet Borman 63; Herb Schroeder 300; Lisa Grayson 436; Marcia Johnson 218; John Greven 236; Jeremy York 34b; Wendy Wahn 501.

RECESS

D. J. Hatfield brought the class together leading songs on pages 448t and 448b. Leaders: Sue Kessell 455; Peggy Sanders 535; Sam Farwell 442; David Gardner 87; Terry Hogg 112; Jim Egge 47t; Ted Johnson 76b; Samuel Sommers 196; Karen Hojnacki 198; John Bailey 532; Janet Borman 40; Debra Barford 368; Marcia Johnson and Lisa Grayson 212.

Samuel Sommers and Duran Perkins led song on page 175 as the closing song, after which singers were dismissed.

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 - Samuel Sommers; Vice Chairman - D. J. Hatfield; Secretary - Debra Barford.

ROY AVERY BIRTHDAY SINGING
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
February 9, 1997

Elder Roy Avery began his birthday singing leading songs on pages 111t and 186, and Kim Cagle led songs on pages 155 and 176b. Elder C. V. Estes offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Elder Roy Avery; Vice Chairman - Kim Cagle; Secretary - Jenny Gurley; Arranging Committee - Jenny Gurley and Annie Lee Price.

Leaders: Elder C. V. Estes 40, 490; Daphene Causey 77t; Jenny Gurley "Great Roll Call", 340; Nell Estes 34b, 192; Jeff Sheppard 288, 120; Eugene Forbes 222, 566; Mattie Perry, Nell Estes, and Jean Payne (daughters of Elder Roy Avery) 560; Jean Payne 410t, 480; Annie L. Price 300, 297; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 110 (for Ila McGhee), 106.

RECESS

Kim Cagle brought the class to order leading song on page 32. Leaders: Bud Oliver 47t, 39b; Elder Roy Avery 186; Buell Cobb 141, 138b; Maxine Marlette 287, 438; Floy Wilder 187, 432; Sharon Whitehead 143, 112.

The class was then turned over to Elder Roy Avery for the morning sermon.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Kim Cagle leading song on page 100. Leaders: Susan Monroe 111t; Susan Monroe and Roy Avery 358; Milton Oliver 321, 137; Myrline Faircloth 436, 362; Charlotte Bishop 268, 335; Carla Smith 354b, 408.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Roy Avery led song on page 379 for Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mann, and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 365 in memory of Hazel Cagle.

Leaders: Ben Keeble 489, 47b; Kim Cagle 371, 373; Bud Oliver 145b; Buell Cobb 425, 383; Jeff Sheppard 87; Jonathon Blakeley 406, 67; Chita Blakeley 142, 189; Maudie Frederick 111b, 206; Willard Frederick 491, 39t; Kyle Blakeley 135, 126; Gavin Blakeley 49b, 128. Announcements were made. Jonathon Blakeley, Kim Cagle, and Elder Roy Avery led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jonathon Blakeley.

We would like to wish Elder Roy Avery a very happy ninety-first birthday.

Chairman - Elder Roy Avery; Vice Chairman - Kim Cagle; Secretary - Jenny Gurley.

OHIO SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Cleveland and Lakewood, Ohio
February 14-16, 1997
Friday night, February 14

The fifth annual Ohio Sacred Harp Singing Convention opened Friday evening, February 14, 1997 at Lakewood Baptist Church in Lakewood, Ohio, with a singing school led by P. Dan Brittain.

Saturday, February 15

The Saturday session met in the Cathedral Hall of Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio. Paul Foster called the class to order by leading song on page 59. Canon Gary Mitchener of the Cathedral gave a short welcoming talk and offered a prayer.

New officers were elected as follows: Chairman - Paul Foster; Vice Chairman - John Bealle; Secretary - Charles Wells; Treasurer - Virginia Benade.

Leaders were called as follows: Paul Foster 481; John Bealle 54; Charles Wells 47b; Virginia Benade 56b; Beth Todd 99; Joe Todd 373; Chris Sepic 479; Barbara Swetman 171; Walter Hartley 24b, with some additional verses not in the book; Catharine Siciliano 120; Anna Taylor, accompanied by her mother, Katharine Manning 354b; Michael Darby 312b; Lois Hurt 40; Jeffrey W. Bell 217; Connie Karduck 456; Luther Olson 299; James Page "County K" (his composition); Laura Densmore 228; Eloise Clark 313b; Katharine Manning 377; Charlotte Wolfe 47t; Dan Brittain "Scott" (his composition); Ginny Landgraf 538; Chandler York 229; Robert A. Meek 209; Bobbie Goodell 148.

RECESS

Paul Foster called the class back to order leading song on page 85. Leaders: Charles Knecht 42; Sharon Kermiet 474; Jean Seiler 530; Brad Oglesby 45t; Roland Hutchinson 250; Virginia Cameron 147b; Ted Mercer 216; Gina Balestracci 112; John Bayer 123; George Seiler 455; Kay Bieszczad 126; Peter Pate 396; Michele Biery 273; David Wright 361; Janet Shipman 198; Fred Todt 155; Christian Haller 184; Kacy Pate 38b; Chris Kermiet 324; Seth Houston 454; Kathryn Knecht 380. Canon Mitchener dismissed the class with prayer.

LUNCH

Fred Todt called the class back to order leading song on page 350. Leaders: Paul Foster "Ohio" (by Dan Brittain); Beth Todd 200; Alexander Knecht 29b; Laura Densmore 528; Richard Overturf 323; Virginia Benade 497; Laura Weber 34b; Lois Hurt 551; Jeffrey W. Bell 501; Luther Olson "Miller" (his composition); Walter Hartley 178; Barbara Swetman 188; John Bayer 68b; Connie Karduck 368; Eloise Clark 524; Robert Meek 236; Virginia Cameron 81.

RECESS

Paul Foster called the class back to order leading song on page 114. Leaders: Anna Taylor 274t; Chandler York 535b; Ginny Landgraf 163b; John Puskar 35; Charlotte Wolfe 196; Dan Brittain 444; Bobbie Goodell 218; John Bealle 80t; James Page 268; Jean Seiler 147t; David Wright 159; Kacy Pate 384; Roland Hutchinson 358; Charles Wells 96; Gina Balestracci 143; Ted Mercer 106; Chris Sepic 362; Janet Shipman 344; Brad Oglesby 133; Joe Todd 122; Christian Haller 267; Kathryn Knecht 322; George Seiler 146; Seth Houston 168; Katharine Manning 546; Charles Knecht 566; Peter Pate 572; Michele Biery 189; Michael Darby 480.

Chris Sepic led the class in a closing prayer, and Paul Foster led song on page 323 for the closing song.

Sunday, February 16

The Sunday session met in Lakewood Women's Pavilion, Lakewood, Ohio. Paul Foster called the class to order by leading song on page 72b, and Chris Sepic offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: John Bealle 46; Charles Wells 31t; Virginia Benade 49b; George Seiler 66; Christian Haller 551; Connie Karduck 212; Kathryn Knecht 151; Jeffrey W. Bell 290; Barbara Swetman 127; Eloise Clark 145b; Anna Taylor 278b; James Page 421; Roland Hutchinson "Richmond" (by William Billings); Joe Todd 337; Ted Mercer 275t; Peter Pate 51; Michele Biery 65; Dan Brittain "Steel" (his composition).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Paul Foster leading song on page 117. Leaders: Bobbie Goodell 300; Nancy Maguda 28b; Gina Balestracci 389; Brad Oglesby 192; Seth Houston 95; Jean Seiler 142; Charles Knecht 32b; Chris Sepic 24b; Ginny Landgraf 224; Michael Darby 201; Janet Shipman 268; Beth Todd

58; Chandler York 189; Laura Weber 523; Katharine Manning 73t; Alexander Knecht 346; David Wright 183; Joe Keehner, Jr. 147t.

The Memorial Committee read the names of the sick and shut-in: Alabama - Virgil and Ruby Phillips; California - Patricia Pate, Marilyn Wassall, and Rodney Willard; Maryland - John Holmes; Ohio - Josh Farthing and Tammy Webster; Virginia - Kat Kincaid. Dan Brittain led song on page 452 for the sick and shut-in.

Then the Committee read the names of those who died: Alabama - Johnnie Sue Beasley, Tom Harper, and Delta Wooten (mother of Syble Adams); California - Gail Rich; Ohio - Kevin Walters; West Virginia - Bill Heinikie. Chris Sepic led song on page 107 for those who died.

LUNCH

Paul Foster called the class back to order leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 472; Virginia Benade 45t; Kacy Pate 440; Jeffrey W. Bell 383; Beth Huener 86; Christian Haller 351; Michele Biery 186; Jean Seiler 415; Seth Houston 203; Katharine Manning 556; Janet Shipman 178; Brad Oglesby 365; Ginny Landgraf 378b; Charles Wells 547; Kathryn Knecht 184; Roland Hutchinson "Glocester" (by William Billings); Beth Todd 280; Eloise Clark 48t; George Seiler 480.

RECESS

Paul Foster called the class back to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Chandler York 165; Laura Weber 49t; Peter Pate 436; Michael Darby 334; David Wright 163t; Bobbie Goodell 287; Charles Knecht 419; Chris Sepic 63; Gina Balestracci 352; James Page 408; Joe Keehner 39t; Nancy Maguda 89; Faye Bresler 504; Lois Hurt 40. The Resolution Committee moved to acknowledge and thank the following committees and officers: Paul Foster (Chairman); John Bealle (Vice Chairman); Charles Wells (Secretary); Virginia Benade (Treasurer); Canon Gary Mitchener and Chris Sepic (Chaplains); Joe Todd (Resolutions Committee); Beth Todd (Chairman of Arranging Committee); Nancy Maguda and Jane Wells (Cochairmen of Food Committee); Bobbie Goodell and Chris Sepic (Memorial Committee); We also thank Beth Todd for hosting the Saturday night social. We thank Lakewood Baptist Church, Trinity Cathedral, and the City of Lakewood for providing meeting facilities.

The Secretary reports that the 1997 Ohio Sacred Harp Convention drew singers from 13 states. Besides singers from Ohio, singers traveled from Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. In all, there were 108 registered singers. On Saturday, 97 songs were led, and on Sunday, 75 songs were led. Over the two days there were 55 different leaders.

The Treasurer reported that we had met our expenses.

The Vice Chairman reported that the 1998 Ohio Sacred Harp Convention will be held in Cincinnati.

Chris Sepic led the class in a closing prayer. Chairman Paul Foster called the other officers to the center of the square to lead the class in singing "The Parting Hand" on page 62. Chairman - Paul Foster; Vice Chairman - John Bealle; Secretary - Charles Wells.

SANDERS MEMORIAL **Cordova Senior Citizen Center - Cordova, Alabama** **February 16, 1997**

Velton Chafin called the class to order leading song on page 32t. The opening prayer was led by Clayton Ezell. Velton Chafin led song on page 36b.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretaries - Cindy Franklin and Ann Jett. Velton Chafin led song on page 35, and the following leaders were called: Cecil Sanders 225t; Gene Wakefield 56t, 100; Keterina Sanders 460, 454; Lena Wakefield 111b, 565b; Lora Cargo 303, 566; Mae Conwill 34b, 300; Willodean Barton 82t, 145t; Cecil Gilliland 171, 389; Tressie Adkins 78, 222; J. A. Mosley 282, 341; Bud Oliver 345t, 145b, 270; Flarce Creel 42, 73b.

RECESS

Cecil Sanders called the class back to order leading song on page 294. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 475, 480; Alice Mosley 457, 345b; Cindy Franklin 123t, 120; Edith Tate 532, 343b; Pernie Pelfrey 74b; Thurman Nall 503, 523; Cassie Franklin 67, 27; Eron White 142, 168; Marie Aldridge 217, 316; Ann Jett "The Great Roll Call", "That Beautiful Land"; Corene White 314, 403; Lucy Heidorn 30t, 59.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 354t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 297, 183; Elmer Conwill 110, 396; Milton Oliver 224, 430; Larry Ballinger 119, 139; Gordon Wilkerson 434, 498; Tim Reynolds 277, 192, 146; Clayton Ezell 269; Gordon Wilkerson 380; Milton Oliver 321; J. A. Mosley 365; Bud Oliver 73t; Alice Mosley 235.

Velton Chafin led song on page 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Tim Reynolds.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretaries - Cindy Franklin and Ann Jett.

WINSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE MEMORIAL SINDING **Winston County, Alabama** **February 22, 1997**

This singing was not held this year because of sickness.

NEW YORK REGIONAL SINGING **ALBANY (EAST GREENBUSH)** **St. David's Episcopal Church** **February 22, 1997**

The singing was called to order by Shirley Basch leading songs on pages 114 and 178. The opening prayer was led by George Seiler. Leaders: George Seiler 347, 168; Jean Seiler 47t, 299; Michael Ryan 47b, 117; Dennis Leipold 48t, 297; Barbara Swetman 34b, 192; Donna Abrahams 260, 532; Lisa Timoshek "Love is Little" (shape note setting of a Shaker song), 84; Linda Delfs 31t, 400; Allen Fannin 445, 373.

RECESS

The class was called together by Christopher Wesolowski leading songs on pages 107 and 300. Leaders: Laura Densmore 86, 228; Diane Mennella 326, 488; P. Dan Brittain 131b, 138t; George Seiler 183, 352; Jean Seiler 497, 492; Michael Ryan 163t, 454; Shirley Basch 569, 146; Dennis Leipold 110, 345b; Barbara Swetman 203, 163b; Donna Abrahams 452, 344; Linda Delfs 46, 59.

LUNCH

Michael Ryan opened the afternoon session leading song on page 102. Leaders: Allen Fannin 68b, 30t; Lynne deBenedette 49b, 200; Laura Densmore 236, 504; Diane Mennella 336, 456; P. Dan Brittain 43, 304; Brenda Pena 123t, 341;

George Seiler 209, 480; Jean Seiler 474, 455; Shirley Basch 191, 147t; Michael Ryan 53, 181; Dennis Leipold 35, 99.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Barbara Swetman leading songs on pages 312b and 481. Leaders: Donna Abrahams 180, 294; Linda Delfs 306, 475; Allen Fannin 112, 196; Lynne deBenedette 40, 159; Laura Densmore 90, 198; Diane Mennella 448t, 122; P. Dan Brittain 278b, 375; Brenda Pena 73b, 460.

Michael Ryan closed the singing leading songs on pages 272 and 267. The class was dismissed with prayer by the Reverend Ezra Pickup.

Cochairmen - Shirley Basch and Michael Ryan; Secretary - Linda Delfs.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - WASHINGTON **Sunset Hill Community Club, Seattle, Washington** **February 22-23, 1997**

The sixth annual Pacific Northwest Convention - Washington was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before of February in Seattle, Washington at the Sunset Hill Community Club. This was our first two-full-days convention, and the first of the "Pacific Northwest Convention - Washington" conventions. The Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singers are now also sponsoring a "Pacific Northwest Convention - Oregon" which will be held annually on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October.

Saturday's events began at 9:30 a.m. with a singing school taught by Mr. Buell Cobb, Jr. from Birmingham, Alabama. The content of the school was directed mainly at intermediate level singers and was illustrated throughout with recordings of Sacred Harp singers from as early as the 1930s and as recently as 1995.

LUNCH

Chairman David Hough called the class together leading song on page 59. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Joanne Hoover 66; Jim Friedrich 344; GaryLee Johnson 455; John Kellerman 178; Cindy Willard Danner 85; Bruce MacDonald 377; Jeanne Schaffer 213b; Craig Harris 41; Anne Huckins 313b; Craig Brandis 58; Bruce Rowland 91; Reed Schilbach 324; Kate Moore 268; Marie Brandis 99; Ken Cofield 269; Sandy Hill 504.

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Karen Stingle 198; Jacob Priestly 102; Linda Finney 254; Midge Harder 211; Kathy Vlach 361; John Schaffer 174; Katharine Hough 114; David Hough 475; Susan Helf 163b; Jack Lofton 454; Jinx McGuire 473; Hugh Bill McGuire 394; Arlene Cavanaugh 383; Karen Willard 53; Paul Booth 143.

RECESS

Katharine Hough brought the class to order leading song on page 569. Leaders: Carla Smith 153; Darlene Simpson-Brown 49b; Craig Brandis 141; Cindy Willard Danner 128; Joanne Hoover 72b; Jeanne Schaffer 369; Jim Friedrich 122; Karen Stingle 183; John Schaffer 350; Ann Huckins 65; Sandy Hill 30b; Jack Lofton 73; Bruce MacDonald 112; Marie Brandis 34b; Craig Harris 515; Paul Booth 180; Carla Smith 74b; Reed Schilbach 61; Jacob Priestly 133; GaryLee Johnson 146; Ken Cofield 327. Chairman David Hough led the closing song on page 414b. Jim Friedrich offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 23

The class was reassembled on Sunday morning by Chairman David Hough leading song on page 101t. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Ken Cofield 71; Jerry Schreiber 66; Darlene Simpson-Brown 548; Susan Helf 299;

Hardin King 155; Kathy Vlach 84; Bruce Rowland 551; Buell Cobb 131b; Jinx McGuire 117; Kate Moore 481; Reed Schilbach 312b; Craig Brandis 195; Jim Friedrich 347; Arlene Cavanaugh 532; Sandy Hill 86; Jack Lofton 31t; Carla Smith 440; Katharine Hough 378b; Joanne Hoover 40.

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class to order leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Rodney Willard 49b (using words from 171); Shannon McGuire 107; Midge Harder 52t; Marcia Cutler 410t; Jean Murphy 380; John Schaffer 352; Marie Brandis 344; Anne Huckins 503; Gerald Currents 63; Linda Finney 504; Marcia Stedman 209; Jacob Priestley 277.

Memorial Lesson: Buell Cobb spoke of the many good friends and fellow singers we have lost this year, and drew our attention, in particular, to the words as we sang 83t for: Bonnie Ashley, Hazel Cagle, Jimmy Causey, Delta Wootten, and Tom Harper - Alabama; Janice Mae Nelson - Washington; Don Johnson - Colorado; Jeffrey Foster Slattery - Virginia; Quay Smathers - North Carolina; Chris Whiting - United Kingdom; Ken Arkin, Patti Benner, Delbert Dick, Joyce Fisher, Herbert Buckingham Khanty, Mabel Charlotte Smith, and Mary Southern. Craig Brandis led song on page 163b for the deceased.

Darlene Simpson-Brown led 73b for the following sick and shut-ins: John Andrist, Catherine Cessa, Betty Chamberlain, Audrey Karabinus, Dario Landazuri, Elizabeth Mills, Marilyn Osterman, Clara Parsons, Barry Sullivan, and Melvin Thompson.

Leaders: Hugh Bill McGuire 119; David Hough 29; Gary Plouff 567; John Kellerman 106; Cindy Willard Danner 159; Jeanne Schaffer 295; Karen Stingle 273; Jane Campbell 479; James Brock 354b; Suzanne Denker 385b; Craig Harris 566; Anita Landess 358. Craig Brandis offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: David Hough 480; Jean Marcotte 196; Midge Harder 114; Joanne Hoover 313; Hugh Bill McGuire 286; Carla Smith 236; Sandy Hill 99; Gary Plouff 42; Craig Brandis 386; Jean Murphy 45t; Katharine Hough 442; Linda Finney 455; Helen Graham 82t; Jacob Priestley 324; Susan Helf 189; Anne Huckins 56b; Shannon McGuire 47b; Jack Lofton 362b; Arlene Cavanaugh 164; Karen Willard 160b; Ken Cofield 192.

RECESS

Leaders: Buell Cobb 74; Paul Robinson 151; John Kellerman 47t; Anita Landess 68b; James Brock 184; Gerald Currents 178; Jean Schaffer 294; Cindy Willard Danner 85; Karen Stingle 340; Marcia Stedman 146. Business session.

For the Resolutions Carla Smith said, "We would like to offer our thanks to:

- 1) our Creator, who has given us the gift of music and the gift of friendship;
- 2) the visitors who came from all over the country to lend their voices to the singing;
- 3) the local singers who hosted the out-of-towners, who cooked for us, drove us around, and saw to our needs so well;
- 4) the officers and committees who organized the singing so effectively;
- 5) the keyer and the front bench tenors for their hard work to make this a good singing;

6) and most importantly, to Buell Cobb, our singing master, who took time out of his busy schedule to travel farther away from home than he has ever been, to share the wealth of his experience with us and lend his fine voice to the singing". David Hough led song on page 62, and all who wished took the parting hand.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Jim Friedrich.

Chairman - David Hough; Secretary - Kathy Vlach.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia
February 23, 1997

The twenty-fourth session of the Social Harp and Sacred Harp singing was held at 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 Sacred Harp (S.H.) session was held in the afternoon.

The class was called to order by John Garst leading song on page 59 (S.H.).

David Grant led the morning prayer. John Garst then led song on page 570 (S.H.) followed by John Hollingsworth leading songs on pages 86 and 88, and Charlene Wallace leading songs on pages 89 and 159.

The class was organized by re-electing the following officers: Chairman - John Garst; Vice Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Lee Rogers and Judy Mincey.

Leaders: Sharon Kellam 216, 98; Billy Hollingsworth 237, 17; Margie Dietz 60, 186; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347 (S.H.), 32 (S.H.); John Puckett 71, 53; David Grant 182, 250; Bruce King 173, 156; Don Bowen 87, 194; Richard DeLong 31, 154.

RECESS

John Garst called the class together leading song on page 51. Leaders: Dan Bailey 84 (S.H.), 117 (S.H.); Pattie Cullins 490 (S.H.), 480 (S.H.); Henry Zittrouer 143 (S.H.), 108 (S.H.); Martha Ann Stegar 38, 155; Louis Hughes, Sr. 515 (S.H.), 31 (S.H.); Tim Meeks 358 (S.H.), 236 (S.H.); Margaret Aigner 65 (S.H.); Bobby Bailey 79 (S.H.), 274b (S.H.); Hugh McGraw 34; Steve Meeks 318 (S.H.), 340 (S.H.); Laura Akerman 532 (S.H.), 354b (S.H.).

LUNCH

The afternoon session from the Sacred Harp opened with John Hollingsworth leading song on page 196. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Jr. 569b; Bruce King 454, 47b; Sharon Kellam 160b, 61; Dan Bailey 114, 66; Margie Dietz 101, 100; John Puckett 127, 182; Richard DeLong 109, 417; Laura Akerman 235, 146; David Grant 240, 543; Billy Hollingsworth 254, 186; Henry Zittrouer 68b; Bobby Bailey 421, 45; Judy Mincey 497, 50b; Martha Ann Stegar 306, 47; Don Bowen 503, 225; Louis Hughes, Sr. 448b, 410; John Garst 294 (by request).

After announcements, John Garst led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Hugh McGraw.

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

DUKE MEMORIAL SINGING
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - Heard County, Georgia
Saturday, March 1, 1997

The Duke Memorial Sacred Harp Singing met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County on Saturday, March 1, 1997. The class was called to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Felton Denney. Everette Denney led song on page 34b. Leaders called were: Lonnie Rogers 75, 33b, 112; Josephine Denney 32, 101t.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Jimmie Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee - Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Everette Denney 335; Jimmie Denney 68b, 313t, 168; Bobby Bailey 35, 117, 421; Jane Wells 145t, 178; Henry Johnson 388, 30b, 338; Margie Smith

119, 426t, 405; Jimmie Denney 276, 63; Roy Nelson 176t, 331, 145b; Charles Wells 49b, 84; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 333, 334; B. M. Smith 503, 225t, 475; Louise Nelson 145t; John Plunkett 341, 91; Jeff Sheppard 434, 432, 174 (for Daphene Causey).

LUNCH

Everette Denney called the class together leading songs on pages 270 and 490. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 123t, 155; Cindy Franklin 317b, 399b, 312b; Felton Denney 299, 120, 31t; Cassie Franklin 47b, 67, 349; Lloyd Toney 100, 82; Jane Wells 268, 186; Bobby Bailey 339, 297; Charles Wells 569b, 551; John Plunkett 142, 34t; Henry Johnson 159, 49t; Cassie Franklin 167, 358.

Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Jimmie Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney.

MARTHA HARPER NIX - LEWIS KEETON MEMORIAL New Flatwoods Church - Nauvoo, Alabama - Walker County March 2, 1997

The eighty-second annual Sacred Harp Memorial singing was called to order by Ronald Gilmore leading songs on pages 32t and 36b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Ronald Gilmore led song on page 73t.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Ronald Gilmore; Secretary - Lena Keeton Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Glenn Keeton.

Leaders: John Hyde 103; Edith Tate 35, 37b; Travis Keeton 387 (in memory of his grandfather, Lewis Keeton), 382 (in memory of Martha Harper Nix); Josie Hyde 39b, 297 (for her husband, John Hyde); John Hocutt 30t, 31b; Lena Keeton Wakefield 129 (in memory of her brother, Alvin Keeton), 99 (in memory of her grandfather, Lewis Keeton, and for her brother Leonard Keeton who is present); Joshua Keeton 189, 108t; Keterina Sanders 290, 460; Gravis Ballinger 300, 34b; Ila Ingle 441, 442 (in memory of her father, Tom Harper); Parnell Berry 371, 208.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Lewis Gilmore leading songs on pages 34t and 376 (for his wife Estelle Gilmore). Leaders: Flarce Creel 384, 299; Larry Ballinger 112, 338 (in memory of Mrs. Haley Armstrong, whose funeral is today); Willie Mae Moon 48t, 217 (for Mae Seymour who is unable to attend); Earl Ballinger 155, 187; Warren Steel 131t, 411; Mae Conwill 154, 81t (for Estelle Napier who is unable to be here); Harrison Creel 111b, 342; Cecil Sanders 390, 569 (in memory of his parents); Willodean Barton 391, 314 (in memory of Uncle Tom Harper); Elmer Conwill 44, 179; A. C. McGough 147t (for his wife, Bernice McGough), 475; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 421 (for Dovie Jackson, Maxine Keeton who is in the hospital, and Clarence Dutton who is present).

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 535 and 64. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 56t, 108b; Alene Woodley 399b, 83t; Odie Horton 159 (for Amanda Denson who is unable to attend), 200, 284; Beatrice Brewer 373; Flora Otwell 47t, 47b; Dovie Jackson 319, 170.

Ronald Gilmore led song on page 46 for the closing song, and invited everyone to come back next year. The closing prayer was led by Odie Horton.

Chairman - Ronald Gilmore; Secretary - Lena Keeton Wakefield.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL
Ephesus, Georgia
March 2, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers convened at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 37b and 39b. The morning prayer was led by Elder Homer Benefield. Felton Denney led songs on pages 72b and 48t.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Karen Rollins; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Margie Smith and Mary Florence Smith.

The mayor of Ephesus, Denney Rogers, welcomed everyone to the community and especially to this day of singing.

Leaders: Denney Rogers 318; Karen Rollins 143, 34b; Margie Smith 501; Kim Cagle 32t, 36b; Felton Denney 503; Katherine Benefield 101t, 111t; Jan House 209, 200; Eloise Avery 108t, 426b; G. W. Rogers, Jr. 40, 294; Louis Hughes 39t, 480; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Tokey Boggs 204, 569.

RECESS

B. M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 497. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 76b, 485; B. J. Harris 452, 303; Pearl Guier 127, 49t; Lamar Smith 343; Myron House 178, 191; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Louis Hughes, Jr. 276, 235; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Milton Oliver 224; Cindy Franklin 362, 189; Homer Benefield 56t; Bobby Bailey 35, 159; Alice Edwards 73b, 104. B. J. Harris offered prayer for the food to be served at the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers called the class back to order after lunch by leading song on page 345t. Leaders: Laura Webb 358; Bill Green 481; Jeff Sheppard 91, 371.

Mary Florence Smith and Karleen Williams gave the memorial and remembered the following deceased: Ed Latham, Jimmy Causey, Bonnie Ashley, Rodger Morrison, Vena Holley, Delta Wootten, Lola Jenkins, Buddy Tindal, Clelan Cobb, Milton Wallace, Tom Harper, Irvin Creel, Herman Lambert, Tommy Creel, William Headrick, Hazel Cagle, Otis Nall, Arthur Beckett, Leamon Todd, and Glover Nichols. The Rogers children led song on page 340 for Jimmy Causey. Felton Denney led song on pages 348b and 448b for all the other deceased. Louis Hughes led songs on pages 146 and 129 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Lamar Smith.

Leaders: Laura Williams 87; Carlene Griffin 225t; Henry Johnson 68b; Sheri Taylor 227, 142; Henry Guthery 304; Judy Mincey 344; Jimmie Denney 100; Eris Muse 405; Don Bowen 475, 474; Phillip Langley 436; Everette Denney 489, 119; Liz Bryant 354, 442; Louise Holland 273, 441; Gene Duke 145t, 147t. Announcements were made. A collection of \$63.75 was given. Lonnie Rogers and B. M. Smith led song on page 137 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Reverend Loyd Toney.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

GILLILAND AND BROTHERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Boaz, Alabama
Saturday, March 8, 1997

The Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing was held at Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in March, and was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Elder J. O. Handley. Cecil Gilliland led songs on pages 74b and 134.

A business session was held and the following officers elected: Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Helen Lambert.

Carmon Brothers led song on page 65 and "That Beautiful Land". Leaders: Helen Lambert 285t, 166, 441; Hershell King 460, 426; Rhoda Norris 317, 145b; Henry Johnson 388, 68b; Martha Woodard 335, 111t; Lamar Smith 343, 76b; Linda Thomas 32t, 345b; Virgil Phillips 137, 475.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 273. Leaders: Henry Johnson 454 (in memory of Luther Miller); Ella Ruth Chamblee 569b; Woody Brothers 490, 75; Pam Sims and Austin Sims 127, 164; Velton Chafin 225t, 34; Willowese Malone 147t, 354b; Steven Lambert 147b, 175; Larry Lambert and Steven Lambert 332, 410t; Carmon Brothers 406 (requested by Avie and Eugene Blackwood). Virgil Phillips requested the class to sing "Brown".

LUNCH

Cecil Gilliland called the class back after lunch by leading song on page 155. Leaders: Eugene Blackwood 112, 100; Henry Johnson 49t; Lamar Smith 36b; Steven Lambert 120; Rhoda Norris 384; Martha Woodard 340; Carmon Brothers 45t; Ette Miller 146; Velton Chafin 49b, 278t; Hershell King 544; Ella Ruth Chamblee and Helen Lambert 490; Woody Brothers 480; Larry Lambert 410b.

Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer by Velton Chafin.

Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Helen Lambert.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION
St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri
March 8-9, 1997

Saturday, March 8

The twelfth annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 1997, at St. John's United Church of Christ near Pinckney, Missouri by Chairman Dan Gibbons leading song on page 29t. Chaplain Dave Ressler led the morning prayer.

Dan Gibbons led song on page 23 in the newly set Missouri Harmony booklet (hereafter designated as MH), and turned the proceedings over to the arranging committee. Leaders: Dave Ressler 171; Jeanette Lowry 430; Ann Leckie 566; Jerry Enright 16 (MH); Pattie Doss-Butterfield 46 (MH); Dick Dunagan 344; Janet Borman 178; John Bailey 340; Jenny Willard 385; Tim Reynolds 86; Melanie Hauff 38 (MH); JoDell Albi 480; John Ramsey 98; Laura Akerman 198; Charlie Derleth 155; Judy Mincey 27 (MH).

RECESS

Chairman Dan Gibbons called the class to order by leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Karen Isbell 8 (MH); John Bayer 417; Sandie Scott 117; Don Bowen 282; Kathleen Thro 383; Bud Oliver 73t; Janet Fraembs 475; John Hooker 433; Elene Stovall 99; John Uhlemann 168; Flarce Creel 460; James Page 2 (MH); Paula McGray 201; Bob Meek 236; Jim Solheim 218; Ann Jett 269; Keith Willard 278; Joan Aldridge 454; Lee Steinmetz 494; Cassie Franklin 442; Dean Slaton 434; Jan Ketelle 13 (MH); Presley Barker 54 (MH); Val Dunagan 291; Susan Green 474; Gary Gronau 20 (MH).

Chaplain Dave Ressler offered a blessing, and the class was dismissed for dinner.

LUNCH

Chairman Dan Gibbons called the class together leading song on page 203.

Leaders: Ted Johnson 89; Edith Tate 532; Donna Latifa 29b; S. T. Reed 220; Liz Bryant 384; Martin H. Creel 111b; Judy Hauff 536; Milton Oliver 224; Bill Carlson 132; Cindy Franklin 362; Marcia Johnson 288; Bob Meek 68b; Paula McGray 377; John Bayer 165; Elene Stovall 556; Rebecca Browne 299.

RECESS

Chairman Dan Gibbons reconvened with song on page 313b. Leaders: John Ramsey 250; Ann Jett and Cindy Franklin 327; James Page 52 (MH); Melanie Hauff 421; Tim Reynolds 173; Lila Leland 397; Susan Green 35; Keith Willard 74b; Janet Fraembs 335; Cassie Franklin 368; Jeanette Lowry and her grandmother 178.

RECESS

The class was called to order after recess by Dan Gibbons leading song on page 215. Leaders: Bud Oliver 39b; Liz Bryant 12 (MH); Don Bowen 225t; Joan Aldridge 276; Jerry Enright 216; Edith Tate 76b; Judy Mincey 503; Marcia Johnson 440; Rebecca Browne 300.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Bob Meek.

Sunday, March 9

The Sunday session of the twelfth annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at St. John's United Church of Christ at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Dan Gibbons leading song on page 128. Chaplain Dave Ressler led the morning prayer.

Chairman Dan Gibbons led song on page 9 in the Missouri Harmony booklet, and turned the convention over to the arranging committee.

The following leaders were called: Marsha Kostman 34b; Bill Ellason 59; Pattie Doss-Butterfield 348b; Dave Ressler 24 (MH); Karen Isbell 20 (MH); JoDell Albi 122; Philip Alderman 87; Jeanette Lowry 411; John Uhlemann 40 (MH); Ann Leckie 142; Charlie Derleth 99; Joe Douglas 148; Sandie Scott 268; Rebecca Green 84; John Hooker 145; Laura Akerman 532; Lila Leland 569; Ted Johnson 378.

RECESS

Chairman Dan Gibbons called the class to order with song on page 47b. Leaders: Judy Hauff 187; Dick Dunagan 441; Flarce Creel 475; Wendy Hoffman 373; Milton Oliver 321; Jenny Willard 297; Martin H. Creel 530; Dean Slaton 361; Val Dunagan 294; S. T. Reed 298; John Bailey 448b; Jan Ketelle 436; Berkley Moore 435; Ann Jett 546; James Page 56 (MH); Liz Bryant 32b; Bud Oliver 270; John Bayer 125; Melanie Hauff 318.

The Memorial Lesson was led by Cindy Franklin and Keith Willard. Cindy Franklin led for the deceased, saying that "at this time we pause to remember singers and lovers of Sacred Harp music who have passed away or are sick and cannot be with us at this time. It is a time of sorrow and joy. We find comfort in time of sorrow by reading from II Corinthians 1:3-5. We find joy in singing,

worshipping God through song, and fellowship among friends we meet and sing with from time to time.” She then read the names of the deceased: Megan Phillips and Larry Hale - Tennessee; Hazel Cagle, Bonnie Ashley, Jimmy Causey, Tom Harper, Tommy Creel, Dillie Creel Harris, Elder Bernard Moon, Elder Clydus Moon, Buddy Tindal, Rodger Morrison, Lola Jenkins, Lola Myrtle Roberson, and Haley Armstrong - Alabama; Don Scott - Arizona; Charles Derleth, Mary Derleth, and Virginia Voss - Missouri; Evelyn Browne - Georgia. After reading the names, Cindy Franklin led songs on pages 37b and 146.

Keith Willard read the words to 348b, and said that he had learned to live now, today, and not wait for the future. The present is all that is important to those on the list, and we should hasten to support them. He then read the names of the sick and shut-in: Lawrence Underwood, Kim Cagle, Marie Aldridge, Hadyn Creel, Mae Seymour, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Mavis Price, Elvin Guthrie, Amanda Denson, Freeman Wootten, Vernice Calvert, and Essie Calvert - Alabama; Joseph Brooks - Missouri; Beatrice Ezell - Tennessee; Art Kirk - Florida; Pauline Childers - Michigan; Jerry Sheppard and I.V. McWhorter - Georgia. Keith Willard led the song on page 68b. Rebecca Browne closed the memorial lesson in prayer.

Leaders: Gary Gronau 7 (MH); Elene Stovall 528; Paula McGray 215. Chaplain Dave Ressler led the blessing, and the class was dismissed for dinner.

LUNCH

Chairman Dan Gibbons called the class to order leading song on page 42.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 290; Don Bowen 426t; Judy Mincey 34 (MH); Edith Tate 371; Jerry Enright 77t; Cassie Franklin 217; Tim Reynolds 352; Marcia Johnson 163t; Keith Willard 274t; Judy Hauff 275t; Milton Oliver 343b; Thomas Willard, Lonnie Hoffman, and Hans Bayer 145b; Val Dunagan 385b; Martin H. Creel 512; JoDell Albi 372; S. T. Reed 425; Rebecca Browne 304; Karen Isbell 347.

Chairman Dan Gibbons called for announcements; Chaplain Dave Ressler led the closing prayer; and the convention closed with page 62, “Parting Hand”.

Chairman - Dan Gibbons; Vice Chairman - Gary Gronau; Secretary - Rebecca Browne.

OXFORD CITY HALL **Oxford, Mississippi** **March 9, 1997**

The seventeenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Warren Steel leading songs on pages 48t and 126. Mark Davis led the morning prayer. Mark Tew led songs on pages 108b and 36b.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel; Arranging Committee - Mark Davis and Elmer Conwill.

Leaders: Anne Steel 318, 107; Mel Kersey 47b, 47t; John Van Horn 209, 306; Lisa Davis 217, 528; Regina Glass 117, 201; Bob Cook 46, 457; Cecil Sanders 475, 225t; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57; Chris Bell 384, 546.

RECESS

Warren Steel called the class together leading song on page 392. Leaders: Travis Keeton 388, 179; Lena Wakefield 371, 498; John Hyde 63, 73t; Ila V. Ingle 500, 530; Mae Conwill 358, 294; Josie Hyde 269, 434; Margaret Keeton 276, 29t; Keterina Sanders 454, 460.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Davis leading song on page 122. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 411, 396; Dorothea McCowan 344, 304; Ann Ballard 100, 512; Ron Nurnberg 339, 335.

Warren Steel led song on page 338 in memory of singers deceased since last year, including Tom Harper, Lola Roberson, Halie Armstrong, and Janice Nelson.

Leaders: Hugh Bill McGuire 133, 200; Nellie Davis 45t, 119; Clarice Thompson and Becky Morgan 61; Mark Tew 406; Mark Davis 189; Gene Wakefield 136; Chris Bell 30t; Lena Wakefield 124; John Hyde 297; Ila V. Ingle 112; Josie Hyde 234; Elmer Conwill 101t; Dorothea McCowan 196; Ann Ballard 284; Mel Kersey 503; John Van Horn 236; Nan Johnson 40; Dustin McCowan 30t; Kurt Davis 345t.

Following announcements, Warren Steel led the closing song on page 69t, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Hugh Bill McGuire.

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

STEPHENSON, WALL, HOCUTT MEMORIAL
Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church - Boldo, Alabama
March 15, 1997

The annual Stephenson, Wall, Hocutt Memorial was held Saturday night before the third Sunday in March, and Velton Chafin began the singing by leading song on page 32t. The evening prayer was led by Elder Ronald Gilmore.

The class organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Velton Chafin led song on page 35. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 512; Josh Keeton 30t, 111b; Odie Horton 81t, 503; Lena Wakefield 122, 475; Lora Cargo 75, 298; Flarce Creel 299, 389; Gene Wakefield 103, 100; Willodean Barton 290, 373; Betty Kitchens 379, 64; Cassie Franklin 49b, 316; Doris Talley 89, 108t; Charlotte Langley 217; Edith Tate 155, 167; Pernie Pelfrey 83t, 147; Cindy Franklin 551, 399b; Elsie Moon and Randy Moon 146, 73b; Ann Jett 340, 495; Travis Keeton 141, 402; John Hocutt 317b, 72b; Glenn Keeton 523b, 358; Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 111t, 378b; John Woodley 139; Harrison Creel 348b, 342.

John Hocutt and Velton Chafin led song on page 93 for the closing song. 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 16, 1997

No minutes were recorded on this singing.

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

WALL MEMORIAL SINGING - GLENCOE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Glencoe, Alabama (near Gadsden)

March 16, 1997

The annual Wall Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Glencoe Senior Citizen Center on the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading songs on pages 32t and 59. The morning prayer was led by Billy J. Harris.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 31b; Hershell King 112, 80b; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 560; Freeman Wootten 283; Linda Thomas 43; Marshall Avery 159, 106; Martha Woodard 335; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 275b, 300; Jenny Gurley 340, 143; Lloyd Ivey 47t, 426t; Leola Smith 318; Allison Ivey 134, 460; B. J. Harris 490, 503.

RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class to order leading song on page 42.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 87, 101t; Shelley Capps 100; Shelley Capps and Cassie Franklin 405; J. A. Mosley 282; Judy Mincey 198; Don Bowen 178, 66; Genny Whitworth 120; Norma Latham 78; Kyle Blakeley 313t, 31t; Henry Johnson 338; Pearl Guier 49t, 40; Everette Denney 72b, 186; Edith Tate 73t; Thurman Nall 34b; Hazel Brothers 145b; Bill Green 423; Rhoda Norris 276; B. M. Smith 273, 284 (for Margie Smith). A prayer for the blessing of the food was given by Elwin Thomas.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver brought the class to order after lunch by leading song on page 155.

Leaders: Terry Wootten 359, 129; Evelyn Harris 146; Lamar Smith 36b; Gavin Blakely 128; Flarce Creel 475; Jewel Wootten 384; Eugene Forbes 566, 480; Wanda Capps 411; Jeff Sheppard 236; Eloise Avery 39b, 35; Chita Blakeley 542, 101t; Louis Hughes 410t, 91 (for I. V. McWhorter); Harvey Austin 108t; Pam Nunn 224, 216.

RECESS

Hershell King brought the class to order leading song on page 97. Leaders: David Ivey 448b; Carmon Brothers 175; Ann Jett 436; Vera Blakeley and Waylon Blakeley 168; Cecil Edwards 121; Milton Oliver 222; Helen Lambert 441; Edna Phillips 200; Harrison Creel 111b; Rene Greene 196; Roy Nelson 434; Cassie Franklin 110; S. T. Reed 388; Shelbie Sheppard and Louise Nelson 145t; Cindy Franklin 123t. Announcements were made. Bud Oliver and Hershell King led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Hershell King.

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

LOG CABIN SACRED HARP SINGING

North of Double Springs, Alabama

March 16, 1997

The tenth session of the Log Cabin Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 31b and 33b. The morning prayer was led by Juanita Whitman.

The class was organized and the following officers elected: Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Roma Rice; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Parnell Berry led song on page 285t. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225t; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57; John Hyde 39b, 37b; Ashley Owen 30t, 410t; Gladys Bonds 44, 77t; Keterina Sanders 460, 290; Allen Owen 108t, 454; Beatrice Brewer 112, 137; Julia Posten and Junior Posten 124, 58.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kermit Adams leading songs on pages 384 and 377. Leaders: Ora Lee Fannin 83; Ila Ingle 470, 300; Willodean Barton 82t, 145t; Emily Jones 45t; Mae Conwill 73t, 314; Pernie Pelfrey 275b, 145b; Lena Wakefield 298, 546; Josie Hyde 220, 236; Juanita Whitman 480, 141; Roma Rice 109, 297.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 68b and 69t. Leaders: Ada Godsey 34t, 499b; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 101t; Billy Williams 448b, 64; Johnny Humber 200, 146; Dorothea McCowan 196, 304, 475; Larry Ballinger 98, 89; Earl Ballinger 75, 171; Dawson Adams 48t, 328; Odie Horton 147t; Teresa Westmoreland 192, 189; Lorene Gray 337; Ora Lee Fannin 212; Teresa Westmoreland 342, 376; Parnell Berry 306, 388; Gravis Ballinger 144; Norma Hamrick 285t; Ila Ingle 384; Josie Hyde 198, 288; Dustin McCowan 30t.

Parnell Berry led song on page 36b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Roma Rice.

GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING (LEONA HORTON, MAUDE ADAMS, MINA ADAMS, DELIA WATTS)

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church - Double Springs, Alabama Sunday Night, March 16, 1997

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 Kermit Adams leading songs on pages 31b and 426t. The evening prayer was led by Milford Watts. Kermit Adams led song on page 427b.

The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Odie V. Horton.

Leaders: Mae Conwill 100, 313t; Lena Wakefield 460, 490; Glenn Wakefield 108b, 109; Cecil Wakefield 61, 290; L. E. Hannah 83t, 273; Ivalene Donaldson 73t, 108t; Gladys Bonds 47t, 48t; Rose Altha Taylor 109; Dawson Adams 68b, 39b; Kelsie Wakefield 133, 159; Josie Hyde 88t, 278; Thiry Balentine 317b, 480; Elmer Conwill 104, 31t; Ora Lee Fannin 30b; Pernie Pelfrey 399b, 471; Travis Keeton 418, 373 (in memory of Bessie Washington); Milford Watts 387, 390, 343 (in memory of his mother, Delia Watts); Odie V. Horton 89. Kermit Adams led song on page 28b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

VERMONT STATE SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION Plainfield Town Hall, Plainfield, Vermont March 22, 1997

The 17th annual Vermont State Convention was held in the Plainfield Town Hall, a beautifully refurbished square room with embossed tin walls and ceiling, and wonderfully live sound. Despite the previous night's snowfall, about 120 people attended, including a large Boston contingent and a sizable number from

Quebec. Singing was from the Sacred Harp, Northern Harmony (abbreviated NH below), and the new songbook of songs by young composers just published by Northern Harmony called Endless Light (abbreviated EL below). Particularly noteworthy was the large number of teenage participants, most of them members of Larry Gordon's group, Village Harmony. One quarter of the 31 leaders were teenagers!

The day's officers were: Chairman - Larry Gordon; Arranging Committee - Matt Wojcik; Secretary - Beth Carpenter; Memorial Committee - Ann O'Brien and Elka Schumann; Lunch Coordinator - Linda Wells; Facilities Coordinators - Marek Pyka and Patty Cuyler.

The class was called to order by Larry Gordon leading song on page 61. Suzy Shedd led the opening prayer.

The arranging committee called the following leaders: Bob Parr 212; Ginnie Ely 389; Paul Gauthier 34b; Dan Hertzler 168; Suzy Shedd 178; Dennis O'Brien 477; Fred Emigh 191; Bill Holt 128; Katie Shimizu 209; Bruce Randall 134 (NH); Anne Kazlauskas 52t; Patty Cuyler 344; Ann O'Brien 372; Kyle Greenlee 47b; Matt Wojcik 36 (NH); Laura Carpenter 38 (NH); Claire Woolger 272; Jane Zanichkowsky 442; Larry Gordon 528.

RECESS

Larry Gordon called the class back to order leading song on page 87. The class then proceeded to sing several new compositions that participants had brought.

Leaders: Bruce Randall "Piermont" (his new composition); Matt Wojcik "Comfort" (by Rosie Setford); Larry Gordon "Ranks of Corn" (EL) (by Pat McMahon); Dan Hertzler "10,000 Charms" (by Hal Kunkel).

The following leaders were then called: Ann O'Brien 327; Virginia Neville 163b; Leonard Spencer 504; Will Carpenter and Nathan Morrison 30 (NH); Mary Neville 347; Jane Zanichkowsky 66. Larry Gordon led the class in "Garden" from the Northern Harmony as a lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Larry Gordon called the class back to order with song on page 276. Leaders: Bill Holt 215; Ginny Ely 446; Bruce Randall 497.

Ann O'Brien and Elka Schumann led the memorial lesson using songs on pages 440 and 65.

The following leaders were then called: Anne Kazlauskas 77t; Katie Shimizu 20 (NH); Eric Hildebrandt 480; Marek Pyka 176 (NH); Paul Gauthier 542; Dennis O'Brien 189 (NH); Kyle Greenlee 198; Patty Cuyler 94 (NH); Laura Carpenter 2 (EL); Bob Parr 80 (NH); Suzy Shedd 299; Lynnette Combs 74 (NH).

Announcements were made of upcoming sings. The next Vermont Convention will be held at the same location on March 28, 1998, with Peter Amidon as Chairman. Larry Gordon led song on page 21 (EL).

RECESS

Matt Wojcik called the class back to order leading his new song "Bramley". The following leaders were called: Leonard Spencer 212 (NH); Virginia Neville 532; Mary Neville 86; Eric Hildebrandt 63; Mariek Pyka 98 (NH); Nathan Morrison and Will Carpenter 300; Dave Grundy 174 (NH); Dan Hertzler 236; Beth Carpenter 203; Lynnette Combs 538; Bruce Randall 297; Katie Shimizu 26 (EL), 142; Ginnie Ely 454; Paul Gauthier 306; Bill Holt 101t; Claire Woolger 362; Dennis O'Brien 22 (NH); Matt Wojcik 23 (EL); Larry Gordon 208.

"Parting Hand" on page 62 was used to close the day of singing.

Chairman - Larry Gordon; Secretary - Beth Carpenter.

GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION
Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
March 22-23, 1997

Saturday, March 22

The thirty-sixth session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. The convention was called to order by Elder Jesse Roberts leading song on page 178. Jack Smith led the morning prayer.

Elder Jesse Roberts led song on page 441 followed by Ted Mercer 326; Jack Smith 145; and Charlene Wallace 556. Members of various committees were called: Richard DeLong 57; Jeanette DePoy 475; Laurie Allison 335; Don Bowen 462; Judy Mincey 510; Helen Bryson 176b (for Kim Cagle); Kenneth DeLong 354; Felton Denney 503; Liz Bryant 377; Kelly Morris 147; Jack Corley 168; Violet Thomason 143; John Hollingsworth 240; Frances Mary D'Andrea 384; Lonnie Rogers 225; Faye Pettis 498; John Plunkett 53; Carlene Griffin 516.

RECESS

Ted Mercer called the class together with song on page 61. Leaders: Bobby Bailey 35; Everette Denney 34b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 565b; Susan Roberts 47.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session.

The following officers were elected: Chairman - Jeanette DePoy; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Chaplain - Elder Jesse Roberts. Jeanette DePoy led song on page 436 and the following officers for various committees were appointed: Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong and Faye Pettis; Memorial Committee - Frances Mary D'Andrea, Cathy White, and Jessica Roberts; Resolutions Committee - Lee Rogers, Helen Bryson, and Louis Hughes, Jr.; Finance Committee - Laurie Allison, Don Bowen, and Phillip Langley; Locating Committee - Felton Denney, Kelly Morris, and Judy Mincey. End of business session.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 222; Mary Brownlee 501; Louis Hughes, Sr. 480; Jimmie Denney 87; Henry Zittrouer 108; Lee Rogers 217; Karen Snowbird 547; Berkley Moore 99; Sharon Kellam 160b; Cathy White 213; Kathy Lee 171; Ashley Roberts 214; Janice Paulk 446; George Snyder 137; Trudy Jones 159; Johnny Lee 48; Andy Morse 448; Laura Akerman 224.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Jeanette DePoy leading songs on pages 192 and 369. Leaders: Paul Booth 198; Kathy Williams 455; Reba Windom 216; Carolyn Deacy 114; Hannah Roberts 515; Buell Cobb 270; Lynn deBenedette 542; David Lee 128; Clarke Lee 39; Jessica Roberts and Jonathan Altman 107; Debra Jones 136; Ted Mercer 319; Jim Brock 84; Sandy Hill 203; Bryan Black 236; Joan Durdin 29; Julie Lee 129; Mary Alice Latimer 454; G. C. Waldrep 260.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeanette DePoy leading song on page 460.

Leaders: Mark Boyt and Erin O'Brien 40; Richard Whatley 86; Bryan Black 45; Chris Carnell 272; Mark Bumgardner 85; LeAnne Carnell 180; Susan Posey 81; Frances Carnell 551; Paul Booth 347; Hannah Roberts, Ashley Roberts, and Jessica Roberts 328; Don Bowen 163b; Reba Windom 442.

Announcements were made. Jeanette DePoy led song on page 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Sunday, March 23

The convention was called to order by Jeanette DePoy leading song on page 77b. The morning prayer was led by G. C. Waldrep. Jeanette DePoy led song on page 31. Leaders: Bobby Bailey 27; Richard Whatley 28b; Doug Allison 282; Evelyn Harris 30; Sid Caldwell 284 (for I.V. McWhorter); Reuben Ball 497; Don Bowen 283; G. C. Waldrep 269; Cathy White 178; B. J. Harris 452; Frances Carnell 240.

RECESS

Faye Pettis called the class together leading song on page 89. Leaders: Henry Zittrouer 490; Phil Summerlin 495; George Snyder 254; Karen Snowbird 532; Louis Hughes, Jr. 99; Raymond Hamrick 354; David Lee 63; Debra Jones 480; John Whittimore 159; Jim Brock 189; Sharen Kellam 76b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeanette DePoy leading song on page 122. Leaders: Ashley Roberts 372; Cindy Franklin 475 (for Flarce Creel); Paul Booth 313b; Hannah Roberts 350; Chris Carnell 481; Cassie Franklin 492; Judy Mincey 474; Phillip Langley 198; LeAnne Carnell 277; Jessica Roberts and Jonathan Altman 192; Sandy Hill 565.

The memorial lesson was held with Jessica Roberts reading from I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Helen Bryson led song on page 482 in memory of Georgia deceased: Mae Moore, Virginia Temple, Mike Dunn, William Headrick, Charlie Dannals, Edna Wilson, and Mildred Cox. Buell Cobb led song on page 339 in memory of Alabama deceased: Jimmy Causey, Tom Harper, Tommy Creel, Rodger Morrison, Hurley Tyrone Dryden, Bonnie Ashley, Lola Jenkins, Clelan Cobb, and Lola Myrtle Roberson. Richard DeLong led song on page 149 in memory of Hazel Cagle, and songs on pages 89 and 229 for Mrs. Eva Reeves and Horace DeLong who were unable to attend because of sickness. Doug Allison led song on page 36b for other deceased: North Carolina - Quay Smathers; Ohio - Danna Wagge; England - Lindy Swann; Colorado - Don Johnson.

For all the sick and shut-ins, Hannah Roberts led song on page 47b. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Jeanette DePoy leading songs on pages 434 and 569b. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 456; Edith Tate 371; Kathy Williams 368; S. T. Reed 32b; Shelbie Sheppard 485; Milton Oliver 137; Ted Mercer 278; Clark Lee 276; J. W. Oliver 426; Wesley Haley 198; Sheri Taylor 528; Jeff Sheppard 448; Elder Jesse Roberts 384; Henry Johnson 338; Linda Thomas 217; Lynne deBenedette 383; Johnny Lee, Raymond Hamrick, and Richard DeLong 503; Dollie Hudgins 343.

RECESS

Jeanette DePoy and Kenneth DeLong called the class together leading song on page 301. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 489; Charlene Wallace 347; John Hollingsworth 82; Berkley Moore 435; Julie Lee 123b; Kelly Morris 49b; Susan Roberts 385b; Andy Morse 216; Laura Akerman 543; Martha Ann Stegar 268; Margie Dietz 58; Liz Bryant 492; Karen Morris 236.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session.

The Locating Committee reported that the 1998 Georgia State Convention would be held in the old Dekalb Courthouse in Decatur, Georgia.

The financial report was given.

Resolution Committee report:

First and foremost, we offer words of thanksgiving to our Creator, through which all things are possible, especially for grace in allowing us to raise our voices once again in song, and for the beautiful spring weather in which we rejoice.

We wish to thank Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church and its members for their generosity in offering this facility and making this a successful convention.

We wish to extend a special word of gratitude to Faye Pettis and Elizabeth Talbert for their hospitality, and diligent work, and to the Elder W. A. Kelly family whose strong family values continue to influence this church and our singing here.

We wish to give our thanks to the officers and organizers for planning and executing their duties faithfully and well, and to all those who prepared food, served on committees and do this convention work. We especially thank the singers that have traveled far and near to sing words of praise to our Heavenly Father.

We resolve to be more aware of those who are no longer able to join with us in song as a result of frailness or infirmity and to make an effort to brighten their day with a visit or phone call, a note or a card. We further resolve to carry on the tradition of Sacred Harp. In so doing, we wish to honor the ones that have gone before us, to celebrate and preserve their heritage with friends and family here, and to go forth to introduce this special music to as many people as possible.

Respectfully submitted: Lee Rogers, Helen Bryson, and Louis Hughes, Jr.

The business session closed.

Jeanette DePoy led song on page 45t. After announcements, Jeanette DePoy and Kenneth DeLong led song on page 62, "Parting Hand", as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts closed with prayer.

Chairman - Jeanette DePoy; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas

March 29-30, 1997

Saturday, March 29

The ninety-eighth 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 Al Rogers called the singers to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 31b. Prayer for the singing and singers was led by Tom Owen. Al Rogers then led 63; Vice Chairman Jeb Owen 559; Secretary John Baker 40. Leaders: Don Ross 310; John Morris 319; Ophelia Matthews 563; Mary Ann Owen 145b; Leon Ballinger 142; John Beard 75; Judith Nieth 449; Dick Steil 268t; Julie Michie 500; Ryan Ross 112; Vivian Rogan 72; Tammy Powell 414 (for the Smith family); Chris Blevins 199; Barbara Moore 229; Dale Redmon, Jr. 514; Tom Owen 560.

RECESS

The class was called back by Al Rogers leading song on page 575. Leaders: Gary Rogan 205; Eileen Stripland 507b; Beverly Coates 543b; Olivia Blevins 106; Lee Williams 571; Joe Owen 515; Amanda Owen 371; Joseph Stang 168; Mike Moseley 137; Sarah Coates 203; David Moseley 424; Liz Rogan 110; Reed Coates 49t; Michele Rogan 557; Katie Moseley 196; Josh Rogan 146; George Jones 285t; Leland Owen 283t.

The convention held its business meeting, moving Jeb Owen up to Chairman, electing Kevin Powell as Vice Chairman, and John Baker as Secretary. The lunch recess was called with prayer offered by Gaylon Powell.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Jeb Owen leading song on page 128. Leaders: B.E. Matthews 204; Emmie Morris 215; Kevin Powell 216; Tony Benetiz 39; Glenn Davis 393t; Bruce Coates 511t; Peter Nichols 484b; Andrew Albers 542; Russell Riepe 383; Carla Spencer 358; Shane Nix 36b; Diane Ross 299; Gaylon Powell 365; Cassandra Baker 323b; Mary Bachmann 369; Pat Blundell 164; Mary Oruc 447t; Martha Aiken 192; Abbie Morris 172.

RECESS

Kevin Powell reassembled the class leading song on page 67. Leaders: Doris Hanks (with Julia Sanders) 274t; Edith Owen 47; Monnie Ross 148; Regina Glass 68; Sissy Moseley 573; Richard Daniels 440b; Curtis Owen 558; Edwin Reed 348; Ray Barnett 540; James Moseley 276; Dick Steil 451b; Joe Owen 488b; Lee Williams 382; Judith Nieth 176t; Chris Blevins 155; John Morris 186; Amanda Blevins 450; Gary Rogan 511b; Don Ross 123b; Anne Milner 220; Tom Owen 171.

The chairman closed the day of singing with 377b. Closing prayer was offered by Elder Chris Blevins.

Sunday, March 30

Singing began at 9:30 with Chairman Jeb Owen leading song on page 376. Morning prayer was offered by B.E. Matthews. Jeb Owen then led 182; Vice Chairman Kevin Powell 300; Secretary John Baker 239. Leaders: B.E. Matthews 434; Leon Ballinger 442t; Eileen Stripland 63; Landis Powell 553b; Emmie Morris 324; Diane Ross 235; Glenn Davis 578 "Love At Home"; Ray Barnett 559; John Morris 222; Don Ross 277; Ophelia Matthews 572; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507; Charles Whitmer 393t; Julia Sanders 159; Tammy Powell 189; Mary Ann Owen 47b; Gary Rogan 411.

The Memorial Service was held at this time. Gaylon Powell led 343, "Long Sought Home", in memory of James Cranfill, Sherman Cole, Thelma Cole, Jesse Deason, Anice Cochran, June Ross, and A.V. Pepper. Curtis Owen then spoke of our joy and hope for the future and led 111b, "To Die No More".

Kevin Powell then led 505 for the sick and shut-ins.

RECESS

Kevin Powell called the class to order leading song on page 49. Leaders: Tom Owen 200; Andrew Albers 95; Peter Nichols 573; Bruce Coates 336t; Pat Blundell 467; Monnie Ross 108b; Regina Glass 81; Richard Daniels 288; Anne Milner 276; Sarah Coates 139; David Moseley 137; Amanda Owen 404; Joseph Stang 508; Mike Moseley 406; Michele Rogan 522; Reed Coates 129; Josh Rogan 408; Katie Moseley 280; Liz Rogan 489; James Moseley 31t; Shane Nix 171; Tony Benetiz 135; Al Rogers 500; Beverly Coates 552; Vivian Rogan 283b; Ryan Ross 217. Prayer for lunch was offered by Tony Benetiz.

LUNCH

Jeb Owen reassembled the class for the afternoon session leading song on page 58. Leaders: Barbara Moore 324; Doris Hanks 422b; Leland Owen 381; Cassandra Baker 159; Sissy Moseley 264b; Gaylon Powell 35; Edith Owen 395b (for Ed and Alcie Craig); Martha Aiken 143; Russell Riepe 126; Curtis Owen 198; Mary Bachmann 344; John Baker 120; Andrew Albers 473; Glenn Davis 571; Emmie Morris 183; Gary Rogan 54t; Bruce Coates 133; Regina Glass 29t; John Morris 163t; Vivian Rogan 32t; Eileen Stripland 488b; Charles Whitmer 575; Monnie Ross 491; Beverly Coates 532 (in memory of Grady McLeod); Peter Nichols

502; Ryan Ross 470; B.E. Matthews 321; Leon Ballinger 384; Tammy Powell 142; Tom Owen 336b; Mike Moseley 306; Sarah Coates 395; Anne Milner 112; James Moseley 186; Amanda Owen 559; David Moseley 440b.

The Chairman closed the singing at 2:30 p.m. with song on page 62. The closing prayer was given by Andrew Albers.

Chairman - Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman - Kevin Powell; Secretary - John Baker.

LIBERTY CHURCH

Henagar, Alabama

March 30, 1997

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 108t. The morning prayer was led by Brother Bud Laney.

David Ivey led song on page 42. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 61, 59; Rex Wilks 67, 33b; Rodney Ivey 29t; Marlon Wootten 283; Norma Latham 34b, 480; Sandy Ivey and Scott Ivey 87, 163b. Shane Wootten was appointed Arranging Committee and led songs on pages 300 and 354b. Leaders: Tony Ivey 217, 139; S. T. Reed 138t, 138b; Tyler Wilks 65, 128; Eloise Wootten 318, 186; Bud Oliver 30t, 145b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Alexandra Makris 425; Boyd Scott 68b, 358; Richard Ivey 306, 111b; Lamar Smith 343, 36b; Martha Monroe and Hobert Ivey 426t; Martha Monroe, Hobert Ivey, and Loyd Ivey 454; Karen Travis and Rachel Travis 45t, 147t; Milton Oliver 329; Syble Adams 430; Stuart Ivey 236; Shelbie Sheppard 415; Jenny Wootten 459 (Cooper Book), 344; Dewayne Wootten 345t; Sheila Wootten 532; Phillip Wootten 47b; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 97, 49b; Jackson Harcrow 63.

