

Sacred Harp Singings

1995 & 1996

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Dear Singers and Friends of Sacred Harp,

We are pleased to provide the Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings for 1995 and 1996. Over the years this book has been an invaluable guide to singers and friends of Sacred Harp all across the United States.

An endeavor such as this is not accomplished by the effort of any one individual, so thanks are due to many people who provided invaluable assistance. The first thanks go to the secretaries who volunteer their services week after week, and whose work continues after a singing is a pleasant memory. They have also made an extra effort to submit their minutes in a timely manner, and that effort is especially appreciated.

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I apologize in advance for any errors you find in this compilation of minutes. Please understand that mistakes in spelling of names and places are unintentional. Please submit in writing any corrections or changes, especially address changes, to me at the address below.

Finally, I ask for your assistance in updating the driving directions to singings in the Directory. Please send directions that are specific and can be followed by someone who has never been to your singing.

Make checks for minutes payable to the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention (\$25.00 per singing session).

I encourage you to support Sacred Harp singing to the utmost of your ability in 1996!

Shelbie Sheppard
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MINUTES STYLE GUIDE

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

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

COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

If you have any questions about the above guidelines, please contact Chris Thorman at 415-431-7664, thorman@netcom.com.

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

1996 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: Fifth Sunday singings, in addition to being listed in this section, are listed in a separate section starting on page 17, along with explanations of the formulas for calculating their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 6th—William Walker Memorial Singing—Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC.

Sun. 7th—Dutch Treat Singing—Shady Grove Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL, Hwy 195.

Sun. 7th—West Georgia Singing—West Georgia College, Carrollton, GA in Food Service Building (Z-6).

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 13th, pm—Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson & Robert Harper, Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County, 1 1/2 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Saturday night before second Sunday in January each year.

Sat. 13th, pm—Memorial Singing for Mrs. Luther Calvert & Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church, Boldo Community, 6 miles east of Jasper, AL. Hwy 69. Saturday night before second Sunday.

Sun. 14th—Uncle Jack Kerr & Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church North of Fruithurst, AL, County Road 49. Dutch Treat Singing. Meals served at church at very reasonable costs.

Sun. 14th—Old Town School Anniversary Singing—Chicago, IL, Irish American Heritage Center.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 20th & Sun. 21st—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Building H at Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, 25 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 27th—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowen Hall, Fort Worth, TX, 12th Annual. Info: William Reynolds (817) 923-1921, ext. 2180. (1991 Revision/Dutch Treat).

Sat. 27th—Fohs Hall, Marion, KY, North Walker St.

Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing, Bay Minette City Hall, Bay Minette, AL.

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 4th—Uncle Bob Burnham Memorial—Recreation Center, Jacksonville, AL (Lunch is shared by all. Please bring a covered dish to share.)

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

Sun. 4th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, IL. (Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival & will alternate with 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Sunday. Call Ted Mercer (312) 486-7400 for more info.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 10th—Memorial for Oralee Burns—Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County, 1 1/2 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Saturday before the second Sunday in February each year.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 17th & Sun. 18th—Ohio State Convention—Northern Ohio, subject to availability. Contact John Bayer (513) 835-3323 or John Bealle (513) 861-1137 for more info.

Sun. 18th—Sanders Memorial—Cordova Senior Citizens Center, Walker County, Cordova, AL.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 24th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Seattle, WA area, Contact Karen Willard (360) 897-9545 for more information.

Sat. 24th—Winston County Courthouse—Double Springs, AL.

Sat. 24th & Sun. 25th—Texas State Convention—4th Annual, College Station Conference Center (both days), 1300 George Bush Dr., College Station, TX. More info: Charles Whitmer (713) 367-6260. (1991 Revision/Dutch Treat).

Sun. 25th—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Callaway Building Botanical Gardens—Athens, GA, Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Av. Extension), 1 mile to Botanical Gardens sign, turn right. (Sacred Harp and Social Harp Singing).

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sun. 3rd—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus, GA, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial.

Sun. 3rd—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. 9th & Sun. 10th—Missouri State Convention—St. Louis, MO. Call Karen Isbell (314) 664-1411 for location.

Sat. 9th & Sun. 10th—Smith County Convention—17th Annual. New Harmony Community Center, on FM 724 in the New Harmony Community, between State Hwys. 64 & 110, northwest of Tyler, TX. More info: Myrl Jones (903) 593-0955 or Myra Palmer (214) 223-4617. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 10th—Oxford, MS, City Hall on the square.

Sun. 10th—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.

Sun. 10th—Old Clear Creek Church—Marshall County, AL. From Birmingham, Hwy 75 north to Douglas turn right on Hwy 168 east (Douglas to Boaz Hwy) Go approx. 5 miles, church will be on right. (Note: You will pass Friendship church on right before you get to Old Clear Creek Church.)

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 16th pm—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo, AL. Stephenson/Wall Memorial, 6 miles northeast of Jasper, AL on Hwy 69. Saturday night.

Sun. 17th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta, GA, Garrison Memorial, Birmingham-Hopewell Road. (Cooper Book).

Sun. 17th—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. & turn left. If you are coming 431 north, turn right on Pineview Ave. before you get to First Baptist Church, Glencoe.)

Sun. 17th—Log Cabin Singing—Double Springs, AL, Turn onto County Rd. 53 off Hwy 278, take next road to left, go about 1/2 mile.

Sun. 17th pm—Memorial for Leona Horton and Maude Adams—Shady Grove Church, Double Springs, AL. Third Sunday night in March

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 23rd & Sun. 24th—Georgia State Convention—DeKalb County Courthouse, Decatur, GA.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 30th & Sun. 31st—Southwest Texas Convention—McMahan, Texas, First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later). Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, on FM 713, McMahan, Texas, between Bastrop and Luling. Info: Tom Owen (512) 398-6075 or Curtis Owen (512) 398-2017. (Cooper Book)

Sun. 31st—Liberty Church—Henagar, AL . First fifth Sunday after first of year, Directions, 2 miles north of Henagar, Al. on Liberty Road, From Henagar Crossing, take Hwy 40 west to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative. Turn right & go to dead end. Turn right, take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Rd.). Church is on right, approximately 1.5 miles.

Sun. 31st—Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, AL, First fifth Sunday each year , Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial, Directions: 2 1/2 miles southwest of Sumiton, Alabama. North of New Hwy 78 or South of Old Hwy 78.

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 6th—Easter Singing—Mt. Ararat Primitive Baptist Church on US 79, 6 miles east of Henderson TX. More info: Ed/Alcie Craig (903) 678-3379. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 7th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Hwy 9, one mile north of Bruce MS.

Sun. 7th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville, AL, 6 miles east of Heflin just off Hwy 78.

Sun. 7th—Liberty Hill Church—On Hwy 36, about 7 miles west of I-75 Take either High Falls exit 65 or Barnesville/Jackson exit 66 & go west towards Barnesville, GA.

Sun. 7th—Old Enon Church—North of Lynn, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. 12th pm—Antioch Baptist Church—Friday night before the Second Sunday in April, south of Tallapoosa, Georgia on old 100 Hwy

Sat. 13th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, AL, From west to east, take Hwy 78, go to the GA State Line, *immediately* turn around & come back to first road to the right, go to the next road which will be dirt & turn right..go approx. 500 yds. & church will be on left. If you are coming from the east, go to GA State Line & follow the same directions.

Sat. 13th—Brazos River Singing—5th Annual, Star of the Republic Museum, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Washington, Texas. More info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080. (Cooper Revision/Donation & RSVP requested for catered picnic or bring a picnic lunch).

Sat. 13th—Harpeth Presbyterian Church—Millsboro Rd., Hwy 431, midway between Franklin and Nashville, TN. (Singing is the first Saturday after Easter each year.)

Sun. 14th—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 will be on left.

Sun. 14th—Old County Line Church—9 miles west of Warrior, AL near Corner off Miller road.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 20th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Atlanta Friends Meeting House, near downtown Decatur, GA.

Sat. 20th—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles east of Arab, AL on Hwy 69 (Arab to Guntersville).

Sun. 21st—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—South of Hwy 8, 8 miles east of Houston, MS.

Sun. 21st—Old Union Baptist Church—5 miles southwest of Winfield, AL on Hwy 107.

Sun. 21st—Old Harmony—Cleburne County, AL (approx. 10 miles east of Heflin), Take Abernathy exit off I-20, take first road on right and go 1 mile, Church on right.

Sun. 21st—Pine Grove—Look out Mountain near Collinsville, Dekalb County, AL, Take I-59 & turn east on AL 68 (exit 205) & follow signs to US 11, go south on 11, look for sign to church between mile marker 212 & 213.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 27th—Yellow Spring—Ohio, Columbus/Cincinnati area, More info: contact John Bealle (513) 861-1137.

Sat. 27th—Tyler County Singing—5th Annual. Cherokee Church, Heritage Village Museum, 2 miles west of the US 190/US69 intersection on US 190, Woodville, TX. More info: John/Joella Thompkins (409) 837-4412. (Cooper Revision/Dutch Treat).

Fri. 26th pm, Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th—Potomac River Convention—Washington, DC area. Call 301-897-5274. (For 1996 only. Usual dates are first-Sunday weekend.)

Sun. 28th—Friendship Church—8 miles southeast of Haleyville on Hwy195, turn south at church sign two miles, church on left. Going north, look for church sign, south 2 miles.

Sun. 28th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/ Hopewell Road, north of Alpharetta, GA.

Sun. 28th—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—On Hwy 75, 5 miles south of junction at Sneads Crossroads.

Sun. 28th—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 & follow signs to Mt. Paran Church, pass church to dead end, turn right, church on right.

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 4th—Burrirtt Museum—3101 Burrirtt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain, Huntsville, AL, Take US 431 south (Govenors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain. Turn north onto Monte Sano Blvd. Turn left onto Burrirtt Drive.

Sun. 5th—Emmaus Church—Carrollton, GA, Take Hwy 27 south thru Carrollton, go 2 miles & turn right on Oak Grove Church Road. Go to cross roads (or 1st street) & turn left

Sun. 5th—North Carolina Convention—Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, Raleigh, NC

Sun. 5th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), MS., Hwy 341 south of Reid.

Sun. 5th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, AL, 1 1/2 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill)

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 12th—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. 17th pm & Sat. 18th—Garden State Singing Convention—Upper Montclair, NJ, Info: George/Jean Seiler (201) 746-0940. (Friday night singing school preceeds convention.)

Sat. 18th—Southern California Regional Singing—San Pedro, CA, Info: Carla Smith (619) 533-3178 (days) or (619) 544-3178 (evenings).

Sat. 18th—Harmony Church—3 miles north of Lawrenceburg, TN, Hwy 43, turn left onto Flatwood Rd, go 1 mile, cross railroad, church on right, Mattox Memorial.

Sat. 18th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, KY (near Lexington).

Sun. 19th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, AL, 3 1/2 miles east of Heflin on Hwy 78.

Sun. 19th—New Canaan Church—Near Empire, AL, On road to fork of River.

Sun. 19th—Bethlehem Church. Heard Ave., Macon, GA.

Sun. 19th—Concord Baptist Church—West of Hwy 32 at Ellard (Calhoun County), MS.

Sun. 19th—New Prospect Presbyterian Church—Off FM 124 on CR 212, east of Beckville, TX. Info: Ed/Alcie Craig (903) 678-3379. (Cooper Revision).

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 26th—Gum Pond Church—Morgan County, AL, 18 miles northeast of Cullman, AL near Eva.

Sun. 26th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—4 miles north of Tallapoosa, GA off Hwy 100.

Sun. 26th—Mount Pisgah—Chambers County, AL, 6 miles south of Roanoke at Stroud, just off Hwy 431. (Cooper Book).

Sun. 26th—Sardis Church—Morris, AL, Doss Memorial, 3 miles west of Hwy 31 at Morris, AL.

Sun. 26th—Sullins School House—8 miles north of Hamilton, AL, Hwy 49.

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sun. 2nd—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church.—5 miles of Steens, MS.

Sun. 2nd—Liberty Church—Liberty Road, 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.

Sun. 2nd—Pine Tucky Church—5 miles south of Double Springs, AL and 1 mile east of Hwy 195.

Sun. 2nd—Sherman Baptist Church—Hill Roane Memorial, Hwy 32, 10 miles west of Bruce, MS.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 8th—Northern Shenandoah Valley All-Day Singing—Berryville, VA., location to be announced.

Sat. 8th & Sun. 9th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Hopewell Homecoming, 6 miles east of Oneonta, AL, 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport.

Sun. 9th—Alpharetta, Georgia—Municipal Auditorium, Alpharetta, GA, in the heart of downtown Alpharetta.

Sun. 9th—Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church—13 miles northeast of Cullman, AL on Hwy 69 (Cullman to Arab).

Sun. 9th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—1 mile east of Villa Rica, GA., just off Hwy 78.

Sun. 9th—Oak Springs Church—3 miles north of Derma, MS.

Sun. 9th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church, Johnson School House, Fayette County, AL on Hwy 44, Old Fayette Road.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs. 13th, Fri. 14th & Sat. 15th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Trinity United Methodist Church, 1400 Oxmoor Rd., Birmingham, AL (Homewood area, I-65 & Hwy 31.)

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

Sat. 15th—Zion Hill Baptist Church—Off FM 840 on CR 368, southeast of Henderson, TX. Info: John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2150. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 16th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Take GA 100 south to Ephesus School, go 2 1/2 miles on Ephesus & Roosterville Rd.

Sun. 16th—King School House—3 miles northwest of Lynn, AL. just off Hwy 278.

Sun. 16th—Little Vine Church—Near Empire, AL on Oaky Hollow Rd.

Sun. 16th—Macedonia Church.—4 miles south of Section, AL., Jackson County, 7 miles northwest of Fyffe, AL on Hwy to Section.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 22nd & Sun. 23rd Shady Grove Church—3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy 195.

Sat. 22nd am & Sun. 23rd am Old Songs Festival, Altamont Fairgrounds, near Albany, NY. Mornings only.

Sun. 23rd— DeLong Memorial—Ebenezer Church, Intersection of Roberts Rd. and Spalding Dr., Dunwoody, GA. Exit GA 400 North at Northridge. Go straight across on Roberts Drive. Church is at corner of Roberts and Spalding Drive. (approx. 1 mile from GA 400.)

Sun. 23rd— New Hope Church—Cullman County, AL, 5 miles south of Jones Chapel, AL on Hwy 278, County Hwy from Jones Chapel to Crane Hill.

Sun. 23rd— Mt. Lebanon Church—8 miles northwest of Fayette, AL.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 29th & Sun. 30th—Midwest Convention—Chicago, IL Locations announced. Contact Ted Mercer (312) 862-6477 or 486-7400.

Sat. 29th & Sun. 30th—Altamont Fair—Tricounty Fairgrounds, Near Albany, New York. Always the last Saturday and Sunday in June.

Sun. 30th—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, GA. 10 miles southwest of Sylvester.

July

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

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

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sun. 7th—New Flatwoods Church, Dutton/Green Memorial—3 miles south of Nauvoo, AL and east of Hwy 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

Sun. 7th—Pleasant Hill Church—Warner Robbins, GA, One mile southwest of Watson Blvd. on South Pleasant Hill Rd. No lunch. Singing begins at 1PM.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 13th & Sun. 14th—Connecticut Convention—Place to be announced.

Sat. 13th & Sun. 14th—Cullman Courthouse—Cullman, AL.

Sun. 14th—Hardeman Church (B.F. White Book)—Glenwood Rd., Decatur, GA.

Sun. 14th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Oak Grove Community between Childersburg & Sylacauga, AL on Hwy 280.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 20th—Mt. Oak Church—5 miles northwest of Arab, AL.

Sat. 20th—Michiana Regional—Goshen, IN, Info: Samuel Sommers (219) 294-6180.

Sat. 20th—Walker County Convention, 81st Session—Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, AL.

Sun. 21st

—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 & go .6 miles.

Sun. 21st

—Mt. Zion Church—Near Fyffe, AL

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 27th—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond, Morgan County, AL, 18 miles northeast of Cullman near Eva.

Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th—Mt. Zion Church.—Mt. Zion, GA, 8 1/2 miles west of Carrollton, GA on Hwy 16.

Sun. 28th—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church, south of Hwy 8, eight miles east of Houston, MS.

Sun. 28th—Dorsey Creek Church—15 miles southwest of Cullman, AL on Hwy 69.

Sun. 28th—Marion County Courthouse—Hamilton, AL, Hwy 54, 78, & 278.

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 3rd & Sun. 4th—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—Wilson Chapel, Southeast of Carrollton, GA, Turn left off Hwy A-27 at Cross Plains Rd to church.

Sat. 3rd & Sun. 4th—Warrior River, Clear Creek Sacred Harp Convention, 122nd Session—Old Clear Creek Church near Boaz, AL.

Sun. 4th—Fayette County Annual Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Bevell Junior College, Fayette, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat 10th—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. 10th & Sun. 11th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—128th Annual, Henderson Community Center, S. High St., Henderson, TX. Info: Don/Diane Ross (903) 657-8085, or John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2150. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 11th—Lamar/Pickens Convention—79th session, Zion Church, 8 miles north of Gordo, AL, 1/4 miles west of Hwy 159.

Sun. 11th—Macedonia Baptist Church—6 1/2 miles east of Haleyville, AL, and 4 miles south of Needmore, Hwy 195, on Farm to Market Rd.

Sun. 11th—Tennessee River Convention—Second Creek Church, Take Tennessee Hwy 98 to Five Points, TN. Turn west on Liberty Grove/Five Points

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

Wednesday before third Sunday

Wed. 14th—Elmore Center—3 miles south of Gordo, AL on Pickens County Roads 9 & 21. This is reputed to have begun in 1845.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 17th—Rock Creek, Mountain Home & Ryan Creek Convention—Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center, Cullman, AL, Hwy 278 west of Cullman, turn south at light, one block. (Class voted to hold this convention at Jones Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in August.)

Sun. 18th—Emma and Belton Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church, 7/10 of mile south of County Road 14, Winfield, AL. From Highway 78 in Winfield, take Hwy 129 No. County Road 14 turns West off Hwy 129., then left at Church sign. Church is .7 mile on right. Contact # for church is 205-487-3916.

Sun. 18th—Cedar Creek Church—9 miles southwest of Cordele, GA, off Cordele/Albany Hwy.

Sun. 18th—Cleburne County Convention—Cane Creek Church, Cleburne County, 3 1/2 miles east of Heflin on Hwy 78.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 24th—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy 195.

Sat. 24th & Sun. 25th—Mississippi State Convention—Location to be announced.

Sat. 24th & Sun. 25th—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church, Near Collinsville, Dekalb County, AL, Take I-59 & turn east on AL 68 (exit 205) & follow signs to US 11, go south on 11 & look for sign to church between mile marker 212 & 213.

Sun. 25th—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.

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. Aug. 31st—Mulberry River Convention—91st Session. Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), 2 1/2 miles southwest of Sumiton, AL, north of new Hwy 78 or south of old Hwy 78.

Sun. 1st—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles east of Bremen, GA.

Sun. 1st—Clear Creek West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, AL, On Hwy 44, old Fayette Road.

Sun. 1st—Haynes Creek Church—West of Loganville, GA. on Hwy 79 (Grayson/Conyers Rd.).

Labor Day, Monday, September 2

Mon. 2nd (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—Talladega National Forest. Cleburne County, AL, Hwy 78 east to Heflin, go past Edwardsville and watch for signs to enter the Forest, turn left & follow road thru the Forest, follow signs in the Forest to church.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 7th—Southeast Texas Convention—7th Annual, Robinson Road Community Center, 1/2 miles east of I-45 on Robinson Road at Hanna, near The Woodlands in Oak Ridge, TX. Info: Charles Whitmer (713) 367-6260. (1991 Revision).

Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—93rd Session, Old Shady Grove Baptist Church., 3 miles south of Dutton, AL in Jackson County, AL between Section and Dutton.

Sun. 8th—Mountain Home Church—3 miles southwest of Bear Creek, AL on Hwy 241 south.

Sun. 8th—County Line Primitive Church—7 miles north of TX 105/FM 1484 intersection in Cut & Shoot, TX on FM 3081 in the County Line Community. Go north on FM 1484 4 1/2 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 (713) 367-6260. (Cooper Revision).

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 14th & Sun. 15th—Calhoun County Convention, 82nd Session—Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Four Mile Community, Calhoun County, AL. Take Hwy 21 from Anniston to Jacksonville, go to mile marker 215 & turn right, church is at the bottom of hill.

Sat. 14th & Sun. 15th—Minnesota State Convention—Minneapolis, MN area, locations to be announced.

Sun. 15th—Hardeman Church, B. F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Decatur, GA, Glenwood Rd.

Sun. 15th—Shady Grove—Walker County, AL, Keeton Cemetery, 1/2 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy 11 (Nauvoo to Carbon Hill).

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 21st—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. 21st—St. Francis Singing—3rd Annual. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1101 Rock Prairie Rd., College Station, TX. Info: Greg Economides (409) 846-7213. (1991 Revision).

Sat. 21st & Sun. 22nd—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, IL, location to be announced.

Sun. 22nd—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, AL on Hwy 195.

Sun. 22nd—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston, Georgia.

Sun. 22nd—Loosascoona Primitive Baptist Church—Air Mount, north of Hwy 330, 11 miles west of Bruce, MS.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 28th—Louisiana State Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, 8576 Hopper Rd., Baton Rouge, LA. Contact Jim Fields (504) 446-5877 or Nancy Van Dan Akker (504) 283-5161.

Sat. 28th—Young People's Singing—Held at different locations, 1996, Burritt Museum, 3101 Burritt Dr. on Monte Sano Mt., Huntsville, AL. Following Museum signs, take U.S. 431 south (Governors Dr.) to top of Monte Sano Mountain. Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard. Turn onto Burritt Drive.

Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th—Rocky Mountain Convention—at the historic adobe Old Church in the village of Corrales, NM, near Albuquerque. Convention alternates between New Mexico & Colorado. Info: Alice and Harlan Van Camp: (505) 867-6539 or David MacPherson: dmac@unm.edu.

Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Simpsonwood Methodist Conference and Retreat Center, 4511 Jones Bridge Circle, N.W., Norcross, GA. First fifth Saturday & Sunday after July 4.

Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th—Southwest Texas Convention, Fall Session—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas First fifth Sunday & Saturday before of the fall (Aug., Sept. or Oct. last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving) 915 E. 52nd St., between Airport Blvd. & IH-35. More info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080 or B. E. Matthews (512) 898-5110. (Cooper Revision).

Sun. 29th—Lacy's Chapel—Henagar, AL 2 1/2 miles west of Henagar, Alabama on Hwy 40.

Sun. 29th—Liberty (McCormick) Moon & Guthrie Memorial—Third fifth Sunday of each year. 2 1/2 miles southeast of Sumiton, Alabama. North of new Hwy 78 or South of old Hwy 78.

Sun. 29th—Taylor Methodist Church—Taylor, Mississippi, Lafayette County.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sun. 6th—Sandy Creek Church—one mile south of Flovilla, GA.

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

Sun. 6th—Old Sardis Church Number 1—3 miles north of Lynn, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 13th—Second Creek Church—Take Tennessee Hwy 98 to Five Points, TN., turn west on Liberty Grove/Five Points Road. Go about 1 mile and turn left, then go about 1 mile on paved road to church on right.

Sun. 13th—Walker Cates & H. H. Brown Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church, Cleburne County, Muscadine, AL. Take Hwy 78 east to County Road 49, take right, go 1 mile, church on right.

Sun. 13th—Chestnut Grove Baptist Church—3 miles south of Ider, AL, Junction Hwy 117.

Sun. 13th—Bailey Memorial Methodist Church—Calhoun County, Loyd, MS.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 19th & Sun. 20th—New York State Convention—Location to be announced.

Sun. 20th—Andrews School House—6.1 miles south of Thomaston, GA on Hwy 74. Turn right on The Rock Road to first stop sign, bear left, 1 mile to school.

Sun. 20th—Mars Hill—Cleburne County, AL., McWhorter Memorial, Hwy 98 to Fruithurst, County Rd. 35 to 49 to 65, 5 miles on left.

Sun. 20th—Reid Memorial Singing.—Old County Line Church, 10 miles west of Warrior, AL, near Corner off Miller.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 26th—Yellow Springs, Ohio—Cincinnati/Columbus.

Sat. 26th—Coy Putman Memorial—Rocky Mount Church Lunch Room. 3 miles east of Arab, AL on Hwy 69 (Arab/Guntersville).

Sat. 26th & Sun. 27th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Myers/W. A. Parker Memorial Singing, 12 miles northeast of Jasper, AL, 1 mile south of Hwy 69 on Sipsey Road.

Sun. 27th—Jordan's Chapel.—Newell, AL, Randolph County, 431 Hwy to 82. Morrison Cross Road, 2 miles, turn left to church.

Sun. 27th Mt. Moriah Church—5 miles south—of Snead Cross Roads, Hwy 75, Blount County.

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 2nd—Western Ohio Schoolhouse Singing—Bluffton, Ohio.

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

Sat. 2nd & Sun. 3rd—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—4 miles on FM 1669 out of Huntington, TX. Info: Louie Smith (409) 422-4502. (Cooper Revision)

Sun. 3rd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—2 miles south of Bremen, GA, Hwy 27 & I-20, Exit 3.

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

Sun. 3rd—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, 9 miles south of Cordele, GA.

Sun. 3rd—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Annual Singing, South of Attalla, AL, Hwy 11.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 9th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Blvd, Nashville, TN., Between Harding Road US 70 & Harding Place.

Sat. 9th—Southern Wisconsin—Sauk County.

Sat. 9th—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church, 1920 Gross Rd., Dallas, TX. Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates (214) 227-7976. (1991 Revision)

Sun. 10th—Oak Hill Baptist Church—Calhoun County, AL, 2 miles south of Oxford, AL.

Sun. 10th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta, GA.

Sun. 10th—Carey Springs Baptist Church—Randolph, Pontotoc County, MS.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 16th—Sacred Harp Singing, 4th Annual—Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Huffsmith-Kohrville Rd., Tomball, TX. Info: Bobbie Rainoshek (713) 946-1006. (Cooper Revision).

Sat. 16th pm—Cross Roads Church—9 miles north of Tallapoosa, GA., North on Hwy 100 to Steadman Rd., turn left. Sat. before the third Sunday in November, in the evening.

Sat. 16th & Sun. 17th—James River Convention—Richmond, VA. Info: Stephen McMaster (804) 288-1503, SLMDARIEN@aol.com.

Sun. 17th—Jones Chapel Senior Citizen Center—Hwy 278 west of Cullman, AL.

Sun. 17th—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun, GA, Harmony Church Rd., turn right off Hwy 156 (Red Bud Rd.) 100 yds. east off I-75, Exit 1.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 23th & Sun. 24th—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—96th Session, Birmingham, AL, Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, north of Birmingham, I-65 Fultondale Exit, off Hwy 31 north. Turn east to 57th Ave., 1/4 mile, look for signs.