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the afternoon session together leading "We Will Sing With The Angels There". Leaders: Jeffery Wootten 176t; Grady Price "Trusting", 143; Teresa Bethune, Candice Bethune, Lindsay Bethune, Marion Biddle, Ivey Biddle, Adam Biddle, Will Ivey, and Scott Ivey "That Beautiful Land", 551; Eloise Avery 35, 32t; Sarah Harcrow 127; Jap Walton 153; Marty Wootten 66; Roy Nelson 330; Susan Harcrow 327, 479; Marshall Avery 74b, 278b; Terry Wootten 316, 475; Louis Hughes 489b, 523; Aaron Wootten 49t; Mattie Townsel 124; Joyce Walton 205; Jeff Sheppard 273 (for B. M. Smith), 284 (for Margie Smith); Leola Smith 182, 234; Allison Ivey 40, 176; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey "Beautiful River", "Cleansing Fountain"; Robert Harper "Sweet By and By"; John Henry Busby and Loyd Ivey "Jesus Died For Me"; Charles Stiefel and Terry Wootten 445; Ricky Harcrow "We Will Sing With The Angels There"; Larue Lankford 480.

Announcements were made. David Ivey, Marlon Wootten and Tony Ivey led song on page 201 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Tony Ivey.

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

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
March 30, 1997

Chairman Velton Chafin called the class together leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Velton Chafin led song on page 32t. The class organized for the day, and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Velton Chafin led song on page 35, and the following leaders were called: Cecil Sanders 460; Keterina Sanders 317, 454; Mae Conwill 298, 222, 300; Tressie Atkins 217, 78; Carmon Brothers 340, "That Beautiful Land", 415; Earl Ballinger 203, 283; Paula Springfield 380, 389, 216 (for Marie Aldridge); Pauline Childers 224, 475, 384.

RECESS

Velton Chafin reassembled the class leading song on page 34b. Leaders: John Hyde 73t, 63, 297; Eron White 236; Clarissa Springfield 343, 166; Brenda Merritt 270, 336, 137; Travis Keeton 157, 182, 121; Edith Tate 139, 119 (for Ray Tate), 93, 97; Corene White 379, 171; Amber Springfield 59, 204; Cynthia Franklin 276, 178, 497.

Linda Thomas gave a short devotion with prayer by John Merritt. John Hocutt led songs on pages 278t and 225t.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the class back together leading song on page 108b. Leaders: John Merritt 278b, 499b, 549b; Josie Hyde 408, 507, 511; Ann Jett 88t; Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 146, 108t; Harrison Creel and Julianna Jett 111b; Linda Thomas 299, 391, 503, 290; Dorothea McCowan 234, 142, 196; Cassandra Franklin 106, 107, 191; Elmer Conwill 179, 378b; Harrison Creel 89, 530, 388 (for Hadyn Creel); John Hocutt 321, 271; Willodean Barton 434, 436. After announcements were made, the class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger.

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

SPRING SACRED HARP SINGING-NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
New Orleans, Louisiana
April 1, 1997

The annual Spring Sacred Harp Singing was held Tuesday the first of April, in Sellers Music Building, on the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Following a bountiful dinner on the grounds, the class was called to order by Dr. Harry Eskew. Dr. Harry Eskew led the class in a brief singing school. Wanda Gregg was asked to serve as secretary for the evening.

The singing began with Dr. Harry Eskew leading song on page 49. Leaders: Jared Pruitt 45t; Dwain Rogers 128; Wanda Gregg 40; Ben Caston 145; Bill Hogan (Mobile, Alabama) 48t, 300; Dr. Harry Eskew 268; Kanoot Midkiff 159; Dr. Mike Sharp 457; John Johnson 73b; Alicia Farnham 63; Kyle Cannon 59; Ollie Scott 34b; Shannon Hall 84; Dr. Harry Eskew 447; Bill Hogan 66; Dr. Harry Eskew 62. There were several visitors present and Dr. Eskew thanked all those who came. Vice President of the Hymn Society, Ben Caston, closed in prayer. Chairman - Dr. Harry Eskew; Secretary - Wanda Gregg.

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

Washington, D.C.

April 4-6, 1997

Friday, April 4

An evening shape note singing school taught by P. Dan Brittain was held at Pohick Episcopal Church in Lorton, Virginia.

Saturday, April 5

The eighth annual session of the Potomac River Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, Virginia. The class was called to order by Janine Smith leading song on page 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Evan Duncan. Janine Smith welcomed the class, and singing continued with Mary K. Friday leading 191; Cathy Tucker 40.

The business meeting was held with the election or appointment of the following officers and committees: Chairman - Mary K. Friday; Vice Chairman - Cathy Tucker; Secretary - Steven Sabol, assisted by Miriam Kilmer, Mary Ann Daly, and Gillie Campbell; Chaplains - Evan Duncan and George Seiler; Arranging Committee - Tim Slattery and Karen Foley; Finance - Cathy Tucker; Memorial Committee - Leanne Wiberg, Blake Morris, and Kelly Macklin; Resolutions - Suzanne Hale and Paula McGray; Registration - Clare Chapin and Evan Duncan; Food - Bob Hall; Child Care - Caroline Arlington and Ella Wilcox; Setup - Tim Slattery.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 472; Kat Kincaid 163t; Phyllis Gonigam 107; Don Polaski 66; Steven Sabol 101b; Beth Hoffman-Reed 300; Evan Duncan 149; Ginny Landgraf 447; Leyland delRe 32t; Elizabeth Cusick 178; Richard Schmeidler 474; Sandra Hack Polaski 146; Joan Aldridge 189; Joyce Saxon 118; James Nelson Gingerich 29t; Dorothy Hurley 313b; Linda Hambourger 352.

RECESS

John delRe brought the class back together by leading the song on page 312b. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 327; Hal Kunkel 362; Elise Meyer-Bothling 59; Blake Morris 501; Carol Werba 86; Mimi Stevens 528; Guy Banks 556; Tim Slattery 192; Elene Stovall 436; Johanna Fabke 122; Mary Wright 82t; Ted Stokes 51; Michele Rae Biery 485; Pat Temple 85; Steve Atlas 128; Bill Holt 269; Diane Menella 448t; Karen Snowberg 532; Brad Oglesby 68b; Gina Balestracci 28t; Willie Israel 163b; Susan Jaster 110. The blessing for lunch was given by Evan Duncan.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by John delRe leading the song on page 171. Leaders: Bobby Bailey 35; Janine Smith 153; Nancy Van Den Akker 480; Paula McGray 432; Dan Huger 47b; Sharon Kellam 28b; Barbara Swetman 475; Donna Abrahams 294; Berkley Moore 290; Fred Beardsley 454; Brenda Peña 39b; Doron Henkin 31t; Sue Hanson 148; Tom Padwa 145b; Jean Seiler 200; Karen Foley 569b; Reba Windom 196; Sarah Davie 384; Bob Parr 215; Gail Doss 137; Ted Mercer 204; Kelly House 236; Dan Brittain 522.

RECESS

Singing resumed with John delRe leading the song on page 52t. Leaders: Leanne Wiberg 358; Karen House 442; Kathy Manning 396; Joanne DeVoe 77t; Ginny Ely 373; Rhonda Hendershot 198; Peter Pate 406; Paul Gauthier 542; George Seiler 347; Roland Hutchinson 553; Frank Evans 228; Marylin Estep 504; Alan Centa 143; Joseph Christopher 439; Mary K. Friday 147b.

After announcements, Mary K. Friday led 120 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Evan Duncan.

After a break, a “New Traditions” singing of songs from sources other than The Sacred Harp, coordinated by Tom Tucker, was held. Leaders and tunes led (composers in parentheses): Blake Morris “Hans” (John Bayer, Jr.); Nicholas Schliapin “Nantahala” (N. Schliapin); Roland Hutchinson “Sappho” (Billings); Mary Ann Daly “Beatitudes” (M. A. Daly); Cathy Tucker and Jean Seiler “Windgate” (T. Tucker); Mary K. Friday “Veronica” (B. Morris); Blake Morris “Zion’s Joy” (B. Morris); Gina Balestracci “Glocester” (Billings); Kathy Manning “Heck” (John Bayer, Jr.); Doron Henkin “Memorial Bridge” (D. Henkin); Roland Hutchinson “Effingham” (attr. Billings); Gina Balestracci “Paria” (attr. Billings); Tom Tucker “Aleotti” (Aleotti/Tucker); Miriam Kilmer and Tim Slattery “Jeffrey” (M. Kilmer); Guy Banks “Gilead” (Billings); Doron Henkin “Brier Island” (D. Henkin); Barbara Swetman “St. Mary’s” and “Gallaher”; Blake Morris “Ireland” (B. Morris); Dan Brittain “Pohick” (D. Brittain). After these songs, Dan Brittain answered questions about composing shape-note music. That evening a delightful dinner party was hosted by Mimi Stevens at her home in Alexandria, Virginia.

Sunday, April 7

The convention resumed at Hearst Hall, National Cathedral School, Washington, DC, with Mary K. Friday leading the song on page 77b. The opening prayer was offered by George Seiler.

Leaders: Dorothy Hurley 271t; Blake Morris 415; Janine Smith 274b; Sarah Davie 171; Pat Temple 48t; Kelly Macklin 27; Mary Wright 71; Mimi Stevens 183; Steven Sabol 53; Elise Meyer-Bothling 63; Kat Kincaid 372; Eric Hildebrant 228, John Hewes 245; Phyllis Gonigam 344; Joanne DeVoe 147t; Tom Tucker and Ginny Ely 454; Joseph Christopher 148; Frank Evans 117.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order with George Seiler and Gillie Campbell leading the song on page 31t. Leaders: Rhonda Hendershot 159; Hal Kunkel 530; Nancy Van Den Akker 445; Bob Parr 200; Reba Windom 192; Dan Brittain 355; Susan Jaster 497; Tom Padwa 480; Paula McGray 446; Bobby Bailey 87; Karen Snowberg 551; Willie Israel 268; Sue Hanson 479; Brad Oglesby 365; Diane Menella 229; Bill Holt 419; Tim Slattery 112.

The session was then turned over to the Memorial Committee. Blake Morris read Psalm 122 and texts from Gadsby’s Hymn Book. He said that we are greatly in debt to the poets of our religious tradition. Not only did they capture the essence of our faith in poetry, but in many cases they were able to infuse the words of hope and praise from the Old Testament, especially the Psalms, with a specifically Christian message of hope in eternal life.

Jean Seiler led song on page 384 for the following deceased from the Northeast: Maryland - Joe Kochanski, Louise Yates, Adell Dawson, Dottie Wilson-Moy; Massachusetts - Lawrence Brooks, Richard Atherton; Pennsylvania - George A. Smith, Penny Smith, Florence Siple, Alice Hemenway.

Reba Windom led song on page 418 for the following deceased from the Southeast: Alabama - Johnnie Sue Beasley, A. L. Beckett; Arkansas - Russell Wiberg; North Carolina - Quay Smathers; Virginia - Jeffrey Foster Slattery, Evelyn Goode, Ann Harris, Freddie Baughan; West Virginia - Bill Heinike. Brad Oglesby fondly recalled deceased Alabama singer Leonard Lacy and led the song on page 101t for the following deceased from the Midwest and West: California - Gail Rich; Colorado - Katharine Sayvetz; Washington - Kay Cox. Kelly Macklin read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Maryland - Klaus Meyer-Bothling, Kelly Ann Gesswein, Alene Oestreicher, Allen Henkin, Gayle Jaster, Joyce Kehler, Laurie O’Connell; Pennsylvania - Sharon Ezelle; Alabama -

Amanda Denson; North Carolina - Cynthia Valentine; Virginia - Jeannine Hunter, Bertha Stevens, Zachary John Pate; Ohio - Margaret Centa; Wisconsin - Bob Scorgie; Arizona - Marie Davie.

Kelly Macklin paid tribute to Amanda Denson for helping to teach singers in the mid-Atlantic area the practices and depth of the Southern Sacred Harp tradition. Blake Morris led the song on page 52b for the sick and shut-ins. George Seiler closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

Mary K. Friday led song on page 180. George Seiler offered grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Ginny Ely brought the class back together with the song on page 502. Leaders: Donna Abrahams 378b; Kelsey Taylor 278b; Anna Taylor and Leyland delRe 388; Gina Balestracci 274t; Berkley Moore 435; Brenda Peña 39b; Doron Henkin 224; Richard Schmeidler 334; Ted Mercer 458; Jean Seiler 127; Guy Banks 236; George Seiler 84; Dan Huger 61; Karen House 48t; Sharon Kellam 324; Kelly House 362; Roland Hutchinson 299; Ginny Ely 391.

RECESS

Hal Kunkel brought the class back to order with the song on page 72b. Leaders: Karen Foley 455; Paul Gauthier 492; Charles Butler 107 (signing for the deaf); Fred Beardsley 532; Ella Wilcox 34b.

The Resolutions Committee thanked:

- 1) all of the officers and committee members who worked tirelessly to make this convention a success, as well as all the singers who came from near and far to create a wonderful sound;
- 2) Dan Brittain for leading the singing school which was helpful to both skilled and unskilled singers;
- 3) Bob Hall for exceptionally hard work to organize the luncheons;
- 4) Miriam Kilmer for designing the flyer;
- 5) Steven Sabol for locating and publicity work;
- 6) Mimi Stevens for hosting the social;
- 7) and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington for sponsorship.

Registrants came from the following states: Alabama, Washington, D.C., Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

The Finance committee reported that the generous contributions were sufficient to meet the expenses of the convention.

The chairman announced that the dates of the next Potomac River Convention will be March 27-29, 1998, one week earlier than usual in order to avoid a conflict with Palm Sunday.

The officers led song on page 62 and the class took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Evan Duncan.

Chairman - Mary K. Friday; Vice Chairman - Cathy Tucker; Secretary - Steven Sabol.

HARPETH VALLEY, PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee

April 5, 1997

The thirty-sixth annual Harpeth Valley, Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order on the first Saturday after Easter by Clayton Ezell leading song on page 32t, due to the absence of the chairman. Clayton Ezell led

the morning prayer, and then led song on page 33b. Leaders: Darrell Holley 354b, 59; Gordon Wilkerson 112, 139; Sandy Scott 128, 40, 46; David Carlton 81, 133; William Paris 135, 145b; Drew Foster 159, 117, 107.

RECESS

William Paris called the class back to order leading song on page 182. Leaders: Hibbard Thatcher 49b, 178; Linda Barnes 452, 53; Dorothea McCowan 212, 388; Clayton Ezell 358; Clare Sayles 155.

LUNCH

Clayton Ezell brought the class to order by leading song on page 300. Leaders: Ann Betts 159, 277; Seth Holloway 294, 384; Steve Shearon 65, 64; Margaret Wright 551, 455; Tom Gervais 63, 405; Pam Beziat 147, 268; Marilyn Burchett 143, 36b; Drew Foster 180 (The New Harp of Columbia). Hibbard Thatcher closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman - Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING

Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky

April 5, 1997

The seventh annual Shape Note Singing was held at Harrods Creek Baptist Church at Brownsboro, Kentucky on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order. Leaders from Southern Harmony were: Dr. Hugh McElrath "Holy Manna"; Fred Todt "Pisgah"; James Page "Samanthra". The morning prayer was led by Fred Todt.

Leaders: Keith MacAdams "Exultation"; Esther Rothenbusch "Wondrous Love"; Paul Foster "Star In The East", "Dunlap's Creek"; Bob Meek "Remember Me"; David Rust "Dublin", "Olive Shade"; Jay Padgett "Restoration"; Glen Fulbright "Salvation"; Dick Dunagan "King Of Peace"; Bev Tilman "Promised Land"; Marlen Rust "Captain Kidd"; Janet Fraembs "French Broad".

RECESS

This session used songs from The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.

The class was brought to order by Bob Meek leading song on page 143. Leaders: Linda Coppock 299; Fred Todt 142; Ralph Long 45t; David Rust 480; Esther Rothenbusch 122; Janet Fraembs 532; Denise Mohr 344; Janet Borman 441; Daryl Mayberry 48t; Don Waggener 410; Michele Cull 40; Val Dunagan 171; Dr. Hugh McElrath 49b; Bruce Kokernot 135; Dick Dunagan 335; Bev Tilman 36t; Keith MacAdams 31t; Paul Foster 71; James Page 216.

RECESS

This session used new tunes from hand out sheets and songs from The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.

Leaders: Keith MacAdams "Landsdowne"; Dr. Hugh McElrath, hymns from Baptist Hymnal; James Page "County K".

A memorial service was conducted by Bob Meek.

Leaders: Bob Meek 28t; Linda Coppock 163t; Fred Todt 66; Ralph Long 457; David Rust 146; Esther Rothenbusch 68b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session used songs from Southern Harmony.

Leaders: Bob Meek "David's Lamentation"; Linda Coppock "Amherst", "Bound For Canaan"; Don Waggener "The Lone Pilgrim", "When I Am Gone"; Daryl Mayberry "Mt. Zion", "Warrenton"; Val Dunagan "Coronation"; Jim Page "Consolation", "Delight"; Fred Todt "Resignation";

Faith Shine "The Young Convert"; Paul Foster "Dove Of Peace"; Bob French "Happy Land".

RECESS

This session used songs from The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.

Leaders: Janet Borman and Daryl Mayberry 178; Scott Meek 209; Janet Fraembs 475; Janet Borman 192; Bob French 245; Glen Fulbright 474; Loren Babcock Moore 203; Bruce Kokernot 128; Val Dunagan 391; Dr. Hugh McElrath 284; Marlen Rust 148; Paul Foster 183; James Page 440. The class was dismissed with Dr. Hugh McElrath leading "The Christian's Farewell" from the Southern Harmony book.

People who served on various committees were: Food - Pat Meek, Betty Risinger, Becky Slone, and David Slone; Arrangement - Jack Oliver, Brenda Waters, and Jay Padgett.

Chairman - Bob Meek; Vice Chairperson - Bev Tilman; Secretary - Michele Cull.

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH **Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama** **April 6, 1997**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Edwarsville Baptist Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order by Harvey Austin leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Harvey Austin led song on page 59; Billy J. Harris 145b and 503.

The class organized for the day, and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - Harvey Austin; Vice Chairman - B. J. Harris; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Sammie Oliver; Memorial Committee - Molene Thompson and Evelyn Harris.

Harvey Austin led song on page 101t, and the following leaders were called: Jimmie Denney 123t, 143, 128; Lou Warren Cotny 300, 218, 222; Everette Denney 127, 335, 489b; Shelbie Sheppard 385b, 36t, 36b; Lonnie Rogers 75, 97, 499; Carlene Griffin 81, 117.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Harvey Austin leading song on page 405.

Leaders: Felton Denney 523b, 155, 147b; Charlene Wallace 79, 171, 283; Bud Oliver 480, 145t, 39t.

A memorial was given by Molene Thompson and the following deceased were remembered: Jimmy Dean Easterwood, Jimmy Causey, J. E. Allen, Hazel Cagle, Emma Nell Nelson, Bonnie Ashley, Bertha Anderson, Rodger Morrison, Lola Jenkins, Clelan Cobb, Vena Holley, Robert Thompson, Malone Austin, and Shelby K. Miller.

Harvey Austin led song on page 45t for Bertha Anderson, and song on page 410 for his brother, Malone Austin.

Shelbie Sheppard led songs on pages 294 and 146 for the sick and shut-ins, which included: Ethel Bannister, Norman Thompson, Ellen Charles, Kim Cagle, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, and Moena Denney. Reverend Horace Merrill welcomed everyone, and closed the memorial with praayer.

LUNCH

B. J. Harris called the class together leading song on page 452. Leaders: Alice Edwards 73t, 73b; Evelyn Harris 100, 47t, 159; Jeff Sheppard 87, 198, 186; Michael Turner 59; Sherri Taylor 358, 148, 114; Ruth Daniel 147t, 378t; Neal Prichard 341, 566, 569, 204; Reba Norton and Karen Reaves 61, 108, 112; Nellie Mae White 129, 106.

Announcements were made. Harvey Austin and B. J. Harris led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Reverend Horace Merrill.

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

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

April 6, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Enon Church 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 313.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield.

Elmer Conwill led songs on pages 312b and 110 (in memory of Hamilton Ballinger). Leaders: Gene Wakefield 103, 102; Mae Conwill 100, 77t; Doyle Williams 29t, 142; Ila Ingle 434, 436, 143 (for Mrs. Barton); Clifford Wakefield 129 (for Billy Word), 480; Cecil Sanders 475; Chris Bell 384, 358; Larry Ballinger 123t, 119; Edith Tate 146, 157.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Doyle Williams leading song on page 85.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 66, 225t; Ann Jett 141, 136; Margaret Keeton 454 (for A. C. McGough), 456; Gravis Ballinger 300, 101t; Lena Wakefield 200, 546; John Hyde 168, 73t; Pauline Childers 318, 212; Flarce Creel 389, 269.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 297 and 296. Leaders: Willodean Barton 446, 159 (for her sister); Keterina Sanders 89, 460; Harrison Creel 30t, 512; Bradley Allen 385; Juanita Whitman 39b, 40; Gladys Bonds 47t, 499; Faye Donaldson 371, 299; Kermit Adams 375, 28b; Cecil Wakefield 408; Kelsey Wakefield 108t, 111t; Lena Wakefield 45t (for church people), 282; Cecil Wakefield 159 (for Bernice); Larry Ballinger 303; Josie Hyde 513, 507; Willodean Barton 78, 503; Pauline Childers 497; Flarce Creel 229.

Elmer Conwill led song on page 288 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

We thank the church for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING

South of Tallapoosa, Georgia on Old 100 Highway

Friday Night, April 11, 1997

The fifth 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 with song on page 277. The evening prayer was led by Rev. Tommy McGuire.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 101, 75; Elder Lewis Norton 39b, 30b; Steven Levine 32, 68b; Jim Pfau 312, 100; Everette Denney 164, 34b; Felton Denney 147, 155; Everette Ellis 127, 335; Charlene Wallace 268; Evelyn Harris 47; Myron House

337, 270; Jan House 151, 148; Mary Olson 198; Gordon Olson 503; Bill Waddington 300.

Mrs. Mildred Johnson and Elder Homer Benefield were recognized in honor of this Birthday Singing. Refreshments were served.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Johnny Wright leading song on page 63.

Leaders: Roy Nelson 434; Toby Tenenbaum 159; Randy Garrett 294; Carol Selleck 65; Mildred Johnson 358; Eleanor Haase 269; Louise Tenenbaum 86; Michael Turner 59; Kathy Wallace 197; Val Eng 474; Alice Edwards 104; Bill Hogan 53; Florence Williams 490; Lou Warren 218; Louise Nelson 145; Josephine Denney 45; Dick Levine 99; B. J. Harris 225; Elder Neil Prichard 566; Clare Mee 84; Elsie Brock 460; Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, Joyce Clackum, Leonard Benefield, and Mildred Patterson 56.

After announcements Johnny Wright led song on page 146 as the closing song.

The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Thanks to all the singers who came from Alabama, Colorado, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Georgia, and London, England to help us sing.

Chairman - Johnny Wright; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

STATE LINE CHURCH Cleburne County, Alabama April 12, 1997

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.

B. M. Smith called the class together leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Felton Denney.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 57; Mary Florence Smith 72t; Helen Bryson 272.

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 - Shelbie Sheppard.

B. M. Smith led song on page 475 (especially for Virgil Phillips). Leaders: Jerry Enright 354; Shelbie Sheppard 269 (in memory of her parents, Walker and Lessie Cates); Bill Waddington 299; Katharine Hough 378; Dick Levine 569; Cathy White 258; Jim Pfau 350; Melanie Hauff 464; David Lee 99; Pam Nunn 236; Linda Thomas 48t; Mary Elizabeth Lee 276; Ted Johnson 383; Pearl Guier 49b; Steven Levine 441.

RECESS

B. M. Smith called the class together leading song on page 384. Leaders: Clarke Lee 503; Judy Mincey 501; David McGukin 134; Jeanne Schaffer 198; Louis Hughes 480; Shelton Williamson 300; Susan Pfau 84; Roy Nelson 456; Judy Hauff 504; Keith Willard 82b; Katharine Manning 528; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Jeanette DePoy 278t; John Bayer 278b; Marcia Johnson 547; Kathy Lee 435; David Hough 282; Karen Willard 171; Cassie Franklin 192; John Schaffer 391; Charlie Lee 175; Kat Kincade 372; Gordon Olson 163b; Pauline Childers 318.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with B. M. Smith leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Don Bowen 137; Toby Tenenbaum 38b; Jenny Willard 80t; Milton Oliver 321; Cindy Franklin 442.

A memorial was given by Shelbie Sheppard for the friends and loved ones who have died during the last year, and remembered especially those families who are no longer with us who worked so faithfully to keep the singing going: Cates

family, Bertha Kilgore, Arthur Windom, Viola Hicks, Ester Hart, Etta Sanders, and many others.

In 1984, there were not enough people to sing, and the decision was made to hold the singing on Saturday the following year. As a result of this change, you can look around and see the tremendous crowd of singers who have come from all over the country to help carry on this tradition. These people, as well as those of us who are here today, would be so proud to know that you have come, and we are especially glad that Virgil Phillips is able to be here with us today. We must not forget those who would like to be here, but could not because of sickness. The song on page 47b was led by Shelbie Sheppard. The memorial was closed with prayer by Johnny Lee.

The singing continued with the following leaders called: Lonnie Rogers 348b; Edith Tate 389; Charlene Wallace 548; Jack Loftin 454; Gene Hauptmann 29t; Julie Lee 123b; Felton Denney 489; Richard DeLong 496.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard and a group from his singing school 34b; Julia Vea 106; Carol Selleck 401; Cullen Wade 324; James Gingerich 448b; Patty Butterfield 112; Joyce Wade 254; Laura Densmore 228; Jimmie Denney 313t; Rene Greene 196; J. W. "Bud" Oliver 328; Everette Denney 426t; Lou Cotney 222; Ted Mercer 345b; Jan Ketelle 31b; Bill Hogan 61; Levon Wootten 101t; Liz Bryant 32b; Beth Hoffman-Reed 271t; Val Eng 280; Christine Guth 522; Cathy Wallace 455; Eleanor Haase 142. Announcements were made. 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.

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Corner, Alabama

April 13, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 317b. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers.

Harrison Creel led song on page 30t. Vice Chairman Hadyn Creel led songs on pages 84 and 124.

Permanent officers for the singing: Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Hadyn Creel; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn; Arranging Committee - Edith Tate and Cindy Franklin.

Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 155; Margie Smith 225t; Mae Conwill 348b; Joshua Keeton 294; Josie Hyde 302, 507; Gene Wakefield 100; Keterina Sanders 454; Patty Doss 201; Jerry Ryan 145t; Floyd Screws 270; Karen Rollins 489; Carlene Griffin 146; Bud Oliver 39b; Gertrude Wood 112; Elmer Conwill 411, 500; Kat Kincaid 421.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Hadyn Creel leading song on page 335. Leaders: Gordon Wilkerson 475; Kathy Manning 119; John Hyde 129; Pernie Pelfrey 73t; Clayton Ezell 300; Gladys Bonds 77t; Lena Wakefield 192; B. M. Smith 503, 276; B. J. Harris 452, 445; Ila Ingle 530 (in memory of Tom Harper).

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 512.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 186; Larry Ballinger 123t; Sherry Guthery 340; Ted

Mercer 434; Lora Cargo 460; Leola Smith 234; Marie Aldridge 217; Edith Tate 532; Pauline Childers 269; Flarce Creel 318; Charlene Wallace 77b, 448b; Harrison Creel 342.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Hadyn Creel leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Willodean Barton 290; Danny Creel 182, 383; Velton Chafin 419; Charlotte McCarn 339 (in memory of Tommy Creel); Lucy Heidorn 345t (in memory of Tommy Creel); Thurman Nall 34b, 523; Clarissa Springfield 343; Henry Guthery 225; Eron White 384; Travis Keeton 161; Corene White 396; Tressie Adkins 222; Amber Springfield 58; Gravis Ballinger 78; Ozella Blackmon 165; Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 59, 88t; Evelyn Harris 159; Cassie Franklin 422; Billy Williams 490 (by request); Paula Springfield 224; Wanda Capps 142; Kermit Adams 120; Dorothea McCowan 304, 196; Tim Whitaker 32t; Edith Tate 333; Odie Horton 284; Cindy Franklin 358, 198; Danny Creel 327.

After announcements were made, Harrison Creel led songs on pages 498 and 378b for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Clayton Ezell.

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

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

April 13, 1997

The annual singing at Antioch Baptist Church in Ider, Alabama was held on the second Sunday in April. The chairmen of the singing were Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten.

Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten called the class to order leading songs on pages 82t and 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Terry Wootten.

Leaders: Phillip Wootten 47b; Dewayne Wootten and Rayford Brown 31t, 99; Shawn Carroll and Chris Carroll 28b, 48t; Freeman Wootten 129; S. T. Reed 403; Mel Kersey 441; Marlon Wootten and David Lee 448t, 49b; Lamar Smith 76b; Mary Elizabeth Lee 276; Milton Oliver 137; Shane Wootten 159; Wayne Wootten 94; Steve Levine 515b; KeriAnn Wilkerson 354; Jeffrey Wootten and Aaron Wootten 347, 147; Thomas Willard 145b; Clarke Lee 39t; Rex Wilks and Tyler Wilks 63; Keith Willard 297; Mark Carroll 186; Dick Levine 569b.

RECESS

Leaders: Marty Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Dakota Garner 30t; Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff 163t, 56b; Susan Davis, Chris Davis, and Jennifer Wootten 111t, 56b; Mark Brown "Beulah Land; Hannah Lee, Rachel Lee, and Regina Bayer 176; Bryant Lee 100; Phil Townson, Heath Townson, David Townson, Hunter Townson, and Raven Townson 108b; Henry Johnson 148; Myra Dalton and Jaine Carroll 378b, 203; Pam Wilkerson and Rhonda Arnold 376, 312; John Bayer 165; Kathy Lee and Julie Lee 503; David Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Lomax Ballinger 300; Marsha Johnson 218; Jenny Willard 349; Don Bowen 454; Louis Hughes, Sr. and Louis Hughes, Jr. 32t, 384; Syble Adams and Jenny Wootten 559 (Cooper Book); Judy Mincey and Claire Mee 86, 532; Phil Summerlin 270.

LUNCH

Marty Wootten and Terry Wootten brought the class to order leading song on page 59. Leaders: Terry Wootten "Trusting"; Earl Johnson 319; Jack Laughlin 344.

The memorial lesson was held. Marty Wootten, Amanda Garner, and Stephannie Keller led song on page 490 for the following deceased: Delta Wootten, Cleve Blevins, Guy Parker, Marilyn Osterman, Bell Monroe, J. T. Conn, Will Battles, and David Hale - Alabama; Camilla Haase - Maryland; Mari J. Stick - Minnesota; Richard Jernigan - Florida; Don Johnson - Colorado. Robin Smith, Wilma McLemore, and Claudine Townson led "That Beautiful Land" for the following sick and shut-in: Carla Smith, Rod Willard, Gertha Parker, Nora Townson, Jean Schram, Virgil Phillips, and Sara Curry. Leaders: Carol Selleck 179; Reba Windom 216; Jim Pfau 77t; Jeff Oliver 162; Buell Cobb 138b; Ericka Mitchell 87; David Killingsworth and Steve Killingsworth 220; Johnny Lee and Gene Hickox 343; David Hough and Katharine Hough 480; Kathy Wallace and Val Eng 215; Karen Willard, Dudley Willard, and Cindy Danner 128; Olivia Allen, Freeman Wootten, and Beth "Sweet By And By"; Karen Travis, Tammy Wilks, Jason Wilks, and April Hall 117; Brenda Carroll, Shawn Carroll, Vickie Mitchell, and Chris Carroll 442; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Pam Nunn 440; Jerry Enright and Beth Reed 29t; Jim Carnes and Celia Carnes 171; Pearl Guier, Louise Tenenbaum, and Toby Tenenbaum 45t, 535; Eleanor Haase 352; Julie Vea 102; Gordon Olsen and Midge Olsen 198; John Schaffer 150; James Gingrich 385; Craig Brandis 38b; Bill Waddington, Gene Hauptmann, Jack Loftin, Cullen Wade, Patty Butterfield, Joyce Wade, and Laura Densmore 542; Linda Thomas, Bud Laney, Joyce Walton, Billy Thompson, and Coy Ivey 551. Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten led "Love At Home", and the class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Bud Laney. After the closing prayer, the class sang "Where The Soul Never Dies". Chairmen - Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten; Secretaries - Syble Adams and Sheila Wootten.

YELLOW SPRINGS

Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio

April 19, 1997

The fourteenth semi-annual Sacred Harp singing at Yellow Springs began with David Rust leading song on page 34b.

The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Michael Darby; Treasurer - Linda Coppock; Arranging Committee - Eloise Clark; Secretary - Marlen Rust.

Paul Foster led song on page 481, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 217; Marlen Rust 84; Linda Coppock and Julia Broadwell 159; Bob Meek 209; John Bealle 218; John Bealle 491 (requested by Christine Cox); Virginia Benade 56b; Fred Todt 40; Debbie Hall 284; Brad Oglesby 37b; Charles Wells 569b; Sandy Schultheis 31t; Bill Shetter 479; Seth Houston 142; David Wright 504; Wendy Gilchrist 335.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Paul Foster leading song on page 107. Leaders: Barbara Bauer 266; Chandler York 146; Charles Knecht 51; Michael Darby 312b; Kathy Knecht 179; Xander Knecht 348t; Linda Coppock 160 (requested by Barbara Olmstead); Fred Todt 415 (requested by Laura Russell); John Bayer and Hans Bayer 165; Bob Meek 49t (requested by Lauren Heeter); Anna Marie Bullock 497; Donna Purdom 454.

Linda Coppock thanked all who had come to sing from so far away. Eloise Clark led song on 49b. John Bayer said grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michael Darby began the afternoon of singing leading song on page 128. Leaders: Barbara Bauer 66; Sylvia Thomas 171; Allison Downey 47b (her first time to lead); David Rust 225t; Eloise Clark 45t (requested by Marissa Heeter); Paul Foster 377; Marlen Rust "Captain Kidd" (in honor of Hale Bopp); Linda Coppock 542; Bob Meek 198; Virginia Benade 163b; Fred Todt 189 (requested by Catherine Kohn); John Bealle 68b (requested by Christine Cox); Seth Houston 522 (requested by Laura Russell); Maria Knecht, Josie Bealle, and John Bealle 46; Fred Todt 373; Debbie Hall 47t; Sylvia Thomas 551.

RECESS

Linda Coppock brought the class to order leading song on page 212. Leaders: John Bealle 200; John Bayer and De-De Heeter 29t; Wendy Gilchrist 63; Charles Knecht 410t; Brad Oglesby 365; Sandy Schultheis 82t; Charles Wells 493. Announcements were made. Leaders: Bill Shetter 503; Seth Houston 538; Donna Purdom 86; Chandler York 268.

RECESS

Michael Darby brought the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Kathy Knecht 322; David Knight 411; Linda Coppock 378b (requested by Catherine Kohn); John Bayer and Henry Schuman 270; Seth Houston 277; Chandler York 155; David Knight 183; Eloise Clark, De-De Heeter, Marissa Heeter, and Lauren Heeter 59; Michael Darby 304 (for Carrie Fitzsimons). It was noted that five people present today were at the first Yellow Springs singing.

Debbie Hall and Linda Coppock led song on page 236. Fred Todt led song on page 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Charles Knecht.

Chairman - Michael Darby; Secretary - Marlen Rust.

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING **Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia** **April 19, 1997**

The twenty-first annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Chairman Kelly Morris leading song on page 49. The morning prayer was led by Jack Smith.

Leaders: Jeanette DePoy 77; Laura Akerman 171,189; Bob Hart 178, 383; Judy Mincey 556; John Redmond 299, 155.

A business session was held and the following officers elected or appointed: Chair - Jeanette DePoy; Vice Chair - Cathy White; Secretary - Laura Akerman; Arranging Committee - Doug Allison; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and Lori Allison.

Jeanette DePoy led songs on pages 475 and 384 which were dedicated to Horace DeLong. Leaders: Cathy White 503; Richard Carroll 358; Melinda Snow 68b, 497; Louis Hughes 37b, 480.

RECESS

Cathy White brought the class to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Karen Morris 168, 455; Caran Bryant 143, 454; Jack Smith 63, 147; Hugh McGraw 473; Dolly Hudgins 378, 82t; Lori Allison 278t (for Jane Haynes); Richard Whatley 569b; Larry Woodring 181, 107; Mark Baumgardner 117; Liz Bryant 504, 142; Joan Durden 29t, 159. A recess for lunch was called with Jack Smith asking the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with Jeanette DePoy leading song on page 122. Leaders: Don Bowen 34, 225; Helen Bryson 163t, 428; Richard DeLong 417, 316; Karen

Willard 153, 128; Charlene Wallace 276, 441; Faye Pettis 165, 392; Jack Corley 421, 328; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347, 129; George Snyder 254; Susan Posey 457, 236.

RECESS

Cathy White brought the class to order leading song on page 213t. Leaders: John Yntema 268; Bryan Black 362; Kenneth DeLong 548; Henry Slack 535; Andy Morse 183; Alice West 200; Katherine Yntema 324; Janet Sheppard 114.

Jeanette DePoy led song on page 369. Announcements were made. Jeanette DePoy led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jack Smith.

Chair - Jeanette DePoy; Vice Chair - Cathy White; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 69 East of Arab, Alabama

Saturday, April 19, 1997

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial singing was held in the Fellowship Room of Rocky Mount Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April.

The class was called to order by Arvid Holmes leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was offered by Lamar Smith.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

Leaders: Arvid Holmes 460; Carmon Brothers 97, "That Beautiful Land"; Eldagene Roberson 313, 139; Dan Hopper 138t, 54; Rhoda Norris 384, 137; Milton Oliver 348b, 448t; Martha Woodard 428, 271t; J. L. Hopper 397t, 149, 45.

RECESS

Marvin Beasley brought the class to order leading songs on pages 290 and 146.

Leaders: Nancy Thompson 101, 40; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Sandra Light 143, 354; Cecil Gilliland 329, 34b; Ester Brown 349, 426t; Milton Oliver 224 (by request); Jonathan Blakeley 123t, 30b; Waylon Blakeley 126, 127; Paul Gilliland 358, 490; Judy Hopper Caudle 78, 566. The blessing of food was offered by Elder Dan Hopper.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Dan Hopper leading songs on pages 273 and 84.

Leaders: Ramona Light 444; S. T. Reed 48t, 176b; Marie Guthrie 192, 411; Wilda Holmes 480, "Jesus Died For Me"; Irene Jordan 64, 268 (in memory of her daughter, Sharon Jordan Leach); Linda Thomas 82; J. L. Hopper 283 (by request), 295; Arvid Holmes 389, 171.

The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleburne County, Alabama

April 20, 1997

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 Elder Homer Benefield.

B. J. Harris led song on page 32t; Elder Neal Prichard 39b, 205, 566; Evelyn Harris 82t, 31b.

The class was organized and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown. Leaders: Harvey Austin 335, 405; Katherine Benefield 108, 373; Ruth Brown 63, 36b; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 112, 225t; Margie Smith 499b, 303; Homer Benefield 406, 146, 56t; Lou Cotney 196, 218, 497.

RECESS

B. J. Harris called the class to order leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 162, 270; Al Grindon 84, 48t, 133; Shirrell Durand 127, 40.

A memorial was given by Ruth Brown for those who have passed away since last year. Those remembered were: Mike Daniel, Malone Austin, Clelan Cobb, Lola Jenkins, Hazel Cagle, Vena Holley, Jimmy Causey, Rodger Morrison, Herman Lambert, J. E. Allen, and Shirley Wright. B. M. Smith led songs on pages 275b and 45t for the deceased. The song on page 45t was a special request for Mike Daniel.

Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 61 for all the sick and shut-ins, and especially for Herman Smith who is in the nursing home. A special request of song on page 294 was led for Lennie Smith. The memorial was closed with prayer by B. J. Harris.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Elder Neal Prichard leading songs on pages 104 and 569. Leaders: Reba Norton and Karen Reeves 410, 358; Louella Kerr 68, 161; Carrie Grindon 213, 122; B. M. Smith 123, 475, 280; Katie Grindon 178, 163b; Jeff Sheppard 312, 159, 49b; Ruth Daniel 378; Richard DeLong 388, 366, 439; Mildred Patterson 339, 119; Lewis Norton 30b, 37t; Ellen Waters 73b, 155; Charlene Wallace 341, 289; Miranel Swafford 345, 313t; Katie Grindon and Carrie Grindon 117; Al Grindon 276. Announcements were made. B. J. Harris and Elder Neal Prichard led song on page 46 as 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 **Fayette County, Alabama** **April 20, 1997**

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 39b. The morning prayer was led by Lavaughn Ballinger.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Earl Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Arnold Moore; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 40, 177; Lomax Ballinger 313, 312b; Leslie Ballinger 30t, 137; Edwin Ballinger 278b, 274b; Gene Wakefield 56t, 326; Larry Ballinger 134, 175; Willodean Barton 82t, 391; Lisa Geist 318, 206; Mae Conwill 167, 475; Lavaughn Ballinger 294, 84, 45; A. A. Malone 142, 183.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earl Ballinger leading song on page 144. Leaders: Emily Ballinger 171, 186; Josie Hyde 200, 220; Leon Ballinger 490, 269; Margaret Keeton 35, 276; Julie Ballinger, Jill Ballinger, Amber Ballinger, and Carol Robbins 400, 454, 155; Lena Keeton Wakefield 217, 231; Buddy Ballinger

42, 343, 385b; Odie V. Horton 225t, 71; Pernie Pelfrey 73t, 145b; Janet Litton 371, 212.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Linton Ballinger leading songs on pages 300 and 299. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 34b, 34t; Gladys Bonds 77t, 499; John Hyde 75, 297; Beth O'Dell and Anna Litton 560, 373, 546; Travis Keeton 288, 203; Julietta Haynes 434, 192; Elmer Conwill 216, 316; Leon Ballinger 49t, 384; Gene Wakefield 168, 460; Josie Hyde 68b, 198; Chuck Beasley 235, 72b; Lena Keeton Wakefield 498, 480; Janet Litton 127; Julietta Haynes 418; Lavaughn Ballinger 358; Lisa Geist 217, 120; Edwin Ballinger 477. Earl Ballinger led song on page 331 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Leon Ballinger.

THIS SINGING IS BEING DISCONTINUED.

Chairman - Earl Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Arnold Moore; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger.

OAK GROVE CHURCH **Alpharetta, Georgia** **Saturday, April 26, 1997**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Church was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April.

Loy Garrison called the class to order leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Cagle.

Loy Garrison led song on page 129. Leaders: Don Bowen 31t, 37b, 510; J. O. Wooten 46, 47t, 49b, 480; John Plunkett 89, 71, 535, 287; Jeanette DePoy 35, 565, 99; Judy Mincey 34t, 343, 475.

RECESS

The class was called together by Loy Garrison leading song on page 63. Leaders: Faye Pettis 77t, 111t, 457; Jack Corley 108b, 168, 144; Cathy White 155, 503, 159; Helen Bryson 70t, 385, 127; Kenneth DeLong 379, 501, 560.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Loy Garrison leading song on page 50. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

Leaders: Andy Morse 417, 31b, 448t; Janet Sheppard 183, 384; Tim Cook 569b, 515, 68b; Don Bowen 48t, 73t; J. O. Wooten 50b, 147t, 107; Tim Cook 145t, 72b; John Plunkett 341, 182; Janet Sheppard 186, 383; Andy Morse 372, 57; Jeanette DePoy 354; Judy Mincey 77b, 569t; Faye Pettis 323b, 549b; Cathy White 49t, 106, 358; Helen Bryson 479, 448b, 61; Kenneth DeLong 572.

Loy Garrison led song on page 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Kenneth DeLong.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

SACRED HARP SINGING HONORING **DR. WALLACE MCKENZIE**

Uniting Campus Ministry Building, Louisiana State University
April 26, 1997

Rick McLain, former president of the Louisiana State Sacred Harp Singing Convention and a student of Dr. Wallace McKenzie, opened the singing by stating that the group had assembled to sing Sacred Harp in tribute to the tireless work that Dr. Wallace McKenzie had performed in promoting Sacred Harp

singing. "Dr. McKenzie is no stranger to most of us here today and it gives us great pleasure, said McLain, to end this two day symposium in his honor by joining him in singing praise from the Sacred Harp".

Rick McLain asked Dr. Harry Eskew of the Baptist Theological Seminary of New Orleans to offer the invocation and then present a brief lesson on Sacred Harp singing for those who are unfamiliar with this form of American folk singing. During this introduction Dr. Eskew led songs on pages 49t and 105. Next Dr. McKenzie came forward and led songs on pages 48b and 159. Dr. Mark Thomas, also a student of Dr. McKenzie and a Sacred Harp scholar, led songs on pages 63 and 217. Rick McLain led 358 and 38. Brad Pope led song on page 155 as the closing song.

There was a warm feeling of friendship expressed by the singers. Among the more than thirty singers were some of Baton Rouge's finest vocalists as well as some "first timers". The acoustics were perfect for Sacred Harp singing and there seemed to be a common desire to meet again in this place of worship.

A collection was taken up to have the minutes printed.

Dr. McKenzie closed the singing by thanking everyone for coming and invited all to join him and his wife at their home for refreshments.

Secretary - Richard D. McLain.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Haleyville, Alabama** **April 27, 1997**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held the fourth Sunday in April, and was called to order by Parnell Berry leading song on page 285. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Parnell Berry led songs on pages 137 and 177.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Mae Conwill; Arranging Committee - Larry Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 89, 109, 123; Mae Conwill 100, 179, 77t; L. E. Hannah 56t, 57, 63; Kermit Adams 302, 376, 426; Ila Ingle 411, 434, 436; Ivalene Donaldson 129.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 208, 212, and 142. Leaders: Hubert Hood 454, 569; Latrina Bailey 384, 143; Hussell Godsey 108t, 108b, 37b, 68b; Irene Hipp 171, 402; Earl Ballinger 78, 80b, 110; Edith Tate 155, 371, 389; Roma Rice 34t, 566, 72b; John Hyde led songs on pages 314, 297, and 73t for the sick and shut-ins.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Parnell Berry leading song on page 373. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 101t, 300, 34b; Harrison Creel 30t, 111b, 512; Flarce Creel 475, 229; Dawson Adams 134, 328, 39b; Josie Hyde 225t, 66, 67; Betty Hood and Josie Hyde 408; Delean Hyde and Josie Hyde 99, 146; Ivalene Donaldson 275b, 176b, 143, 176t; John Hyde and Betty Hood 179; Josie Hyde 348b, 288; Earl Ballinger 324.

Parnell Berry led song on page 46 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Snead Crossroads, Alabama

April 27, 1997

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 59. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Carmon Brothers led songs on pages 58 and 136.

The class organized and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Bud Oliver; Arranging Committee - Ruby Brothers; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

Carmon Brothers led songs on pages 137 and 294 for Elder J. O. Handley who is in the nursing home. Leaders: Lamar Smith 76b; Jonathan Thompson 274t; Ester Brown 30t, 36b, 90; Brandon Thompson 354b; Martha Woodard 335; Nancy Thompson 40, 186; Bud Oliver 145b, 73t; Cecil Gilliland 345t, 275b; Marlin Beasley 569b, 480; Marie Guthrie 155, 166b, 192; Eldagene Roberson 300, 168; Linda Thomas 345b; Carmon Brothers 127.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class back together leading song on page 328. Leaders: Rhoda Norris 460, 187; Waylon Blakeley 126, 76t, 203; Kyle Blakeley 30b, 119, 313; Milton Oliver 421; Gavin Blakeley 128, 401; Becky Yancey 39b, 452b; David Roberson 63, 34t.

Elder Marlin Wilkerson led song on page 45t and dismissed the class for lunch with prayer.

LUNCH

Carmon Brothers called the class back together leading songs on page 196 and "That Beautiful Land". Leaders: Dexter Cobb 332, 47t; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 147t, 418; Willowese Malone 89, 164, 75; Judy Holmes 61, 46, 340, 358; Rev. Drenner Aldridge 143; Bud Oliver 270, 282; Ester Brown 426t; Willard Hopper and Rhoda Norris 384, 318.

Carmon Brothers led songs on pages 275b and 100 as the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Drennen Aldridge.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Bud Oliver; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

ALEWINE MEMORIAL - ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

Cleburne County, Alabama

April 27, 1997

The annual Alewine Memorial Sacred Harp singing at St. Michael Church in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on the fourth Sunday in April, and was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harvey Austin. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 37b and 57; Corene Laminack 59, 63; Mary Florence Smith 61, 45t.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Corene Laminack; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

Jeff Sheppard led song on page 91 for Daphene Causey. Leaders: Harvey Austin 101t, 108t, 335 (in memory of Rufus Walker and Malone Austin); Margie Smith 31b, 35, 569b (for Sid Caldwell); Luke Allen 147t, 277; Shelbie Sheppard 155, 142, 106; Lucille McElroy 452b, 274t, 274b.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 37t. Leaders: B. M. Smith 39b, 145t, 225t; Pauline Kilgore 334, 46, 143; Louise Allen 81, 119, 318; Corene Laminack 358, 503; Jeff Sheppard 441.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 75. Leaders: Nell McElroy 294; Harvey Austin 49b, 100; Margie Smith 354b, 373; Luke Allen 111t; Shelbie Sheppard 38b, 448b; B. M. Smith 426t, 77t; Mary Florence Smith 74t (for I. V. McWhorter), 72b (for Alice Edwards); Lucille McElroy 56t, 435b; Louise Allen 378t, 490; Corene Laminack 457, 339; Lucille McElroy 340; Gladys McGraw and Hester Edwards 36b, 40; Corene Laminack 182; Louise Allen 212.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Harvey Austin.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Corene Laminack; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING **Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama** **May 3, 1997**

The thirteenth annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday, May 3rd in the Madison Church building on the grounds of Burritt Museum and Park. Burritt Museum is located atop Monte Sano Mountain, the second highest elevation in Alabama. Lomax Ballinger, Chairman, called the class to order leading song on page 49b. Sam Jones led the morning prayer.

The class organized by selecting the following officers: Vice Chairman - Mark Carroll; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger. Lomax Ballinger continued the singing by leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Vice Chairman Mark Carroll 448b, 144; Secretary Teresa Ballinger 78; Sam Jones 179; Gary Leopold 159; David Ivey 283 in honor of Estelle Napier; Edwin Ballinger 477; Bill Shrader 72b; Amanda Ballinger 200; Rodney Ivey 299; Jenny Willard 163t; S. T. Reed 35; Emily Ballinger 171; Loyd Ivey 424; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Dave Ressler 411; Pam Wilkerson 203; Frances Jones and Donald Jones 147t; Judy Caudle 186; David Ballinger 59; Lora Cargo 454; Rex Wilks 137; Karen Isbell 224; Lavaughn Ballinger 45t.

RECESS

Linton Ballinger called the class together leading song on page 189. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 392; Linda Thomas 217; Jerry Enright and David Ivey 42; Norma Latham 480; Don Bowen 548; Wilda Holmes 39b; Myra Dalton 332; Thomas Willard 274t; Beth O'Dell 546; Sam Sommers 386; Ruth Brown 155; Bud Oliver 406; Nancy Thompson 77t; Gary Gronau 362; Tina Leopold 84; Allison Ivey 134; Alan Jones 312b; Becky Browne 181; Gravis Ballinger 34b; Syble Adams 66; Willard Hopper and Judy Caudle 448t; Judy Mincey 368; Keith Willard 297; Earl Ballinger 177; Arvid Holmes 383.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Chairman Lomax Ballinger leading song on page 168. Leaders: Mark Carroll 142; Buddy Ballinger 343b; Coy Ivey 475; Carrie Ann Wilkerson 354b; Glen Harper 40; Bob Meek 236; Tory O'Dell 108t; Dennis George 68b; Michelle Cull 209; Larry Ballinger 232; J.L. Hopper 553; Mark Taylor 143; Buell Cobb 72t; Lee Rogers 446; Steve Sheraton 65; David Carlton 81t; H. A. Godsey 436; Syble Adams 350; Sam Sommers 415; Jenny Willard 303b; Becky Browne 215; Jerry Enright 300; Donald Jones 100;

Coy Ivey 222; J.L. Hopper 198; Judy Mincey 497; Bob Meek 269; Steven Sheraton 551; Beth O'Dell 196; Dave Ressler 192; Jeff Sheppard 352. Following the announcements, Chairman Lomax Ballinger and Vice Chairman Mark Carroll led song on page 62, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger.
Chairman - Lomax Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Mark Carroll; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING
Little Adobe Mission, Santa Cruz, California
May 3, 1997

The fourth session of the Northern California Regional Singing was called to order by Shelley Phillips leading song on page 59. A prayer was led by Steve Ellis. Leaders: Lisa Ralston 84; Heather McCurdy 454; Carolyn Deacy 114; Rachel Lee 421; Darryl Dicheck 28; Gordon Bigelow 66; Tammy Heinsohn 159; Chris Thorman 37b, 474; Paul Booth 86, 155; Janet Herman 504; Barry Phillips 196; Pat Teverbaugh 178; Steve Ellis 117; Shelley Phillips 58; Ruth McGurk 188; Dan Curtis 34b; John Brunk 479; Pauline Borsin 503b; Joy Newman 513; Donna Thomson 219; Paul Kimbro 146.

RECESS

Chris Thorman called the class together leading song on page 40. Leaders: Rob Katz 147t; Pat Boyd 31t; Gordon Bigelow 216; Chris Thorman 315; Ruth McGurk 170; Lisa Ralston 324; Carolyn Deacy 299; Gordon Bigelow 142; Shelley Phillips "Ruth"; Chris Thorman 217, 120; Paul Booth 287, 300; Janet Herman 39t; Ruth McGurk 271t; Barry Phillips 106; Pat Teverbaugh 103b, 193b.

Shelley Phillips then led the memorial lesson to remember those who have passed away, leading song on page 327.

Leaders: Peter Moss 455; Dan Curtis 56b; Cathy Sillavo 532. The session closed with the class taking the parting hand and singing song on page 62.

Chairman - Shelley Phillips; Secretary - Carolyn Deacy.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)
Walker County, Alabama
May 4, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was held the first Sunday in May, and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 68b. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. Travis Keeton led song on page 73t.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield; Secretary - Margaret Keeton.

Travis Keeton led song on page 426t. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 140, 100; Hubert Hood 128, 129; Ivalene Donaldson 145b, 108t; Larry Ballinger 107, 119; Tressie Adkins 72, 78; Cecil Sanders 318; Mae Conwill 74b, 206; Gene Wakefield 103, 56t; Ila Ingle 112; Ila Ingle and her son, Dwight Ingle, 294; A. C. McGough 290, 111b; Earl Ballinger 144, 104.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Travis Keeton leading song on page 127. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 276, 212 (for Bob and Ora Lee Fannin); John Hyde 75, 275b;

John Hocutt 448b, 338; Gladys Bonds 47t, 44; Joshua Keeton 268, 30t; Elmer Conwill 31t, 179; Arnold Moore 35, 42; Edwin Ballinger 278b, 274t.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the class back together leading song on page 343. Leaders: Loretta Whitman 272, 216; Nellie Alexander 317, 108; Marie Aldridge 192, 436; Kermit Adams 220, 309; Willodean Barton 176t, 391; Amanda Whitman and Ashley Keeton 45t, 146; Lucy Heidorn 36b, 99; Pamela Keeton 171, 215; Josie Hyde 300, 183; Christie Allen 475, 498; Cassandra Franklin 224, 217; Marie Guthrie 189, 434; Glenn Keeton 229, 231; Cindy Franklin 123t, 198; Eldagene Roberson 142, 203; Ann Ballard 117, 340; Roma Rice 225t, 499; Flarce Creel 299, 297; Dorothea McCowan 380, 507; L. H. Gilmore 403, 77t; Lena Wakefield and Glenn Keeton 200 (in memory of Bennie Keeton and Maude Keeton), 546.

Travis Keeton led song on page 566 as the closing song. Al Lofton dismissed the class with prayer.

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

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Carrollton, Georgia

May 4, 1997

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 59 and 72b. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer. Leaders:

Everette Denney 335, 405; Sheri Taylor 95, 203.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney ; Secretary - Sheri Taylor; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee - Jimmie Denney and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 370, 371, 316; Jimmie Denney 63, 68b; Dan Bailey 66, 569b, 117; Lee Rogers 312b, 187, 474; Louis Hughes 48t, 31t.

RECESS

Everette Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 503. Leaders: Tokay Boggs 35, 111b, 204; Lonnie Rogers 75, 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 484, 481, 202; Josephine Denney and Kyle Williams 45t, 145b; Bernard Denney 141, 100, 155; Denny Rogers 318, 345t.

LUNCH

Felton Denny called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 73t.

Louis Hughes led songs on pages 49b, 70t, and 347.

The memorial was given by Ruth Brown.

Richard DeLong led song on page 420 for the following deceased: Sara Duke, Jimmy Causey, Hazel Cagle, Charles Dannals, Rodger Morrison, Clelan Cobb, Vena Holley, Herman Lambert, William Headrick, and Lola Jenkins.

Lonnie Rogers led song on page 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Ann Black, Jap Walton, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Mary Francis Daniels, Sandra Sensenback, I. V. McWhorter, Alice Edwards, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Kim Cagle, Chuck White, and B. J. Harris.

Ruth Brown led song on page 285t, and Elder Homer Benefield closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Sherry Louvorn 373, 272, 298; Don Bowen 77b, 303, 494; Mary Florence Smith 317, 192; Eris Muse 143, 61.

RECESS

Felton Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 448b. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 439; Jeanette DePoy 375, 410; Wilford Denney 167, 159; Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin 511; Jacob Griffith 146, 127; Judy Mincey and Becky Camp 277, 556; Louise Holland 186, 323b; Everette Denney 55; Charlene Wallace 164. Felton Denney led song on page 56 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor.

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Nauvoo, Alabama
May 11, 1997

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 Joshua Keeton leading songs on pages 32, 59, and 111. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Pam Keeton; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 39b, 225, 137; Keterina Sanders 87, 146; Billy Williams 403, 28b; Ila Ingle 434, 436, 500; Elmer Conwill 30, 348b; A. C. McGough 475, 390, 454; Pam Keeton 382 (for her mother, Jimmie Gilmore, and grandfather, Garnsey McGough who had surgery), 171.

RECESS

Joshua Keeton brought the class back to order leading song on page 45. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 489, 498; John Hyde 129, 75; Gene Wakefield 56, 57, 108b; Mae Conwill 73, 74b, 142; Glenn Keeton 64, 285, 503.

A memorial lesson was held with Josie Hyde leading song on page 182 in memory of Tom Roberson and Lola Myrtle Roberson; Ila Ingle leading 530 in memory of Tom, Mack, Joe, Martha, Grady, Robert, Luna, and Wallace Harper; Dorothea McCowan leading "Not Made With Hands" in memory of Johnnie Sue Beasley; Glenn Keeton leading 340 in memory of Floyd Davis; Lena Wakefield leading 45 in memory of Harvey East and Elsie Key.

LUNCH

Joshua Keeton brought the class back to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 354b, 124; Travis Keeton 343, 321, 235; Lena Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Gwen Cornelius, and Glenn Keeton 371, 546, 490, 491; Dorothea McCowan 234, 196; Dustin McCowan and Dorothea McCowan 274; Kermit Adams 455, 426t, 426b; Beatrice Brewer 373, 384; Loretta Whitman 176b, 106, 269; Dovey Jackson 278b, 319, 421; John Beasley 290, 294, 480; Glenn Riddle and Josie Hyde 358, 143.

Joshua Keeton led song on page 46 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Pam Keeton.

GARDEN STATE CONVENTION
Upper Montclair, New Jersey
May 16-17, 1997

Friday, May 16

The fifth 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, who welcomed everyone and led song on page 31t. Ginny Landgraf led the class in prayer.

Jean Seiler introduced the shapes for the benefit of new singers and led song on page 34b. Gina Balestracci led song on page 39t.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman - Jean Seiler; Secretary - Karen Snowberg; Arranging Committee - Paula McGray, George Seiler, Bill Holt, Barbara Swetman, and Dennis O'Brien; Memorial Committee - Ann Ballard and Ginnie Ely; Finance Committee - Donna Abrahams; Resolutions Committee - Marlin Beasley; Reception Committee - Susan Bingham and Marlene Levine; Food Committee - Virginia Douglas and Diane Mennella.

The class resumed singing with Karen Snowberg leading song on page 532.

Leaders: Dick Levine 99; Margaret Bornick 117; Marty DeNys 547; Michael Kaye 49b; Diane Mennella 488; Lyra O'Brien 436; David Hough 384; Karen House 112; Bradford West 28t; Eleanor Soler 84; Guy Bankes 68b; Dan Hertzler 189.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ginnie Ely leading song on page 228. Chairman Gina Balestracci introduced Buell Cobb of Birmingham, Alabama, teacher of the singing school. Buell's topic for the evening was "Your time in the square-How to get out of it what you want to get out of it, with a view toward convention etiquette."

There was a strong underlying theme stressing how important handed-down tradition is to singing Sacred Harp music. Buell included many wonderful historical recordings in his presentation. He discussed leading, where he said there are no rules-only practice, custom, and tradition. He led song on page 425 in memory of Dewey Williams, who frequently used to lead it.

Buell stressed the importance of communicating with the front bench in one of two ways-leading with confidence or telling what you want. He next commented on how many verses should be sung.

Buell prefaced his explanation of ornamentation and anticipation with a recording of the Lee family of south Georgia. He had the class try adding ornamentation on 56b.

Next he mentioned the occasional indulgence allowed to some leaders, to take the final repeat an extra time. The final recording featured the Wootten family singing 448, where the class itself demanded a further repeat. Buell closed his singing school leading the same.

The evening session ended with Gina Balestracci leading song on 173 and Ginny Landgraf leading prayer.

Saturday, May 17

On Saturday morning the class reassembled, and the session was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading song on 49t, after which she read a quote by Thoreau. Ginny Landgraf led the opening prayer. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 66; Frank Evans 315; Evan Duncan 148; Bob Parr 108b; Barbara Swetman 188; Katharine Hough 114; Ron Davies 273; Donna Abrahams 28b; Paula McGray 318; Blake

Morris 378t; Paul Gauthier 101b; Richard Schmeidler 334; Ann Ballard 57; Dan Brittain 434; Lynne de Benedette 129; Bill Holt 271t; Susan Wantland 29t; Kelly House 442; Chuck Beasley 33b; Clare Chapin 86; Roland Hutchinson 553; Ginny Landgraf 455; Hal Kunkel 550; Jeff Colby 67; Kyle Greenlee 91; Laura Densmore 350; Dennis Leipold 351; Marlin Beasley 73t; Dottie Hurley 178; Kat Kinkade 216.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading song on page 73b.

Leaders: Ron Bornick 107; Gabriel Kastle 500; Susan Bingham 198; Dennis O'Brien 339; Carol Werba 147t; Becky Briggs 335; Doron Henkin 224; Tom Tucker 31t; Peter Pate 487; Cathy Tucker 106; Mirjana Lausevic 378b; Cora Sweatt 49b; Eva Smirloff 163b; Tim Wheeler 481; Tom Gibney 445; George Seiler 183; Karen Snowberg 430.

Ann Ballard and Ginny Ely led the memorial lesson. They reminded us that the memorial lesson is a meaningful link to the singers of the past. It ties our hearts to those who have gone before us and who shared the same joys in their hearts from singing this music. We honor and remember them.

As the class hummed 285t, Ann Ballard read the names of those who have passed away this year: Johnnie Sue Beasley and Tom Harper - Alabama; Gail Rich - California; Katherine Sayvetz - Colorado; Betty Snowberg - Illinois; Lawrence Brooks - Massachusetts; Adell Dawson and Mary Howell Romanowski - Maryland; Ruth F. Ewell, Jean DePalma, and Gabe Wiener - New York; Quay Smathers - North Carolina. The class then sang 285t.