Sun. 24th—King's School House (Mt. Vernon).—Near Lynn, AL, just off Hwy 278, 3 miles north of Lynn, Ganus Wakefield Memorial.

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. Nov. 30 & Sun. Dec. 1st Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Panama City, FL, Holiday Inn.(Cooper Revision).

Sun. 1st—Liberty Community Singing—46th Session, Liberty Baptist Church, 5 miles south of Hwy 278 at Stephenson and 1 mile west of Hwy 77, near Helicon, AL.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th —Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—.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 .7 mile on right. Contact for church John Beasley 205-487-3916.

Thursday before Third Sunday

Thurs. 12th—Little Branch Primitive Baptist Church—Albertville, AL, 4 blocks west of Courthouse. Junction of Hwys. 75 & 431.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat. 28th—Texas Gulf Coast Singing, 3rd Annual,—Monastery of the Four Evangelists, Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 3011 Roe, Houston, TX. Info: Bishop Mikarios (713) 645-0843 or Charles Whitmer (713) 367-6260. (1991 Revision).

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.

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend	Saturday, March 30 Sunday, March 31
Second Fifth Weekend	Saturday, June 29 Sunday, June 30
Third Fifth Weekend	Saturday, September 28 Sunday, September 29
Fourth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, December 28 Sunday, December 29

First Fifth Weekend

March 30 & 31 Southwest Texas Convention—McMahan, Texas. First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later). Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, on FM 713, McMahan, Texas, between Bastrop and Luling. More info: Tom Owen (512) 398-6075 or Curtiss Owen (512) 398-2017. (Cooper Revision)

March 31 Liberty Church—Henagar, AL. First fifth Sunday after first of year--Directions, 2 miles north of Henagar, AL. on Liberty Road, From Henagar Crossing, take Hwy. 40 west to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative. Turn right & go to dead end. Turn right, take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Rd.). Church is on right, approximately 1.5 miles.

March 31 Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, AL. First fifth Sunday each year. Directions: 2 1/2 miles southwest of Sumiton, Alabama. North of New Hwy. 78 or South of Old Hwy 78.

Second Fifth Weekend

June 29 & 30 Midwest Convention—Chicago, IL First fifth Sunday & Saturday before, preceding July 4. Locations announced. Contact Ted Mercer (312) 862-6477 or 486-7400.

June 30 Mount Pisgah—Sylvester, Georgia. Second Fifth Sunday of each year 10 miles southwest of Sylvester, GA.

Third Fifth Weekend

September 28 (Saturday only) Young People's Singing—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4. Held at different locations, 1996 Burritt Museum, 3101 Burritt Dr. on Monte Sano Mt., Huntsville, AL. Following Museum signs, take U.S. 431 south (Govenors Dr.) to top of Monte Sano Mountain. Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard. Turn onto Burritt Drive.

September 28 & 29 Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Simpsonwood Methodist Conference and Retreat Center, 4511 Jones Bridge Circle, N.W., Norcross, GA. First fifth Sunday, and Saturday before, after July 4.

September 28 & 29 Southwest Texas Convention Fall Session—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas First fifth Sunday & Saturday before of the fall (Aug., Sept. or Oct. last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving) 915 E. 52nd St., between Airport Blvd. & IH-35. More info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080 or B. E. Matthews (512) 898-5110. (Cooper Revision).

September 29 Lacy's Chapel—Henagar, AL First fifth Sunday after fourth of July. Directions: 2 1/2 miles west of Henagar, Alabama on Hwy. 40.

September 29 Liberty (McCormick) Moon & Guthrie Memorial—Third fifth Sunday of each year. 2 1/2 miles southeast of Sumiton, Alabama. North of new Hwy. 78 or South of old Hwy. 78.

September 29 Taylor Methodist Church—Taylor, Mississippi, Lafayette County First Fifth Sunday after the month of July (i.e. August, September, or October).

Fourth Fifth Weekend

December 28 Louisiana State Convention—Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Saturday before the second fifth Sunday after the fourth of July, Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, 8576 Hopper Rd., Baton Rouge, LA. Contact Jim Fields (504) 446-5877 or Nancy Van Dan Akker (504) 283-5161.

December 28 New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Villa Rica, Georgia. Martin Blackmon Memorial Singing, last fifth Sunday in the year. One mile east of Villa Rica, Georgia, just off Hwy. 78.

LOCAL SINGINGS

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

Alabama

Carbon Hill: Saturday Night before the second Sunday in each month Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County, 1 1/2 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy 11, Nauvoo to Carbon Hill, AL. Call Travis and Margaret Keeton, 205-697-5268. Note: Saturday night before second Sunday in January each year (January 13) is a Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson & Robert Harper; Saturday before the second Sunday in February (February 10) is a memorial for Oralee Burns.

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

Double Springs: March 17, Third Sunday night in March, Memorial for Leona Horton and Maude Adams, Shady Grove Church, Double Springs, AL.

Fayette: Second Sunday night 6 PM, Mt. Lebanon Church, on Bluff Rd., 10 miles northeast of Fayette. HWY 107. Call Larry Ballinger, 205-932-3858.

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

Henagar: First Sunday night, October through April at Liberty Church. Contact David Ivey, 205-971-7422, email: asndri01@asndri01.asnmail.asc.edu

Huntsville: First Friday Night of February, April, August, November. Burritt Museum, 3101 Burritt Dr., on Monte Sano Mt. 7:00-8:30 p.m. Following Museum signs, take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain. Turn north onto Monte Sano Blvd. Turn onto Burritt Dr. Contact David Ivey, 205-881-5291, email: asndri01@asndri01.asnmail.asc.edu; or Linton Ballinger, 205-830-5301.

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

Ider: Second Sunday night, October through March at Antioch Church. 5 miles north of Ider, AL, left on Hwy 75. Contact David Ivey, 205-971-7422, email: asndri01@asndri01.asnmail.asc.edu

Jasper: January 13, Saturday night before second Sunday. Memorial Singing for Mrs. Luther Calvert & Mrs. Jim Woodley, Pleasant Grove Church, Boldo Community, 6 miles east of Jasper, AL. Hwy 69.

Jasper: March 16, Before the third Sunday in March. Boldo Memorial Singing (Stephenson & Wall Memorial), Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, 5 miles east of Jasper, AL. Hwy 69.

California

Berkeley, Oakland: First Sunday, 4:30- 6:30 PM, potluck dinner following. Call Alice Sharp, 510-843-8259.

Los Angeles: First & 3rd Sunday Night of each month 3:30- 6:30 p.m., 1st Sunday Singing held in Eagle Rock at the home of Mary Rose & Stephen O'Leary (213) 254-7707. Regular 3rd Sunday singings are held in Mar Vista at the home of Susan & Paul Turpin: (310) 390-4165. Call Sue Jones at 310-390-4165.

Palo Alto: Usually 2nd & 4th Sundays, 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM, hosted lunch following. Call Paul & Lisa Ralston, 415-948-4112.

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

San Diego: Sunday, 4– 6 PM, 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 PM, hosted dinner following. Contact Carolyn Deacy, 415-585-4773, email: deacy@netcom.com; or Chris Thorman, 415-431-7664, email: thorman@netcom.com.

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

Colorado

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

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

Connecticut

Hartford: Third Sunday, 79 PM, at Asylum Ave. Baptist Church. Call the church at 203-522-9350 or call 203-347-3003.

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

District of Columbia

Metropolitan area: Fourth Sunday, 4– 8:30 PM in differing locations (DC, MD & VA). Singing school, 3 PM. Potluck, 6 PM. 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 PM in singer's homes. Call Bob Hall or Ella Wilcox, 703-204-1532, email: rhall@cpug.org

Florida

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

Georgia

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday except June, July, August and December, 7:30 PM– 9:30 PM 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 & Aug. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Westlake Dr. 7:30– 9:30 p.m. Info: Lee Rogers @ 706-795-5472.

Decatur: Second Tuesday in each month. Call Liz Bryant at 404-371-0191 for location/information.

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.

Illinois

Chicago: Sundays twice monthly from 4– 6 PM, at various locations. Call the “Harp Line”, 312-276-HARP. Also call: Ted Mercer, 312-486-7400; or Connie Karduck, 312-463-3637.

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

Indiana

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

Kentucky

Lexington: Second Sunday, September– May, 3– 5 PM, 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

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 PM, potluck at 6 PM. Contact Liz Cusick, 410-235-6627.

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

Massachusetts

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

Boston: Second Monday, 7:45– 10:00 PM at Noyes Hall, Andover Newton Theological School. Contact Bob Parr at 617-648-1009, email: parr@ll.mit.edu; or Ginnie Ely at 508-664-4246, email: ely@tle.enet.dec.com

Michigan

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

Minnesota

Minneapolis: Fourth Sunday, 5– 7 PM. Call Keith and Jenny Willard at 612-824-4070, email: keithw@tahiti.umhc.umn.edu; or Jeff Bell, 612-823-4090.

Saint Paul: Second Sunday, 5– 7 PM. Call Keith and Jenny Willard at 612-824-4070, email: keithw@tahiti.umhc.umn.edu; or Jeff Bell, 612-823-4090.

Mississippi

Bruce: Third Sundays, November through March, 1-3 PM 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.

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

Missouri

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

Lawrence: 1st Sunday 1:30– 4:00 PM. Call Susan or Richard Green, 913-831-3912.

Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays, 7:30 PM. Call Karen Isbell, 314-664-1411.

New Jersey

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

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

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays, 2– 5 PM at the Friend's Meeting House. Call Alice or Harlan Van Camp, 505-841-6076.

New York

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

Binghamton (Vestal): Fourth Sunday 2– 4 PM 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 PM 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 PM in Saint John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Call Jennifer Cook, 607-273-7076, or Eric Bean, 607-273-2766.

New York City (Queens): Third Sundays at 2 PM. Call Richard Schmeidler, 718-898-3436.

Rochester: Fourth Sunday, 2– 5 PM 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: 1991. Call Frederick Rasenberger, 516-671-0459.

North Carolina

Chapel Hill: Second Sunday, 2– 4 PM 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 PM 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 PM, 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 PM in singers' homes. Call Betty McGurk or Gene Anderson, 910-374-5943, or Cleve Callison, 910-760-2822.

Ohio

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

Cincinnati: Second Sunday, 4:30– 7:30 PM, 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 PM at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 30 West Woodruff (at Lane). Call Fred Todt, 614-291-0282, email: totd@battelle.org; or Eric Conrad, 614-481-7637, email: econrad@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu

Oberlin/Cleveland: Second Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church parish hall, 162 South Main St, Oberlin. Fourth Sunday at Lakewood Baptist Church, 14321 Detroit Ave, Lakewood. Contact Charles Wells at 216-774-1926, email: cwf2@po.cwru.edu or Virginal Benade 216-752-9453.

Oklahoma

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

Oregon

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

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

Portland: Second and Fifth Sundays, 3– 5:30 PM. Call Kate Moore & John Kellermann, 503-230-2072.

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays at 7:30– 9:30 PM 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 PM. at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Will organize singings for visitors at other times. Call Deane Root or Doris Dyen at 412-521-7570, email: dlr+@pitt.edu

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

Tennessee

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

Nashville: Call Timothy Reynolds, 615-646-6485.

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Friday night before 2nd & 4 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), for more info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080 or B. E. Matthews (512) 898-5110. Time split between Cooper and 1991 Revisions.

Vermont

Brattleboro: Monthly, usually on a Sunday, 1– 5 PM. Call Peter Amidon, 802-257-1006.

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

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

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

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

Virginia

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

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SACRED HARP SINGINGS

1995 MINUTES

LIBERTY CHURCH **Helicon, Alabama** **December 4, 1994**

The 46th session of the annual Sacred Harp singing at Liberty Church, in Winston County, was called to order by Billy Williams leading song on page 33b. Prayer by Kenneth Handcock. Billy Williams then led 72 and leaders were called as follows: Alpha Black 318, 345b; Corene White 73, 379; Stella Pratt 147, 460; Aubrey Tyree 358, 298, 434; L. E. Hannah 147b, 455, 400; Eron White 37b, 36b, 146; B. B. Mattox 421 for Unie B. Howard who is ill, 217, 168; Reddie Powell 200, 300, 269.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Billy Williams leading 410t. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Ted Godsey; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Alpha Black. Leaders: Mae Conwill 270, 75, 99; Carmon Brothers 101t, 207, 74, for Ervin Brothers "That Beautiful Land"; Lola Roberson 475, 222; John Hocutt 321b, 33t; Elmer Conwill 448.

LUNCH

The class was called back by the Chairman, Billy Williams, leading song on page 127. Leaders: Margaret Keeton and Bradley Allen 546, 402, 385b; Josie Hyde 183, 428, 196; Ester Brown 436, 317b; John Hyde 39b, 63, 68; Ada Godsey 59, 482, 301; Elmer Conwill 142, 275; Amanda Denson 186, 273; Charley McCoy 280, 306, 198; Ted Godsey 236, 408; Blanton Adair 335, 339; James Denson 224, 211, 358; Alma Tyree, Viola Tyree, Bertha Wilson, Reddie Powell, James Denson, Amanda Denson, Roy Cleghorn, Blanton Adair, Jerry Parrish, Ruth Parrish, and Aubrey Tyree 358; Travis Keeton 57, 56t, 225t. Billy Williams 231, Aubrey Tyree 20b; Charley McCoy 36b; Billy Williams 290. The closing prayer was led by Aubrey Tyree.

Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Ted Godsey; Secretary - Alpha Black.

CONCORD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Winfield, Alabama** **December 11, 1994**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama, was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading songs on pages 32t and 31b. The morning prayer was led by Dr. Doyle Williams. The class organized, and the following officers were elected: Chairman - John Beasley; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Leaders: John Beasley 81t, 317; Dorothea McCowan 276, 532; Keterina Sanders 454, 389; Dr. Doyle Williams 128, 142; Arnold Moore 480, 290; Cora Sweatt 47b, 49b; John Hyde 39b, 314; Brenda Pina 569b, 523b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Beasley leading song on page 348. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 300, 475; Hubert Hood 460, 434; Gary Smith 452, 68b; Earl Ballinger 76b, 349; L. E. Hannah 498, 182; Becky Briggs 318, 234; Lola Myrtle Roberson 546, 192; Mae Conwill 297, 500; Josie Hyde 220, 200.

LUNCH

Elmer Conwill brought the class back together leading songs on pages 322 and 337. Leaders: Joseph Beasley 218, 306; Sarah Smith 406, 421; Buell Cobb 141, 138b; Bruce Rye 440, 430, 377; Elsie Beasley 212, 499; Johnny Humber 208, 217; Warren Steel 57, 392; Larry Ballinger 427, 412; Dr. Juliette Haynes 211, 327, 412; Ricky Beasley 30b, 330b; Tommy Beasley 72b, 317; David Beasley 335, 45t; Amanda Denson 186, 273; Ted Godsey 236; Chuck Beasley 30t, 33b; Beverly Beasley 108t; Travis Keeton 108b, 179. John Beasley led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Marlin Beasley. Chairman - John Beasley; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan.

LITTLE BRANCH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Albertville, Alabama December 15, 1994

The annual singing held on Thursday before the third Sunday in December, was again held in Little Branch Primitive Baptist Church, Albertville, Alabama. The class was called to order by Elder Howard Cook leading song on page 45t and then leading in prayer. A business session was entered into with these officers being elected: Chairman - Hershell King; Arranging Committee - Cecil Gilliland; Secretary - Helen Lambert. Leaders: Hershell King 97; Helen Lambert 67, 277; Ella Ruth Chamblee 569b, 39b; Ervin Brothers 74b, 48, 95, 477; Ava Blackwood 145b, 145t; Carmon Brothers 152, "That Beautiful Land", 52t; Willowese Malone 354b, 89; Gordon Wilkerson 384, 405.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Hershell King leading 34b. Leaders: Nell Smith 100, 119; Clayton Ezell 480, 32t, 33b; Marie Guthrie 171, 503; Calvin Rogers 49b; Ester Brown 124, 358, 36b, 441; Eugene Blackwood 186, 312t; Alpha Black 460, 345t; Lamar Smith 76b, 343.

LUNCH

The class was called back after lunch by Hershell King leading song on 80b. Leaders: Eunice Kimbrell 42, 129; Elvin Guthrie 452, 448b, 438, 564; Rhoda Norris 403, 73t; J. L. Oden 282, 285t, 410t; Cecil Gilliland 274t, 30t, 212, and then 61 in remembrance of Otis Roscoe.

This singing will be held again Thursday before the third Sunday in December of 1995. The song on page 68b was the closing song, and the closing prayer was led by Elder Howard Cook.

Chairman - Hershell King; Arranging Committee - Cecil Gilliland; Secretary - Helen Lambert.

DUTCH TREAT SINGING Shady Grove Church, Winston County, Alabama January 1, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp Dutch Treat Singing was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County. The class was called to order by Ted Godsey leading the song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Dr. Doyle Williams. Ted Godsey then led song on page 59. The class was organized

by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - Odie Horton and Cecil Sanders. Travis Keeton led songs on pages 268 and 422. Leaders: Dr. Doyle Williams 85, 99; Elmer Conwill 129, 286; Keterina Sanders 454, 389; Hubert Hood 340, 135; B. B. Mattox 186, 168; L. E. Hannah 391, 511.

RECESS

John Hyde called the class together leading song on page 290. Leaders: Arnold Moore 72t, 421; Gladys Bonds 544, 499; Marie Aldridge 216, 440; Flarce Creel 475, 270 for Vernice and Essie Calvert; Edith Tate 34t for Ms. Mamie Creel who is in the hospital, 35; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Pernie Pelfrey 145b, 312b; Mae Conwill 288, 274b; Pat Shaddix 192, 293; Kermit Adams 75, 276.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Travis Keeton leading page 203. Leaders: Juliette Haynes 428, 430; Amanda Denson 48t, 72t; Jane Fulmer 63, 177; Lola Roberson 137, 182. At this time a business session was held to elect officers for the radio program "The Sacred Harp Hour" at Houston, Mississippi. The class voted to retain the same officers: President - Elmer Conwill; First Vice President - Travis Keeton; Second Vice President - Larry Ballinger; Secretary and Treasurer - Johnny Humber. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 411 for Tom Harper and family; Margaret Keeton 432, 213; Josie Hyde 235t, 546; Milford Watts 101t, 112, 149; Mertice Hood 49; Rose Altha Taylor 47t, 47b; Velton Chafin 34b, 68b; Dawson Adams 73b, 73t; Ora Lee Fannin 147t for Emily Jones, 83t; Rev. Blanton Adair 127, 335; Odie Horton 403; Cecil Sanders 434; Ted Godsey and Joshua Smith 323b. John Hyde and Travis Keeton led song on page 358 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Blanton Adair. Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Margaret Keeton.

ORIGINAL DUTCH SINGING **West Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia** **January 1, 1995**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at the Food Service Building at West Georgia College was held the first Sunday in January. The singing was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 59. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer. Myron House then led song on page 70, followed by B. M. Smith 32, 30; Charlene Wallace 37b, 99. The business session was held and the same officers were retained: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Mary F. Smith; Memorial Committee - Evelyn Harris and Margie Smith. Myron House led song on page 166. Leaders: Revy Williamson 145, 155; Jimmy Denney 101, 63; Margie Smith 31b, 225; Lessie Cates 123, 75; Don Bowen 89, 97, 145b; I. V. McWhorter 109, 84.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Myron House leading song on page 523. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 61, 47; Kimzy Cagle 176b, 373; Lisa Webb 148, 566; Judy Mincey 510, 501; Shelton Williamson 189, 300; Everett Denney 127, 335; Elsie Brock 340, 146; Katherine Benefield 147, 405; Laura Webb 117, 542.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with B. M. Smith leading song on page 167. Leaders: Geraldine Robinson 339; Donna Duke 425, 36b. The Memorial Lesson was then held with Everette Denney leading 531, 43 in memory of Mrs. Dura

Blackmon, Evelyn Dillashaw, T. H. Ross, Runie Glover, Carlton Hitchcock, Harry Dumas, Lewis Akin, Dana Jackson, Lewis Cox, Zera Mize, Henry Kerr, Mrs. Berta Denney, Grady Albright, Bill Edwards, Pauline Rogers, and James Lambert. For all the sick and shut-ins, Lonnie Rogers led 143, 45t. The memorial was closed with prayer by B. J. Harris. Leaders: Mary Brownlee 47b, 162; Daphene Causey 56b, 77; Floy Wilder 336, 297; Sheri Taylor 128, 203.
RECESS

Myron House called the class together leading song on page 90. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 298; B. J. Harris 347, 452; Elder Homer Benefield 348, 56. Josephine Denney 100, 503; Felton Denney 31, 120; Bonnie Flowers 74b, 103; Elder Marshall Avery 159, 270; Estelle Flowers 76b, 200. After announcements, Myron House and B. M. Smith led page 323 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by B. J. Harris.

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

FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE **Yellow Springs, Ohio** **January 2, 1995**

The Farewell Singing for Bobbie Goodell was held on January 2, 1995, at the Friends Meetinghouse in Yellow Springs, Ohio. The class was called to order by John Beale leading the song on page 59. Officers were then elected: Chairman - John Beale; Secretary - Kay Bieszczad; Arranging Committee - Debbie Hall and Jodi Liss; Treasurer - Jim Coppock; Resolution Committee for Bobbie Goodell - Eloise Clark and John Bayer. The opening prayer was led by John Bayer, followed by Kay Bieszczad leading 39t. Leaders: Jodi Liss 89; Jim Coppock 273; Debbie Hall 38t; Fred Todt 38b; John Bayer 410t; Beth Huener 183; Eloise Clark 159; Dee Michel 365; Loraine Bayer 86; Mike Hieber 37b; Barbara Bowers 163b; Eric Conrad 567; Bobbie Goodell 148; John and Tineke Stevens 497.
RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Beale leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Linda Coppock 196; Bob Swope 210; Kay Bieszczad 235b; Jim Coppock 288; Jodi Liss 442; Debbie Hall 146, Fred Todt 535b; John Bayer 274t; Beth Huener 551; Dee Michel 236; Loraine Bayer 29t; Eloise Clark 412; Barbara Bowers 220; Eric Conrad 370; Bobbie Goodell 461; Linda Coppock 299; Tineke Stevens 276; Bob Swope 34t.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Eric Conrad leading song on page 47. Leaders: Beth Huener 66; Debbie Hall 203; Steve Tossey 198; John Beale 269; Boyd Holliman and Elsie Dooley sang a 7-shape note song, "No Tears in Heaven", for the class. They have our thanks both for exposing us to the additional shapes and for their wonderful performance of this lovely song. Thank you! Leaders: Mike Hieber 142; Mike Darby 504; Jodi Liss 77t; Fred Todt 480; John Bayer 123b; Dee Michel 191; Eloise Clark 64; Loraine Bayer 313b. There was a tribute to Bobbie Goodell by John Bayer, John Beale, and Eloise Clark. She is moving to Long Island, New York in the next few weeks. Bobbie was instrumental in the growth of Sacred Harp singing in the Cincinnati area, and in Ohio in general as well. John Bayer presented her with a framed copy of his new composition "Goodell". Eloise read the following: We resolve that we will keep Bobbie in our hearts and in our minds for the new year and we resolve to send her east with the best wishes for her future. John Bayer then led "Goodell C.M.". Leaders: Barbara

Bowers 49b; Eric Conrad 71; Bobbie Goodell 174; Linda Coppock 300; Tineke Stevens 178; Bob Swope 182.

The upcoming Ohio State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was discussed. This will take place on February 17-19 in Columbus. Mike Darby led the discussion, then led song on page 107. Beth Hueber 411; John Beale 410.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Jim Coppock leading 91 from a newly published shape note song book "An American Christmas Harp". Leaders: Mike Hieber 16 (Christmas Harp); Steve Tossey 223; Eric Conrad 62 (Christmas Harp); Barbara Bowers 495; Jodi Liss 344; John Bayer 82 (Christmas Harp); Fred Todt 547; Eloise Clark 162; Mike Darby 83, 84 (Christmas Harp); Loraine Bayer 503. The closing prayer was led by Steve Tossey. Bobbie Goodell led 384 as the closing song.

Chariman - John Beale; Secretary - Kay Bieszczad.

WILLIAM WALKER MEMORIAL SINGING **Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina** **January 7, 1995**

The second annual William Walker Memorial Singing was held at Wofford College on Saturday, January 7, 1995. Hugh McGraw opened the singing at 10 a.m., welcoming the singers and visitors, and conducting a brief shape note singing school, including page 49 from "Sacred Harp". Harry Eskew then opened the singing with a prayer, followed by remarks from Harry Eskew and G. C. Waldrep.

The first portion of the singing was devoted to songs from William Walker's "Southern Harmony--1835". Leaders: Laura Boosinger 83; Sharon Kellam 103; Margie Dietz 3a; John Fedderson 276b; Patty Foy "Bellvue"; Laurel Horton 50; J. B. Parker 265; Mary Johnston 137; Harry Eskew 106b; Becky Hart 107.

RECESS

The second half of the morning was dedicated to songs from William Walker's "Christian Harmony--1877, or "N.C." version, recently reprinted. Leaders: Willie Israel 159a; Mildred Chandler 89; Diane Eskenasy 359; Terry Chandler 369; Dan Huger 55b; Jean Allen 381c; James Edgerton 381a; Brent Holcomb 293; J.B. Parker 128a; Laura Boosinger 341; Lisa Cox and Amy Ferguson 78b; Scott Swanton 129; Wayne Richard 215a; Betty Moore 117; Sharon Kellam 204a; Laurel Horton 381b; Claudia Egelhoff 86; Terry Chandler 127. (Mr. James Edgerton, age 90, was the oldest participant in the singing. He first learned to sing at the Rock Springs Baptist Church on the Polk-Rutherford Co. line in North Carolina in 1910.) Dr. John Bullard gave the blessing, followed by dinner at the college.

LUNCH

G. C. Waldrep called the singing back together after lunch leading 300 from the "Sacred Harp". Leaders: Hugh McGraw 369; Nancy Newell 178; Richard and Evan Whatley 82t; Leanne Carnell 277; Margie Dietz 123t; Lynda Hambourger 347; Charlene Wallace 49t; Scott Swanton 40; John Fedderson 528; Frances Carnell 240; Willie Israel 38b; Mary Johnston 344; Sandra Polanski 497; Eric Carnell 480; Becky Hart 192; Lynda Hambourger 453; Laurel Horton 196; Charlene Wallace 503; Henry Zittrouer 490; Richard and Evan Whatley 207; Diane Eskenasy 200; John Hollingsworth 408; Nancy Newell 107; Sandra Polanski 504; Claudia Egelhoff 203; Eric Carnell 86; Bill Perrin 39t; Frances Carnell 74t; Leanne Carnell 53. Dr. John Bullard closed the singing with 62,

after which the singing adjourned to the nearby cemetery and sang 341, 128, and 159 at William Walker's grave.

Chairman - Dr. John Bullard; Secretary - Willie Israel.