Ginny Ely honored the sick and shut-in with song on page 340: Amanda Denson and Jap Walton - Alabama; Madolin McGray - Massachusetts; Arthur Perkins and Linda Weis - New Jersey; Dodge Wiggins - New Mexico; Erick Marketan - New York; Mary Elizabeth Wise - Ohio; Catherine Cessna - Pennsylvania; Alexa Clifford - Virginia; Johnny Jeans - Washington.

Regular singing resumed with the following leaders: Dick Levine 503b; Margaret Bornick 313b; Marty DeNys 269; Michael Kaye 569b; Lyra O'Brien 113; and David Hough 282. Peter Pate led the class in a blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Marty DeNys 327; Barbara Swetman 142; Howard Katz 362; Brenda Peña 229; Becky Briggs 460; Buell Cobb 131b; Kelly House 128; Ginny Ely 328; Dan Brittain 138t; Bill Holt 217; Jean Seiler 299; Marlin Beasley 63; Peter Pate 132; Paul Gauthier 542; Susan Wantland 200; Clare Simon 268; Lynne deBenedette 501; Blake Morris 32t; Karen House 324; Chuck Beasley 30t; Bradford West 102; Ann Ballard 277; Guy Bankes 474; Katharine Hough 480; Dan Hertzler 48t; Cora Sweatt 159; Dennis O'Brien 477; Paula McGray 155.

RECESS

Gina Balestracci brought the class together leading song on page 28t. Leaders: Tom Gibney 290; Bob Parr 546; Timothy Wheeler 296; Cathy Tucker 40; Donna Abrahams 203; Mirjana Lausevic 122; Tom Tucker 504; Doron Henkin 192; Gabriel Kastle 385t; Ron Bornick 84; Kat Kinkade 372; Elise Meyer-Bothling 276; Dennis Leipold 300; Laura Densmore 228; Jeff Colby 101t; Hal Kunkel 497; Dottie Hurley 47t; Clare Chapin 523; Ginny Landgraf 326; Evan Duncan 479; Richard Schmeidler 146.

Gina Balestracci asked for the state count. The 159 singers came from 13 states and the District of Columbia: New Jersey 65; New York 30; Massachusetts 13; Virginia 10; Pennsylvania 10; Maryland 6; Connecticut 6; Alabama 6;

Washington State 3; Rhode Island 3; Vermont 2; Florida 2; Tennessee 2; Washington, D.C. 1.

Marlin Beasley presented the Resolutions Committee report and thanked:

- 1) all the officers, committees, and individuals whose efforts contributed to the success of the convention;
- 2) our Creator that we have been given the desire and the talent for singing this music;
- 3) the singers who came distances to join their voices together with ours in the spirit God has given us.

He led 400 for all the time and effort given to make the convention successful.

Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 287; Mary Alice Greene 401; Frank Evans 284; Susan Bingham 46; Ron Davies 180; Ginnie Ely 454.

The officers led 62 and those who wished took the parting hand. Chaplain Peter Pate closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman - Jean Seiler; Secretary - Karen Snowberg.

ARROW ROCK SINGING **Federated Church, Arrow Rock, Missouri** **May 17, 1997**

The third annual Arrow Rock Singing met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Susan Green called the class to order leading song on page 35. The morning prayer was led by Rev. Charles Bennett. Susan Green led song on page 34; Richard Green 29t; Wendy Hofmann 373.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Wendy Hofmann; Vice Chairman - Susan Green; Secretary - Richard Green; Memorial - Linda McCollum, Charlene Heaton, and Keith Willard; Finance - Sharon Kropp; Arranging - Karen Isbell; Locating - Wendy Hofmann and Susan Green. Leaders: Jenny Willard 148, 235b; Keith Willard 39t, 397; Bill Ellason 59, 63; Donna Latifa 38b, 268; Cindy Kisse 45t; Jenni Wallace-Grate 31t, 318; Charles Obert 70b, 27; Sharon Kropp 117, 178; Karen Isbell 171, 142; Allison Grate and Rebecca Green 49t; Patty Doss-Butterfield 547, 217; Frances Mendenhall 84, 36b; Dave Ressler 411, 542; Becky Browne 215, 436; Sandy Schulteis 112, 99; Gary Gronau 192, 163; Jenny Willard 168, 108. Rev. Charlene Heaton led the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Wendy Hofmann called the class to order leading songs on pages 155 and 569. Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 377, 216; Keith Willard 74, 196; Sharon Kropp 282; Cindy Kisse 209, 361.

The Memorial Committee led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-in which included the following: Mary Gruber, Avelene McCaul, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Jim Kropp, Janie Smith, and Steve Gallagher. The Committee led song on page 348b for the following deceased: David Miller, Evelyn Browne, and Catherine Gruber. Rev. Charlene Heaton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jenny Willard 349; Thomas Willard and Lonnie Hofmann 274b; Charles Obert 186; Karen Isbell 350; Jim Wood and Kathy Wood 532; Dave Ressler 189b; Jenni Wallace-Grate 421; Cindy Shely 551; Susan Green 474; Gary Gronau 550; Donna Latifa and Mrs. Walters 457; Jeanette Lowry 270; Frances Mendenhall "Glory Hallelujah"; Patty Doss-Butterfield 300; Bill Ellason 137; Becky Browne 299.

The officers thanked the committee members and also thanked Dave Ressler for keying the music through the day.

Wendy Hofmann and Susan Green led song on page 62 as the singers took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Susan Green.

Chairman - Wendy Hofmann; Vice Chairman - Susan Green; Secretary - Richard Green.

HARMONY CHURCH - MATTOX MEMORIAL SINGING **City Administration Building, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee** **Saturday, May 17, 1997**

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Moderator Clay Mattox who led songs on pages 335 and 334. The morning prayer was led by Brother Paul Violet.

Clayton Ezell welcomed everyone and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Clayton Ezell; Secretary - Vivian Davis; Assistant Secretary - Frances Mattox; Arranging Committee - Gordon Wilkerson.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 34b, 176b; Clayton Ezell 225t, 475; Gordon Wilkerson 283, 380; Ivalene Donaldson 275b; Vivian Davis and Clayton Ezell 480, 358; Cindy Scott 40, 128; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57; Flarce Creel 299, 229; Drew Foster 117, 107; John Hyde 63.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 143.

Leaders: Wanda Capps 168, 448t; Velton Chafin 567, 122; Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Wanda Capps, Cassie Franklin, Edith Tate, Julianna Jett, Ann Jett 111b, 343; Margie Norwood and Frances Mattox 452; Travis Keeton 418, 142; Lora Cargo 348b, 269, 340; Julianna Jett 87, 59.

LUNCH

The class was reassembled with Tim Reynolds leading songs on pages 84 and 45. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 130, 44; Henry Guthery 149, 273; Josie Hyde 200, 434; Linda Barnes 53, 455; Gladys Bonds 312, 499; Jeanette Duberry 217, 189; Ann Jett 436, 327; Margaret Pruitt 456, 471; Judge Otis Knippers "Not Made With Hands"; Lena Wakefield 454, 498; Chris Mattox 460, 445b; Harrison Creel 512; Jeanette Duberry and Chris Mattox 358; Clayton Ezell 294, 73t.

Announcements were made.

A motion was made and accepted to have this an annual event with next year's meeting at the same time, and same place.

Tim Reynolds led song on page 312 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Brother Paul Violet.

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Clayton Ezell; Secretary - Vivian Davis; Assistant Secretary - Frances Mattox.

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles (near Lexington),** **Kentucky** **May 17, 1997**

The sixteenth annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. At 9:00 a.m. Raphael Finkel called the class to order, and Caroline Simmons gave an invocation. Keith MacAdam, Convener, began the first morning session with song on page 58 in honor of the location of

the singing. Leaders: Lorena Moore 324; Bob French 313, 354; Bill Shetter 40; Bob Sears 147, 373; Ron Pen 209, 146; Phil Cullum 147, 268; Raphael Finkel 523b, 528; Don Waggener 338, 339; Mitchell Martin 497, 178; Denise Morris 297; Caroline Simmons 117.

RECESS

Keith MacAdam opened the second morning session with song on page 107. Leaders: Raphael Finkel "Landsdowne" (original composition), 479; Michelle Cull 209; Laurel Cornell 143, 38; Faith Shine 73, 300; Hugh McElrath 35, 58; Lorena Moore 440, 39; Bill Shetter 295; Don Waggener 47b, 165; Mitchell Martin 159, 569; Bob Sears 569.

The memorial service began at 11:25 a.m. with Keith MacAdam leading song on page 180 in memory of Wallace R. Gray. Mary Brinkman led 61 in memory of Jim Alley and family. Ron Pen led 524 in memory of Rena Niles.

Announcements were made to the class. Pat Meek requested song on page 457, which was led by Keith MacAdam. Keith MacAdam led 49 as a grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began at 1:00 p.m. with Bob French, Convener, leading songs on pages 314 and 181. Leaders: Ron Pen 236 (for Aleene Miller); Phil Cullum 223; Raphael Finkel 535; Don Waggener 410, 455; Mitchell Martin 34b, 38b; Mary Brinkman 159 (for Jim Cox); Hugh McElrath 48b; Denise Morris 86, 188; Faith Shine 489b, 183; Caroline Simmons 155, 66; Keith MacAdam 133 (for Pat Meek); Charles Coulston 99, 101; Laurel Cornell 84, 49; Lorena Moore 106; Bob Sears 85 (for Lorena Moore); Mary Brinkman 269; Keith MacAdam 31t, 145; Bob French 506, 503, 454; Bob Sears 551, 59; Raphael Finkel 62 (for Phil Cullum); Wendy Gilchrist 198.

The class was dismissed with song on page 267.

Organizing Committee - Mary Brinkman, Raphael Finkel, Lyndra Givens, Keith MacAdam, Bob Meek, and Ron Pen; Secretary - Charles Coulston.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING **San Pedro, California** **May 17, 1997**

The fifth annual Southern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Angel's Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, California. The class was called to order by Carla Smith leading song on page 217. Carri Patterson Grindon offered the opening prayer. Gerry Hoffman then lead 31b.

Carla Smith called a business meeting, at which the following officers were nominated and elected: Chairman - Gerry Hoffman; Vice Chairman - Jerry Schreiber; Secretary - Mike Laube; Treasurer - Susan Turpin; Resolutions Committee - Laura Russell; Chaplain - Carri Patterson Grindon; Memorial Committee - Al Patterson Grindon; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith.

Leaders: Al Patterson Grindon 313t, 203; Rick Russell 280, 28b; Susan Turpin 67, 30t; Betty Herman 49t, 421; Janice Hecksel 107, 159; Ron Huss 344, 327; Chris Thorman 365, 474; Jim Friedrich 163t, 454; Jerry Schreiber 370, 538.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber brought the class back together leading 37b. Leaders: Catherine Callahan 154, 126; Midge Harder 36b, 535b; John Ostwald 163b, 318; Jane Campbell 479, 155; Carri Patterson Grindon 58, 122; Karen Huss 458, 547; Tom Ostwald 504, 269.

Al Patterson Grindon presented the memorial lesson. Noting that some of the persons named in the memorial never sang with us, he explained that we live in a world where not everyone sings Sacred Harp -- yet. (Someone in the audience responded, "In the next world.") The experience of the memorial is for us bittersweet, as we are glad for them, but miss them; perhaps when we sing, we can hear their voices in overtones.

Then he read aloud the following list of those deceased: California - Shirley Wright, Thomas Bell, Ida Ray Rosenfeld, Margaret Laughin, Emanuel Harriman, Ray Edwards, Ann Becker, and Jan Goldman; Missouri - Julia Grindon; Texas - Sam Herman.

Sick and Shut-in: California - Marilou Jolly, Nancy Snyder and Judith Rinaldi; Alabama - Amanda Denson. Carri Patterson Grindon closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Al Patterson Grindon 106, 510; Jon Rand 285, 330b; Judy Nahman-Stouffer 209, 455.

LUNCH.

The class was brought back together singing song on 34b. Leaders: Stephen O'Leary 130, 272; Jean Olson 39t, 84; Michael Lambert 385b; Natalie Hall 186, 114; Gisele LaLonde 178, 456; Mary Rose O'Leary 506, 550; Mike Laube 38b, 120.

RECESS.

The class was brought back together singing song on 312. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 328, 171; Sharon Berman 117, 131b; Victoria Ostwald 236, 268; Donald Nollar 133, 48b; Anne Friend 277, 160; Carla Smith 66, 369.

RECESS

The class was brought back together singing song on 276. Leaders: Jim Friedrich 168; Tom Ostwald 142; Chris Thorman 569b.

Gerry Hoffman led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Chaplain Carri Patterson Grindon offered the closing prayer and dismissed the class.

Chairman - Gerry Hoffman; Vice Chairman - Jerry Schreiber; Secretary - Mike Laube.

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **May 18, 1997**

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 B. M. Smith leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Lewis Norton. B. M. Smith led song on page 30t; Cecil Edwards led songs on pages 186 and 159. The class organized and the following officers were elected: Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: B. M. Smith 101t; Pearl Guier 49t, 49b; Ruth Brown 40, 63; Lewis Norton 171, 45t; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Bud Oliver 32t, 145b; Miranel Swafford 203; Harvey Austin 566, 335; Lou Cotney 196, 218.

RECESS

The class was called together by B. M. Smith leading song on page 34t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 68b, 388; Carlene Griffin 113, 146; Sam Jones 127, 274; Milton Oliver 348b, 321. Charles Norton gave a report on the cemetery. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 176t, 182; Sylvia Holland 176, 111b.

The memorial was given by Ruth Brown and Pearl Guier using two beautiful roses for the theme. Pearl Guier read, "In the rising of the sun, and the going down of the sun, we remember them". Sylvia Holland led song on page 434 in special memory of Lola Jenkins. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 72t and 75 for the following deceased: Jimmy Causey, Rodger Morrison, Clelan Cobb, Mike Daniel, Vena Holley, Herman Lambert, William Headrick, Russell Norton, Earnest Allen, R. D. Smith, Don Markovitz, Greg Scott, Bertha Anderson, Malone Austin, Alice Mauldin, and Dwight Pollard. Richard DeLong led song on page 371 in memory of Hazel Cagle.

B. M. Smith led songs on pages 475 and 340 for the sick and shut-ins which included: Mary Walker, Jap Walton, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, I. V. McWhorter, Kim Cagle, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, and the daughter of Roy and Louise Nelson. The song on page 475 was led especially for Virgil Phillips. B. J. Harris closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

B. M. Smith led song on page 135 to call the class back into session. Leaders: Richard DeLong 482, 458; Louise Holland 318, 273; Everette Denney 225t, 569b; Alice Edwards 73b; Lamar Smith 36b; Katherine Benefield 373, 405; Bobby Bailey 490 (in memory of Elder A. L. Beckett), 365; Karen Reeves and Reba Norton 87, 112; Jimmie Denney 61, 100; Mildred Patterson 294, 378t; Ora Martin 215, 349; Neal Prichard 341, 204; Roy Nelson and Louise Nelson 82, 128; Pam Nunn 168, 172; Jack Butler 110, 129; Shelbie Sheppard 556, 106; Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, Louise Owen, and Cecil Edwards 358, 104; Sherrel Durand 105, 127; Florence Williams 457; Margie Smith 494.

Announcements were made. B. M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lamar Smith.

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

NEW CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH **Sipsey (Walker County), Alabama** **May 18, 1997**

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 songs on pages 32t and 30t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Cecil Sanders led song on page 111b.

The class organized and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Cecil Sanders 123t; Gertrude Woods 37b, 36b; Keterina Sanders 59, 290, 454; Edith Tate 35, 75; Cassie Franklin 335, 84; Cindy Franklin 225t, 503, 546; Ann Jett 496, 495, 269; Willodean Barton 274t, 82t; Julianna Jett 146, 59, 87; Flarce Creel 275b, 475, 34b; Wanda Capps 48t, 49b, 523b; Elsie Moon 73b, 348b, 434; Tressie Adkins 422, 78, 432; Gene Wakefield 100, 108b, 109.

LUNCH

Cecil Sanders called the class back together leading song on page 317b. Leaders: Travis Keeton 147b, 134, 324; Dustin McCowan 30t; Larry Ballinger 56, 68, 127; Lena Wakefield 89, 124, 73t; Dorothea McCowan 72, 45, 63; Gravis Ballinger 565b, 101t, 294; Margaret Keeton 144, 129, 42; Margaret Woods 490. Travis Keeton led song on page 388 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Brother Tucker.

Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)

Chambers County, Alabama

May 24, 1997

The annual all day singing of the Society was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Don Clark leading songs on pages 104, 422b, and 363. The morning prayer was led by Tommie Spurlock.

Leaders: Regina Clark 373; Elder Ben Keeble 440b, 31t; J. A. Mosley 198, 144; James Slaughter 507t, 229; Mary Elizabeth Lee 276, 361; Tommie Spurlock 156, 183; Winston Jones 47b, 553b; Bud Oliver 377t, 563.

RECESS

Chairman Don Clark brought the class to order leading song on page 186.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 298, 395b; Roy Nelson 128, 87; Linda Thomas 569; Clarke Lee 337, 336t; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 30b, 67; Anita Landess 58, 571; Virgil Phillips 137, 225t; Grace Parmer 500, 501; Edna Ruth Phillips 164, 453t.

RECESS

Order was restored by the chairman, Don Clark, leading song on page 146.

Leaders: Mike Jones 285t, 435; S. T. Reed 54t, 271t; Sandy Hill 410, 38t; Henry Johnson 283, 388; Stanley Smith 528b (for Ruby Phillips); Jenny Gurley 200, 112; Denise Burleson 218, 196; Eloise Avery 515, 478; Aubrey Barfield 306, 522.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Don Clark leading songs on pages 82 and 98. Leaders: Johnny Lee and Delda East 264b, 559; Horace Batchelor 271b, 293t; Helen Bryson 172 (for Christine Keeble), 385t (in memory of Eva Reeves); Gaylon Powell 268t, 543b; David Lee 149, 393b; A. Curtis Carter 199, 511b; Cassie Franklin 140, 29t; Kevin Powell 240, 133; Ron Crocker 47t, 48t.

RECESS

Order was restored by the chairman, Don Clark, leading song on page 85.

Leaders: Thurman Nall 77t, 293b (for Virgil Phillips); Norma Latham 573; Audress Gurley and grandson "Jesus Loves Me", 108t; Julie Lee 39, 288 (in memory of Peggy Hickox); John Etheridge 292b; Ann Jett 503; Charlotte Bishop 40; Flarce Creel 384; Cindy Franklin 486; Alice Mosley 343; Mia Makris 358; Buell Cobb 131b; Elder Marshall Avery and Clarke Lee 74b; Jeff Sheppard 157; Isabelle Green 270; Steve Grauberger 143; Liz Bryant 392; David Lee and Clarke Lee "Sweet Hour Of Prayer".

Announcements were made. Don Clark led song on page 520 for Leonard Price.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Jonathan Blakeley.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SINGING

Atlanta, Georgia

May 24, 1997

The first session of the singing at First United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia in honor of the church's 150th anniversary, was called to order by Bryan Black leading song on page 111t. Bryan Black led the morning prayer, and then led songs on pages 47t and 47b.

Hugh McGraw, who conducted a three-night singing school, May 20-22, as part of the church's anniversary activities, led songs on pages 46, 49t, 101t, and 124.

Leaders: Jeanette DePoy 354t, 278t; Don Bowen 171, 97, 137 (for Virgil Phillips); Judy Mincey 410t, 535, 77t; John Plunkett 77b, 497, 182; Kathy White 503b, 159, 324; Richard Smith 569b.

RECESS

Bryan Black called the class to order. Leaders: Lee Rogers 287, 127, 548; Tim Cook 515b, 268, 183; Charlene Wallace 155, 283, 274t; Kelly Morris 147t, 114, 49b.

In a brief business session, the class chose the following officers: Chairman - Bryan Black; Vice Chairman - Jeanette DePoy; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Arranging Committee - Judy Mincey.

The singing continued with Jeanette DePoy leading song on page 89. Leaders: Margie Dietz 32t, 481, 332; George Snyder 64, 473, 149.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bryan Black leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Sandy Kirkman 68b; Tim Eastland 122; Shawn Diddie 146, 45t; Richard DeLong 230, 482, 67; Malinda Snow 178, 107, 117; Frances Mary D'Andrea 335, 547, 485; Adena Hitch 161, 162; Andy Morse 31t, 384, 417; Laura Ackerman 378b, 192, 338; Merrilee Brock 59.

Bryan Black led the closing song on page 62. Gary Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Bryan Black; Vice Chairman - Jeanette DePoy; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Morgan County, Alabama** **May 25, 1997**

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 75 and 46. The morning prayer was offered by David Ivey.

Leaders: Arvid Holmes 441, 460; Richard Ivey 306, 47t; Jonathan Thompson 288, 40; Eldagene Roberson 215, 332; Brandon Thompson 45t, 274t; Stuart Ivey 300, 299; Rhoda Norris 276, 73t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 127.

Leaders: David Ivey 131b, 112; Marie Guthrie 171, 217; Nancy Thompson and Patsy Walden 405, 63, 390 (in memory of Willard Holmes); Karen Ivey 106, 503; Alta Self and Christine Leeth 354b, 59, 294, 127; Susan Holmes 49b, 313, 137; Hershell King 384, 34b, 34t; Milford Cobbs 39b. The class was dismissed for lunch with prayer led by Hershell King.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 323b and 321. Leaders: Dexter Cobbs 335, 333; Lessie Grant and Pete Holcomb 61, 406 (in memory of Papa Holcomb); David Roberson 146, 220; Judy Caudle 285t, 403; Herbert Cobbs and David Ivey 56b, 283; Buckley Hopper 300, 268; Kenneth Fannin 163t, 390; Gerald Holmes 203, 68b, 49t; Delone Cobbs 135, 111t, 111b; Glenda Hopper 310, 496; Dan Hopper 139, 80b, 81t, 379, 448t; J. L. Hopper 438; Richard Ivey, Stuart Ivey, Jonathan Thompson, Brandon Thompson, and Buckley Hopper 186.

Milford Cobbs made closing comments expressing appreciation for all who came to sing with us and thankfulness for the privilege of meeting together. He asked his sisters, Jane Long and Susan Holmes, to join him and the class in singing song on page 381b. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100
May 25, 1997

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Poplar Springs Baptist Church was held the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called together by Mironel Swafford leading song on page 32. B. J. Harris led the morning prayer. Mironel Swafford then led song on page 348b. Florence Williams led songs on pages 569b and 490.

The class was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Mironel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee and Memorial Committee - Margie Smith and Mary F. Smith.

Leaders: Mironel Swafford 137; Charlene Wallace 168, 299; Mary F. Williams 335, 313; B. J. Harris 72b, 225t; Mia Makris 354b, 401; Don Bowen 409, 410; Christine Cox 147, 68.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Florence Williams leading song on page 45.

Leaders: Johnny Wright 145, 124; Carlene Griffin 81, 122; Myron House 270, 113; Norma Latham 42, 317; Randy Garrett 274, 294; Evelyn Harris 155, 101; Louis Hughes, Sr. 515, 31.

The memorial lesson was held with Mary F. Smith leading song on page 348 in memory of: Ed Latham, Jimmy Causey, Hazel Cagle, Mrs. Bell Holcombe, Eugene Wood, Jewell Anderson, Annie Garner, Sudie Roberts, and Horace Lambert. The sick and shut-ins were remembered in the service, also. The memorial session was closed with prayer by Rev. Bud Dinger. The pastor of the church, Brother W. A. Ivie gave a brief talk, welcomed everyone, and blessed the food.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Mironel Swafford leading song on page 40.

Leaders: Mia Makris 358; Harvey Austin 108, 566; Tokay Boggs 35, 111b; Lonnie Rogers 141, 186; B. M. Smith 127, 222; Hester Edwards and Triska Thompson 49b, 75, 49t; Felton Denney 523, 47b; Mildred Patterson 119, 146; Don Bowen 163b, 501; Rev. Bud Dinger and Charlene Wallace 143; Louis Hughes, Sr. 515 (by request), 489; Norma Latham 34b; Margie Smith 373, 503; Christine Cox 59.

After announcements, Mironel Swafford and Florence Williams led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Mironel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

SULLINS SCHOOL HOUSE

Hamilton, Alabama

May 25, 1997

The sixty-second session of the the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Sullins School House was called to order by Estes Jackson leading songs on on pages 82t and 108t. The morning prayer was led by Warren Steel.

The class organized for the day by retaining the following officers: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and John Hyde.

Leaders: Estes Jackson 34t; Hubert Hood 28b, 454; Gene Wakefield 102, 103, 100; Odie V. Horton 33b, 122, 303; Julietta Haynes 172, 200, 430; Ivalene

Donaldson 274t, 175; Erselle Jackson 145b, 277, 275b; Mae Conwill 206, 155, 154.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class to order leading songs on pages 30t, 44, and 42. Leaders: Parnell Berry 177, 283, 373; Marie Aldridge 371, 217; Warren Steel 185, 144, 396; Ann Steel 31b, 318, 209; Josie Hyde 220, 225; Edith Tate 37b, 73t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 68b. Leaders: John Hyde 129, 314, 297; Lena Wakefield 475, 402, 392; Larry Ballinger 91, 98, 89; Gravis Ballinger 78, 101t, 99; Joy Sullins 290, 420b; Travis Keeton 387, 284, 384, 179, 385b; Marie Aldridge 436, 88t; Edith Tate 201, 378b; Ann Steel 31t, 171; Josie Hyde 66, 434; Warren Steel 566, 183; Lena Wakefield 403; John Hyde 544; Gene Wakefield 56t; Larry Ballinger 90; Gravis Ballinger 34b; Julietta Haynes 222.

Estes Jackson led songs on pages 426t and 45t for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Warren Steel.

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

DOSS MEMORIAL SINGING **Sardis Baptist Church, Morris, Alabama** **May 25, 1997**

The annual Doss Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Floyd Screws leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Tim Whitaker.

Floyd Screws led song on page 31. Leaders: Dick Nail 168, 300; Dolores Wilks 143, 294; Cindy Franklin 75, 123; Bud Oliver 32t, 82; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Willodean Barton 44, 290; Henry Guthery 134, 39; Cecil Sanders 460, 434; Ann Jett 436, 496; Clayton Ezell 225, 475; Hugh McGraw 410, 510; Tim Whitaker 100, 551.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Floyd Screws leading song on page 348b. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 422, 530; Regina Glass 117, 500; Dorothea McCowan 196, 304; Margaret Aderholt 186, 217; Buell Cobb 57, 467; Flarce Creel 229, 269; Toney Smith 150, 511.

By request, Floyd Screws led "Not Made With Hands" for the McGraw Family. Dick Nail led song on page 58 for the sick and shut-ins. John Jenkins gave a very appropriate talk for the memorial service. Cindy Franklin led song on page 403. Cindy Franklin and Cassie Franklin led song on page 37b for the loved ones that have passed away.

A short business meeting was called by the Chairman, Floyd Screws, who submitted his resignation as chairman. Lora Cargo was elected new chairman. Lora Cargo led song on page 166b. Brother Chris Tortorice, pastor, welcomed everyone and led the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Floyd Screws leading song on page 111b. Leaders: John Hocutt 321, 225b; Velton Chafin 494, 34b; Liz Bryant 270, 542; Sandy Hill 30b, 344; Rosa Hughes 383; Jeanette Tyner 442, 273; Anita Landis 480, 68; Lora Cargo 345, 340; Harrison Creel 378b, 498, 512; Ann Ballard 284, 222; Kathleen Traywick 224, 274; Sherry Guthery 64, 49; David Branham 119, 354; Buell Cobb 358, 294; Lida Mullins 339; Dick Nail 146 (in memory of

Isabelle Russell); Cassie Franklin 192; Dolores Wilks 371, 546; Harrison Creel 342; Henry Guthery 45.

Floyd Screws led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by David Branham.

Chairman - Floyd Screws; Chairman Elect - Lora Cargo; Vice Chairman and Arranging Committee - Dick Nail; Secretary - Dolores Wilks; Acting Secretary - Ruth Screws.

HIGHER GROUND SINGING **United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana** **May 31, 1997**

The second annual session of the Higher Ground Singing, co-hosted by Bloomington, Indiana and Charleston, Illinois singers, was called to order by Bob Meek leading song on page 59.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Co-chairs - Don Bardsley and David Rust; Secretary - Marlen Rust; Treasurer - Bill Shetter; Chaplain - Bob Meek; Arranging Committee - Daryl Mayberry. The morning prayer was led by Bob Meek.

Leaders: Don Bardsley 207; David Rust 87; Marlen Rust 497; Molly Evans 489; John Bailey 270; Bill Shetter "Wales" from Northern Harmony, composed by Moira Smiley of Bloomington; Janet Borman 178; Don Howard 147t; Donna Purdom 38t; Michele Cull 209; Janet Fraembs 421; Mike Veech 547; Dorothy Glanzer 350; Karen Hojnacki 384; Terry Hogg 501; Peggy Brayfield 128; Berkley Moore 117; Daryl Mayberry 269.

RECESS

David Rust brought the class back into session leading song on page 146. Leaders: Bob Meek "Evening Hymn" from Northern Harmony; Marlen Rust 66; Janet Fraembs 532; Don Bardsley 497; Michele Cull 159; Peggy Brayfield 454; Terry Hogg 148; Molly Evans 515; Dorothy Glanzer 65; John Bailey 145b; Berkley Moore and Jan Barnette 114; Don Howard 49b; Karen Hojnacki 504; Mike Veech 228; Bill Shetter 479; Carolyn Craig 373; Daryl Mayberry 171. Bob Meek led the class in prayer before lunchtime.

LUNCH

Don Bardsley called the class together leading song on page 99. Leaders: Bob Meek 198; Marlen Rust 40; Mike Veech 155; Carolyn Craig 47; Bill Shetter 491; David Rust 280; Janet Fraembs 480; Michele Cull 236; Terry Hogg 49t; Peggy Brayfield 183; Dorothy Glanzer 277; John Bailey 448b; Molly Evans 203; Karen Hojnacki 142; Berkley Moore and Becky Schillman 335; Daryl Mayberry 149; Janet Borman 192; Donna Purdom 276.

RECESS

Don Bardsley called for announcements, and then a basket was passed by the treasurer for contributions. The class gave generously. Leaders: Bob Meek 313b; John Bailey 313t; Donna Purdom 324; Janet Borman 474; Peggy Brayfield 86; Karen Hojnacki 220; Carolyn Craig 189; Berkley Moore 312b; Molly Evans 455; Dorothy Glanzer 551; Terry Hogg; 112; Michele Cull 143; David Rust 300; Bill Shetter 73t; Marlen Rust 163b; Mike Veech 107; Daryl Mayberry 274t; Karen Hojnacki 200; Janet Borman 503; Mike Veech 299; Terry Hogg 68b; Bob Meek 31t.

David Rust brought our day of singing to a close in offering a prayer and leading songs on pages 347 and 62.

Chairmen - Don Bardsley and David Rust; Secretary - Marlen Rust.

HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH
Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 & U.S. 27 South
May 31-June 1, 1997

Saturday, May 31

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held the first Sunday in June and Saturday before at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church. The singing was called together by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer.

Charlene Wallace led song on page 283. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 85; Elder Homer Benefield 56; Kathy Spanglehour 454; Geneva Prichard 45; Phillip Langley 436; Bobbie Bailey 365; Mildred Patterson 358; Lora Cargo 460; Bud Oliver 480; Katherine Benefield 146; Roy Nelson 456; Felton Denney 155; Floyd Screws 270; Linda Thomas 391; Margie Smith 393; Leola Smith 340; Henry Johnson 148; Cathy White 324; Karen Rollins 34b; Louis Hughes, Sr. 282.

A motion was made to go into the business session. Officers elected were:

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry; Memorial Committee - Katherine Benefield, Mary F. Smith, and Debra Langley.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry leading songs on pages 145b and 453. Leaders: Jeanette DePoy 77; Willie Mae Moon 460; Mark Johnson 147b; Ernestine Pipkin 321; Helen Bryson 392; Toney Smith 215; S. T. Reed 225; Cassie Franklin 368; James Page 268; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Louise Nelson 87; Kelly Beard 413; B. M. Smith 475; Jean Seiler 209; Pat Temple 168; Mary Wright 71; George Seiler 84; Edith Tate 37b; Pauline Childers 318; Patty Butterfield 542; Lynda Hambourger 339; Richard DeLong 34; John Fedderson 369; Kenneth DeLong 306; Ted Mercer 132; Nancy Newell 163b; Robert Rivers, Jr. 28b; Charles Woods 30b.

LUNCH

The class was called to order with Johnny Wright leading song on page 117.

Leaders: Everette Denney 119; Liz Bryant 137; Shelley Phillips 448; Lois Stanson 430; B. J. Harris 503; Judy Mincey 474; Robert Rivers, III 203; Sharon Kellam 61; Kathy Williams 455; Cindy Franklin 198; Henry Zittrouer 32; Buell Cobb 67; Estelle Flowers 133; John Hollingsworth 182; Barry Phillips 106; Jane Hancock 114; Nancy Bumgardner, Larry Bumgardner, and Mark Bumgardner 159; Martha Ann Stegar 328; Betsy Thibodeaux and Frances Mary D'Andre 171; Lucille Gunnels 192; Harvey Austin 335; John Plunkett 91; Don Bowen 362.

RECESS

Teenie Moody and Mary F. Smith called the class together leading songs on pages 222 and 142. Leaders: Kate Hauk 178; Lou Cotney 218; Jimmie Denney 143; Joan Durdin 29; Andy Morse 440; Debra Langley 441; Elsie Brock 112; Tokay Boggs 35; Jacob Griffith 127; Lonnie Rogers 97; Evelyn Harris 47; Bonnie Flowers 540; Reby Stanford and Revy Williamson 204; Earlis McGraw 314.

After announcements, Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin led page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by B. J. Harris.

Sunday, June 1

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 82. The morning prayer was led by Elder Homer Benefield. Charlene Wallace then led song on page 410b for Jap Walton who was in the hospital.

Leaders: Carlene Griffin 46; Elder Homer Benefield 348b; Lee Rogers 70; Phil Summerlin 97; Mary Wright 66; Pat Temple 344; Patty Butterfield 77; James

Page 216; John Hollingsworth 36b; Sharon Kellam 374; Ted Mercer 185; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Raymond Hamrick 350; George Seiler 347; Helen Bryson 411; Jeanette DePoy 278; Mark Johnson 63; Kathy Williams 510; Henry Schuman 63; Pauline Childers 475; Kelly Beard 179; Jane Hancock 550; Jean Seiler 492; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Clyde Avery 560.

RECESS

The class was called together by Don Bowen leading song on page 283. Leaders: Harrison Creel 512; Kelly Morris 47b; Liz Bryant 32b; Ann Jett 269; John Bealle 494.

Memorial Lesson: David McGukin led songs on pages 28b and 61 in memory of Georgia deceased: Lillie Todd, Eva Reeves, Silas Lee, Horace Lambert, Bill McGraw, Ethel Echols, Savoy Robinson, George Dutton, and Sara Duke. For other states: Cindy Franklin led 339 in memory of: Tommy Creel, Hazel Cagle, Jimmy Causey, Rodger Morrison, Tom Harper, Clelan Cobb, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Delta Wootten, Dillie Creel Harris, Vena Holley, Lola Jenkins, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Gail Rich, Elder Clydus Moon, Elder Bernard Moon, Quay Smathers, Charles Dannals, and Harley Quailes.

For the sick and shut-ins: Mae Seymour, Earlene Clayton, Mozelle Sheppard, Jerry Sheppard, Jap Walton, Kimsey Cagle, I. V. McWhorter, Robert Toone, Bill Green, Carol Hancock, Nall Hancock, and Edward Hampton, Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 225 and 97. The memorial was closed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr. Leaders: Richard DeLong 145; Edith Tate 532; Eloise Clarke 480; Cassie Franklin 187; Mark Johnson 49b; Lisa Webb 369.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Jacob Griffith leading song on page 146. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Jr. 31; Robert Rivers, III 147; Florice Akin 277; Kathy White 268; Barry Phillips 196; Shelley Phillips 72b; Nancy Newell 410; John Fedderson 415; Lynda Hambourger 236; Flarce Creel 217; Diane Avery 300; Floyd Screws 100; Lora Cargo 498; Wanda Capps 448; Louise Holland 64; Robert Rivers, Jr. 384; Willie Mae Moon 568; Donna Duke 168; Tim Cook 547; Judy Mincey 556; Estelle Flowers 436; Charlene Wallace and James Dean 45.

RECESS

The class was called together with Teenie Moody and Mary F. Smith leading song on page 298. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 306; Laura Akerman 543; Bonnie Flowers 458; Martha Ann Stegar 324; Tokay Boggs 127; Lucille Gunnels 189; Katherine Benefield 373; Mildred Patterson 164; Pearl Guier 49; Elder Lewis Norton 39b; Revy Williamson, Reby Stanford, Gladys McGraw, and Charlene Wallace 327; Danny Griffin 314; Debra Langley 198; Elsie Brock 460; Rev. Loyd Toney 68b; Phillip Langley 542; Jimmie Denney 313; Everette Denney 161; Florence Williams 569b; The Creel family - Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Pauline Childers, Edith Tate, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Cindy Franklin, and Cassie Franklin 342.

After announcements, Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, and Elder Homer Benefield led page 62, "Parting Hand", as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

LIBERTY CHURCH
Henagar, Alabama
June 1, 1997

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 83t. The morning prayer was led by Brother Lamar Smith. David Ivey led song on page 378t for Woodie Walker who was unable to attend.

Leaders: Marlon Wootten 39b, 64; Norma Latham 565, 164; Henry Johnson 338, 388; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Eloise Wootten 144, 299; Rodney Ivey 482, 47t; Bud Oliver 48t, 42; Loyd Ivey 176b, 89; Kevin Holcomb 28b, 163t.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery at this time. Several songs were sung including: 340, 490, 45, and 162.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading songs on pages 108t and 101t.

Leaders: Melvin Stiefel 36b, 138b; Allison Ivey 84, 182; Linda Thomas 31b, "Sweet By And By"; Richard Ivey 306, 559 (Cooper Book); Karen Travis 147t, 29t; Randall Smith and Loyd Ivey 454; Terry Wootten "Love At Home".

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 406.

Leaders: Tony Ivey 441 (by request); Alexandria Makris 401; Stuart Ivey 300; Martha Monroe, Teresa Bethune, Candice Bethune, Lindsey Bethune, Ivey Biddle, and Adam Biddle "That Beautiful Land", 551; Shane Wootten 155, 171; Tyler Wilks 128; George Lacy gave an inspirational message and an interesting history of our decoration; George Lacy and Loyd Ivey 424; Reba Windom 186 (for B. W. Ashley); Linton Ballinger 187; Jenny Wootten 49b; Mae Holt 212; Leola Smith 143, 475; Wayne Wootten 312b, 68b; Patsy Gentle and Mattie Townsel 141; Kristi Wootten and Jeffery Wootten 66; Lori Wootten and Marty Wootten 99; Lori Wootten, Marty Wootten, Shane Wootten, Wayne Wootten, Marian Biddle, Tony Ivey, and Doug Ivey "Jesus Died For Me" in memory of their grandparents, Andrew and Ester Ivey; Grady Price "Trusting"; the Ivey First Cousins "Cleansing Fountain", 87; Levon Wootten and Dewayne Wootten 317; Roxy Duffey 146, 358; Karen Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 384; Rex Wilks and Jason Wilks 74b; Rex Wilks, Jason Wilks, and Randall Smith 137 for Virgil Phillips; David Ivey and Mae Holt 269.

Announcements were made. David Ivey and Loyd Ivey led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Tony Ivey.

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

PINE TUCKY CHURCH
Winston County, Alabama
June 1, 1997

The eighty-fifth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Pine Tucky Church was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by Earl Ballinger.

The class organized for the day by retaining the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Gene Wakefield led song on page 56t. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225t; Odie V. Horton 144, 147t; Alene Woodyly 77t, 131t; Keterina Sanders 73t, 290; Mae

Conwill 100, 89, 216; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Waid 274t, 49b, 396; Roma Rice 499, 81t, 104.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 400, 313t, and 61. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 326, 129; A. C. McGough 111b, 30t, 475; Julie Postum 85, 421; Pernie Pelfrey 399b, 312b, 83t, 317; Earl Ballinger 87, 80b; Travis Keeton 123t, 39t, 566, 109 (for Silas Curtis who is 97 years young).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading songs on pages 108b and 168. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 172, 179, 187; Gladys Bonds 29t, 34b, 34t; Larry Ballinger 270, 282; Beatrice Brewer 137, 384; Lena Wakefield 200, 88t, 436, 498, 512; Ada Godsey 470, 460, 335; Josie Hyde 288, 361, 181; Margaret Keeton 276, 154; Kermit Adams 220, 426t, 282, 283; Dorothea McCowan 142, 546, 441, 376; Clifford Wakefield 134, 135, 480; Milford Watts 280, 430, 442, 146.

Gene Wakefield led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL - CAZENOVIA St. Peter's Episcopal Church June 7, 1997

The third New York State Regional singing of 1997 was held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cazenovia, New York. The singing was called to order by Dan Brittain leading song on page 31b, and then offering an opening prayer. Leaders: Jason Law 66; Barbara Swetman 59, 107; Allen Fannin 373, 378t; Kat Kinkade 441, 481; Tim Brown 84, 38t; Margaret Bornick 146, 497; Laura Densmore 99, 28t; Scott Luscombe 86, 159; Dennis Leipold 56t, 61; Dan Brittain 72t, 121; Walter Hartley 24b, 299.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Dan Brittain leading song on page 297. Leaders: Chris Haller 56b, 277; Barbara Swetman 300, 390; Ginny Huszagh 198, 78; Margaret Bornick 455, 454; Jason Law 178, 268; Allen Fannin 551, 445b; Kat Kinkade 282, 372; Tim Brown 479, 40.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Barbara Swetman leading song on 114. Leaders: Laura Densmore 528, 163b; Scott Luscombe 228, 324; Dennis Leipold 272, 274t; Dan Brittain 214, "Suffield" from the James Book; Walter Hartley 236; Chris Haller 184, 523; Ginny Huszagh 195, 186.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Dan Brittain leading song on 82t. Leaders: Allen Fannin 196, 33b; Barbara Swetman 285t, 504; Kat Kinkade 411, 383; Tim Brown 143, 361; Laura Densmore 142, 260; Scott Luscombe 192; Dennis Leipold 434, 480; Dan Brittain 353, 108b; Margaret Bornick 472, 276; Walter Hartley 452, 229.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Dan Brittain leading songs on pages 176t and 177. Leaders: Chris Haller 254; Ginny Huszagh 120, 313b; Jason Law 49b; Allen Fannin 189; Barbara Swetman 38b; Kat Kinkade 163t; Tim Brown 34b; Laura Densmore 350; Dennis Leipold 156; Margaret Bornick 209; Dan Brittain 145t; Walter Hartley 47b; Chris Haller 191; Ginny Huszagh 148.

Announcements were made. Ron Bornick reported that we had 29 registration cards filled out. Singers came from 3 states: Virginia, Pennsylvania, and 16 towns in New York. Dan Brittain led 69b, and dismissed the class with a benediction. Chairman - Dan Brittain; Arranging - Ron Bornick; Secretary - Barbara Swetman.

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Oneonta, Alabama

June 7-8, 1997

Saturday, June 7

The fifty-first session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Calvin Phillips.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 82t; Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 145t, 145b; Calvin Phillips 147t; Doug Conn 274, 300; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Coy Ivey 63, 101t; S. T. Reed 102, 103; Henry Johnson 569, 68b; Edith Tate 73t, 89; Leola Smith 217, 192; Thurman Nall 146, 285t.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 87.

The class organized by voting to keep the same 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: Bud Oliver 47t, 270; Hershell King 340, 176b; Clayton Ezell 475; Carlene Griffin 306; Roy Nelson 436; Flarce Creel 389; Karlene Williams 298; Velton Chafin 564; Charlene Wallace 455; Lonnie Rogers 137; James Cain 384; Felton Denney 503; Kathy Manning 419.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 78. Leaders: Gordon Wilkerson 436; Jimmie Denney 313, 335; Lawrence Green 267; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 418, 457; Pam Nunn 528; Carmon Brothers 318; Louis Hughes 480; Kelsey Taylor 40; Cassie Holmes 39t; Billy Williams 299; Cecil Sanders 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 110; Brenda Merritt 499; Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth 218; Terry Hullett and Jewel Wootten 97 (for Mae Seymour).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading song on page 189.

Leaders: Milton Oliver 222; Dorothea McCowan 304; Marshall Avery 278b; John Merritt 240; Norma Latham 373; Josephine Denney 452; Keterina Sanders 454; Freeman Wootten 30t; Eloise Avery 426; Jeff Sheppard 155; Bill Hogan 53; Genora Whitworth 565; Betty Sue Johnson 323; Tommie Spurlock 200; Linda Thomas 123t; Herby Bailey 99; Margaret Spurlock 108t; Ella Lee Robertson 332. Announcements were made. Terry Hullett led songs on pages 122, 68b, and 45t as the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Marshall Avery.

Sunday, June 8

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Terry Hullett led song on page 30t. Leaders: Virgil Phillips 31b; Roie Alexander 317; Calvin Phillips 406, 143; Lamar Smith 36, 76b; Martha Woodard 204; Thurman Nall 503, 523; Margaret Spurlock 112, 212; Rodney Ivey 216, 186; Milton Oliver 403, 321; Regina Clark 168, 178; Tommie Spurlock 376, 430; Shelbie Sheppard 28b, 106; Kathy Manning and Kelsey Taylor 349, 215; Louis

Hughes 128, 129; Henry Guthery 97, 140; Don Clark 104, 41; Jeff Sheppard 439, 440.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 203. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 299; Bill Hogan 288; Cassie Holmes 159; Kelsey Taylor 388; Buddy Davis 166; Leslie Keeton 146; Stuart Ivey 29t; Jenny Wootten 24; Joshua Keeton 268; Richard Ivey 222; Pam Keeton 171; Gaylon Powell 198, 480; Karen Ivey 142, 475; Glenn Keeton 225t, 137; David Ivey 314.

A memorial was given by Doug Conn and Linda Thomas, and then led song on page 48t for the following deceased: Ed Latham, Tommy Creel, Hazel Cagle, J. T. Conn, Tom Harper, Bonnie Ashley, Will Battles, Lola Jenkins, Buddy Tindal, J. E. Allen, Howard Bynum, Willie Blackwood, Verna Williams, Jimmy Causey, Delta Wootten, Clelan Cobb, Silas Lee, and J. B. Lowe. The Green Family led song on page 97 in memory of Howard Bynum. Jewel Wootten and Terry Hullett led song on page 358 in memory of J. B. Lowe.

Terry Wootten led "Sweet By And By" and "We Will Sing With The Angels There" for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Glenn Keeton.

Leaders: Buell Cobb 75; Philip Gilmore 348b, 441; Randall Smith 454.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading song on page 64.

Leaders: B. J. Harris 303, 452; Genora Whitworth, Lawrence Green, Eldora Moody, Leola Smith, and B. J. Green "Nettie" (a composition by Lawrence Green in remembrance of his mother, Nettie Green); Paula Gilmore 270, 285; Dorothea McCowan 196; Eloise Avery 35; Terry Wootten 201b; Freeman Wootten 426t; Elder Marshall Avery 108t; Doug Conn 383; Linda Thomas 391; Joy Hullett and Jewel Wootten 340, 144; Herby Bailey 34t, 489t; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Terry Hullett 290 (for Pearl Galbreath).

Terry Hullett and Philip Gilmore lead song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Virgil Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt.

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Alpharetta, Georgia

June 8, 1997

The one hundred twenty-ninth annual session was opened by Chairman Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 60 and 81. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Ruth Wills.

Richard DeLong led song on page 207. Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong led songs on pages 171, 176b (for Kim Cagle), and 177. Richard DeLong called the following leader: Helen Bryson 299, 566, 448b.

Doug Allison and Lee Rogers were asked to serve as the arranging committee.

Leaders: Doug Allison 277, 213t, 278t (for his mother who is ill); Lee Rogers 535, 287, 354t; Dan Bailey 35, 114, 66; Laurie Allison 100, 178; Don Bowen 117, 86, 163b.

The class organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 31b. Leaders: Jeanette DePoy 385t, 475 (dedicated to the DeLong family), 225t; Loy Garrison

74b, 503, 565; Frances Mary D'Andrea leading with Tim Cook's mother 142, 143, 318; Tim Cook leading with his father 49t, 47t, 276; Faye Pettis 532, 380, 218; Pete Ellerston 312b, 72b, 133.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Richard DeLong leading song on page 426. Leaders: Judy Mincey 474, 501; Janice Paulk 446, 478; Horace DeLong 384, 192; Reuben Ball 460, 497; Jack Corley 430, 110; Dollie Hudgins 343, 119; Cathy White 31t, 84; Louis Hughes 77b, 347; Jacob Griffith 146, 358; Liz Bryant 190, 280.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 316. Leaders: Jack Paulk 68b, 452b; Diane Walls 108t, 147t; Andy Morse 448t, 57.

Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke of how the deceased had worked so hard through the decades to preserve this singing with sacrifices made, money spent, and food prepared. WE are the June singing, and are now struggling to carry on this singing. The deceased were the mothers and fathers of the June singing. Those deceased since the last June singing include: Charles Dannels, Eva Corley Reeves, Hazel Cagle, Chris Crow, Annette Blalock, and Edna Wilson. Richard DeLong led song on page 420.

Jeanette DePoy led song on page 129 for the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Hackney, Jap Walton, and Kim Cagle. Jeanette DePoy also spoke of how much the Sacred Harp family has come to mean to her. Leaders: Richard Whatley 82t, 569b; Becky Almand 170 (for her friend Martha Reb), 217; David Carlton 191, 319; Mike Castleberry 401, 417.

Announcements were made. Visiting with us today are Pete Ellerston from Illinois and David Carlton from Nashville, Tennessee.

Richard DeLong led song on page 62 as the closing song. Mrs. Ruth Wills prayed the benediction.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong;
Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Cullman, Alabama on Hwy. 69 East** **June 8, 1997**

The annual Mount Vernon Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 31b, followed by the morning prayer.

Elvin Guthrie led songs on pages 30t and 31t. Genie Nelms was appointed as the arranging committee.

Leaders: Genie Nelms 146; Nancy Thompson 27, 35, 37b; David Roberson 366, 63, 220; Rhoda Norris 75, 73t; Janet Lucas 215, 300, 268; Judy Caudle 47t, 52b; Brandon Thompson 274t, 354b; Marie Guthrie "Jesus Died For Me", 213t, 430; Elvin Guthrie 358 (by request).

RECESS

Elvin Guthrie called the class back to order leading song on pages 143. Leaders: Hershell King 100, 101t; Jonathan Thompson 457, 288; Eldagene Roberson 144, 155; Edis Guthrie 186, 29t; Elvin Guthrie 348 (by request).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with the election of officers. Those elected or appointed were: Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - David Roberson; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Genie Nelms.

Leaders: David Roberson 384; Arvid Holmes 32t, 64; Genie Nelms 391; Nancy Thompson 203, 566; Eldagene Roberson 313, 127; Brandon Thompson 45t;

Hershell King 426t; Arvid Holms 460; Judy Caudle 126, 448t; Marie Guthrie 285; Edis Guthrie 171. Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie led song on page 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Hershell King. Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - David Roberson; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

**PLEASANT HILL (JOHNSON SCHOOL HOUSE)
ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL
Fayette County, Alabama
June 8, 1997**

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp singing at Pleasant Hill (Johnson School House) was held the second Sunday in June.

The class was called to order by Joan Aldridge, welcoming everyone, and leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Lena Keeton Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Elene Stovall and Marie Aldridge led song on page 47t. The following leaders were called: Cecil Sanders 225t; Gene Wakefield 100, 106; Edwin Ballinger 168, 477; Keterina Sanders 73t, 290; Odie Horton 378t, 426t (for Amanda Denson); John Hyde 37b, 39b; Allison Stovall 373, 217; Gravis Ballinger 300, 34b; Mae Conwill 297, 274t; Clarence McCool 101t, 569b; Flarce Creel 475, 299.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 326 and 298. Leaders: Bud Oliver 30t, 145b; Pernie Pelfrey 67, 270; Lucy Heidorn 40, 155; Parnell Berry 99, 176b; Edith Tate 371, 389; Larry Ballinger 123t, 91; Harrison Creel 317b, 512; Lena Wakefield 273, 220; Marie Aldridge 436; Beatrice Brewer 137, 384. Elene Stovall led song on page 171 for the sick and shut-in, for Amanda Denson, and in memory of Tom Harper and Lola Roberson who passed away this past year.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 146, 388, and 203. Leaders: Josie Hyde 183, 269, 507; Shirley McCoy 380, 108t (in memory of her father and aunt, Elsie Key); Shirley McCoy and Elene Stovall 318; Bud Oliver 480, 335; Marie Aldridge 316, 196; Allison Stovall 441; Joan Aldridge 454, 294 (by request), 45t; Clearcy Rutledge 42, 64; Lucy Heidorn 53, 36b, 200 (for Irene Killingsworth); Harrison Creel 342, 111b; Parnell Berry 283, 306; Elmer Conwill 396, 35 (for Arnold Moore); Edwin Ballinger 145t; Lena Wakefield 186 (in memory of Robert Aldridge and Elsie Key); Marie Aldridge 192; Elene Stovall 68b.

Elene Stovall led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Fred Killingsworth.

Chairman - Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Lena Keeton Wakefield.

**NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
June 12, 13, 14, 1997**

Thursday, June 12

The eighteenth 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 31. Chaplain Gaylon Powell led the morning prayer. Leaders: Mark Davis 129; Kathy Williams 497; Linda Thomas 106; Don Bowen 283; Berkley Moore 45b; Mike Hinton 373; Dennis O'Brien 480; Lora Cargo 498; Donald Smith 35; Sherry Guthery 340; Velton Chafin 564; Mrs. Elvin D. Morris 290; John T. Hocutt 240; Frances Jones 361; David Ballinger 111b; Liz Bryant 270; Jeff Colby 346; Ola D. Meadows 222; A. C. McGough 475.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts called the class back to order with song on page 282. Leaders: Cindy Franklin 297; Jewel Wootten 49b; Linton Ballinger 36b; Jeanne T. Schaffer 178; Glen Harper 40; Carla Smith 369; Walter S. Hartley 198; Linda Sides 73b; John Redmon 299; Lee Rogers 228; Matthew Wojcik 189; Judy Whiting 503; Hal Kunkel 470. The convention next went into 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, Susan Roberts, and Dennis O'Brien; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and Judy Mincey; Resolutions Committee - Liz Bryant and Ginnie Ely; Memorial Committee - Mike Hinton, Ruth Brown, and Cora Sweatt. The business session was closed.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 202. Leaders: Terry Wootten 176t; Duncan Vinson 131b; Teenie Moody 365; Evelyn Harris 30t; Kathy Robinson 192; Flarce Creel 546; Regina Clark 312b; Sheila Wootten 296; Kathleen Robbins 48t; Henry Guthery 431; Edna Ruth Phillips 490; Cassie Franklin 344; Caroline Humphreys 344; Peter Irvine 448t; Henry Johnson 338; Catherine Oss 163t; Jenny Gurley 112; B. J. Harris 303b; Jerry Schreiber 528; Eugene Forbes 566; Travis Keeton 73t. Gaylon Powell led the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Helen Bryson leading song on page 272. Leaders: Mary Oruc 383; Bob Bonnell 75; Freeman Wootten 384; Kurt Davis and Dustin McCowan 354b; Willie Israel 114; Jenny Wootten 155; Jacob Griffith 146.

The United Kingdom group, With One Accord, was then introduced by Buell Cobb. The group, who brought 14 of their members to the convention, then sang selections from their repertoire of 18th and 19th century music. It is in this music that the roots of Sacred Harp can be found.

Leaders: Paul Gauthier 101b; Dan Huger 47t; Lynne deBenedette 542; Leola Smith 318; John Schaffer 352; Reuben Ball 544; Elizabeth Muhleisen 269; Joanne Hoover 72b; Kathy Vlach 143; Nancy Van Den Akker 102; Sharon Kellam 567; Eliza Goodhue 148; Jane Zanichowsky 454; Lomax Ballinger 59. Buell Cobb led song on page 323t as the closing song. Closing prayer for the day was led by Elder Donald Smith.

Friday, June 13

The Friday session of the Convention was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on 33b. Chaplain Gaylon Powell led the morning Prayer. Leaders: Mark Davis 171; Kathy Williams 506; Gaylon Powell 216; Ginnie Ely 454; Dennis O'Brien 209; Judy Mincey 474; Don Bowen 475; Carla Smith 100; Judy Hauff 536; Kelly House 345b; Cora Sweatt 73t; Richard DeLong 419; Jill Thompson 31t; Tim Eriksen 378; Mike Hinton 288; Bill Hogan 270; Lyla O'Brien 179; Freeman Wootten and Stephen Hullett 145b; Bernard Collard 452b; Ila Ingle 436.

RECESS

Cindy Franklin brought the class to order leading song on page 269. Leaders: Lou Cotney 196; Gary Smith 34b; Becky Briggs 405; Joan Aldridge 189; Marlin Beasley 336; Samford University students with Jim Brown 159; Ann Ballard 512; Regina Glass 296; Willie Mae Moon 217; Annie Boyd 137; Clarke Lee 182; Syble Adams 532; Eloise Avery 425b; M. H. Creel 530.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Toney Smith leading song on page 444. Leaders: Henry Jackson 400; Pauline Griggs 43; Harry Eskew 128; Susan Roberts 385; Edna Ruth Phillips 569b; Jenny Gurley 358; Julie Lee and Kathy Lee 59; Jesse Roberts 294; Charles Kitchens 127; Warren Steel 119. Harrison Creel led the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Lee leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Herb Bailey 70t; Charlene Wallace 122; Laurie Allison 112; Frances Mary D'Andrea 335; Doug Allison 277; Lisa Davis 200; Sam Jones 103; Elsie Beasley 460; Cassie Franklin 542; Bomar Roberson 310; Myra Dalton 176t; Milton Oliver 321; Lora Cargo 348b; Edward Howton 318; Linda Sides 81t; Johnny Lee 170; Peter Irvine 319; Louise Holland 144; Kathryn Smith Bowers 66.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class to order leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Teenie Moody and Judith Vanlandingham 117; John Bailey 340; Elene Stovall 99; Elder Marshall Avery 53; Ruth Johnson 145t; selections from English group, With One Accord; Anne Steel 61; Jerry Schreiber 362; Bobby Gooddell 287; Julietta Haynes 192; Nell Estes 222; Hal Kunkel 193; Lee Steinmetz 491; Henry Johnson 388; Janet Fraembs 146; Catherine Oss 84; Eugene Forbes 495; Steve Warner 147t; Lorena Moore 440; Anne Heider 352; Rosa Hughes 47b; Laura Clawson 48t; Kenneth DeLong 548; Warren Steel 131t.

Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led song on page 235 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by John Etheridge.

Saturday, June 14

Chairman Buell Cobb opened the Saturday session of the Convention by leading song on page 52. The opening prayer was led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Mark Davis 38b; Don Bowen 503; Judy Mincey 540; John Plunkett 168; Caroline Humphreys 155; Travis Keeton 57; Shelbie Sheppard 142; Pam Nunn 269; Richard Mauldin 146; Bob Bonnell 64; Michele Cull 40; Katie Trawick 224; Dorothea McCowan 304; Robert Meek 236; Bud Oliver 270; Laura Densmore 99; B. M. Smith 28b; Terry Hogg 47b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Dennis O'Brien leading song on page 339.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 32t; Helen Bryson 456; Jim Carnes and Celia Carnes 48t; Mary Oruc 77t.

Buell Cobb then remarked that the first National Convention had been the brainchild of Hugh McGraw. He recognized and honored Mr. McGraw for his contributions to Sacred Harp music. Mr. McGraw then led 312b.

At this time the session was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Ruth Brown introduced the memorial lesson by making the following remarks: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing!" So wrote the psalmist in the 100th Psalm. Every hour somewhere in this land of ours joyful noises are being made: the first joyful cry of a newborn baby; the joyful scream of victory; joy in listening to music; the joyful sound of the song of a bird; the tinkle of a wind chime.

The psalmist admonished us to come before His presence with singing. Many groups and individuals do just that: choral groups, soloists, choirs, Sacred Harp singers. Sacred Harp is uniquely different. Singers come from all walks of life, represent all religious faiths, and different nationalities. Somewhere almost every week Sacred Harp singers meet to sing for the pure joy of it. It's a joyful noise made for the comfort and satisfaction of the singer. This loyal, loving group meets to sing, weep, pray, laugh, eat, and talk together. We help, respect, defend, and love each other. And, faithfully, we pause to remember together those who in the past year have vacated a chair in their singing group. We remember their ever ready smiles, friendly handclaps, shared jokes, innocent pranks, the times they sat beside us and sang their joyful noise.

We remember all these things with gladness--gladness because we knew them--gladness mixed with sadness, because in some way, almost every person in this room has been touched by the lives of some of the deceased. We can remember something special about many of them.

As we read the names of the deceased, hold these people close to your heart--they are probably listening to us today as we remember them. Mike Hinton read the names of the deceased: Alabama - Tom Harper, Jimmy Causey, Delta Wootten, Buddy Tindal, Hazel Cagle, Tommy Creel, J. T. Conn, Will Battles, Josephine Gibson, Halie Armstrong, Willie Blackwood, Clelan Cobb, Lola Jenkins, Cary Graves, Rodger Morrison, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Bonnie Ashley, Vena Holley, Elder A. L. Beckett, Myrl Etheridge, Tina Reid Rogers, Elder Bernard Moon, Milton Wallace, Curtis Dutton, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Mae Doss, Tilda Moseley, John Bain, Ruthie Cozart, J. J. Sexton, Floyd Stieffel, Clydus Moon, Otis Nall, Ed Latham, Dillie Creel Harris, and Catherine Neely; Georgia - Eva Corley Reeves, Edna Wilson, Horace Lambert, J. E. Allen, Silas Lee, and William Headrick; California - Marilou Jolly and Mike Warner; Texas - James Canfield, Sue Vaughn, and Ray Barnett; Mississippi - Louis Porter and Janice Nelson; Colorado - Don Johnson; New Mexico - Erik Hand. The song on page 235 was sung in remembrance of the deceased.

The song on page 400 was then sung for these sick and shut-in friends: Alabama - Ralph Heath, Lurlene Heath, Mae Seymour, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Jap Walton, and Kim Cagle; Georgia - Mozelle Sheppard, Jerry Sheppard, Ann Ray, Mary Frances Dannels, and Gordon Ashman; Texas - Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Herbert Leopard, Myra Palmer, Junior Smith, and Verna Powell; Nebraska - Barbara Scudder and Jean Carhart; Virginia - Kat Kincaid; Massachusetts - Madolin McGray and Michael Arinello; North Carolina - Mary Morse. The song on page 45t "Amazing Grace" was sung to close the memorial lesson. Gaylon Powell led the closing prayer.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 38t; Tim Cook 163b; Ginnie Ely 434; Lyra O'Brien 234; Chris Bell 358; Justin Keeton 385; Willie Israel 86; Jacob Griffith 114; Jeff Sheppard 455; Paul Gauthier 280; Andy Morse 183. Elder Marshall Avery led the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gaylon Powell leading song on page 406. Leaders: Anne Steel 318; Juan Martinez 186; Ros Rigby 228; Richard DeLong 283; Howard King 276; Denise Burlison 383; Mattie Townsel 124; John Van Horn 268; Bernard Collard 66; Charles Estes 460; Amanda Denson 300; Myrtice Graham 157; Laura Akerman 454; Helen Brown and Ruth Cooper 299.