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL **Pleasant Grove Church, Boldo, Alabama** **January 7, 1995**

Vernice Calvert called the class to order leading song on 36b; Harrison Creel led the morning prayer. Leaders: Vernice Calvert 58, 56; David Roberson 282, 274t; Sherrie Guthrie 64, 340; Ozella Blackmon 192, 436; Tyler Newman 30t, 358, 59; Sherry Graves 211, 216; Ann Jett 146, and Julianna Jett 108t; Elsie Moon 98, 434; Keterina Sanders 454, 389; Imogene Nelms 446, 312b; Homer Cortis 332, 201; Billy Williams 299, 297; Danny Creel 269, 383; Tressie Atkins 217, 78; Marie Guthrie 220, 411; Cassie Franklin 391, 498.

RECESS Henry Guthery brought the class back together leading songs on pages 527, 517, 284. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 142, 306; Flarce Creel 475, 384; Edith Tate 532; Willodean Barton 44; Elvin Guthrie 440, 455; Marie Aldridge 155, 336; Cecil Sanders 530, 569; Wanda Capps 222, 224; Velton Chafin 34, 225; The Woodley Children: Betty, Jetty, Fay, Frank, Felton, and Dock 379, 75; The Calvert Children: Vernice, Marie, Flarce, and Elsie, "Jesus Died For Me", "The Great Roll Call"; Harrison Creel 512, 317, 111b; Cindy Franklin 178, 350; Henry Guthery 503b. The closing prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

The singing will be held again next year.

Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

JACK AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL **Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst, Alabama** **January 8, 1995**

The annual Kerr Memorial Singing was held the second Sunday in January, 1995. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the singing was called to order by B. M. Smith leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Walter Hamrick; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith. Lonnie Rogers made a motion that this singing in the future be known as the "Jack and Henry Kerr Memorial Singing". Leaders: B. M. Smith 76b; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 101; Lois Kerr Bowman 119; Don Bowen 354t, 503b; Mary Florence Smith 378b, 565b; Alice Edwards 146, 73b; B. J. Harris 225t, 303b; I. V. McWhorter 213t, 317b; Evelyn Harris 87, 30T; Everett Denney 32t, 34b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Lonnie and Vivian Rogers leading song on page 186. Leaders: Margie Smith 494, 313t; Jeff Sheppard 203, 168; Revy Williamson 77b, 99; Louise Allen 81t, 123t; Carlene Griffin 117, 159; Lee Rogers 467b, 230; Shelton Williamson 318.

LUNCH

B. M. Smith led song on page 127 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Judy Mincey 523, 224; Shelbie Sheppard 183, 284; Luke Allen 111b, 277; Mildred McElroy 61, 222; Erica Abramski 358, 32t; Lou Cotney 300, 189, 497; Kenneth Mize 49b, 45t; Mark Fuller and Lonnie Rogers 59, 49b, 40; Jeff Sheppard and John Childs 55, 63; Marvin McElroy 112, 155; B. M. Smith led 179, 269 in

memory of Jack and Henry Kerr, Dean Nelson, Leonard Kerr, and all members of the Kerr families. Evelyn Harris, in memory of Murphee Daniel, led 340. The class sang 335 for Harvey Austin, 75 for Walter Hamrick, and 68 for Cecil Edwards. The closing song on page 314 was led by Lonnie Rogers and the class was dismissed with prayer by John Childs.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Walter Hamrick; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

ANNIVERSARY SINGING **Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois** **January 8, 1995**

The eleventh annual Anniversary Singing was called to order by Melanie Hauff leading song on page 313b. Sarah Joan Davie led the morning prayer. Melanie Hauff led song on page 85. Leaders: John Seaton 147; Kathleen Kuiper 300; Dan Havens 378b; Penny Thurman 128; Nick D'Alessio 354; Sarah Joan Davie 327; Steve Warner 127; Nancy Hejna 95; Duran Perkins 40; Val Dunagan 503; Gary Gronau 419; Richard Popp 65; Colette Gurtz 183; Julie Vea 192; Wendy Wahn 349; Daryl Mayberry 460; Herb Schroeder 110; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Sue Kessell 528; Beverly Enright 224. Doctoral student, Mark Johnson, was introduced. He is working on a monograph entitled "The Sacred Harp in the Urban North", and he distributed a survey.

RECESS

Melanie Hauff called the class together leading song on page 82. Leaders: Jerry Enright 383; Ann Huder 47t; Dave Ressler 436; Carol Crawford 28b; Samuel Sommers 475. The class went into a business session and elected the following officers: Chairman - John Seaton; Vice Chairman - Dean Slaton; Secretary - Darinka D'Alessio; Arranging Committee - Sarah Joan Davie and Daryl Mayberry; Memorial Committee - Kathleen Kuiper and Steve Warner; Chaplin - Herb Schroeder; Finance Committee - Sue Kessell and Lisa Grayson. James Nelson Gingrich led the song on page 454. Leaders: John Seaton 217; Becky Browne 362; Dean Slaton 280; Jan Katelle 304; John Bayer 410t. John Seaton introduced the Founders Lesson. Phil Trier led song on page 268; Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson 142; Judy Hauff and Ted Mercer 171.

LUNCH

Dean Slaton called the afternoon session together leading song on page 212. Leaders: Connie Karduck 328; John Gurtz 102; Suzanne Flandreau 485; Kelly Beard 359; Jenny Willard 274t; Richard DeLong 434; Susan Jaster 266; Lisa Grayson 522; Keith Willard 411; Kathy Krug 312B; Debra Barford 149; Ted Mercer 278b; Jeanette Lowry 448t. Kathleen Kuiper delivered a lesson and led the song on page 86 to remember the sick and shut-ins: Mississippi - Cleo Hawkins; Tennessee - Kristin Lidge; Georgia - The Ellersten Family, Dolly and Junurs Hudgins, and Eva Reeves; Illinois - John Bayley, Kris Richardson, and Jerilyn Schumacher. Steve Warner delivered the memorial lesson and led song on 285t to remember the deceased: Alabama - Estelle Glenn and Runie Glover; Indiana - Marlin Miller; Illinois - Linda Martin, Stanley Tomandl, Peggy Dillard, Anne Tarsa, Marilyn Trier, and Helmuth Schumacher; Florida - T. H. Ross.

RECESS

John Seaton reconvened the class leading song on page 421. Leaders: Al Frank 360; Wendy Lee 472; James Page led his own composition "Northern Court"; Marcia Johnson 542; Johanna Fabke 66; Mark Johnson 159; Kathleen Kuiper

458; Judy Hauff 536; Paul Streeter 535; Ted Johnson 372; Ann Werhane 87; Dick Dunagan 273; Dave Barford 350; Richard DeLong 202; Ernestine Pipkin 276.

RECESS

Daryl Mayberry called the class together by leading song on page 155. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 24; Jenny Willard 137; Kelly Beard 480; Nancy Hejna 173; Jan Katelle 163t; Gary Gronau 456; Tom Terranova 504; Susan Jaster 474; Jack Chapman 411; Keith Willard 70b; Becky Browne 299. After announcements, John Seaton dismissed the class by leading song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by Herb Schroeder.

Chairman - John Seaton; Vice Chairman - Dean Slayton; Secretary - Darinka D'Alessio.

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Palo Alto, California** **January 15, 1995**

The seventh annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at 10:00 a.m. in the Lucie Stern Community Center in Palo Alto, California. The convention was called to order by Jerry Schreiber leading the song on page 313t. Stephen O'Leary led the opening prayer. Carolyn Deacy led 144. Chairman Jerry Schreiber led the convention into a business meeting and officers were elected as follows: Chairman - Carolyn Deacy; Vice-Chairman - Laura Boyd; Secretary - Susan Breitbard; Assistant Secretary - Don Ward; Arranging Committee - Katy Hicks, Karen Willard, and Alice Sharp; Treasurer - Chris Thorman; Assistant Treasurer - Rick Russell; Memorial Committee - Mary Rose O'Leary and Janet Herman; Chaplain - Ginny Landgraf; Resolutions Committee - Ted Mercer and Barbara Saxton; Locating Committee - Sue Turpin and Stephen O'Leary. Leaders: Paul Ralston 168; Zena Tucker 504; Gary Breitbard 208; Bob Brylawski 163t; Barry Phillips 106; Paul Robinson 398; Carla Smith 448t; Ann Huckins 442; Jim Friedrich 122; Cindy Willard-Danner 85; Ron Cohen 245; Tom Ostwald 268; John Schaffer 313.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Laura Boyd leading the song on 337. Leaders: Dean Slaton 436; Marilou Jolly, CMP (handout by Stanley Smith of San Diego); Linda Booth 297; Winston Stephens 535b; Leon Wilson "Summerfield" (handout); Sandy Hill 203; Connie Karduck 456; Hugh McGuire 396; Eric Schutter 269; Leon Ballinger 137; Ted Mercer 29; Janet Herman 384; Steven Levine 28b.

RECESS

The class resumed with Karen Willard and Hugh McGuire leading song on 82t. Leaders: Jon Rand 385; Jerry Schreiber 362b. The Memorial Service followed with Janet Herman leading song on 108b to remember those who are sick and shut-in or otherwise unable to attend the singing: Georgia - Lisa Webb, Junurs Hudgins, Dollie Hudgins, Eva Reeves, Yvonne Ogren, Virginia Bradshaw, Donna Wanland, Louise Taylor, Jan Brasier, Lara Pencis, Jenny Strickler, Mo Vaughn, and Denise Landazuri; California - David Hem, Victoria Clark, Judy Lau, Ethan Blair, and Maria Moreno; Illinois - Elsie Silzer; New York - Effie Cassolti; Tennessee - Betty Newberry; Pennsylvania - Catherine Cessna; Washington - Johnny Jeans; Colorado - Samantha Redston and Barry Sullivan; Ireland - Richard Moore. Mary Rose O'Leary delivered a memorial lesson and led song on page 376 in memory of those who have died during the past year:

Mike Jorgensen; Arthur Weyl, Jr; Aileen Toquinto; and Alison Ruiz; Massachusetts - Frederick Evans; Mississippi and Arizona - Dick Parker; Oregon - Ed Miller; California - Reginald "Rex" Coultas, Elizabeth Van Kol, and Charles Benson; Washington - Kurt Cobain; France - Jacques Ellul; Harvey Carlsen; Frank Dubiuskes; Louise Jensen; and Mireya de la Pena; Alabama - Henry Kerr and Grady Albright; Florida - T.H. Ross; Georgia - Dura Blackman, Dana Jackson, Zera Mize, Evelyn Dillashaw, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Lewis Cox, Jim Jefferis, Bishop Daniel Corrigan, Betty Goldstein, and Fred Klein; Louisiana - Janet D'Amore; Illinois - Anne Tarsa, Marilyn Trier, and Helmuth Schumacher. Jerry Schreiber and Carla Smith of San Diego led song on 445b to remember Jake Lunsford. The singing resumed and leaders called were: Rick Russell 183; Richard DeLong 421; Steve Warner 84; Betty Herman 276; Laura Boyd 47t, with words to 45; George Seiler 148; Judy Mincey 510. Jim Friedrich offered the lunchtime prayer.

LUNCH

Chris Thorman brought the class back from lunch leading song on 63. Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 447; Katharine O'Hara 378b; Barbara Saxton 143; Jane Hancock 454; Anne Heider 189b; Jeanne Schaffer 490; Karen Willard 198; Victoria Ostwald 299; Jean Seiler 455; Stephen O'Leary 73t; Chris Thorman 200; David Hough 569b; Mary Rose O'Leary 318; Susan Breitbard 59; Lois Hurt 551; Susan Turpin 497; Stephanie Rosenbaum 49b; David Swarens 500; Karen Stingle 532; Bruce Rowland 58.

RECESS

Alice Sharp and Hugh McGuire brought the class back from recess leading song on 312b. Leaders: Myles Alexander 547; Sandy Klein 236; Phillip Garrison 178, Peter DuBois 43; Vykki Mende-Gray 86; Barbara Reid 186; Mark Weyl 107; Paula Kimbro 335; Fred Wilkie 31; Arnold Zwicky 66; Dan Curtis 56b; Tom Ayres 440; Jan Peterson 40. A business session was then held. The Resolutions Committee, Barbara Saxton and Ted Mercer, thanked the following people: Barbara Saxton, Carolyn Deacy, Chris Thorman, and Sue Lindner for organizing the convention; the City of Palo Alto for co-sponsoring the convention; Sue Lindner, Phillip Garrison, Don Ward, Katy Hicks, Dan Curtis, Winston Stephens, Ieva Audejs, Anne Huckins, Martha Porter, Tom Ayres, Jan Peterson, Lisa Ralston for organizing the dinner on the grounds; Katy Hicks for organizing refreshments; Paul Ralston, Judy Mincey, Anne Heider, Peggy Murray, Dvora Yanow, Ginny Landgraf, Paula Kimbro, Alice Sharp, Kathy Sillavo for organizing registrations; Richard DeLong for leading the singing school on Saturday; Barbara Saxton, Ginny Landgraf for organizing housing for out-of-town singers; Susan Breitbard for signs; Gary Breitbard for arranging the location; Barbara Saxton, Paul and Lisa Ralston, Chris Thorman, Carolyn Deacy, Susan Breitbard, Jan Peterson, Gary Breitbard for arranging convention publicity; Lisa Ralston for maps and travel assistance; many people, too numerous to list, who housed out-of-towners and who brought food for the potluck. The class voted to hold next year's convention in Los Angeles. Treasurer Chris Thorman reported that expenses had been covered and nearly \$300.00 raised for next year's convention. Carolyn Deacy acknowledged visitors from other states. Represented were: Georgia, New Jersey, Illinois, Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, Texas, Oregon, Washington, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi.

The class took the parting hand with Carolyn Deacy, Laura Boyd, and Susan Breitbard leading 62. Ginny Landgraf dismissed the class with a prayer. Chairman - Carolyn Deacy; Vice Chairman - Laura Boyd; Secretary - Susan Breitbard.

FOHS HALL FOUR-NOTE SINGING

Marion, Kentucky

January 21, 1995

The fourth annual four-note singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman William Ralph Paris. He pointed out that this should have been the fifth singing; however, last year's singing was cancelled due to snow and ice. Mr. Paris announced that the session would use two books: "The Sacred Harp" (1991 Revision) and "The Southern Harmony". For beginning singers, he gave an explanation of where the parts are located in the square, and discussed William Walker's pendulum for setting tempos in "The Southern Harmony". Mr. Paris claimed he would use the pendulum if there was any disagreement as to tempo. Among those in attendance was 98 year old Clarence Blakney of Benton, Kentucky. He is a fine shape-note singer and one of the last living veterans of World War I. He will be 99 in February. The morning began with a one-hour session from "The Southern Harmony", with the chairman calling pages 66 and 10. Leaders: Don Waggoner 296, 80; Bob Meek 266, 213; Tim Reynolds 291, 322; Robert Chandler 89; Karen Isbell 5, 11; Mary Ruth Cannon 15, 38; Charles Coulston 283; Keith MacAdam 50.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order for a one-hour session from "The Sacred Harp". He led song on page 335. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 35, 390; Kathy Hull 143; Gordon Wilkerson 480, 434; Jeanette Lowry 39t, 383; Mary Brinkman 178, 523b; William Paris 236, 89; Bob Meek 569b; Keith MacAdam 196, 128 (in memory of John Stevenson, president of Berea College, who passed away in December); Tim Reynolds 200.

LUNCH

The afternoon session convened with Tim Reynolds leading from "The Sacred Harp", pages 84 and 168. William Paris led page 18b, "Liberty Hall", from the four-note book, "The Kentucky Harmony". Leaders: Glenn Fulbright 181; Don Waggoner 410, 338; Robert Chandler 127; Jeanette Lowry 146; Clayton Ezell 384, 358; Karen Isbell 350, 454; Mary Ruth Cannon 64, 29; Kathy Hull 551, 85; Mary Brinkman 65, 49b.

RECESS

The session was called to order with William Paris leading page 192 from "The Southern Harmony", in memory of Jamie Hunt, and page 193. Leaders: Bill Hunt 103; Gordon Wilkerson 162, 163; Arnold Hunt 144, 127; Charles Coulston 46; Willard Walker 165; Clayton Ezell 16, 94; Keith MacAdam 265, 88; Jeanette Lowry 134, 125; William Paris 3t, 8, 166. Following announcements and a closing prayer, the singing was dismissed at 3:10 p.m. by singing page 334 from "The Southern Harmony", "The Christian's Farewell". Chairman - William Paris; Vice Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Secretary - Karen Isbell.

BALDWIN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

City Hall - Bay Minette, Alabama

January 21-22, 1995

Saturday, January 21

The Baldwin County Singing Convention was opened with the Chairman, William Green, leading song on page 70, followed by Mr. Lonnie Rogers giving the opening prayer. Chairman William Green led song on page 217; Vice

Chairman J. A. Mosley 82, 101. Leaders: B. M. Smith 507b, 155; Lonnie Rogers 186, 395; Ann Jett 192, 573; Elvin Guthrie 172, 297; M. H. Creel 335; Marie Guthrie 434; Alice Hochstetler 105b, 567.

RECESS

William Greene called the class to order leading song on page 423. Leaders: S.T. Reed 478, 344; Ruby Phillips 522, 528b; Bill Aplin 68, 88; W. M. Oliver 515, 505; Kim Cagle 442t, 371; Buddy Tindal 535t, 543b; Lurleen Heath and Mrs. Skipper 45t, 290; Ralph Heath 414, 559; Elder Marshall Avery 85, 74b.

RECESS

William Green and John Etheridge led 569 to resume the singing. Leaders: Velton Chafin 225t, 86; Cassie Franklin 200; Wanda Capps 39, 547; Cindy Franklin 507t, 411; Thurman Nall 570; John Merritt 38t; Edith Tate 75, 491; J. A. Mosley 542; Flarce Creel 384; Geneva Prichard 31, 87; Phillip Langley 300, 215.

LUNCH

Singing resumed after lunch with J. A. Mosley leading song on page 341. Leaders: Buna Mae Purvis and sisters 440b, 563; Eloise Avery 571, 137; Willie Mosley 77; Kate Merritt 392, 168; Murray Simmons 67, 373; Brenda Merritt 381t, 133; Charlene Wallace 276, 171; John Etheridge 76; Eva Padgett 536; Stanley Smith 153; Emma Lou Grayson 447t; Don Clark 110; Horace Batchelor 289; Deborah Langley 449, 497; Albert Probst 489; Doug Wood 283, 72; Coy Ivey 515; Alice Mosley 500; Margie and B. M. Smith 422; Leola Smith and William Green 185; Chairman William Green, Vice Chairman J. A. Mosley, and Secretary Alice Mosley led the closing song for the day with Elder Marshall Avery leading the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 22

The session was opened with William Green, Chairman, leading song on page 126. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Marshall Avery. Vice Chairman J. A. Mosley led 72. Leaders: S. T. Reed 271; Eloise Avery 515; Coy Ivey 63; Kim Cagle 32t, B. M. Smith 127; Elder Avery 159; Lonnie Rogers 377; Keterina Sanders 572; Bill Aplin 466; Velton Chafin 478; W. M. Oliver 505; Ann Jett 518; Cassie Franklin 42; Flarce Creel 270; Ruby Phillips 345t; M. H. Creel 355; Alice Hochstetler 426t; Cindy Franklin 559; John Etheridge 410; David Lee 336t; Kathy Lee and Stanley Smith 38t; Clark Lee 45t; Julie Lee 553b; Chris Harper 573; Edith Tate 404; Marie Guthrie 189; Elvin Guthrie 193; Don Clark 272; Regina Clark 183; Mike Jones 225t.

RECESS

The memorial lesson was given at this time. Eloise Avery, Regina Clark, and Don Clark were on the committee. Eloise Avery gave a beautiful memorial in memory of our loved ones that have passed away and for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial paid a beautiful tribute to the "Sacred Harp Singers" and their love for each other. Don Clark led 229. This service touched each one of us in a way that will never be forgotten. Singing was resumed with J. A. Mosley leading 59. Leaders: Winston Jones 47b; Albert Probst 220; Ralph Heath 235; Buddy Tindal 447t; Lurleen Heath 222; Stanley and McKenzie Smith 528; Phillip Langley 196; Deborah Langley 300; Cecil Sanders 145; Horace Nall 501; Thurman Nall 444t; Brenda Merritt 567; John Merritt 138. William Green and Alice Mosley led 343 to dismiss for lunch, and Lonnie Rogers gave the blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was resumed with singing. Leaders: Dana Merritt 220; Kate Merritt 217; Edith Tate 73t; Cindy Franklin 39; John Etheridge 98; Marie Guthrie 192; Elvin Guthrie 340; Ralph Heath 240; Stanley Smith 288; David

Lee 563; Kathy and David Lee 199; Julie Lee 511b; Clark Lee 488b; Mike Jones 395b; Winston Jones 68b; Don Clark 171; Regina Clark 77b; Thurman Nall 287; Alice Hochstetler 145b; David Lee 188; Kim Cagle 470; Lurleen Heath 384; Brenda Merritt 298; John and Dana Merritt 486; Horace Nall 433; Buddy Tindal 383. The Sunday afternoon session was brought to a close and Elder Marshall Avery led the closing prayer. Chairman - William Green; Vice Chairman - J. A. Mosley; Secretary - Alice Mosley.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **Fort Worth, Texas** **January 28, 1995**

The eleventh annual Sacred Harp singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The session was called to order by Dr. William J. Reynolds, who led the song on page 72b. The morning prayer was led by B. E. Matthews. After a cordial welcome to all singers and opening comments, Dr. David W. Music was recognized as Vice Chairman; Benny Boggus as Chairman of the Arranging Committee; Dr. Timothy J. Studstill as Secretary. Leaders: Dr. David W. Music 334; Tim Reynolds 142; Kelly Beard 294; Floyd Screws 270; Esther Huckaby 358; Avon Miller 183; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Glen Davis 146; Sharon Smith 274; Myrl Jones 189; Lawson Smith 400; B. E. Matthews 340; Judge Donald Ross 567.

RECESS

Dr. Music opened the class by leading the song on page 40. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 535; Gaylon Powell 383; Ophelia Matthews 480; Myra Palmer 436; Diane Ross 504; A. A. Smith 120; Andrew Albers 176b; Barbara Moore 117; Mary Bauchman 454; Al Rogers 63; Carolyn Johnson 490; Leon Ballinger 137; Sharon Smith 418; Kelly Beard 284; Floyd Screws 348b; Avon Miller 380; Ernestine Pipkin 82; Glenn Davis 59; Myrl Jones 300; Lawson Smith 339. Dr. Reynolds recognized the presence of Dean Benjamin L. Harlan, newly elected dean of the Southwestern Seminary's School of Church Music. Dean Harlan has just arrived in Fort Worth to assume his new responsibilities. Dr. Reynolds recognized his sons, Kirk Reynolds of Alexandria, Virginia, and Tim Reynolds of Nashville, Tennessee, and father and sons led 45. Leaders: B. E. Matthews 318; Judge Donald Ross 472.

LUNCH

Dr. Music opened the afternoon session by leading the song on page 99. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 35; Ray Barnett 452; Gaylon Powell 329; Ophelia Matthews 566; Myra Palmer 273; Diane Ross 198; A. A. Smith, Jr. 77; Dr. Timothy J. Studstill 225; Andrew Albers 227; Barbara Moore 268; Tim Reynolds 163b; Mary Bachmann 568; Al Rogers 569b; Leon Ballinger 278. Announcements were made and other singings in the area were announced and singers were urged to attend. Genuine appreciation was expressed to all who have shared in this excellent singing. The 1996 singing at Southwestern Seminary was announced for January 27, 1996. Leaders: Sharon Smith 119; Kelly Beard 475; Floyd Screws 342; Avon Miller 545; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Glenn Davis 145; Myrl Jones 441; Lawson Smith 392; B. E. Matthews 434; Judge Donald Ross 350; Janna Lawson 39; Andrew Albers 178; Dr. William J. Reynolds 75, 81; Tim Reynolds 61. Dr. David Music led 155 as the final song. Judge Donald Ross closed with prayer. Chairman - Dr. William J. Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Dr. David W. Music; Secretary - Dr. Timothy J. Studstill.

LIBERTY CHURCH
Henagar, Alabama
January 29, 1995

The annual Fifth Sunday Singing at Liberty Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t, 76b. The morning prayer was led by Dewayne Wootten. David Ivey led the song on page 106. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 61, 30t; Coy Ivey 101t; Marlon Wootten 39t; Clyde Black 490, 288; Eloise Wootten 144, 222; Terry Wootten 201; 83t; Lamar Smith 36b; Margie Smith 373; Billy Thompson 323b; Dewayne Wootten 119, 283; Rex Wilks 37b, 63; Lee Rogers 121, 31t; Bud Laney and Terry Wootten 30b, 87.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading the song on page 163b. Leaders: Shane Wootten 159, 171; Shelbie Sheppard 28b, 216; Mark Brown 142, 47b; Judy Mincey 501, 510; Mel Kersey 122, 99; Jamie Dalton 110, 411; Susan Harcrow 300, 215; Pam Nunn 212, 186; Rodney Ivey 47t; Jeff Sheppard 129, 156.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Loyd Ivey leading the song on page 145b. Leaders: Levon Wootten 176t, 321; Reba Windom 155, 378t; B. M. Smith 152, 273; Elene Stovall 198, 441; Teresa, Candace, and Lindsey Bethune, Marian, Adam, and Ivey Biddle, Rachel Ivey, and Lorrie Wootten 87, 100, "That Beautiful Land", 424; Allison Ivey and Jenny Wootten 183, 40; Richard and Stuart Ivey 551, 182; Don Bowen 347, 570; Brenda and Rebecca Carroll 299, 384; Marty Wootten and Wayne Wootten 445, 120; Karen Ivey 497; Karen and Allison Ivey 454; Doug Ivey and Loyd Ivey 45t; Norma Latham and Tony Ivey 480, 385b; S. T. Reed and Bud Oliver 379, 39b; Sheila Wootten and Jenny Wootten 344; Jack Tanner 172; Milton Oliver 403. Announcements were made. David Ivey and Loyd Ivey led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Ralph Heard.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Loyd Ivey; Secretary - Eloise Wooten.

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
January 29, 1995

The class was called together by Velton Chafin leading song page 31b. Prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Velton Chafin led song on page 36b. The class voted to retain past officers as follows: Chairman - Velton Chafin, Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate, and Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - Brenda Merritt. The Chairman, Velton Chafin, led 48t. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 460; Lora Cargo 300, 454; George Cox 229, 303b; Earl Ballinger 80b, 172; Keterina Sanders 73t, 389; Marshall Avery 271, 74b; Gertrude Wood 137, 155; Gordon Wilkerson 384, 475; Cecile Cox 34b, 35; Velton Chafin 564.