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Mike Hinton brought the class to order leading song on page 543. Leaders: Matt Wojcik 504; Henry Zittrouer 127; Noel Rush 412; Judy Whiting 178; Joanne

Warson and Gillian Warson 117; Dianne Avery 35; Jesse Roberts 372; Jill Thompson 198; Lynne deBenedette 56b; John Schaffer 350; Dan Huger 417; Elizabeth Muhleisen 133; Joanne Hoover 501; Jane Zanichkowsky 260; Judy Hauff 521, 528.

The Convention entered a business session to hear committee reports.

The Finance Committee reported contributions of near \$1900, covering the expenses of the convention. Don Bowen and Judy Mincey, Finance Committee. The Resolutions Committee thanked the Chairman and Vice Chairman for working so hard to bring the Convention together once more; the Arranging Committee for their ability to see that everyone led; the Memorial Committee for the beautiful memorial lesson; the Finance Committee for their diligence in seeing that costs are covered; and the people who prepared and contributed food for the Convention. Along with those who have put forth so much effort, we are grateful for each one who has come from close at hand or far away.

We are thankful for this music that brings us together in bonds of love and for the poetry that speaks to us in many different ways.

When, on Thursday, we sang, to the tune of "Fulfillment", "God's holy spirit down is pouring, And Christians joining heart and hand," we were singing about the experience that draws us, time and again, to sing together--truly with one accord. In the hope of singing with you all again at the 1998 National Convention, Liz Bryant and Ginnie Ely, Resolutions Committee.

The Secretary reported that 460 people from 22 states and England registered during the three days of the Convention, and that 190 leaders led 242 songs.

State distribution of registrants is as follows: Alabama 303; Georgia 44; England 14; Massachusetts 14; Florida 13; Mississippi 12; Illinois 10; North Carolina 7; Kentucky 6; Texas 6; Tennessee 5; New York 4; Colorado 3; Louisiana 3; Rhode Island 3; California 2; Nebraska 2; Washington 2; Pennsylvania 2; Virginia 1; Missouri 1; South Carolina 1; Connecticut 1. Kathy Williams, Secretary. All reports 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 14, 1997

The annual memorial singing was held at Addington Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Vice Chairman Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Brother Ronald Gilmore.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - M. H. Creel; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Marie Guthrie; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 300, 203; Keterina Sanders 460, 454; John Hyde 275, 73; Cecil Sanders 225; Ruth Knowls 426, 340; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald

Gilmore 39, 47; Freda Bledsoe 335; Hershell King 80b, 441; Carla Smith 436, 319.

RECESS

The class was called to order by M. H. Creel leading song on page 317. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 148, 142; Elsie Moon 202, 348; Emmie Lou Grayson 405, 33b; Edith Tate 37b, 93; Thurman Nall 77, 569; Mavis Price 298, 336; Hal Kunkel 213, 373; Marie Aldridge 216, 217, 88; Ann Jett 269, 327; Cassie Franklin 302, 532, 368; M. H. Creel 342.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the class together leading song on page 32t. Leaders: David Roberson 388, 366; Danny Creel 112, 383; Larry Ballinger 282; Josie Hyde 507; Regina Clark 168, 426t; Cynthia Franklin and Flarce Creel 475, 497, 198, 68; Imogene Nelms 66, 42; Wanda Capps 283, 297; John Etheridge 380, 321; Flarce Creel 229; Josie Hyde 477; Jerry Schreiber 474; Carla Smith 89.

Billy Williams led song on page 150 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Ronald Gilmore.

Chairman - M. H. Creel; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Marie Guthrie.

KING SCHOOL HOUSE (MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH) Natural Bridge, Alabama June 15, 1997

The eighty-ninth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Vernon Church was called to order by Clifford Wakefield leading song on page 83t.

Clifford Wakefield led the morning prayer, and then led song on page 46.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 57. Leaders: Doyle Williams 29t, 99; Roma Rice 152, 147b; Josh Keeton 108t, 30t; Mae Conwill 42, 206; Wendell Wakefield 145t, 159; Gladys Bond 48t, 77t; Kermit Adams 47t, 375; Ila Ingle 112, 384; Gene Wakefield 495, 56; Margaret Keeton 327, 455; Glenn Keeton 535, 231.

RECESS

The class was called back by John Hyde leading songs on pages 297 and 73t.

Leaders: Lena Wakefield 387, 306; Velton Chafin 274t, 153; Debbie Wakefield 216, 436; Earl Ballinger 217, 187; Ginnie Ely 446, 349; A. A. Malone 142, 183; Fayrene Wakefield 569b, 546; Elmer Conwill 377, 379; Clara Stults 388, 288; Warren Steel 214, 392.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the children of Sim and Catherine Wakefield: Cecil, Clifford, Wayne, Gene, and Wendel Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julie Poston, Faye Donaldson, Betty Baccus, and Fayrene Wakefield leading songs on pages 59, 426t, 138t, 134, and 290. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 236; Anne Steel 203, 480; B. B. Mattox 129, 421; Ada Godsey 301; Arnold Moore 460; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 137; Travis Keeton 192, 182; Josie Hyde 186, 189; Larry Ballinger 123t; Betty Baccus 454, "Jesus Died For Me"; Pernie Pelfrey 399b, 67; Dawson Adams 328, 68b; Julie Poston 274b, 111t; Cecil Wakefield 282, 339; David Wakefield and Betty Baccus 46, 111b.

Clifford Wakefield led song on page 61 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield.

ZION HILL HOMECOMING SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Henderson (Rust County), Texas
June 15, 1997

The annual Zion Hill Homecoming Singing was opened with prayer by Brother Raymond Smith, Pastor of Zion Hill Church, followed by John Morris leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Dalton Clanton 47b, 49b; Ruby Morris 108b, 270; Charlie Vaughn 335, 388; Merle Jones 142, 189; Charles Whitmer 501, 500; Joe Nelson 384, 274; Sue Utz 406, 507b; Mary Bachmann 225t, 78; Marion Grant 299, 171; Sam Craig 81, 313; Don Ross 385t, 133; Barbara Moore 427, 61.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 110. Leaders: Richard Hale 475; Diane Ross 40, 192; Joan Smith 63, 127; Edward Harrell 28b, 62; Monnie Ross 143, 148; Ed Craig 440, 395b.

The memorial lesson was held with David Rousseau leading song on page 159, and Judge Donald Ross leading song on page 568. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Raymond Smith.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by John Morris leading songs on pages 186 and 122. Leaders: Crystal Hale 404; Richard Hale 401; Gaylon Powell 448, 559; Abbie Morris 285, 508; Robert Vaughn 50, 71; Dale Redmon, Jr. 563, 571; Emmie Morris 112, 220; Dalton Clanton 49, 48t; Ruby Morris 277, 332; Charlie Vaughn 549, 522; Merle Jones 183, 300; Charles Whitmer 520, 540; Joe Nelson 58, 98; Sue Utz 572, 573; Mary Bachmann 478, 137; Don Ross 134; Barbara Moore 82, 414; Diane Ross 293; Gaylon Powell 38, 516; David Rousseau 174; Sam Craig 146; Dale Redmon, Jr. 500; Joan Porter 36b. John Morris led song on page 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Robert Vaughn.

Chairman - John Morris; Secretary - Emmie Morris.

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire (Walker County), Alabama
June 15, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. John Hocutt led song on page 30t.

The business session was held and the following officers were retained: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Kathleen C. Robbins; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 543; Carla Smith 94; Elizabeth Muhleisen 121; Kathy Bowers 510; Lynn deBenedette 31t; Gail Doss 85; Charles Franklin 176t; Steve Warner 171; Bill Hogan 38b; Bernard Collard 47t; John Bailey 340; Walter S. Hartley 24b; David Stow 350; Paul Gauthier 328.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class together leading song on page 475. Leaders: David Cooper 276; Joyce Rigby 217; Kathleen Robbins 434; Jackie Patten 551; Berkley Moore 180; Jeff Colby 148; Jeanne Schaffer 198; Elsie Moon 397; Ian West 31b; Jerry Screiber 550; Daniel Moore and Marina Moore 324; Laura Densmore 99; Nancy Van Den Akker 496; Judy Whiting 34b.

RECESS

The class was called back by John Hocutt leading song on page 448b. Leaders: Edith Tate 532; Cassie Franklin 361; Carolyn Humphries 107; Ann Jett 269; Jim Carnes 436; Jane Zanichkowsky 480; Gertrude Woods 137; Karen Freund 272. A group of 15 people from England sang songs, "Lydia", "Arise And Hail The Glorious Star", and "Gibraltar".

LUNCH

Billy Williams brought the class back leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Willie Israel 52t; Mary Oruc 49b; Sharon Kellam 160b; Flarce Creel 56t; Willodean Barton 290; Gilliland Warson 143; Jill Thompson 268; Wanda Capps 448t; Tressie Adkins 78; Howard Keating 146; Joanna Warsen 117; Cindy Franklin 189; Bobby Luna 229; Ruth Cooper 474; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 354b; Kelley House 362; Joanne Hoover 72b; Buell Cobb 187; Lisa Goodhue 371; Harrison Creel 342; John Schaffer 313b; Martin Biggers 497; Ann Heider 344; Marlin Beasley 408; Kathy Robinson 186; Kathleen Robbins 142.

John Hocutt led song on page 236 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jim Carnes.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Kathleen Robbins.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ephesus, Georgia

June 15, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June at the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church near Ephesus, Georgia. The class was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 75. The morning prayer was led by Curtis Rogers. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 101t; Felton Denney 448b, 31t, and 146.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Sherry Louvorn; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Curtis Rogers, Karen Rollins, and Josephine Denney.

Leaders: Denney Rogers 318; Wilford Denney 143; Karleen Williams 30, 100; Myron House 276, 154; Kathy Williams 147b, 72b; Curtis Rogers 147t, 323b; Lyra O'Brien 94, 430; Paige Harrod 112, 405; Louis Hughes 49b, 91.

RECESS

Felton Denney brought the class back to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Seth Denney 358, 87; Shelbie Sheppard 105, 139; Jan House 497, 496; Carlene Griffin 503; Jeff Sheppard 156, 168; Laura Webb 178, 159; Karen Rollins 34, 489; Sharona Nelson 28b, 137; Sheri Webb 200, 148.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the class to order leading song on page 298. Leaders: B. M. Smith 384, 273; Tokay Boggs 35, 204; Sherry Louvorn 345t, 373; Dennis O'Brien 73, 297.

Curtis Rogers gave the memorial lesson, and talked on the meaning of memorials. The following names were remembered with song on page 348: Hazel Cagle, Jimmy Causey, J. B. Rollins, and Roy Daniel. The Rogers children led songs on pages 143 and 294 for the sick and shut-ins: Bobby Ward and Chuck White.

The memorial was closed with prayer by Felton Denney.

Leaders: Margie Smith 499, 512; Jimmie Denney 61, 63; Josephine Denney 45t; Everette Denney 317, 127; Eris Muse and daughters, Susan, Phyllis, and Cindy

46, 153, 340; Webster Denney and Dorsey Denney 339, 333; Louise Holland 37b, 36b; Lyra O'Brien 212, 113; Sharona Nelson 254; Dennis O'Brien 480. Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 460 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Louis Hughes. Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Sherry Louvorn.

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 43, Jackson County, Section, Alabama

June 15, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Robert Harper leading songs on pages 45t and 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Brother Lamar Smith.

Leaders: Robert Harper 30b; Henry Johnson 569b, 339; Rodney Ivey 40, 29t; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Karen Ivey 82t, 37b; Stuart Ivey 299, 155, 137; Rex Wilks 67, 89; Ruth Hancock 101t, 144; Boyd Scott 127, 59.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Bud Oliver 39t, 39b, 42; Norma Latham 63, 48, "Love At Home"; Allison Ivey 298, 176b, 182; Sandra Jordan 61, "We Will Sing With The Angels There"; David Ivey 138b, 499b, 406. David Ivey offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by L. O. Harper leading song on page 87. Leaders: Robert Harper 235b, 318; Richard Ivey 58, 111b, 111t; Marlon Wootten 49t, 64; S. T. Reed 278b, 345b, 345t; Milton Oliver 512, 384; Coy Ivey 323b, 30t, 34t; Stuart Ivey and Richard Ivey 306, 186, 203; Eloise Wootten 282, 176; Allison Ivey 475; Rex Wilks 66; Henry Johnson 338. The following songs were sung by the class without a director: 410, "Jesus Died For Me", "That Beautiful Land", and 47t.

Robert Harper led song on page 75 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by David Ivey.

We had a very good singing this year, and we are so grateful for the singers and listeners who attended. We welcome everyone!

Chairman - Robert Harper; Secretary - Sandra Jordan.

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING

Berryville, Virginia

June 21, 1997

The fourth annual Northern Shenandoah Valley All Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June, and was called to order by John delRe leading song on page 29t. The morning prayer was led by Frank Evans.

The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - John delRe; Secretaries - Tom Tucker and Cathy Tucker; Treasurer - Kathy Manning; Arranging Committee - Mary DeNys and Marty NeNys; Memorial Committee - Mary Wright.

Leaders: Stephen McMaster 192; Dottie Hurley 178; Marilyn Estep 268; Mary DeNys 72b; Doron Henkin 501; Tom Tucker 273; John delRe 32t; Guy Bankes 394; Peter Pate 562; Clare Chapin 31t; Kat Kinkade 421; Blake Morris 444; Donna Abrahams 200; Don Polaski 38b; Janine Smith 270; Kacy Pate 312b; Evan Duncan 84; Patricia Temple 48t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Cathy Tucker leading song on page 472. Leaders: Sarah Davie 73b; Fred Beardsley 513; Kathy Manning 383; Marty DeNys 269; Kelly Macklin 157; Kacy Pate 442; Elizabeth Cusick 180; Leyland delRe 30b; children's lesson 354b; Kelsey Taylor 40; Sandra Polaski 155; Gail Doss 99; Joanne Devoe 327; Iris Knell 48b; John Hewes 272; Frank Evans 344; Craig Braughan 229; Joyce Saxon 254; Marty DeNys 34b; Stephen McMaster 282; Dottie Hurley 113; Marilyn Estep 504; Mary DeNys 547; Peter Pate 572; Doron Henkin 334; Tom Tucker 324; John DelRe 144; Guy Banks 287.

At this time the memorial lesson was held. Mary Wright led song on page 135 for the following deceased: Jean De Palma, John Lundgren, Quay Smaters, John Hack, Freddie Baughan, Georga A. Smith, Suzita Myers, Ruth Dunham, Penny Smith, Marx Wartowski, Quentin Lauer, and James Edward Knight.

Mary Wright led song on 30t for the sick and shut-ins: Charlotte Shifflett, Amanda Denson, and Sally Barnes.

Leaders: Clare Chapin 213b; Kat Kinkade 348. Frank Evans led the class in prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Kathy Manning leading song on page 57.

Leaders: Donna Abrahams 86; Blake Morris 56b, 378; Don Polaski 198; John Daniel DelRe 207; Beth Hoffman-Reed 29t; Evan Duncan 388; Marty DeNys and Cady Soukup 454; Patricia Temple 543; Cathy Tucker 236; Sarah Davie 384; Fred Beardsley 475; Kelly Macklin 218; Elizabeth Cusick 106; Sandra Polaski 117; Gail Doss 440; Joanne Devoe 28b; Iris Knell 81t; Leyland delRe 77; John Hewes 172; Kelsey Taylor 97.

RECESS

The class was called together by Marty DeNys leading song on page 49b. Leaders: John DelRe 317b; Frank Evans 284; Craig Baughan 347; Doron Henkin 224; Joyce Saxon 66; Kathy Manning 389; Beth Hoffman-Reed 318; Stephen McMaster 532; Dottie Hurley 107; Marilyn Estep 523b; Mary DeNys 378b; Peter Pate 379; Patricia Temple 148; Blake Morris 73; Tom Tucker 142; Guy Banks 146; John delRe 333; Kat Kinkade 441; Blake Morris 492; Gail Doss 189; Kelly Macklin 540; Don Polaski 186; Evan Duncan 551; Cathy Tucker 122. John delRe led the class in the "Parting Hand". The class was dismissed with prayer led by Frank Evans.

After a short break, many singers stayed to sing for an hour from the Northern Shenandoah Valley Supplement, a compendium of new compositions and songs from other tunebooks.

Chairman - John delRe; Secretaries - Tom Tucker and Cathy Tucker.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Winston County, Alabama

June 21-22, 1997

Saturday, June 21

The annual Sacred Harp singing on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Odie Horton leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Milford Watts. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Odie V. Horton; Vice Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Margaret Keeton.

Odie V. Horton led song on page 47b. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 81t; Cecil Wakefield 51t, 100; Azilee Adams 34t, 337; Kelsey Wakefield 111t, 282;

Lorene Gray 32t, 37t; Carol Fannin 122, 399b; Kermit Adams 455, 475; Amanda Denson 276, 155.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kermit Adams leading song on page 426b.

Leaders: Mae Conwill 314, 179; Cecil Wakefield 480, 159; Lora Hale 222, 220; Kenneth Fannin 354b, 436; Loretta Whitman 43, 460; Hugh McGraw 371, 31b; Mary Hawkins 143, 358; Ora Lee Fannin 30, 83.

LUNCH

Odie Horton opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Gladys Bonds 81t, 77t; Roma Rice 338, 231; Milford Watts 430, 448; Ada Godsey 499b; John Hyde 73t; Emily Jones 303, 65; Elmer Conwill 428, 396; Josie Hyde 225, 224; Pernie Pelfrey and Joan Gilbreath 59, 288; Ila Ingle 435, 112; Billy Williams 388, 448b; Nellie Alexander 61, 81t; Pernie Pelfrey 282, 312; Viola Young 313t, 155; Lena Wakefield 49b (for Aubrey Fannin), 45t (for Rose Altha Taylor).

Odie V. Horton and Kermit Adams led song on page 159 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Milford Watts.

Sunday, June 22

The morning session was called to order by Odie V. Horton leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was led by Cecil Wakefield. Odie V. Horton led song on page 32t. Leaders: Kermit Adams 49b, 236; Hubert Hood 460, 569b; John Hyde 290, 313t; Ivalene Donaldson 129, 77, 108; Jane Fulmer 142, 137; Ada Godsey 34t, 61; Ashley Owens 30t; Pernie Pelfrey and Charles Morris 146; Roma Rice 63, 145b; B. B. Mattox 145b, 42, 217.

RECESS

Kermit Adams brought the class back in session leading song on page 377.

Leaders: Emily Jones 68b, 82 (for Dawson and Edith Adams who is in the hospital); Barbara Coosie 143, 155; Nellie Alexander 30b, 33b; Viola Young 490, "Not Made With Hands".

At this time a memorial session was called for with Cecil Wakefield leading song on page 45t in memory of Vannie Adams. Travis Keeton led song on page 348 for his brother. Josie Hyde, Jane Fulmer, and Loretta Whitman led songs on pages 434, 441 and 137 in memory of: Herley Godsey, Pat Shaddix, Tom Harper, Tom Roberson, Lola Myrtle Roberson, and Buck Aaron.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 182, 530; Loretta Whitman 274t, 317b, 124.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Odie V. Horton leading song on page 329.

Leaders: Cheryl Vines 170, 225b; Azilee Adams 337, 39b; Juanita Whitman 454, 480; Christie Allen 75, 73t; Gladys Bonds 349 (for Roxie Keeton), 72t; Hannah Studders "Jesus Loves Me"; Milford Watts 428, 209, 423b, 275b; Edna Pace, Carla Morris and Joan Gilbreath 358, 470; Clifford Wakefield 213t, 79; Loretta Whitman 290; Pernie Pelfrey and Carla Morris 144; Margaret Keeton 59, 29t, 475; Cheryl Vines 47b.

Kermit Adams and Odie V. Horton led song on page 45b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Odie V. Horton; Vice Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

DELONG MEMORIAL
Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia
June 22, 1997

The annual DeLong Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was opened with Richard DeLong leading song on page 60. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Richard DeLong led song on page 57. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 171, 301; Susan Roberts 48, 49b; Carlene Griffin 85, 122; Liz Bryant 99, 377; Andy Morse 475, 280; Ashley Roberts 215, 291; Reuben Ball 127 (for his aunt, Edna Ball), 497; Junior Wooten 480, 565; John Plunkett 102, 196; Martha Ann Stegar 84, 63; Doug Allison 95, 179 (for his mother).

The business session was conducted, and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

RECESS

The class was called together by Richard DeLong leading song on page 170. Leaders: Frances Mary D'Andrea 106, 532; Cathy White 299, 268; Don Bowen 510 (for Laurie Allison), 516; Louis Hughes, Sr. 153, 515; Jack Corley 300, 168; Dollie Hudgins 343, 82t; Chris Carnell 136, 344; Horace DeLong 384, 45t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jeanette DePoy and Richard DeLong. Richard spoke of it taking more than singers to make a singing. He pointed out that four of the names were on the sick list last year, and this year they are on the deceased list. He spoke of fond memories for each one.

Jeanette read the following names who have died since last year: William Headrick, Betty DeLong Womack, Eva Corley Reeves, Hazel Cagle, Charles Dannals, Edna Ball, Edna Wilson, and Jimmy Causey. Richard DeLong led song on page 266 for the deceased. Hugh McGraw led song on page 339 for Eva Corley Reeves.

Jeanette read the following names who were sick and shut-in this year: Mary Frances Dannals, Kim Cagle, Charlotte Allison, Euna DeLong, Laurie Allison, and Jap Walton. Helen Bryson led song on page 385t for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Elder Jesse Roberts.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Jesse Roberts leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 91; Tim Cook 350, 410t; Helen Bryson 38b, 269; Jacob Griffith 452, 146; Jeanette DePoy and friends 277, 569b; Charlene Wallace 178, 267; Matt DeLong 387, 530; Frances Carnell 352, 542; Judy Mincey 540, 347; Raymond Hamrick 495, 276; Jesse Roberts 348t, 192.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Richard DeLong leading song on page 88t. Leaders: Janice Paulk 518; Hannah Roberts 119; Faye Pettis 549; Debra Jones 547; Leann Carnell 66; Louis Hughes, Jr. 77b; Violet Thomason 318; Rachael Carlyle 204; Richard Whatley 207; Jack Smith 107; Lisa Goodhue 371, 77; Jesse Roberts and friends 101t; Hannah Roberts 45; Becky Almand 217; Richard DeLong and Matt DeLong 34t.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong;
Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

MT. LEBANON CHURCH
Near Fayette, Alabama
June 22, 1997

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.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger.

Larry Ballinger led song on page 123t. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 144; Albert Humber 176b; Lomax Ballinger 565; Larry Humber 45t; Teresa Guyton 480; Sherry Stover 155; Charles Humber 405; Jill Ballinger, Amber Ballinger, Amanda Ballinger, Whitney Ballinger, Courtney Cockrell, and Casie Cockrell 47b, 137; David White 371; Jerry Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins 100; Stuart Ivey 29t; David Ballinger, Will Thompson, and Zack Thomas 111b, 72b; Wayne Baines 112; Leslie Ballinger 101t; Miranda Gilbreath 441; Richard Ivey 306; Edwin Ballinger 270.

RECESS

Linton Ballinger brought the class back by leading song on page 460. Leaders: Johnny Humber 200; Janet Ballinger 318; Mae Conwill 314; Arnold Moore 290; Cindy Franklin 475; Chris Ballinger 49b; Ila Ingle 530; A. A. Malone 432; Sumner Ellis 82t; Kim Watkins 99; Bickett Howton 434; Emily Ballinger and Teresa Ballinger 196, 436; Marlon Wootten 68b; Keterina Sanders 73t; Gene Wakefield 103; Phillip Ballinger 373; Etma Bardon 216; Ronnie Ballinger 39b; Beatrice Brewer 384; Beverly Nelson, Elana Nelson, Drew Nelson, Kylie Ballinger, and Caylor Ballinger 299; Annie Lou Price 143; Brenda Robbins and Earl Ballinger 340, 76b; Jimmy Ballinger 565.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Lavaughn Ballinger and David Woods leading songs on pages 313 and 84. Leaders: Lisa Geist 110; Lena Wakefield 546; Lamar Smith 36b; Allison Stovall 454; Clarence McCool 269; Allison Ivey 134; Velton Chafin 548; Marie Aldridge 193; Loyd Ivey 89; Edith Tate 333; Dwayne Ballinger 300; Elene Stovall 528; S. T. Reed 422; Amanda Denson 214; Elmer Conwill 298; Beth Odell and Anna Litton 217; Bud Oliver 282; Karen Ivey 532; Toney Smith 225t; Lucy Heidorn 30t; Coy Ivey 334; Joan Aldridge 198; Leon Ballinger 490; Warren Steel 522; Buell Cobb 69t; David Ivey 273; Julietta Haynes 209; Buddy Ballinger 45t; Estes Jackson 28; Karen Green 59; John Beasley 37b; Kyle Kelley and Toney Smith 278t; Loyd Ivey and Karen Ivey 424; Chris Ballinger 342. Larry Ballinger led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber.

NEW HOPE CHURCH
Cullman County, Alabama
June 22, 1997

The sixty-third session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by A. C. McGough leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. A. C. McGough led song on page 81.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - A. C. McGough; Vice Chairman - Charley McCoy; Secretary - Eron White; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. Leaders: Billy Williams 101t; Geraldine Gammon 155, 145b; Kenneth Calvert 120, 59, 147, 143; Corene White 146, 379; Flarce Creel 65, 157, 30; Reddie Evans 217, 277.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by A. C. McGough leading song on page 36b. A business session was held by the trustees of the church concerning the finances of the church.

LUNCH

Billy Williams reassembled the class leading song on page 89. Leaders: Aubrey Tyree 322, 384; E. E. Kilgo 40, 90; Ruth Walker 73t, 124, 48; Margie Lee and her daughter 335, 358, 388, 33; Ersel Calvert 64, 274t; Eron White 37b, 129; Ruth Burleson and Recie Harbinson 354t, 480; Mrs. Calvert 452, 68b; Billy Williams 323, "Mercy Seat"; Margie Lee and her daughter 358 (by request). A. C. McGough led song on page 45t for the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - A. C. McGough; Vice Chairman - Charley McCoy; Secretary - Eron White.

MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois

June 28-29, 1997

Saturday, June 28

The twelfth annual Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention opened at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago.

Chairman Kathleen Kuiper opened by leading the song on page 324, and welcomed the singers from near and far. Wendy Wahn led the class in prayer. Kathleen Kuiper then led songs on pages 47t and 171. Leaders: David Barford 181; Kristin Richardson 492; D. J. Hatfield 172; Judy Mincey 474; J. C. Denney 335; Midge Olsen 218; Brad Oglesby 192; Greg Economides 528; Lissa Blood 338; B. M. Smith 475; Jenny Wootten 66; Bill Waddington 481; Susan Jaster 297; Kent Beck 479.

RECESS

The morning session resumed with Kathleen Kuiper leading song on page 189. Leaders: Shelley Robbins 455; Al Frank 362; Leyland DelRe 433; Richard Popp 163; Kit Pfau 29t; Lisa Grayson 278b; John Bailey 340.

A business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected and appointed: Chairman - David Barford; Vice Chairman - D. J. Hatfield; Secretary - Kathy Krug; Assistant Secretary - Virginia Warren; Arranging Committee - Judy Hauff, Melanie Hauff, Marcia Johnson, Ruth Brown, John Bayer, and Samuel Sommers; Memorial Committee - Suzanne Flandreau, Kathy Lee, Shelbie Sheppard, Mary Rose O'Leary, Richard DeLong, and Lisa Grayson; Finance Committee - Wendy Wahn, John DelRe, Sue Kessell, and Jan Ketelle; Resolutions Committee - Beverley Enright, John Bailey, and James Page; Locating Committee - Ted Mercer and Kelly Brest van Kempen; Housing Committee - Dean Slaton; Chaplain - Herb Schroeder.

Leaders: Connie Karduck 391; Warren Steel 74; Sheila Wootten and Kathy Lee 148; James Page 131t; Pam Nunn 269; Jeb Owen 480; Elene Stovall 556; Mark Davis 240; Carolyn Deacy 114.

RECESS

David Barford called the class back leading song on page 137. Leaders: Tom Owen 532; Keith Willard 74b; Kathryn Krug 99; Beverley Rose Enright 244; Brenda Carroll 384; Stephen McMaster 282; Cassie Franklin 198; Richard Green and Susan Green 350; Everette Denney 405; Sheri Taylor 442; David Ivey 83b; Wanda Capps 142; Carroll Lunsford 387; Ruth Brown 36b; Herb Schroeder said a blessing, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

David Barford brought the class back leading song on page 324. Leaders: Beth Todd 82t; Jeannette DePoy 369; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 225; Mike Moseley 406; Jerilyn Schumacher 280; Ted Johnson “Boulder”; Julie Veal 440; Martin DeNys 547; Charles Obent 34b; Jerry Schreiber 377; David Lee 39t; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Pauline Childers 318; Marie Aldridge 304; John Bayer 49b; Kathy Williams 220.

RECESS

Debra Barford brought the class back leading song on page 120. Leaders: Don Bowen 347; Sue Kessell 236; Charlene Wallace 395; Judy Hauff 110; Richard DeLong 421; Jacob Griffith 271; Kelly Brest van Kempen 84; Mary Rose O’Leary 458; Cindy White 71; Petrina Patti 217; Dan Havens 147t; Tom Terranova 86; Paul Streeter 515b. The arranging committee announced the total number of songs sung, and Herb Schroeder closed the Saturday session with a prayer thanking God for the beauty and power of music, for our fellowship, and for the grace and mercy and promise we have received through God’s Son.

Sunday, June 29

The convention resumed at 9:30 a.m. in Ida Noyes Hall of the University of Chicago with David Barford leading song on page 32t. Herb Schroeder offered the opening prayer, asking that all we do and say this day be a reflection of God’s goodness and love.

Leaders: D.J. Hatfield 83t; Lorraine Sawyer 54; Carlene Griffin 70; Henry Schuman 81t; Bud Oliver 73t; Laura Webb 178 (dedicated to a friend who recently passed away); Sam Farwell 146; Kelly Macklin 157; Gary Gronau 192; Louise Holland 58; Fred Todt 312b; Nathan Barford and John DelRe 207; Jenny Willard 421; Aaron Wootten 144; Karen Hojnacki 220; Felton Denney 503; Leyland DelRe, Regina Bayer, Emmie Barford, and Rachel Lee 106; Walter Graff 39b. Announcements were made, and David Barford dismissed the class for recess after leading 52t.

RECESS

Jerry Enright called the class back to order leading song on page 77t. Leaders: Allison Ivey 134; Debra Barford 196; Harrison Creel 530; Karen Buche 474; Steve Warner and Anne Heider “Evanston”; Jan Kettelle 565; Herb Schroeder 128; Elsie Moon 434; Samuel Sommers 112; Myra Dalton 332; Gordon Olsen 117; Johanna Fabke 373; Jeff Sheppard 464 (dedicated to and appreciation for Ted Mercer writing this song, and for all the people up here and what you’ve done); Wendy Wahn 182.

RECESS

David Barford called the class together leading song on 37b. Leaders: Sam Jones 35; Syble Adams 203.

Lisa Grayson began the Memorial Lesson: “As I prepared for the Memorial Lesson today, I realized that just yesterday, as we were singing at the Irish American Heritage Center, I thought I saw my friend Jim in the back of the tenor section. I was trying to get his attention, and I waved to him, when I realized that couldn’t be Jim. There was no way it could be Jim because Jim was 12 years gone.

I just looked at the list of names for our memorial lesson today, and ladies and gentlemen, this list is long. You and I both know that there are names that are not on that list, names from other singings and names that are inscribed on our hearts, not on a piece of paper. We sing to remember them, and, I think, we also sing to unburden ourselves of all the things we meant to do for those we loved: the kind words left unsaid, the confidence left unshared, the feud left unnecessarily unattended. We sing hoping, and, I think, knowing, that through the power of our song and our prayers, we are reaching those we lost. And maybe we look around ourselves today and ask 'What can I do right now, today?' and maybe look inside ourselves and know that some time our day, some time my day, will come; that this community of singers, this band we belong to, will call out our names, and raise their voices in song. So now, let's remember the bright souls of those we're about to name, and those other names engraved on our hearts".

Suzanne Flandreau said: "I am reminded that we are enjoined to praise God in all things, so let's praise God for these people - and the list is very long:"

Deceased: Alabama - Rodger Morrison, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Jimmy Causey, Bonnie Ashley, Emma Nelson, Kenneth Brandon, Buck Aaron, Tommy Creel, Curtis Dutton, Johnnie Sue Beasley, Tilda Mosley, John Bain, Mae Doss, Ruthie Cozart, Floyd Stiefel, Otis Nall, Ed Latham, Clydus Moon, Dillie Creel Harris, Malone Austin, Elder A.L. Beckett, J.T. Conn, Lois Matthews, Vena Holley, Myrl Etheridge, Ewell Nelson, Tom Harper, Tina Reid Rogers, Delta Wootten, Hazel Cagle, Elder Barnard Moon, Lola Jenkins, Buddy Tindal, Clelan Cobb, Milton Wallace, and Halie Armstrong; California - Troy McCissick, Mike Warner, and Marilou Jolly; Colorado - Don Johnson; Georgia - Willa Mae Holt, William Headrick, Eva Reeves, Horace Lambert, Silas Lee, Peggy Hickox, Sue Porter, and Charles Dannels; Illinois - Ted Pankey, Thomas Kupensky, Elise Kasper, Bill Currie, Jeremy Swilley, Sonny Frank, and Tom Pavoubek; Kentucky - Vena Sargent; Mississippi - Louie Porter and Janice Nelson; New Hampshire - Maggie McCallion; New York - Herbert Buckingham Khaury and Marian Schroeder; Oregon - Joyce Fisher, Carol Bruhl, and Milo Minato; Pennsylvania - Chet Burn; South Dakota - Lorene Schlenker and Ella Taylor; New Mexico - Erik Hand; Wisconsin - David Proctor. In memory of the deceased, Suzanne Flandreau led the song on page 285t.

Richard DeLong then spoke: "I hope I can say something that will mean something to you. There are a couple of people on that list very near and dear to me, and it was awfully hard to sing for them, and not with them.

You know, I've spent 8 years of my life trying to teach kids fun and unique things about history. I've also taught them some ugly things, some nasty things, about how we made war on each other, killed each other, enslaved each other, based on race, gender, beliefs and religion. And to me, Sacred Harp, the most precious thing about it, is that we can all come together, right here in this hollow square, and put that aside. We can shut that out. We can bar the door. We've developed a love for it, and every one of us has a personal testimony about this hollow square and what it means to you, what it means to me - what it means to me is not the same thing it means to you. These people we're singing for had a testimony, but they can't tell it.

Hazel Cagle had a testimony. She was a Primitive Baptist; some of these Primitive Baptists can be hard-headed. She'd come up here, sing, and put anything else aside. She loved to sing. Kim just looked after her for 44 years, carried her to singing and carried her to singing. They came up here I don't know how many times; when I asked him, he said he didn't know. But she went to

sings till she was hardly able to go, because that's what she wanted to do. Kimzy's been faithful; he's looked after her 44 years, faithful, and he's hurting. And these other people are hurting - I counted 18 names on that list that I've sung with, personally, 18 names. Kimzy asked me to sing 543; we'll try to do that."

After leading the song on page 543, he continued: "I would say that, as in a song we sang earlier, 'let our songs abound, and every tear be dried.' I would say at this convention, or any Sacred Harp gathering, let our songs abound. If you haven't figured out how to come together, and love one another, and get along in the world, you don't have to answer to me; you've got a much higher power to answer to."

Mary Rose O'Leary then read the list of sick and shut-in: Alabama - Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Hadyne Creel, and Jap Walton; California - Dario Landazuri and Chris Thorman; Georgia - Mary Frances Dannals; Illinois - Josephine Mead, Hal Blumenthal, Pamela Veerhusen, John DeNys, Catherine DeNys, Marge Pesavento, and Frances Giunchedi; Indiana - Charlotte Allison; Maryland - Jack Hinchey; Michigan - Viola Smith; Minnesota - Sue Majerus; Mississippi - Cleo Hawkins and Bernice Embry; Virginia - Sally Barnes and Robert Toone.

Mary Rose said: "I'd also like to remember people who aren't able to come for whatever reason, and I hope that with this song we can sing them back to us." She led song on page 168.

The Memorial Committee then turned the class over to the Chairman who announced there would be one more singer before lunch. Ted Mercer led song on page 85, and Herb Schroeder led a prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

Kathryn Krug brought the class back together leading song on page 155. Leaders: Regina Glass 180; Louis Hughes 31; Becky Browne 362; Edith Tate 98; John DelRe 360; Kristin Richardson 466; Buell Cobb 187; Marcia Johnson 288; Jim Pfau 129; Ann Jett 327; Terry Wootten 436; Regina Clark 300; Jesse Roberts 245; Flarce Creel 475; Allison Stovall 454; Melanie Hauff 215; Roy Nelson and Louise Nelson 87; Karen Ivey 200.

RECESS

David Barford called the class back leading song on page 276. Leaders: Norman Slaton 280; Jo Dell Albi 361; Gene Hauptmann 163b; Chandler York, Jeremy York, and Maurice York 47b; Pat Temple 209; Darlene Cann 45t; Wendy Popp 472; John Seaton 47t; Suzanne Flandreau 68b.

David Barford expressed special thanks to Greg Munson and the University of Chicago Folklore Society for the opportunity to sing in this space.

Paul White then led song on page 551. Leaders: James Brock 354b; Matt Wells 299; Mary Wright 145b; Steven Schmidgall 136; Brad Hunnicutt 378; Joe Todd 470; Charles Wells 231; Cheri Treffinger 89. John Bailey spoke on behalf of the Resolutions Committee as follows: "We resolve to give thanks for this glorious tradition of singing and for the bright and beautiful weather. We thank the Irish American Heritage Center and the University of Chicago Folklore Society for providing the wonderful facilities. We are thankful for all the food and for those who brought it. We thank Kate Thomas and Alan Thomas for organizing dinner on the grounds and the dinner for the social, recognizing all the work that this involves. Thanks to all the singers who came from near and far. Thanks especially to Ruth Brown for organizing the bus tour from Alabama and Georgia. Thanks for the excellent work of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers and friends who planned and organized this convention. Finally, we are thankful for the

Source of our existence, which makes all things possible. Be it further resolved that we each return next year.”

Announcements were made of many upcoming singings across the country. The closing prayer was offered by Herb Schroeder, and “The Parting Hand” was led by the officers.

Chairman - David Barford; Vice Chairman - D. J. Hatfield; Secretary - Kathryn Krug; Assistant Secretary - Virginia Warren.

JONES CHAPEL SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Cullman County, Alabama

July 2, 1997

The annual July Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on the first Wednesday in July. Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Hershell King.

Henry Guthery led song on page 108t. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 112; Keterina Sanders 317, 73t; B. B. Mattox 430, 168; Corene White 126, 544b; Billy Williams 154; A. C. McGough 111b, 30t; Pernie Pelfrey 31b, 74b; Gordon Wilkerson 145t, 475; John Hyde 398, 75; Travis Keeton 123t, 179.

RECESS

Henry Guthery reassembled the class leading song on page 97. Leaders: Tressie Atkins 78, 186, 52t; Faye Donaldson 81b, 145b; Reddie Evans 187, 269, 300; E. E. Kilgoe 40, 101t; Hershell King 410t, 222; Josie Hyde 297, 477; Stella Pratt 441, 440; Carmon Brothers “That Beautiful Land” (for Mitchell Brothers), 35 (in memory of Ervin Brothers).

RECESS

Henry Guthery brought the class back to order, and the memorial was held with Eron White in charge. These songs were led in loving memory of the ones who have passed away since this time last year, and for all the Sacred Harp singers gone on before.

Travis Keeton led song on page 112 for the deceased: Carrie Graves, Willie Blackwood, Everett McCormick, Elder Bernard Moon, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Elder C. H. Moon, Verlie Johnson, Agnes Hocutt, Tom Harper, Halie Armstrong, Buck Aaron, Shirley Wilson, and Frances Kelson.

Eron White led song on page 340 for all the sick and shut-ins: Essie Calvert, Vernice Calvert, Unie B. Howard, I. V. Cockrell, Alpha Black, J. L. Oden, Mary Oden, Ethel Nix, Cecil Gilliland, Ora Lee Fannin, Bob Fannin, and Mitchell Brothers. The memorial was closed with prayer by A. C. McGough.

The class resumed singing with the following leaders called: Tina Dubberly 168, 36b; A. D. Chandler 61 (in memory of Grady Chandler), 384 (in honor of Unie B. Howard, and in memory of Douglas Howard); Carol Fannin 134, 424; Margie Lee and Ruth Burleson 452, 480; Henry Guthery 45t.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery reassembled the class leading songs on pages 202 and 403. Leaders: Odie Horton 400, 47, 159; Charley McCoy 362, 280; Eron White 454; Gordon Wilkerson 434; Hershell King 426t; Josie Hyde 231; Carmon Brothers 234 (in memory of Aver Crider). Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Charley McCoy.

Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretary - Eron White.

MUSCADINE METHODIST CHURCH

Muscadine, Alabama

July 4, 1997

The fourteenth 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 57. The morning prayer was led by S. T. Reed.

B. M. Smith led songs on pages 47t and 225t (for Lonnie and Vivian Rogers); Shelby Sheppard 269 (in memory of her parents, Walker and Lessie Cates), 242 (for John Seaton who was unable to attend); Mary Florence Smith 91.

A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 142; Don Bowen 171; Paula McGray 377; Kathy Spanglehour 344; Louis Hughes, Jr. 569b; Karen Hojnacki 145t; Becky Browne 192; Carla Smith 442; Steven Levine 179; Jimmy Cates 137; Ginnie Ely 196.

RECESS

B. M. Smith brought the class together leading song on page 222. Leaders: Marcia Johnson 434; Dave Ressler 436; Katharine Manning 343; Mary Elizabeth Lee 345b; Keith Willard 297; David McGukin 326; Jenny Willard 349; Riley Lee 361; Melanie Hauff 318; Jeanette Lowry 430; Samuel Sommers 386; Gary Gronau 543; Kelsey Taylor 97; Clarke Lee 556b; Anna Taylor 278b; Bob Parr 272; Kenneth DeLong 365.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Bryant Lee 123; Cassie Franklin 432; Thomas Willard 145b; Max Berueffy 84; Jackie Lee 106; Charles Franklin 47b; Nancy Crawford 47t; Cindy Franklin 146; David Lee 49b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 99.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 454; Bud Oliver 42; Julie Lee 503; Carlene Griffin 77b; Barbara Swetman 481; Charles Derleth 68b; Liz Bryant 384; Edith Tate 73t; Louis Hughes, Sr. 490; Charlene Wallace 548b; John Plunkett 110.

In observance of the July 4th holiday, a short talk was given by Lonnie Rogers. He spoke of the importance of this day and what it should mean to each of us, and how blessed we are to be able to come together on this day to sing praises unto our Lord. Lonnie then led song on page 348b.

Leaders: Lee Rogers 373; Homer Benefield 56t; Kristian Richardson 107; Milton Oliver 403; Pearl Guier 59; Teenie Moody 268.

RECESS

B. M. Smith brought the class together leading song on page 160b. Leaders: Roy Nelson 456; Pam Nunn 236; Felton Denney 347; Lou Cotney 218; Everette Denney 335; Louise Holland 144; S. T. Reed 495; Rene Greene 81t; Margie Smith 501; B. M. Smith 294; Beth Payne and Jeff Sheppard 45t.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B. M. Smith led song on page 46 as 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.

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ashland, Alabama

July 4, 1997

Eugene Forbes called the class to order leading songs on pages 59 and 75. The morning prayer was offered by Elder C. V. Estes.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Gurley; Arranging Committee - Edna Ruth Phillips.

Eugene Forbes led song on page 63. Leaders: Elder C. V. Estes 490, 40; Myrline Redmon 108t (for her sister, Mavis Dale), 569b; Jathan Futral 143, 98; Jenny Gurley "Great Roll Call", 340; Thomas Gutral 147t, 489; Nell Estes 438, 84; April Futral 491, 196; Nelda Henry 39b, 112; Audress Gurley and Brandon "Jesus Loves Me", 36b; Vernelle Amason 189.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading song on page 27 in memory of Pauline White. Leaders: Sonya Berry 373 (for her mother), 288 (for Uncle M. B. Forbes); Wayne Morgan 235, 285t; Pam Anderson 480, 164; M. B. Forbes 164, 59 (on his harmonica); Lois Stanson 99, 171; Eugene Forbes 566, 87; Edna Ruth Phillips 523, 318; Lora Kelly 146, 378t (for the Wallace family); Eugene Forbes 323b.

LUNCH

Eugene Forbes called the class together leading "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" and song on page 100. Leaders: Elder C. V. Estes 137; Jenny Gurley 212; Thomas Futral 77t; Nell Estes 145b; Sonya Berry 45t; Myrline Redmon 335; Lois Stanson 212, 204; Wayne Morgan 49b, 30b; Lora Kelly 208; Jenny Gurley 340 (by request); Vernelle Amason 143 (for Gib), 100; Audress Gurley "Not Made With Hands"; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morgan 10 (in little book); Eugene Forbes 300, 32t (for Kim Cagle); Edna Ruth Phillips 213b, 358; M. B. Forbes "Wildwood Flower", 452, "Silent Night" (all on his harmonica); Eugene Forbes 186 (for Elder R. H. Avery); Jenny Gurley 490, 569, 491 (all by request). Eugene Forbes led song on page 148 as the closing song. Elder C. V. Estes dismissed the class with prayer. We would like to thank the class for a contribution of \$48.00 as minute money.

Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Gurley.

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

July 5-6, 1997

Saturday, July 5

The eighty-first session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Convention was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 75. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith.

David Ivey then led 76b. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 48t; Norma Latham 34b; Loyd Ivey 49b; Rex Wilks 37b; Bud Oliver 39b; Jackie Tanner 42; Lamar Smith 36b; Henry Johnson 338; S.T. Reed 389; Louis Hughes 480; Shane Wootten 82t; Keith Willard 29t; Earl Ballinger 176t; Sam Sommers 369; Don Bowen 47t; Kathy Lee 39t; Judy Mincey 540; Don Clark 448b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 384. Leaders: Steven Levine 373; Marcia Johnson 48b; Cindy Franklin 362; B.M. Smith 475; Jenny Willard 99; Beverly Enright 415; Max Buereffy 276; Velton Chafin 549;

Edith Tate 35; Kelsey Taylor 77t; Anna Taylor 274t; Chris Richardson 217; Jackson Harcrow 63; Larry Ballinger 282; Ruth Brown 101t; Paula McGray 270; Mae Seymour 189.

RECESS

Wayne Wootten brought the class together leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Phil Summerlin 348b; David Ballinger 59; Thomas Willard 224; Charlie Derleth 28b; Carla Smith 67; Karen Hojnacki 198; Cassie Franklin 528; Maxine Lacy and Edward Howton 146; Kathy Manning 275b; Gary Gronau 163; Jeanette Lowery 168; Dave Ressler 298; Woodie Walker 378t; Barbara Swetman 485; Nancy Crawford 40.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with David Ivey leading song on page 300. Leaders: Betty Shepherd 216; Willie Mae Moon 568; Louis Hughes, Jr. 347; Regina Clark 182; Myra Dalton 542; Melanie Hauff 277; Stanley Smith 454; Clarke Lee 48t; Tommy Spurlock 430; Becky Browne 137; Mary Elizabeth Lee 361; Jerry Enright 383; Ginnie Ely 502; Bob Parr 428; Susan and Richard Green 350; Susan Harcrow 200; Henry Schuman 102; Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Pearl Guier 49t; Johnny Lee 31t; Lomax and Tim Ballinger 45t; Coy Ivey and his grandsons, Richard Ivey, Stuart Ivey, Zack Ellis, Sumner Ellis, and Worth Ellis 82t, 222; Johnny Humber 340.

The results of the election were announced at this time: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

RECESS

Linton Ballinger, Jimmy Ballinger, and Gravis Ballinger brought the class back together leading song on page 186. Leaders: Judy Caudle 245; J. L. Hopper 438; David Lee 452b; Reba Windom and Eloise Wootten 269 in memory of Mae Holt; Daniel Hopper 34t; Hershell King 97; Melvin Stiefel 512; Grady Price "Trusting"; Arvid Holmes 460; Milton Oliver 321; Terry Wootten and Jeff Sheppard 116, 556; Shelbie Sheppard, Jeff Sheppard, and Terry Wootten 448t; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 56t.

The Saturday session was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Sunday, July 6

The Sunday session was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 31b and 120. The morning prayer was led by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey led song on page 235. Leaders: Secretary Norma Latham 418; Loyd Ivey 426t; Wayne Wootten 155; Riley Lee 361; Jackie Tanner 299; Aaron Wootten 128; Mary Elizabeth Lee 45t; Rex Wilks 334; Levon Wootten 101t; Lamar Smith 76b; Hershell King 176b; Phillip Wootten 215; Reba Windom 192; Dewayne Wootten and Hayden Wootten 40; Charles Franklin 176t.

RECESS

Loyd Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Tyler Wilks 117; Anna Taylor 354; Kelsey Taylor 53; Freeman Wootten 385t; Marie Guthrie 434; David Robertson 196; Phil Summerlin 278t; Eldagene Robertson 142; Mel Kersey and Johnny Lee 566 and "My Country Tis of Thee"; Jewel Wootten 340; Brenda Carroll 442; Thurman Nall 146; Kathy Manning 491; J.A. Mosley 450; Billy Williams 231.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Coy Ivey leading song on page 56t. Leaders: Brian Lee 123b; Joan Aldridge 300; Marty Wootten 66; Betty Shepherd 216; Ginnie Ely 454; Becky Browne 203; Dave Ressler 419.

The convention recognized with special appreciation two of our senior citizens for their lifelong support of singings at Liberty: Mrs. Ruby Wilks and Mrs. Bob Greeson.

The memorial committee, Eloise Wootten and Linda Thomas, then presented the memorial lesson. Linda read II Corinthians 5:1,2,6-8: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an House not made with hands eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven.... Therefore, we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. (For we walk by faith, not by sight.) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and be present with the Lord."

Linda continued with the following comments. "When God breathed the breath of life into man, he became a living soul. Death cannot touch that inner man. Death will touch the house we live in, but only until the resurrection when we will have a new body. We live in an ever changing world. God's Word and his promises change not. His Word is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Eloise read the names of the remembered deceased: Ed Latham, Mae Holt, Bonnie Ashley, Delta Wootten, Silas Lee, Jimmy Causey, Tom Harper, Hazel Cagle, Buddy Tindal, Merle Etheridge, J. T. Conn, Ernest Phillips, Tommy Creel, Toni Beville, Edith Garner, Neal Hulsey, Kenneth Brandon, Julian Bruner, Clarke Wilson, Peggy Hickory, Hulan Newman, Aaron Creel, Charles Derleth, Mary Derleth, and Sue Brooks. David Ivey led song on page 490 for Ed Latham and song on page 212 for Mae Holt. Terry Wootten led "We Will Sing With the Angels There" for the remaining deceased.

Coy Ivey and Linda Thomas led song on page 122 for the following sick and shut-in: Jap Walton, Barrett Ashley, Lawrence and Lula Underwood, Ruby Phillips, Vester and Flossie Jones, Elmer Cordell, Hadyn Creel, and Antionette Swetman. Elder Phillip Wootten closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

David Ivey opened the afternoon session leading song on page 309. Leaders: Clarke Lee and David Lee 201, 159; Jeffrey Wootten 448t; Karen Ivey 475 for Virgil Phillips; Alice Mosley 127; Bob Parr 492; Teresa Bethune, Candice Bethune, Lindsey Bethune, Marian Biddle, Loyd Ivey, Will Ivey, and Jessica Ivey "That Beautiful Land"; Olivia Allen and Myra Dalton 400; Kathy Lee and Rachel Lee 171; Jeanette Lowery, Gary Gronau, and Charlie Derleth 137; Jenny Wootten 148; Jamie Dalton 209; Allison Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 270, 29t; Barbara Swetman 125; Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey 186; Max Buereff 112; Sam Sommers 513; Karen Travis 147t; Loyd Ivey and Lorrie Wootten 424 and "Trusting" by request.

The convention recognized Loyd and Louise Ivey and Marlon and Eloise Wootten with deep appreciation and sincere thanks for their extraordinary efforts in maintaining and improving the building and grounds of Liberty Church and for making the church a comfortable and pleasant place for its Sacred Harp singings.

Loyd and Louise Ivey and Marlon and Eloise Wootten led song on page 99.

RECESS

Terry Wootten called the class back together leading song on page 279. Leaders: Marshall Avery 106; Syble Adams 36b; Bud Laney and Tony Ivey 108t, 170; Darlene Dalton 535; Eloise Avery 138b; Bud Oliver and S. T. Reed 73t; Jerry Enright 271t; Karen Ivey, Barbara Isbell, and Laura Patterson "Sweet By and By"; Cindy Franklin 198; Jenny Wootten and Cassie Franklin 559 (Cooper) by

request. Chairman David Ivey thanked the arranging committee, Shane Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Coy Ivey, for a job well done. Announcements were given. The Chairman and Vice Chairman led song on page 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. Rev. Tony Ivey dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **July 6, 1997**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July, and was called to order by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by Jeff Sheppard. Miranel Swafford led song on page 32t; Margie Smith 313t, 405; Mary Florence Smith 75, 61.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 138b; George Garner 480, 278t; Carlene Griffin 139, 225t; Louis Hughes, Jr. 49b; Chris Richardson 148, 344; Henry Johnson 68b, 162; Melanie Hauff 27, 270; Jimmie Denney 87, 101t; Karen Hojnacki 171, 542; Bobby Bailey 365, 385b; Kathy Spanglehour 269, 117.

RECESS

Louis Hughes, Sr. called the class together leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Keith Willard 111b, 39t; Carla Smith 312b, 375; Milton Oliver 145t, 384; Pearl Guier 503, 143; Steven Levine 100, 441; Shelbie Sheppard 402, 202; Felton Denney 523, 155; Jenny Willard 303, 99.

Mary Florence Smith gave the memorial, and spoke of Cross Roads being a special place for her because she had lived in this community while growing up. B. M. Smith led songs on pages 28b and 445b in memory of the following deceased: Hazel Cagle, Eva Reeves, Charles Dannals, Marilou Jolly, Horace Lambert, Don Johnson, and Melvin Pope. Mary F. Smith led songs on pages 448b and 348b.

Melanie Hauff led song on page 145b for the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Mary Frances Dannals, Charlotte Allison, Madolin McGray, Josie McAlpin, Mozelle Sheppard, Jerry Sheppard, I. V. McWhorter, Melvin Pope, Revy Williamson, Carrie Garner, Evelyn Newman, and Jap Walton. Felton Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

The lunch blessing was given by Rev. Wendell Fielder.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Marcia Johnson leading song on page 110. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 112, 448b; Helen Bryson 196, 454; Thomas Willard 274, 224; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; B. M. Smith 273 (for Sid Caldwell), 497; Louis Hughes, Elaine Newman, and Allison Dodson 153; Charlene Wallace, Thoma Hannah, and Sherrel Anderson 45t, 434; Richard DeLong 296, 32b; Evelyn Harris 159, 47t; Everette Denney 34b, 127; Judy Mincey and Santana Herrera 475; Billy Joe Harris 494, 492; Jeanette DePoy 566, 498; Bernard Denney 222, 299; Tommy McGraw and Carol 268, 358; Don Bowen 66, 178; Teenie Moody 40, 78; Lonnie Rogers 137, 318; Marcia Johnson 359, 404.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes, Sr. and Miranel Swafford led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by B. J. Harris.

Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL
New Flatwoods Church - South of Nauvoo, Alabama
July 6, 1997

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 36b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - L. H. Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Johnny Humber. Leaders: L. H. Gilmore 75; Johnny Humber 39b, 134; Mae Conwill 142, 179; Arnold Moore 490; Cecil Sanders 225t; Ashley Keeton 146; Alene Woodley 399b, 83t; A. A. Malone 34t, 68b; Ivalene Donaldson 175, 326; Huey Jones 498, 500; Travis Keeton 235 (in memory of Ruth McGough), 283 (for Estelle Napier who was sick); Tressie Adkins 32t, 78; John Hyde 129, 63.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Joshua Keeton leading songs on pages 30t and 45t. Leaders: Beatrice Brewer 123t, 298; A. C. McGough 454, 475; Loretta Whitman 405, 112; Estelle Gilmore 275b, 376; Anita Naramore 111b (in memory of her mother, Lavada Gilmore), 285t; Dovie Jackson 421 (in memory of Henry "Doc" Jackson), 319; Keterina Sanders 59, 460; John Hocutt 144, 270, 294; Flarce Creel 299, 389. Ronald Gilmore welcomed everyone and dismissed the class for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading song on page 284. Leaders: Josie Hyde 297, 234; Glenn Keeton 503, 34b; Mary Ellen Jones 394, 392; Larry Ballinger 119, 139; Pam Keeton 171, 64; Harrison Creel 348b, 512; Margaret Keeton 29t, 42; Elmer Conwill 411, 44; Nellie Alexander 81t, 108b; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 65, 383; Dorothea McCowan 328, 455; Kermit Adams 384, 288; Bradley Allen 385b, 546; Janis Jones 373, 137; Gladys Bonds 499, 569; Dustin McCowan 354b.

L. H. Gilmore, Travis Keeton, Johnny Humber, and Huey Jones led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Huey Jones.

Chairman - L. H. Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION
Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama
July 12-13, 1997

Saturday, July 12

The Saturday session of the annual Cullman County Courthouse singing was called to order by Henry Guthery who welcomed everyone and led song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

Henry Guthery led song on page 97, and then introduced Judge Burlison of the Probate Court who welcomed the convention. Leaders: Hershell King 410t, 544; Travis Keeton 121, 57; Gene Wakefield 56t, 100; Bascum Mattox 168, 101t; Gordon Wilkerson 380, 530; Clayton Ezell 300, 475; Martha Woodard 65; Nora Parker 317b, 299; Ester Brown 316, 454; Wanda Capps 546, 222; Corene White 171.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Carol Lunsford 127, 72b; Aubrey Tyree 186, 189; Lena Wakefield 200, 34b; Edith Tate 292, 434; Lamar Smith 76b, 327; Cindy Franklin 269, 499b; Jewel Wootten 31b, 145b; Lyles Burke 40, 137; Eron White 384, 172; Thurman Nall 217, 490.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 225.

At this time a motion was made and duly seconded to go into a business session. John Hocutt called for nomination of officers. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. Henry Guthery appointed Imogene Nelms and Eron White as the Memorial Committee. The business session was closed, and the class resumed singing.

Leaders: Aaron Chandler and daughter 313, 119; Edis Guthrie 29t, 99; Ila Ingle 112, 441; Marie Guthrie 113, 213; Cassie Franklin 512, 542; Henry Guthery 45t. The class was dismissed for lunch with the prayer given by Lamar Smith.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Guthery leading song on page 283.

Leaders: Ruth Walker 298, 192; Dennis George 197, 68; Imogene Nelms 215, 491; David Roberson 274t, 63; John Hocutt 289, 201; Leola Smith 318, 418; S. T. Reed 417, 278b; Eldagene Roberson 385b, 142; Buell Cobb 284, 321; Harrison Creel 111b; Roscoe Knight 127, 47b; Sherry Guthery 58, 340; Billy Williams 450. Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 146 to close the day of singing. The class was dismissed with prayer by Thurman Nall.

Sunday, July 13

The Sunday session of the convention was opened by Henry Guthery welcoming the class and leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 101t; Edith Tate 73t, 75; Corene White 146, 126; Bascum Mattox 129, 186; Gordon Wilkerson 208, 220; Velton Chafin 318, 225t; Martha Woodard 278t, 335; Cecil Sanders 145t; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Edis Guthrie 91, 171; Thurman Nall 276, 287; Imogene Nelms 373, 544.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 565b. Leaders: David Roberson 268, 275b; Eron White 37b, 155; Betty Shaffer 454, 145; Cecil Wakefield 339, 282; Reddie Powell 280, 269; Aubrey Tyree 441, 298; Lamar Smith 36b; Linda Thomas 39t; Milton Oliver 217, 222; Eldagene Roberson 216, 215; Judy Caudle 322, 448t.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 34b.

At this time the floor was opened to the Memorial Committee.

Eron White spoke of the memorial which we hold in loving memory of the Sacred Harp singers and friends and loved ones who have gone on before us, and are now singing with the angel band. They are missed at all the singings, and especially at this convention.

The deceased remembered: Elder C. H. Moon, Elder Bernard Moon, Cary Graves, Felton White, Emily Whaley, Gilbert White, Pearlee Calvert, Uncle Tom Harper, Lola Roberson, Harley Armstrong, Floyd Stiefel, Rachel Grimmett, Willie Blackwood, Emmet McCormick, Verlie Johnson, Shirley Wilson, Frances Kelsoe, Monica Hinkle, Buck Aaron, Buddy Tindal, Merle

Etheridge, J. L. Conn, Will Battles, and Andy Edwards. Billy Williams led "Jesus Died For Me", and Ila Ingle led 530 in memory of Uncle Tom Harper. Imogene Nelms and Eron White led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Mamie Creel, Nora Baker, Virgil Phillips, Unie B. Howard, Vernice Calvert, Essie Calvert, I. V. Cockrell, Alpha Black, J. L. Oden, Mary Oden, Ethel Fannin, Mitchell Brothers, Hadyn Creel, Marie Aldridge, Sheldon Creel, Lucille Talbert, and Mae Seymour. Lamar Smith closed the memorial with prayer. Respectfully submitted by Eron White and Imogene Nelms.

Leaders: Dorothea McCowan 442, 546; Scott Guthery and Charity Guthery 72b, 45t; Tressie Adkins 78, 40.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 151. Leaders: Hershell King 426, 460; Ruth Walker 159, 430; Willodean Barton 418, 39; Linton Ballinger 299, 300; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Buell Cobb 390; Ann Jett 43, 494; Kathleen Robbins 48t, 34t, 327; Harrison Creel 475, 512, 342; Sherry Guthery 49t, 410t; Dustin McCowan and Dorothea McCowan 30t, 354; Louise Parker 345, 119; Martha Woodard and Grady Parker 277; Billy Williams 231, 28b; Henry Guthery 49b.

Henry Guthery asked for announcements at this time and then led 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 13, 1997

The annual singing of the Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and the Boiling Springs Convention was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by Elder Bufrey Dean.

Jeff Sheppard led 48t; B. M. Smith 30t, 68b; Chita Blakeley 63, 123t.

The class organized and elected to retain the same officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Chita Blakeley.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 57; Louise Dean 188; Elder Bufrey Dean 46, 430; Willard Fredericks 490, 77; Lois Stanson 99, 98; Kyle Blakeley 313t, 47b; B. J. Harris 503, 494; Dana Dean 36b, 39b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 217.

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 28b, 29b; Joseph Ritch 401; Daniel Dean 45t, 274t; Gavin Blakeley 317b, 124; Jim Carnes and Celia Carnes 146, 385; Ruth Brown 82, 49b; Wayne Morgan 235, 285; Stormy Brittan 348b, 340.

A memorial was given for the following deceased: Elder A. L. Beckett, Elder Marlen White, Hazel Cagle, Rodger Morrison, Issac Crowe, Jimmy Causey, Ruby Gibson, Robert Jackson and Milton Wallace. Brenda Dean, Wanda McCain and Chita Blakeley led song on 30b for Elder A. L. Beckett. Hilda Morrison led 337 for her son, Rodger Morrison, and brother, Robert Jackson. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 34t and 270 for all of the deceased. The memorial was closed with prayer by Douglas Conn.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with B. M. Smith leading song on page 75. Leaders: Douglas Conn 74b, 67; Brenda Dean 417, 369; Lora Kelly 177, 236; Myra Goss 222, 304; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Maudie Fredericks 294, 208; Stanley Sims 49t, 34b; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 290, 122; Thomas Futral 341, 147; Rachel Neighbors "The Great Roll Call", 378t; Steve Milner 354b, 100; Dewey Brown "The Great Roll Call", 45t.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard, B. M. Smith, and Elder Bufrey Dean led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Wayne Morgan.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Chita Blakeley.

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION **Zion Church, eight miles north of Gordo, Alabama** **July 13, 1997**

The eightieth session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in July, and was called to order by Chairman Clarence McCool leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Earline Ellis. Toney Smith led song on page 45t.

The class organized, and elected to retain the same officers: Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Arranging Committee - Wayne Baines; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

The singing will be held on the second Sunday in July again in 1998.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 159; John Hyde 61, 63; Travis Keeton 290, 343; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Etma Barton 300, 298; Lavert Howell 68b, 74t; Gravis Ballinger 124, 78; Gene Wakefield 108b, 109; Toney Smith and David Ellis 475; Annie Lou Price 99, 155.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Toney Smith leading song on page 569. Leaders: Josie Hyde 66, 225t; Dorothy Elmore 323, 290; Johnny Humber 288, 212; Larry Ballinger 121, 112; Arnold Moore 480, 490; Elmer Conwill 396, 411.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Clarence McCool. Leaders: Alonzo Malone 203, 183; Lena Wakefield 146, 192.

A memorial service was held by Earline Ellis leading songs on pages 317, 101, and 349 for the following deceased: Mr. Lorenzo Abrams and Lillie Bunn. The memorial service was closed.

Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 136, 284; Earl Ballinger 331; Wayne Baines 535, 59; Annie Lou Price 77t; Lavert Howell 68b; Toney Smith 77b; Gene Wakefield 64; John Hyde 313; Travis Keeton 31t; Elmer Conwill 44; Etma Barton 373; Beatrice Brewer 75; Josie Hyde 234; Earl Ballinger 217; Lavaughn Ballinger 405; Earline Ellis 30t; Alonzo Malone 448t; Clarence McCool 111t.

The class was dismissed with prayer by Johnny Humber. Thanks to all of you for being with us. Come again next year on the second Sunday in July.

Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

MICHIANA SINGING
Goshen, Indiana
Saturday, July 19, 1997

The tenth annual Michiana Singing held at the New Testament Baptist Church was called to order by James Nelson Gingerich leading song on page 171. Rachel Miller Jacobs led the morning prayer and song on page 472.

Leaders: Matthew Lind 34b; Kent Beck 460; Christine Guth 201; William Shetter 503; Karen Hojnacki 212; Bill Beverly 86; Daryl Mayberry 66; Nathan Barford 260; John Bayer 68b; Mary K. Oyer 40; John Bealle 543; Julie Vea 222; Beverly Rose Enright 566; Kathy Krug 49b; James Page "Bottle Hill"; Lissa Blood 147; Steve Warner 125; David Rust 56b; Johanna Fabke 236; Joan Aldridge 475.

RECESS

The class was called together by James Nelson Gingerich leading song on page 46. Leaders: D. J. Hatfield 506; Beth Todd 270; Debbie Barford 200; John Bailey 340; Carolyn Craig 257; Dean Slaton 500; Charlotte Wolfe 196; Kay Bieszczad 569b; Virginia Benade 28b; Al Frank 362; Michele Rae Biery 361; Janet Fraembs 218; Chris Sepic 143; Kristin Richardson 142; Laura Short and Gerald Short 497; Chandler York 146; Linda Speck 186; Carol Crawford 113; Brad Oglesby 145t; Emmie Barford and Regina Bayer 479.

The memorial was given by John Bayer. John reminded the class how important to us are singers who have come before us. For the price of a postage stamp, we can and should communicate with friends and loved ones who, because of age or infirmity, cannot come to singings.

Jerry Enright led 278 for the sick and shut-ins. John Bayer led "Amanda" for the deceased, and closed the memorial lesson. Rachel Miller Jacobs led the class in prayer.

LUNCH

Matthew Lind brought the class together leading song on 47t, and then recognized some long-time friends and supporters of the Michiana Singing including: Melanie Hauff, Judy Hauff, and Pauline Childers. Matthew then introduced to the class members of the Swartz family, who sang the song "Forever On My Knees".

Leaders: Anne Heider 344; Henry Schuman 81t; Martha Beverly 300; Xander Knecht 40; Dave Barford 350; Eloise Clark 369; Allison Marie Biery 75; Joe Todd 71; Judy Hauff "Regina's Song"; Jerry Enright 383; Pauline Childers 318; Kathryn Knecht 368; Ted Johnson 448t; Nancy Hejna 148; Melanie Hauff 312b; Michael Miller 551; Charles Knecht 397; Loraine Bayer 106; Joan Aldridge 454; Karen Hojnacki 198; Daryl Mayberry 528; Allison Marie Biery and Michele Rae Biery 67.

RECESS

Matthew Lind brought the class to order leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Samuel Sommers "Will You Meet Me?"; Julia Vea 327; Jim Crawford 122; Kathy Krug 163t; Jerry Enright 101t; Lisa Beverly Fitzpatrick 59; John Bailey 556; Lissa Blood 207; Pauline Childers 234; John Bealle 442; Johanna Fabke 276; Anne Heider 189; Carol Crawford 163b; James Page 505; Chandler York 474; Janet Fraembs 532; William Shetter 388; Beth Todd 501; Carolyn Craig 373; John Bayer 278.

Matthew Lind asked for announcements and then led song on page 62 as the closing song. Rachel Miller Jacobs dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Matthew Lind; Treasurer - James Nelson Gingerich; Chaplain - Rachel Miller Jacobs; Secretary - Samuel Sommers.

MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH
Six miles northwest of Arab, Alabama
July 19, 1997

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 35. The morning prayer was led by J. C. Rutledge.

The class was organized and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Lolette King; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper.

Leaders: Hershell King 34t, David Light 274t, 275b; Richard Ivey 551, 144, 299; Jonathan Thompson 384, 288; Brandon Thompson 445, 354; Stuart Ivey 29t, 53; Sandra Light 143, 119; Carmon Brothers 34b, 390; Bud Oliver 30t, 145b, 28b; Milton Oliver 321, 300.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Light leading song on page 147b. Leaders: S. T. Reed 27, 30b; Marie Guthrie 348, 222; Judy Caudle 126, 322; Imogene Nelms 36b, 383; Nancy Thompson and Alta Self 168, 326, 216, 80b; Rhoda Norris 137, 434; J. C. Rutledge 105, 441; Hershell King 460.

LUNCH

Hershell King brought the class to order leading song on page 97. Leaders: David Ivey 138, 448t, 448b; Ramona Light and Michael Light 338, 172; Eunice Kimbrell 65, 83t, 535; Ester Brown 112, 349, 426; David Light 110, 340; Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", 341; Bud Oliver 39t, 39b; Marie Guthrie 192; S. T. Reed 37b, 47b; Richard Ivey 224, 134.

J. C. Rutledge and Hershell King led song on page 491 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by S. T. Reed.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Lolette King.

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION
Jasper, Alabama
Saturday, July 19, 1997

The eighty-third session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention met July 19th at Zions Rest Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Charles Kitchens.

It was duly moved and seconded to enter into a business session to elect officers. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Memorial - Brenda Merritt and Cynthia Franklin.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 39b, 35; Gene Wakefield 102, 103; A. C. McGough 30t, 454; A. A. Malone 112, 142; Glenn Keeton 225t, 503; Coy Ivey 56t, 63; J. A. Mosley 45t, 75; Willodean Barton 314, 290; Lena Wakefield 475, 498; Brenda Merritt 499b, 285t; Joshua Keeton 268; Mae Conwill 313t, 300; Patricia Mauldin 146; Cassandra Franklin 130, 162; Madison Jett 87.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by Velton Chafin leading song on page 57. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 270, 299; Richard Mauldin 143, 36b; John Merritt 336, 294;

Cynthia Franklin 410t; Cynthia Franklin and Chistie Allen 398; Ivalene Donaldson 81t, 73t; Thurman Nall 68b, 523; Travis Keeton 400, 37b; Charles Kitchens 205, 122; Margaret Keeton 78; Elmer Conwill 500; Ila Ingle 470, 530; Roma Rice 186, 187.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading song on page 296. Leaders: Clarence McCool 349, 428; Bradley Allen 546; Jonathan Blakeley 77t, 67; Alice Mosley 127, 282.

At this time the memorial was held. Cynthia Franklin read Ecclesiastes 3:2 and spoke about a time to be born and a time to die. Brenda Merritt led song on page 47b, and Cynthia Franklin led songs on pages 123t and 274 (by request) for the following deceased: Tommy Creel, Hazel Cagle, Ed Latham, Elder Clydus Moon, Dillie Harris, Otis Nall, Merle Etheridge, Tom Harper, Elder Bernard Moon, Buddy Tindal, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Jimmy Causey, Willia Mae Holt, A. L. Beckett, J. T. Conn, J. L. Abrams and Velma Morrow. Charles Kitchens closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Edith Tate 436, 532; Don Clark 123b, 224; Regina Clark 148, 426t; Ada Godsey 34t; Loretta Price 480, 176b; Regina Glass 215, 271; Chistie Allen 377, 475; Mary Gardner 385b; Tommie Spurlock 30b, 565; Bill Farris 82t, 87; Agnes Farris 418, 119; Gladys Bonds 32t, 47b; Cecil Sanders 340.

After announcements were made, the class was dismissed with prayer by Glenn Keeton.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL **New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama** **July 20, 1997**

The one hundred twenty-fourth session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Tommie Spurlock.

The class was organized by electing the following officers: Honorary Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Acting Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella C. Blackmon; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. Velton Chafin led song on page 30t. Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 430, 203; Regina Glass 81t, 65; Thurman Nall 276, 287; Gordon Wilkerson 530, 546; Bill Farris 77t, 176t; J. A. Mosley 45t, 75; S. T. Reed 129; Tyler Newman 30t, 59; Alice Mosley 79, 235; Milton Oliver 403.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class to order leading song on page 318. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 215; Alice Farris 274t, 275b; Bud Oliver 335; Talitha Chafin 48t, 551; Lamar Smith 76b; Linton Ballinger 212; Coy Ivey 222; David Ivey 192; Lucy Marie Heidorn 200; Edith Tate 532, 446; Allison Ivey 144, 474, 475; Essie Calvert 384; Marie Aldridge 436, 304; Josie Hyde 355; Harrison Creel 342 (by request).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Coy Ivey leading song on page 101t. Leaders: John Hyde 290; Christie Allen 460, 432; Ila Ingle 442, 434; Freeman Wootten 385b, 70b; Margaret Keeton 43; Jewel Wootten 82t, 299; Elsie Moon 166; Shelley Capps 73t; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel called the class together by leading song on page 111t and 111b. Leaders: Travis Keeton 324; Lavaughn Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 405; Earl Ballinger 349; Cassie Franklin 402, 171; Ann Jett 269, 327; Marie Aldridge 143 (by request); Marie Guthrie 220, 189; Hadyn Creel 84, 155; David Roberson 63, 196; Tressie Adkins 217; Cindy Franklin 198; Bradley Allen 345t; Wanda Capps 142; Eron White 168; Willodean Barton 416; Buell Cobb 141; Corene White 216; Larry Ballinger 151; Gladys Bonds 77t; Lena Wakefield 546; Ozella C. Blackmon 187; Brenda Merritt 448t; Henry Guthery 543; Julianna Jett 88t. After announcements were made, Velton Chafin and Harrison Creel led song on page 521 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger.

Honorary Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Acting Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella C. Blackmon.

COTACO CONVENTION **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church** **July 26, 1997**

The one hundred ninth session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Chairman Elder Dan Hopper leading songs on pages 138b, 80b, and 275b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Dan Hopper led song on page 388, and then opened the floor for the election of officers. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to keep the same officers: Chairman - Elder Dan Hopper; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretaries - Judy Caudle and Nancy Thompson; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper and Milford Cobbs.

Leaders: Hershell King 460, 176b; Bud Oliver 145b, 30t; Linton Ballinger 203, 208; Cecil Gilliland 329, 273; Eldagene Roberson 300, 332; Velton Chafin 144, 78; Marie Guthrie 430, 192; David Ivey 347, 90.

RECESS

The class was reassembled and the following leaders were called: Arvid Holmes 354b, 171; David Ivey 415; Eunice Kimbrell 535, 69t; S. T. Reed 64, 65; Jonathan Thompson 36b, 37b; Brandon Thompson 335, 274t; Carol Newman 220, 68b; Rhoda Norris 432, 137; Susan Holmes 313t, 441; Buell Cobb 31b, 138t; Dan Hopper 139, 301. The class was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Elder Dan Hopper.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Arvid Holmes leading song on page 101t. Leaders: J. L. Hopper 187, 218; Nancy Thompson, Alta Self, and Patsy Walden 84, 168, 186, 294; Judy Caudle 311, 322; Lomax Ballinger 155, 159; Billy Williams 448b, 54; Glenda Hopper 120, 47t; Carmon Brothers 167, 340; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land", 39b; Kimmie Holcomb 112, 295, 285t; Willard Hopper and Bud Oliver 426; J. L. Hopper 140.

The chairman gave the opportunity for anyone desiring to host the next session of the Cotaco Convention to make their request known. None were received, so the singing will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 1998.

Dan Hopper led song on page 369. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Carmon Brothers.

After the singing, some of the singers began to talk about the convention's history. One thing that was discovered was the number of sessions of this convention was recorded in the minutes and published in error in 1994, and has been perpetuated since that time. The minutes reflected 151 sessions in 1994, but

should have been 106 sessions. I wish to make that correction in this record of the minutes.

Chairman - Elder Dan Hopper; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

MARILOU JOLLY MEMORIAL **Poway, California** **July 26, 1997**

The first annual Marilou Jolly Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, in the Grand Room of the Porter House, in Old Poway Park. The session was called to order by Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 270. The morning prayer was given by Midge Harder.

The class was organized by electing the following officers: Jerry Schreiber - Chairman; Michael Lambert - Vice Chairman; Midge Harder - Secretary. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 178; Midge Harder 42, 163t; Victoria Ostwald 163b, 268; Carla Smith 28b, 200; Michael Lambert 385b, 84; John Ostwald 209, 504; Betty Herman 31t, 85; Rick Russell 156, 201; Karen Huss 236, 151; Catherine Callahan 153, 302.

RECESS

Michael Lambert called the class to order leading song on page 46. Leaders: Ron Huss "Richmond," 171; Janice Hecksel 106, 107; Tom Ostwald 117, 269; Laura Boyd Russell 543, 74b; Gerry Hoffman "India," 77t; Jerry Schreiber "Birmingham," 66.

The memorial lesson was held by Carla Smith who led 68b in memory of Marilou Jolly. Laura Boyd Russell lead 369 in memory of other deceased. Michael Lambert led 340 for the sick and shut-in.

Leader: Rick Russell 191. Laura Boyd Russell offered the grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed. Leaders: John Ostwald 56b; Stephen O'Leary 73,110; Midge Harder 146; Mary Rose O'Leary 384, 95b; Victoria Ostwald 261; Jerry Schreiber 497; Michael Lambert 457; John Ostwald 154; Betty Herman 224; Rick Russell 99; Karen Huss 47t, Laura Boyd Russell 474; Catherine Callahan 299; Ronald Huss 195; Tom Ostwald 155; Gerry Hoffman 335; Jose Carvajal 276; Carla Smith 149; Don Jolly 532; Laura Boyd Russell 60; Midge Harder 510; Matthew Long 61.

RECESS

The singing resumed. Leaders: Jeanette Kingery 186; Catherine Callahan 318; Victoria Ostwald 47; Midge Harder 131t; John Ostwald 421; Rod Willard 49b; Matthew Long 288; Stephan O'Leary 130; Betty Herman 385; Mary Rose O'Leary 362; Ronald Huss 365; Rick Russell 454; Tom Ostwald 254; Jerry Schreiber 218; Laura Boyd Russell 345; Gerry Hoffman "Altamont"; Stephen O'Leary 512.

Jerry Schreiber and Michael Lambert led 62, and all who wished took the parting hand. Stephen O'Leary offered a prayer to close the singing.

Chairman: Jerry Schreiber; Vice Chairman - Michael Lambert; Secretary - Midge Harder.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL
Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16)
July 26-27, 1997

Saturday, July 26

The one hundred fifth session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July.

The class was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 75. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer. Phillip Langley led songs on pages 340 and 299. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 63, 283; Hugh McGraw 88b; Judy Henry 77, 33b; Everette Denney 186, 119; Mildred Patterson 89, 335; Danny Griffin 79, 81; Kathy Spanglehour 45, 344; Bobby Bailey 161, 82; Margie Smith 494, 303; Jimmie Denney 66, 68b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Phillip Langley leading song on page 215. Leaders: Felton Denney 31, 503; Katherine Benefield 127, 378; Roy Nelson 160b, 145b; Elsie Brock 171, 146; Lonnie Rogers 389, 225; Josephine Denney 32, 143; John Plunkett 535, 368; Reby Stanford 112, 327, 159 (for Revy Williamson); Elder Homer Benefield 141, 56; Don Bowen 420 (for Jap Walton), 426.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Carlene Griffin leading song on page 99. Leaders: B. M. Smith 384, 475; Jeanette DePoy 287, 318; Henry Johnson 338, 388.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. Officers re-elected were: Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw.

Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 515, 183; Martha Ann Stegar 236; Richard DeLong 118, 399b; Judy Mincey 50b, 501; Rev. Lloyd Toney 100, 129; Lee Rogers 516, 200; Alice Edwards 104, 73b, 271b; Nick Griffin 139, 551; Carolyn Huckeba, Judy Henry, Carlene Griffin, and Hugh McGraw 333 (by request); Hugh McGraw 544 (in memory of Curtis Brown); Henry Johnson 569b; Jeanette DePoy 39; Don Bowen 476; Richard DeLong 83b; John Plunkett 182.

Announcements were made. Carlene Griffin and Phillip Langley led 209 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.

Sunday, July 27

The Sunday session was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 63. The morning prayer was led by Hugh McGraw.

Carlene Griffin led song on page 65. Leaders: Phillip Langley 318, 67; Hugh McGraw 136; Judy Henry 117, 77; Don Bowen 59, 283; Danny Griffin 317, 345; Bobby Bailey 548, 570; Sheri Taylor 398, 108b; Lee Rogers 571, 528; Bud Oliver 274, 300 (for Barrett Ashley); Judy Mincey 178, 540; Myron House 113, 227; Lisa Webb 200, 566.

RECESS

Phillip Langley called the class together leading song on page 383. Leaders: George Garner 183, 318; Jan House 151, 276; Henry Johnson 148, 159; Margie Smith 284, 313; Cindy Cook 222, 476; Milton Oliver 314; Kathy Spanglehour 269, 358; B. M. Smith 28b, 273.

Memorial lesson: Charles Woods led 287 and 122 in memory of Dean Thompson, Bill McGraw, Hazel Cagle, and Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Gammon.

Louis Hughes Sr. led 57 and 129 for all the sick and shut-ins, including: Revy Williamson, I. V. McWhorter, Jerry Sheppard, and Mozelle Sheppard from this area.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Carlene Griffin leading songs on pages 205 and 511. Leaders: Sharon Hamrick 340, 236; Earlis McGraw 76b, 380; Martha Ann Stegar 77b, 198; Richard DeLong 458, 158, 160; Joyce Harrison 78, 101b, 81 (for Gertrude Bateman); Louis Hughes, Jr. 49b, 278, 347; Helen Bryson 196, 361, 172; Raymond Hamrick 313b, 312; Alice Edwards 104, 73b (for I. V. McWhorter); Reby Stanford 405, 441, 225; Oscar McGuire 171, 573; Tim Cook 503, 350, 479; Becky Hafner-Camp 107, 373; Karen Moon and Charlene Wallace 49, 155; Don Bowen 454, 48b (by request).

Announcements were made. Carlene Griffin and Phillip Langley led page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr. Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE SINGING

Hamilton, Alabama

July 27, 1997

The eighty-third session of the Sacred Harp singing held at the Hamilton Courthouse was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

The class organized by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and Carrol Lunsford.

Estes Jackson led song on page 42. Leaders: Hubert Hood 135, 454; Clarence McCool 349, 336; Gene Wakefield 168, 136; Beatrice Brewer 137, 384; Ivalene Donaldson 175, 129; Odie V. Horton 341, 229; Allen Owen 30t, 108t; Juanita Whitman 480; Carrol Lunsford 426t, 123t; Flarce Creel 546, 475.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 44. Leaders: John Hyde 75, 73t; Danny Creel 269, 112; Mae Conwill 74b, 142; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 155; Edith Tate 275, 343; Arnold Moore 460, 445; Marie Aldridge 217, 192.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 131t (for the children and grandchildren of the late Vinson and Estelle Glenn), 338 (in memory of Hallie Armstrong); Josie Hyde 220, 434; Lena Wakefield 503, 77b; Harrison Creel 498, 378b; Earl Ballinger 432, 177; Anna Lou Price 127, 340; Edward Ballinger 274, 300; Buell Cobb 72t, 152; Gladys Bonds 68b, 499; Gravis Ballinger 78, 101t; Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 405; Julietta Haynes 200, 222; Kermit Adams 428, 34b; Larry Ballinger 270, 282; Cecil Wakefield 268, 358; Dorothea McCowan 328, 442; Marie Aldridge 216 (by request of Ersell Jackson).

Estes Jackson and Elmer Conwill led song on page 396 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

WARRIOR RIVER-CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION

Mt. Moriah Church, Snead, Alabama

August 2-3, 1997

Saturday, August 2

The one hundred twenty-third session of the Warrior River Convention and the ninety-eighth session of the Clear Creek Convention was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Jonathan Blakeley. Terry Hullett led song on page 64. Leaders: Waylon Blakeley 134, 369; Jewel Wootten 79, 101t; Carmon Brothers 59, 390; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Cecil Gilliland 74t, 74b; Martha Woodard 69t; S. T. Reed 68b, 34b; Roie Alexander 145b; Douglas Conn 217, 222; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 434 (for Mae Seymour); J. L. Hopper 543, 218.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 166. Leaders: Milton Oliver 348, 224; Emmie Morris 142, 215; Hershell King 340, 384; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 123t, 77t; John Morris 565, 448t; Linda Hopper 30t, 108t; Shelbie Sheppard 137, 475; Bud Oliver 145t, 47t; Chita Blakeley 186, 430 (for Lawrence and Lula Underwood); Linda Thomas 299, 39t; Ester Brown 426t, 203; Helen Lambert, Pam Sims, and Austin Sims 45t, 47b, 235; Freeman Wootten 49b, 448b; Jeff Sheppard 99, 140.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 288.

Chairman Terry Hullett called for a business session. Elder Jonathan Blakeley brought the devotion from Psalms 95, "Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord".

Prayer was offered by Elder Marshall Avery.

It was moved and seconded to retain the same officers: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Secretary - Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee - Milton Oliver and Larry Lambert; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore; Resolution Committee - Chita Blakeley and Helen Lambert; Finance Committee - Carmon Brothers and Bud Oliver.

Leaders: Rhoda Norris 276, 187; Phil Brothers 236, 274t; Norma Sue Latham 569, 482; Bud Oliver and Norma Sue Latham 418; Billy Williams 313, 297; Eloise Avery and Elder Marshall Avery 35, 373; Leola Smith 318, 43; Emmie Morris 112, 189; John Morris 455, 454; Jeff Sheppard 441, 523, 182; Linda Thomas 303; Shelbie Sheppard and Linda Thomas 106; Douglas Conn, Chita Blakeley, Jonathan Blakeley, and Linda Thomas 317, 345t.

Terry Hullett and Waylon Blakeley led song on page 159 for the closing song.

The closing prayer was led by Lamar Smith.

Sunday, August 3

The Sunday session was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59.

The morning prayer was led by Elder Philip Gilmore. Terry Hullett led songs on pages 56t and 61. Leaders: Waylon Blakeley 82t, 126; Jewel Wootten 124, 345t (for Ruby Phillips); Leola Smith 176b, 384; Roie Alexander 32t, 101t; Chita Blakeley 325, 426t, 426b; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Lydia Baswell 143, 146 (in memory of her brother, Ernest Phillips, son of the late George Phillips); Milton Oliver 321, 144; Helen Lambert and Austin Sims 45t, 490.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Waylon Blakeley leading song on page 335. Leaders: Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", 341, 207; S. T. Reed 42, 37b; Gavin

Blakeley 314, 317; Brandon Thompson 354b, 274t; Stuart Ivey 222, 480; Kyle Blakeley 30b, 122; Jonathan Thompson 84, 30t; Richard Ivey 306, 270; Steve Lambert 147b, 137; Arvid Holmes 40, 460; Dennis George 318, 127; Jamie Brothers 313, 340; Shelbie Sheppard 141, 332.

The memorial lesson was held by Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas. They spoke of our many loved ones who have passed away since our last convention, and the memories we have of them. Linda Thomas read the list of deceased: Frances Kelso, Ernest Phillips, Howard Bynum, Unie B. Howard, Bonnie Ashley, Barrett Ashley, Tom Harper, Hazel Cagle, Delta Wootten, Mae Holt, Ed Latham, Buddy Tindal, Lola Jenkins, Jimmy Causey, J. T. Conn, Will Battles, Elder A. L. Beckett, and Rodger Morrison.

Elder Philip Gilmore led songs on pages 31t and 498; S. T. Reed, Milton Oliver, and Lamar Smith led 343 in memory of Barrett and Bonnie Ashley; Gavin Blakeley and Kyle Blakeley led 123t in memory of J. T. Conn, Will Battles, Elder A. L. Beckett, and Rodger Morrison. Jeff Sheppard and Linda Thomas led 129 for the sick and shut-ins: Annie Brothers, Lillie Lybrand, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, J. L. Oden, Mary Oden, Alpha Black, Ozettia Gilliland, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Nora Collett, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Mae Seymour, Rosa Hughes, Johnnie Blakeley, Jap Walton, and Elder and Mrs. J. O. Handley.

The memorial was closed with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading song on page 47t.

Leaders: Nancy Thompson 523, 448t; Karen Ivey 569, 475; Wilda Holmes 44, 39b.

A business session was held. It was announced that the 1998 Warrior River-Clear Creek Convention will be held at Old Clear Creek Church, Boaz, Alabama. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Chita Blakeley. Be it resolved, that we continue to praise God in spirit and in song. We are thankful for the love and fellowship shown. We thank:

- 1) the host church, Mt. Moriah, for allowing us to meet with them;
- 2) the officers who strive to keep order in God's house and lead by serving in deed and example;
- 3) those who have labored to prepare nourishment for our natural bodies.

We resolve:

- 1) to keep the convention growing, and to support singings in surrounding areas;
- 2) to continue to sing and encourage the spread of Sacred Harp music.

Respectfully submitted: Chita Blakeley and Helen Lambert.

The Finance Committee reported a balance brought forward of \$139.60, a collection of \$120.00, an expenditure of \$50.00 for the minutes, gift to the church of \$70.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$139.60. The business session was closed.

Leaders: David Ivey 402, 388; Freeman Wootten 565, 34t; Paula Gilmore 75; Linda Thomas 217; Elder Philip Gilmore 39t; Larry Lambert and Austin Sims 410t, 410b; Herby Bailey 489b; Cecil Gilliland 212, 273; Terry Hullett 68b (by request); Vera Blakeley and Waylon Blakeley 312b. Terry Hullett and Waylon Blakeley led the closing song on page 62, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Secretary - Jewel Wootten.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION
Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia
August 2-3, 1997

Saturday, August 2

The one hundred forty-fifth session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held at Wilson's Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August. Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the convention by leading songs on pages 39t and 48t. Lonnie Rogers, chaplain, led the opening prayer. Vice Chairman Felton Denney led songs on pages 50b and 28b; Secretary Donna Duke 448b and 101t. Leaders were: Jimmie Denney 313t, 68b; Lonnie Rogers 155, 318; Don Bowen 157, 97; Judy Mincey 34t, 497; Gene Duke 426t, 126; Lisa Webb 477, 542; Charlene Wallace 154, 186.

RECESS

Chairman Sheri Taylor opened with song on page 29. A short business session was held to elect new officers for the convention. Officers elected were: Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Jacob Griffith; Secretary/Treasurer - Donna Duke; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace and Laura Webb; Memorial Committee - Louis Hayden, Judy Mincey, and Jeanette DePoy; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, Phillip Langley, and Lisa Webb; Resolutions Committee - Gene Duke, D.J. Hatfield, and Lee Rogers. Leaders: Richard DeLong 132, 375; Dan Brittain 472, 209, 387; Jacob Griffith 147t, 171; Jeanette DePoy 436, 77t; Everette Denney 34b, 393; Josephine Denney 32t, 145b; Louis Hughes 347, 282; Carlene Griffin 77b, 270.

LUNCH

Jimmie Denney began the afternoon session by leading song on page 335. Leaders: Rev. Lloyd Toney 43, 100; Lee Rogers 73t, 73b; John Plunkett 220, 53; Richard Mauldin 299, 146; Bobby Bailey 313b, 111t; James Gingerich 475, 454; Dollie Hudgins 51, 82; Laura Webb 66, 163b; D. J. Hatfield 296, 215; Martha Ann Stegar 268, 47t; Dan Bailey 358, 183, 569b; Phillip Langley 168, 300; Bernard Denney 144, 145t; Judy Phillips, Lois Porter, and Charlene Wallace 312, 63; Carol Arrington and Teenie Moody 317b. Chairman Sheri Taylor and Vice Chairman Jacob Griffith led song on page 323 for the closing song.

Sunday, August 3

Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the Sunday morning session by leading song on page 95. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 131b; Jacob Griffith 31t, 312b; Donna Duke 203, 425; Felton Denney 120, 503; Lonnie Rogers 348b, 222; Lisa Webb 371, 408; Don Bowen 225t, 283; Cathy White 300, 84; Phillip Langley 224, 306; Karen Rollins 143, 34b; Jimmie Denney 61, 63; Gene Duke 176t, 101t.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Jacob Griffith brought the class to order leading song on page 82t. Leaders: D. J. Hatfield 344, 111b; Carlene Griffin 146, 37b; Denney Rogers 318, 345t; Frances Mary D'Andrea 47b, 106; Doug Ellison 378b, 178; Lee Rogers 515, 415.

The memorial session was conducted by Judy Mincey, Jeanette DePoy, and Louis Hayden.

Richard DeLong led song on page 266 for the following deceased: Barrett Ashley, Betty Womack, Eva Reeves, Clydus Moon, Hazel Cagle, Otis Nall, Ed Latham, Arthur Beckett, Elder Art Godfrey, Dillie Creel Harris, Malone Austin, Charles Daniels, J. T. Conn, Merle Etheridge, Lois Matthews, Vena Holley, Don Johnson, Ewell Nelson, Tina Reid Rogers, Tom Harper, Delta Wootten, Elder

Bernard Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Mecia Farbron, Madaline Malroy, Quay Smothers, Sara Duke, Mae Holt, and Sue Porter.

Frances Mary D'Andrea sang for the following sick and shut-ins: Helen Bryson, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Kim Cagle, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, I. V. McWhorter, Harold White, Mary Frances Daniels, Revy Williamson, Jap Walton, and Chuck White. Jeanette DePoy led song on page 287 for Helen Bryson.

LUNCH

Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the afternoon session leading song on page 86. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 36b, 40; Jeanette DePoy 328, 112; Bobby Bailey 548, 399; Patricia Mauldin 45t, 388; Louis Hughes 480, 290; Naomi Sailors 200; John Plunkett 323, 434; Martha Ann Stegar 59, 155; Nick Griffin 96, 551; Laura Akerman 532, 192; Judy Mincey 474, 475.

RECESS

Jacob Griffith opened with song on page 127. Leaders: Richard DeLong 123, 275t; Janet Sheppard 384, 114; Becky Hafner-Camp 58, 324; Rev. Lloyd Toney 129, 100; Charlene Wallace 385b.

A motion was made and seconded to enter a business session.

D. J. Hatfield read the following resolution: "Here in this place created especially for Sacred Harp music, we once again join our hearts in fellowship and raise our voices in song. We are grateful to the Wilsons and their descendants for sharing this wonderful chapel and their love for this music, for their generosity and hospitality, and for having the foresight and fortitude to keep this oldest Sacred Harp singing going strong.

We thank all those whose hearts, hands, and voices have made this singing such a joy—those who maintain the chapel, grounds, and facilities here; the officers and committees who keep us singing; those who unfailingly pile the tables high with delicious food; and all those who came from near and far to sing, to listen, and to be part of the Chattahoochee Convention.

We thank all those singers who have gone before us, who embraced us, whether family or strangers, and made us part of their tradition, and whose spirits sustain us still. Most of all, we thank God who sent his showers of blessings down upon us this weekend.

We resolve to meet again for next year's convention, to fill this chapel with song and to remember these who have given so freely of their hearts and voices. May we give at least a small measure of what they gave to us throughout the years."

Respectfully submitted: D. J. Hatfield, Gene Duke, and Lee Rogers, Resolutions Committee.

The Finance Committee collected \$224.17 over the two day convention.

Expenses were \$15.00 for food and supplies, \$50.00 for minutes, leaving a balance of \$159.17 for the convention.

After announcements for future singings, Sheri Taylor and Jacob Griffith closed the convention by leading song on page 62, "Parting Hand".

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Jacob Griffith; Secretary - Donna Duke.

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Bevill State Junior College, Fayette, Alabama** **August 3, 1997**

The ninety-eighth 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 48t. Buddy Ballinger led the morning prayer.

The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Johnny Humber; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger.

Leaders: Johnny Humber 63; Larry Ballinger 109, 101t; Leslie Ballinger 99, 31b; Linton Ballinger 203, 208; Dwayne Ballinger 168, 300; Julie Ballinger and Amber Ballinger 155, 400; Earl Ballinger 283, 171; John Hyde 129, 297; Mae Conwill 498, 274t; Lomax Ballinger 565, 312b; Larry Wayne Humber 30t, 45; Lena Wakefield 120, 426b; Amanda Ballinger and Jill Ballinger 454, 345t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Johnny Humber leading song on page 441.

Leaders: A. A. Malone 348b, 183; Teresa Ballinger and Emily Ballinger 212, 318, 475, 299; Travis Keeton 73t, 37b; Annie Lou Price 298, 349; Jerry Jenkins 108t; Ivalene Donaldson 32t, 77t; David Ballinger and Will Thompson 111b, 82t, 72b; Henry Johnson 388, 68b; Brenda Robbins, Drue Nelson, and Alana Nelson 313t, 217; Edwin Ballinger 142, 110; Janet Litton 40, 373. Lavaughn Ballinger led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Larry Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 445, 343; Lisa Geist 532, 151; Gene Wakefield 102, 103; Christie Allen 61, 75; Bud Oliver 335, 56b; Margaret Keeton 57, 402; Parnell Berry 306, 177; Josie Hyde 267, 220; Elmer Conwill 296, 161; Clarence McCool 480, 490; Toney Smith 97, 229; Bradley Allen 546, 385b; Lavaughn Ballinger 196, 405; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 144; Joyce Hubbert 452, 326; John Beasley 354b, 81t; Kim Williamson and Toney Smith 100, 133; Ricky Beasley 47b, 30b; David Beasley 39b, 348b.

Larry Ballinger and Johnny Humber led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Johnny Humber; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger.

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas

August 9-10, 1997

Saturday, August 9

The one hundred twenty-ninth session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas, and was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 29b. The morning prayer was led by George Conway. Leaders: Emmie Morris 171; Marion Grant 434; Joe Nelson 384; Bob McLenore 58; J. C. Rutledge 501; Myrl Jones 183; Liz Rogan 215; Amanda Joachen 129; Bill Ellison 29t; Mike Jones 225t; Aubrey Barfield 497; Stanley Smith 120; Myra Palmer 414; Krystle Hale 404; Phyllis Costner 222; Tommie Spurlock 217; Dan Brittain 214; Jeb Owen 559; Richard Hale 475; Lisa Webb 148; Nathan Sarvis 328; Cassie Franklin 392; Ophelia Matthews 365; Richard DeLong 98.

RECESS

A welcome to all the visitors was given by George Conway. Leaders: Jeb Owen 31t; H. P. O'Mary 335; Louis G. Hughes 398b; Beverly Coates 552; Ted Mercer 61; Ernestine Pipkin 368b; Ann Milner 220; Diane Ross 299; Elisia Smith and

Shannon Smith 85; Hershell King 343; Sheri Taylor 571; Avon Miller 482; Sherrie Smith 282; Julianna Jett 146; Baron Powers 239; Chris Blevins 163t; S. T. Reed 54t; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507b; Thurman Nall 38t; A. P. Albers 268b; Bill Mosley 336t; A.A. Smith, Jr. 53. The blessing of the food for lunch was offered by Harrison Creel.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Judge Donald Ross leading song on page 330t. Leaders: Harold Hill 203; John Kanode 505; Calla Ringenberg 49t; Louie Smith 172; Josh Rogan 189; J. A. Mosley 572; John Beard 290; Margaret Spurlock 108b; Leon Ballinger 137; Alice Mosley 484; Troxel Ballou 427; M. H. Creel 355; Kelly Beard 379; Leola Smith 185; Vivian Rogan 32t; Mona Short 229; Victoria Aplin 411; Coy Ivey and Adrienne Bonham 99.

RECESS

The last evening session was opened by Gaylon Powell leading song on page 196. Leaders: Ann Jett 573; Reed Coates 508; Ronald Baker 108t; Tom Owen 336b; Bill Aplin 567; Amanda Owen 371; Flarce Creel 39; Curtis Owen 198; Jennifer Rogan 348t; Edith Owen 47t; Gary Rogan 511b; Sarah Coates 142; Leland Owen 285t; James Mosley 293b; Stanley Smith 512.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Tom Owen.

Sunday, August 10

The Sunday morning session began with John Morris leading song on page 558b. The morning prayer was led by Bruce Coates. Leaders: Barbara Moore 165; Joseph Stang 559; Doris Hanks 422b; Kevin Powell 419; Mike Mosley 442t; Mary Oruc 112; Michelle Rogan 522; Katie Mosley 406; B. E. Matthews 414; Mary Bachmann, her composition; David Mosley 189; Ted Mercer 436; Tom Owen 242; Richard DeLong 433; Gaylon Powell 304; Reed Coates 408; Curtis K. Owen 489; Myrl Jones 142; J. C. Rutledge 478; Josh Rogan 168; Richard Hale 401; Krystal Hale 404; Bill Ellason 63.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Kevin Powell leading song on page 300. Leaders: Mike Jones 395b; Amanda Joachin 129; Bill Aplin 466; Jeb Owen 182; M. H. Creel 381t; Donald Ross 95; Tommie Spurlock 574; Thurman Nall 563; Hershell King 204; Aubrey Barfield 140; Leola Smith 553; Julianna Jett 87; S. T. Reed 569; Cassie Franklin 192; Victoria Aplin 337; Ann Jett 503; Louis G. Hughes 89; Coy Ivey 207.

The Memorial Committee which was appointed by the Chairman, John Morris, was composed of: Mary Craig, Diane Ross, and David Rousseau. Diane Ross read the names of those deceased since our last meeting in 1996: Christine Moreland, Hubbard Barlow, Julian Jones, Elva Wylie, Forrest Brooks, Dr. Marsha Evans, Ray Barnett, and James Cranfield - Texas; Buddy Tindal, Myrl Ethridge, Ernest Phillips, Howard Bynum, Hazel Cagle, Jimmy Causey, Elder Bernard Moon, Unie B. Howard, Barrett Ashley, Buck Aaron, Carrie Graves, and Ed Latham - Alabama. As Diane Ross read the names, those friends and loved ones of each one named were asked to stand. Mary Craig gave the devotional, and Diane Ross led song on page 312. Sarah Coates led 45. B. E. Matthews closed the memorial with prayer, and asked the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the following leaders called: David Rousseau 179; Louie Smith 217; Alice Mosley 127; Myra Palmer 497; Sue Utz 507b; Vivian Rogan 72; A.A. Smith, Jr. 67; Edith Owen 410; Ophelia Matthews 384; Phyllis Costner 212; Tammy Koonce 393t; Beverly Coates 36b; John Kanode 229; Bruce Coates 145b; Anne Milner 276; Amanda Owen 155; Dale Redmon,

Jr. 514; Diane Ross 434; Gary Rogan 324; Sarah Coates 186; Leland Owen 47b; James Mosley 378; Jennifer Rogan 383; J. A. Mosley 542; Abbie Morris 220; David Mosley 40; Doris Hanks 450; Mike Mosley 290; Michelle Rogan 128; Katie Mosley 196; Kevin Powell 133.
Stanley Smith and Mary Bachmann led song on page 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Curtis Owen.
Co-Chairpersons - John Morris and Emmie Morris; Vice Chairman - Sam Craig; Secretary/Treasurer - Marion Grant.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH **Haleyville, Alabama** **August 10, 1997**

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 Dawson Adams.

The class organized by voting to retain the same officers: Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Dawson Adams led song on page 48t.

Leaders: Gladys Bonds 73t, 77t, 45t; A. A. Malone 112, 274t, 432; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137, 298; Gene Wakefield 103, 102, 100; Clearence McCool 101t, 569b, 49b; Odie V. Horton 33b, 32t, 426t; Mae Conwill 126, 270, 44.

RECESS

Parnell Berry called the class to order leading songs on pages 278b, 99, and 78. Leaders: John Hyde 129, 75, 313t; Lena Wakefield 222, 234, 546; Josie Hyde 323b, 294, 434; Sandra Williams 391, 276, 31t; Roma Rice 166, 277; Elmer Conwill 224, 273, 500 (in memory of Tom Harper).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 179, 460, and 400. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 312b, 147b, 225t; Marie Aldridge 336, 316, 436; Loretta Whitman 81t, 106, 124; Edith Tate 37b, 73t; Kermit Adams 212, 430, 441; Earl Ballinger 80b, 331, 338; Christie Allen 172, 88, 144; Larry Ballinger 91, 89; L. E. Hannah and Latrive Bailey 498, 349, 384, 340; Ivalene Donaldson 326, 290; Raymond Fannin 300, 328, 61; Cecil Wakefield 159, 282, 337. Dawson Adams led song on page 475 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONVENTION **Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Five Points, Tennessee** **August 10, 1997**

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 33b. The morning prayer was led by Gordon Wilkerson. Clayton Ezell led song on page 32t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Clayton Ezell; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Tim Reynolds.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 30b; Cecil Sanders 225t; Keterina Sanders 389, 454, 460; Paige Hunter 535; Alicia Conatser 100, 340; Stuart Ivey 137, 299, 29t; Richard Ivey 222, 480, 282.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Clayton Ezell leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Karen Ivey 48t, 134, 176b; Allison Ivey 171, 475, 84; John Hocutt 146, 312b; Gordon Wilkerson 498, 58, 384.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Clayton Ezell leading song on page 348. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 294, 72b, 229; Tim Reynolds 566, 154, 192; David Ivey 74b, 74t, 349; Sheila Burdette 40, 159; Clay Mattox 399b; Debbie Sides 73b, 551, 196; Mina Belle Gillespie, Reva Lee, and Clayton Ezell 335, 358, 278t; Otis Knippers "Not Made With Hands"; Richard Ivey 567; Stuart Ivey 155; Allison Ivey 306; Karen Ivey 378t, 378b; David Ivey 78; Clayton Ezell and Richard Ivey 415, 480. Otis Knippers dismissed the class with prayer.

THIS IS THE FINAL SESSION OF THIS SINGING.

Chairman - Clayton Ezell; Secretary - Tim Reynolds.

ELMORE CENTER

Four miles south of Gordo, Alabama, County Roads 9 and 21

August 13, 1997

The one hundred fifty-third annual session of the Sacred Harp singing at Elmore Center United Methodist Church was called to order by the Chairman, A. A. Malone, leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Howard Hall. After A. A. Malone led song on page 59, a business session was held and Earline Ellis was elected chairperson, and Martha Howell was selected to serve as secretary.

Leaders called were: Earline Ellis 100; Toney Smith 475; David Ellis 45; David Ellis and Clarence McCool 569b; Margaret Keeton 59, 144; George Cox 303, 490; Cecile Cox 135, 270; Levert Howell 68b; A. C. McGough 382, 454; Elmer Conwill 298, 300; Travis Keeton 482, 566; Billy Williams 369, 28b (in memory of Renzo Abrams).

RECESS

Chairman Earline Ellis brought the class back together by leading song on page 294. Leaders: Marlin Burkhalter 46; Lena Wakefield 192, 546; Gene Wakefield 210, 136; John Hyde 129, 73t; Mae Conwill 112, 434; Dorothy Elmore 512; Keterina Sanders 290, 389; Cecil Sanders 225t, 314.

LUNCH

Clarence McCool brought the class back together by leading songs on pages 61 and 349. Leaders: Howard Hallman 72b; Irma Hitt 317, 480; Charles Kitchens 90, 179; Josie Hyde 189, 200; Steve McAdams 452; Alene Donaldson 145b, 275b; Clayton O'Mary 301, 285t; George Cox 108; A. C. McGough 30t; Elmer Conwill 31t; Margaret Keeton 97; Travis Keeton 235; Billy Williams 231; Lena Wakefield 146; John Wakefield 168; John Hyde 111b; Cecil Sanders 58; Alene Donaldson 127; Levert Howell 274t.

Toney Smith led song on page 153 for the memorial lesson in memory of: Renzo Abrams, Jewell Brown, Charlie Elmore, and Thurman Elmore. Earline Ellis led song on page 318.

Announcements were made, and the Church invited the group back next August 12 (Wednesday after the second Sunday in August). The class was dismissed with prayer led by Clayton O'Mary.

Chairman - Earline Ellis; Secretary - Martha B. Howell.

**ROCK CREEK MOUNTAIN HOME - RYAN CREEK
CONVENTION
Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Cullman County, Alabama
August 16, 1997**

The one hundred-first session of the Rock Creek Mountain Home and the one hundred twenty-fourth session of the Ryan Creek Convention was convened at the Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Cullman County, Alabama. Billy Williams welcomed the conventions and opened the joint session by leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Ulys Walker.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Chaplain - Aubrey Tyree; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

The following leaders were called: Everett Kilgo 40, 100; Reede Powell 300, 200; John Hyde 73t, 297.

At this time Chaplain Aubrey Tyree read from the New Testament and spoke of God's love and living it through fellowship and singing.

Singing was resumed with the following leaders called: Eron White 146, 129; Aubrey Tyree 298, 329; Ester Brown 30t, 36b; David Roberson 275b, 388; Josie Hyde 147t, 288.

RECESS

Billy Williams called the convention back to order leading song on page 73b. Leaders: Marie Guthrie 101, 430; Margaret Keeton 217, 155; Travis Keeton 384 (in memory of Unie B. Howard), 343b; Ruth Walker 290, 48t; Elvin Guthrie 225, 432; Corene White 314; Lester Mattox 421, 168, 186. Raymond Persall closed the morning session with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman Billy Williams leading song on page 470.

The memorial lesson was opened with Secretary Eldagene Roberson reading the list of deceased singers and lovers of the Sacred Harp who have passed away since our last convention: Elder C. H. Moon, Agnes Hocutt, Elder Bernard Moon, Verla Johnson, Pearlee Calvert, Uncle Tom Harper, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Floyd Stiefel, Rachel Grimmitt Hancock, Alvin Parker, Unie B. Howard, Willie Blackwood, Carie Graves, Andy Edwards, Barrett Ashley, and Lillie Nall. Everett Kilgo led song on page 235 for the deceased. Marie Guthrie led "Jesus Died For Me" for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer led by Raymond Persall.

Leaders: George Cleghorn 445b, 119; Eldagene Roberson 385b.

At this time the class was asked for any calls for the convention next year. The decision was made to hold the convention back at the Masonic Hall at Crane Hill.

The convention was dismissed at one o'clock to allow the singers to attend the funeral of a long time singer and a former member of this convention, Alvin Parker. Billy Williams led 62 as the closing song, and Aubrey Tyree gave the closing prayer.

Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL - CLINTON, NEW YORK
Clinton United Methodist Church
August 16, 1997

The fourth New York State Regional Singing of 1997 was held at Clinton United Methodist Church in Clinton, New York. The singing was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 312b. Barbara Swetman led the opening prayer, and then song on page 53. Leaders: Nancy Crawford 40; Martha Beverly 300, 299; Janet Shipman 178, 87; Gina Balestracci 183, 143; Allen Fannin 59, 373; Guy Bankes 48t, 556; Walter Hartley 24b, 146; Dennis Leipold 47t, 52t; Barbara Swetman 127.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Margaret Bornick leading songs on pages 276 and 313b. Leaders: Scott Luscomb 324, 497; Bill Beverly 84, 86; Diane Mennella 189, 542; Christopher Wesolowski 107, 268; Roland Hutchinson 287, 49b; Ginny Huszagh 344, 191; Michael Ryan 567, 117; Ron Bornick 159, 454.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Barbara Swetman leading songs on pages 492 and 347. Leaders: Nancy Crawford 31t, 31b; Martha Beverly 378t, 155; Janet Shipman 198; Gina Balestracci 430, 389; Guy Bankes 350, 481; Walter Hartley 480, 452; Dennis Leipold 153, 504; Margaret Bornick 63, 236; Scott Luscomb 195, 66.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 39t. A short business meeting was held. A tentative schedule of regional singings for 1998 was discussed. They will be: Binghamton - Saturday, February 28; Rochester - Saturday, April 18; Clinton - Saturday, June 13; Albany - Saturday, Aug. 22. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Bill Beverly 203, 37b; Diane Mennella 245, 336; Allen Fannin 110, 32t; Christopher Wesolowski 209; Roland Hutchinson 553, 254; Ginny Huszagh 163b, 186; Michael Ryan 102, 267; Martha Beverly 68b; Gina Balestracci 260; Guy Bankes 474; Walter Hartley 337; Dennis Leipold 208; Margaret Bornick 223; Scott Luscomb 45t; Bill Beverly 147t; Diane Mennella 228; Allen Fannin 512; Roland Hutchinson 112; Ginny Huszagh 217.

Ron Bornick reported that 32 registration cards were filled out. Singers came from 5 states: Michigan, Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Jersey, and 19 towns in New York.

Barbara Swetman led song on page 62 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman - Barbara Swetman; Arranging - Ron Bornick; Secretary - Nancy Crawford.

CHATTANOOGA AREA SACRED HARP SINGING
Hixson United Methodist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee
August 16, 1997

The Chattanooga Area Sacred Harp Singers held their first singing on August 16th at Hixson United Methodist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. David Ivey of Huntsville, Alabama taught a singing school in the morning, and a singing was conducted in the afternoon.

Linda Sides called the class to order. Linda Sides and Ottis Sides led song on page 59. Phil Summerlin offered the opening prayer. Karen Ivey called the following leaders: Judy Mincey 50b; George Seiler 183; Cora Sweatt 72b; Stuart Ivey 222; Jackie Tanner 299; Phil Tabor 142; Brenda Pena and Connie Wolfe 229; Alice

Watkins 415; Jackson Harcrow 77t; Rodney Ivey 100; Jean Seiler 68b; Sarah Harcrow 354b; Phil Summerlin 30b; Richard Ivey and Macey Roache, Jr. 480, 384; Coy Ivey 63; Richard Schmeidler 474; Allison Ivey and Ivey Ellis 120, 298; Susan Harcrow 143; Linda Barnes 53; Linda Sides 47b.

RECESS

Lynn McGill brought the class back to order leading song on page 551. Leaders: David Ivey 67; Sara Davis 452; Karen Ivey 129, 475; Cora Sweatt 294; Judy Mincey 287; George Seiler 178; Jackie Tanner 89; Brenda Pena 569; Phil Tabor 350; Rodney Ivey 137; Alice Watkins 45; Sarah Harcrow 37; Stuart Ivey 344; Jean Seiler 228; Phil Summerlin 235; Richard Ivey 567; Richard Schmeidler 84; Allison Ivey 273; Ivey Ellis 87; Linda Barnes 269; Jackson Harcrow and Macey Roache, Jr. 97, 82t; Susan Harcrow 186; Lynn McGill 268; Sara Davis 40. The class then sang "Happy Birthday" to David Ivey. Announcements were made. The 1998 Chattanooga singing will be held on August 15 (third Saturday), at a location to be determined later. Linda Sides expressed appreciation to:

- 1) David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and family;
- 2) Lucille Sides and Terry Clark for their help with the lunch;
- 3) and those who attended, especially those from out of state.

Linda Sides led song on page 159 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson - Linda Sides; Secretary - Linda Sides, assisted by David Ivey and Karen Ivey.

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION

Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama August 17, 1997

The one hundred-eighth 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 Chairman Harvey Austin leading song on page 45t. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. The Introductory Lesson was led by Harvey Austin from a book that was given to the Convention in memory of the late J. W. Laminack. Songs used were: 59, 73t, 335, and 274.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Harvey Austin; Secretary and Memorial Committee - Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Cecil Edwards 126, 127; B. M. Smith 28b, 34t, 475; Reba Norton 452, 136; Jimmie Denney 313t, 101t; Margie Smith 76b (in memory of Carl Hughes), 82t, 32t; Lonnie Rogers 336, 137 (for Virgil Phillips), 186; Karen Reeves 339, 410.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Cecil Edwards leading song on page 277. Leaders: Milton Oliver 275b, 321b; Carlene Griffin 171, 448b, 117; Henry Johnson 317b, 388, 70t; Felton Denney 503, 31b, 299; Shelbie Sheppard 203, 267; Shelbie Sheppard and Nancy Allen 153; Bud Oliver 480, 270.

The memorial lesson was presented by Mary Florence Smith, and the names of those remembered were: Hazel Cagle, Myrtis Edwards Deese, Barrett Ashley, Jimmy Causey, Johnny Williams, Horace Lambert, Tyrone Dryden, and for all those who have loved and supported the Convention. Bud Oliver led songs on pages 145t and 176t for the deceased.

Henry Johnson led 68b for all the sick and shut-in. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Felton Denney.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Cecil Edwards leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Everette Denney 119, 113, 138b; Jeff Sheppard 292, 327, 140; Mary Florence Smith 206, 326; Lou Cotney 222, 218, 189; Alice Edwards 72b, 104; Lewis Norton 323b, 30b, 172 (for Gertrude Norton); Cecil Edwards 491 (for Reba Edwards).

After announcements were made, Cecil Edwards and Harvey Austin led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

The Convention will meet at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church again in 1998 on the third Sunday in August.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Harvey Austin; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

BEASLEY AND LEE MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **August 17, 1997**

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 31t and 48t. The morning prayer was led by Rickey Beasley. Marlin Beasley led song on page 176b.

The class organized, and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde and Travis Keeton; Chaplain - Rickey Beasley.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 336; Elmer Conwill 216, 217; John Beasley 480, 72b; Joshua Keeton 268, 269; Rickey Beasley 68b, 30b; Ashley Keeton 124, 146; Gene Wakefield 138t, 168; Keterina Sanders 290, 454; Gladys Bonds 455, 499b; Mae Conwill 206, 314; Christie Allen 321, 426t; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 145b.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class to order leading song on page 379. Leaders: Lena Wakefield 49b, 306; Johnny Humber 200, 208; Odie Horton 192, 420; Brenda Pena 123t, 551; Travis Keeton 388, 288; Tressie Atkins 222, 78; Gravis Ballinger 300, 91; Gaylon Powell 383, 377.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Marlin Beasley leading song on page 73b.

Leaders: John Hyde 63, 275b; Pamela Keeton 135, 171; Emily Jones 61, 65; Margaret Keeton 475; Glenn Keeton 231, 285t; Becky Briggs 482, 179; Richard Schmeidler 155, 474; Josie Hyde 507; Harrison Creel 111t, 111b; Dorothea McCowan 109, 304; Larry Ballinger 112, 282; Edith Tate 35; Ila Ingle 530, 436; Earl Ballinger 224, 75; Dr. Julietta Haynes 218; Buell Cobb 284, 390; Kermit Adams 220, 34; Cora Sweatt 81t; Elsie Beasley 460, 434; David Beasley 354b, 317; Ann Ballard 318, 340; Gary Smith 569b, 47t; Alonzo Malone 565b.

Marlin Beasley, Elmer Conwill, and Rickey Beasley led song on page 337 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rickey Beasley.

We were pleased to have out of state visitors with us today: Brenda Pena and Richard Schmeidler from New York City, New York, and Gaylon Powell from Austin Texas.

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan.

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION
Shady Grove Church, Winston County, Alabama
August 23, 1997

The ninety-ninth 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 Gene Wakefield leading songs on pages 56t and 57. The morning prayer was led by Hugh McGraw.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield.

Gene Wakefield led song on page 64. Leaders: John Hyde 275b, 297; Gladys Bonds 74b, 47t, 77t; Edward Cleghorn 159, 274t; Ila Ingle 112, 384, 500; Cecil Wakefield 168, 203, 290; Roma Rice 225, 378t, 566; B. B. Mattox 42, 217, 101t; Amanda Denson 74t, 277, 276.

RECESS

John Hyde called the class together leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 81; Mae Conwill 153, 167, 63; A. O. Tyree 434, 208, 298; Azilee Adams 34t, 317b; Special Friend 462, 567, 178, 448t, 481 (for Bob and Ora Lee Fannin); Emily Jones 34b, 65, 212 (for Ora Lee Fannin).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 100. Leaders: Viola Young 108t, 155, 146; Travis Keeton 424, 284, 161; Josie Hyde 183, 291, 224; Elmer Conwill 44, 216, 300; Pernie Pelfrey 73t, 147b, 147t; Dr. Julietta Haynes 200, 209, 430; Lorene Gray 39t, 175b, 475; Kermit Adams 220, 408, 428; Odie V. Horton 329, 339, 420b; Dawson Adams 68b, 134; Clifford Wakefield 335, 480, 495; Raymond Fannin and Audrey Fannin 222, 159; Lena Wakefield 544b, 318, 566.

After announcements were made, Gene Wakefield and John Hyde led songs on pages 349 and 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION
Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama
August 23-24, 1997

Saturday, August 23

The ninety-fourth 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 82t. The morning prayer was led by Ulyess Walker.

Leaders: S. T. Reed 42; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Wayne Reed 108b; Bud Oliver 30t; Don Bowen 37b; Thurman Nall 569; Gravis Ballinger 300; Lee Rogers 87; Boyd Scott 358; Loyd Ivey 426; Henry Schuman 102; Stuart Ivey 384; Harvey Austin 335; Johnny Humber 200; Dennis George 64; Alice Mosley 79; Henry Johnson 148.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Milton Oliver leading song on page 32t. A business session was held and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman - S. T. Reed; Vice Chairman - Milton Oliver; Secretary - Randall Smith; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver and Wayne Reed; Memorial Committee - Shelbie Sheppard and Alanna Blanks; Finance Committee - Lamar Smith and Scott Oliver.

Leaders: B. M. Smith 475; Jeanette Lowry 168; Lorena Moore 77; Judy Mincey 474; Louis Hughes, Sr. 480; Mickie Bainter 209; Edward Howton 436; Tom Tucker 117; Everette Denney 34b; Ruth Walker 269; Joyce Wade 236; J. L. Hopper 310; J. A. Mosley 45; Phil Summerlin and Charley Rowan 277; John Plunkett 112; Martha Woodard 340; David Carlton 224.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with S. T. Reed leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 460; Jackson Harcrow 63; Faith Shine 455; Scott Oliver, Paula Oliver, Bryant Beard, and Alanna Blanks 354; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Judy Caudle 394; Myra Dalton 515; Jimmie Denney 313t; Ed Risinger and Bob Risinger 66; Bob Risinger 198; Syble Adams and Pam Wilkerson 142, "There Is A Fountain"; Hubert Nall 40; Susan Harcrow 532; Louis Hughes, Jr. 147t; Earl Ballinger 338; Jonathan Blakeley and John Etheridge 30b; Paula Gilmore 39t; Felton Denney 31t.

LUNCH

S. T. Reed called the class to order leading song on page 27. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 172; Gordon Wilkerson 434; Ann Jett 327; Jean Seiler 299; Jim Carnes 146; Edith Tate 73t; Julianna Jett and Cassie Franklin 216; Buddy Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 101t; Michele Cull 178; Ricky Harcrow 47t; Edwin Ballinger 186; Rhoda Norris 28b; Kevin Holcomb 457; Wanda Capps 448t; Arvid Holmes 383; Cathy Tucker 106; Lou Cotney 218; George Seiler 159; Charlene Wallace 481; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 420; L. H. Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Kristy Gilbreath 300, 170.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading song on page 270. Leaders: Don Clark 272; Shelbie Sheppard 507; Clayton Ezell 137; Pauline Childress 498; Mary Smith 192; Jewel Wootten 155; Coy Ivey, David Ivey, Norma Latham, and Sharon Noojin 222, 84; Harrison Creel 530; Hershell King 441; Becky Browne 215; Doug Conn 35; John Etheridge 99; Jeff Sheppard 439; Roy Nelson 456.

S. T. Reed led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Doug Conn.

Sunday, August 24

The Sunday morning session was called to order by S. T. Reed leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was given by Lamar Smith. Leaders: Milton Oliver 61; Lamar Smith 76b; Wayne Reed 145t; Bud Oliver 145b; Rex Wilks 53; Norma Latham 313t; Rodney Ivey 47t; Ruth Brown 312b; Sandra Jordan 73t; Jackie Tanner 101t; Leola Smith 318; Joan Aldridge 217; Hershell King 222; Celia Carnes 48t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Milton Oliver, Alanna Blanks, and Bryant Beard leading song on page 354b. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 283; Pam Nunn 528; Richard Ivey 270; Marshall Avery 108b; Joyce Wade 254; Mark Carroll 384; Allison Ivey 142; Pearl Guier 127; Eloise Avery 480; Scott Oliver 176b; Karen Ivey 475; Chris Carrol 37b; Louis Hughes, Sr. 489b; Melvin Stiefel 348b; Don Bowen 556 (for Elene Stovall).

RECESS

The class was called to order by S. T. Reed leading song on page 106. Leaders: Judy Mincey 474; Jeanette Lowry 369, 411; Lee Rogers 390, 513; Becky Browne 66, 192; Shawn Carrol 155, 28b; Eloise Wootten 454; Tom Tucker 191, 501b; Henry Johnson 388, 462; Cathy Tucker 40, 547.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver called the class to order leading song on page 42. Leaders: Jim Carnes 171; Jean Seiler 378t; Stuart Ivey 29t; Cindy Franklin 198, 410t; Vickie Mitchell 523, 84.

A memorial lesson was held by Shelbie Sheppard and Alanna Blanks. The theme for the memorial came from page 101b, Holy City. There is a Holy City, A happy world above, Beyond the starry regions, Built by the God of love. An everlasting temple, And saints arrayed in white; They serve their great Redeemer, And dwell with Him in light. It is no world of trouble, The God of peace is there, He wipes away their sorrows, He banishes their care; Their joys are still increasing, Their songs are ever new; They praise the eternal Father, The Son and Spirit, too.

Jerry Enright talked about what an inspiration Barrett Ashley had been to him since having met him, and then led song on page 278b in memory of Barrett and Bonnie Ashley. Lamar Smith, Milton Oliver, S. T. Reed, and Bud Oliver led "Pray On".