RECESS

The class was called together by Harrison Creel leading song on 30t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 182, 183; John Etheridge 337, 270; Mae Conwill 385b, 498; Woodrow Hocutt 208, 192; Lola Roberson 546, 436; Toney Smith 70t, 225; Lucy Heidorn 200; Eloise Avery 340, 39b.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Harrison Creel brought the class together leading song on 111b. Leaders: John Hyde 61, 63; Marie Aldridge 217; Larry Ballinger 91, 89; L. E. Hannah 336, 517; Doyle Williams 428, 383; Ozella Blackmon 298; Elmer

Conwill 296, 286; Clayton Ezell 322, 269. The lunch prayer was led by Marshall Avery.

LUNCH

John Hocutt reassembled the class leading songs on pages 317, 321. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 187, 276; Brenda Merritt 434, 535; Eldagene Roberson 332, 215; Tressie Adkins 422, 78; Ann Jett 327, 496; Ruby Bowen 222, 393; Josie Hyde 220, 507; Cynthia Franklin 503, 523; Marie Guthrie 411, 142; Willodean Barton 290; Cassandra Franklin 352, 344; Kathleen Robbins 566, 34t; John Merritt 499, 45t, 358; Wanda Capps 146; John Etheridge 93 (by request); Harrison Creel 512, 342; Edith Tate 323b. After announcements were made, Velton Chafin led 62 and the class was dismissed with prayer by Marshall Avery. Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate.

BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL DUTCH TREAT SINGING **Jacksonville, Alabama** **February 5, 1995**

The twenty-ninth session of the Bob Burnham Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held the first Sunday in February. Ruth Brown, daughter of Bob Burnham, greeted everyone and explained that her niece, Nell Temple, could not be there because of illness. Ruth led the song on 59, and the morning prayer was given by Lonnie Rogers. Ruth told us that a local newspaper was to do an article on "Uncle Bob" with memories given by Ruth and Uncle Bob's grandchildren. Ruth Brown then led the song on 101t; Jeff Sheppard led 99, 109; Shelbie Sheppard 448t, 448b; Margie Smith 225t, 303. Ruth Brown then reported that Mrs. Dula Webb had fallen and was in poor condition, and Mrs. Eula Johnson was ill. Ruth Brown then led song on page 63. The class was organized for the day with the following elected as officers: Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Nell Temple (Shelbie Sheppard to record in her absence at the request of Ruth); Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. Leaders: Daphene Causey 327, 269; Ruby Phillips 39b; Bud Oliver 73t, 47t; Carlene Griffin 113; Lonnie Rogers 141, 405; Hilda Morrison 287, 426; Lamar Smith 76t, 36b.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class together leading song on page 75. Leaders: B. M. Smith 284, 494; Penny Bosarge 340, 332; Coy Ivey 176, 120; Reba Dell Windom 192, 186; Helen Bryson 436, 523; Marie Aldridge 316, 217; Shelton Williamson 198, 300; Ruth Brown recognized a cousin from Shelby County who brought some old books, and her nieces and nephews (Burnham descendants) gathered with her to sing 45t; Pam Nunn 503b, 528; Felton Denney 489b, 31t; Martha Woodard 142; Jimmy Denney 123t, 68b; Revy Williamson 299; Harvey Austin 335; Ruth Brown, and Ruth Ann Trumley 49t. The Blessing of food was given by Billy J. Harris.

LUNCH

Ruth Brown led 312b to start the afternoon session. Leaders: Richard DeLong 472, 464; Lou Cotney 189, 497; Linda Thomas 499b; Shelton Williamson 268; Connie Karduck 222, 498; Pearl Guier 143, 358; Everett Denney 152, 34b; Alice Edwards 73b, 565; Eloise Avery 426b, 35; Lovella Kerr 48t, 406; Marshall Avery 106, 271t; Lucy Heidorn 40, 155; Billy Joe Harris 34t, 452; Buell Cobb 467; Judy Mincey 410t, 501; Evelyn Harris 159, 27 for Vena Holley who was present for the afternoon session, but was not able to lead; James Howell 74t, 74b; Bonnie Flowers 207; Don Bowen 475, 474; Sylvia Holland 46, 146. Charlene

Wallace led 406 for Forney and Clelon Cobb; Forney was able to attend for a little while in the afternoon. Lessie Cates was called to lead but did not feel up to directing. After announcements were made, Ruth Brown and Jeff Sheppard led 69 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith. Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Nell Temple.

MT. HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama
February 5, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Cecil Sanders leading song on page 327. M. H. Creel gave the opening prayer. The class voted to keep the same officers: Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - M. H. Creel; Secretary - Flarce Creel. Cecil Sanders led 112. Leaders were: Keterina Sanders 290, 389; Gertrude Wood 186, 217; Imogene Nelms 126, 269; Flarce Creel 270, 454; I. V. Cockrell 396, 48t; Ann Jett 486, 42; Mae Conwill 129, 137, 142; Corene White 73t, 379; Lola Roberson 477, 546, 182; Azalee Hood 460, 392, 318.

RECESS

Cecil Sanders called the class back leading song on page 503. Leaders: John Hocutt 72b; M. H. Creel 116, 348b, 275, 512; Velton Chafin 57, 163, 66; L. E. Hannah 482, 511, 517; Elmer Conwill 58, 566, 161. Pastor Stacks led song on page 45t, read Psalm 100, gave some inspiring words, and welcomed everyone to stay for lunch.

LUNCH

Cecil Sanders began the evening session by leading song on page 189. Leaders: Lora Cargo 480, 298, 119; Unie B. Howard 376, 384; John Hyde 30, 565b, 569b; Edith Tate 317, 225, 358; Josie Hyde 507, 151, 434; Billy Williams 286, 339, 231; Marie Guthrie "Jesus Died For Me", 192, 222; Travis Keeton 108b, 203, 200, 385t, 385b; Cecil Sanders 378b; M. H. Creel 342. Pastor Stacks dismissed the class with prayer.

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

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING
University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall
February 5, 1995

The fourth annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair-person Sarah Davie leading song on page 87. Leaders: Beverley Enright 171; Kathleen Kuiper 352; Dean Slaton 186; Melanie Hauff 168; Jerry Enright 378b; Lissa Blood 348; Flawn Williams 65; Wendy Wahn 421; David Barford 442; Wendy Lee 148; Judy Hauff 82; Ted Mercer 419; Lisa Grayson 340; Dave Stockwell 155; Sue Kessell 268; Bill Hamblin 47b; Patrina Patti 47; Al Frank 113.

RECESS

Dean Slaton brought the class back leading song on page 112. A motion was made to go into a business session and officers were elected as follows: Chairman - Wendy Wahn; Vice Chairman - Duran Perkins; Secretary - Beverley Enright. Kathleen Kuiper agreed to serve as the Arranging Committee. Wendy Wahn led song on page 372. Leaders: Penny Thurman 133; Richard Popp 313b; Ginny Warren 117; Duran Perkins 84; Susanne Flandreau 77; John Lybolt 350; Kathy Krug 36b; John Greven 178; Greg Singleton 236; Margaret McCamant 523;

David Blatt 46; Beverley Enright 351; Sarah Davie 269; Melanie Hauff 277; Flawn Williams 341.

RECESS

Wendy Wahn brought the class back by leading song on page 548. Leaders: Sam Farwell 56b; David Barford 106; Lisa Grayson 430; Ted Mercer 328; Lissa Blood 501b; Jerry Enright 433; Wendy Lee 215; Duran Perkins 410; Debbie Barford 193b; Jeremy Straughn 504; Judy Hauff 276; Suzanne Flandreau 324; Dean Slaton 500; Sue Kessel 485; Richard Popp 218; Emmy and Nathan Barford 260. Announcements were made, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Wendy Wahn; Vice Chairman - Duran Perkins; Secretary - Beverley Enright.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING **South of Tallapoosa, Georgia on Old 100 Highway** **Friday Night, February 10, 1995**

The third session of the Birthday Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church on Friday night before the second Sunday in February. Johnny Wright called the class together leading song on page 452. Prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.

Johnny Wright then led song on page 128. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman - Everette Ellis; Secretary - Charlene Wallace. Leaders were: Charlene Wallace 59, 87; Mildred Johnson 208, 381; Estelle Flowers 30, 100; Bonnie Flowers 129, 74b; Daphne Ray 358, 61; Diane Clay 63, 143.

RECESS

Johnny Wright called the class together leading song on page 274. Leaders were: Joyce Clackum 111, 77; Revy Williamson 67, 75; Gertrude Norton 277, 146; Katherine Benefield 101, 108; Elder Homer Benefield 56, 45 for Mrs. Vinnie Phillips and Mildred Patterson; Florence Williams 490, 569b; Myrtle Johnson and Nancy Allen 294; Jimmy Baggett 155; Elder Jim Emory 147, 354; Elder Lewis Norton 76b, 30b. Announcements were made. A motion was made and passed to change this singing next year to the Friday night before the second Sunday in April, 1996. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Lewis Norton.

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

OHIO STATE CONVENTION **Columbus, Ohio** **February 17-19, 1995**

Friday Night, February 17

The third annual Ohio State Convention was held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. The Convention opened Friday evening, February 17, with a special singing of twenty-three new compositions by the following composers: John Bayer, Jr., John Bealle, P. Dan Brittain, Glenn Burdette, Linda Coppock, Jeff Franklin, Seth Houston, Joe Keehner, James Page, Richard Popp, and Bruce Randall. Compositions were printed and bound in a booklet and made available to those attending the convention.

Saturday, February 18

Michael Darby called the class to order by leading the song on page 31, and Joe Keehner offered the morning prayer. The class went into a business session with the following officers and committees elected: Chairman - Michael Darby; Vice Chairmen - Kay Bieszczad and John Bayer; Secretary - Eric Conrad; Treasurer -

Catherine Kohn; Chaplains - Joe Keehner and John Bayer; Arranging Committee - Michele Biery and Peter Rich; Memorial Committee - Bobbie Goodell, Connie Karduck, and John Bayer; Resolution Committee - Charles Knecht. Leaders were called as follows: Michele Biery 209; Virginia Benade 49b; Leslie Scott 327; Charles Wells 38; Samuel Sommers (IN) 319; Loraine Bayer 159; Lynne deBenedette (MI) 569b; Brad Oglesby 36b; Eric Conrad 29b; Dave Ressler (MO) 189b; Jodi Liss 333; Kathryn Krug (IL) 81; Seth Houston 107; Jeff Franklin 391; Norman Slaton (IL) 419; Tim Wheeler (PA) 168; Fred Todt 56b; Kay Bieszczad (MI) 178; Carla Smith (CA) 498; Paul Foster 373.

RECESS

Michael Darby called the class back to order leading the song on page 84.

Leaders: Debbie Hall 146; John Seaton (IL) 68b; Kat Kinkade (VA) 542; M. H. Creel (AL) 111b; Robert Gross 155; Becky Browne (MO) 192; Jerry Enright (IL) 300; Kelly Macklin (VA) 368; Barbara Swetman (NY) 196; Ann Jett (AL) 269; Melanie Hauff (IL) 215; Stephanie Hysmith 148; Wendy Lee (IL) 472; Tim Reynolds (TN) 86; John delRe (VA) 214; Bobbie Goodell (NY) 99; Richard Popp (IL) 191; James Page (WI) 184; P. Dan Brittain (NY) 245; Kacy Pate (VA) 273; Pauline Childers (MI) 318; Flarce Creel (AL) and Pauline Childers (MI) 475; Jerry Schreiber (CA) 383; Gary Gronau (MO) 163; Judy Hauff (IL) 546; Kathryn Knecht 454; Connie Karduck (IL) 426b; Ted Mercer (IL) 123b. John Bayer dismissed the class with prayer.

LUNCH

Michael Darby called the class back from lunch leading the song on page 114.

Leaders: Linda Coppock 313b; Lisa Grayson (IL) 392; Leyland delRe (VA) 165; Charlotte Wolfe (MI) 64; Jim Solheim (MO) 163b; Al Frank (IL) 59; David Rust (IN) 141; Jim Coppock 142; Robert French (KY) 180; Mary Brinkman (KY) 147; Josh Farthing, Heidi Miller and her friend Amy 340; John Bealle 448; Charles Knecht and Alexander Knecht 77; Eloise Clark 412; Lorraine Sawyer 120; Joe Keehner 39; Sylvia Thomas 444; Bob Meek (KY) 268; Mike Hieber 37b; Tineke Stevens (IN) 497; John Bayer 341.

RECESS

Michael Darby called the class to order with the song on page 299. Leaders: John Daniel delRe (VA) 276; Charles Wells 38b; Lynne deBenedette (MI) 280; Seth Houston 455; Tim Wheeler (PA) 378b; Charlotte Wolfe (MI) 35; Kay Bieszczad (MI) 234; Josh Farthing 85; Stephanie Hysmith 173; Robert Gross 203; Mike Hieber 448b; Jim Solheim (MO) 89; Robert French (KY) 481; Mary Brinkman (KY) 31; Robert Meek (KY) 45; Samuel Sommers (IN) 112; Dave Ressler (MO) 198; Carla Smith (CA) 500; Kathryn Krug (IL) 504; Norman Slaton (IL) 306; John Seaton (IL) 485 in recognition of Ted and Marcia Johnson; Kat Kinkade (VA) 480; M. H. Creel (AL) 348b; Becky Browne (MO) 224; Jerry Enright (IL) 36; Kelly Macklin (VA) 399b; Barbara Swetman (NY) 87. Joe Keehner led the class in a closing prayer, and Michael Darby dismissed the class.

Sunday, February 19

Michael Darby called the class to order leading the song on page 291. Leaders: Michele Biery "Marlowe"; Paul Foster 193; Fred Todt 46; Charles Knecht 42; Bobbie Goodell (NY) 421; Leslie Scott 272; Virginia Benade 48b; Jerry Schreiber (CA) 212; Kacy Pate (VA) 186; Debbie Hall 203; P. Dan Brittain (NY) "Ohio"; Ann Jett (AL) 496; Tim Reynolds (TN) 91; Linda Coppock 196; Leyland delRe (VA) 28b; James Page (WI) "Northern Court"; Ted Mercer (IL) 179; John Bayer 398; John delRe (VA) 360.

RECESS

Michael Darby called the class to order leading the song on page 40. Leaders: Connie Karduck (IL) 474; Tineke Stevens (IN) 122; Pauline Childers (MI) 217; Lisa Grayson (IL) 528; Flarce Creel (AL) 503; Melanie Hauff (IL) 216; Lois Hurt (PA) 551; Wendy Lee (IL) "Discipline"; David Rust (IN) 323b; Judy Hauff (IL) 332; Gary Gronau (MO) 171; Richard Popp (IL) 240; Al Frank (IL) 516; Kat Kinkade (VA) 270; Becky Browne (MO) 436. The memorial lesson was held. The Memorial Committee read the names of the departed: Alabama--Ted Godsey, Mary Brumbaugh, Aubrey Persall, Winford Lacey, J. W. Phillips, Lindsey Crider, Edward Swetman, Sr., and Lessie Cates; Ohio--Tim Zahniser, Rick Anderson, Rev. Jeffrey Thompson, Jean Lathrop, and Minnie Clayton Oglesby; Illinois--Peggy Dillard, Anne Tarsa, Marilyn Trier, and Helmuth Schumacher; Kentucky-- John Stephenson; Michigan--Curtis M. Smith; Florida--George Klein; Tennessee--Paul Coppock; California--Ralph Brown and Jake Lunsford; New York--Howard Liss. Two songs were led in memory of the departed: Linda Coppock 288 and M. H. Creel 512. Brad Oglesby led the song on page 34 for the sick and shut-ins. Joe Keehner dismissed the class for lunch with a prayer.

LUNCH

Michael Darby called the class back from lunch leading the song on page 334. Leaders: Eloise Clark 47, Kathryn Krug (IL) 501; Barbara Swetman (NY) 106; Jerry Enright (IL) 433. The class sang "Happy Birthday" to Carla Smith (CA), who then led the song on page 222. Leaders: John Seaton (IL) 269; Kelly Macklin (VA) 377; David Ressler (MO) 70b; M. H. Creel (AL) 378b; Norman Slaton (IL) 211; Samuel Sommers (IN) 524; Kathryn Knecht 373, Brad Oglesby 192; John Bealle 80; Lorraine Sawyer 348; Eric Conrad and Bobbie Goodell 71; Joe Keehner 284; Jeff Franklin 556; Barbara Bowers and Paul Foster 220; Jodi Liss 442.

RECESS

Michael Darby called the class to order leading the song on page 34b. Leaders: Laura Weber and Fred Todt 143; Lisa Grayson (IL) 29; Gary Gronau and Becky Browne (MO) 384; Judy Hauff (IL) 82; Loraine Bayer 390; Jerry Schreiber (CA) 67; Tim Reynolds (TN) 566; Olga Velichkina (Russia) 107; Kacy Pate (VA) 137; Connie Karduck (IL) 27; Lois Hurt (PA) 49; Ted Mercer (IL) 349; Pauline Childers (MI) 480; James Page (WI) 26.

RECESS

John Bayer called the class back to order leading the song on page 278b. Leaders: John delRe (VA) 347; Wendy Lee (IL) 175; David Rust (IN) 294; Richard Popp (IL) 324; Al Frank (IL) 145; Bobbie Goodell (NY) 174; Charles Knecht 242; Paul Foster 547; Michele Biery 504; Jodi Liss 354; Fred Todt 69; Eloise Clark and Josie Bealle 84; Kathryn Knecht, Maria Knecht 438; John Bealle 74b; Linda Coppock 168; Debbie Hall 198. Reports from Committees: The Resolution Committee (Charles Knecht) moves to acknowledge and thank the entire class of Ohio's third annual State Convention. In particular, we thank the organizing committee and officers: Michael Darby (Chairman); Eric Conrad (Secretary); Catherine Kohn (Treasurer); Michele Biery and Peter Rich (Arranging Committee); Fred Todt (Housing); and Inge Noyes, Jodi Liss and Sylvia Thomas (Kitchen). A special Thanks to Michael Darby, Eric Conrad and Sylvia Thomas for organizing the Friday night new compositions singing, and to the composers who contributed new songs. We also thank Michele Biery and Pat Bennett for last night's social. Finally, we thank the Redeemer Lutheran Church for a convenient and commodious locale, provided on generous terms. The secretary reported that the 1995 Ohio State Sacred Harp Convention drew singers from 13

states. Besides singers from Ohio, singers traveled from Alabama, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Two of the singers present are students from Russia, studying in Columbus. In all, there were 110 registered singers. On Saturday, 101 songs were led. On Sunday, 92 songs were led. The Chairman reported that plans are underway to hold the 1996 Ohio State Convention in Northern Ohio, subject to availability of a suitable singing site. Joe Keehner led the class in a closing prayer. The Chairman called the other officers to the center of the square to lead the class in singing "The Parting Hand" on page 62. Chairman - Michael Darby; Vice Chairman - Kay Bieszczad, John Bayer; Secretary - Eric Conrad.

SANDERS MEMORIAL
Cordova Senior Citizen Center - Cordova, Alabama
February 19, 1995

The singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 31t, 30, and 31b. The morning payer was led by Clayton Ezell. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Chairman Velton Chafin led song on page 137. The following leaders were called: Jim Hopkins 85, 274; Gene Wakefield 168, 64; Beatrice Brewer 460, 176b; Sue Aaron 46, 334; Keterina Sanders 454, 389; Mae Conwill 172, 77; Odie V. Horton 403, 48t; L. E. Hannah 187, 273; John Hyde 275b, 63; Paul Gilliland 30b; Lora Cargo 340, 373.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 272. Leaders: Talitha Chafin 294, 551b; Cecil Gilliland 478, 475; Bud Oliver 39b, 47t; Thurman Nall 285t; Brenda Merritt 142, 411; Gordon Wilkerson 393, 498; Travis Keeton 392, 270; John Merritt 312b, 358; Milton Oliver 145t, 144; Buddy Tyndal 503, 225; Pernie Pelfrey 371; Josie Hyde 224, 220; Amanda Denson 300, 404.

LUNCH

Chairman Velton Chafin reassembled the class leading song on page 565. Leaders: Wanda Capps 546, 146; Johnny Humber 208, 200; Lola Roberson 155, 192; Edith Tate 441, 532; Earl Ballinger 177, 176t; Cassandra Franklin 391; Marie Aldridge 217, 436, 193 (by request); Larry Ballinger 91; Tim Gilmore 543, 365; Clayton Ezell "Jesus Died For Me", 480; Elmer Conwill 286, 216; Thurman Nall 523; Cynthia Franklin 198, 497, 189 (by request); Larry Ballinger 34b; John Hocutt 66; Cecil Sanders 59, 58. After announcements were made, the class was dismissed with prayer by Paul Gilliland.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Edith Tate.

WINSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE MEMORIAL SINGING
Winston County, Alabama
Saturday, February 25, 1995

The second session of the Winston County Courthouse Memorial Singing was held in memory of all the singers and supporters who have passed away. The singing class was called to order by Amanda Denson leading song on page 101t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Ronald Gilmore. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Milford Watts; Vice Chairman -

Charlie McCoy; Chaplin - Rev. Ronald Gilmore; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and Odie Horton; Secretary - Rose Taylor. The following leaders called were: Milford Watts 29; Hubert Hood 49, 45; A. C. McGough 30; Gene Wakefield 168, 164; Cecil Sanders "Not Made With Hands", "Jesus Died For Me"; Rev. Blanton Adire 159, 32; Mae Conwill 142, 498; Clifford Wakefield 480, 477; Keterina Sanders 59, 389; Velton Chafin 34, 225; L. E. Hannah 289, 500; Talitha Chafin 551, 294.

RECESS

Milford Watts called the class together leading song on page 27. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 343, 317; Roxie Keeton 530; B. B. Mattox 217, 430; Charlie McCoy 220, 240; Elder Ronald Gilmore 316, 276; Reddie Evans 186, 187, 475; Ada Godsey 301, 34.

LUNCH

Milford Watts called the class together by leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Odie Horton 89, 48, 205; Corene White 396, 216; Elmer Conwill 129, 179; Josie Hyde 298, 361; Rose Altha Taylor 208; Tim Gilmore 203, 408; Margaret Keeton 78, 432; Lola Roberson 222, 155; Buell Cobb 205, 326; Nellie Alexander 340, 100; Gladys Bonds 31, 57; Billy Williams 28, 410; Warren Steel 134, 556; Dawson Adams 328, 39; Amanda Denson 300, 224; Loretta Whitman 107, 111; Travis Keeton 400, 288; Charlie McCoy 273; Milford Watts led song on page 36 in memory of Ted Godsey who passed away one week ago, and he will be greatly missed. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Ronald Gilmore. Chairman - Milford Watts; Vice Chairman - Charlie McCoy; Secretary - Rose Taylor.

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION College Station, Texas February 25-26, 1995 Saturday, February 25

The Texas State Convention met at the Family Life Center at the Texas A&M United Methodist Church, College Station, Texas, for the third annual session. Preceding the convention, a singing school was held by Charles Whitmer. Chairman Beverly Coates called the convention to order leading song on page 82. A welcome address was given by Christy Dyer, welcoming everyone on behalf of the Texas A&M United Methodist Church. After Beverly Coates led song on page 56t, the opening prayer was offered by Curtis Owen. Vice Chairman Mike Hinton then led 373, and Secretary Gaylon Powell led 480. The following leaders were called: B. E. Matthews 436; Diane Ross 198; Greg Economides 200; Barbara Moore 117; William Reynolds 53; Chris Blevins 142; Judith Bateman (OK) 335; Leon Ballinger 136; Reed Coates 39b; Joe Nelson 49t; Kay Martin 267; Sarah Bryant 163t; Val Dunagan (WI) 276; Elizabeth Rogan 148; Lawson Smith 134; Lynn Hanna 128; Doris Hanks 384; Josh Rogan and Zack Rogan 268; Charles Whitmer 218. Beverly Coates took this time to appoint two committees, Nomination Committee: Emmie Morris, Don Ross, and Gaylon Powell; Memorial Committee: B. E. Matthews, Jeb Owen, and Vivian Rogan.

RECESS

Chairman Beverly Coates called the singers back leading song on page 31b. The following leaders were called: Kelly Beard 112; Christy Dyer 312b; Curtis Owen 441; Dick Dunagan (WI) 68b; Marcelene Hardy 172; Michele Rogan 222; Tom Owen 284; Emmie Morris 220; Vivian Rogan 235; Mary Bachmann 163b; Tim Slattery (VA) 300; Myra Palmer 208; Olivia Blevins 171.

LUNCH

Chairman Beverly Coates called the singers back leading song on page 135. Leaders: Jennifer Rogan 196; A. A. Smith, Jr. 490; Jeb Owen 344; Ophelia Matthews 569b; Don Ross 225t; Sue Fairbanks 147t; Sarah Coates 203; Baron Powers (LA) 85; Amanda Owen 178; Ray Barnett 452; Edith Owen 491; Don Barker 145b; Bernice Cottle 282; Glynn Lorraine 503; Peter Nichols 155; Linda Henthorn 323b; Bruce Coates 535; Mary Oruc 49b; Leland Owen 285; Pat Harris 45t.

RECESS

Beverly Coates called the singers back leading song on page 63. Leaders: John Morris 455; Gary Rogan 454; Al Rogers 334; Joey Yeno 30t; Dick Dunagan 36b; Tim Slattery 192; Val Dunagan 145t; Baron Powers 159; Judith Bateman 348b; Olivia Blevins 32t; Sarah Coates 186; Elizabeth Rogan 146; Amanda Owen 294; Jennifer Rogan 168; Jeb Owen 442; Chris Blevins 290; Mary Bachmann 66; Don Ross, by request, 236; Gaylon Powell, by reequest, 35. An election was held for next year's officers. The following were nominated and elected to serve for the 1996 session: Mike Hinton, Chairman; Don Barker, Vice Chairman; Gaylon Powell, Secretary. Beverly Coates led song on page 62 for the closing song. The singing was closed with prayer by Rev. Jim Ross.

Sunday, February 26

The Convention met Sunday morning at College Station Conference Center with Chairman Beverly Coates calling the session to order leading songs on pages 150 and 34b. After prayer by Don Barker, the following leaders were called: Vice Chairman Mike Hinton 288; Secretary Gaylon Powell 328; John Morris 377; Al Rogers 84; Myra Palmer 436; Pat Harris 146; Owen Ross 234; Joe Nelson 58; Bernice Cottle 61; Val Dunagan 151; Andrew Albers 415; Kay Martin 276; Don Barker 97; Don Ross 313; Ophelia Matthews 127; A. A. Smith, Jr. 300; Leland Owen 47b; David Peterson 63; Baron Powers 119; Elizabeth Rogan 215.

RECESS

Beverly Coates called the singers back leading song on page 101t. The following leaders were called: Charles Whitmer 447; Sue Fairbanks 159; Joey Yeno 45t; Dick Dunagan 501; Ryan Ross 196; Barbara Moore 457; Reed Coates 133; Linda Henthorn 128; Edith Owen 493; Pam Rainoshek 354b; Vivian Rogan 47t; Amanda Owen 142; Emmie Morris 110; Peter Nichols 137; Josh Rogan 268; Jeb Owen 480; Lawson Smith 294.