David Ivey led songs 101b, verses 1-2, and 499 for the following deceased: Howard Bynum, Gail Rich, Marilou Jolly, Madolin McGray, Hazel Cagle, Clydus Moon, Otis Nall, Ed Latham, Dillie Creel Harris, Malone Austin, Erik Hand, Arthur Beckett, J. T. Conn, Lois Matthews, Vena Holley, Merle Etheridge, Don Johnson, Ewell Nelson, Tom Harper, Teenie Reid Rogers, Delta Wootten, Elder Bernard Moon, Lola Jenkins, Buddy Tindal, Clelan Cobb, Milton Wallace, Rodger Morrison, Tyrone Dryden, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Jimmy Causey, Emma Nell Nelson, J. E. Allen, Kenneth Brandon, Eva Reeves, Horace Lambert, Silas Lee, Willa Mae Holt, Buck Aaron, Ernest Phillips, Unie B. Howard, Elsie Key, Sally Carroll, Nora Collett, Alvin Parker, and Carrie Graves.

Phil Summerlin led 68b for the sick and shut-ins which included: Jap Walton, Helen Bryson, I. V. McWhorter, Revy Williamson, Mary Stiefel, Alice Washburn, Alpha Black, Gary Gronau, Elmer Cordell, Woodie Walker, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Winnie Reeves, Mary Oliver, Seldon Creel, Kim Cagle, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips.

The memorial was closed with prayer by Phil Summerlin.

Singing was resumed with the following leaders called: Shelbie Sheppard 183; Allison Ivey, Stuart Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Cassie Franklin 182; Brenda Carrol 299; Ardell Turnure and Sara Pickens 354b; Loyd Ivey 420b; Phil Summerlin 415; George Seiler 347; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 200; Cassie Franklin 99; Jeff Sheppard 129, 87; Kristy Finley 166; Randall Smith and Kristy Finley 137; Reed family--S. T. Reed, Sue Wills, Euline Dobbs, Lelamae Wagner, and Ardell Turnure "Jesus Died For Me"; Milton Oliver, Cheryl Beard, and Eric Blanks 496.

S. T. Reed called for a report from the Finance Committee. The Committee reported a collection of \$308.00.

Announcements were made. Milton Oliver, S. T. Reed, Lamar Smith, Bud Oliver, and Wayne Reed led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Wayne Reed.

Chairman - S. T. Reed; Vice Chairman - Milton Oliver; Secretary - Randall Smith.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
CONVENTION**
Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi
August 23-24, 1997

Saturday, August 23

The sixty-ninth 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 Mark Davis led song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Porter. Mark Davis led song on page 209; Vice President John Van Horn led songs on pages 378b and 412.

President Mark Davis appointed June McNeil, Christine McNeil, and Regina Glass as the Arranging Committee.

Secretary Jean Gray led songs on pages 108t and 82t.

President Mark Davis appointed Arlon Gardner, Lydia Hamby, and Hugh McGuire as the Business and Credentials Committee.

President Mark Davis finding a quorum present, stated by the Committee on Credentials that more than ten members were present, officially opened the convention welcoming everyone present, especially out of state visitors.

Leaders: Hugh McGuire 516 (Cooper Book), 498; Warren Steel 27, 411; Elder Charles Porter 155, 379; John Hollingsworth 192, 196; Charles Franklin 68b, 176t; Joe Cobb 28b, 38b; Wanda Greg 40, 515.

RECESS

Vice President John Van Horn called the class to order leading song on page 72b.

Leaders: George Easley 313, 299; Andrew Albers 507t, 507b (Cooper Book); Dennis Cranford 312b, 200; Sharona Nelson 452b, 203; Ben Burroughs 178, 63; Angela Benton 147t, 358; Arlon Gardner 378t, 39t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Mark Davis leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 186, 236; John Kanode 571, 229 (Cooper Book); Jimmy Smith 457, 569b; Elizabeth Muhleisen 503, 64; Floyd Bennett 127; Bill Hogan 300, 99; Nancy Van Den Akker 38t, 78 (Cooper Book); Regina Glass 163b, 142; Henry McGuire 298, 183; L. V. Smith 58, 61.

The convention entered into the business session at 2:00 p.m. A motion was made and carried to elect the following officers: President - Mark Davis; Vice President - John Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray; Chaplain - Arlon Gardner.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Mark Davis leading song on page 270. Leaders: Mike McNeil 501, 573 (Cooper Book); Ester Mann 426, 480; Georgia Kanode 395, 143 (Cooper Book); Durward Scarborough 339, 240.

President Mark Davis appointed Mae Ola Nelson, Hugh Bill McGuire, and Elder Charles Porter as the Locations Committee; John Hollingsworth and Wanda Greg were appointed as the Memorial Committee.

Mark Davis thanked everyone for coming, and those from out of state, and counties in Mississippi were recognized.

Junie McNeil led songs on pages 319 and 119; Hugh Bill McGuire 563 and 522 (Cooper Book).

Announcements were made after a motion to adjourn was received. The convention closed with the Drone led by Mark Davis. The class was dismissed

with prayer led by Chaplain Arlon Gardner to meet Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 24

The Sunday morning session was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome extended to all by President Mark Davis. Mark Davis led songs on pages 101t and 123t. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Arlon Gardner.

President Mark Davis led song on page 274t; Vice President John Van Horn 217, 146; Secretary Jean Gray 146, 418; Chaplain Arlon Gardner 130t (Christian Harmony), 410t; Arrangement Committee Chairperson Christine McNeil 131, 204t (Christian Harmony).

Leaders: Hugh McGuire 39 (Cooper Book), 216; Wanda Greg 460, 339; Floyd Bennett 72 (Cooper Book); Dr. Wilma Mitchell 47t, 39t.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Vice President John Van Horn leading song on page 111t. Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 475, 361 (Cooper Book); George Easley 82t (Christian Harmony), 438; Sharona Nelson 143, 36b; Billy Hollingsworth 162, 372 (Christian Harmony); John Kanode 573 (Cooper Book), 63; Elizabeth Muhleissen 87, 269; Charles Franklin 518 (Cooper Book), 47b.

LUNCH

Mark Davis brought the class to order leading song on page 448t. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 434, 282; Regina Glass 332, 215; Bill Hogan 475, 53; Angela Benton 268, 254; Mike McNeil 308, 316 (Christian Harmony); Neva Dee Mayes and Eva Dee Wyatt 176t, 145b; Ester Mann 32t, 34b, 297.

President Mark Davis appointed Dr. Wilma Mitchell and Ester Mann as Resolutions and Hospitality Committee.

Leaders: Kurt Davis and Cayla McGuire 354, 345t; John Merritt 358 (in memory of his mother), 138 (Cooper Book).

Reports were given from each committee with thanks for a job well done. A motion and second was given with vote to approve the reports of the committees. Memorial Committee members John Hollingsworth and Wanda Greg led song on page 235 in memory of Janice Nelson.

An expression of thoughtfulness was read by President Mark Davis from Mae Ola Nelson, mother of Janice Nelson, and her family.

From the family of Janice Nelson (April 24, 1947 - September 16, 1996). Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent. Janice loved this singing convention and all of these good old songs. She had a special place in her heart for all of you, too. Also, thank you to the ones that took the time out of their busy schedule to come and sing those songs she loved so much one last time for her. The singing was beautiful. Mae Ola Nelson and family.

Thanks was given to Billy Margaret Gardner from President Mark Davis for arranging the lunch both days. Motion was made to accept and approve the reports given.

Singing resumed with Chaplain Arlon Gardner leading song on page 117.

Leaders: Brenda Merritt 192, 336; Henry McGuire 442, 430; Durward Scarborough 500 (Cooper Book), 45; Hugh Bill McGuire 218, 220; John Merritt 572 (Cooper Book); Hugh McGuire 393 (Cooper Book); Nancy Van Den Akker 571 (Cooper Book); Wanda Greg 408; Bill Hogan 255 (Christian Harmony); Elizabeth Muhleissen 503 (Cooper Book).

After announcements were given, President Mark Davis again thanked everyone for making the convention a success, and led song on page 62 as the closing song. Chaplain Arlon Gardner dismissed the class with prayer.

President - Mark S. Davis; Vice President - John L. Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray.

CHERRY TREE SINGING
James Creek Church, Itawamba County, Mississippi
August 24, 1997

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 34t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Mae Conwill; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 297, 314; Mae Conwill 159, 142; Wayne Baines 40, 59; Ivalene Donaldson 175b, 145b; A. A. Malone 183, 203; Lucy Marie Heidorn 33b, 63; Warren Steel 65, 411; Beth O'Dell 477, 217; Gene Wakefield 102, 103.
RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order by leading song on page 98. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 137, 399b; Henry Schuman 388, 100; Gravis Ballinger 101, 144; Anna Lou Price 143, 318; Arnold Moore 460, 480; Marie Aldridge 436; Clarence McCool 349, 428; Ann Jett 141, 136; Cecil Sanders 225; Ila Ingle 442, 434.

LUNCH

Elmer Conwill called the class back together leading song on page 500. Leaders: Pauline Childers 475, 497; Edwin Ballinger 42, 89; Josie Hyde 138t, 507; Beatrice Brewer 123, 373; Julietta Haynes 211, 216; Harrison Creel 498, 111; Larry Ballinger 79, 151; John Hyde 61, 73t; Odie Horton 378, 37t; Johnny Humber 382, 441; Dorothea McCowan 133, 200; Dustin McCowan (son of Dorothea McCowan) 354; Earl Ballinger 171, 299; Edith Tate 146, 155; Ercell Jackson 277, 72t; Estes Jackson 186, 176t; John Beasley 406; Lena Wakefield 288, 285t.

Elmer Conwill and Travis Keeton led song on page 179 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Estes Jackson.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRED HARP SINGING
County Line Church, near Corner, Alabama
August 30, 1997

The seventeenth annual Young People's Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August at County Line Church, near Corner, Alabama. The class was called to order by Cassie Franklin leading songs on pages 30t and 73t. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairperson - Allison Ivey; Vice Chairman - Richard Ivey; Secretary - Cassie Franklin; Arranging Committee Stuart Ivey. Allison Ivey led songs on pages 144 and 120.

Leaders: Stuart Ivey 480, 29t; Richard Ivey 306, 100; Patricia Mauldin 63, 45t, 146; Brandy Hingle 117, 128; Pam Nunn 300, 455; J. L. Hopper 195, 187; Karen Ivey 208, 209; Clayton Ezell 163t, 268; Cecil Sanders 101t; Cindy Franklin 358, 327.

RECESS

Allison Ivey called the class back together leading song on page 299. Leaders: David Ivey 202, 138t; Rev. Arnold Tate 68b; Shelbie Sheppard 139, 157; Buell Cobb 81b, 410t; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Judy Caudle 212, 90; Jeff Sheppard 129, 454; David Hough 385t, 384; Glenda Hopper 566, 171; Velton Chafin 415, 97; Elder Ronald Gilmore 74t, 411; Shelley Capps 84, 142.

LUNCH

Richard Ivey called the afternoon session to order leading son on page 222. Leaders: Wanda Capps 53, 200; Edith Tate 37t; Richard Mauldin 36b, 143. At this time a memorial lesson was held to honor lovers and singers of Sacred Harp that have passed away in the past year. Pam Nunn led 47b in their memory. Buell Cobb led 109 for the sick and shut ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Karen Ivey.

Singing was resumed with the following leaders called: Katharine Hough 114, 183; Ann Jett 546, 496; Billy Williams 297; Cassie Franklin 352 (by request); Willodean Barton 145t; Harrison Creel 335; Delwin Cleghorn 159, 445b; B. B. Mattox 155, 430; Ila Ingle 498; Randy Creel 111b; Gordon Wilkerson 475; Pauline Childers 269, 318; Flarce Creel 389; Travis Keeton 400, 321b; L. H. Gilmore 376; Virginia Bonham 334.

Reports from committees were given, and announcements were made.

All of the young people present led 87 for the closing song, and Elder L. H. Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

(Editor's Note: The 1998 session of this singing will be held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. See front listings of the singing.)

Chairperson - Allison Ivey; Vice Chairman - Richard Ivey; Secretary - Cassie Franklin.

PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL SINGING **Maidencreek Meeting House, near Leesport, Pennsylvania** **August 30, 1997**

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singers hosted their second annual all day singing on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August (Labor Day weekend) at Maidencreek Meeting House near Leesport, Pennsylvania.

Officers: Chairman - Betty Hanf; Arranging Committee - Doron Henkin; Supplies - Pat Pingel; Treasurer - Ruth Shaffer; Secretary - Molly Sayvetz; Registration - Susan Munch; Chaplain - George Seiler, Jean Seiler, and Paula McGray; Pitching - Jean Seiler and Paula McGray; Publicity - Doron Henkin; other arrangements - Betty Hanf, Win Keck, Peggy Keck, Ina Henkin, and Miranda DeRaymond. Singers attended from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and Massachusetts.

The singing was called to order by Guy Banks leading song on page 49t. The opening prayer was led by George Seiler. Leaders: Guy Banks 34b; Betty Hanf 40; Dennis Leipold 66; Duran Perkins 106, 107; Barbara Swetman 38b, 186; Diane Mennella 336, 337; George Seiler 480, 159; Ted Stokes 133, 448; John delRe 110, 111b; Gabriel Kastle 285, 30b.

A children's lesson was led by Leyland delRe, John Daniel delRe, Daniel Henkin, Gilead Henkin, and Hannah Henkin 448b. The first half of the morning concluded with Paula McGray leading 315, 377.

RECESS

Doron Henkin called the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 28t, 173; Tom Tucker 39t, 192; Jean Seiler 32t, 200; Guy Banks 68b; Kelly Macklin 272, 196; Peter Pate 396, 506; Cathy Tucker 547, 146.

The Memorial Lesson was led by Guy Bankes. For the deceased, George Seiler led song on page 347. Gina Balestracci led song on page 59 for the sick and shut-in.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 61; Doron Henkin 148; Kat Kinkade 539b, 163t.

LUNCH.

The class was called to order by Guy Bankes leading song on page 391.

Immediately following were a number of songs from books other than the Sacred Harp, and new songs not yet published. Leaders: Doron Henkin "Windgate" (by Tom Tucker); Ruth Shaffer "Pottsville", "Jerusalem", "David's Lamentation" (songs from the Pennsylvania German shape note tradition in both German and English); Tom Tucker "Aleotti"; Kat Kinkade "Never Turn Around"; Doron Henkin "Sabbath Day"; Kat Kinkade "Genesis"; Cathy Tucker "Hallelujah New" (by Roland Hutchinson - 3/2 version); Doron Henkin "Memorial Bridge"; John delRe "Hans" (by John Bayer, Jr.); Kat Kinkade "Augsburg" (by Hal Kunkel); Gabriel Kastle "Weeping Mary" (by John McCurry); Barbara Swetman "Ten Thousand Charms" (by Hal Kunkel). (Where no composer is given, the leader is the composer.)

RECESS

Doron Henkin called the class to order leading song on page 31b. Leaders: Ellie Soler 482, 156; John Hewes 410, 553; Kat Kinkade 224; Betty Hanf 49b; Carol Werba 474; Dennis Leipold 442; Barbara Swetman 198; George Seiler 475; Diane Mennella 313b; John delRe 29t; Ted Stokes 48t; Doron Henkin 189; Tom Tucker 300; Peter Pate 217; Molly Sayvetz 501b, 269; Jean Seiler 372.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kat Kinkade leading song on page 163. Leaders: Gabriel Kastle 209; a children's lesson led by Leyland delRe, John Daniel delRe, Daniel Henkin, Gilead Henkin, Hannah Henkin, and Marina Milonov 294; Gina Balestracci 260; Kelly Macklin 368; John Daniel delRe 207; John Hewes 551; Cathy Tucker 554; Guy Bankes 178; Ellie Soler 277; Doron Henkin 411; Dennis Leipold 35; Diane Mennella 318; Molly Sayvetz 344; John delRe 144; Peter Pate 487; Kat Kinkade 282; Kelly Macklin 288.

The singing was closed with song on page 62 led by Guy Bankes, and a closing prayer by Jean Seiler.

Chairman - Betty Hanf; Secretary - Doron Henkin.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas

August 30-31, 1997

Saturday, August 30

The fall session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met on the fifth weekend of August. Chairman Jeb Owen opened the singing at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Judge Donald Ross. Chairman Jeb Owen led 522; Vice Chairman Kevin Powell 449, 543; Secretary John Baker 40 and 36b. Leaders: Mike Hinton 451, 146; B. E. Matthews 137, 414; Beverly Coates 82, 155; Tammy Powell 142, 192; Don Ross 75, 291; Leon Ballinger 405, 442t; Dorothea McCowan 200, 559; Barbara Moore 61, 268t; Ronald Baker 148, 108t; Curtis Owen 81, 99.

RECESS

Kevin Powell called the class together with song on page 63. Leaders: David Moseley 450, 186; Mike Moseley 558b, 290; Shane Nix 39, 171; Olivia Blevins 168, 274t; Sarah Coates 392, 377b; Liz Rogan 53, 280; Katie Moseley 189b, 196;

Michele Rogan 427, 128; Reed Coates 129, 343; Josh Rogan 384, 112. Prayer for lunch was offered by Bruce Coates.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Chairman Jeb Owen with song on page 406. Leaders: Dick Steil 143, 159; Ophelia Matthews 447t, 563; Sissy Moseley 507b; Leland Owen 45t, 47b; Vivian Rogan 49t, 572; Edith Owen 293b, 410; Al Rogers 500, 575; Bruce Coates 336t, 336b; Mary Bachmann "Crown Him" (by Mary Bachmann), 344; Diane Ross 332, 300; Gary Rogan 276, 411.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Kevin Powell leading song on page 277. Leaders: H.P. O'Mary 282, 335; Doris Hanks 444t, 470; Frank Price 571, 573; Tom Owen 511b, 217; Gaylon Powell 524, 140; Landis Powell 163t, 358; Mike Hinton 229, James Moseley 264b, 511t; Joseph Stang 508, 222; Ophelia Matthews 448, 440b; Karel Wheat 331t, 87; Larry Wheat 58, 119. Chairman Jeb Owen led song on page 535t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Ronald Baker at 3:10 p.m.

Sunday, August 31

The convention was called together at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Jeb Owen with song on page 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell. Jeb Owen, led songs on pages 268t and 31t; Vice Chairman Kevin Powell 395t and 536; Secretary John Baker 573 and 40. Leaders: Judge Don Ross 121, 195; Leon Ballinger 299, 212; Dorothea McCowan 216, 196; Mary Ann Owen 395b, 49b; Sissy Moseley 168; Al Rogers 336t, 505; Diane Ross 85, 143; David Moseley 137, 63; Doris Hanks 355, 422b.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Kevin Powell leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Landis Powell 47t, 47b; B.E. Matthews 497, 204; Leland Owen 278b, 421; James Moseley 276, 280; Gaylon Powell 516, 559; Edith Owen 120, 489; Cassandra Baker 511t, 159; Mike Moseley 189, 384; Frank Price 43, 127; Katie Moseley 406, 522; Amanda Owen 142, 411; Joseph Stang 222, 112.

Tom Owen lead a memorial service for the following singers and friends lost this past year: Tommy Creel, Tom Harper, and Aver Crider - Alabama; Ray Barnett, Blanche Fulmer Jeffrey, James Cranfill, Sue Vaughn, Dr. Lynn Hanna, Frances Galburg Holter, and Truman Baker - Texas. He then led song on page 540. B.E. Matthews led 387. Kevin Powell led song on page 512 for the sick and shut-in who could not make the singing.

The morning of singing was closed with prayer by B. E. Matthews.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Jeb Owen with song on page 285t. Leaders: George Jones 558, 336b; Curtis Owen 103, 400; Tom Owen 378t, 434; Mary Bachmann 568, 513t; Dorothea McCowan 383, 218; Al Rogers 393t; Doris Hanks 235; David Moseley 171; Leland Owen 390; James Moseley 220; Frank Price 64; Edith Owen 54t; Gaylon Powell 172; Mike Moseley 65; Amanda Owen 491; Katie Moseley 300; Randy Crawford 39; Bruce Crawford 540; George Jones 571; John Baker 239; Landis Powell 553b; Cassandra Baker 323b. The singing was closed by Chairman Jeb Owen leading song on page 62, and prayer was offered by Elder Bruce Crawford.

Note: The next meeting of SWTSHSC will be at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas on the first fifth weekend of the spring - March 28-29, 1998.

The fall singing will be held at Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church in Austin, Texas on August 29-30, 1998.

Chairman - Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman - Kevin Powell; Secretary - John Baker.

UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION
Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lilburn, Georgia
August 30-31, 1997

Saturday, August 30

The one hundred twenty-ninth session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp singing convention was called to order by Chairman Jesse Roberts leading song on page 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Kenneth DeLong. Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong led songs on pages 171 and 402, followed by Secretary Helen Bryson leading 503 and 217.

Richard DeLong led the following songs for the Introductory Lesson: 27, 60, 75, 88, 99, and 77t.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 278t; Don Bowen 157, 282; Loy Garrison 512, 498; Frances Mary D'Andrea 182, 335; Jacob Griffin 30b, 290; Ashley Roberts 178, 192; Jeanette DePoy 475, 142.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 34t. Leaders: Ted Mercer 104, 510; Lee Rogers 145b, 218; John Plunkett 280, 358; Laurie Allison 63 (for her father), 77b; Dan Bailey 81, 114; Tollie Lee 285t, 319.

On orderly motion, the convention entered into a business session. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson; Chaplain - Jesse Roberts. The officers appointed the following committees: Locating - Kenneth DeLong, Richard DeLong, and Nora Roberts; Finance - Don Bowen and Loy Garrison; Arranging - Andy Morse and Laurie Allison; Memorial - Jeanette DePoy and Judy Mincey; Resolutions - Jesse Roberts and John Plunkett.

Jack Corley led song on page 123b.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading songs on pages 97 and 542.

Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 501b; Hannah Roberts 49t, 269; Judy Mincey 347; Louis Hughes, Sr. 274t; Doug Allison 514, 383; Faye Pettis 67, 380; Martha Ann Stegar 275t, 324; John Shipsey 155, 45t; Andy Morse 186, 426; Susan Roberts 47b, 146; Liz Bryant 66, 276; Helen Bryson 344 (with friends Marian Monk, Sara Goss, and Mary Osborne); Joan Durden 35, 159; Lee Rogers 228; Frances Mary D'Andrea 384; Tollie Lee 30t, 127; Jesse Roberts 215.

As the business session was still open, Kenneth DeLong asked to be relieved of the Chairman's position for the coming year. On orderly motion, Richard DeLong will assume the Chairman position and Doug Allison will assume the Vice Chairman position.

Announcements were made. The song on page 323 was led for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Jesse Roberts.

Sunday, August 31

The day of singing began with Chairman Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 101t and 138b. The morning prayer was offered by John Hollingsworth. Leaders: Doug Allison 213, 378b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 147t, 49b; John Hollingsworth 460, 77b; Loy Garrison 74b, 50; Charlene Wallace 79, 388; Bobby Bailey 82t, 35; Jeanette DePoy 456, 201b; Laurie Allison 36b, 85; Ted Mercer 467, 151; Faye Pettis 532, 343; Andy Morse 84, 417.

RECESS

Doug Allison called the class to order by leading song on page 89. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 480, 61; Don Bowen 225t, 283; Hannah Roberts 209, 47b; Helen Bryson 171, 361; Susan Roberts 155, 129.

The memorial lesson was held. Judy Mincey read from the Wisdom of Solomon, Chapter 3, verses 1-9.

The names of the deceased are as follows: Mel Bailey, Gail Rich, Madolin McGray, Hazel Cagle, Howard Bynum, Alvin Parker, Nora Collett, Unie B. Howard, Ernest Phillips, Willa Mae Holt, Marilou Jolly, Silas Lee, Jimmy Causey, Bonnie Ashley, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Rodger Morrison, Quay Smathers, Clelan Cobb, Buddy Tindal, Lola Jenkins, Eva Corley Reeves, Bob Farrell, Barrett Ashley, and Bob Fannin. Faye Pettis led songs on pages 285t and 549 for the deceased.

Jeanette DePoy spoke for the sick and shut-ins. "Some say that you can pick your friends but you can't pick your family, but you can pick your family--your Sacred Harp family. Some say that you can't go home again, but whenever you go to a Sacred Harp singing, you are home again. The Sacred Harp love is a love that binds and surrounds us like an everlasting embrace".

The sick and shut-in are: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Jap Walton, Mozelle Sheppard, Jerry Sheppard, Mary Frances Dannals, Charlotte Allison, J. Leonard Weaver, Dollie Hudgins, Horace DeLong, Violet Thomason, Herman Thomason, Revy Williamson, and Charles Ivey. Ted Mercer led song on page 39b for the sick and shut-in. The memorial was closed with prayer by Jesse Roberts.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 176b and 316. Leaders: Ashley Roberts 216, 182; John Shikey 192, 114; Jesse Roberts 120, 327; John Plunkett 71, 523; Kenneth DeLong 279, 395; Liz Bryant 189, 349; Martha An Stegar 312b, 312t; Alice West 347; Judy Mincey 376, 236.

The class was called into a business session to hear the following reports:

Locating - Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church asked for and was granted the convention to be held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in August 1998.
Finance Committee - The collection for both days was \$164.37. Before expenses the total in account was \$2,593.31. After expenses the total in account is \$2,629.68.

Resolutions Committee - We, the members of the 129th session of the Union Musical Convention do hereby resolve to thank:

- 1) God for the opportunity afforded us to be able to participate in the great tradition of Sacred Harp, and be a part of it;
- 2) Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church for allowing us the use of their meeting house and facilities for this convention;
- 3) all the people who prepared, brought, and served the wonderful dinners that we enjoyed both days;
- 4) all those who came to sing and listen over the past two days, and to work in our communities to create and support interest in this tradition by use of our time, our prayers, and our finances, and to hold one another up before the Lord in prayer.

The reports were accepted into the minutes.

Leaders: Doug Allison 95b; Alice West 276; Ted Mercer 522; Brady DeLong 317; Helen Bryson 328; Don Bowen 171; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Hannah Roberts 181; Ashley Roberts 419; Jesse Roberts 436; Susan Roberts 29b; Bobby Bailey 548.

Announcements were made. The convention officers led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Jesse Roberts.
Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Doug Allison; Secretary - Helen Bryson.

LACY'S CHAPEL **Henagar, Alabama** **August 31, 1997**

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 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Lamar Smith. David Ivey led song on page 303. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 101t, 40; Reba Windom 30b, 30t, 155; Norma Latham 78, 495; Karen Ivey 99, 63; Stuart Ivey 137, 480.

Stuart Ivey was appointed Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Allison Ivey 142, 410; Jeff Sheppard 473, 177; Milton Oliver 176t, 176b; Bud Oliver 145b, 145t; Lamar Smith 76b, 343 (in memory of Barrett Ashley); Scott Ivey 87; Richard Ivey 144, 64.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 345b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 338 (in memory of Willie and Lola Windsor), 68b; Eloise Wootten 47t, 299; Coy Ivey 48t; Woodie Walker 378t, 349; B. M. Smith 448b, 276; Tony Ivey 56t, 385t; Sandy Ivey 503, 354b; John Henry Busby "Jesus Died For Me", 401.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with David Ivey leading songs on pages 57 and 288 (for Estelle Napier who is sick). Leaders: S. T. Reed 28b, 27; Loyd Ivey 426t, 89; Shelbie Sheppard 26, 41; Betty Shepherd 186, 216; Dennis George 45t, 58; Melvin Stiefel 147b, 77t.

A memorial was held for those who have passed away since last year. David Ivey led 269 in memory of Willa Mae Holt; Reba Windom 196 in memory of the Lacys who kept the singing going all the past years; B. M. Smith 424, remembering Andrew Ivey; Karen Ivey and Loyd Ivey 454 for Ester and Andrew Ivey; Coy Ivey and Norma Latham 482 for Eulas and Helen Ivey; and Bud Oliver 73t for the Olivers and Reeds.

Leaders: Stuart Ivey 29t; Woodie Walker 208; Rodney Ivey 39b, 235; Richard Ivey 270; Allison Ivey 182, 475; Henry Johnson 388; S. T. Reed and Betty Shepherd 425; Milton Oliver "There Is A Fountain"; David Ivey 415.

Announcements were made. David Ivey, Betty Shepherd, and Reba Windom led song on page 146 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Loyd Ivey. The singing will be held next year on August 30, 1998.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL **Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama** **August 31, 1997**

The sixteenth session of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 48b. The morning prayer was offered by Carmon Brothers. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 56t and 57.

The class organized and elected to retain 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: Flarce Creel 99; Carmon Brothers 235b; Dessie Goodman 204; Willodean Barton 82t; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 298; Gennie Nelms 391; Pauline Childers 217; Edis Guthrie 171; Edith Tate 371; Willie Mae Moon 460; Janet Lucas 358; Ann Jett 146; John Hocutt 144; Ila Ingle 436; Ozella Blackmon 192; Eldagene Roberson 175; Woodrow Hocutt 434; Margaret Keeton 475; Elvin Guthrie 306; Brenda Merritt 186.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Harrison Creel leading song on page 30t. Leaders: David Roberson 63; Paul Gilliland 273; Billy Williams 28; John Merritt 294; Randy Creel 45t; Lena Wakefield 231; Marie Guthrie 380; Cassie Franklin 167; Janet Lucas 340; Cecil Sanders 341; Travis Keeton 31t. At this time the singing was closed for an early lunch so that the singers could attend the funeral of fellow singer and friend, Bob Fannin.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

LABOR DAY SINGING **Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama** **September 1, 1997**

The annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama on Monday, September 1, 1997.

The singing was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading songs on pages 36b and 155. The morning prayer was offered by Lonnie Rogers. Mary L. Smith led songs on pages 61 and 31b.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Mary L. Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Josephine Denney. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 168; Cecil Edwards 176b, 164; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Milton Oliver 216, 222; Josephine Denney 100, 143; John Plunkett 229, 196; Leola Smith 68b; George Garner 47t, 212; Katherine Benefield 101t, 111t.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 87. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 30t, 313t; Reba Norton 405, 275b; Roy Nelson 498, 128; Pauline Childers 475, 497; Bud Oliver 406, 384; Cassie Franklin 186, 208; Louis Hughes 565b, 176t; Judy Mincey 532, 540; Felton Denney 50b, 147b; Lou Cotney 189, 218.

RECESS

Cecil Edwards brought the class together leading song on page 167. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 460 (for Kim Cagle), 225t; Edith Tate 336; Ted Mercer 332, 379; Harvey Austin 335, 108t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 110. Leaders: Don Bowen 344, 350; Cindy Franklin 269, 327; Henry Johnson 569b, 388; Shelbie Sheppard 333, 211; Richard DeLong 385b, 434; Evelyn Harris 490, 159; Everette Denney 426t, 489b; Louise Allen 81t, 119; S. T. Reed 213, 289; Louise Nelson 145t; Bobby Bailey 145b, 339; Charlene Wallace 267, 283; Jacob

Griffith 277, 114; Cassie Franklin 499, 358 (by special request); Dennis George 274t.

A collection of \$136.38 was taken. All but \$25.00, which goes for the printing of the minutes, was given to the Shoal Creek Foundation which was spearheaded by Lee Jones to preserve Shoal Creek Church.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Cecil Edwards led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith.

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION **Liberty Church (McCormick), Walker County, Alabama** **September 6, 1997**

The ninety-second session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, and was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Charles Kitchens.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Willodean Barton; Memorial Committee - Pauline Childers and Charles Kitchens.

Velton Chafin led songs on pages 110b and 35. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 56, 57; Jerry Ryan 345t, 343, 145t; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Cecil Gilliland 217, 282, 275b; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 283, 460; S. T. Reed 42, 43, 44; Pauline Childers 98, 99, 269; Hadyn Creel 85, 290, 339; Jewel Wootten 176t, 176b, 335.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Chairman Velton Chafin leading song on page 437. Leaders: J. A. Mosley 204, 75, 63; Dorothea McCowan 109, 200, 328; Charles Kitchens 326, 97, 317.

A memorial was held, and the following deceased were remembered: Estelle Napier, Bob Fannin, Willa Mae Holt, Alvin Parker, Nora Collett, Lillie Nail, Dillie Harris, Buck Aaron, Jimmy Causey, Hazel Cagle, Bertha Henson, Lola Roberson, Unie B. Howard, Tom Harper, Merle Etheridge, Buddy Tindal, Velma Kitchens, Bonnie Ashley, Barrett Ashley, Estelle Napier, Bernard Moon, Carrie Graves, Luna Harper, and Willie Blackwood. These loved ones have crossed over the river to the promised land.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Vernice Calvert, Essie Calvert, Fern Kitchens, Mamie Creel, Crystal Crocker, Ruth Aaron, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Clarice Hollis, Mae Seymour, Tressie Adkins, Mary Gardner, and L. E. Hannah.

Pauline Childers led 47b; Ila Ingle led 384 and 500. Charles Kitchens closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading song on page 138t.

Leaders: Paul Gilliland 565b, 268, 314; Alice Mosley 354b, 457, 101t; Travis Keeton 276, 273, 475; Marie Aldridge 216, 272; John Hyde 37b, 39b, 73t; Ann Jett 77t, 448b, 327; Thurman Nall 34b, 503, 48t; Josie Hyde 496, 572, 297; Billy Williams 78, 164, 299; Flarce Creel 270, 454; Jerry Ryan 88, 84; Edith Tate 333, 389; Willodean Barton 277, 159.

Announcements were made, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Charles Kitchens.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST
Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House), Fayette County,
Alabama
September 7, 1997

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 Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by Velton Chafin. Travis Keeton led song on page 217.

The class organized for the day by electing to keep the same officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Travis Keeton led song on page 324. Leaders: Pauline Childers 318, 384, 224; Ivalene Donaldson 288; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 112; Odie V. Horton 406, 204; Cecil Sanders 475; Flarce Creel 284, 299; Tressie Adkins 298, 78; Keterina Sanders 59, 290, 454; Mae Conwill 297, 498, 546.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class to order leading songs on pages 179 and 44.

Leaders: Willodean Barton 480, 446; Lena Wakefield 225t, 276, 336; Johnny Humber 208, 212, 389; Gene Wakefield 460, 168, 138t; Velton Chafin 301, 34b; Pernie Pelfrey 345b, 345t; Clarence McCool 172, 349, 348b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Billy Williams leading songs on pages 39b and 448b. Leaders: Clearcy Rutledge 42, 445; Larry Ballinger 134 (in memory of Charlie Miller), 139; Edith Tate 73t, 75; Allison Stovall 192, 441, 373; Elene Stovall 436, 186, 528, 457; Ila Ingle 440, 434, 442; Josie Hyde 395, 394, 521; Gravis Ballinger 101t, 91; Harrison Creel 111b, 343b; A. A. Malone 142, 300; Walter Hamilton 333; Cecil Sanders 294 (by request); John Hyde 313 (in memory of Tom Roberson), 544, 61.

The Clear Creek Convention West is a movable singing, but since no other church called for it, Willa Rush asked that it be held here again in 1998 on the first Sunday in September.

Travis Keeton and Elmer Conwill led song on page 379 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel. The class wishes to thank Willa Rush for paying for the minutes.

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

LITTLE VINE CHURCH
Near Bremen, Georgia
September 7, 1997

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held the first Sunday in September at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church. Richard DeLong called the class to order with songs on pages 104 and 33b. The morning prayer was led by Billy Joe Harris. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 81 and 75; Carlene Griffin 85, 87; Charlene Wallace 154, 276, 278b; Judy Henry 155, 313.

The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Charlene Wallace;

Arranging and Memorial Committee - Judy Henry. Richard DeLong led song on page 271. Leaders: Margie Smith 501, 512, 335; Felton Denney 73t, 73b, 503.

RECESS

The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 117.

Leaders: Everette Denney 49b, 63, 405; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47; B. M. Smith 284, 497, 475; Shelbie Sheppard 76, 71, 141; Lonnie Rogers 97, 348; Billy Joe Harris 345, 347, 225.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 176b, 320, 419, and 387. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 156, 140, 70, 292, 392; Alice Edwards 271b, 569b; Sheri Taylor 203, 209, 148; Mary F. Smith 106, 58, 144; Laura Webb 178, 163b, 159; Bobby Jackson and Charlene Wallace 37, 72b; B. M. Smith 556, 548; Shelbie Sheppard 458, 80; Laura Webb 358, 477.

After announcements were made, Richard DeLong led page 323 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Billy Joe Harris.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION **County Line Church, Near Corner, Alabama** **September 13-14, 1997**

Saturday, September 13

The ninety-fourth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Rex Wilks leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Samuel Sommers. The officers were called to lead as follows: David Ivey 309; Nora Parker 36b; Terry Wootten 441; Reba Dell Windom 224; Jerry Enright 74b; Jeff Sheppard 448. Other leaders: Jackie Tanner 108; Clarke Lee 205; Syble Adams 171; Ruth Brown 312b; Cindy Franklin 198; Bud Oliver 145; Melanie Hauff 277; Aubrey Barfield 480; Sandie Scott 146; Jim Carnes 209; Don Bowen 475.

RECESS

Rex Wilks called the class together leading song on page 40.

A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Nora Parker (Permanent); Chaplain - Aubrey Barfield; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver and Becky Browne; Memorial Committee - Samuel Sommers and Ruth Brown; Resolutions Committee - Jerry Enright and Terry Wootten; Locating Committee - Coy Ivey, B. M. Smith, and Ann Jett; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, G. C. Waldrop, and Rex Wilks.

Leaders: Connie Karduck 456; David Branham 354; Robert Meek 66; Cassie Franklin 142; Jerry Schreiber 434; Jo Dell Albi 474; Marie Aldridge 217; Barbara Swetman 383; G. C. Waldrop 250; Linton Ballinger 299; Richard DeLong 336; Norma Latham 482; Louis Hughes 410; John Etheridge 341; Lorene Moore 39; Tim Reynolds 163; Lee Rogers 415; Thurman Nall 225; Richard Deibert 230.

RECESS

The class was brought together with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 110.

Leaders: Becky Browne 304; Phil Summerlin 97; Myra Dalton 148; Ted Johnson 447; Regina Glass 310; Paul Gauthier 101b; Alice Bejnar 439; Jim Brock 84; Henry Johnson 569; Nancy Graham 312b; Hershell King 544; David Ressler 455; Kathy Lee 29; Lomax Ballinger 168; Travis Keeton 343b; Tommie Spurlock 130; Harrison Creel 111b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was reassembled with Harrison Creel leading song on page 30. Leaders: B. M. Smith 384; Gene Wakefield 56; Christine Gandy 319; Ila Ingle 442; Patricia Mauldin 63; Willodean Barton 290; Gary Gronau 362; Charlene Wallace 365; Marcia Johnson 547; Coy Ivey 454; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Marilyn Burchett 143; Joan Aldridge 546; S. T. Reed 32b; Jeanette Lowry 411; Elene Stovall 436; Jerry Ryan 345; Jewel Wootten 159; Henry Schuman 102; Carla Smith 57; Judy Hauff 89; Michele Cull 178; Judy Mincey 180; Bill Hogan 288; Ted Mercer 296; Carlene Griffin 548; Willie Mae Moon 503.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class together leading song on page 498. Leaders: Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, and Danny Creel 269; Marie Guthrie 446; Richard Mauldin and Tommye Mauldin 120; Velton Chafin 540; Pauline Childers 497; Milton Oliver 403; Leola Smith 212; Eldagene Roberson 300; Lena Wakefield 200; Flarce Creel 297; Billy Williams 231; Edith Tate 532; Lucy Heidorn 137.

Harrison Creel and Jeff Sheppard led the closing song on page 512. The class was dismissed with prayer by Aubrey Barfield.

Sunday, September 14

The convention was called to order on Sunday by Harrison Creel leading song on page 317. The morning prayer was led by Samuel Sommers. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 129; Bud Oliver 391; Coy Ivey 99; Margie Smith 373; Pearl Guier 127; Edith Tate 73; Reba Dell Windom 273; Bill Hogan 36; Ozella Blackmon 371; Michele Cull 107; G. C. Waldrop 192; Judy Mincey 510; Elene Stovall 556; Gary Gronau 440; Wanda Capps 53; Don Bowen 283; Carlene Griffin 282; Tim Reynolds 154.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Harrison Creel leading song on page 530.

Leaders: Ted Johnson 349; Lee Rogers 218; Bob Meek 236; Jeanette Lowry 216; Freeman Wootten and Steven Hullett 145b; Cindy Franklin 123; Jim Brock 344; David Lee 128; Karen Ivey 215; Paul Gauthier 542; Alice Bejnar 479; Samuel Sommers 112; Eloise Avery 426; Jerry Enright 77; Bobbie Goodell 503; John Hocutt 225; Carla Smith 421; Judy Hauff 488; David Ressler 67; Harrison Creel 342.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 87. Leaders: Lorena Moore 203; Henry Guthery 420; Jo Dell Albi 195; Ted Mercer 181.

A memorial session was held by Ruth Brown reading from Ecclesiastes, Chapter 5. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to break down, and a time to build up. A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance".

"Let's think about the scripture I just read to you and see how it affects our lives: Our time to be born; time to be a child; time to grow up; time to play; time to go to school; time to work; time to rest; time to reminisce; and time to pray.

We have gone through good times and bad times. We have shared these times with our Sacred Harp friends. Times when we laughed together--we embraced them--sang with them--ate with them--times when we suffered with them--times when we cried with them--and now it is time to remember. To remember those singers who may be at this very moment in a Heavenly hollow square carrying on our Sacred Harp tradition. It is a time to remember with gladness because we knew them, and sadness because they are no longer with us. Their time to die has already come, and ours is fast approaching".

The names of those deceased are as follows: Vena Holley, J. T. Conn, Elder A. L. Beckett, Erik Hand, Willie Blackwood, George Barford, Gene Brumbaugh, Hazel Cagle, Marilou Jolly, Will Battles, Frances Kelso, Quay Smathers, Estelle Napier, Evelyn Parker Duncan, Mell Bailey, Bob Fannin, Gail Rich, Madolin McGray, Howard Bynum, Alvin Parker, Nora Collett, Unie B. Howard, Barret Ashley, Ernest Phillips, Buck Aaron, Cary Graves, Willa Mae Holt, Silas Lee, Eva Reeves, Kenneth Brandon, J. E. Allen, Bonnie Ashley, Jimmy Causey, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Rodger Morrison, Clelan Cobb, Buddy Tindal, Lola Jenkins, Elder Bernard Moon, Delta Wootten, Tenna Reed Rogers, Tom Harper, and Don Johnson. Samuel Sommers led song on page 285 in their memory. The sick and shut-ins were: Woodie Walker, Helen Bryson, Kim Cagle, Beatrice Ezell, Jap Walton, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, I. V. McWhorter, Revy Williamson, Daphene Causey, Seldon Creel, Essie Calvert, Vernice Calvert, Dollie Hudgins, Chester Lacy, Rosa Hughes, Alpha Black, Ozetta Gilliland, Herbert Phillips, Johnnie Blakeley, J. L. Oden, Mary Oden, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Lillie Lybrand, Annie Brothers, Bill Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Vester Jones, and Mary Gardner. Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 28b for the sick. Ruth Brown, Danny Creel, and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 45t. Danny Creel closed the memorial with prayer. Singing resumed with Dorothea McCowan 528; Regina Glass 56.

LUNCH

The class reassembled with Harrison Creel leading song on page 335. Leaders: Becky Browne 29; Buell Cobb 320; Marcia Johnson 260; Nora Parker 276; Jenny Wootten 551; Rebecca Vincent 209; Stuart Ivey 137; Melanie Hauff 318; Kathy Lee 39; Mae Seymour 475, 189; Jerry Schrieber 550; Mark Carroll 168; Richard Ivey 222; Barbara Swetman 106; Henry Schuman 388; Connie Karduck 176; Clarke Lee 201; Herbie Bailey 34.

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

Resolution: On behalf of the United Convention, we thank:

- 1) the Creel family for their hospitality in once again hosting this convention;
- 2) the officers and committees, especially the Arranging Committee and the Permanent Secretary, Nora Parker, for their hard work;
- 3) all the cooks, and John Bayer of Ohio for sending fresh tomatoes and fruit;
- 4) those who have travelled from far and near to support this convention;
- 5) those who have carried down this tradition, and we thank God for allowing this convention to continue for these ninety four years. Respectfully submitted: Jerry Enright and Terry Wootten.

Locating Committee - The 1998 session will be held at Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama contingent on availability of the building. (Editor's Note: The building was secured and the convention will be held in Huntsville, Alabama in 1998.)

Finance Committee - Total expense was \$439.27. Collected \$297.00. Balance on hand \$1,272.78.

RECESS

The convention was brought to order by B. M. Smith leading song on page 30. Leaders: Terry Wootten 56b; Louis Hughes 480; Leola Smith 268; Elder Marshall Avery 278; Marie Guthrie 397; Richard Mauldin 146; Pauline Childers 234; Rodney Ivey 186; Eldagene Roberson 385; Billy Williams 213; Ann Jett 327; Jackie Tanner 208; Marilyn Burchett 49t; Linda Thomas 47; Virginia Bonham and Arnold Tate 68; Shelbie Sheppard 448b; Harrison Creel 348. Harrison Creel and Jeff Sheppard led the closing song on page 378. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Arnold Tate.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Nora Parker.

UNITED KINGDOM SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION
Woodside Hall, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom
September 13-14, 1997

Saturday, September 13

Two books were used: The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and Northern Harmony, 3rd edition (indicated by NH).

Steve Fletcher, last year's chairman, led song on page 34b. The chair was then passed to Judy Whiting and Sheila Smith who introduced Robin Fox from St. Paul, Minnesota. Robin Fox conducted a workshop and led these songs: 48t, 29t, 82t, 99, 481, 503, 146, 148, 500, 300, 217, and 47b.

LUNCH

The convention was opened by Judy Whiting leading song on page 178. Leaders: Sheila Girling Smith 474 (for Bruce Randall); Bernard Collard 362b; Robin Fox 378; Steve Fletcher 142; Dafydd Charles 186 (NH); Win Stokes and Paul Gailiunas 163t; Katie Shimizu 209 (NH); Nigel Nathan 38b; Larry Gordon 532 (NH); Joanna Warson 117; Bill Holt 112; Pat Stonell and John Stonell 144 (NH); Stephen Biggs and Mick Verrier 124 (NH); Rachel Jordan 40; Vic Gammon and Sheila Girling Smith 186; David Atkin 163b; Sheila Mahoney and Rachel Jordan 24 (NH); Kaiti Carpenter 504 (NH).

RECESS

Leaders: Bob Parr 475; Shereen Benjamin 107; Dave Townsend 198; Frank Kulash 66; Gillian Warson 361; Alan Creamer and Matt Wojcik 159 (NH); Mandy Townsend 192 (NH); Eric Hildebrant 480; Sophie McDougall 148 (NH); Alan Weeks 315; Bill Meakin and Ian West 324; Dave Richardson 565b; Rosie Setford 56b; Matt Wojcik 158 (NH); Helen Brown 143; Ruth Cooper 344; Mike Hoy 127 (NH); Patty Cuyler 334 (NH); Caroline Humphreys 155; Emily Wells 86 (NH); Sheila Girling Smith 80 (NH). The Saturday afternoon session closed.

Sunday, September 14

Robin Fox led these songs in a workshop: 82, "Hallelujah New" (by Roland Hutchinson), 122, 271, and 81.

RECESS

The Convention Session was opened by Judy Whiting leading song on page 84. Leaders: Sheila Girling Smith 168; Robin Fox 378b; Ken Baddley 127 (NH); Jackie Patten 143; Mick Verrier 268 (NH); Brian Fisk 503b; Edwin Macadam 497; Paul Sanderson 155; Ba Wheeler 86; Jill Thompson 31t; Katie Shimizu, Larry Gordon, and Katie Shimizu's Laurieston; Bob Parr 22 (NH).

LUNCH

Leaders: Bernard Collard 49b; Rachel Jordan 206 (NH); Alan Weeks 114 (NH) (for his mother); Ian Ferguson (NH); Ian West 154 (NH); Dafydd Charles and Michael Bloom 76 (NH); John Stonell 134 (NH); Paul Gailiunas 10 (NH).

The Memorial Lesson was given by Bernard Collard and Sheila Smith. Paul Sanderson led us in remembering these people: Len Verrier, Theresa Verrier, Sid Verrier, Terry O'Neil, Kay Chapman, Jane Bristow, Ron Spicer, Belle Stewart, Patricia Jean Cuyler, David Arthur Williams, Dorothy May Curtis Wheeler, Evelyn May Curtis Impey, Masako Shimizu, Evelyn Marsden, Sue Ford, Deirdre Seymour, Diana, Princess of Wales, Dodi Fayed, Henri Paul, Rachel Chaplin, Mother Theresa, Seamus Stewart, Ethel Pegatto, Jethro Entwistle, Alice Entwistle, Sir Georg Solti, Jack Turney, Dot Turney, and Audrey Turner.

Bernard Collard led "Relief" (written by Bruce Randall in memory of Chris Whiting).

The Sick and Housebound Lesson was given by Paul Sanderson. Bernard Collard asked us to sing for the return to health of these people: Alicia Baddley, Helen Atkin, Florrie Fisher, Ivan Kingsley Daniels, Gordon Ashman, Caroline Ahearn, James Ashworth, Robert Taylor, William Boaden, and Steve Fletcher. Bernard Collard led us in singing song on page 127 (NH).

The Celebration Lesson was given by Paul Sanderson. Bernard Collard asked us to celebrate with these people: John and June Powell; Ian Ferguson, arrival of first grandson, Callum; Thelma Griffiths, a daughter; Mike and Charlotte Bailey, anniversary; Sophie McDougall, complete return to health; Sophie and Stuart McDougall, third wedding anniversary; Paul and Diane Sanderson, the arrival of Eleanor Mary Grace; Martin and Karen Grime, married yesterday; Stan Hislip, senior tenor of West Gallery Quire, thanks for return to health (at 78) after heart attack; Caroline and Tim. Bernard Collard led us in singing song on page 130 (NH).

Leaders: Larry Gordon 383 (NH); Mike Bailey 186 (NH); Matt Wojcik 146 (NH); Dave Townsend 87 (NH); Ruth Cooper 200; Eric Hildebrant 299; Helen Brown 352; Bill Holt 269; Mandy Townsend 138 (NH); Dave Richardson 153; Bob Parr 373; Rosie Setford 9 (NH); Sophie McDougall 34b; David Atkin 455; Bernard Collard 66; Robin Fox 300. The convention was closed by Judy Whiting and Sheila Girling Smith leading song on page 40.

Visitors from the United States: Robin Fox, St. Paul, Minnesota; Bill Holt, Watertown, Massachusetts; Bob Parr, Arlington, Massachusetts; Eric Hildebrant, Watertown Massachusetts; Eric Hildebrant, Watertown, Massachusetts; Frank Kulash; and Larry Gordon.

90 people attended the convention each day.

Minutes submitted by Steve Fletcher.

MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH **Near Bear Creek, Alabama** **September 14, 1997**

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 37b and 39b. The morning prayer was led by Doyle Williams.

The class organized for the day by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Margaret Keeton. John Hyde led song on page 129.

Leaders: Odie V. Horton 76b, 77t, 48t; Gene Wakefield 108b, 108t, 109; Ashlie Owens 30t, 410t; Doyle Williams 29, 155, 312b; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Arnold Moore 490, 460; Keterina Sanders 59, 290; Gladys Bonds 47t, 32t, 74b. RECESS

Doyle Williams called the class to order by leading song on page 85. Leaders: Twylia Pickard "Not Made With Hands", 294; Paul Frederick 45t, 277, 499; Mae Conwill 332, 65, 42; Lena Wakefield 111b, 146, 546; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 145b, 49b; Kermit Adams 426t, 28b, 34b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Hyde with song on page 337.

Leaders: Fayrene Pickard 143, 323b, 438, 480; Julietta Haynes 46, 135, 421; Junita Whitman 313, 144, 182; Josie Hyde 445b, 225t, 297; Elmer Conwill 296, 288, 298; Travis Keeton 278b, 378b, 379; Cecil Sanders 475, 512; Margaret

Keeton 97, 88t, 129. John Hyde led song on 73t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Margaret Keeton.

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 20-21, 1997**

Saturday, September 20

The eighty-third 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 third Sunday and Saturday before in September. The convention was called to order by B. J. Harris leading songs on pages 30t and 503. The morning prayer was led by S. T. Reed. Ruth Brown led songs on pages 82t and 63; Evelyn Harris 155 and 47t.

A business session was held and the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - B. J. Harris; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith.

Leaders: Roy Nelson 176t, 145t; Pearl Guier 40, 59; Alice Edwards 73b, 104, 271b; Harvey Austin 101t, 100; Charlene Wallace 129, 495; Milton Oliver 496, 321; Beulah Reese 85, 72b; Freeman Wootten 37b, 360; Lou Cotney 196, 172, 497.

RECESS

B. J. Harris called the class to order leading song on page 438. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b, 345t; Jewel Wootten 324, 332; Dennis George 28b, 29t; Mary F. Smith 400, 334; Pam Nunn 84, 168, 137; Paul Gilliland 30b, 569b; Lydia Baswell, Vella Dailey, and Ovada Carr 147t, 40, 323b; Elder Bud Daugherty 290, welcomed everyone, and gave a short talk.

LUNCH

Roy Nelson called the class together leading song on page 436. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 325, 313, 160b; Judy Mincey 384, 225; Cecil Gilliland 329, 217; Louise Nelson 350, 282; Hershell King 163, 222, 348b; Shelbie Sheppard 418, 333; S. T. Reed 567, 278b; Don Bowen 77b, 303, 510; Bud Oliver 42, 318; Charlene Wallace 106; Paul Gilliland 490; Jewel Wootten 434; Judy Mincey 489b; Dennis George 127; Louise Nelson 87; Cecil Gilliland 273; S. T. Reed 79; Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards 45t. Roy Nelson led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Howard Cook.

Sunday, September 21

The convention was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Leaders: Roy Nelson 82; B. J. Harris 63, 475; Ruth Brown 108t, 108b, and welcomed everyone; Pearl Guier 59, 448b; Evelyn Harris 378t, 332; Alice Edwards 566, 104, 173; Harvey Austin 72b, 335; Beulah Reese 421, 348b; Milton Oliver 314, 318; Jimmie Denney 87, 101t; Jimmy Cates 317, 112.

RECESS

B. J. Harris brought the class back together leading song on page 438. Leaders: Lou Cotney 300, 172, 203; Eula Johnson 460, 212; Louis Hughes 38b, 565b,

147; Carlene Griffin 85, 146, 270; Bobby Bailey 361, 167, 126; Margie Smith 512, 493, 69b; Lamar Smith 76b; Reba Norton 327, 298, 61.

The memorial was given by Mary F. Smith with comments made about the singers and friends we have lost in the past year. Mary F. Smith led songs on pages 209 and 348b in memory of: Josie McAlpin, Jimmy Causey, Barrett Ashley, Bonnie Ashley, Vena Holley, Lola Jenkins, Arthur Beckett, Melton Wallace, Clelan Cobb, Grady Brown, Malone Austin, and Mike Daniel. Louise Nelson led song on page 45t for the sick and shut-ins. There are a lot of people who are sick and shut-in, and whose names will not appear on our list, but they are remembered along with the following: Jap Walton, I. V. McWhorter, Revy Williamson, Helen Bryson, Jerry Sheppard, and Mozelle Sheppard. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Lonnie Rogers.

LUNCH

Roy Nelson called the class to order leading song on page 434. Leaders: B. M. Smith 164, 497, 284; Bonnie Flowers 147b, 290, 149; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 296, 368; Nancy Allen 401; Henry Johnson 68b, 338, 388; Carylton McCareeth 358, 294; Bud Oliver 288, 328, 39; Estelle Flowers 123, 141, 280; Louise Nelson 159, 282; Jeff Sheppard 439, 352, 150; Ruth Daniel 155; Ulmer McCreeth and Harvey Austin 373, 397.

After announcements were made, Roy Nelson and B. J. Harris led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Bobby Bailey. Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - B. J. Harris; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN (BENNIE) KEETON MEMORIAL Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama September 21, 1997

The twenty-sixth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove Church on the third Sunday in September. The singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Travis Keeton led song on page 91.

The election of officers were as follows: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Lena Keeton Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield.

A. C. McGough led song on page 290 for Fletcher Sims who is in the hospital critically ill, and page 111b for Furn Kitchens who is also ill. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Joshua Keeton 268, 189; Josie Hyde 234, 477; Beatrice Brewer 112, 460; Lisa Ballinger Geist 546, 560; Odie Horton 329, 229 (for Fletcher Sims); Cecil Sanders "Not Made With Hands"; Willodean Barton 480; Tressie Adkins 217, 222.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 276. Leaders: Ila Ingle 382, 441; Flarce Creel 501, 503; Doyle Williams 155, 99; Rhoda Norris 498, 398; Larry Ballinger 123t, 90; Glenn Keeton 358, 225t; Roxie Keeton 530; Velton Chafin 391, 564; Randy Creel 45t, 452b; Roma Rice 93, 327.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Travis Keeton leading song on page 235b. Leaders: Clarence McCool 100, 101t; Lena Keeton Wakefield with her children Glenn Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, and Linda Christian 30, 143, 348b, 436; John Hocutt 457, 354t; John Hyde 275b, 297; Ashley Keeton 274t, 421; Gladys Bonds 544b, 77t; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 73t; Janet Jones 283, 34t; L. H. Gilmore 108t,

403; Eunice Kimbrell 65; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 312b, 428, 475; Arnold Moore 35, 42; Gene Wakefield 103, 108b (in memory of Bennie Keeton). Announcements were made. A. C. McGough and Travis Keeton led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Al Lofton. Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Lena Keeton Wakefield.

LIBERTY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Boaz, Alabama

Saturday, September 27, 1997

This singing was called off this year due to illness in the Underwood family.

MINNESOTA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

St. Paul and Shakopee, Minnesota

September 27-28, 1997

Saturday, September 27

St. Clement's Episcopal Church, St. Paul

The convention was opened by Chairmen Jim Pfau and Bill Waddington leading song on page 52. Keith Willard, Chaplain, offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Steven Levine 32t; Kathy Wallace 46; Stephen Parker 344; Robin Fox 212; Mark Ellenberger 38b; Walter Graff 39b; Gordon Olsen 503b; Judy Mincey 384; Dick Dunagan 312; Kit Pfau 48t; John Bailey 535; Lou Cotney 222; Arlie Prokop 86; Midge Olsen 198; Richard Green 29; Kathy Lee 128; Lisa Grayson 278b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Denise Kania leading song on page 63. Leaders: Connie Karduck 492; Charles Wells 569b; B. M. Smith 475; Francis Gurtz 448t; Daryl Mayberry 27; Johnny Lee 31t; Max Berueffy 171; Anne Heider 352; Felton Denny 73t; Karen Hojnacki 373; James Howell 68b; Richard Popp 277; Christine Stevens 36b; Karen Freund 272; Bud Oliver 47t; Ted Mercer 132; Thomas Jefferson Willard 274t; Jeff Sheppard 392; Meg Parsons 209.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Keith Willard leading song on page 39t. Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 472; Susan Green 350; Frances Mendenhall 532; Julie Vea 419; Louis Hughes 480; Ginnie Ely 269. Jim Pfau, convention Co-Chairman, led song on page 447.

A brief business meeting was called to nominate Chairs for the 1998 convention. Paul Wyatt and Midge Olson were nominated and approved as next year's chairs. The class was adjourned after grace, given by Keith Willard, for lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Stephen Parker leading song on page 515b. Leaders: Mary Ann Evans 453; Jerry Enright 330t; Lynne deBenedette 129; David Lee 270; Dick Levine 102; Pauline Childers 342; James Page 254; Coy Ivey 182; MaryAnn Corbett 146; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Pearl Guier 49t; Ted Johnson 368; Jim Solheim 436; Louise Nelson 282; Mary Johnston 156; Paul Wyatt 163b; Melanie Hauff 218.

RECESS

The class was called back into session by Jeff Bell leading song on page 203. Leaders: Marcia Johnson 359; Kathy Kaiser 106; Paul Landskroener 50; Laura Shearin 504; Clarke Lee 542; Steve Warner 125; Carol Crawford 334; Marilyn Burchett 294; Jenny Willard 383; Charlie Obert 192; Janet Borman 178; Jim

Parsons 313; Val Dunnigan 501; Carol Buche 143; Wendy Popp "Stony Island," (a new composition); Bill Waddington 299 (led at the request of Don Bowen who could not attend); Judy Hauff 440. Chairmen Jim Pfau and Bill Waddington gave closing announcements and led 347 to adjourn for the day. Keith Willard dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, September 28

Town Hall, Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota

The class was called into session by Chairmen Jim Pfau and Bill Waddington leading song on page 171. They noted that on arriving this morning they noticed a rainbow in the western sky which they took to be a good sign for the day. Opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Keith Willard. Leaders: Denise Kania 34b; Walter Graff 28b; Eleanor Haase 181; Keith Willard 29t; Cindy Knisse 63; Bud Oliver 145t; Henry Schuman 388; Karen Buche 421; Roy Nelson 380; Margo McCreary 344; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Sara Hickox and Hannah Lee 276; Bill Hamblin 268; Marcia Johnson 163t; Myles Alexander 371; Mary Rose O'Reilly 441; Shelley Robbins 142.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Kit Pfau leading song on page 59. Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t; Gretchen Pfau and Rebecca Green 415; Tony Reeves 300; Coy Ivey 454; Berkley Moore 180; Gene Hauptmann 84; Clarke Lee 144; Ted Mercer (for Susan Green) 464; Martha Henderson 370; Ginnie Ely 196; Matthew Simonson 162; John Bailey 340; James Howell 68b; Jeff Bell 66; Melanie Hauff 48b; Charles Wells 231; Midge Olsen 236; Steve Schmidgall 369; Pauline Childers 234.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steve Levine leading song on page 270. The memorial lesson was led by David Lee and Kathy Wallace. The list of names for the memorial included: Hazel Cagle, Ray Harding, Don Johnson, Opal Johnston, Gloria Pfau, George Barford, Jay Lieberg, Dr. Julian M. Bruner, Clarke Wilson, Reine Moffet, Bob Fannin, Estelle Napier, Willa Mae Holt, Silas Lee, George Smith, Eugene Sell, John Snyder, Gerrit van Eysden (Holland), Quay Smathers, Barrett and Bonnie Ashley, Mother Teresa, Madolin McGray, Henrietta Petzing, Frank Baker, Ella Taylor, Ann Mason, Thelma Christensen, Betty and Townsend Shearin. David Lee and Kathy Wallace led 384b in memory of those who have passed in this last year. David observed that as he turns to each part and they sing, "Can I leave you?," he sees the faces of those who have gone before, knowing that each of us one day will also sit here for the last time.

Kathy Wallace spoke on behalf of the shut-ins. The sick and shut-in list was read, which included: James Bell, Frances Giunchedi, Sara Curry, Anthony Gurneau, Marie Aldridge, Hadya Creel, Mae Seymour, Furn Kitchens, Rosa Hughes, Louise Wallace, Annie B. Wyatt, Gordon Ashman, Karen Wjard, Shirley Wensman, Winifred Bruner, Ted Koontz, Bob Scorgie, Carol Enseki, Ruth Wyatt, Joe Evans, Susan Stephens, the young woman from the Potomac Convention with brain cancer, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Sue Majerus. The song on page 566 was led for them. The memorial was closed with prayer by Keith Willard.

Leaders: Steve Parker 547; Richard Green 47b.

LUNCH

The class reconvened under the leadership of Jim Parsons leading 312. Leaders: Matt Wells 49b; Lisa Grayson 430; Everette Denny 335; B.M. Smith 273; Julie Lee 348b; Daryl Mayberry 492; Val Eng 528; Jeff Sheppard 506; James Nelson

Gingerich 102; Mary Ann Evans 481; Judy Hauff 536; Max Berueffy 112; Judy Minsey 540; Lou Cotney 172; Ted Johnson 89; Julie Vea 208; David Lee 82; Jim Pfau 99.