LUNCH

Chairman Beverly Coates called the singing back to order leading song on page 143. Leaders: Doris Hanks 448b; Lynn Hanna 147t; Sarah Coates 224; Mary Bachmann 546; Greg Economides 269; Leon Ballinger 358; Diane Ross 347; Mary Oruc 383; Tom Owen 532; Gary Rogan 324; Curtis Owen 551; Bobbie Rainoshek 112; Ray Barnett 408; B. E. Matthews 512; Owen Ross 220; Andrew Albers 327; Pam Rainoshek 72b; Val Dunagan 350; Dick Dunagan 378b; Ryan Ross 402.

RECESS

The singers were called back by Beverly Coates leading song on page 201. Leaders: Bobbie Rainoshek 182; Myra Palmer 198; David Peterson 341; Emmie Morris 171; Leland Owens 77t; Greg Economides 280; Doris Hanks 176b; Lynn Hanna 73b; Pat Harris 59; Don Barker 82t; Al Rogers 373; Kay Martin 277; Ray Barnett 490; Joey Yeno 30t. This being the time for the Memorial Lesson, Vivian Rogan read the list of names: Elder Pete Walker, George Economides, Bernard Nelson, Leonard Nelson, Elder H. D. Russell, Vernon Thele, Myrtle Cobbs, Flora Morgan, Alice Weltz, Kenton Kilmer, Lois Green, Lessie Cates, and

Kathryn Gaynor. Vivian Rogan led song on page 285t, and B. E. Matthews led song on page 48t for the deceased. Jeb Owen led song on page 129 for the sick and shut-ins. It was announced that the third annual convention will meet the fourth Sunday in February and Saturday before in 1996 at the College Station Conference Center on both days. After Beverly Coates led 531 for the closing song, the convention closed with prayer by Andrew Albers.
Chairman - Beverly Coates; Vice Chairman - Mike Hinton; Secretary - Gaylon Powell.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
Visitor Center-Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia
February 26, 1995

The twenty-second session of the Social Harp and Sacred Harp singing was held at the Botanical Gardens in the Visitor Center, the fourth Sunday in February. The Social Harp book is used in the morning, and the Sacred Harp in the afternoon. The class was called together by John Garst leading song on page 106. The morning prayer was given by David Grant. The class was organized for the day by electing or appointing the following: Chairman - John Garst; Vice Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Lee Rogers. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 191, 250; Charlene Wallace 87, 159; Helen Bryson 66, 89; Angelia Benton 76b, 114; David Grant 33, 198; Bruce King 237, 173; Dan Bailey 160, 176; Billy Hollingsworth 79, 207; Hugh McGraw 34.

RECESS

John Garst called the class together leading song on page 51. Leaders: Sara Akin 88, 93; Henry Zittrouer 190, 190b; Karen Morris 91b, 98; Art Rosenbaum 169, 200; Laura Akerman 135, 24; Kelly Morris 129b, 156; Annette Raymond 83; Charles Wood 204b. Memorial Lesson. Helen Bryson led song on page 373 from the Sacred Harp in memory of Nancy Murril, Lessie Cates, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, and Benny Rigdon. Charlene Wallace led song on page 63 for all the sick and shut-ins, including Edna Garst and Gertrude Bateman. The class was dismissed with prayer by David Grant.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with John Garst leading song on page 235. Leaders: Lee Rogers 87, 354; Richard Johnson 273, 454; Leif Carter 186, 236; Rita Haley 46, 155; Annette Raymond 56, 341; Wesley Haley 108b, 122; Shannon Prim 479; Joyce Harrison 149, 275b; Mrs. Buelah Robinson 460, 47b; Leif Carter 38b; Helen Bryson 34b; Dan Bailey 117; Angelia Benton 147; Bruce King 442.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class together leading song on page 408. Leaders: David Grant 540; Leif Carter 299; Kelly Morris 49b; Laura Akerman 543; Karen Morris 34; Richard Johnson 298; Ash Raymond 38; Lee Rogers 178; John Garst 52b; Kevin Kelly and Michael Linsey 86. After announcements, John Garst led the song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by David Grant.

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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION
Portland, Oregon
February 26, 1995

The fourth annual session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon. It began on Saturday afternoon, February 25, with a singing school conducted by David Ivey of Huntsville, Alabama, attended by 72 students. The singing on Sunday, February 26, attended by about 68, was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by 1994 Chair, Karen Willard, leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was given by Craig Brandis. 1994's officers led: David Hough (Bellevue, WA) 31t; Darlene Simpson-Brown (Buckley, WA) 34b; Bruce Rowland 568. The class went into business session and elected Bruce Rowland as Chair; John Kellermann as Vice-Chair; and Kate Moore as Secretary. Leaders: Meg Larson 147t; Jean Murphy 184; Anne Huckins (Seattle, WA) 84; Kate Moore 217; Ken Cofield (Seattle, WA) 324; Craig Brandis 65; Betty Herman (Los Angeles, CA) 421; John Kellermann 117; Kathy Vlach (Seattle, WA) 122; David Ivey (Huntsville, AL) 200; Linda Nelson (Seattle, WA) 254; Katharine O'Hara (Bellevue, WA) 547; Ginny Landgraf (Berkeley, CA) 538; Gary Plouff (Missoula, MT) 123b; Jack Lofton (Seattle, WA) 82t; Reed Schilbach (Seattle, WA) 61; Hugh McGuire (San Francisco, CA) 420b; Marcia Stedman (Bothell, WA) 143; Chris Thorman (San Francisco, CA) 280; Susan Helf (Seattle, WA) 99; Jeff Pratt 47; Ali Corbin (Seattle, WA) 479; Jinx McGuire (Seattle, WA) 178; Karen Stingle 183; Martha Johnson 454; Karen Willard (Buckley, WA) 102; David Hough (Bellevue, WA) 480; C. Briggs 358; Anne Huckins (Seattle, WA) 28b; Betty Herman (Los Angeles, CA) 385t.

LUNCH

Bruce Rowland reassembled the class leading song on page 384. Leaders: Jack Lofton (Seattle, WA) 442; Ken Cofield (Seattle, WA), "Cascadia"; Glenn Salisbury (Puyallup, WA) 196, dedicated to all those Southern Sacred Harpers who have kept these songs alive through the years; Hugh McGuire (San Francisco, CA) 402; Ali Corbin (Seattle, WA) 189. Marie Brandis led the Memorial Lesson, listing the following who have died since we met last year: California - Rex Coultas, Tiny Blair of Daly City, Aileen Toquinto, and Connie Hastings Griffith; Georgia - Gail Price of Atlanta; Washington -Jenny Strickler of Camano Island, Melissa Fernandez of Seattle, Melvin McGuire of Des Moines, and Leroy Hoffman of Yakima; Alabama - Ted Godsey of Haleyville, Lessie Cates of Muscadine, and Lois Green of Oneonta; Three family members in Kobe, Japan; Oregon - Pat Ray of Cheshire, Laren Hall of Portland, and Shirley Lacey of Sandy; France - Jacques Ellul; Kansas City - Frank Curry. More and more of our members are traveling and making friends with singers across the country, and some of them are coming to sing with us here in the Northwest. It is a part of life that we will begin to lose some of these friends. And so this year, we find several names that many of us here have acquaintance with and whose lives we remember. In the memory of all of these people, and in particular for Lessie Cates, Karen Willard led song on page 236, and Katharine O'Hara led song on page 269. The sick and shut-ins were: Denise Landazuri, Ethan Blair, Sharon Martin, Renne Harris, Lita Pratt, Stan Davis, Marilyn Osterman, Mary Southern, Catharine Cessna, Samantha Redston, Barry Sullivan, and Johnny Jeans. Craig Brandis closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer. Leaders: Chris Thorman (San Francisco, CA) 91; Darlene Simpson-Brown (Buckley, WA) 58; Jean Murphy 47b; John Kellermann 268; Susan Helf (Seattle, WA) 299; Kathy

Vlach (Seattle, WA) 198; Jeff Pratt 107; Hardin King 568; Craig Brandis 195; Erika Nelson 146; David Ivey with a new-comer 378b; Kate Moore 159; Katharine O'Hara (Bellevue, WA) 455; David Ivey (Huntsville, AL) 101t; Betty Herman (Los Angeles, CA) 86; Reed Schilbach (Seattle, WA) 410; Hugh McGuire (San Francisco, CA) 482; Chris Thorman (San Francisco, CA). The Locating Committee reports that next year the convention will be held in or near Seattle, Washington. The Resolutions Committee thanked Chairman Bruce Rowland for the beautiful sign, for finding the lovely singing hall, and making the general arrangements for the week-end; Vice-Chair, John Kellermann, was in charge of all the mailing and served as the computer guru; Marie Brandis provided valuable kitchen duty, general brilliance, and moral support; Dave Hough and Katharine O'Hara served as Treasurers and manned the registration tables along with John Paisley; Craig Brandis not only served as Chaplain, but general errand runner; Kate Moore served as Secretary, kitchen slave, and took care of all needed hand wringing; Karen Willard was the Arranging Committee and etiquette coach; Andrea Dickinson and Gina Jolly provided child care; Una Rowland rounded out the kitchen crew. Extraordinary gratitude and thanks were extended to David Ivey for his commitment to Sacred Harp and for sharing it with us. Bruce Rowland led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the "Parting Hand". The convention was dismissed with prayer by Craig Brandis. Attending both the school and the singing were: 50 from Oregon, 26 from Washington, 4 from California, 2 from Montana, and 1 from Alabama. Chairman - Bruce Rowland; Vice Chairman - John Kellermann; Secretary - Kate Moore.

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION Glen Eden Community Center, Raleigh, North Carolina Saturday, March 4, 1995

Outgoing president G. C. Waldrep opened the singing by leading 49t and 49b, followed by the other outgoing officers: Vice President - Tim Gee, 38t, 209; Secretary - Erin Newton, 86, 377. New officers were then elected: President - Becky Hart; Vice President - Tim Gee; Secretary - Lynda Hambourger. Henry Bizzell agreed to serve as Chaplain. After he led us in prayer, the singing continued as follows: Becky Hart 436, 52; Sharon Kellam 145t, 145b; Suzanne Newton 318, 34; Randall Lathan 515, 268; Stephen McMaster 148, 528; Blake Morris 567, 442; Susan Brock 65, 455; Claudia Egelhoff 347, 142; Lynda Hambourger 192; Jane Pepler 277, 383; Matt Cartmill 37b. The memorial lesson was led by G. C. Waldrep, who led 378b, and Lynda Hambourger 126. Singing then continued with Gavin Campbell 411, 492; Adele Pfrimmer-Hensley 122; Beverly Dratz 178; Jack Smith 40, 480; and Ron Craig 117.

LUNCH

After lunch, Becky Hart recommenced the singing by leading song on page 31. Leaders: Matt Cartmill 298, 183; Peggy Loddengaard 61, 81; John Fedderson 547, 163; Patricia Temple 64, 85; Joy Craig 155; David Carlton 102; Tim Dillon 446; Betty Moore 38b; Gerry Bowen 324, 128; Nancy Newell 497; Lynda Hambourger 280; G. C. Waldrep 198; Tim Gee 63; Erin Newton 143; Becky Hart 99; Sharon Kellam 176t; Suzanne Newton 532; Randall Lathan 236; Becky Hart 29t; Stephen McMaster 503; Blake Morris 441; Susan Brock 504; Claudia Egelhoff 464; Gavin Campbell 37, 260; Adele Pfrimmer-Hensley 267, 312b; Jack Smith 569, 107; Ron Craig 254; Matt Cartmill 242; Peggy Loddengaard 288; John Fedderson 217, 189; Patricia Temple 79; Joy Craig 66; David Carlton 495;

Tom Dillon 535; Gerry Bowen 430; Nancy Newell 159; Lynda Hambourger 323, 276; Becky Hart 269; Susan Brock 203; John Fedderson 124; Beverly Dratz 457. The convention closed with 62 as the final lesson.
Chairman - Becky Hart; Vice Chairman - Tim Gee; Secretary - Lynda Hambourger.

DUKE MEMORIAL SINGING
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - Heard County, Georgia
Saturday, March 4, 1995

The Duke Memorial Sacred Harp Singing met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County on Saturday, March 4, 1995. The class was called together by Everette Denney leading page 31b, and the morning prayer was led by Brother Marshall Avery. Marshall Avery led pages 59 and 40, and Mary Florence Smith led pages 27 and 61. The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Rev. Marshall Avery; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. Chairman Everette Denney led 405 and 489. Leaders: Buddy Tindal 32t, 426t; Ruby Phillips 290, 345t; Billy Joe Harris 303b, 503b; Josephine Denney 72b, 452b; Aaron Little 448t, 480; Evelyn Harris 82t, 47t; Jimmy Denney 63, 68b; Lou Cotney 300, 358, 497.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Marshall Avery leading songs on pages 85 and 35 for all the sick and shut-ins. Leaders were: B. M. Smith 384, 204; Thurman Nall 217; Felton Denney 147b, 147t; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 137; Charlene Wallace 155, 171; Hoyt Morris 491, 317b; Margie Smith 569b, 354.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Everette Denney leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Buddy Tindal 66, 39b; Ruby Phillips 331; Lloyd Toney 45t; Josephine Denney 75; Billy J. Harris 445b; Thurman Nall 34t, 47b; Evelyn Harris 159; Aaron Little 499b; Jimmy Denney 108t; 168; Lou Cotney 189, 212; Kayla Spratlin and Carlene Griffin 117; B. M. Smith 203, 441; Felton Denney 31t; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 97; Hoyt Morris 39t, 274. Announcements were made, and page 46 was led by Everette Denney as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lloyd Toney.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Marshall Avery; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

MR. AND MRS. O. H. HANDLEY AND MR. AND MRS. W. H.
WALKER MEMORIAL SINGING
Vinemont Fire Station, Vinemont, Alabama (Cullman, County)
March 5, 1995

The 1995 session was opened with Kenneth Fannin leading song on page 45t. The opening prayer was given by Carmon Brothers. Kenneth Fannin continued the singing leading song on 46. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Kenneth Fannin; Vice Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Arvid Homes, Carmon Brothers, and Billy Williams. The following leaders called were: Carmon Brothers 59, 58, "That Beautiful Land"; Imogene Nelms 126, 36b, 299; Ester Brown 176t, 426t; Billy Williams 448b, 452b; David Roberson 274t, 146, 430; Corene White 73t, 129.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class back together by leading song on page 74b. Leaders: Delong Cobb 147t, 47t, 40; Wilda Holmes 39b, 295b; Eldagene Roberson 144, 139, 410t; Laura Hale 100, 101; I. V. Cockrell 282, 460; Marie Guthrie 89, 67, 389.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Kenneth Fannin leading song on 30b. Leaders: Unie B. Howard 68b, 300; Arvid Holmes 63, 112, 145b; David Roberson 388; Corene White 379; Eldagene Roberson 332; Ester Brown 88t; Wilda Holmes, "Jesus Died For Me"; I. V. Cockrell 383; Imogene Nelms 98; Carmon Brothers 207; Delong Cobb 52b; Billy Williams 34b; Arvid Holmes 64; Marie Guthrie 225t; Kenneth Fannin 48t. At this time announcements were given. With many regrets, because of poor attendance, the class decided that this would be the last session of this singing. The last song was led by Kenneth Fannin and Carmon Brothers with Carnon Brothers giving the closing prayer.

Chairman - Kenneth Fannin; Vice Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

MARTHA HARPER NIX - LEWIS KEETON MEMORIAL New Flatwoods Church - Nauvoo, Alabama - Walker County March 5, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Tim Gilmore leading songs on pages 56t, 36b. The morning prayer was given by Elder Ronald Gilmore. The class elected the following officers: Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Estelle Gilmore; Arranging Committee - John Hyde and Travis Keeton. Tim Gilmore led song on page 57. Leaders: Doyle Williams 29t, 142; Keterina Sanders 73t, 389; Hubert Hood 454, 49b; Estelle Napier 470, 225t; L. E. Hannah 182, 511; Ellen Jones 39b, 392; Mel Kersey 40, 99; Lewis and Estelle Gilmore 421, 337; Odie Horton 204, 47b; Hugh Jones 306, 498.

RECESS

The class was called back by John Hocutt leading song on page 144. Leaders: Travis Keeton 379, 378b, 387; Ila Ingle 335, 278b; Gravis Ballinger 300, 475; Gene Wakefield 168, 164; Harlie Harper 477, 155; Parnell Berry 176t, 373; Bruce Rye 440, 434; Cecil Sanders 435b, 436; Larry Ballinger 123t, 91. The pastor of the church, Elder Ronald Gilmore, made a short talk, gave a welcome to all in attendance, and led 145b in memory of all our love ones who have gone on to be with our Lord. Tim Gilmore led 146.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 336 and 286. Leaders: Johnny Humber 200, 460; Mae Conwill 171, 358; A. C. McGough "Not Made With Hands", 335b; Cassie Franklin 136, 546; John Hyde 314, 30t; Warren Steel 66, 67; Josie Hyde 187, 186; Cindy Franklin 327, 383; Anne Steel 480, 209; Tom Harper 441, 442, 530; Lola Roberson 222, 297; Amanda Denson 272, 216; Cliford Wakefield 339, 388; Glen Keeton 365, 290; Dovie Jackson 418, 170; John Hocutt 317b; Travis Keeton and Mel Kersey 348b. We invited all to be with us next year. Tim and Ronald Gilmore led the closing song on 62, and all took the parting hand. Elder Ronald Gilmore led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt; Secretary - Estelle Gilmore

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL
Ephesus School, Ephesus, Georgia
March 5, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers convened at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March. Chairman Lonnie Rogers called the class together leading songs on pages 75 and 33b, and the morning prayer was led by Elder Marshall Avery. B. M. Smith led songs on pages 81, 78; Mary F. Smith 53, 72b; Margie Smith 335, 313. Denny Rogers, Mayor, made a short talk and welcomed everyone; then he and Karen Rollins led page 100. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Vivian Rogers; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith and Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Sherry Lovvorn and Ruth Brown. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 186 and the following leaders called were: Shelbie Sheppard 47b; George and G. W. Rogers 318, 339; Virgil Phillips 137; I. V. McWhorter 371; Buddy Tindal 84; Daphene Causey 269 in memory of Lessie Cates and 327; Jeff Sheppard 297, 475; Carlene Griffin 309; Thurman Nall 285; Lucille Gunnells 136, 192.

RECESS

The class was called together by L. L. Rogers leading song on page 298. Leaders were: Ruth Brown 101; Felton Denney 187, 523b; Lisa Webb 349, 454; Lonnie and Vivian Rogers' children - Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denny Rogers 222, 358, 405; Henry Guthery 304, 456; Judy Mincey 287; Bud Oliver 145b, 345; Floy Wilder 430, 402; Jan House 284; Charlene Wallace 403, 503; Kim Cagle 373; Ruby Phillips 73, 39b; Jimmy Denney 155, 145.

LUNCH

The singing resumed after lunch with B. M. Smith leading song on page 497. Leaders were: Don Bowen 68b, 515; Grandchildren of Vivian and Lonnie Rogers - Susan Rice, Randa Rollins, Barry Rollins, Laura Williams, Beverly Rollins, Joseph Lovvorn, and Kayla Harrod 59, 143. The memorial lesson was held, and G. W. Rogers led song on page for the following deceased: Dura Blackmon, T. H. Ross, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Mrs. J. J. Aderhold, Grady Albright, Lessie Cates, Lois Green, Ted Godsey, Henry Kerr, Walter Phillips, Bonnie Traylor, Mrs. Loyd Kimbrell, Raymon Rollins, L. M. McCullough, Joyce Daniel, Vernon McCormick, David Langley, Millard Mitchell, Geraldine Wood, Amos Rogers, Willie Kelley, Mrs. Elsie Wilder, Ernest Brandenburg and Pauline Rogers. For all the sick and shut-ins, including Malcolm Rogers and Lewis Brown, B. M. Smith led song on page 386. Ruth Brown and Sherry Lovvorn led song on page 45t, and the memorial was closed with prayer by B. J. Harris. Leaders: Liz Bryant 66, 31; Elder Marshall Avery 74, 271; Evelyn Harris 378; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Sheri Taylor and Lisa Webb 216, 369; Cecil Edwards 317, 491; Shelton Williamson 300; Louise Holland 323b; B. J. Harris 282, 452; Alice Edwards 73b, 146; Everette Denney 152b, 274; Eris Muse 340, 61. Announcements were made, and Lonnie Rogers and B. M. Smith led page 343 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Everette Denney. Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Vivian Rogers.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION
Union Baptist Church, Saint Louis, Missouri
March 11-12, 1995

Saturday, March 11

The tenth annual Missouri Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at ten a.m. by Jeanette Lowry leading songs on pages 61 and 128. The morning prayer was led by Dave Ressler. Convention officers were: Chairperson - Jeanette Lowry; Vice Chairperson - Barbara Uhlemann; Secretary - Rebecca Browne; Chaplain - Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee - Rebecca Browne and Leigh Barr; Hospitality - Anne Leckie and Karen Isbell; Memorial Committee - Judy Mincey and John Bayer; Registration - Bill Carlson; Sales - Karen Isbell. Dave Ressler then led the song on page 171. Leaders: Karen Isbell 383; Leigh Barr 203; Becky Browne 362; John Uhlemann 73t; Elliott Ribner 38t; Kathleen Thro 448; Barry Hufker 385; JoDell Albi 101t; Bob Borcharding 303b; Jim Page, "Northern Court"; Presley Barker 352; Beverly Enright 479; John Seaton 269; Lorraine Bayer 139; Dick Dunagan 66; Shelbie Sheppard 29b; Jim Solheim 444; Janet Fraembs 159; Tim Reynolds 315; Marcia Johnson 208; Daryl Mayberry 454; Keith Willard 74b; Lee Steinmetz 154.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jeanette Lowry leading the song on page 89. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 273; Julie Vea 430; Molly Evans 107; Jerry Schreiber 380; Val Eng 528; Connie Karduck 129; Jeff Sheppard 156; Melanie Hauff 318; Jeff Bell 58; Judy Mincey 575; Kathy Krug 217; Kelly Beard 422; Karen Hojnacki 442; Ted Johnson 348b; Wm. Ralph Parris 135; Val Dunagan 391; John Bayer 399b; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Ted Mercer 468; B. M. Smith 497; Jerry Enright 302; Jenny Willard 160b.

LUNCH

The class resumed for the afternoon session with Jeanette Lowry leading the song on page 142. Leaders: Steve Harris 117; Linda Thomas 503; Jerry Schreiber 131t; Molly Evans 504; Tim Reynolds 313b; Judy Mincey 287; Dick Dunagan 344; Connie Karduck 304; Karen Hojnacki 198; Wm. Ralph Parris 61; Jeff Bell 340; Lee Steinmetz 236; Julie Vea 102; Shelbie Sheppard 106; Karen Isbell 215; Janet Fraembs 466; Jim Page 184; Ted Johnson 419; Lorraine Bayer 369; Ernestine Pipkin 146; Jerry Enright 536.

RECESS

Jeanette Lowry brought the class together leading the song on page 111. Leaders: Marcia Johnson 282; B. M. Smith 99; Jenny Willard 145b; Kelly Beard 485; Joan Aldridge 222; John Bayer 29t; Jeff Sheppard 464; Val Eng 500; Keith Willard 274t; Dave Para 178; Melanie Hauff 216; Ted Mercer 565; Val Dunagan 501; Kathy Krug 189; John Seaton 48t; Daryl Mayberry 492; Beverly Enright 196. The class was dismissed with prayer by Dave Ressler.

Sunday, March 12

The tenth annual Missouri Singing Convention from the 1994 facsimile reprint of the Missouri Harmony was called to order at Stupp Memorial, Tower Grove Park at ten a.m. by Jeanette Lowry leading songs on page 62t and 63t. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Dave Ressler who then led song on page 406. Leaders: Becky Browne 81; Karen Isbell 116; Jo Dell Albi 32b; John Uhlemann 45; Presley Barker 44t; Kathleen Thro 100; Leigh Barr 38b; Elliott Ribner 144; Margie Kennedy 26t; John Seaton 26b; Jenny Willard 53t; Judy Mincey 61b; Val Eng 25b; Marcia Johnson 150; John Bayer 101b; Keith Willard 28t; Ted Johnson 99; Jeff Bell 23b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jeanette Lowry leading the song on page 79. Leaders: James Page 105; Kathy Krug 21; Jeff Sheppard 75; Janet Fraembs 42b; Jerry Enright 28b; Daryl Mayberry 133; Val Dunagan 89; B. M. Smith 77. The memorial lesson was held, and John Bayer led song on page 131 in memory of those who had passed away since the last convention. Those remembered were: George Klein, Shemus Lawless, Gus and Annabeth Carlson, Lessie Cates, Ted Godsey, Lois Green, Winford Lacey, John Snyder, Ann Tarsa, Alma Davis' father, Johnnie Davis, Dana Jackson, Henry Kerr, Viola Hicks, T. J. Ross, Mrs. J. J. Aderhold, Preston Crider, Grady Albright, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Marilyn Trier, Junurs Hudgins, Lewis Cox, Peggy Dillard, and Dura Blackmon. Also, song on page 130 was led by Judy Mincey for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial closed with a prayer by Chaplain Dave Ressler. Leaders: Cath Oss 91; Tim Eriksen 95.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Jeanette Lowry leading the song on page 84. Leaders: Karen Hojnacki 74; Malanie Hauff 110; Jerry Schreiber 46b; Ernestine Pipkin 49b; Steve Harris 73; Peter Irvine 32b; Tim Reynolds 159; Beverly Enright 25t; Wm. Ralph Parris 32t; Shelbie Sheppard 111; Kelly Beard 108; Lee Steinmetz 52t; Julie Vea 64; Connie Karduck 107; Ted Mercer 84.

RECESS

The class resumed for the afternoon session with Jeanette Lowry leading the song on page 86. Leaders: Jim Solheim 48; Bob Borcharding 87b; Ernestine Pipkin 31b; Cath Oss 90; Dave Ressler 128; Jeff Sheppard 85; Jerry Schreiber 31t; Jo Dell Albi 69t; Kathleen Thro 39b; Elliott Ribner 151; Karen Isbell 94. The meeting closed with a prayer by Chaplain Dave Ressler. Singers came from 12 states: Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, Illinois, Missouri. Chairperson - Jeanette Lowry; Vice Chairperson - Barbara Uhlemann; Secretary - Rebecca Browne.

OXFORD CITY HALL **Oxford, Mississippi** **March 12, 1995**

The fifteenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Mark Davis leading songs on pages 30b and 36b. John Van Horn led the morning prayer. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel; Arranging Committee - John Van Horn, Elmer Conwill. Mark Davis then led song on page 111b, and the following leaders called were: Mel Kersey 34b, 99; Mark Tew 341, 339; Warren Steel 215, 214; Anne Steel 318, 348; Bernice Embry 67, 224; Lisa Davis 220, 528; Hugh Bill McGuire 556, 209; Henry McGuire 273, 306; Linda Funderburk 290, 373.

RECESS

Warren Steel called the class together leading songs on page 189. Leaders: Ron Nurnberg 87, 288; Patti Hook 40, 47b; Willa Brunette 108t, 68b; John Van Horn 111t, 212; Gene Wakefield 168, 64; Cecil Sanders 476, 460; Pernie Pelfrey 145b, 399b; John Hyde 73t, 30t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Tew leading song on page 406. Other leaders were: Keterina Sanders 454, 389; Mae Conwill 511, 297; Travis Keeton

388, 496; Josie Hyde 200, 298; Amanda Denson 155, 186; Margaret Keeton 120, 171; Elmer Conwill 110, 196; Lee Wise 123t, 45t; Bob Lence 86, 163b; Toxey Fortinberry 63, 53; Bob Cook 129, 278b; John Van Horn 236; Bernice Embry moved, and the motion was adopted, that today's entire singing is held in honor of George and Emily Boswell, for whom Jack Barbera led song on page 133. Margaret Keeton led song on page 157 in memory of Ted Godsey. Henry McGuire led song on page 66. Following announcements, Warren Steel and Mark Tew led the closing song on page 285t. The class was dismissed with prayer by Hugh Bill McGuire.

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

L. O. AND C. H. GILLILAND MEMORIAL **Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church - Douglas, Alabama** **March 12, 1995**

The Gilliland Memorial Singing convened Sunday morning, March 12, 1995. Ervin Brothers led opening songs on pages 56t, 48t, and Lamar Smith led the morning prayer. Officers elected in business session were: Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Honorary Chairman - Ervin Brothers; Vice Chairman - Lawrence Underwood; Secretary - Helen Lambert; Arranging Committee - Hershell King. Ervin Brothers then led song on page 111b. Leaders: Cecil Gilliland 52t, 101t; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 300, 358, 111t; Hershell King 97, 80b; Lamar Smith 76b; Ester Brown 36b; Cassie Franklin 352, 142; Bud Oliver 39b, 47t, 441; Willie Mae Moon 475, 225; Harrison Creel 317, 512.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 175b. Leaders called: Milton Oliver 321b, 454; Helen and Larry Lambert 277, 565b, 332, 410t, 410b; Flarce Creel 460, 222; Willowese Malone 147t, 89; Ann Jett 269, 327; Paul Gilliland 30b, 490; Steve Lambert 196, 323b; Cindy Franklin 123t, 82t, 503b.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Cecil Gilliland leading songs on pages 217 and 134. Leaders: Lamar Smith 343; Ester Brown 208, 345t; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 189b, 383; Willie Mae Moon 348b, 48t; Reves Brothers 64, 32t; Cassie Franklin 378b, 42; Ann Jett 43, 340; Bud Oliver 145b; Flarce Creel 384, 270; Harrison Creel 335; Roy Nelson 105, 45t; Cindy Franklin 294; Hershell King 235b. Announcements were given and the closing song on page 62 was led by Cecil Gilliland. The class was dismissed with prayer by Hershell King. Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Lawrence Underwood; Secretary - Helen Lambert.

BOLDO MEMORIAL SINGING **Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church at Boldo,** **near Jasper, Alabama** **Saturday Night, March 18, 1995**

The annual Stephenson and Wall Memorial Singing was held Saturday night before the third Sunday in March. The singing was opened by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b, followed with prayer by Brother Ronald Gilmore. Velton Chafin then led song on page 32t. The class organized by retaining the same officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Leaders were called as follows: Cecil Sanders 176b, "Not Made With Hands"; Keterina

Sanders 454, 389; Betty Kitchens and Jetty Lawson 379, 460; Willodean Barton 391, 475; Lora Cargo 155, 480; Vernice Calvert 142, 411; Gene Wakefield 100, 168; Brother Ronald Gilmore 428, 383; Cassie Franklin 546, 200; Flarce Creel 318, 225; Edith Tate 137, 93; Furn Kitchens 378t, 378b; Marie Guthrie 192, 434; Ann Jett "That Beautiful Land", 496; Cindy Franklin 231, 157; Mary Gardner 189, 43; Elvin Guthrie 171, 172; John Hocutt 270, 58; Harrison Creel 30t, 111b; Wanda Capps 36b, 74b; Henry Guthery 316, 309, 558; Homer Cordes 201b, 317b; Margaret Gowan 126, 141; Cindy Franklin "Jesus Died For Me"; John Howard Woodley 490, 491. Velton Chafin closed the singing with 521. John Howard Woodley dismissed with prayer.
Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

ANTIOCH METHODIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **March 19, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp Singing was held the third Sunday in March at Antioch Methodist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama. The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 30. The morning prayer was given by Elder Marshall Avery. B. J. Harris then led song on page 30b. Lonnie Rogers led songs on page 101, 112, and Elder Marshall Avery led 32, 74b. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee and Memorial Committee - Hester Edwards and Jan House. B. J. Harris led 45. Leaders: Jan House 276, 313; Alice Edwards 104, 146; Jimmy Denney 176, 426; Harvey Austin 566, 335; Everette Denney 34b, 36b, 161; Charlene Wallace 283, 299, 197; Myron House 135, 113, 191.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 345, 560. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 339; Ruth Daniel 378, 40; Richard DeLong 39b, 570, 43. The pastor of the church, Rev. Archie Parker, had a short devotional, welcomed everyone, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 355, 225. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 511, 117; Lou Cotney 300, 189, 497. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Jan House read Revelation 21: 3-4 and Isaiah 55:10-13. She then read the list of our loved ones that have passed away from this walk of life since last year. Everette Denney led songs on pages 445 and 418 for the deceased: Lessie Cates, Henry Kerr, Carl Norton, Nellie Miles, Clellon Warren, Irma Jones. Rev. Archie Parker led 72b and 72t for Lewis Clark, his father-in-law. Evelyn Harris and Nellie Mae White 127, 47t for Clellon Warren, their brother. Myron House led 429 and 421 for the following sick and shut-ins: Reba Edwards, Barbara Owens, Eula Johnson, and Hoyt Renfro. The memorial was closed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Elder Marshall Avery 111b, 271; Stanley Nelson 63; Nellie Mae White 312; Jan House 143; B. J. Harris 340 for Clellon Warren, his brother-in-law. Lonnie Rogers and B. J. Harris led 348b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Myron House.

Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)

**Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church
Birmingham Rd., Alpharetta, Georgia
March 19, 1995**

The annual Cooper Book singing was held the third Sunday in March at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called together by Loy Garrison leading songs on pages 75, 49t, 123, 333. The morning prayer was led by Brother Bobby Cagle. Leaders: Elder Charles Cagle 515; Brother Bobby Cagle 513t, 70t; Mr. Wooten 540, 507b; Ray Richards 507, 572, 45. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Ray Richards; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

RECESS

The class was called together by Loy Garrison leading song on page 573. Leaders: Murle Bates 108, 339, 136; Bonnie Cagle 500, 501; Ray Richards 563, 37; Mr. Wooten 127; Ray Richards 338; Bobby Cagle 358, 72; Loy Garrison 363.

LUNCH

The class reassembled with Loy Garrison leading songs on 491, 541. Leaders: Elder Charles Cagle 449; Brother Bobby Cagle 171, 290, 554, 461; Loy Garrison 547, 546, and 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Charles Cagle.

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

MEMORIAL SINGING GLENCOE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER Glencoe, Alabama (near Gadsden) March 19, 1995

The annual Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Glencoe Senior Citizen Center the third Sunday in March. The class was called together by Hershell King leading song on page 59, followed with prayer by Lamar Smith. Lamar Smith then led song on page 30t. Jeff Sheppard led 75, 82t. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Alpha Black; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin. Leaders: Bud Oliver 39, 345t; Alpha Black 343, 345; Cecil Gilliland 217, 273; Gordon Wilkerson 220, 475; Lamar Smith 176b; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 189, 383, 300; Ester Brown 358, 454; Leola Smith 318.

RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class back together by leading song on page 32t. Leaders called: Eloise Wooten 222; Shelbie Sheppard 186, 38b; Tony Ivey 31t, 285t; Linda Thomas 566; Liz Bryant 276, 122; Roy Nelson 35; Elene Stovall 172, 298; Edith Tate 72, 532; Buddy Tindal 503; Judy Mincey 299, 501; Velton Chafin 225, 303; Rex Wilks 47b; Milton Oliver 403, 384.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver called the class back together by leading song on page 30. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 426t, 424; Martha Woodard 142, 57; Barrett Ashley 30b; Susan Green 350; Don Bowen 515, 523; Ann Jett 141, 448t; Clayton Ezell 393, 34b; Marlon Wooten 83; Flarce Creel 269, 56t; Pam Nunn 212, 280; Thurman Nall 287; Carmon Brothers 358, "That Beautiful Land"; Ruby Phillips 331, 335; Cassie Franklin 391, 485; S. T. Reed 403, 425b; Chita Blakeley 543; Harrison Creel 498; Virgil Phillips 137; Waylon Blakeley 39; Jeff Sheppard 34; Cindy

Franklin 317, 198. Bud Oliver led 146 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Hershell King.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Alpha Black.

THE LOG CABIN SACRED HARP SINGING **North of Double Springs, Alabama** **March 19, 1995**

The eighth session of the Log Cabin Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by Juanita Whitman. Travis Keeton then led song on page 134. In the business session Travis Keeton was elected Chairman; Elmer Conwill - Vice Chairman; Secretary - Roma Rice; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Leaders: John Hyde 63, 111b; Keterina Sanders 73t, 389; Arnold Moore 285t, 285b; Ada Godsey 34t, 301; Nellie Alexander 176b, 340; L. E. Hannah 187, 511; Juanita Whitman 40, 341; Mae Conwill 200, 74b; Gene Wakefield 64, 164; Loretta Whitman 342, 105; Roma Rice 49b, 104.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the singing to order leading songs on pages 379 and 337. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 67, 145b; Doyle Williams 300, 269; Eron White led 37b for B. B. Mattox who is ill; Larry Ballinger 34b, 111t; Reedie Evans 186, 280; Corene White 396, 216; Josie Hyde 203, 411; Amanda Denson 113, 217.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 119. Leaders: Juliette Haynes 371, 298; Lola Roberson 299, 192; Parnell Berry 283, 383; Arlie Harper 388, 477; Roxie Keeton 454, 349; Ora Lee Fannin 147, 212; Ashley Owen 108, 30t; Kermit Adams 455, 428; Rose Altha Taylor 146, 448 for Bob Fannin who was unable to attend; Dawson Adams 77t, 58; Lorene Gray 75, 81; Cecil Sanders 475; Travis Keeton 61, 69t; Josie Hyde 234, 355; Amanda Denson 236. Travis Keeton led the closing song on page 131b, and Dawson Adams led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Roma Rice.

GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Shady Grove Church - Double Springs, Alabama** **March 20, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing in honor of the Godsey Sisters (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Mina Adams, Delia Watts) was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 179. Prayer was led by Milford Watts. Travis Keeton then led song on page 201b. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Tom Roberson. Leaders: Lola Roberson 182, 475; Kermit Adams 134, 67 in memory of Brother Ralph Adams; Mae Conwill 40, 78; Gene Wakefield 68, 138; Ivalene Donaldson 73t, 77; Odie Horton 122, 317b in memory of his mother, Leona Horton; L. E. Hannah 147b, 402, in memory of Maude Adams; Cecil Wakefield 480; Josie Hyde 408, 183; Elmer Conwill 286, 348b; Myrtis Graham 161, 385b, 98; Milford Watts 56b in memory of her mother, Delia Watts, and Jessie Adams; Kelsea Wakefield 45t, 133; John Hyde 68b; Rose Altha Taylor 399b for her mother, Delia Watts; Parnell Berry 177, 208; Amanda Denson 566, 232; Dawson Adams 565b in memory of his mother, Maude

Adams; Ora Lee Fannin 471b, 268, 83t, 331; Pernie Pelfrey 371; Travis Keeton led 120 for Wallace Watts who is very sick. Travis Keeton led page 44 for the closing song, and the class was adjourned with prayer by Milford Watts.
Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

CINCINNATI - COLUMBUS SINGING
Friends Meetinghouse - Yellow Springs, Ohio
March 25, 1995

The tenth semi-annual Cincinnati-Columbus Sacred Harp Singing class was called to order by Jim Coppock leading 276. The previous class officers then led: David Rust 146; Fred Todt 52t. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - David Rust; Vice Chairman - Debbie Hall; Secretary - Lorraine Sawyer; Arranging Committee - Michael Darby; Treasurer - Eloise Clark. Morning leaders: Debbie Hall 474, 200; Lorraine Sawyer 500, 421; Leslie Scott 86, 84; Jodi Liss 65, 335; Michael Darby 53, 56b; Linda Coppock 34b, "Odem" (7th) - new composition; Barbara Bowers 528, 163b; Eric Conrad 163t, 39t.

RECESS

The class was called back together with David Rust leading song on page 155. Leaders: Eloise Clark 64, 524; Paul Foster 573, 180; John Bealle 34t, 192; Kathryn Knecht 369, 368; David Rust 229, 126; Alexander Knecht 77t; Fred Todt 94, 95; Charles Knecht 42, 377. Dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Debbie Hall leading song on page 479. Leaders: Eric Conrad 83t; Lorraine Sawyer 328; Jodi Liss 429; John Bealle 201b; Fred Todt 373; Charles Knecht 29b; Leslie Scott 184; Eloise Clark 49b; Barbara Bowers 266; Debbie Hall 236; David Rust 365; Michael Darby 250; Paul Foster 72b; Marlene Rust 66; Alexander Knecht 485; Jim Coppock 481; John Bealle 217; Jodi Liss 254; Lorraine Sawyer 383; Charles Knecht 419; Fred Todt 212.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Linda Coppock leading song on page 147t. Leaders: Leslie Scott 183; Eloise Clark 44; Eric Conrad 455; Linda Coppock 344; Kathryn Knecht 446; Barbara Bowers 348t; David Rust 391; Debbie Hall 203; Michael Darby 504; Paul Foster 300; Marlene Rust 148; John Bealle 546; Charles Knecht 133; Jodi Liss 290; Lorraine Sawyer 188; Leslie Scott 189; Fred Todt 122; Eric Conrad 48b; Eloise Clark 452; Barbara Bowers 159. David Rust dismissed the class with 62, "Parting Hand".

Chairman - David Rust; Vice Chairman - Debbie Hall; Secretary - Lorraine Sawyer.

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Old Dekalb Courthouse - Decatur, Georgia
March 25-26, 1995

Saturday, March 25

The thirty-fourth session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The convention was called to order by Doug Allison leading song on page 47. Prayer was led by Jack Smith. Doug Allison then led song on page 145 followed by Richard Whatley leading song on page 56; Charlene Wallace 441; Elder Jesse Roberts 411. Members of various committees were called: Richard DeLong 57; David McGukin 287; Kelly Morris 49b; Helen Bryson 299; Laurie Allison 85; Judy

Mincey 475; B. M. Smith 276; Kenneth DeLong 301; Don Bowen 270; Susan Green 350; Bill Scott 318; Mel Kersey 99; Frances Carnell 196.

RECESS

The class was called together by Doug Allison leading song on page 213. Leaders were: Kenneth Mize 45; Geneva Prichard 532; Frances Mary D'Andrea 143; Mary Brownlee 151; Karen Snowbird 147; Larry Woodring 216; Jack Smith 40; Hermon Wilkinson 73; Dan Bailey 569b; Leif Carter 159 in memory of Nancy Murrill. A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Doug Allison; Vice Chairman - Richard Whatley; Secretary and Treasurer - Charlene Wallace; Chaplain - Jack Smith; Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong and Chris Carnell; Memorial Committee - Helen Bryson, Jeannette DePoy, and Janice Paulk; Finance Committee - Laurie Allison, Dan Bailey, and Don Bowen; Resolutions Committee - Liz Bryant, Frances Mary D'Andrea, and Kelly Morris; Locating Committee - David McGukin, Judy Mincey, and Kenneth DeLong. A change in the by-laws - Article 3, Section 2 and Article 8, Section 3 was brought before the convention to be voted on during the business session on Sunday. End of business session. Leaders were: Debra Langley 192; Penny Thurman 480; John Plunkett 300; Phillip Langley 203; Gordon Wilkerson 434; Janice Paulk 518.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Doug Allison leading song on page 53. Leaders were: Phil Summerlin 68b; Lou Cotney 189; Ruby Phillips 345; Amanda Denson 232; John delRe 83; Ann Heider 547; Margie Dietz 354b; Everette Denney 405; Lissa Blood 378; Betty Herman 501.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Richard Whatley leading song on page 101. Leaders were: Richard DeLong 497; Jeff Sheppard 234; G. C. Waldrep 260; Bryan Black 362; Chris Carnell 155; Horace DeLong 384; Leyland delRe 165; Reba Dell Windom 269; Eric Carnell 168; Ted Mercer 419; Pam Nunn 220; Mike Castleberry and Kevin Smith 490; Carla Boyd 428; Jessica Roberts 456; Alice Hochstetler 109; Sharona Nelson 36b; Steve Warner 84.

RECESS

Doug Allison and Peggy Sims called the class together leading song on page 35. Leaders were: Joan Durdin 114; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Rick Russell 28b; Heather Carnell 178; Ashley Roberts 368; Carlene Griffin 516; Mark Bumgardner 324; Seth Houston 454; Becky Martin 217; Kelly Macklin 341; Lynn Rosser Allen 65; Liz Bryant 344; Kathy White 146; "Happy Birthday" was sung for Jack Smith. After announcements, Doug Allison and Richard Whatley led page 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Chaplain Jack Smith.

Sunday, March 12

The convention was called to order by Doug Allison leading song on page 40. Elder Jesse Roberts led the morning prayer. Richard Whatley led song on page 435, followed by Charlene Wallace 439; Laurie Allison 421; B. M. Smith 503; Jeannette DePoy 268; Mel Kersey 120; Kelly Morris 383; Don Bowen 283; Geneva Prichard 110; Kathy White 178; Virgil Phillips 475; Karen Snowbird 474; Lynn Rosser 65; Kelly Macklin 179; Martha Ann Stegar 63.

RECESS

The class was called together by Doug Allison leading song on page 29. Leaders called were: G. C. Waldrep 282; Pam Nunn 218; Ruby Phillips 290; Margie Smith 494; Rueben Ball 380 for Faye Pettis; John Hollingsworth 182; Joyce Harrison 236; Lee Rogers 188; Laura Webb 148.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Richard Whatley leading song on page 182. Leaders were: Gene Duke 384; Jeff Sheppard 49b; Lisa Blood 517; John delRe 348b; Penny Thurman 127; Lisa Webb 542; Betty Thurman 86. Memorial lesson: For Georgia deceased: Viola Hicks, Dura Blackmon, Carlton Hitchcock, Harry Dumas, Mrs. W. S. Kelly, Junurs Hudgins, Lewis Doyal, Zera Mize, Julia Walls, Mrs. J. J. Aderhold, and Nancy Murrill, David McGukin led 47b and 45. For Alabama deceased: Henry Kerr, Lindsey Crider, Grady Albright, Walter Phillips, Lessie Cates, Ted Godsey, Benny Rigdon, Helen Ivey Cordell, Winford Lacey, Mary Morris, and Lois Green, Buell Cobb led page 235. For all the other states: Ralph Brown, John Snyder, Paul Echols, Lois Tysinger, Porter Kellam, Don Feeler, Anne Tarsa, T. H. Ross, George Liein and Sarah Morrill, Ted Mercer led page 406. For all the sick and shut-ins, Amanda Denson led 404. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Richard Whatley called the convention together leading song on page 270. Leaders: Jimmy Denney 101; Joan Aldridge 192; Wesley Haley 198; Ted Mercer 345b; David Lee 565; Elene Stovall 528; Hannah Roberts 155; Ann Heider 464; Janette Sheppard 114; Raymond Hamrick 81; Elder Jesse Roberts 211; Shelbie Sheppard 440; Seth Houston 455; Reba Dell Windom 216; Jessica Roberts 352; Helen Bryson 392; Laura Akerman 543; Sheri Taylor 550; Kathy Lee 31; Janice Paulk 250; Laura Boyd 113; Steve Warner 547; Ron Craig 117.

RECESS

Doug Allison called the class together leading song on page 332. Leaders were: Donna Duke 100; Ashley Roberts 434; Carlene Griffin 77b; Kate Hauk 569b; Billy Hollingsworth 354; D. T. Phillips 137; Tracy Gilbert 72b; Oscar McGuire 573; Leyland delRe 448; Becky Hart 142; Rick Russell 280; Alice Hockstetler 317; Andy Morris 183; Judy Mincey 180; Jack Smith 145; Dan Bailey 66; David McGukin 106. A motion was made to go into the business session. The amendments to the by-laws voted and accepted were: Article 3, Section 2: The location of the next Convention shall be determined by the Location Committee at each Convention. The community that desires the Convention must submit a signed petition to the Location Committee within 60 days after the last session. Article 8, Section 3: The Secretary shall submit written record of the minutes of the Convention to the Secretary of the Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings. The secretaries of all other singings and conventions held in the State of Georgia shall likewise submit written record of the minutes of their singings directly to the secretary of the Directory and Minutes of the Sacred Harp Singings. All secretaries shall also send the Secretary of the Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings the applicable contribution to pay for the printing of the Directory and Minutes. The Financial Report was given. The Resolutions Report: Thanks to God for the glorious spring and warm gathering of friends. Thanks to the DeKalb Historical Society for allowing us to wake the echoes of Sacred Harp singing in this great old room. Thanks to the organizers, leaders, committees, cooks, and helpers who have made this convention a success. Thanks to the singers who have traveled from near and far to raise this roof. And thanks to the singers who have gone before us. We resolve: To keep the Georgia State Convention growing; To support the singings in Southern country churches that keep this music alive; To encourage the spread of Sacred Harp singing through every land by every tongue. Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song. Locating Committee reported that the 1996 Georgia State Convention would be held at the same location here in Decatur, Georgia. Business session closed. Announcements were made. Doug Allison and

Richard Whatley led page 62, "Parting Hand", as the closing song. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Elder Jesse Roberts. Chairman - Doug Allison; Vice Chairman - Richard Whatley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

Washington, D. C.

March 31, April 1-2, 1995

Friday Night, March 31

The sixth annual Potomac River Convention began on the evening of Friday, March 31, with a singing school at Ravensworth Baptist Church, Annandale, Virginia. It was led by Virginia Ely of North Reading Massachusetts, who taught fundamentals of shape-note singing with emphasis on song leading, using handouts on these subjects prepared by her.

Saturday, April 1

The Saturday session was held at the Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, Virginia. The class was called to order by Tim Slattery leading the song on page 72b. George Seiler, Chaplain, offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Clare Chapin 178; Peter Pate 298; Tim Slattery 200. Then a business session was called, and the following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation: Chairman - Peter Pate; Vice Chairman - Miriam Kilmer; Secretary - Clare Chapin. Leaders: Peter Pate 348; Alix Baillie 312; Steven Sabol 110; Joyce Saxon 236; Evan Duncan 487b; Mary De Nys 448b; Mimi Stevens 546; Louis Naylor 452; Leslie Kostrich 56b; Kacy Pate 315; Gerry Hoffman 168; Lillie Wade 480; Katherine Manning 192; Marty De Nys 547; Ruth von Fleckenstein 107; Blake Morris 81; Mary K. Friday 276; Janine Smith 282; Kelly Macklin 197.

RECESS

Peter Pate reassembled the class leading songs on pages 37b, 155. Leaders: Jenny Wootten 344; G. C. Waldrep 269; Terry Wootten 201b; Mel Kersey 120; Jamie Dalton 280; Tom Gibney 501; Shane Wootten 171; Gail Doss 128; Syble Adams 163; Jeff Sheppard 263; Veneta Wootten 45; Gary Smith 569b; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Phillip Wootten 30. George Seiler then offered grace.

LUNCH

Miriam Kilmer reconvened the class leading 162. Peter Pate then announced the committees: Arranging - Tom Tucker, Alix Baillie, Pat Temple, and Bob Hall; Finance - Cathy Tucker, Bob Hall, and Steven Sabol; Memorial - Amanda Denson and Miriam Kilmer; Resolutions - Kacy Pate and Kelly Macklin. Leaders: Frederick Beardsley 127; Sarah Smith 354; Ginnie Ely 446; Amanda Denson 189; Dan Brittain, "Steel" (a new composition by him); Joan Aldridge 198; Paula McGray 424; Ron Craig 117; Michele Biery 532; Eric Bean 70b; Jean Seiler 455; Joe Beasley 375; Elizabeth Cusick 277; Frederik Rasenberger 317b; Howard Denson Brady 454; Paul Gauthier 111b; Jerilyn Schumacher 504; Chris Thorman 297; Bobbie Goodell 38b.

RECESS

Peter Pate reassembled the class leading song on page 495. Leaders: Tom Tucker 163b; Brad Oglesby 340; Reba Dell Windom 186; Barbara Swetman 148; George Seiler with Virginia Douglas 268; Bob Parr 215; James Nelson Gingerich 102; Roland Hutchinson 479; Gina Balestracci 146; Walter Hartley 299; Elise Meyer-Bothling 147; Joanne De Voe 49; Brenda Pena 229; Leyland delRe 36; Frank Evans 284; Joseph Christopher and Karen Foley 254.

RECESS

Leaders: Ella Wilcox 66; Bob Hall 112; Phyllis Gonigam with Mimi Stevens 84; Tom Padwa 551; Lee Schumacher 40; Dorothy Hurley 271; Tim Wheeler 142; Rhonda Hendershot 300; Hardin King 59. Announcements were made. Peter Pate led 181 as the closing song, and George Seiler offered a closing prayer.

SATURDAY EVENING

That evening, a barbecue dinner party was held for the singers at the home of Leanne Wiberg. In addition, 14 members and friends of the Wootten family performed Sacred Harp singing at the Barns of Wolf Trap in Vienna, Virginia, as part of the Smithsonian Institution Folk Masters concert series. The concert and the Potomac River Convention were reviewed by music critic Geoffrey Himes in the Washington Post of April 4, 1995.

Sunday, April 2

The Sunday session was held at Hearst Hall, National Cathedral School, next to the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D. C. Peter Pate called the session to order leading 34b, 85, 37b. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Janine Smith 496; Tom Padwa 130; Joyce Saxon 99; Steven Sabol 275; Amanda Denson 276; Eric Bean 102; Paula McGray 286; Frederik Rasenberger 159; Bobbie Goodell 421; George Seiler 49b; Elizabeth Cusick 178; James Nelson Gengerich 556; Gina Balestracci 223; Blake Morris 211; Ginnie Ely 419; Jeff Sheppard 142; Miriam Kilmer 86; Michele Biery 67; Bob Parr 502; Kelly Macklin 399b; Carol Clarke 51.