RECESS

The class was brought back by Kathy Wallace leading 129. Leaders: Anne Heider 189; Louis Hughes 153; Lynn de Benedette 278b; Colette Miller and Francis Gurtz 448t; Carol Buche 178; Carol Crawford 280; Connie Karduck 498; Dick Levine 155; Kathy Kaiser 148; Jenny Willard 299; Karen Hojnacki 220; Steve Warner

147t; Janet Borman 515; Bill Waddington 45t. Frances Mendenhall then led 361 in memory of Barbara Scudder.

The business meeting was called by the Co-Chairmen.

The first order of business was to conduct the draw for the beautiful quilt made and contributed by Eloise Jerome. The raffle was won by Jim and Meg Parsons. A total of 154 songs was led with 22 states represented: Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

On behalf of the resolutions committee, Ted Mercer and Jan Ketelle presented resolutions. "Thankful to God for bringing singers and listeners from far and near to this 8th Annual Minnesota State Sacred Harp Convention, we resolve as follows: We thank Co-Chairmen Jim Pfau and Bill Waddington for their outstanding work, and the other committees--Midge Olson, food; Matt Wells, publicity; Val Eng, child care; Karen and Carol Buche, refreshments; Keith and Jenny Willard for the Saturday evening party; Stephen Parker, convention secretary, Steven Levine and Denise Kania, arranging committee; Keith Willard, chaplain; Gordeon Olsen, setup; Steven Schmigdall, who arranged for the grilling Saturday evening, and Paul Wyatt who actually did the grilling; Mark Ellenberger for arranging facilities at St. Clement's Church; Charlie Obert and Cindy Kisse, registration--assisted ably by Marlene Levine and Eloise Jerome; and a special thank you to Ruth Brown and Pearl Guier for organizing the bus trip from Alabama. Thanks to the entire Twin Cities class for their warm welcome and hospitality. A special thanks to the Illinois State Convention for loaning Minnesota its date this year so that the bus could attend. Thanks to all singers and listeners who have travelled from near and far to make this such a joyous celebration."

Upcoming singings were then announced and the convention adjourned, taking the parting hand over the singing of 146. The closing prayer was offered by Keith Willard.

Chairman - Jim Pfau and Bill Waddington; Secretary - Stephen Parker.

GUM POND CHURCH **Morgan County, Alabama** **September 28, 1997**

The September Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Chairman Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 75 and 46. The morning prayer was offered by Milford Cobbs. Leaders: Arvid Holmes 49b; Steve Cobbs 285t, 460, 480; Eldagene Roberson 186, 306; Danny Creel 383, 112; Stuart Ivey 29t, 155; Allsion Ivey 120, 134; Brandon Thompson 335, 274t; Cassie Franklin 47t, 546.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Milford Cobbs leading number 143. Leaders: Jonathan Thompson 84, 384; Athea Gibbs 32t, 147t; David Ivey 138b, 283 (in memory of Estelle Napier); Karen Ivey 142, 475; Cindy Franklin 189b, 198; Rhoda Norris 316, 137; Carol Newman 373, 68b; Hershell King 176b, 204; Milford Cobbs and Susan Holmes 441. The class was dismissed for lunch with prayer led by David Ivey.

LUNCH

The class came back to order after a bountiful lunch with Milford Cobbs leading song on page 127.

A memorial session was held with Milford Cobbs leading song number 358 in memory of Thomas Holland of Zion Hill; Judy Caudle leading song on page 109 in memory of Bera Bradford.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Carmon Brothers 390, 499; David Roberson 220, 196; Marie Guthrie 280, 222; Dexter Cobbs 445; Richard Ivey 145t, 270; Flarce Creel 389, 229; Christine Leeth 491, 490; Nancy Thompson and Alta Self 405, 102, 80b; Lessie Grant and Pete Holcomb 42, 61; Judy Caudle 311, 448t; Wilda Holmes and Craig Holmes 39b, "That Beautiful Land"; Buckley Hopper 300, 48b, 268; Susan Holmes 212, 313; J. L. Hopper 122; Odom Hawkins 146, 100, 426; Dan Hopper 126, 451.

Following announcements, Milford Cobbs led 62 as the closing song. Elder J. L. Hopper was called to lead prayer and the class was dismissed.

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

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Grove Church, north of Double Springs, Alabama September 28, 1997

The Winston County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in September, and was called to order by Kermit Adams leading song on page 47t. The morning prayer was led by Dr. Doyal Williams. Kermit Adams led song on page 49b.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Leaders: Margaret Keeton 59, 144; Ila Ingle 112, 434; Josie Hyde 66, 360; Eron White 168, 300; Dr. Doyal Williams 129, 61; Gladys Bonds 499b, 544b; Ada Godsey 161, 34t; Corene White 171, 216; Edward Cleghorn 159, 421; A. O. Tyree 189, 208.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 290 and 345t. Leaders: Hubert Hood 200, 569b; Arnold Moore 490, 460; Beatrice Brewer 298, 384; Cecil Sanders 225t; Nellie Alexander 176b, 335; Keterina Sanders 389, 146; Richard Mauldin 36b, 143; Tressie Adkins 222, 277; B. B. Mattox 430, 318.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading songs on pages 101t and 408.

Leaders: L. E. Hannah 385b, 310; Willodean Barton 480, 322; Mae Conwill 167, 475; Pernie Pelfrey 399b, 67; Mamie Jones 428, 442; Emily Jones 348b, 288; Amanda Denson 155, 273; Larry Ballinger 496 (for Ora Lee Fannin), 89; Dawson Adams 44, 39b; Azilee Adams 337, 317b; Elmer Conwill 500, 498; John Hyde 73t, 63. Kermit Adams led the closing song on page 45b. The class was dismissed with prayer by A. O. Tyree.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

FALL SACRED HARP SINGING
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans,
Louisiana
September 30, 1997

The singing was opened with Dr. Harry Eskew giving a short "fasola" lesson. Everyone sang the scale, and Dr. Eskew led song on page 49. Ben Caston offered the opening prayer.

Officers elected for the evening were: Chairman - Ben Caston; Secretary - Jeremy Gates.

Leaders: Ben Caston 59; Jeremy Gates 63; Dr. Ken Gabrielse 45; Dr. Harry Eskew 40; Dwain Rogers 128; Marsheta Lowery 358; Nancy Cleveland 85; Bruce Pruitt 72; Dr. Ken Gabrielse (in lieu of Dr. Becky Lombard) 236; Noah Hurst 73; Dr. Darryl Ferrington 207; Missy McDuffie 68; Shawn Priggel 155; Kanoot Midkiff 159; Scott Munson 457; Jennifer Screen 36; Marsheta Lowery (in memory of her father, Billy Beaty) 146; Dr. Ken Gabrielse 147. Dr. Harry Eskew led 62 for the closing song. Dr. James McClendon, Jr., visiting from Fuller Theological Seminary, closed the meeting in prayer.
Chairman - Ben Caston; Secretary - Jeremy Gates.

NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION
Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut
October 3-4, 1997

Friday, October 3

The twenty-second annual New England Convention was held at Wesleyan University. The Friday evening session was called to order by Chairman Neely Bruce leading songs on pages 147t and 274t.

Leaders: Susan Jaster 173; Dan Hertzler 276; Michael Kaye 569; Max Berueffy 171; Anna Patton 47b; Howard Katz 99; Cheryl Stroud 551; Becah Morrison 299; Paula McGray 28t; Walter S. Hartley 178; Jeff Colby 216; Leigh Tintle 228; Laura Densmore 86; Jean Seiler 455; Katie Shimizu 209; Paul Booth 410t; Laura Clawson 115; David Bliss 117.

RECESS

Neely Bruce brought the class to order for a special session in memory of Frits DeBohr leading songs on pages 37b, 250, 34b, 35, and 34t.

Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 242; Karen Snowberg 532; Edward Jessen 290; Francis R. Bliss 84; Patty Cuyler 198; Ian Smiley 95; Kelly House 442; Kyle Greenlee 31t; Richard Schmeidler 474; Mary Neville 163b; Barbara Benary 168; Leonard Spencer 504; Diane Mennella 228. Neely Bruce led 302 as the closing song.

Saturday, October 4

The morning session was called to order by Neely Bruce leading songs on pages 151 and 159. Leaders: Guy Banks 77b; Karen House 318; Ginny Landgraf 444; Hal Kunkel 426b; Gina Balestracci 112; Virginia Neville 272; Nathan Morrison 288; Lynnette Combs 280; Ginnie Ely 228; Charles Cofone 65; Jim Ulrich 569b; Jessica Holland 117; Seth Houston 183; Margaret Bornick 472; Berkley Moore 290; Mary-Alice Amidon 442; Ronald Bornick 299; Bob Parr 218; Neely Bruce 61.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Peter Amidon leading song on page 178. Leaders: Cath Oss 163t; Paul Gauthier 82t; Bill Holt 430; Susan Mampre 497; George Seiler 480; Tim Eriksen 83b; Laura Risk 345b; Bruce Randall 344; Bobbie Goodell 501; Peter Irvine 142; Susan Waters 31t; Anayis Joy Mampre Wright 551; Doron Henken 192; Laura Barber 147t; Glen Wright 474; Duncan Vinson 33b; Eliza Cavanaugh 30t.

LUNCH

Neely Bruce called the afternoon session together leading songs on pages 250, 200, and 335. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 324; Jim Desmond 163b; Ba Wheeler 268; Beth Slepian 155; Karen McArthur 48t; Hillary Olin 254.

At this time the class was turned over to Peter Amidon for the Memorial Lesson. Peter Amidon led "Millbrook" by Neely Bruce for the sick and shut-in: Ann Beasley Ballard, Phyllis Bruce, Winifred Bruner, Jonathan Dean-Lee, Anna Dziadik, Dorothy Goodell, Lucy Goodhue, Maureen Joy, Donald and Elsie Lawless, Bob Scorgie, Bill Wakefield, Susan Wantland, and Jo Weber.

Song on page 122 was led by Peter Amidon for those singers and friends who have passed away: Lois Berfield, Estes Benson, George Boardman, Frank Borchert, Lawrence Brooks, Dr. Julian Brunen, Elizabeth Ann Burke, Caroline Cho, Patricia Jean Cuyler, Diana, Princess of Wales, Frits DeBohr, Tony DeFusco, Clarence and Enid Dorscher, Jean Dorscher, Nina Dunbar, Maureen Joy, John Lundgren, Madolin McGray, Arthur Morgan, Barbara Owens, George Padrone, Joan Sanders, Quay Smathers, Betty Snowberg, Arthur Stauffer, Sr., Mother Theresa, Anna Timmerman, Carol Weller, Clarke Wilson, and Alice Yang. The Memorial Lesson was closed.

Leaders: Linda Delfs 445; Susan Jaster 124; Michael Kaye 49b; Max Berueffy 384; Anna Patton 73t; Howard Katz 362; Cheryl Stroud 350; Becah Morrison 538; Paula McGray 556; Walter Hartley 146; Jeff Colby 29b.

RECESS

Neely Bruce called the class back to order leading songs on pages 47t and 284. Leaders: Doron Henkin "Brier Island"; Seth Houston "Interstate"; Patty Cuyler "Ranks of Corn", "West Shore"; Roland Hutchinson "Ussher"; Hal Kunkel "Ten Thousand Charms". Announcements were made. Singing resumed with the following leaders: Minja Lausevic 198; Beth Carpenter 203; Jean Seiler 209; Laura Clawson 217; Francis Bliss 193; Katie Shimizu 300; Ian Smiley 454; Kelly House 378b; Kyle Greenlee 425b; Richard Schmeidler 334; Mary Neville 347; Barbara Benary 481; Leonard Spencer 70b; Diane Mannella 550. Neely Bruce led the closing song on page 62.

Co Chairmen - Neely Bruce and Phyllis Bruce; Secretaries - Kelly House and Jeff Colby.

COOPER BOOK SINGING **Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton, Alabama** **Saturday, October 4, 1997**

The class was brought to order by Rex Wilks and Mark Brown leading songs on pages 31t, 31b, and 49b. The morning prayer was offered by Lamar Smith.

Leaders: Coy Ivey 48t; Bud Oliver 47t, 440b; Lamar Smith 76b, 377b; Eddie Brown 84, 159; Loyd Ivey 535t, 540; Thurman Nall 451 and added 4th verse from 107; Milton Oliver 54t; Norma Latham 140, 500; Linda Thomas 573.

RECESS

Mark Brown brought the class to order leading song on page 68t. Leaders: Levon Wootten 28b, 498b; Virgil Phillips 137; Myra Dalton 478, 41; Syble Adams 542, 559; Billy Thompson 501; Karen Travis 517; Dewayne Wootten 143; Jonathan

Blakeley 39, 67; Opal Wooten 503; Cassie Franklin 511t, 567; Jerry Enright 416t, 436b; Rhonda Arnold 336t; Cindy Franklin 410, 522; Tony Ivey 398b; Marlon Wooten 49t. Mar Brown dismissed for lunch with song on page 369.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Mark Brown and Rex Wilks leading songs on pages 82 and 53. Leaders: John Etheridge 541; Stanley Smith 181, 263; Mark Brown "Beulah Land"; Tommie Spurlock 133, 183; Don Clark 378b, 50b; Johnny Lee 571, 505; Joe Nall 171, 99; Aubrey Barfield 497, 365; Flarce Creel 411; Billy Williams 54t; Phillip Cagle 572; Christy Blevins 563; Eloise Wooten and Loyd Ivey 511b; Melvin Stiefel 36b; Hershel Wooten "Gospel Waves"; Coy Ivey and Tyler Wilks 449; Thurman Nall 38t; Myra Dalton and Warren Meadows 344; Class "Don't Grieve Your Mother", "Mother Tell Me Of The Angels". Announcements were made. Mark Brown led "Trusting" as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Tony Ivey.

Chairmen - Rex Wilks and Mark Brown; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SACRED HARP SINGING

Boulder, Colorado

October 4-5, 1997

Saturday, October 4

The eighth Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Singing was held at Chautauqua Community House, Chautauqua Park on the first Sunday of October and Saturday before. There was a singing school conducted by Hugh McGraw at Boulder Junior Academy in Boulder on Friday evening, October 3rd, which was attended by 47 singers.

The singing on Saturday was opened by David McPherson leading song on page 59, followed by Daniel Davis leading 34b, after the opening prayer.

A short business meeting was held at which the following officers were elected:

Chairman - John Schaffer; Vice Chair - Mary Lou VanLaanen;

Secretary/Treasurer - Sandy Hill; Arranging - Howard Newell. Leaders: John Schaffer 391; Mary Lou VanLaanen 155; Sandy Hill 68b; Ed Stevens 50t; Mike Hinton 61; Joanne Hoover 72b; Don Klein 331; Carla Smith 153; Deborah Johnson 504; Dick Dunagan 565; Anita Sanders 492; Hugh McGraw 369; Kathryn Bowers 300; Jerry Schreiber 66; Margaret Bakker 551b.

RECESS

John Schaffer reconvened the class with song on page 150. Leaders: Kathy Krug 217; Leon Ballinger 387; Russ Nye 120; Carol Selleck 73t; Chris Kermiet, Sharon Kermiet, and Mallie 324; Rhonda Griswold (with children Loren and Shondene) 128; Mary Ann Evans 171; Amy Niedenbein 203; Val Dunagan 501; Jeanne Schaffer 178; Sandy Klein 142; Mimi Stevens 183; Jim Brock 344; Phyllis Gonigam 84; David McPherson 86; Dick Dunagan 108b; Kathryn Bowers 148; Ed Stevens 47b; Carla Smith 67; Kathy Krug 163t; Brent Wilson 268; Carol Selleck 290; Mike Hinton and David Denson 373; John Schaffer 291; Paul Ralston 272; Val Dunagan 151; Leon Ballinger 384; Joanne Hoover 277; Mary Ann Evans 29t; Deborah Johnson 147t; Russ Nye 28b. After the blessing, the class was dismissed for dinner.

LUNCH

The class was called together by John Schaffer with song on page 107. Leaders: Toby Tennenbaum "Hessie" (one of his original songs); Sandy Hill 497, 350; Don Klein 556, 163b; Hugh McGraw 569b; Sharon Kermiet 474, 216; Jeanne Schaffer 168, 213b; Anita Sanders 528, 91; Rhonda Griswold 159; Christopher

Maier 143, 117; Harlan Van Camp 32b, 189; Phyllis Gonigam 191, 454; Sandy Hill 47t.

RECESS

Toby Tennenbaum brought the class to order leading "Ouray" (his composition). Leaders: Margaret Bakker 338, 339; David McPherson 430, 312b; Carla Smith 441, 112; Russ Nye 535b; Dick Dunagan 475, 146; Mimi Stevens 440, 481; Sandy Klein 479. The day of singing was closed with a prayer.

Sunday, October 5

The Sunday session was called to order by John Schaffer leading song 40, followed by the opening prayer. Leaders: Deborah Johnson 207, 48t; Daniel Davis "Slow Traveler" (from Christian Harmony), "Sangre de Cristo" (his own composition); Ed Stevens 385b, 299; David McPherson 58, 378b; Kay Sirco 68b, 147t.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber reconvened the class with song on page 276. Leaders: Paul Ralston 200, 214; Jim Brock 31t, 354b; Carol Selleck 82b, 176b; Ed Stevens 46t, 65; Terry Griswold 159; Jeanne Schaffer 198, 49b; Mike Hinton 288, 340, 209, 371.

At this time the memorial service was held by Deborah Johnson and Connie Hilgefert. Connie Hilgefert and Hugh McGraw led songs on pages 209 and 371. Deborah Johnson and Sandy Klein led song on page 236. Sharon Kermiet led 375 and 547.

Leaders: Carla Smith 448b, 448t; Dick Dunagan 36b, 441; Margaret Bakker 452, 449; Harlan Van Camp "Bosque del Apache" (by Daniel Davis), 125; Anita Sanders 532, 350; Phyllis Gonigam 45t, 224; Lissa Callirhoe 306, 180.

LUNCH

John Schaffer began the afternoon session with song on page 30t. Leaders: Sandy Hill 335, 268; Joanne Hoover 56b, 313b; Hugh McGraw 567, 254; Mimi Stevens 546, 361; Toby Tennenbaum "Dove Creek" (his own composition); Mary Ann Evans 146, 278b; Leon Ballinger 212, 137; Carla Smith 217, 189; Val Dunagan 192, 294; Don Klein 347, 540.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by John Schaffer with song on page 440. Committee reports were given. Jerry Schreiber led "Happy Birthday" for Joanne Hoover. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 528, 260; Kathy Krug "Boulder" (a composition by Ted Johnson); John Schaffer 515. John Schaffer led song on page 62 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - John Schaffer; Vice Chair - Mary Lou VanLaanen;
Secretary/Treasurer - Sandy Hill; Chaplain - Deborah Johnson.

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Toledo, Illinois

October 4-5, 1997

Saturday, October 4

The thirteenth annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at the Cottonwood United Methodist Church, north of Toledo, Illinois with Chairperson Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 34b.

Karen Hojnacki recognized the following committees: Arranging Committee - John Bailey and Janet Fraembs on Saturday, and Lee Steinmetz and Mike Veech on Sunday; Food - Sue Miller and Don Baker; Site Selection - Don Baker and Don Bardsley; Signs - Don Bardsley; Social - John Bailey; Chaplains - Lee Steinmetz on Saturday and Don Bardsley on Sunday.

Chaplain Lee Steinmetz opened the convention with prayer and led song on page 565. Leaders: John Bailey 270; Janet Fraembs 475; Mike Veech 228; Don Bardsley 148; Molly Evans 454; Peggy Brayfield 87; Pete Ellertsen 207; Joan Aldridge 217; David Rust 163t; Janet Borman 178; Robert Meek 209; Patricia Doss-Butterfield 163; Jim Page 162; Lois Lee Ramsey 159.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 203. Leaders: John Ramsey 334; Mike Veech 148; Molly Evans 142; Jim Page 254; Lee Steinmetz 250; John Bailey 171; Peggy Brayfield 128; Terry Hogg 501b; Don Bardsley 474; Janet Borman 63; Robert Meek 268; David Rust 300; Joan Aldridge 198; Dean Slaton 220; Janet Fraembs 68b.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki brought the class back leading song on page 35. Leaders: John Bailey 46; Scott Smith 40; Mike Veech 168; Lois Lee Ramsey 111; D. J. Hatfield 430; Pattie Doss-Butterfield 384; Ted Mercer 103; Lee Steinmetz 491; Kiri Miller 504; Mike Veech 47t. Chaplain Lee Steinmetz asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Karen Hojnacki brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 480. Leaders: John Bailey 59; Peggy Brayfield 481; Ruth White 146; D. J. Hatfield 455; Dean Slayton 556; John Bealle 278t; John Hooker 433; Eloise Clark 133; Kiri Miller 47b; Scott Smith 299; Janet Borman 515b; Al Frank 56b; Terry Hogg 155; Molly Evans 277; Lee Steinmetz 496; Ted Mercer 521; Patricia Doss-Butterfield 335; David Rust 196.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki brought the class back leading song on page 421. Leaders: Don Bardsley 424; Bill Shetter 369; Ruth White 143; Bob Meek 236; John Ramsey 176; David Rust 260; Jim Page 193; Janet Fraembs 532; Mike Veech 145t; Dean Slayton 512; John Bealle 543; Eloise Clark 313b; John Hooker 432; Kiri Miller 276.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Ted Mercer 27; Al Frank 352b; Patricia Doss-Butterfield 377; Terry Hogg 112; D. J. Hatfield 379; Pete Ellertsen 312b.

Following announcements, Karen Hojnacki led song on page 347 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lee Steinmetz.

Sunday, October 5

The Sunday morning session was called to order by Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 171. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Don Bardsley. Don Bardsley led songs on pages 49t and 176.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 91, 441; John Bailey 340, 535; Mike Veech 147t, 147b; Lee Steinmetz 68b, 49b; Peggy Brayfield 195, 66; Molly Evans 142, 107; Lori Greber 569b, 335.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki called the class together leading song on page 228. Leaders: Jan Ketelle 48b, 200; Kiri Miller 117, 344; Dean Slaton 348b, 112; Dave Ressler 29t, 383; Ted Mercer 317, 216; Jo Dell Albi 299, 352; D. J. Hatfield 172, 327; Al Frank 360, 361; Jeanette Lowry 430, 411; Eloise Clark 524, 501.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki called the class back to order leading song on page 217. The memorial lesson was given. John Ramsey spoke for the deceased and led song on page 288. Ted Mercer led song on page 74b for the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Jerome Colburn 229; James Page 268, 95.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Janet Borman 63, 192; John Bealle 34t, 442; D. J. Hatfield 394, 163t; Ted Mercer 151, 111b; Kiri Miller 155, 455; Dean Slaton 460, 179; Jeanette Lowry 270, 276; Al Frank 376, 113; Jo Dell Albi 122, 101t; Dave Ressler 385t, 384.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 475. Leaders: James Page 505, 550; Jerome Colburn 42; Lori Greber 148, 178; Don Bardsley 28t, 489; Janet Fraembs 497, 378b; John Bailey 448b, 532; Ruth White 551, 28b.

Reports were given. Don Baker gave the Financial Report.

The Resolutions Committee, James Page and Janet Borman, thanked all who had worked so hard to make the convention a success, all who had come from near and far to sing, and Cottonwood United Methodist Church for the use of their beautiful building, and their willing assistance in the kitchen.

Following announcements for future singings, the class shared the "Parting Hand", and was dismissed with prayer by Don Bardsley.

Chairperson - Karen Hojnacki; Secretary - Janet Fraembs.

ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, AND HYATT MEMORIAL Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama October 5, 1997

The thirty-first 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 song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Terry Hullett led songs on pages 29t and 31t. Leaders: Jewel Wootten, Roie Alexander, and Joy Hullett 87, 101t, 340; Roy Nelson 321, 97; Thurman Nall 523, 503; Stanley Smith 500, 373; Martha Woodard 74t, 75; Henry Johnson 569b, 338; Louise Nelson 350, 282; Joe Nall 276, 216; Tommie Spurlock 446, 440; Aubrey Barfield 283, 351; Margie Smith 335, 393; Eron White 436, 408.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t, 480; Virgil Phillips 475; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Flarce Creel 269, 454; Velton Chafin 439, 225t; Ann Jett 141, 495; Freeman Wootten 448b, 448t; Corene White 317, 403; B. M. Smith 473, 384; Milton Oliver 270, 222; Lonnie Rogers 137, 560; Henry Guthery 558, 465; Jeff Sheppard 460, 549. Terry Hullett read a card of thanks from the children of Mrs. Nora Collett to the Sacred Harp singers who sang at her funeral.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Elder Philip Gilmore leading songs on pages 272, 47b, 47t, 39t, and 39b. Jeff Sheppard led 549 in memory of the late George Phillips. Leaders: Eloise Wootten 171, 299; Harrison Creel 530, 498; Bob Watkins and Virgil Phillips 64, 37t; Loyd Ivey 66, 438; Marlon Wootten 31b, 441; Eloise Avery 108t, 426b; Leola Smith 43, 113; Linda Thomas 48t; Elder Marshall Avery 85, 278b; Marie Hyatt 30t, 145b; Carmon Brothers 354b, 175; Herb Bailey 70t; Paula Gilmore 29t, 144; Lydia Baswell 168; Lawrence Underwood 300, 434; Terry Hullett 189, 384. Members of the Alexander family

led song on page 68b for 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
Near Lynn, Alabama (County Road 17)
October 5, 1997

The thirty-ninth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Sardis Church on the first Sunday in October, and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 111b. The morning prayer was led by Homer Miles. The class elected or appointed the following officers: Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Travis Keeton led song on page 179. Leaders: John Hocutt 145b, 312b; Arnold Moore 460, 480; Mae Conwill 206, 314; Keterina Sanders 317b, 454; Clarence McCool 318, 349; A. A. Malone 183, 203; Lena Wakefield 498, 475; Lucy Heidorn 136, 30t; Cecil Sanders 482; Doyle Williams 36b, 137 (in memory of Tom and Lola Roberson); Earl Ballinger 176b, 177; Johnny Humber 288, 146; Josie Hyde 225t, 155.

The pastor of the church, Glenn Bridgeman, welcomed everyone to Old Sardis Church. He read from the Bible and made a nice talk on how the words of the songs were taken from the Bible and inspire our hearts as we sing.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steve Miles leading song on page 240. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 119, 113; Gene Wakefield 332, 102; Ila Ingle 382 (in memory of her mother, Annie Harper), 436 (in memory of her dad, Tom Harper); Tressie Adkins 336, 217, 78; Odie V. Horton 108t, 108b; Elmer Conwill (in memory of Uncle Tom Harper) 411, 500; Marie Aldridge 192, 316.

LUNCH

John Hyde called the class to order leading songs on pages 75 and 73t. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 270, 40; Billy Williams 294, 64; Homer Miles 147t, 373; Gwenn Cornelison 143, 100; Sandy Mobley 445, 65; Brenda Matthews 45t; Beth Mobley 46, 385b; Kermit Adams 384; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 298; Ila Ingle and Dwight Ingle 358, 112 (in memory of Tom Harper); Cecil Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Faye Donaldson, Julie Postom, Betty Baccus, Ashley Cook, and Julie Cook (sons, daughters, and grandchildren of S. L. and Catherine Wakefield) 141, 59, 282. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Steve Miles.

Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

LOUISIANA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 5, 1997

The eighth annual Louisiana State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by the President, Jim Fields, who gave a review of the notes. Harry Eskew led the opening prayer.

The singing began with the following leaders called: Jim Fields 401; A. E. Probst 66; Regina Glass 209; Ben Burroughs 155; Elizabeth Muhleisen 186; Nancy Van Den Akker 383; Wanda Gregg 460; Bill Hogan 99; Ginny Fields 323b; Bruce Pruitt 354b; Jeremy Gates 63; Noah Hurst 49t; Harry Eskew 47b; R. J. Wade

452b; William L. Green 435; John Merritt 565; Brenda Merritt 300; Brad Pope 198.

RECESS

A business session was held and the following officers were retained: Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Frances Roper; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker. The financial report was presented and suggestions were made for promotion of Sacred Harp in the Baton Rouge area.

Singing resumed with the following leaders called: Jim Fields 117; A. E. Probst 268; Regina Glass 69t; Dwain Rogers 128; Missy McDuffie 81t; Ben Burroughs 200; Elizabeth Muhleisen 480; John Merritt 64. Jim Fields led grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jim Fields leading song on page 35. Harry Eskew and Wanda Gregg presented the memorial lesson. Song on page 119 was led for the deceased: Joan Howey, Herman Smith, Janice Nelson, Susan Wantland, Cleo Corss, and Elode Slaughter; sick and shut-in: Myrtle Ann Beasley Ballard and Horace DeLong. Bruce Pruitt closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 383; Wanda Gregg 28b; Bill Hogan 220; Ginny Fields 59; Bruce Pruitt 79; Noah Hurst 395; Harry Eskew 143; R. J. Wade 39b; Brenda Merritt 535b; Brad Pope 291; Jim Fields 58; A. E. Probst 178; Regina Glass 168; Elizabeth Muhleisen 455; John Merritt 358; Nancy Van Den Akker 384; Wanda Gregg 236; Bill Hogan 29t; Ginny Fields 45t; Harry Eskew 146; Brenda Merritt 378b; Brad Pope 34b; Jim Fields 339 and 254.

Jim Fields led song on page 62 for the closing song.

Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Frances Roper; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

YELLOW SPRINGS

Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio

October 11, 1997

The fifteenth semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order by John Bealle leading song on page 84.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - John Bealle; Secretary - Paul Foster; Arranging Committee - Linda Coppock.

Leaders: Marlene Rust 66, 276; Linda Coppock 313b, 196; Paul Foster 29t, 312b; David Rust 34t, 373; David Wright 53, 39t; Pauline Childers 137, 212; Henry Schuman 81t, 388; Mike Hieber 448b, 445.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class back to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Debbie Hall 147t, 284; Charles Wells 551, 38b; Bob Swope 293, 192; Eloise Clark 344, 475; Fred Todt 481, 480; Barbara Bowers 348t, 497; Stephanie Hysmith 74b, 269; Charles Knecht 397, 453. The class was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Charles Knecht.

LUNCH

John Bealle called the class back to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Xander Knecht 100; Kathy Knecht 477; John Bayer 417, 458; John Bealle 234, 217; Marlene Rust 107; Paul Foster 332; Pauline Childers 318; Linda Coppock 542; David Rust 365; David Wright 442; Michael Darby 504; Mike Hieber 142; Debbie Hall 45t.

RECESS

Linda Coppock called the class back to order leading song on page 71. Leaders: Charles Wells 49b; Bob Swope 198; Eloise Clark and Pauline Childers 216, 498; Henry Schuman 102; Fred Todt 85; Barbara Bowers 155; Stephanie Hysmith 148; Charles Knecht 430; John Bayer 503; Kathy Knecht 183; Michael Darby and Laura Russell 535; Marlene Rust 28t; John Bealle 543.

RECESS

The class reassembled to sing songs from the Cooper Book. Leaders: Henry Schuman 500, 571; Pauline Childers 572; John Bayer 422t, 392; John Bealle 140; Linda Coppock 393t; Fred Todt 163b; John Bayer 497.

The class concluded the afternoon by singing from the Denson Book. Leaders: David Rust 144; Bob Swoper 178; Paul Foster 377; Charles Wells 569b; David Wright 434; Cleve and Janet Callison 84; Henry Schuman and Pauline Childers 114, 288; Stephanie Hysmith 267; John Bayer 385b; John Bealle 347. The class was dismissed with prayer by Paul Foster.

Chairman - John Bealle; Secretary - Paul Foster.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE **Clinton, Mississippi** **October 11, 1997**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mississippi College was called to order by Mark Davis leading songs on pages 37b, 36b, and 274. The opening prayer was led by Mark Davis. Leaders: Mark Davis 87; Jean Gray 108t, 418; Durward Scarborough 240, 45t; Ben Burroughs 155, 178, 200; Wilma Mitchell 145b, 147t, 120.

RECESS

Singing resumed with leaders: Mark Davis 299; Tim Gray 46, 40, 460; Regina Glass 117, 30b; Junie McNeil 288, 145t; Esther Mann 426t, 85, 32t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Davis leading songs on pages 146 and 126. Leaders: Dennis Cranford 277, 229, 81t; Lewis Oswalt 128, 82t, 63; Mark Davis 254; Jean Gray 297, 434; Durward Scarborough 339; Ben Burroughs 66, 192; Tim Gray 358; Regina Glass 144; Junie McNeil 58, 64; Esther Mann 569b, 480, 438; Dennis Cranford 47b, 209; Michael Mosby 159; Jinie Choy 49b; Tia Mosby 39t; Wilma Mitchell 47t, 61. Announcements were made. Mark Davis led songs on pages 189 and 314 for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lewis Oswalt.

Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Lewis Oswalt.

SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL SINGING **Goleta, California** **Saturday, October 11, 1997**

The second annual Santa Barbara Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on Saturday before the second Sunday in October at the Live Oak Unitarian Society in Goleta, California. Tom Oswald brought the class to order leading songs on pages 209 and 268. Chaplain Carri Patterson Grindon offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held, and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Tom Oswald; Vice Chairman - Victoria Oswald; Secretary - Carla Smith; Arranging Committee - Laura Boyd Russell; Memorial Committee - Mary Rose O'Leary; Finance Committee - John Oswald; Locating Committee - Victoria Oswald.

Leaders: Natalie Hall 306, 186; Jerry Schreiber 133, 120; Mary Rose O'Leary 189, 385; John Ostwald 49t, 107; Carri Patterson Grindon 39b, 332; Carolyn Deacy 504, 290; Rick Russell 183, 503.

RECESS

Laura Boyd Russell brought the class together leading song on 111b. Leaders: Erica Smith 49b, 87; Victoria Ostwald 236, 260; Stephen O'Leary 300, 340; Carla Smith 29b, 35; Al Patterson Grindon 58, 24b; Betty Herman 442, 29t. Mary Rose O'Leary held a memorial lesson, and led song on page 329 in memory of the deceased: California - Marilou Jolly, Margaret Loughlin, Troy McKissick, and Giddies Bailey; New York - Pamela Veerhiser; India - Mother Theresa; Britain - Princess Diana.

Sick and shut-in: California - Pete Esten and Jane Buerge; Virginia - Elisabeth Callahan.

LUNCH

Tom Ostwald brought the class together leading song on page 40. Leaders: Jan Hecksel 299, 63; Dave Troy 34b, 36t; Jean Olsen 154, 155; Linda Mercer 178; Laura Boyd Russell 298, 272; Tom Ostwald 59; John Snyder 297, 156; Nancy Snyder 114, 142; Victoria Ostwald 146; Al Patterson Grindon 66; "Happy Birthday" to Rick Russell; Carolyn Deacy 168.

RECESS

Tom Ostwald brought the class together leading song on 47b. Leaders: Tom Ostwald 254; Carri Patterson Grindon 122; Rick Russell 269; Janice Hecksel 324; John Ostwald 117; Betty Herman 547; Jerry Schreiber 567; Carla Smith 597; Stephen O'Leary 512; Mary Rose O'Leary 318; Natalie Hall 273; Carri, Al, and Lucy Patterson Grindon 213; Tom Ostwald 126, 276.

After announcements, Tom Ostwald led 62 as the closing song. Carri Patterson Grindon offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - Tom Ostwald; Vice Chairman - Victoria Ostwald; Secretary - Carla Smith.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION **Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg,** **Tennessee** **October 11-12, 1997**

Saturday night, October 11

Singing is in Cooper Book. No minutes were recorded.

Sunday, October 12

The third annual Tennessee State Singing Convention was held at Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee on the second Sunday and Saturday before in October. The Sunday singing was called to order by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading song on page 34b. The morning prayer was led by Clayton Ezell.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 39t; Clayton Ezell 278t, 300, 480; Gordon Wilkerson 170, 171; Melissa Allured 347, 147t; Elvin Guthrie 147b, 391, 566; Michelle Cull 339, 178, 141; Cecil Sanders 225t; Ann Jett 495, 448b, 40; David Roberson 340, 220; Keterina Sanders 290, 454.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Thurman Nall leading songs on pages 276 and 285t. Leaders: Flarce Creel 299, 475; Henry Guthery 101t, 100; Marie Guthrie 192, 434; Harrison Creel 530, 111b; Eldagene Roberson 203, 215; Milton Oliver 321, 206; Margie Norwood 119, 452b; Brenda Waters 209, 354b; Lomax

Ballinger 565, 168; Wanda Capps 546, 222; Sherry Guthery 58, 64; O. C. Thomas 122, 445.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading songs on pages 515 and 189. Leaders: Lora Cargo 498, 460, 269; Clay Mattox 378t, 59; Marilyn Burchett 294, 324; Sandi Scott 117, 38b; Laris Ezell 45t, 358; Scotty Guthery and Charity Guthery 72b, 49t, 108; Marie Aldridge 336, 217, 436; Judge Otis Knippers "Not Made With Hands"; Diane Ezell 137; Debra Sides 84, 73b; Anita Shadix 235, 551; Henry Cobb 37b, 47b; Thurman Nall 503; Harrison Creel 342; John Giles 112, 144; Henry Guthery 149. Tim Reynolds led song on page 312b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Harrison Creel. Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkerson; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama October 12, 1997

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 songs on pages 37b and 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Felton Denney. B. M. Smith led songs on pages 81t and 101t; Shelbie Sheppard 142, 202.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 82t; Margie Smith 493, 69b; Pearl Guier 358, 143; Jimmy Cates 137, 155; Jan Ketelle 73t, 492; B. J. Harris 225t, 303; Carlene Griffin 516; Johnny Wright and Gaylon Barrow 159, 294; Melanie Hauff 27, 392; George Garner 112, 269.

RECESS

B. M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 475. Leaders: Felton Denney 231, 523; Lee Rogers 158, 368; Lou Cotney 172, 497; Louis Hughes 564, 179; Louise Nelson 145t, 282; Henry Johnson 68b, 388; Marcia Johnson 113, 434; Phillip Langley 224, 436; Evelyn Harris 59, 32t; Roy Nelson 321, 498; Charlene Wallace 387, 570 (in memory of Willie Mae McClendon).

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 432. Leaders: B. M. Smith 284; Lonnie Rogers 389, 348b; Pam Nunn 365, 200; Bobby Bailey 77b, 394; Judy Mincey 464, 540; S. T. Reed 60, 69t; Sheri Taylor 482, 216; Richard DeLong 407, 399; Rene Greene 217, 313t; Harvey Austin 566, 335; Virginia Dyer 192, 528; Everette Denney 161, 489; Estelle Flowers 212, 306; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Bonnie Flowers 337, 495; Don Bowen 283, 386; Louise Holland 63, 168; Liz Bryant 384, 349; Falon Dyer 146, 401; Nancy Allen 153; Jan Ketelle 440; Melanie Hauff 347; Marcia Johnson 171. 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 Roy Nelson.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

CHESNUT GROVE CHURCH
Ider, Alabama
October 12, 1997

The seventy-first 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-Chairmen Shawn Carroll and Billy Thompson leading songs on pages 45t, 47t, and 335. Pastor Ralph Heard welcomed the congregation, and Brother Jeffrey Wootten led the class in prayer. Shawn Carroll and Billy Thompson led song on page 31t. Leaders: Jeffrey Wootten 101t; Vickie Mitchell 29t and 136 (for Winnie Blevins); Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Jenny Wootten 300, 559 (Cooper Edition); Rex Wilks 47b; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Jackie Tanner 56t, 108t.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Shawn Carroll and Billy Thompson leading songs on 155 and 448b. Leaders: Lorene Gothard and Alice McCurdy 123b, 201b; Dewayne Wootten 348b, 138b; Mark Brown, Andrew Brown, and Matthew Brown 128, 145b; Rodney Ivey 270, 475; Carla Thumre, Loretta Smith, and Amy Smith 37b; Chris Carroll 48t; Marty Wootten 312b, 100; John Henry Busby "Jesus Died For Me", 319; Phil Summerlin 142; Cindy Franklin 198, 220; Coy Ivey "Trusting", 449 (Cooper Edition); Steve Schmidgall 505 (Cooper Edition), 369. Pastor Ralph Heard asked the noon blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Co-Chairmen Shawn Carroll and Billy Thompson leading songs on 28b and 501 (Cooper Edition).

For the Memorial Lesson, Terry Wootten led "Love At Home" in memory of Beulah Lea and Dick Blevins.

Leaders: Terry Wootten 345b; Levon Wootten 350, 448t; Karen Ivey 120, "Willie"; Erika Mitchell 87; Cassie Franklin 436b (Cooper Edition), 140 (Cooper Edition); David Ivey "Brown"; Vester Jones and grandsons, Rodney Ivey and David Ivey 58; Rodney Ivey and David Ivey 441 (for Vester Jones); Freeman Wootten 277; Myra Dalton 48b, 49b; Brenda Carroll 163t, 384; Richard Ivey and Niels Hauff 145t, 222; Christy Blevins 84; Shane Wootten 56b, 213b; Allison Ivey 215, 546; Floyd Peters 282, "Land of Beulah" ("Angel Band"); Stuart Ivey 137, 480; Norma Latham 573 (Cooper Edition); Charles Stiefel 290; Mark Brown "Beulah Land" by request and 490 for Kim Hall who is shut-in; Melvin Stiefel 385b; Terry Wootten and Mark Brown 571 (Cooper Edition).

Coy Ivey and David Ivey were selected as Co-Chairmen for the 1998 session. Co-Chairmen Billy Thompson and Shawn Carroll led 572 (Cooper Edition) as the closing song, and the singing was dismissed with prayer by Brother Donald Carroll.

Co-Chairmen - Shawn Carroll and Billy Thompson; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING

Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama
October 12, 1997

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October, and was called to order by Glenn and Pamela Keeton leading songs on pages 59 and 72b.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Co-Chairpersons - Glenn Keeton and Pamela Keeton; Secretary - Ashley Keeton; Arranging Committee -

Joshua Keeton and Arthur Gilmore; Chaplain - Elder Philip Gilmore; Memorial Committee - Jimmie Gilmore.

Elder Philip Gilmore led the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton and Pam Keeton led song on page 143. Leaders: Joshua Keeton 268, 189; Ashley Keeton 159, 274t; Jimmie Gilmore 348b, 378t; Travis Keeton 379, 235; A. A. Malone 34t, 565b; Arthur Gilmore "Jesus Died For Me", 217; Ila Ingle 434, 436; George Claghorn 63, 445b; Mae Conwill 123, 129.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Pam Keeton leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Clarence McCool 39b, 328; Philip and Paula Gilmore 39t, 285t; Philip Gilmore 441; B. B. Mattox 168, 186.

The memorial lesson was held. Jimmie Gilmore and Garnsey McGough led 61 for Ethel McGough who is sick, 145 in memory of Lavada Gilmore, and 153 in memory of the Harper family; Glenn Keeton 317 in memory of J. L. Abrams; Gene Wakefield 138t in memory of Sim Wakefield; A. C. McGough and Butch McGough 290 in memory of Robert and Lily McGough; Pamela Keeton 382 in memory of Martha Harper; Jimmie Gilmore, Philip Gilmore, and Pam Keeton 177 in memory of Joe Harper; Elmer Conwill 500 in memory of Tom Harper.

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton called the class back leading song on page 231. Dorothea McCowan led 421 for the sick and shut-ins: Myrtle Ann Ballard, Mae Seymour, and Ethel McGough.

Leaders: John Hocutt 144, 27; Larry Ballinger 119, 139; Willodean Barton 454; Lena Wakefield 121, 546; Josie Hyde 225, 183; Billy Williams 78, 299; Marlin Beasley 146, 68; Elmer Conwill 411; Dorothea McCowan 490, 529; Chuck Beasley 30t, 33; Dwight Ingle 373, 530.

RECESS

John Beasley called the class back together leading songs on pages 100 and 101. Leaders: Dustin McCowan 354; Odie V. Horton 97, 403; Amanda Denson 270, 322; Clifford Wakefield 40, 43; Kermit Adams 426, 220; Janet Jones 32, 283.

Glenn Keeton led songs on pages 316 and 62 for the closing songs as the class shook hands. The class was dismissed with prayer by Glenn Keeton.

We would like to thank everyone for helping make this comeback singing possible. Hope to see all of you next year.

Co-Chairpersons - Glenn Keeton and Pamela Keeton; Secretary - Ashley Keeton.

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

**Ithaca, New York
October 17-18, 1997
Friday, October 17**

The ninth annual New York State Convention was called to order on Friday evening by Eric Bean leading song on page 87. George Seiler led the opening prayer. Eric Bean then led song on page 47t and welcomed everyone to the convention.

Leaders: Jean Seiler 34b; Roland Hutchinson 479; Howard Katz 492; Paula McGray 295; Gina Balestracci 28t; Allen Fannin 112; Richard Schmeidler 155; Diane Mennella 229; Bruce Randall 300; Barbara Swetman 318; Dan Hertzler 287; Ginnie Ely 391; Bill Holt 217; Bob Parr 50t; Dennis Leipold 189; Donna Abrahams with Joni Seidenstein 192; Guy Bankes 276; George Seiler 268; Laura Densmore 99; Dan Brittain 304; Scott Luscombe 497; Bill Stephens 30t; Linda Delfs 31t; Borage Olsen and Linda Delfs 28b.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Eric Bean leading song on page 324. Leaders: Susan Bingham 46; Ron Bornick 159; Kathleen Hepburn 45t; Margaret Bornick 107; Diane Stebbins 63; Howard Katz 220; Linda Delfs 400; Paula McGray with Jean Jackson 72b; Gina Balestracci 73t; Diane Mennella 336; Bruce Randall 142; Barbara Swetman 196; Dan Hertzler 183; Ginnie Ely 328; Bill Holt 419; Bob Parr 475; Dennis Leipold 480; Donna Abrahams 66; Guy Bankes 68b; Buraage Olsen 191; Laura Densmore 228; George Seiler 178. The closing prayer was given by George Seiler.

Saturday, October 18

The class reassembled with Dan Brittain leading song on page 31t. George Seiler gave the opening prayer.

Dan Brittain conducted the singing school leading songs on pages 29t, 59, 445, 408, 73t, 482, 302, 434, 488, 441. Comparisons were made between the Sacred Harp and 5th edition 1909 (J. L. White). Dan Brittain led songs 28b - "Wells" (5th), 31t - "Ninety-Third Psalm" (5th), 82t, 456, 387, 329, 291, 454, 447, 460, 240, 227, 225, 68b, 399b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Eric Bean leading songs on pages 49t and 433. Leaders: Ginny Huszagh 142; Chris Haller 351; Janet Shipman 178; Hal Kunkel 317; Kathy Forrest 47t; Jason Law 122; Allen Fannin 495; Linda Delfs 179; Margaret Bornick 236; Scott Luscombe 195; Laura Densmore 350.

The memorial lesson was given by Jean Seiler leading song on page 66 in memory of: Jeremy Werbin, Arthur Stauffer, Peter Kahn, John Hayward, Rick Palmer, and Jean DePalma - New York; Madolin McGray - Massachusetts; Julian Bruner and Clarke Wilson - Iowa; John Lundgren - Pennsylvania; Quay Smathers - North Carolina. Dianne Mennella led song on page 86 for the sick and shut-in: Susan Wantland and Tom Padwa - Maryland; Mary Hulburt - Virginia; Ann Beasley Ballard - Alabama; Shirley Wensman - Minnesota; Harriet Henry - New York; Jane Williamson MacDonald - Maine; Lucy Goodhue - Massachusetts; Laura Budai - Tennessee. Jean Seiler led song on page 285. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Eric Bean leading song on page 148. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 173; Dennis Leipold 132; Richard Schmeidler 474; Kathy Chillemi 146; Tim Brown 38t; George Seiler 168; Ron Bornick 299; Dan Brittain 513; Ginnie Ely 454; Dan Hertzler 430; Susan Bingham 455; Roland Hutchinson 504; Howard Katz 203; Jean Seiler 200; Paula McGray 408; Diane Mennella 436; Bill Holt 224; Bruce Randall 212; Barbara Swetman 354b; Bob Parr 502; Donna Abrahams 440; Guy Bankes 344; Buraage Olsen 479; Chris Haller 56b; Jason Law 49b.

RECESS

Eric Bean brought the class together leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 491; Janet Shipman 198; Allen Fannin 442; Ginny Huszagh 217; Kathy Forrest 155; Linda Delfs 551; Scott Luscombe 573; Laura Densmore 542; Dennis Leipold 532.

A count by state was taken: Massachusetts-5; New Hampshire-1; New Jersey-3; New York-38; Pennsylvania-4; Vermont-2; DC-1. First-timers: 10-12.

Leaders: Gina Balestracci 106; Richard Schmeidler 84; Margaret Bornick 313; Kathy Chillemi 31t; Tim Brown 143; George Seiler 347; Ron Bornick 277; Ginnie Ely 196; Dan Hertzler 38b; Susan Bingham 209; Roland Hutchinson

553; Jean Seiler 569; Howard Katz 362; Diane Mennella 73b; Paula McGray 134; Bill Holt 211.

DISMISSED FOR SUPPER

The evening class began with new songs.

Leaders: Hal Kunkel "Shepherd's Joy" (Kunkel); Roland Hutchinson "Ussher" or "The World's Birth-Day"; Scott Luscombe "Brill" (Luscombe); Bruce Randall "Leeds" (Randall); Linda Delfs "Brier Island" (Henkin); Gina Ballestracci "Hallelujah New" (Hutchinson). Announcements of future singings were made. The class continued with Eric Bean leading song on page 70b.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 87; Christopher Wesolowski 107; Donna Abrahams and Gina Balestracci 365; Bob Parr 270; Guy Bankes 481; Chris Haller 523; Janet Shipman 180; Allen Fannin 340; Kathy Forrest 268; Laura Densmore 528; Dennis Leipold 254; Margaret Bornick 24b; Kathy Chillemi 40; Tim Brown 361; Ron Bornick 186; George Seiler 480; Ginnie Ely 273; Donna Abrahams 272; Dan Hertzler 547; Susan Bingham 159.

Richard Schmeidler of the Resolutions Committee then thanked all those involved with various aspects of the convention.

Eric Bean led song on page 62 and those who wished took the parting hand.

George Seiler then closed the convention with prayer.

Submitted by: Jennifer Cook.

TRI-STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION (GEORGIA, FLORIDA, ALABAMA) - COOPER BOOK

Hoboken, Georgia

October 18, 1997

The singing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by David Lee and Clarke Lee leading song on page 393b. A welcome address was given by David Lee, and the class then sang the scale. David Lee and Clarke Lee led 567 and 28b while walking time. The morning prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts. Kathy Lee led song on page 31t; Julie Lee 159; Amy Lee 285t.

Leaders: J. A. Mosley 575; Shelbie Sheppard 38b; Charles Brewer 489; Johnny Lee 41; Janine Smith 191; Eugene Hickox 336t; Thomas Willard 392; B. M. Smith 559; Kathryn Keller 488b; Thurman Nall 287.

RECESS

David Lee and Clarke Lee brought the class to order leading song on page 391.

Leaders: Norma Latham 84; Reba Windom 505; Alice Mosley 343b; Jesse Roberts 434; Kathy Wallace 77t; Lane Albritton 348t; Faye Pettis 377t; Steven Labato 506; Stanley Smith 156; Becca Herrin 45t; Steven Levine 563; Helen Bryson 484b; Bill Farris 401; Marcia Johnson 38t (walked time).

David Lee talked about Silas Lee and his contribution to Sacred Harp singing in this area over the last 60 to 70 years of his life, and our sorrow at his passing away this past spring. We sang 53 in his memory.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class together leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Syble Adams 572; Jason Deal 58; Judy Mincey 140; Hannah Lee, Rachel Lee, and Sarah Hickox 511t; Bob Bonnell 133; Jenny Willard 562b; Otis Hester 383; Jessica, Ashley, and Hannah Roberts 203; Tim Meeks 235; Mary Elizabeth Lee 276; Melanie Hauff 218; Terry Herrin 500; Kit Pfau 410.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with David Lee leading song on page 478. Leaders: Keith Willard 416t; Don Bowen 393t; Pat Morse 132; Aubrey Barfield 306; Kathy

Williams 300; Jim Pfau 524; Coy Ivey and grandchildren 87; Rodney Carter and Brian Lee 571, 574; Marlon Wootten 99; Joe Nall 536; Sharon Kellam 199; Bryant Lee 360 (walked time); Bill Aplin made some remarks regarding the history of this convention and then led 372; Susie Jacobs 451; Tommie Spurlock 98; Roy Nelson 82.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class together by leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 142; Ruell Lee 358; Lee Rogers 494; Wendell Hickox 505; Charles Franklin 176t; Elizabeth Lobato 138t; Tollie Lee 319 (walked time); Teresa Coats 492; Karen Martin 106; John Plunkett 455t; Brent Tozzer 48b; Arlene Strickland 282; Steve Parker 49b; Liz Bryant 50b; Linda Thomas 573; Ann Barnett 507b; David Lee and Clarke Lee 137 for Virgil Phillips.

David Lee and Clarke Lee thanked everyone for coming. Announcements were made. Our next annual singing will be held here in March 1999 instead of 1998 as had been previously announced.

The next session of the Tri-State Convention will be held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Defuniak Springs, Florida.

David Lee and Clarke Lee led 527 as the closing song, and walked time. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Jimmy Carter.

Chairman - David Lee and Clarke Lee; Secretaries - Julie Lee and Amy Lee.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION-OREGON

Portland, Oregon

October 18-19, 1997

Saturday, October 18

The sixth annual session of the Pacific Northwest Convention-Oregon was held at the Sellwood Community Center on the third Sunday of October and the Saturday before. Chairman Marie Brandis opened the session and introduced Richard DeLong.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. DeLong as he conducted a singing school from 9:45 a.m. to noon. Four young visitors from Massachusetts: Laura Risk, Peter Irvine, Tim Eriksen, and Cath Oss, experienced Sacred Harp singers, each led a song before continuing on their journey to Ashland, Oregon.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Marie Brandis leading song on page 82.

The following appointments were made: Finance Committee - Katharine Hough and Mark Anderson; Resolutions - Reed Schibach; Memorial Committee - Karen Willard and Marcia Cutler.

Leaders: David Hough 384; Kate Moore 551; Karen Willard 148; John Kellermann 56b; Katharine Hough 196; Jack Lofton 276; Jean Murphy 47b; John Carson 324; Hugh McGuire 332; Kathy Black 361; Gary Plouff 106; Bruce Rowland 532; James Brock 31t; Anne Huckins 142; Reed Schilbach 312b; Jinx McGuire 28b; Jim Van Horn 178.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Marie Brandis leading song on page 303.

Leaders: Darlene Simpson-Brown 494; Shannon McGuire 117; Kurt Liebezeit 155; Craig Brandis 49b; Suzanne Denker 504; Hugh McGuire 57; Susan Helf 163b; Jack Lofton 362; Karen Willard 171; David Jensen 179; Richard DeLong 387.

RECESS

Marie Brandis brought the class back with song on page 480. Leaders: Katharine Hough 378b; Jean Murphy 385b; John Carson 143; David Hough 68. After announcements, the class was dismissed with prayer by David Zawarski.

Sunday, October 19

The convention was brought back into session by Marie Brandis leading songs on pages 34b and 59. The morning prayer was led by David Zawarski.

Richard DeLong led an Introductory Lesson: 39b, 39t, 41, 439, 458, 375, 318, and 542.

Leaders: Susan Helf 47t, 66; Kate Moore 186, 481; Hugh McGuire 123, 119; Katharine Hough 376, 183; Peggy Bruton 38b; Suzanne Denker 147t; Craig Brandis 58, 141; Ken Cofield 268, 29t; Jack Lofton 48t, 380; Jean Murphy 267; John Carson 146, 63; Kathy Vlach 122, 198; David Hough 440, 475.

The memorial lesson was given by Karen Willard and Marcia Cutler. They began by reading the list of sick and shut-in: Agnes Soderberg, Dario Landazuri, Shelbie Kane, Susan Wantland, Myrtle Ann Beasley Ballard, Mary Hurlburt, Tom Ross, Betty Chamberlain, Mary Joe Ross, Janet Partlow, Duane Cavanaugh, and Inez McGuire. Karen Willard led songs on pages 340 and 83t for the sick.

Karen Willard gave remarks regarding those who have passed away since our last convention. Those remembered were: Brenda Allen-Thompson, Dennis Gorgas, and Bruce Marshall - Washington; Audrey Kocarnik and Carol Buehl - Oregon; Jane Stickney Nidorf - California; Barry Sullivan - Colorado; Audrey Stedham - Iowa; Casyle Wiggins - Texas; Haley Armstrong and Barrett Ashley - Alabama; Silas Lee and Eva Reeves - Georgia. Karen Willard led songs on pages 65, 300, 330, and closed the memorial with prayer.

Jack Lofton led song on page 532.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Marie Brandis leading songs on pages 569 and 515.

Leaders: Bruce Rowland 99, 112; Gary Plouff 114, 128; James Brock 84, 344; Anne Huckins 474, 86.

Reports from committees were given.

Resolutions: Thanks to all who worked so hard to organize and host a great convention.

Announcements were taken from the class regarding future singings.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee reported expenses of the convention had been met as well as a healthy donation to the travel fund.

Leaders: Reed Schilbach 61, 410t; Jinx McGuire 497, 209; Darlene Simpson-Brown 313b, 73b; Shannon McGuire 163t; Will Marcot 294; Mark Johnson 503, 87; Kurt Liebezeit 189; Richard DeLong 278b, 69t; John Kellermann 85, 383.

RECESS

Marie Brandis reconvened with songs on pages 480 and 568. Leaders: Karen Willard 53, 547; David Hough 73, 201b; Kathy Vlach 358; Katharine Hough 269, 77t; Jack Lofton 454, 49. Marie Brandis led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by David Zawarski.

Chairman - Marie Brandis; Honorary Co-Chairman - David Hough; Vice Chair - Kate Moore.

REID MEMORIAL
Old County Line Church, Corner, Alabama
October 19, 1997

The seventy-eighth session of the Reid Memorial singing was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel at 9:45 a.m. leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Clayton Ezell.

This singing is permanently organized, so leaders were called as follows: Hadyn Creel 59, 89; Gordon Wilkerson 61, 112; Travis Keeton 73, 68b; Gertrude Wood 37b, 155; Pernie Pelfrey 399b; Jackie Tanner 63, 47b; Willie Mae Moon 217, 460; Josie Hyde 234, 220; Clayton Ezell 480.

RECESS

Leaders: David Ivey 500, 422; Gene Wakefield 168, 103; Bud Oliver 335; Eldagene Roberson 144; S. T. Reed 106, 104; Ruth Walker 490; L. E. Hannah 187, 83; David Roberson 82, 388; Christie Allen 283, 273; Randy Moon 569, 143; Leola Smith 318; Elsie Moon 395, 566; Amber Springfield 58; Bill Green 229; Lena Wakefield 276, 436; Kenneth Tate 124; Marie Guthrie 113, 411; Keterina Sanders 290; Carmon Brothers 434, 172; Cassie Franklin 222, 198; Rodney Ivey 384, 186.

LUNCH

Chairman Harrison Creel brought the class together leading song on page 348. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 123t; Johnny Humber 389, 200; Pauline Childers 288, 475; Buell Cobb 425; Elvin Guthrie 528, 544; Milton Oliver 441; Danny Creel 89; Edith Tate 275b, 343; Lora Cargo 361, 344; Flarce Creel 299, 501; John Hyde 129, 297; Marie Aldridge 304, 88t; Larry Ballinger 300; Ann Jett 546, 327, 269; Velton Chafin 225; Lucy Heidorn 40, 146; David Ivey 236 (for Veda Creel); Kermit Adams 408, 120; Wanda Capps 142, 216; Cindy Franklin 391, 368. After announcements were made, Chairman Harrison Creel led songs on pages 111b and 512 for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer by Danny Creel.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Kathleen Robbins; Secretary - Marie Aldridge.

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
October 19, 1997

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 65. The morning prayer was offered by Walter Hamrick. Cecil Edwards led song on page 168.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 101t, 75, 155; Mary Florence Smith 59, 45t; George Garner 47t, 63, 212; Alice Edwards 104; Bobby Bailey 28b, 31t; Jimmie Denney 30t, 313t, 276; Reba Norton 100, 61; C. W. Garner 99, 98.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Everette Denney 145b, 426t, 503; Johnny Wright 274t, 146, 317 (in memory of the M. F. McWhorter family); Roy Nelson 82t, 87, 145t; Ruth

Daniels 40, 378t; Harvey Austin 108t (in memory of Melanie Norton and in honor of Nettie Davis who is ill), 410t.

A memorial lesson for Mrs. Josie Pruitt McAlpin was given by Mary Florence Smith and Lonnie Rogers. Mary Florence gave a short talk on Mrs. McAlpin's life, and the contribution she gave to the singings until her death at the age of 97 years. Special recognition was given to her two daughters and niece who were present. Lonnie Rogers led Mrs. McAlpin's two favorite songs, 358 and 58. The memorial was closed with prayer by Mary Florence Smith.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Cecil Edwards leading songs on pages 159 and 144. Leaders: Walter Hamrick 111t, 112, 318; Alice Edwards 73b; Katherine Benefield and Homer Benefield 141, 56t; C. W. Garner 166b; Roy Nelson 97, 335; Nellie Mae White 106, 490; George Garner 569b, 441; Lou Cotney 300, 218, 172; Harvey Austin 334; Everette Denney 34b, 68b; Cecil Edwards 179 (in memory of Jack Kerr); Lonnie Rogers 348b.

Announcements were made. Cecil Edwards and Lonnie Rogers led page 100 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harvey Austin.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church** **October 25, 1997**

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Coy Putnam was called to order by Hershell King leading songs on pages 30t and 75. J. C. Rutledge offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - Jack Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers and Eunice Kimbrell.

Hershell King lead song on page 97. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 80b, 74b; Rhoda Norris 145b, 137; Hermon Wilkinson 179, 186; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 329, 83t; J. C. Rutledge 68b, 105; Irene Jordan 358, 480; Jack Jordan 196, 569b, 45; Lena Wakefield 475, 84, 498; Judy Caudle 450, 394.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Hershell King leading song on page 426t. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 102, 103, 100; Pauline Childers 212, 384, 318; Dan Hopper 359b, 85, 54; Wilda Homes "That Beautiful Land", 441, 460; David Ivey 231t, 378, 56b.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Taylor Cobb 44; Jarrod George and Taylor Cobb 354b; Edith Tate 35, 37b; Arvid Holmes 36b, 222; Marcena Wilkinson 63, 101t; Dennis George 29t, 128; Carmon Brothers 28b (by request), 277 (for Martha Woodard); David Ivey 236 (by request). The class was dismissed with prayer by Carmon Brothers.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - Jack Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

**MT. OLIVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
(COOPER BOOK)**

**Highway 13, Morton, Mississippi
October 25, 1997**

The annual Cooper Book singing at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, and was called to order by Chairman John Merritt leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Elder Sidney Shows.

Andrew Albers was elected Vice Chairman; Pat Hamby as Secretary; and Regina Glass as Arranging.

Leaders: Regina Glass and John Merritt 204; John Merritt 58; Bill Hogan 268, 270; Junie McNeill 501, 397; Durward Scarborough 500, 45; Nancy Van Den Akker 171, 475; Elizabeth Muhleisen 64, 140; Jean Gray 297, 143.

RECESS

The class was called together by Andrew Albers leading song on page 73b.