RECESS

Peter Pate reassembled the class leading song on page 32. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 114; Hardin King 45; Jean Seiler 442; Sarah Smith 146; Charles Wells 84; Dan Brittain 138; Jerilyn Schumacher 497; Tim Wheeler 224. The Memorial Lesson followed. Amanda Denson reflected on the recent loss of loved ones and Sacred Harp singers of Alabama. She reminded us, God does not make any mistakes. We are all only one breath away from eternity. Our lives are in God's hands. Miriam Kilmer reflected on the recent loss of her father and expressed appreciation to the class for being a part of a loving and caring community. In honor of her father, she led 504. Dan Brittain then led 425b for the following sick and shut-ins : Virginia - Jan Adkisson, Betty Ann Armstrong, and Renate Arlt; New York - Grace Senia; South Carolina - Marjorie Dornbirer; Connecticut - Nora Brignolo; Georgia - Ted Saxon and Hayes Powell; Massachusetts - Richard Atherton; Illinois - Ted Mercer; Berea, Kentucky - Edward Acevedo; Maryland - Terra McFee; Austria - Gerhada Falkensammer; Denmark - Bodil Friis; California - Pat Pate. Blake Morris then led 383 for his great-aunt Janie and for the following deceased of the Mid-Atlantic region: Virginia - Jim Posey, Kenton Kilmer, Woodrow Wilson Crady, Russell Woollen, Charli Steven, and Hardin A. King; Maryland - Marty Cook, Minnie Clayton Oglesby, and Glenna Centa (longtime Sacred Harper). Eric Bean led 47b for the following deceased from the Northeast: New York - Sandy Thacher, Clara Ella Gerin Lozier, and Beth Rose; Connecticut - Frann Kravats and Jim Ramey; Pennsylvania - Buddy Lake; Massachusetts - Donald Demeritt. Linda Thomas led 503 for the following deceased from the South: Florida - George Klein, Neil Chapin, Kay Chapin, Dorothy Taggart, and Kathleen Mattson; Georgia - Kevin Buerger and Stella Smith; Alabama - Edward Swetman, Sr., Sam Fowler, Ted Godsey, Rex Godsey, Lessie Cates, Winford Lacey, Lois Green, Helen Ivey Cordell, and Mary Morris. Shelbie Sheppard reflected on the deaths of life-long devoted Sacred Harp singers in the South, and led 28b for the following deceased from the West and from other nations: Wisconsin - Sargent Gerald Amundson; Washington - Alma Gonigam; California - Mike Jorgensen;

Austria - Gersela Steinberger; Germany - Alice Peterman. Jerilyn Schumacher led 122 for the following deceased from the Midwest: Illinois - Marjory Ryle and Rev. Mike Matoin; Ohio - Tim Zahniser; Indiana - Marlin Miller. Amanda Denson closed with the following remarks: "Every life should be a song, and we should all sing it in a major key." Ella Wilcox then led 228 and George Seiler offered grace.

LUNCH

Peter Pate reassembled the class leading 145b. Leaders: Cullen Wade 35; Bev Oneida (with visiting relatives) 291; Leyland delRe 165; Kelsey and Anna Taylor 388; Paul Gauthier 492; Reba Dell Windom 196; Brad Oglesby 192; Beth Hoffman 385; Joe Beasley 436; Leslie Kostrich 31; Gary Smith (with visiting cousins) 569b; Sue Hanson 269; Dorothy Hurley 163; Cheryl Stafford 143; Walter Hartley 24b; Barbara Swetman 353; Shelbie Sheppard 327; Karen Snowberg 148; Branda Pena 317b; Alix Baillie 268.

RECESS

Peter Pate reassembled the class leading 39. Leaders: Guy Bankes 481; Kacy Pate 384; Elise Meyer-Bothing 147b; Rhonda Hendershot (with her children and brother Eric Bean) 480; Ron Davies 273; Mary K. Friday 191; Katherine Manning 137; Mimi Stevens 415; Phyllis Gonigam 479; Evan Duncan 66; Clare Chapin 93; Karen Foley 106; Louis Naylor 535. The committees then gave their reports: Bob Hall for the Finance Committee reported that \$1953 had been collected in contributions, which when supplemented with proceeds from tape sales, would cover convention expenses. Steven Sabol for the Locating Committee announced that because the regular weekend of the convention falls on Easter in 1996, the convention most likely will be held on the fourth Sunday weekend in April -- 1996 ONLY. Consult future Sacred Harp newsletter issues for final dates and locations. Kacy Pate for the Resolutions Committee thanked the officers and committee members, as well as the following: the Folklore Society of Greater Washington for continuing sponsorship over the years; Ginnie Ely for teaching the singing school; Karen Foley, Cathy Tucker, Linda McKay, Sue Zhang Sabol, and others for coordinating and presenting the potluck dinners; all who brought generous amounts of food; Mary and Marty De Nys for coordinating housing and hospitality; Leslie Kostrich and her corps of volunteers for registration; Ella Wilcox for coordinating child care; and Leanne Wiberg for hosting the Saturday evening party at her spacious home. Peter Pate then led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. George Seiler offered the closing prayer. The following states and countries were represented: Alabama, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, District of Columbia, Canada, Japan. Chairman - Peter Pate; Vice Chairman - Miriam Kilmer; Secretary - Clare Chapin.

EDWARDSVILLE CHURCH

Edwardsville, Alabama

April 2, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwarsville Baptist Church (6 miles east of Heflin, Alabama, off Hwy. 78) was held the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Billie Joe Harris leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Rev. Horace Merrill. Billie Joe Harris then led page 30. Harvey Austin led 101, 100; Charlene Wallace 143, 155; Everette Denney 72b, 34b. The

business session was held by electing the following officers: Chairman - Harvey Austin; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith. B. J. Harris then led song on page 45. Leaders called: Alice Edwards 73b, 146, 565; Lou Cotney 300, 212, 218; Jimmy Denney 276, 176; Pearl Guier 49b, 40, 63.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Harvey Austin leading page 335. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 37b, 126, 129; Erica Abramski 59, 358; Michael Turner 45, 359; I. V. McWhorter 496, 97, 74; Rev. and Mrs. Horace Merrill, Mary, Erica, Michael 45. Rev. Horace Merrill made a short talk welcoming everyone. At this time a memorial lesson was held remembering those who have passed away in the past year. Mary Florence Smith read St. John, Chapter 14. Lonnie Rogers led 348b, 225 in memory of Lessie Cates, Lois Green, Clellon Warren, Donald Ray, Wanda Smith, Louis Clark, Jimmy Burgess, William (Bill) Edwards, Gary Weston, Carl Norton, Mrs. Nellie Miles. For the sick and shut-ins, Jan House led 323b, 318. The memorial was closed with prayer by Rev. Merrill.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Cecil Edwards leading 39b, 112. Leaders: Myron House 39t, 109, 135; Mary F. Smith 378, 147, 106; Brenda Harris, Hayley Webb, Evelyn Harris 106, 452, 47; Ruth Brown and Hayley Webb 36b, 303, 312; Louise Allen 81, 75; Luke Allen 277, 141; Roy Nelson 35b, 105; Everette Denney 490; Lonnie Rogers 298, 343; Hester Edwards, Gladys Simmons, and Charlene Wallace 454, 340. Harvey Austin and Cecil Edwards led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Chairman - Harvey Austin; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

April 2, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Old Enon Church was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. The following officers were elected and appointed for the day: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Arley Harper; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Travis Keeton led songs from pages 123t, 56t. Leaders: Dr. Doyal Williams 29t, 99, 85; Keterina Sanders 59, 290 for Fletcher Swims, 389; Arnold Moore 490, 480; Beatrice Brewer 101t, 298; Gene Wakefield 100, 138, 143; Cecil Sanders 30t, 475; A. C. McGough 454, 294.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading song from page 108t. Leaders were: Clifford Wakefield 61, 145t, 145b; Arley Harper 155, 477, 388, 124; Ada Godsey 34t, 73t, 546; L. E. Hannah 336, 400, 72t; Gravis Ballinger 144, 64; Pernie Pelfrey 67, 399, 101t. The class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of this Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Larry Ballinger directing songs on pages 31b, 137. Leaders: Steve Miles 39b, 159, 63, 163t; Edith Tate 371, 436; Flarce Creel 34b, 225, 384; Harrison Creel 340, 111b, 275; Daniel Miles 388; Kermit Adams 80b, 83 for Bob and Ora Lee Fannin, 217; Amanda Miles 385b; Josie Hyde 288, 183, 182 for Tom and Lola Roberson; Travis Keeton 343b and 44 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by the pastor of the church, Rev. Ronald Melvin.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Arley Harper; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

STATE LINE CHURCH
Cleburne County, Alabama
April 8, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church in Cleburne County, Alabama (Off Hwy. 78 at Georgia/Alabama Line) met on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The day of singing began with B. M. Smith leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was given by Lonnie Rogers. Officers leading were: Jeff Sheppard 112; Mary Florence Smith 318; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Margie Smith 284. The class was organized and the following officers were elected: Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Richard DeLong, Helen Bryson, and Connie Karduck. B. M. Smith led song on page 448b and leaders were called as follows: Steven Levine 351; Helen Bryson 163; Sarah Davie 384; Jeff Bell 441; John Bayer 330t; Reba Dell Windom 192; Phillip Langely 300; Connie Karduck 218; David McGukin 522; Melanie Hauff 278b; Richard DeLong 216; Shelbie Sheppard 485; James Gingerich 29; Jamie Dalton 347; Jan Kettle 436; David Hough 480.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class together leading song on page 35, and leaders following were: Jerry Enright 77t; Carla Smith 319; Keith Willard 211; Loraine Bayer 39b (Stanley Nelson, a new singer stood with Loraine); Terry Wootten 83t; Ruby Phillips 475; Samuel Sommers 464; Pam Nunn 336; Walter Graff 101t; Jerry Schreiber 383; Karen Willard "Harper's Lament" or "Runie's Farewell"; Meg Parsons 228; Marlon Wootten 78; I. V. McWhorter 74t; Linda Thomas 503b; Ted Mercer 138t; Jenny Willard 327; Katherine O'Hara 269; Ted Johnson 313b; Diane Avery 186; Kathy Hicks 37b; Milton Oliver 403; Christine Guth 370; Carolyn Deacy 114; Chris Thorman 297; Rene Greene 137.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with B. M. Smith leading song on 145. Leaders were: Kathy Manning 442; Don Garber 178; Judy Hauff 504; Joyce Saxon 452b. At this time the memorial lesson was given. Connie Karduck spoke of the deceased who have passed away in the past year and of the sorrowful time this is for all of us. The names of the deceased were: Helen Ivey Cordell, Winford Lacey, Lois Green, Ted Godsey, Lessie Cates, Ann Tarsa, Marilyn Trier, Zera Mize, Junurs Hudgins, Grace Johnson, Dorothy Meier, George Klein, Marilyn Miller, Mary Brumbaugh, Mrs. W. C. Kelly, Clellon Warren. Richard DeLong led page 499b in memory of Lessie Cates. In his remarks, he spoke of how he feels like we can never go back to that certain place again, but, "here we are again". He remembered all the food she had brought to singings, how she was always there to give you a "hello" because she always loved Sacred Harp Singing and her Sacred Harp Family. We never get used to death, but this is life for all of us and he told of the many times that Lessie had sung page 499b in memory of her husband, Walker Cates. Helen Bryson led page 146 for the deceased whose names were called. In her remarks, she spoke of this time as a joyous time, for these people are enjoying themselves as they are resting and watching us sing today. For the sick and shut-ins, Jerry Enright led 454. Jerry spoke of being very fortunate of never being a "sick and shut-in", but he had been lonely many times and we must let the sick and lonely know that we are thinking of them. The

names of the shut-ins were: Catherine Cessna, Johnny Jeans, Allene Stanford, Samantha Redston, Mozelle and Jerry Sheppard, Barry Sullivan, Tom Davis, Harold Smith, Dollie Hudgins, Hazel Cagle, Elder Roy Avery, Talmadge Harris, Hayes Powell, and R. D. Saxon. The memorial was closed with prayer by Rev. Marshall Avery. Regular singing resumed and leaders were: Harvey Austin 335; Elene Stovall 556; Rev. Marshall Avery 74b; Kathleen Thro 142; Charlene Wallace 385b; Felton Denney 120; Myra Dalton 29b; Lou Cotney 189; Jimmy Denney 123.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by B. M. Smith leading song on page 561. Leaders: Jack Smith 40; Florence Williams 569; Lucille Gunnels 310; Kathleen Kuiper 299; Julia Vea 430; Pearl Guier and Ruth Brown 45t; Roy Nelson 108t; Judy Mincey 515b; Alice Edwards 72t; Evelyn Harris 129; Joan Durdin 159; B. J. Harris 445b; Don Bowen 270; Everette Denney 34b; Arthur Beckett 30b. A count of twelve states was represented here today. Announcements were made, and page 97 was led by B. M. Smith for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jack Smith.

Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

April 9, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Antioch Church was called to order by Dewayne Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten leading songs on pages 59, 39b, 39t, followed with prayer by Phillip Wootten. Phillip Wootten then led 144, 37b. Leaders: Jim Carnes 111b; Steven Levine 501b; Kathleen Kuiper 271; Don Bowen 503; Judy Mincey 475; Carolyn Deacy 148; Meg Parsons 480; Keith Willard 74b; James Nelson Gingerich 556; Christine Guth 173; Margaret McLaughlin 479; Walter Graff 371; John Bayer 399; Samuel Sommers 412; Don Garber 117; Lonnie Rogers 298; Elene Stovall 454.

RECESS

Jeffrey Wootten led song on page 276 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Shane Wootten 448; Milton Oliver 321; Ted Johnson 123; Judy Hauff 163; Rodney Willard and Karen Willard 128; Katharine Manning 269; Joan Aldridge 189; Melanie Hauff 215; Jenny Willard and Barbara Willard 361; Rayford Brown 99; Pam Nunn 300; Joyce Saxton 290; Rodney Ivey 47t; Chris and Shawn Carroll 28b; Jamie Dalton 280; Kathleen Thro 76; Billy Thompson 448b; Bud Oliver 282; Phil, David, and Steven Townson 68b, 58; Aaron Wootten, Heath and Dustin Townson 106, 82; Jenny Wootten 344; Jeff Bell 86; Connie Karduck 222; Barrett Ashley 186; Syble Adams 348; Pam Wilkerson 142. A memorial lesson was given by Phil Summerlin. He led song on 235 and closed with prayer.

LUNCH

The class was reassembled by Jeffrey Wootten and Dewayne Wootten leading song on 283. Leaders: David Killingsworth 209; B. M. Smith 73; Levon and Marty Wootten 176; Lamar Smith 36b; Marlon Wootten and Wayne Wootten 120; Coy Ivey and David Ivey 172; Olivia Moore Allen and Family 48t; Lavey Chapman 137; Phillip Wootten and Bud Laney 196, 30; Jeff Sheppard 440; Buell Cobb 390; Mel Kersey and Joyce Haywood 147t; six members of the Ballinger Family--Linton, Lomax, Jimmy, Teresa, Amanda, and David 299;

Brenda Carroll and Vickie Mitchell 384; Ted Mercer 29b; Freeman and Jewel Wootten, Gene Wootten, Beulah Ann York, and Virginia Glass 383; Richard DeLong 214; Claudeen Townson, Teresa, Susan, and Jennifer "Mother Tell Me Of The Angels", 56b; Rebecca Browne 362; S. T. Reed 403; Terry Wootten "Love At Home"; Reba Windom 216; Kathy Hicks 268; Chris Thorman 365; Shelbie Sheppard 38b; Tony Ivey and Loyd Ivey "Jesus Died For Me" (White Book); Gary Gronau 550; Sarah Davie 535; Sheila Wootten 29t.

Announcements were made and the class was dismissed with prayer by Phillip Wootten.

Co-Chairmen - Dewayne Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten; Submitted by: Terry Wootten.

COUNTY LINE CHURCH **Corner, Alabama** **April 9, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 317. The morning prayer was led by L. H. Gilmore. The chairman then led song on page 30t. Henry Guthery led songs on pages 27, 101t. The class elected to retain the same officers as follows:

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Hadyn Creel; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn; Arranging Committee - Edith Tate and Cindy Franklin. Leaders: Hadyn Creel 87, Cecil Gilliland 478, 80b; Leon Ballinger 40, 212; Gordon Wilkerson 200, 530; John Hocutt 144; Tressie Adkins 422; Eron White 384; Mae Conwill 298; Dick Nail 142; Keterina Sanders 146; Larry Ballinger 151; Katherine O'Hara 569, 455.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Hadyn Creel leading song on page 334. Leaders: Odis Nall 46, 300; Carla Smith 497, 498; Virgil Phillips 475; Cecil Sanders 460; Velton Chafin 352; Anne Steel 268, 171; Eloise Avery 426b, 441; Alice Mosley 435, 282; Lola Roberson 187; David Hough 148, 33b; Clayton Ezell 278t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 73t, 528; Lucy Heidorn 155; J. A. Mosley 204, 63; L. H. Gilmore 72b; Jerry Enright 217, 383 (He was joined by Cicely Winters from Mexico for the second song.); Lora Cargo 454; Danny Creel 112, 269; Elmer Conwill 286, 110; Pauline Childers 318, 480; L. E. Hannah 511; Thurman Nall 503; Charlene Wallace 225b, 229.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Harrison Creel leading song on page 167. Leaders: Harley Harper 408, 477; Ann Jett and Julianna 56b, 108t; Margaret Keeton 276; Jan Kettle 228, 565; Ruby Phillips 39b; Corene White 216; Marie Aldridge 193; Essie Calvert 389; Josie Hyde 198, 507; Flarce Creel 270; Floyd Screws 100; Gravis Ballinger 99; Bruce Rye 442; Travis Keeton 161; Paul Gilliland 30b; Gertrude Wood 137; Sambo Patrick 387, 412; Bill Green 287; John Hyde 168; Cassie Franklin 485, 391; Billy Williams 120; Earl Ballinger 176t; Dorothea McGowan 196, 234; Wanda Capps 448t; Amanda Denson 399b, 376; Johnny Humber 172; Tom Harper 434, 530; Lillian Parker 123; Arnold Tate 68b; Cowan Chafin 457; Cindy Franklin 231, 45t; Edith Tate 35. The chairman and vice chairman led song on page 378b as the closing song. The closing prayer was given by Clayton Ezell.

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

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING

Atlanta, Georgia

April 15, 1995

The class was called to order by Chairperson Frances Mary D'Andrea leading song on 49. Kenneth Mize gave the opening prayer. Frances Mary D'Andrea then led song on page 63, followed by Laura Akerman leading 499, 368; Kelly Morris 163t. A business session was then held at which time the following officers were elected: Chairperson - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Kelly Morris; Secretary - Laura Akerman; Treasurer - Doug Allison. Judy Mincey then led song on page 403. Leaders: Jack Smith 155, 45; Joan Durden 114; Don Bowen 178, 225t; Caran Bryant 143, 480; Andy Morse 384, 542; Jeanette DePoy 290, 66; Bob Hart 408, 383.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Judy Mincey leading song on 47t. Leaders called were: Elizabeth Carroll 294, 240; Doug Allison 29t (with Corinne Scott), 312t; Charlene Wallace 236; Richard Carroll 198, 358; Karen Morris 142, 65; Kenneth Mize 490, 49b; Helen Bryson 196, 146. A recess for lunch was called, with Jack Smith giving the blessing.

LUNCH

After a strengthening lunch, singing resumed with Judy Mincey leading song on page 475. Leaders: Martha Ann Stegar 117, 327; Cathy White 147t, 159; Henry Slack 47b, 181; Sue Curry 222, 192; Lori Allison 366, 128; Mark Baumgardner 268, 59; Cynthia Rodriguez 40; Richard DeLong 176b, 182; John Austin 454; John Plunkett 300, 183; Liz Bryant 163, 377; Charlene Wallace 224. Announcements were made, including that next year will be the 20th anniversary Seed and Feed Singing. The best is yet to come if history is any guide. The class ended with Judy Mincey leading 46, and Jack Smith gave the closing prayer. Chairperson - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Kelly Morris; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 69 East of Arab, Alabama

Saturday, April 15, 1995

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 59. Prayer was offered by Matt Jordan. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Arranging Committee - Rhoda Norris and Carmon Brothers; Secretary - Irene Jordan. Matt Jordan led songs 32t, 39b, 61. Leaders: Irene Jordan 490, 480; Marie Guthrie 48t, 430; Rhoda Norris 73t, 403; S. T. Reed 176b, 176t; Ester Brown 36b, 47t; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class back together leading song on page 52b, and "That Beautiful Land". Leaders: Milton Oliver 137, 171; Martha Woodard 297, 87; Vernice Calvert 298, 318; Lula and Lawrence Underwood 190, 189; Essie Calvert 384, 340; Jewel Wooten 47b, 97; Velton Chaffin 68b.

RECESS

Matt Jordan brought the class back together leading song on page 569b. Leaders: Manila Hudson 551b, 30t; Linda Thomas 123, 37b; J. L. Hopper 43, 131t; Brenda Merritt 89, 399b; Lyles Burke 40, 99; Norma Latham 317b, 565; Hermon Wilkinson 285t, 155.

LUNCH

Matt Jordan called the class back with song 30b. Leaders: Arvid Holmes 106, 460; Mattie Townsel 335; Ella Roberson 144, "Not Made With Hands"; Imogene Nelms 446, 66; Wilda Holmes "Jesus Died For Me", 145b; David Light 300, 112; J. P. Hawk 75, 100; Leonard Hayes 143; Jack Jordan 348b in memory of his dad, 323 in memory of his daughter, Sharon; Hershell King 426t, 410; Lora White 235b; Lyles Burke 276; Leonard Hayes "Lily of the Valley". The song service was closed with prayer by Hershell King. Chairman - Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **April 16, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Harmony the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 32. Elder Neal Prichard led the morning prayer. B. J. Harris then led song on page 30b, Elder Neal Prichard led 566, 104, 36b. Evelyn Harris and Haley Webb 108, 146. The class then organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Margie Smith. B. J. Harris then led song on page 490. Leaders: Lou Cotney 300, 196, 497; B. M. Smith 569b, 284, 141; Alice Edwards 565, 73b; Lonnie Rogers 101, 318, 225; Buelah Reese 85, 72b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 77b. Leaders: Harvey Austin 176b, 335; Jeff Sheppard 415, 236; Ruth Daniels 40, 378. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Ruth Brown spoke of our loved ones that have passed away, and that we need to remember the sick and shut-ins with a card or a telephone call to let them know we are thinking of them. Margie Smith led 499b for the following people that passed away in 1994: Runie Glover, Evelyn Dillishaw, Dana Jackson, Henry Kerr, Viola Hicks, T. H. Ross, Mrs. J. J. Aderhold, Lindsey Crider, Grady Albright, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Dura Blackmon, Zera Mize. Lonnie Rogers led 348b for the following ones that passed away in 1995: Lessie Cates, Clellon Warren, Ted Godsey, Winford Lacey, Junurs Hudgins, Mary Morris, Helen Cordell, Lois Green. Charlene Wallace led 146, 289 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Harvey Austin. Elder Neal Prichard made a short talk to welcome everyone. The class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with B. J. Harris leading song on page 452b. Leaders: Everett Denney 313, 127, 123; Carlene Griffin 448, 503; Elder Marshall Avery 159, 74b, 278b; Shelbie Sheppard 102, 114, 484; Cecil Edwards 124, 79, 341; Sherrill Durand 277, 127; Herman Smith 139, 358, 333; Florence Williams 406, 290, 457; Louise Holland 155, 73; Nellie Mae White 45, 100, 332; Cathy Williams 323b, 535b; Lewis Norton 163, 39b, 143; Margie Smith

512, 354. B. J. Harris and Elder Neal Prichard led the closing song on page 46. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.
Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

HARPETH VALLEY - PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING

**Harpeth Presbyterian Church - South of Nashville, Tennessee
April 22, 1995**

The thirty-fourth annual Harpeth Valley - Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order on the first Saturday after Easter by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 73b. Gordon Wilkerson led the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds then led song on page 63. The following leaders called were: Clayton Ezell 231, 267; Kathy Hull 354b, 143; Jeanette Lowry 128, 107; Maryruth Cannon 85, 127; Dave Ressler 148, 47; Darrell Holley 59, 68b; Becky Browne 171, 36b; O. K. Rooker 83, 340.

RECESS

Gordon Wilkerson called the class back to order by leading songs on pages 112, 34b. Leaders: Linda Gross 186, 114; Debbie Sides 84, 565; Mark Taylor "Not Made With Hands", 40; Tim Reynolds 86, 163b; John Sides 159; Jamin Sides 452; Clayton Ezell 278, 358; Kathy Hull 108b, 551; Jeanette Lowry 448t, 448b; Maryruth Cannon 139, 133; Tim Reynolds 573. Break for lunch.