Leaders: Sidney Shows and John Merritt 358; Mark Davis 54, 522; Andy Davis 127, 87; A. E. Probst 575, 239; Ben Burroughs 49b, 200; Hugh Bill McGuire 503, 515; Brenda Merritt 319, 559; John Lee Van Horn 511, 225; Regina Glass 98, 365; Andrew Albers 373, 391; Mark Davis 38; Andrew Albers 548; Regina Glass 264b (in memory of Omega Stewart Baker).

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by John Merritt leading song on page 76b.

Leaders: Bill Hogan 77, 434; Gaither Jones and John Merritt (Old School Hymnal) 103, 154; Junie McNeill 344, 164; Jean Gray 572, 573; Mark Davis and Kurt Davis 348, 274; Velton Chafin 355, 478; Durward Scarborough 240, 339; Nancy Van Den Akker 207, 229; Elizabeth Muhleisen 393, 571; Ben Burroughs 155, 299.

RECESS

Leaders: Andrew Albers 145, 146; Mark Davis 497, 154b; Arlon Gardner 83, 168; L. B. Smith 56, 58; Andy Davis 224, 492; A. E. Probst 489; John Lee Van Horn 410, 411; Hugh Bill McGuire 488, 563; Andrew Albers 378b, 428.

John Merritt led song on page 496 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Mark Davis.

Chairman - John Merritt; Vice Chairman - Andrew Albers; Secretary - Pat Hamby.

**MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS AND W. A. PARKER MEMORIAL
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama
October 25-26, 1997**

Saturday, October 25

The annual Memorial Sacred Harp singing in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W. A. Parker was brought to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 72b. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough.

Officers elected: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Nora Parker; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

John Hocutt led songs on pages 75 and 101. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 290, 59; Patricia Mauldin 63, 388, 146; Odie V. Horton 147t, 147b; John Hyde 39b, 73; Ila Ingle 29, 32, 270; A. C. McGough 410t, 410b.

RECESS

The class was reassembled with John Hocutt leading song on page 445b. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 74b, 399b; Travis Keeton 136, 155, 321b; Richard Mauldin and

Tommye Mauldin 299, 143; Cecil Sanders 225; Glenn Keeton 64, 363, 285; Nora Parker 317b, 36b; Ottis Sides 354, 45; Linda Sides 68b, 35, 47b; Elsie Beasley 336, 460.

LUNCH

John Hocutt brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 312. Leaders: Josie Hyde "Not Made With Hands", 546, 454; Dorothea McCowan 328, 120, 528; Hattie Handley 235, 512; Chuck Beasley 33b, 457, 30; Billy Williams 448, 28b; Richard Mauldin 137; Josie Hyde 234; Nora Parker 186; Elsie Beasley 89; Patricia Mauldin 268; Ila Ingle 498; Dorothea McCowan 109; Cecil Sanders 475.

John Hocutt led songs on pages 104 and 62 for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Sunday, October 26

The class was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Linton Ballinger. John Hocutt led song on page 37b, and welcomed everyone who had come in the bad weather.

Leaders: Keterina Sanders 89, 460; John Hyde 313, 61; Ila Ingle 112, 384; Gene Wakefield 168, 138; Cecil Sanders 138b; Nora Parker 276, 299; Becky Briggs 512, 388; Sara Smith 75, 318; Gary Smith 34b, 47.

RECESS

John Hocutt brought the class together leading song on page 30. Leaders: Travis Keeton 57, 56t; Lena Wakefield 44, 47b; Linton Ballinger 35, 335; Margaret Keeton 129, 58; Willodean Barton 290, 322; Josie Hyde 39b, 316; B. B. Mattox 42, 345, 217; Edwin Cleghorn 159, 421.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with John Hocutt leading song on page 106.

Leaders: Dorothea McCowan 354; Elsie Beasley 68b, 569b, 84; Hattie Handley 45, 565; Billy Williams 294, 213b; Velton Chafin 225, 101b, 516, 540; Margaret Keeton 99; Dorothea McCowan 91; Becky Briggs 97; Josie Hyde 499; Nora Parker 394; Gene Wakefield 495.

John Hocutt led the closing songs on pages 354, 319, and 46. The class was dismissed with prayer by Velton Chafin.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Nora Parker.

JORDAN CHAPEL Newell, Randolph County, Alabama October 26, 1997

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 68b, 101t, and 112. Billy Joe Harris led songs on pages 452 and 503.

Rev. Julian Murphy, pastor of the church, welcomed the class, and offered the morning prayer. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 75; Mary Florence Smith 63 and 277.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Vivian Rogers; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 30t, 61; Alice Edwards 104, 271b, 73b; Everette Denney 145b, 335, 34b; George Garner 186, 222, 269.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Roy Nelson 82t, 128, 318; Evelyn Harris 129, 155, 47t; T. J. Stewart 236; Bud Oliver 73t, 274t, 176t, 345t, 83t; Louise Nelson 87, 282; Milton Oliver 321, 270.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 176b. "Happy Birthday" was sung for Hester Edwards and Sue Parker. Leaders: Reba Norton 334, 275b, 136; Becky Hafner-Camp 58, 148.

The memorial lesson was given by Ruth Brown and Vivian Rogers. Ruth spoke of this time in our singing to be the most meaningful; to remember those who have passed away; and for those who would love to be here. Many of our older singers who were the backbone of the singings are almost forgotten, so it's left up to us to carry on. Verse one of the song on page 101b, "Holy City", applies to the ones we are remembering today. Those remembered: Johnny Brown, Jimmy Causey, Josie McAlpin, Willie Mae McClendon, Bonnie Ashley, Barrett Ashley, and Clara Denney.

The sick and shut-ins remembered: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Jerry Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, I. V. McWhorter, Helen Bryson, Gertrude Norton, and Rosa Hughes.

Evelyn Harris and Ruth Brown led songs on pages 127 and 285t for the deceased. Roy Nelson led 340 and 317b for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Tabatha Murphy and Evelyn Harris 378t; Bud Oliver 358, 339, 288; Jimmie Denney 313t; Everette Denney 159; George Garner 40; Roy Nelson and Louise Nelson 32t; Becky Hafner-Camp 373; Tabatha Murphy 45t; Mary Florence Smith 312b.

Lonnie Rogers, Billy Joe Harris, Hester Edwards, and Mary Florence Smith led page 225t for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Everette Denney. Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Heard County, Georgia** **November 1, 1997**

The singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, and was called to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Everette Denney 36; Jimmie Denney 30t, 101t, 155; Josephine Denney 143, 145b; Don Bowen and John Pitt 63, 59, 45t; Charlene Wallace 81t, 29t; Felton Denney 31t, 159, 503.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 335. The class organized by electing to retain the following officers: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers. There was no arranging committee; each leader called the next person to follow.

Leaders: Roy Nelson 82t, 303, 274t; Joan Durdin 114, 34b, 145t; Shelbie Sheppard 217, 141, 448b; Billy Joe Harris 445, 312b, 452; Evelyn Harris 186, 87, 47t; Mary Florence Smith 213t, 289, 334.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Everette Denney leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 293, 392, 292; Lonnie Rogers 75, 298, 225t; Lou Cotney 358, 137,

172; Cassie Franklin 171, 332, 495; Cindy Franklin 489, 410t, 49b; Alice Edwards 73b, 104, 271b; Edith Tate 73t, 37b; Ted Mercer 521, 61, 185; Rev. Loyd Toney 100, 294, 68b; Carlene Griffin 70t, 349; Polly Moore 312b; Ted Mercer 323b, 348b; Lamar Womack 198. Everette Denney led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney.

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **Near Double Springs, Alabama** **November 2, 1997**

The ninety-second session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Ebron Church was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 32. The morning prayer was led by Bobby Robbins. Elmer Conwill led song on page 30. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 47, 99; Joshua Keeton 108t, 108b; Ada Godsey 161, 408; Odie V. Horton 410, 341; Loretta Whitman 101, 82; Roma Rice 179, 172.

RECESS

The class reassembled with John Hyde leading songs on pages 63 and 39b.

Leaders: Ila Ingle 434, 436; Billy Williams 49, 76b; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 288, 56; John Hyde 73; Keterina Sanders 317, 354; Donald Robertson 100, 215; Gene Wakefield 210, 168; Mae Conwill 155, 201b; Jayne Fulmer 212, 300, 236 (in memory of family members); Harrison Creel 89, 512; Willodean Barton 416, 565b; Glenn Keeton 361, 365; Florence Harrison 475, 157.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Travis Keeton leading song on page 134. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 225, 34b; Faye Donaldson 299, 371; Faye Donaldson, Julie Poston, and Gene Wakefield 290, 274, 480; Pernie Pelfrey 566, 275b; Josie Hyde 329, 388, 186; Bobby Robbins 445b, 294; Lena Wakefield 122, 45, 378 (for Clifford Wakefield and Betty Baccus); Travis Keeton 126, 285, 284.

John Hyde and Travis Keeton led song on page 297 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

ALVIS BROTHERS AND B. I. WOOD MEMORIAL SINGING **Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, south of Attalla, Alabama** **November 2, 1997**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 59 and 72b. The morning prayer was led by Brother Verlon Stiefel. Carmon Brothers led song on page 73t.

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.

Carmon Brothers led song on page 79. Leaders: Larry Lambert 410t, 123t; Ester Brown 30t, 47t; Helen Lambert 441, 285t; Ella Ruth Chamblee 32t, 39b; Buell

Matthews 40, 30t; Ophelia Matthews 569b, 565b; Phil Brothers 274t, 373; Mary Ruth Stiefel 119; Linda Thomas 82, 79; Ron Crocker 48t, 49b.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class to order leading songs on pages 288 and 340. Leaders: Doris Brown and Billie Dean Waid 45t, 460 (in memory of Savola Wimpee, Lola Wood, Eugene Blackwood, Evelyn Spradlin, and in honor of Alpha Black).

LUNCH

The class was called back in session by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 172 and 378t. Leaders: Joseph Ritch 268, 401; Dorothea McCowan 235, 109, 36b; Deborah Ritch 89, 200; Douglas Conn 61, 141, 35.

Carmon Brothers led song on page 123t for the closing song and in memory of J. T. Conn. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Douglas Conn.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Hazel Brothers.

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, near Cordele, Georgia November 2, 1997

The seventy-eighth session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order by Richard Johnson, Chairman, leading song on page 59. The opening prayer was offered by Mr. Jon Robinson.

The following committees were appointed by the chairman: Mary Brownlee and Jon Robinson - Arranging Committee; Raymond Hamrick and Wesley Haley - Nominating Committee; Marjorie Robinson and Rita Haley - Memorial Committee.

Chairman Richard Johnson led song on page 63. Leaders: Jon Robinson 339, 335; Rita Haley 128, 72b; Timothy Meeks 361, 274t; Polly Hester 47t, 405; Myrtice Meeks 373, 129; Otis Hester 108t, 99; Bonnie Rewis 313, 454; John Hollingsworth 37b, 77; Timothy Haley 334, 282; Sharon Hamrick 460, 100, 276; Patti Collins 206, 318.

RECESS

Leaders: Richard Johnson 172; Wesley Haley 117, 137; Georgia Ann Corbin 473, 340; Mary Brownlee 47b, 231.

Chairman Richard Johnson called for the business session. Raymond Hamrick 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 officer's terms began at the close of this convention.

Next in business, the singings for the coming year were reviewed and changes made. The convention asked for recognition of delegates from other singing associations. Lebanon Church was thanked for hosting this annual event.

Treasurer Rita Haley presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented. The business session was then closed.

LUNCH

Richard Johnson opened the afternoon session leading song on page 273.

Leaders: David Grant 494, 417; Bob Corbin 341, 323; Doris Haley 565, 569; Lamar Robinson 358, 490.

A memorial service was held at this time. Rita Haley announced the following deceased which are all from Georgia: Mary Ruth Cox, Joe Laminack, Douglas

Bartley and his mother, Mrs. Bartley. Myrtice Meeks led songs on pages 491 and 45t for those deceased.

South Georgia shut-ins included: Gertrude Bateman, Mildred Dumas, Sara Akin, Ruth Johnson, Martha Johnson, Venie Faith, and Barry Wilkinson. Rita Haley led songs on pages 361 and 297 for those mentioned. This concluded the memorial service.

Leaders: Otis Hester 542, 498; Sandra Wilkinson 384, 405; Raymond Hamrick 369, 350; Larry Wilkinson 147, 155; Kay Robinson 154, 157; Luann Turner 515b, 523; John Hollingsworth 109; Jon Robinson 196; Timothy Meeks 236; Timothy Haley 46; David Grant 166; Wesley Haley 513, 452.

Richard Johnson closed the convention by asking for announcements of other singings, and led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jon Robinson.

President - Richard Johnson; Vice President - Timothy Meeks; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Joyce Harrison; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **South of Bremen, Georgia, off Highway 27, and I-20** **November 2, 1997**

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 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Homer Benefield.

Charlene Wallace led song on page 453. Leaders: Mildred Patterson 146; Carlene Griffin 85; Don Bowen 283, 205; Elder Homer Benefield 56; Margie Smith 82b; Tim Cook 208, 299; Cathy White 84; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Edith Tate 436; Coy Ivey 222; Cassie Franklin 300; Bud Oliver 270; Lee Rogers 157; Myron House 421; Jeanette DePoy 328; Roy Nelson 318.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw leading song on page 145b. Leaders: B. M. Smith 273; Allison Ivey 298; Kim Cagle 176b; Linda Sides 35; Jackie Tanner 172; Judy Mincey 540; Patricia Mauldin 63; David Ivey 506; Cindy Franklin 368; Jeff Sheppard 352; Tokay Boggs 499; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Richard DeLong 542; Shelbie Sheppard 29b; Stuart Ivey 475; Katherine Benefield 373; Richard Mauldin 290; Pearl Guier 448b; Ted Mercer 182; Karen Ivey 192; Johnny Wright 145; Leola Smith 349; Louis Hughes, Sr. and Allison Dodson 480; Liz Bryant 504; George Garner 454; Sheri Taylor, Lisa Webb, and Laura Webb 56b; Jacob Griffith 384; Kelly Morris 49b; Teenie Moody and Tom McGraw 268, 358.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Carlene Griffin leading song on page 97. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 148; Faye Pettis 380; Frances Mary D'Andrea 209; Richard Ivey 567; Rodney Ivey 47; Robert Rivers, II, Hugh McGraw, and Hugh McNutt 147, 378 (for Robert Rivers, III); Hugh McGraw 254 (for Mr. Golladay); Karen Morris 47b; Billy Joe Harris 503; Reby Stanford 335; Everette Denney 426; Mary F. Smith 186; Danny Griffin and Tom McGraw 558, 476; Rev. Loyd Toney 43, 45; Jimmie Denney 87, 128; Louise Holland 137; Charlene Wallace 129 (for I.V. McWhorter), 327 (for Revy Williamson).

RECESS

The class was called together by Richard DeLong leading song on page 399b. Leaders: Felton Denney 120, 523; Elder J. J. Aderhold 46; Evelyn Harris 100, 159; Laura Akerman 543; Cassie Franklin 217; Nancy Allen 405; Ted Mercer 345b; Patricia Mauldin 388; Linda Sides 569b; Cindy Franklin 198; Jackie Tanner 123; Jacob Griffith 171; Richard Mauldin 36b; Richard DeLong 458. Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin led song on page 267 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH **Nashville, Tennessee** **November 8, 1997**

The thirteenth 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.

Due to the unexpected presence of several music students from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Tim Reynolds held a very brief singing school to explain the peculiarities of singing this type of music. He finished the session by leading song on page 45t as a demonstration.

Tim Reynolds led song on page 72b. Darrell Holley led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 32t; Clayton Ezell and Angela Crain 480; Fay Thompson and Trudy Skelley 128, 53; Hibbard Thatcher and Timothy Akers 178; Hibbard Thatcher and Carl Milburn 49b; Sandie Scott 40, 117.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds and Brook Atwood brought the class together leading song on page 159. Leaders: Randy Box and Jason Hoback 405, 64; Bob Meek 236; Bob Meek and Jack Ketterman 209; Jack Ketterman 569b; Kerene Box 235; Kerene Box and Clayton Ezell 358; Darrell Holley and Shane Davison 59, 354b; Sandra Cohron and Henry Cobb 30t, 312b; John Giles 63, 268; Glen Wegge and Matthew Turnbo 34b, 73b; Marilyn Burchett 294, 81.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class to order leading songs on pages 39t and 566.

Leaders: Lewis Frost 313t, 452; Pam Beziat 147t, 133; Faye Brandon and Marie Draudt 68b, 58; Michele Cull 66, 84; Brenda Waters and Michele Cull 339; Drew Foster 126, 107; Thelma Elliott, Lewis Frost, and Henry Cobb 49t; Bob Meek 198, 313b.

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 168 for the closing song. Glen Wegge dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING **Guild Hall, Grace Episcopal Church, Madison, Wisconsin** **November 8, 1997**

The eleventh annual Southern Wisconsin 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 145t. Johanna Fabke led the morning prayer.

Leaders: James Page 151; Kathryn Krug 155; Ted Johnson 348b; Martha Henderson 129; Daryl Mayberry 454; Paul Foster 212; Ted Mercer 43; John

Bailey 340; Jerry Enright 68t; Paul Wyatt 171; Keith Willard 297; Melanie Hauff 312b; Bob Scorgie 291; Francis Gurtz 500.

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Julie Vea; Chaplains - Brad Hunnicutt and Johanna Fabke; Secretary - Jeff VanderWilt; Arranging Committee - Val Dunagan, Brad Hunnicutt, and Joyce Anderson; Memorial Committee - Johanna Fabke and Jerry Enright.

RECESS

Julie Vea called the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Thomas Willard 274t; Brad Hunnicutt 567; D. J. Hatfield 498; Felicia Stevens 84; Anne Heider 362; Joyce Anderson 354b; Mark Miller 49b; Christine Stevens 497; Dick Dunagan 81t; Kiri Miller 267; Janet Fraembs 91; Val Dunagan 29t; Jenny Willard 99; Jim Crawford 122; Judy Hauff 332; Midge Olsen 269; Johanna Fabke 273; Eleanor Haase 384; Gene Hauptmann 34t; Denise Kania 217.

Johanna Fabke gave an unofficial treasurer's report, thanking all in attendance for their generous gifts. After expenses are covered, offerings are designated for the homeless shelter at Grace Episcopal Church, Madison. Brad Hunnicutt led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Julie Vea called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 192. Leaders: Jim Pfau 447; Jan Ketelle 448t; Gordon Olsen 503; Janet Borman 178; Marcia Johnson 485; Robin Fox 271t; Jeff VanderWilt 38b; Steven Levine 371; Stanley Chang 455; Lissa Blood 61; Dean Slaton 536; Tony Reeves 300; All Frank 361; Lee Steinmetz 149; Matt Wells 481; Kathy Wallace 385t; Karen Hojnacki 198.

RECESS

Julie Vea brought the final session to order leading song on page 327. The memorial lesson was held with Jerry Enright leading song on page 30b for the following deceased: Sonny Frank, Gerrit van Eysden, Solon Chervitz, Benjamin Neyman, Don Johnson, Opal Johnston, Aunt Gogo Darato, Barrett Ashley, Bonnie Ashley, Hazel Cagle, Susan Wantland, and John Middlecamp of Madison, Wisconsin, age 13. Johanna Fabke led song on page 474 for the sick and shut-in: Ross Pavlik, Frances Giunchedi, Sara Curry, Karen Wiard, and Nick Fabke. The singing resumed and leaders called were: James Page "Heap high the farmer's wintry hoard" (by John Greenleaf Whittier to the tune of County K, C.M.D. by James Page); Francis Gurtz 479; Carol Crawford 338; LaVerne Shelton 254; Ted Johnson 215; Paul Foster 193; Melanie Hauff 432; Midge Olsen 344; Ted Mercer 204; Jenny Willard 201; Kathryn Krug 117; John Bailey 535; Judy Hauff 375; Daryl Mayberry 475; Anne Heider 236; Collette Miller, Camilla Hansen and James Page, "for old time's sake," 162; Martha Henderson 34b; Gene Hauptmann 421; Denise Kania 128; Jerry Enright 411; Janet Fraembs 335; Keith Willard 74b; Dean Slaton 270; Jan Ketelle 556. Chairman Julie Vea thanked the people who made the food, the arranging committee, and greeters. She acknowledged travelers from Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and Minnesota.

Announcements were made. Julia Vea closed the singing with song on page 315. Brad Hunnicutt led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Julie Vea; Secretary - Jeff VanderWilt

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia

November 9, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Helen

Bryson leading songs on pages 34b, 70 and 60. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Cagle.

Leaders: Don Bowen 30, 31t, 32; Hugh McGraw 52, 462, 531; Elder Charles Cagle 145b; Loy Garrison 147t, 59, 50b; Lee Rogers 409, 373, 347.

RECESS

The class was called together by Helen Bryson leading song on page 121. Leaders: Faye Pettis 153, 570, 111; Dollie Hudgins 61; Mary Lou Cagle 544, 441; Bobby Cagle 49b, 46; Winona Cagle 285t, 146.

The class was organized and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison. Helen Bryson led songs on pages 155, 179, and 384.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Helen Bryson leading songs on pages 332 and 47. Leaders: Jeanette DePoy 274t, 39, 426t; Judy Mincey 410, 494, "Windgate" (a new song); Richard DeLong 437, 439, 513; Mary Frances D'Andrea 87, 86, 318.

A memorial service was held by Lee Rogers for the following deceased: Eva Corley Reeves, Edna Wilson, Hiram Wilson, Barrett Ashley, and Bonnie Ashley. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 109 and 482.

Judy Mincey gave the list of the sick and shut-ins: Horace DeLong, Kim Cagle, Violet Thomason, Herman Thomason, Euna DeLong, Richard Allison, Jap Walton, I. V. McWhorter, Revy Williamson, Regina Cagle, and Charlie Dockery. Jeanette DePoy led song on page 225t for the sick and shut-in. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jack Corley 168; Hugh McGraw 113; J. C. Moore 145t, 143; Linda Sides 159; J. C. Moore 45.

Announcements were made. Helen Bryson led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Charles Cagle.

Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Oxford, Alabama

November 9, 1997

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November, and was called to order by Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Billy Joe Harris led song on page 59. Leaders: Roy Nelson 82t, 283; Margie Smith 101t, 225t; Louise Nelson 282, 87; Pearl Guier 127, 49.

The class organized by voting to retain the same officers: Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Billy J. Harris 490; Henry Johnson 270, 569b; Edith Tate 93, 187; Bud Oliver 186, 274t; Shelbie Sheppard 568, 468; Sandra McCurdy 335, 119; Jimmy Cates 317, 63; Leola Smith 231, 185.

RECESS

Roy Nelson brought the class to order leading song on page 432. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 58, 482; Cindy Franklin 498, 528; Milton Oliver 278t, 384; Pat Propst 106; Jeff Sheppard 293, 292; Cassie Franklin 177, 277; Louis Hughes 564, 565; Carlene Griffin 139, 141; Jackie Tanner 137, 208; Charlene Wallace 276, 299; George Garner 480, 212; Lou Cotney 196, 172, 358; Harrison Creel 530, 512;

Nancy Allen 39b. Fred Maddox, a deacon of the church, welcomed everyone and led the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Roy Nelson leading song on page 318. Leaders: Everette Denney 34b, 489; Karen Reaves 410t, 339; Lonnie Rogers 222, 343; Ann Jett 43, 44; Felton Denney 50b, 385b; Evelyn Harris 77t, 155; B. M. Smith 499 (in memory of Walker and Lessie Cates), 475; Flarce Creel 454, 546; Reba Norton 373, 452; Carolyn McCareath 294, 45t; Bobby Jackson 312b, 515; Rodney Ivey 269; Henry Johnson 162; Cassie Franklin 510; Louis Hughes 347; Jackie Tanner 47t; Cindy Franklin 79; Pearl Guier 448b; Bud Oliver 73; Ann Jett 108b.

Announcements were made. Billy J. Harris and Roy Nelson led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel. Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **November 15, 1997**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called together by Mary Florence Smith leading song on page 59. The evening prayer was led by Dorsey Newman. The following leaders were called: Alice Edwards 104; Natalie Williams 45t; Florence Williams 490; Hester Edwards 274t; Michael Turner 358; George Garner 47t; Ceford Wood 345t; C. W. Garner 63; Cynthia Fielder 39b; Mary Ann Wood 87; Gladys McGraw 101t; Sandra Johnson 111t; Miranel Swafford 348b.

RECESS

The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary - Miranel Swafford.

Leaders: Carlene Griffin 56t; Charlene Wallace 27; Lee Rogers 145b; Faye Turner 339; Natalie Williams 111t; Florence Williams 323b; Lee Rogers 127; Ceford Wood 340; Alice Edwards 73b.

Announcements were made. George Garner led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by C. W. Garner.

Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - Florence Williams; Secretary - Miranel Swafford.

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION **Richmond, Virginia** **November 15-16, 1997** **Saturday, November 15**

The sixth annual James River Convention was held at the Parish Hall, Church of the Epiphany, Richmond, Virginia on the third Sunday and Saturday before in November.

The class was called to order by outgoing chairman, Gail Doss, leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Sandra Polaski, and general announcements were made.

Gail Doss led song on page 171. Leaders: Tom Tucker 47b; Donna Abrahams 48t; Roland Hutchinson 49b; Guy Banks 287; Nancy Newell 163b; Mary Hulburt 145b; Bev Oneida 291; John DelRe 29; Mary DeNys 34b; Hal Kunkel

426b; Evan Duncan 224; Kat Kinkade 163t; Claudia Egelhoff 474; Doron Henkin 245; Cathy Tucker 547; Joyce Saxon 148.

Nominations for officers were opened and the following were elected: Chairman - Blake Morris; Vice Chairman - Stephen McMaster; Secretary - Mary Wright; Treasurer - Craig Baughan.

Leaders: Craig Baughan 178; Mary Wright 324; Stephen McMaster 32t; Blake Morris 378t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Blake Morris leading songs on pages 312b and 504 (by request). Leaders: Gabriel Kastelle 531; Lynda Hambourger 472; Kathy Manning 528; Marty DeNys 454; Kacy Pate 186; Peter Pate 129; Bobby Bailey 394; Sandra Polaski 276; Laurel Cornell 38t; Mary Kay Friday 506; Frank Evans 39; Sue Hanson 479; Fred Beardsley 299; Diane Mennella 382; Pat Temple 168; Tom Tucker 192; Donna Abrahams 373; Don Polaski 198; Roland Hutchinson 242; Guy Bankes 350. Blake Morris led song on page 49t as the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Blake Morris leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Mary Ann Daly 24; Bev Oneida 142; John DelRe 144; Mary DeNys 128; Hal Kunkel 532; Homer Rudolf 38b; Evan Duncan 84; Kat Kinkade 542; Claudia Egelhoff 317; Doron Henkin 216; Cathy Tucker 106; Joyce Saxon 196; Gail Doss 378b; Stephen McMaster 282; Mary Wright 114; Craig Baughan 229; Gabriel Kastelle 33; Lynda Hambourger 368; Kathy Manning 349; Marty DeNys 31t; Sandra Polaski 159; Bobby Bailey 87; Peter Pate 440 (for Kacy Pate); Laurel Cornwell 236; Mary Kay Friday 120; Frank Evans 284.

RECESS

Blake Morris brought the class to order leading song on page 35. Leaders: Kat Kinkade 539; Sue Hanson 497; Peter Pate 522; Fred Beardsley 475; Leyland DelRe 207; Diane Mennella 146; Tom Tucker 300; Donna Abrahams 143; Don Polaski 200; Roland Hutchinson 553; Guy Bankes 481; Mary Ann Daly 122; Bev Oneida 203; John DelRe 83; Mary DeNys 56; Evan Duncan 513.

Announcements were made. Blake Morris closed the session with song on page 56t. The class was dismissed with prayer by Sandra Polaski.

A late afternoon session organized by Kat Kinkade featured new music led by the composers.

Sunday, November 16

On Sunday morning the convention was called to order at the Dorey Recreation Center by Blake Morris leading song on page 108t. The morning prayer was led by Sandra Polaski.

Leaders: Mary Wright 51; Craig Baughan 86; John Fedderson 48t; Bev Oneida 147; Kat Kinkade 441; Gabriel Kastelle 455; Don Polaski 344; Homer Rudolf 58; Frank Evans 87. After an announcement period singing resumed with Sandra Polaski leading song on page 361. Leaders: Kathy Manning 290; Bobby Bailey 35; Gail Doss 99; Doron Henkin 501; Mary Kay Friday 232; Guy Bankes 68; Hal Kunkel 388; Pat Temple 85; Liz Cusick 178; Roland Hutchinson 524; Laurel Cornell 569; Fred Beardsley 532; Diane Mennella 550; Joyce Saxon 384; John Fedderson 163b; Bev Oneida 352; Kat Kinkade 404.

RECESS

Blake Morris called the class together by leading song on page 354b.

The Treasurer gave the report that the convention has made its goal on monies received.

Leaders: Gabriel Kastle 44; Don Polaski 480; Sylvia Whaley 40 (led by Blake Morris); Frank Evans 254 (led by Joyce Saxon); Sandra Polaski 551; Kathy Manning 176t; Bobby Bailey 452; Gail Doss 543; Doron Henkin 189.

The memorial lesson was opened by Don Polaski with a reading for the following sick and shut-in: Mary Hulburt, Allen Henkin, Ada Mergus, John Haas, Stephen McMaster, and Tom Padwa. Blake Morris led song on page 52b. The deceased were honored with readings from Psalm 90 and the Book of Revelations. Those remembered were: Robert Kendall, Donna Matson, Susan Wantland, Robert Toone, Tony DeFusco, Freddy "Bubba" Fletcher, Tom Hardy, Quay Smathers, and John Lundgren. Mary Wright led song on page 66. Sandra Polaski closed the memorial with prayer.

The class resumed singing with Mary Kay Friday leading song on page 191, and Guy Bankes leading song on page 65. Sandra Polaski gave the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Blake Morris leading song on page 370. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 460; Pat Temple 287; Roland Hutchinson 347; Laurel Cornell 143; Fred Beardsley 81t; Mary DeNys 70b; Mary Wright 71; Craig Baughan 267; Diane Mennella 294; Blake Morris 45t (by request), 417 (by request); Joyce Saxon 280; John Fedderson 547; Bev Oneida 180; Homer Rudolf 351; Kat Kinkade 377; Gabriel Kastle 69t; Don Polaski 269; Hal Kunkel 250; Frank Evans 117; Sandra Polaski 268; Kathy Manning 565; Doron Henkin 148; Bobby Bailey 566; Mary Kay Friday 147; Gail Doss 270; Guy Bankes 29t; Pat Temple 472; Roland Hutchinson 503; Laurel Cornell 62; Fred Beardsley 149.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Kathy Manning recognizing all those who served on the committees which made the convention a success: Pitching - Blake Morris, Roland Hutchinson, and John Fedderson; Arrangements - Pat Temple, Susan Hanson, Mary DeNys, and Gail Doss; Food - Homer Rudolf, Stephen McMaster, George Tutwiler, and Pat Temple; Chaplain - Sandra Polaski; Memorial - Don Polaski; Registration - Norma Morris; Publicity - Barbara Batson; Housing - Blake Morris and Gail Doss; Child Care - Gail Doss. Attendees from their respective states were recognized: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Ontario Canada.

Leaders: Blake Morris 153; Mary DeNys 107; Pat Temple 145b; Craig Baughan 390; Kelsey Taylor 77t; Anna Taylor 278b; Diane Mennella 448t; Joyce Saxon 162; John Fedderson 497; Bev Oneida 492; Homer Rudolf 229; Kat Kinkade 372; Blake Morris 56. The class was dismissed with prayer by Sandra Polaski. Chairman - Blake Morris; Vice Chairman - Stephen McMaster; Secretary - Mary Wright.

HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Calhoun, Georgia

November 16, 1997

The annual all day singing was held on the third Sunday in November at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order by Judy Mincey leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Ed Smith. Judy Mincey led song on page 31t.

Leaders: Ed Smith 61, 288; Lee Rogers 70t, 73b; Margie Smith 82t, 32t.

A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 225t; Don Bowen 64, 75; Liz Bryant and Charlie DePew 276, 270; Jimmie Denney 313t, 335; Shelbie Sheppard 272, 332; Louis Hughes, Sr. 183, 39t; Norma Latham 84, 334.

RECESS

Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading song on page 50b. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 29t, 40; Louise Nelson 145t, 87; Henry Johnson 68b, 388; Carlene Griffin 171, 136; Roy Nelson 81, 283; Jackie Tanner 100, 299; Charlene Wallace 314, 341; Louis Hughes, Jr. 147t, 347; Jeff Sheppard 432, 434.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey opened the afternoon session leading song on page 540. Leaders: George Garner 186, 128; Nancy Allen 146.

Judy Mincey gave the memorial lesson in memory of all those deceased during the past year. Richard DeLong led song on page 185, and Liz Bryant led song on page 122 in their memory.

Faye Pettis led song on page 475 for the sick and shut-ins. Ed Smith read a card to the church from the family of Elder H. L. Weaver, and then closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Richard Whatley 426t, 207; Linda Sides 326, 328; Loy Garrison 137, 503; Jennifer Kearns 178, 155; Bob Mitchell 45t, 348b; John Plunkett 547, 280; Faye Pettis 532, 358; Richard DeLong 39b, 43; Judy Mincey "Windgate" (written by Tom Tucker of Virginia).

Judy Mincey and Ed Smith led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Loy Garrison.

Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

JONES CHAPEL SACRED HARP MEMORIAL SINGING **Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center, Cullman, Alabama** **November 16, 1997**

The annual Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Everitt Kilgo.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Leaders: John Hocutt 64; Cecil Sanders 225t; Gene Wakefield 56t, 108b, 109; Willodean Barton 176t, 179, 145t; Keterina Sanders 146, 317b; Pernie Pelfrey 73t, 74b; B. B. Mattox 421 (in memory of his wife, Winnie Mattox), 345b, 217, 186; Billy Williams 39b, 339, 335 (in memory of Ora Lee Stevens); Everitt Kilgo 33b, 40.

RECESS

Chairman John Hocutt called the class to order leading song on page 144.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 390, 569, 565, 499; Marie Guthrie 155, 336, 389; Lena Wakefield 312t, 312b, 482; Corene White 126, 379, 216; Travis Keeton 121, 278 (in memory of Ben Keeton), 111.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by John Hocutt leading song on page 104.

Leaders: John Hyde 37b (in memory of Unie B. Howard and Douglas Howard), 61; Eldagene Roberson 338, 439; Eron White 28b (in memory of Unie B. Howard and Douglas Howard), 68; Billy Williams 460 (in memory of Belviena Woodard); John Hyde 313 (in memory of Tom Roberson); Willodean Barton 290; Lena Wakefield 475; Marie Guthrie 222; Pernie Pelfrey "Jesus Died For Me"; Josie Hyde 310; Gene Wakefield 57; John Hocutt 56b.

At this time announcements of coming singings were given, and a vote was taken whether to continue this singing next year. The class voted unanimously to continue the singing, and to invite others to attend in the coming years. John Hocutt led song on page 282 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Everitt Kilgo.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretary - Eldagene Robers

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION
Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church,
Birmingham, Alabama
November 22-23, 1997

Saturday, November 22

The ninety-eighth session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Bud Oliver leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82; Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas 39t, 39b; Willie Mae Moon 434; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Jerry Enright 68t; Jerry Schreiber 200; Freeman Wootten 92; Elder Edwin Farris 51; B. M. Smith 462; Ila Ingle 436; Linton Ballinger 215; Coy Ivey 120; Samuel Sommers 386; Annie Lee Price 384; Lamar Smith 36b; Jeff Sheppard 35; Sarah Smith 290; Virgil Phillips 475; Pauline Childers 344; Rodney Ivey 270; Patricia Mauldin 63.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 129.

Leaders: Don Bowen 282; Norma Latham 34b; Travis Keeton 209; Louise Nelson 145t; S. T. Reed 32b; Carla Smith 234; Ted Mercer 266; Lomax Ballinger 101t; Regina Glass 272; John Hocutt 492; Aubrey Barfield 480; Josie Hyde 507; Harrison Creel, Cindy Franklin, Cassie Franklin 530; Judy Caudle 412; Richard DeLong 496; Johnny Beth Moore and Lorena Moore 77t; Lonnie Rogers 225t.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Milton Oliver leading song on page 176. Leaders:

Anne Steel 318; Dennis George and Jarrod George 148; Linda Sides 128; Tommie Spurlock 376; Hubert Nall 99; Lois Dixon 172; Jimmie Denney 335; Johanna Fabke 373; Tim Reynolds 223; Judy Mincey 497; Warren Steel 214; Mattie Townsel and Patsy Gentle 155; Gordon Olsen 163b; Becky Browne 362; John Etheridge 319; Jeanette DePoy 306; John Bayer 114; Hershell King 460.

LUNCH

The class was called to order with Jackie Tanner leading song on page 137.

Leaders: Jenny Gurley 340; J. L. Hopper 149; Edward B. Howton 112.

A business session was held for the election of officers, and the following were elected or appointed: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas; Chaplain - Elder Edwin Farris; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger, Coy Ivey, and Cindy Franklin; Memorial Committee - Becky Browne, Ruth Brown, and Shelbie Sheppard; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, Willie Mae Moon, and Jerry Schreiber; Resolutions Committee - Buell Cobb, Azilee Adams, Jerry Enright, and Samuel Sommers. End of business session.

Leaders: Katharine Hough 569; Henry Schuman 102; Reba Windom 192; Keith MacAdams 31t; Midge Olsen 455; David Hough 330b; Gary Gronau 163t; William Shetter 479; Michele Cull 147t; Louis Hughes, Sr. 565; Roy Nelson

456; Bob Meek and Mike Morris 198; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 373; David Carlton 89; Cathy White 178; Bill Hogan 207; Jon Giles 268.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 110. Leaders: Betty Sue Johnson 49b; Eron White and Corene White 408; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Ron Crocker 48t; Dorothea McCowan 304; Lou Cotney 218; Kenneth Fannin 33b; Mary Holcombe 81t; Charles Farris 299; Eldagene Roberson 142; John Hyde 73t; Richard Mauldin 146; Emily Jones, Pernie Pelfrey, and Azilee Adams 67; Leola Smith 349; Gary Smith 68b.

Jeff Sheppard, Elder Edwin Farris, and Elder J. L. Hopper led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Sunday, November 23

The Sunday morning session began with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Louis Hughes, Sr.

Leaders: Jewel Wootten 27; Linda Thomas 47t; Jerry Enright 354t; Don Bowen 283 (for Elene Stovall); Jerry Schreiber 66; Azilee Adams 34t; Willie Mae Moon 475; Samuel Sommers 24; Becky Browne 201; Ann Jett 546; Bud Oliver 426t; Lorena Moore 312b; Jon Giles 551; Edith Tate 73t; Henry Johnson 338; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Thurman Nall 99; Charlene Wallace 387; Jim Carnes 81t; Marie Guthrie 220; George Cox 512; Flarce Creel, Harrison Creel, Ann Jett, and Cindy Franklin 318; Linton Ballinger, Coy Ivey, and Cindy Franklin 198, 222.

RECESS

The singing continued with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 270. Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 172; Buell Cobb 72t; Carlene Griffin 77b; Evelyn Harris 155; Freeman Wootten and grandson, Stephen Hullett 145b; Horace Batchelor 154; Cecile Cox 282; B. J. Harris 503; Mae Seymour 272, 189; Bill Aplin 177; Celia Carnes and Cassie Franklin 146; Marie Aldridge 316; Dennis George 29t; Terry Hullett and Stephen Hullett 276; Jan Kettle 464.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 186.

Leaders: Eloise Wootten 171; Louis Hughes, Sr. 153; Jan Nesbitt and mother, Willie Mae Moon 380; Linda Sides 332.

The memorial lesson was held at this time with Becky Browne reading from Romans 8th chapter: "Who can separate us from the love of God". Ruth Brown spoke using the names from songs as her topic: Passing Away - we are passing away; Fleeting Days - the moment when our lives begin, we all begin to die; Holy City - there is a Holy City, a happy world above; All Is Well - I soon shall be from every pain and sorrow free, all is well. Ruth Brown read the names of the deceased since last year's convention: Nora Collett, Eugene Blackwood, Delta Wootten, Jimmy Causey, Barrett Ashley, Bonnie Ashley, Verna Williams, Will Battles, Lola Jenkins, Unie B. Howard, Buddy Tindal, Ernest Phillips, Marilou Jolly, Bob Fannin, Merle Etheridge, Lauren Lakey, Rodger Morrison, Lola Roberson, Emma Nell Nelson, J. E. Allen, Kenneth Brandon, Eva Reeves, Silas Lee, Estelle Napier, Mel Bailey, Gail Rich, Madolin McGray, Willa Mae Holt, Buck Aaron, Alvin Parker, Howard Bynum, Willie Mae McClendon, Josie McAlpin, Barry Sullivan, Susan Wantland, George Barford, Herman Wilson, and Edna Wilson. Becky Browne and Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 28b for the deceased. Ruth Brown read the list of sick and shut-ins which included: Helen Bryson, Horace DeLong, Hadyn Creel, Vernice Calvert, Essie Calvert, Ruby Phillips, Jap Walton, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Herbert Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harden, Jerry Sheppard, Mozell Sheppard, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Morris Fabion, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oden, Alpha Black,

Ozettia Gilliland, Bill Green, Maxine Lacy, Johnny Jeans, Catherine Cessna, Dodge Wiggins, Woodie Walker, Richard Allison, Nick Fabke, and Bill Anderson. John Bayer led song on page 83t for the sick and shut-ins. Billy J. Harris closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Carla Smith 149; Kyle Blakeley 32t; Jeanette DePoy 385t (for Helen Bryson). Harrison Creel asked the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 112. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 31b; Bob Meek 268; Tim Cook 347; Norma Latham, Mattie Townsel, and Patsy Gentle 128; Waylon Blakeley 142; all young people in attendance under the age of twenty: Cassie Franklin, Regina Bayer, Celia Carnes, Gavin Blakeley, Kyle Blakeley, Jubal Bayer, Hans Bayer, Josie Bealle, Dustin McCowan, Stephen Hullett, and Tommy George 354; Jackie Tanner 298; Shelley Capps 100; Eric Coats 236; Kermit Adams 408; Midge Olsen 269; Pauline Childers 234; Tonia George 117; John Bayer 421; Bill Shetter 369; Ted Mercer 216; Cassie Franklin, Regina Bayer, and Hans Bayer 328; Kathy White 84; Richard DeLong 336.

A business session was held. Samuel Sommers gave the Resolutions Committee report. Members of the Resolution Committee wish to express thanks to:

- 1) the many people who have made this session of the Alabama State Convention possible;
- 2) the officers, organizers, and committee members;
- 3) Elder Edwin Farris and the people of Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church;
- 4) all the people who provided, prepared, and served dinner to the group both days;
- 5) the Piggly Wiggly which provided soft drinks and cups;
- 6) singers who came from far and near to sing for our joy and to God's glory;
- 7) God, the giver of every good gift.

Respectfully submitted by: Samuel Sommers, Buell Cobb, Azilee Adams, and Jerry Enright.

Shelbie Sheppard gave the report for the "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings". Balance on hand as of November 19, 1996, \$8,244.55; deposit of \$467.50; balance on hand as of December 31, 1996 was \$8,712.05. Printing of book for 1996-1997 - \$4,306.00; postage/ mailing supplies for books \$601.83. Balance as of February 4, 1997 - \$3,804.22; deposits for 1997 - \$5,496.00. Balance on hand as of November 23, 1997 - \$9,300.22. It was discussed, decided, and approved by the convention members to:

- 1) include David Ivey as a member of the committee in the preparation of the minutes book;
- 2) increase the amount for printing from \$25.00 per singing day to \$30.00 per singing day.
- 3) when books are to be mailed, an additional amount of \$7.00 should be included for shipping expenses, i.e. postage/labels/boxes.

Amounts submitted should be: \$30.00 if picked up, \$37.00 if mailed.

Jewel Wootten gave the financial report. Balance brought forward \$1,231.08; interest \$48.29; collection \$588.40; total \$1,867.77. Supplies \$69.72; chicken \$71.54; B-B-Q \$104.00; gift to church \$250.00; minutes \$50.00. Balance \$1,322.51. End of business session.

RECESS

The class was brought together with Jerry Enright leading song on page 40.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 523; Eloise Clark 313b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Michelle

Cull 73b; Reba Windom 224; David Hough 371; Eldagene Roberson 300; Roy Nelson 432; Katharine Hough 457; Gavin Blakeley 317; John Bealle 278t; Gordon Olsen 547; Henry Schuman 388; Gary Gronau 110; Regina Glass 86; Eloise Avery 35; Chita Blakeley and Glenn Conn 430, 497. Jeff Sheppard and Elder Edwin Farris led song on page 62 as the closing song while the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was led by Elder Edwin Farris.

Seventeen states were represented: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas.

GANUS AND WILFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama November 23, 1997

The twenty-seventh session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 89. The morning prayer was led by Doyle Williams. Travis Keeton led song on page 452.

The class organized and the following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Lena Wakefield.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 37b; Gene Wakefield 56t, 100; Keterina Sanders 146, 317; Doyle Williams 84, 312b, 29t; Helen Langston 143, 391 (in memory of her dad and brother, S. L. and Wilford Wakefield); Helen Langston and Faye Donaldson 546 (for Fayrene Wakefield, who was sick); Faye Donaldson 299, 270; Hubert Hood 36b, 454; John Hyde 297, 111b; Jayne Fulford 268, 126, 186.

RECESS

Gene Wakefield brought the class to order leading song on page 294. Leaders: Roma Rice 231, 225t; Odie Horton 32t, 33b; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 145b; Mae Conwill 171, 285t, 97; Lena Wakefield and Keith Deaton 436, 45t, 63; Keith Deaton played two songs on a sitar (a musical instrument).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 103. The children of S. L. and Catherine Wakefield: Cecil Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julie Postum, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, and Faye Donaldson, led songs on pages 333, 480, 426 (by request) in memory of their parents and in honor of their brother, Clifford Wakefield, who was unable to attend, 421 (for Rose Altha Taylor).

Leaders: Julia Cook and Ashley Cook 388, 59; B. B. Mattox 217, 168; Ila Ingle 500, 530 (in memory of her dad, Tom Harper, who passed away this time last year); Earl Ballinger 411, 176t; Billy Williams 64, 339; Ada Godsey 301, 34t; Gravis Ballinger 144, 34b; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 298; Larry Ballinger 139, 123t; Elmer Conwill 296, 396; Pernie Pelfrey 399b, 475; Steve Miles 147t, 163t; Betty Baccus 456, 392; Gwenn Cornelius and Lena Wakefield 490, 124; Josie Hyde 200, 318; Cecil Wakefield 282, 159; Margaret Keeton 499, 39b.

Gene Wakefield and Travis Keeton led song on page 445 for the closing song.

The class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

MARTIN BLACKMON MEMORIAL
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Villa Rica, Georgia
November 30, 1997

The annual Martin Blackmon Memorial Sacred Harp singing at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church was held the last fifth Sunday in the year. The class was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 59. Elder J. J. Aderhold led the morning prayer. Myron House led song on page 166; Elder J. J. Aderhold 65, 67; Charlene Wallace 79, 85.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Elder J. J. Aderhold; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong. Myron House led songs on pages 159 and 191. Leaders: Felton Denney 50b, 155; Evelyn Harris 101, 32; Carlene Griffin 81, 87; Bobby Jackson 512, 515; Mildred Patterson 89, 167; George Garner 47, 40; Kim Cagle 176b, 373.

RECESS

Myron House called the class together leading song on page 74b. Leaders: Tim Cook 344, 73b; Helen Bryson 306, 522; Floy Wilder 432, 183; Ted Mercer 139, 172; Wesley Haley 117, 34b; Jan Ketelle 36b, 440; John Plunkett 503, 302; Raymond Hamrick 148, 182; Jeanette DePoy 341, 179.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 230. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 61, 63; Cathy White 384, 66; B. M. Smith 475, 497; Mary F. Smith 340, 276; Louis Hughes, Sr. 176, 147; B. J. Harris 225, 303; Katherine Benefield 108, 146; Lonnie Rogers 318, 222; Reba Norton 282, 327; Elder Homer Benefield 348b, 56; Laura Webb 347, 163b; Richard DeLong 399, 458; Phillip Langley 110, 300; Sheri Taylor 316, 430; Elder Lewis Norton 39b, 45; Richard DeLong 531 (by request, in memory of Martin and Dura Blackmon); Jan Ketelle 120; Ted Mercer 383; John Plunkett 461; Tim Cook, Clair Seaton, and Clarence Verdell 229; Jeanette DePoy 436; Helen Bryson 196. After announcements were made, Myron House led page 323 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield. Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Elder J. J. Aderhold; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Panama City, Florida

December 6-7, 1997

Saturday, December 6

The thirtieth session of the Florida State Convention was held at the Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December, 1997, and was called to order by Chairman David Lee at 9:20 a.m. leading songs on pages 176 and 393b. The morning prayer was offered by S. T. Reed. Officers leading were: Elvin Guthrie 127; Leon Ballinger 120; Victoria Aplin 88b; Aubrey Barfield 497. Leaders: Thurman Nall 395b; B. M. Smith 515; S. T. Reed 541; Lee Rogers 41; Eldagene Roberson 300; John Kanode 571; Hershell King 572; Don Bowen 505; Mattie Townsel 274t; Ernest Cockcroft 553; Sharon Kellam 432.

Don Clark and Clarke Lee was appointed to serve as the Memorial Committee.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by David Lee leading song on page 391. Leaders: Mike Jones 47b; Milton Oliver 54t; Leola Smith 570; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507;

Clarke Lee 99; Norma Latham 559; Bill Aplin 567; Mary Elizabeth Lee 45t; David Roberson 101t; Reba Windom 137; J. C. Rutledge 128; Liz Bryant 392; George Cox 108t; Marie Guthrie 113.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 276. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 36b; Kathy Lee 575; Joe Nall 171; Nancy Van Den Akker 100; Bud Oliver 270; John Etheridge 447t; Regina Glass 306; Don Clark 398b; Katharine Manning 218; Dewayne Hawthorne 436b; Cecile Cox 511t; Johnny Lee 271b. The blessing for the noon meal was given by Stanley Smith.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by B. M. Smith leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Winston Jones 285t; Regina Clark 86; W. L. Green 425; Faye Pettis 384; Bill Farris 282; Margie Smith 82; Tommie Spurlock 311; Sue Graham 500; Horace Nall 516; Joyce Randall 198 (for Mamie Riley); Agnes Farris 378t; Genny Whitworth 442; Stanley Smith 542.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Leon Ballinger leading song on page 470. Leaders: Tim Jones 451; Ann Barnett 159; Thurman Nall 563; B. M. Smith 449; Julie Lee 336t; S. T. Reed 569; Lee Rogers 501; John Kanode 229; Eldagene Roberson 142; Hershell King 535t; Don Bowen 488; Mattie Townsel 112; Victoria Aplin 411 (by request). Victoria Aplin led song on page 343b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Johnny Lee.

Sunday, December 7

The Sunday session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by David Lee leading song on page 278. The morning prayer was offered by Clarke Lee. Leaders: David Lee 59; Elvin Guthrie 69; Leon Ballinger 48; Victoria Aplin 135; Aubrey Barfield 365; Milton Oliver 505; Leola Smith 570; Dale Redmon 514; Sharon Kellam 55; Clarke Lee 326; Norma Latham 455; David Roberson 220; Reba Windom 559; Harlie Guthrie 163t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 225t. Leaders: J. C. Rutledge 503; Liz Bryant 156; Faye Pettis 434; George Cox 395b; Elizabeth Lobato 162; Linton Ballinger 508; Hannah Lee, Rachel Lee, and Erica Thrift 500; Steven Lobato 492; Christine Gandy 330t; Mary Elizabeth Lee 361; Bud Oliver 145b; Kathy Lee 416.

The memorial lesson was held by Clarke Lee who read the list of the deceased, and then led song on page 27 in their memory. Don Clark read the names of the sick and shut-ins, spoke a few words, and led songs on pages 106 and 288. Tommie Spurlock led song on page 574. There was a moment of silent prayer, and then Johnny Lee closed the memorial with prayer.

Stanley Smith 235 (by request); Riley Lee 572; class sung 369. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Leon Ballinger.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Katharine Manning 128; Bill Aplin 224; Cecile Cox 406; Johnny Lee 569; Marie Guthrie 189; John Etheridge 446t; Regina Glass 168; Teresa Lowry and Angela Lowry 449; W. L. Green 389t; Nancy Van Den Akker 414; Bill Farris 111t; Ann Barnett 388; Tommie Spurlock 217; Son Graham 505; Julie Lee 393t; Lee Rogers 412; Hershell King 522; Eldagene Rogerson 222; David Lee 229 (as a wish).

RECESS

The class was called to order by Clarke Lee leading song on page 65. Leaders: Don Bowen 478; Thurman Nall 502; Victoria Aplin 143; Aubrey Barfield 140; Leola Smith 185; Sharon Kellam 38t; Norma Latham 511b; Katharine Manning 384; Reba Windom 196.

A short business session was held. Officers for the 1998 Convention were announced: Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; First Vice Chairman - Leon Ballinger; Second Vice Chairman - Don Clark. The officers from this year and those to serve in 1998 led song on page 62 for the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tommie Spurlock.

We would like to say a special thank you for each and every one who in any way helped make this convention a success. Without you it would not have been as great. Thank you to the Holiday Inn for the use of their great facilities.

Chairman - David Lee; First Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Second Vice Chairman - Leon Ballinger; Secretary - Aubrey Barfield.

LEON WILSON MEMORIAL SINGING

Santa Cruz, California

Tuesday, December 16, 1997

A memorial singing was held for Leon Wilson of Santa Cruz, California who passed away just before Thanksgiving at the age of 86. The singing included Mr. Wilson's song "Summerfield," which he composed in 1940 but first led at a singing in 1995 at the All-California State Convention.

Mr. Wilson was an esteemed singer who first taught Sacred Harp Singing in Tennessee at the Highlander Folk School in 1939. He was the chairman of the Tennessee state singing convention in 1941 and 1942, and is pictured and mentioned in George Pullen Jackson's book "White and Negro Spirituals." His teaching and composing skills were greatly admired by his friends, which included Lon Odem, A.M. Cagle and Paine Denson. He taught and directed a Sacred Harp choir while imprisoned as a conscientious objector in 1943 at McNeil Island Penitentiary in Washington state.

He resided in Santa Cruz during his retirement years. He was a thoughtful and inspiring friend to all and an active supporter of Sacred Harp music. He will be greatly missed.

1996 AND 1997 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 1996 and 1997 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.

DEATHS 1996

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	Dewey 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

09- -96	Leamon Todd	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
11-26-96	Melton Wallace	Alabama
12-05-96	Elder Bernard Moon	Alabama
12-07-96	Will Battles	Alabama
12-13-96	Lola Jenkins	Alabama
12-23-96	Buddy Tindal	Alabama
12-23-96	Clelan Cobb	Alabama

Deaths 1996, Date Unknown

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 Edell
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

Holland
Gerrit Van Eysden

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
Roberte 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	James Sanderson	Greta Townsend
Dave O'Dell	Sybil Schwarts	Joyce Tracy
Florence Owen	Dorothy Spitzer	Ronald Vachon
Jean Passmore	Jeanne Arnold Stevens	Lucy Venno
Benjamin Post	Mary Taylor	Paul Viglione
D'mitry Pokrovsky	Ester Tennebaum	Willie Windsor
Patrick Riley	Bill Tow	

DEATHS 1997

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 1997 minutes.

01-05-97	Rodger Morrison	Alabama
01-14-97	Tyrone Dryden	Alabama
01-20-97	Bertha Anderson	Alabama
01-22-97	Lola Myrtle Roberson	Alabama
01-23-97	Quay Smathers	North Carolina
01- -97	Glover Nichols	Georgia
02-10-97	Bonnie Ashley	Alabama
02-18-97	Jimmy Causey	Alabama
02-24-97	Robert Thompson	Alabama
03-01-97	Haley Armstrong	Alabama
03- -97	Elsie Key	Alabama
03-26-97	Emma Nell Nelson	Alabama
03-26-97	Kenneth Brandon	Alabama
03-28-97	J. E. Allen	Georgia
04-01-97	Shelby K. Miller	Alabama
04-04-97	Sue Vaughn	Texas
04-18-97	Raymond C. Barnett, Jr.	Texas
05-14-97	Eva Reeves	Georgia
05-17-97	Horace Lambert	Georgia
05-29-97	Silas Lee	Georgia
06-05-97	Marilou Jolly	California
06-19-97	Buck Aaron	Alabama
06-23-97	Willa Mae Holt	Alabama
06-26-97	Sally Carroll	Georgia
06- -97	Carrie Graves	Alabama
07-09-97	Ernest Phillips	Alabama
07-29-97	Barrett Ashley	Alabama
07- -97	Howard Bynum	Alabama
08-02-97	Unie B. Howard	Alabama
08-02-97	Madolin McGray	Massachusetts
08-14-97	Alvin Parker	Alabama
08-19-97	Nora Collett	Alabama
08-29-97	Bob Fannin	Alabama
08-29-97	Mel Bailey	Alabama
09- -97	Gail Rich	California
09-01-97	Estelle Napier	Alabama
09-12-97	Josie McAlpin	Alabama
10- -97	Mrs. Ollie Brady	Georgia
10- -97	Tomera Bishop Holmes	Alabama
10-03-97	Willie Mae McClendon	Alabama
11- -97	Elder H. L. Weaver	Georgia

11- -97	Leon Wilson	California
11-23-97	Elder Jason Davis	Georgia
11-29-97	Gertrude Bateman	Georgia

Deaths 1997, Date Unknown

Alabama

Lorenzo Abrams
 Vannie Adams
 Eugene Blackwood
 Willie Blackwood
 Bera Bradford
 Grady Brown
 Jewel Brown
 Johnny Brown
 Lillie Bunn
 Pearlee Calvert
 Issac Crowe
 Mike Daniels
 Myrtis Edwards Deese
 Jimmy Dean
 Easterwood
 Andy Edwards
 Charlie Elmore
 Thurman Elmore
 Josephine Gibson
 Herby Godsey
 Rachel Grimmett
 Luna Harper
 Bertha Henson
 Monica Hinkle
 Thomas Holland
 Neal Hulsey
 Robert Jackson
 Estelle Johnson
 Verlie Johnson
 Frances Kelson
 Velva Kitchens
 Alice Mauldin
 Emmet McCormick
 Velma Morrow
 Lillie Nail
 Catherine Neeley
 Dwight Pollard
 Greg Scott
 R. D. Smith
 Evelyn Spradlin
 Emily Whaley
 Felton White
 Gilbert White
 Elder Marlen White
 Johnny Williams

Verna Williams
 Shirley Wilson
 Savola Wimpee
 Lola Wood
 Shirley Wright

Arizona

Don Scott

Arkansas

Russell Wiberg

California

Giddies Bailey
 Ann Becker
 Raymond Beise
 Thomas Bell
 Patti Benner
 Murray Biedermann
 Patricia Jean Cuyler
 Ray Edwards
 Jan Goldman
 Alice Grams
 Emanuel Harriman
 Margaret Loughlin
 Troy McCissick
 David Nodel
 Jane Stickney Nidorf
 George Padrone
 Ida Ray Rosenfeld
 Mario Savio
 Mike Warner
 Shirley Wright

Colorado

Katharine Sayvetz
 Barry Sullivan

Connecticut

Elizabeth Ann Burke
 Frits DeBohr

D.C.

Nina Dunbar
 Susan Wantland

Florida

Opal Johnston

Georgia

Jewel Anderson
 Edna Ball
 Douglas Bartley
 Mrs. Bartley
 Mary Ruth Cox
 Mildred Cox
 Chris Crow
 Roy Daniel
 Clara Denney
 Mike Dunn
 Sarah Duke
 George Dutton
 Ethel Echols
 Mr. & Mrs. Myrl
 Gammon
 Annie Garner
 Peggy Hickox
 Bill Holcombe
 Joe Laminack
 Bill McGraw
 Mac Moore
 Melvin Pope
 Sue Porter
 Harley Quales
 Studie Roberts
 Savoy Robinson
 J. B. Rollins
 Dean Thompson
 Lillie Todd
 Edna Wilson
 Hiram Wilson
 Betty DeLong Womach
 Eugene Wood

Illinois

George Barford
 Bill Currie
 Sonny Frank
 Elise Kasper
 Thomas Kupensky
 Ted Pankey
 Tom Pavoubek
 Betty Snowberg
 Jeremy Swilley

Indiana

Bruce Mosier

Iowa

Dorothy Brenneman

Julian Bruner

Audrey Stedham

Clarke Wilson

Kentucky

Vena Sargent

Maryland

Adell Dawson

Joe Kochanski

Mary Howell

Romanswski

Dottie Wilson-Moy

Massachusetts

Richard Atherton

Lois Berfield

Lawrence Brooks

Anna Timmerman

Mississippi

Louis Porter

Missouri

Charled Derleth

Mary Derleth

Julia Grindon

Virginia Voss

New Hampshire

Maggie McCallion

New Jersey

Barbara Owens

New York

John Hayward

Peter Kahn

Herbert Buckingham

Khaury

Arthur Morgan

Ruth F. Newell

Jean De Palma

Rick Palmer

Joan Sanders

Marian Schroeder

Arthur Stauffer

Pamela Veerhiser

Jeremy Werbin

Gabe Wiener

Alice Yang

Ohio

Frank Borchert

Kevin Waters

Oregon

Carol Bruehl

Joyce Fisher

Audrey Kocarnik

Milo Minato

Pennsylvania

Chet Burn

Helene Brylawski

Michael Brylawski

Tony DeFusco

Alice Hemenway

Madeline Hillman

Jere Knight

John Lundgren

Florence Siple

Penny Smith

Rhode Island

Estes Benson

Velma Moore

South Dakota

Lorene Schlenker

Ella Taylor

Tennessee

Larry Hale

Megan Phillips

Texas

Truman Baker

Hubbard Barlow

Ray Barnett

Forrest Brooks

James Canfield

Anice Cockram

Sherman Cole

Thelma Cole

James Cranfill

Jesse Denson

Dr. Marsha Evans

Blanche Fulmer Jeffrey

Julian Jones

Dr. Lynn Hanna

Sam Herman

Frances Galburg Holter

Christine Moreland

A. V. Pepper

Sue Vaughn

Casyle Wiggins

Elva Wylie

Vermont

George Boardman

Maureen Joy

Virginia

Freddie Baughan

Evelyn Goode

John Hack

Ann Harris

Washington

Caroline Cho

Kay Cox

Dennis Gorgas

Bruce Marshall

Brenda Allen-

Thompson

West Virginia

Arthur Stauffer, Sr.

Wisconsin

Solon Chervitz

Gogo Darato

Sonny Frank

John Middlecamp

Benjamin Neyman

David Procto

Quebec, Canada

Carol Weller

State Unknown

Ken Arkin

Frank Baker

George Barford

Toni Beville

Sue Brooks

Gene Brumbaugh

Thelma Christenses

Delbert Dick

Evelyn Parker Duncan

Ruth Dunham

Mr./Mrs. Mecia

Farbron

Bob Farrell

Freddy "Bubba"

Fletcher

Edith Garner
Catherine Gruber
Ray Harding
Tom Hardy
Opal Johnson
Robert Kendall
James Edward Knight
Lauren Lakey
Quentin Lauer
Jay Lieberg

Madaline Malroy
Dan Markovitz
Ann Mason
Donna Matson
David Miller
Reine Moffet
Suzita Myers
Hulan Newman
Henrietta Petzing
Gloria Pfau

Betty Townsend
Shearin
Mabel Charlotte Smith
Penny Smith
Mary Southern
Ella Taylor
Robert Toone
Marx Wartovski