LUNCH

Mark Taylor brought the class together by leading songs on pages 354b, 168. Leaders: Mary Sue Taylor 72b, 405; Tim Reynolds 61, 335; Dave Ressler 39, 29; Darrell Holley 63; Becky Browne 203, 102; Gordon Wilkerson 460, 475; Linda Gross 454, 455; Clayton Ezell 285, 269; Kathy Hull 81, 145; Jeanette Lowry 436, 430, 480; Maryruth Cannon 64, 196, 68b. After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 26 by request and 146 for the closing song. Tim Reynolds closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman - Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary - Darrell Holley.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Haleyville, Alabama April 23, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Hubert Hood leading songs on pages 49b, 36b. The morning prayer was led by Doyal Williams. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Mae Conwill; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Travis Keeton then led songs on pages 119 and 176. Leaders: Chris Bales 30t, 384; Bradley Allen and Chris Bales 385; Keterina Sanders 389, 73t; Lucy Heidorn 40, 155; Odie Horton 37b, 47b; Doyal Williams 29t, 142; L. E. Hannah 59, 187; Mae Conwill 75, 127; Sandra Williams 276, 78.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill brought the class back together singing songs on pages 337, 336. Leaders: Ivaleen Donaldson and Travis Berry 175b, 77t, 206; Josie Hyde 546, 434; Margaret Keeton 217, 300; Kermit Adams 146, 147; Arley Harper 388, 480; Amanda Denson 269, 454. The dinner prayer was given by Earl Ballinger.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called back by Cecil Sanders leading song on page 340. Leaders: David Godsey 340, 455, 268; Larry Ballinger 203, 176b; Reba _____

57, 288; Mertice Graham 78, 72b, 72t; Dawson Adams 73b, 48t; Paul Godsey 63, 168; Ora Lee Fannin 313, 331; Harrison Creel 111b, 111t, 512, 342; Pauline Childers 224, 332, 318; John Hyde 314, 290; Flarce Creel 34b, 503b; Lola Myrtle Roberson 137, 192. Travis Keeton and Elmer Conwill led song on page 69. The closing prayer was led by Harrison Creel.
Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

OAK GROVE CHURCH **Alpharetta, Georgia** **April 23, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held the fourth Sunday in April. Judy Mincey called the class together leading song on page 49t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Cagle. Judy Mincey led song on page 59. Leaders: Elder Charles Cagle 338; Ray Richards 111b, 73b; Loy Garrison 410t, 70t; Jack Corley 61, 285t; Helen Bryson 287, 146; Mary Lou Cagle 288, 544b; Judy Mincey 503b, 501b; Frances D'Andrea 47, 107; Liz Bryant 128, 49b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Kenneth DeLong leading songs on pages 283, 354t. Leaders: Don Bowen 510, 549, 303; Bobby Cagle 493b, 46; Junior Cagle 490, 100; Dollie Hudgins 82, 108; Eric Hudgins 72b, 47t; Richard DeLong 67, 521.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Judy Mincey leading song on page 425b followed by Margie Deitz 66, 53. The class went into a business session to elect the following officers: Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison. Leaders: Elder Charles Cagle 145; Ray Richards 339; Loy Garrison 50b, 498; Helen Bryson 112, 155; Mary Lou Cagle 208, 542; Jack Corley 332, 328; Margie Dietz 497, 347; John Plunkett 189, 71, 178; Andy Morris 91, 515, 84, 569; Richard DeLong 475, 153; Frances D'Andrea 192, 384; Liz Bryant 99, 440; Kenneth DeLong 278b, 279; Don Bowen 171, 327; Andy Morris 117, 306. After the announcements, Judy Mincey led song on page 40 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Charles Cagle. Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Snead Crossroads, Alabama** **April 23, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mount Moriah Church was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on 31b and 421. Prayer was given by J. O. Handley. Carmon Brothers then led song on page 59. The class was organized by retaining the same officers: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Secretary - Alpha Black; Arranging Committee - J. O. Handley. Carmon Brothers led song on page 358. Leaders: Virgil Phillips 318, 313; Alpha Black 222, 460; Alice Washburn 45t; Rev. Handley 68b; Calvin Rogers 56b, 490; Ester Brown 30t, 441; Elvin Guthrie 331b, 56t, Lamar Smith 32t, 76b.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class back together leading song on page 67. Leaders: Rhoda Norris 317b, 276; Marie Guthrie 196, 192; Tom Ward 155, 63;

Jewel Wootten 99, 321; B. M. Smith 101t, 225; Linda Thomas and Shelbie Sheppard 556, 503b, 385, 451.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Michael Brothers leading song on page 495. Leaders: Eunice Kimbrell 65; Jeff Sheppard 454, 448t; Milton Oliver 176; Jake Holmes, Josh Holmes, and Virgil Phillips 358; Cassie Holmes 45t; Lyles Burke 40, 137.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened with Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 314 and 340. Leaders: Eloise Avery 108t, 171; Trina Holmes 159, 390; Ellewese Robertson 282, 418; Roy Nelson 303b, 35; Avis Blackmon 395; Verlin Blackmon 31t, 52t; Hebert Bailey 34b, 565b; Judy Parrish 46, 61; Phillip, Paula, and Rebecca Gilmore 145b, 388, 129; B. M. Smith 284; Shelbie Sheppard 106, 498; Lamar Smith 36b; Jeff Sheppard 29t; Elvin Guthrie 172; Roy Nelson 569b; Marie Guthrie 220; Mitchell Brothers "That Beautiful Land". The chairman led 62 as the closing song, followed with prayer by Rev. M. L. Wilson.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Secretary - Alpha Black.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONVENTION **Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - McMahan, Texas** **April 29-30, 1995**

Saturday, April 29

The annual session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met on the fifth weekend in the spring as it has done since 1900. Chairman Tom Owen opened the singing leading songs on pages 31t, 331. The morning prayer was offered by Andrew Albers. Chairman Tom Owen 511b; Vice Chairman B. E. Matthews 170; Secretary John Baker 276. Leaders: Barbara Moore 61; Gary Rogan 312; Joe Nelson 384; Lewis Smith 217; Jeanette Adams 275b; Al Rogers 575; Dick Steil 63; Myrl Jones 189; Mary Bachmann 508; Ophelia Matthews 563; Lawson Smith 571; Monnie Ross, Jr. 491; Beverly Coates 155; Myra Palmer 497; Jeb Owen 559; A. A. Smith, Jr. 268b.

RECESS

Tom Owen called the class together leading song on page 42. Leaders: Curtis Owen 489; Sarah Bryant 361; Ray Barnett 45; Harold Hammock, Jr. 277; Charles Whitmer 543b; Peter Nichols 572; Emmie Morris 98; Horace Batchelor 289; Elizabeth Rogan 110; Sarah Coates 77t; Abbie Morris 293b; Michele Rogan 142; Reed Coates 159; Jennifer Rogan 299. In the business of the singing, Vice Chairman B. E. Matthews was promoted to Chairman, Al Rogers was elected Vice Chairman, and John Baker was retained as Secretary.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Chairman B. E. Matthews leading song on page 406. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 522; Vivian Rogan 32t; John Morris 390; Andrew Albers 89; Verna Powell 103; Edith Owen 47t; George Jones 553; Martha Notgrass 40; Doris Hanks 355; Leland Owen 285; Troxel Ballou 47b; Mary Oruc 383; Stephen Emmons 87; Barbara Moore 229; Horace Batchelor 324; Joe Nelson 58; Myrl Jones 300; Dick Steil 128; Myra Palmer 414; Monnie Ross, Jr. 108b; Lawson Smith 235.

RECESS

The class reassembled with B. E. Matthews leading song on page 507. Leaders: Gary Rogan 54t; Charles Whitmer "Love At Home"; Jill Notgrass 358; Jane

Notgrass 171; A. A. Smith, Jr. 298; Ray Barnett 515; Louie Smith 215; Troxel Ballou 254; Andrew Albers 577; Jeb Owen 274t; Jennifer Rogan 239; Emmie Morris 220; Mary Bachmann 400; Vivian Rogan 282; Mary Oruc 112; Harold Hammock 427. The chairman closed the day with number 62, and prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Sunday, April 30

The convention was called together at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman B. E. Matthews leading songs on pages 31b, 49t. The morning prayer was offered by Gary Rogan. Vice Chairman Al Rogers 500; Secretary John Baker 120. Leaders: Louie Smith 222; Ray Barnett 503; Andrew Albers 267b; Jennifer Rogan 196; John Morris 186; Ophelia Matthews 447t for Alcie Craig; Vivian Rogan 72; A. A. Smith, Jr. 53; Verna Powell 290; Mary Bachmann 393t; Lawson Smith 142; Myra Palmer 304; Gary Rogan 387; Horace Batchelor 73b; Joe Nelson 288; Barbara Moore 99. RECESS

The singing resumed with Vice Chairman Al Rogers leading song on page 63. Leaders: Beverly Coates 133; Myrl Jones 183; Kevin Powell 132; Emmie Morris 192; Steve Fildes 159; Curtis Owen 442t; Jeanette Adams 470; Bobbie Rainoshek 282; Pam Rainoshek 348t; Tammy Powell 189; Ray Hanks 450; George Jones 558b; Leland Owen 343; Amanda Owen 300; Elizabeth Rogan 148; Abbie Morris 172; Sarah Coates 224; Michele Rogan 427; Reed Coates 264b; Steve Emmons 139; Landis Powell 47t; Lisa Hardaway 492; Doris Hanks 36b; Edwin Reed 395; Jeb Owen 559; Edith Owen 410. A memorial service was held for the following singers and friends lost this past year: Louise Deatherge, Ethel Clark, Dale Redmond, Sr., Weldon Hutcheson, Irvin Johnson, Elder Harold Russell, Elder Pete Walker, Byrd Buchner, and Myrtle Cobb. Curtis Owen then read from song on page 383, "O what of all my sufferings here, if, Lord, thou count me meet....", reminding the class that "our hope is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ." He then led 199, "City of Light". John Morris then led 381t. Al Rogers then led 45t, "Amazing Grace", for the sick and shut-ins. Session was closed with prayer by Ray Hanks.

LUNCH RECESS

The afternoon session was opened by the chairman leading song on page 146. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 200; Sarah Bryant 182; Tom Owen 166b; Louie Smith 434; Andrew Albers 375; Lawson Smith 108b; Horace Batchelor 56; Myrl Jones 332; Emmie Morris 345t; A. A. Smith, Jr. 515; Jeannette Adams 280; John Morris 163; Martha Notgrass 127; Myra Palmer 522; Ray Barnett 488b; Vivian Rogan 100; Cassandra Baker 323b; Barbara Moore 335.

RECESS

Leaders: Kevin Powell 536; Gary Rogan 369; Mary Bachmann 568; Lisa Hardaway 572; Bobbie Rainoshek 164; Steve Fildes 239; Pam Rainoshek 358; Reed Coates 401; Abbie Morris 31t; Elizabeth Rogan 489; Michele Rogan 111t; Sarah Coates 203; Amanda Owen 508; Curtis Owen 266t; Andrew Albers 336b. The Chairman, B. E. Matthews, led the closing song on page 69, with prayer offered by Tom Owen.

NOTE: The next meeting of SWTSHSC will be at Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church in Austin, Texas on the fifth weekend of the fall - October 28-29, 1995. Chairman - B. E. Matthews; Vice Chairman - Al Rogers; Secretary - John Baker.

MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois
April 29-30, 1995

Saturday, April 29

The tenth annual session of the Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on Saturday, April 29, at Ida Noyes Hall on the campus of the University of Chicago. Jerry Enright called the convention to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading songs on pages 354t, 312b. He welcomed the class by saying that the Midwest Convention has been such a good convention because of the many singers who have come to sing with those in the Midwest. John Bayer from Ohio led the opening prayer. The remaining officers led as follows: Lisa Grayson 52t; Beverly Enright 224; Al Frank 59. Leaders: Midge Olsen (MN) 198; David Barford 372; Val Dunagan (WI) 120; Steve Warner 49b; Jerilyn Schumacher 369; Herb Schroeder 128; Ginny Landgraf (CA) 326; Gary Gronau 163t (MO); Anne Heider 352; Pearl Guier (AL) 40;

RECESS

Jerry Enright called the class back leading song on page 354. Leaders: Sam Farwell 146; Duran Perkins 107; Ted Johnson "Boulder"; Ted Mercer 76b. Jerry Enright then called the class into a business session and officers were elected as follows: Chairman - Lisa Grayson; Vice Chairman - Kathleen Kuiper; Secretary - Debra Barford; Chaplain - Herb Schroeder; Arranging Committee - Ruth Brown, Becky Browne, Karen Hojnacki, and Ted Mercer; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown, Judy Hauff, Richard Popp, and Reba Dell Windom; Resolutions Committee - Sarah Davie, Darryl Mayberry, Dean Slaton, and Carla Smith; Finance Committee - Val Dunagan, Gary Gronau, Dianne McCarty, and Chris Thurman. Leaders: Kathy Wallace (MN) 455; Dean Slaton 500; Susan Jaster (MA) 94; Felton Denney (GA) 523; Loraine Bayer (OH) 39b; Dick Dunagan (WI) 30b; Greg Economides (TX) 547; Daniel Hertzler (VT) 168; Ann Jett (AL) 342.

RECESS

Kathleen Kuiper reassembled the class leading the song on page 145. Leaders: Eloise Clark (OH) 327; George Karduck 203; Ruby Phillips (AL) 475; Eric Bean (NY) 354; Janet Fraembs 481; Jim Carnes (AL) 48; Laura Boyd (CA) 156; Steven Levine (MN) 503b; Charlene Wallace (GA) 218; David Rust (IN) 229.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The class reconvened with Debra Barford leading the song on page 207. Leaders: Johanna Fabke (WI) 350; John Seaton 479; Karen Snowberg (NY) 86; Bart Bradfield 114; Christine Guth (IN) 390; Jesse Roberts Jr. (FL) 306; Lynne de Benedette (MI) 371; W.L. Green (AL) 378b; John Bayer (OH) and Judy Hauff "Marcia"; Tim Binkley (MI) 504; Janet Shepherd (GA) 155; John Graven 178; Margaret Sayvetz (PA) 84; Marlon Wootten (AL) 30; Brad Oglesby (OH) 496; Melvin Kersey (TN) 99; Carolyn Deacy (CA) 290.

RECESS

Lisa Grayson brought the class back leading the song on page 192. Leaders: Jeremy Straughn 383; Jenny Willard (MN) 200; Phillip Langley (GA) 85; Carlene Griffin (GA) 225t; Tony Reeves (WI) 183; M. Harrison Creel (AL) 111b; Evelyn Harris (AL) 47t; Don and Marilou Jolly (CA) 510; Edith Tate (AL) 532; Don Bowen (GA) 287; Chris Thorman (CA) 31t; Kelly Macklin (VA) 214; Rene Greene (AL) 220; Mike Hinton (TX) 340; Linda Thomas (AL) 464; Dee Michel (WI) 236; Daryl Mayberry 528. The closing song on page 212 was led by Lisa Grayson. The class was dismissed with prayer by Herb Schroeder.

Sunday, April 30

The Sunday session was called to order in the Irish American Heritage Center with Lisa Grayson leading one verse of the song on page 178, and the song on 171. Chaplain Herb Schroeder asked a blessing upon the day of song. Leaders: Kathleen Kuiper 31b; Becky Browne (MO) 304; Karen Hojnacki (WI) 198; Elene Stovall (GA) 556; Robert Meek (KY) 268; Emmie Barford, Leyland Del Re (VA), and Regina Bayer (OH) 163t; Deborah Johnson (CO) 147t; Debra Langley (GA) 269; Don Bardsley 497; Val Eng (MN) 217; Lou Cotney (AL) 189; Jerry Schreiber (CA) 260; Ginnie Ely (MA) 446; Pauline Creel Childers (MI) 318.

RECESS

Kathleen Kuiper called the class together leading song on page 224. Leaders: Nancy Hejna (MI) 29t; Billy Jo Harris (AL) 63; John Schaffer (CO) 174; Kathy Williams (FL) 365; James Paige (WI) 71; Bob Parr (MA) 391; Joan Aldridge (AL) 273; Katy Hicks (CA) 274t; Buell Cobb (AL) 426t; Keith Willard (MN) 176t; Donna Abrahame (NY) 180; Jamie Dalton (AL) 272; Julie Veal (WI) 324; Kyle Greenlee (PA) 91; Melanie Hauff 129; Dan Brittain (NY) 355; Connie Karduck 498.

RECESS

The class was assembled by Lisa Grayson leading song on page 436. Leaders: Rich Russell (CA) 276; Geneva Prichard (GA) 517; Jim Pfau (MN) 148; Shelbie Sheppard (AL) 29b; Sarah Davie 456; John Bealle (OH) 348; Judy Mincey (GA) 137; Terry Wootten (AL) 73t; Pam Nunn (AL) 200; Stephen Parker (MN) 228; Gordon Olsen (MN) 34b; Penny Thurman 117. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Richard Popp read the names of the deceased: Fay Allen, Bulah Creel Cates, Lessie Cates, Helen Ivey Cordell, Ted Godsey, Lois Green, Arville Hyatt, Winford Lacey, and Clellon Warren of Alabama; F. R. Parker of Arizona; George Economides and Jake Lunsford of California; Mark Ely of Connecticut; George Klein and Sarah Morrill of Florida; David Burleson, Junurs Hudgins, and Mrs. R. N. Miles of Georgia; Alberta Chapman, Tom Davis, Peggy Ann Dillard, Gerald Golliet, Emmie Dolly Martin, Mike Matoin, Anne Tarsa, Herb Tomita, and Marilyn Trier of Illinois; Merlin Miller of Indiana; John Snyder of Kansas; Ruth Kjellberg and Curtis M. Smith of Michigan; Hank Jones of Minnesota; Dr. George Boswell of Mississippi; Al Crossman and Howard Liss of New York; Minnie Clayton Oglesby of Ohio; victims of the Oklahoma City bombing; Elvira Bjordal of South Dakota; Dale Redmond of Texas; Robert L. Behr of Vermont; Noel Volberding of Washington; Dorothy Fabke and Jim Jennison of Wisconsin. B. M. Smith commented on the deceased and led the song on page 28b for the deceased and Lessie Cates. Judy Hauff commented that she had intended to lead "Granville", but decided that we need to be uplifted when remembering the deceased, and not always mournful. She then led the song on 68b. Richard Popp then read the names of the sick and shut-in. Reba Dell Windom led the song on page 27 for the sick, and Jesse Roberts brought the memorial lesson to a close with a prayer for remembrance. Chaplain Herb Schroeder dismissed the class for lunch with a blessing.

LUNCH

Lisa Grayson reassembled the class leading the song on page 384 and then lead the song on page 457 to honor the kitchen staff. Leaders: Carol Crawford (WI) 128; Kelly Beard (TX) 472; Jeff Sheppard (AL) 439; John delRe (VA) 165; Richard DeLong (GA) 448t; Marcia Johnson 218; Paula McGray (MA) 286; Kathy Krug 142; Dan Havens 313b; Jodi Liss (OH) 328; Petrina Patti 155; Richard Popp 175; Jeanne Schaffer (CO) 250; Suzanne Flandreau 195; Lissa Blood 565; Virgil Phillips (AL) 475; Wenday Wahn 113; Ruth Brown (AL) 335.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Kathleen Kuiper leading the song on page 87. Leaders: Sue Kessell 528; Reba Dell Windom (MI) 196; B. M. Smith (GA) 548; Bill Hamblin 85; Kathy Williams 208; Jeff Sheppard (AL) 294; John Bayer (OH) 123b; Jenny Willard (MN) 385t; W. L. Green (AL) 398; Marlon Wootten (AL) 103; Jesse Roberts (FL) 172; Carla Smith (CA) 213t; Ernestine Pipkin (FL) 110. The finance committee report was given. The resolutions committee report was given by Dean Slaton, thanking Lisa Grayson, Jerry Enright, and all the committee members, as well as all of the cooks, hosts and travelers who enable us each year to assemble and give glory to our Creator in song. A total of 166 different leaders from 20 states lead as follows: 1 each from Kentucky, Tennessee, Vermont; 2 from Missouri; 3 each from Colorado, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia; 4 each from Florida, Massachusetts, New York; 5 from Michigan; 7 from Ohio; 9 from Wisconsin; 10 from California; 12 each from Alabama and Georgia; and 38 from Illinois. Announcements were taken from the class regarding future singings, and Lisa Grayson announced that the 1996 Midwest Convention will be held on June 29 and 30, in Chicago. The class then took the parting hand and was dismissed with prayer by Herb Schroeder. Chairman - Lisa Grayson; Vice Chairman - Kathleen Kuiper; Secretary - Debra Barford.

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH Carrollton, Georgia May 7, 1995

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 46, followed with prayer by Marshall Avery. Everette Denney led songs on pages 47 and 63; Sheri Taylor 61, 67. The class was then organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Margie Smith and Moena Denney; Chaplain - Marshall Avery. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 33b, 110; Lisa Webb 148, 155; Jimmy Denney 68b, 503, 101; Liz Bryant 31, 122, 99; Phillip Langley 327, 203; Laura Webb 40, 358.

RECESS

Felton Denney called the class back together leading song on page 299. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 392, 49; Charlene Wallace 283, 293; Preston McClendon 45t; Shelbie Sheppard 534, 505, 481; Wilford Denney 159, 143, 144; Katherine Benefield 127, 146; Lori Goode 551, 268, 401; Roy Nelson 303b, 108.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Everette Denney leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Myron House 151, 337; Joyce Clackum 100, 145; Dan Bailey 183, 107. The memorial lesson was held at this time remembering those who have passed away in the last year. Names of those remembered: Nellie Miles, Lessie Cates, Bertie Denney, Lois Green, T. H. Ross, Harry Dumas, Dura Blackmon, Carlton Hitchcock, Dale Redmond, Mrs. J. J. Aderhold, Conal Barron, Winford Lacey, Grady Albright, Junurs Hudgins, and Helen Ivey Cordell. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 285t, 225t. B. M. Smith led 340, 354b for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Bernard Denney. Leaders: Jan House 200, 147b; Lucille Gunnells 137, 189; Marshall Avery 74b, 271; Donna Duke 276, 425; Jerry Sheppard 424, 447; Mildred Patterson 89, 312; Homer Benefield 348, 56; Bonnie Flowers 74, 217; Gene Duke 81, 373; Estelle Flowers 406, 207;

Bernard Denney 145b, 222; Josephine Denney 147, 523; Sherry Lovvorn and Barry Lovvorn 345, 318. After announcements, Felton Denney and Everette Denney led 414 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Marshall Avery.

Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)

Walker County, Alabama

May 7, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. Travis Keeton led song on page 99. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 124, 104; Arnold Moore 138, 399b; Pernie Pelfrey 67; A. C. McGough 147t, 30t; Elsie Beasley 336, 460; Margaret Keeton 276; Chris Bell and Jessica Williams 384, 385b; Rose Altha Taylor 208; Bruce Rye 203, 142; Marie Aldridge 216, 440; Lola Roberson 475, 192; Eron White 300, 168.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Larry Ballinger leading songs on pages 127, 123t. Leaders: Corrine White 379, 314; Sandra Williams 31t, 391; Pam Keeton 171, 200; Becky Briggs 482, 335; John Hocutt 317; Hubert Hood 454, 569; Vernice Calvert 298, 436; L. H. and Estelle Gilmore 37b, 73t; Gene Wakefield 64, 100.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading song on page 212. Leaders: Johnny Humber 172, 340; Essie Calvert 134, 409; Julianna and Ann Jett 146, 108; Lora Cargo 498, 269; Parnell Berry 473, 220; Edith Tate 35; Josie Hyde 361; Marie Guthrie 189, 411; L. E. Hannah and Latriene Bailey "Not Made With Hands", 400; B. B. Mattox 217, 129; Roxie Keeton 530; Lena Keeton 546, 354b in memory of Bennie and Howard Keeton; Kermit Adams 157, 565; Reeba Evans 434, 186; Bonnie Rye 77t, 278b; Juliette Haynes 430, 209.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Gary Smith leading songs on pages 49b, 34b. Leaders: Harrison Creel 378, 348b; Sara Smith 421, 141; Marlin Beasley 75, 512; Cecil Sanders 47t; Tressie Adkins 78, 422; Keterina Sanders 389; Ronald Gilmore 432; Flarce Creel 56; Alonzo Malone 34t; John Hyde 63; Travis Keeton 358. Travis Keeton and A. C. McGough led song on page 235 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by A. C. McGough.

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

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING

Burritt Museum

May 13, 1995

The eleventh annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday, May 13th in the church building on the grounds of Burritt Museum and Park. Burritt Museum is located atop Monte Sano Mountain, the second highest elevation in Alabama. Alan Jones, Chairman, called the class to order leading songs on pages 59 and 87. J.L. Hopper led the morning prayer. The class organized by selecting

the following officers: Pam Wilkerson, Vice Chairman; Teresa Ballinger, Secretary; Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger, Arranging Committee. Pam Wilkerson, Vice Chairman, led song on page 203. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 335; Doyce Bailey 49b; Jim Freyder 63; Amanda Ballinger 155; Gary Leopold 159; Estelle Napier 283; Dwain Ballinger 340; Paul Frederick 224; Amber Ballinger 400; Hershell King 235; Ruby Phillips 39b; Buck Hopper 186; Tina Leopold 128; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Flarce Creel 475; Sam Jones 179; Myra Dalton 268; Edwin Ballinger 270; Teresa Ballinger 300.

RECESS

Alan Jones called the class together leading song on page 358. Leaders: Norm Howe 569b; Joan Aldridge 198; Virgil Phillips 34b; Judy Caudle 234; Leslie Ballinger 31b; Dave Ressler 36b; Jewel Wootten 299; Tim Reynolds 312b; Syble Adams 215; Jamie Dalton 383; Lora Cargo 497; Don Bowen 556b; Ann Jett 546; Coy Ivey 222; Frances Jones and David Ivey 361; Dan Hopper 301; Karen Isbell 142; Lavaughn Ballinger and B.J. Boyanton 101t; Sherry Guthery 58; Warren Steel 296; Linda Thomas 499; Freeman Wootten 49b; H.A. Godsey 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Alan Jones leading song on page 79. Leaders: Carol Freyder 147t; Gravis Ballinger 384; Paula McGray 425; Mel Kersey and Marlon Wootten 99; Rhoda Norris 498; Darlene Dalton 163t; S.T. Reed 435; Ellene Stovall 436; J.L. Hopper 434; Judy Mincey 344; J.C. Rutledge "That Beautiful Land"; Karen Ivey 65; Earl Ballinger 176t; Edith Tate 157; Allison Ivey 40; Henry Guthery 532; Beth O'Dell 442; Marlon Wootten 30t; Richard and Stuart Ivey 567.

RECESS

The class was called to order with Pam Wilkerson leading song on page 424. Leaders: David Ivey 200; Lydia Baswell, Vella Dailey, and Amy Pope 63, 164; Larry Ballinger 137; Norma Latham 418; Mark Carroll 37b; Ann Ballard 512; Buell Cobb 321; Colbie Allen 480; Wilda Holmes 295; Bill Shrader 72b; Arvid Holmes 460; Linton Ballinger 187, 97; David Ballinger 111b. Singers from the following states attended this singing: Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Massachusetts, and Missouri. Following the announcements, Chairman Alan Jones led song on page 62, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Sam Jones. The date of the annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing is moved to the Saturday before the first Sunday in May effective 1996. We invite everyone to join us for our 1996 singing on May 4th.

Chairman, Alan Jones; Vice Chairman Pam Wilkerson; Secretary, Teresa Ballinger.

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Nauvoo, Alabama** **May 14, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Old Flatwoods Church was called to order by Arthur Gilmore leading songs on pages 30b and 32. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Arthur Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Secretary - Pam Keeton; Arranging Committee - Glenn Keeton; Chaplain - Joshua Keeton. Leaders: Joshua Keeton 30, 108; Ashley Keeton 354, 343; Hubert Hood 49b, 569; L. E. Hannah 201, 349, 187; Elmer Conwill 186, 200, 82, 129 in memory of Ruby Conwill; Jimmie Gilmore 104 in memory of her sister, Lavada Gilmore,

378 for her parents, Elder Garnsey and Ethel McGough, 288; Arnold Moore 77, 480.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Joshua Keeton leading songs on pages 124, 45. Leaders: Pam Keeton 127, 294; Cecil Sanders 491, 475; Rhoda Norris 177, 317; Gene Wakefield 64, 164; Eunice Kimbrell 213, 65; John Hyde 61, 75; Glenn Keeton 285, 361, 365.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Joshua Keeton, Lena Keeton, Linda Christian, Arnie Keeton, and Glenn Keeton leading song 143 in memory of Pete Keeton. Joshua Keeton then led 111b. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 73, 389; A. C. McGough 454, 373; Lola Roberson 208, 155; Travis Keeton 426, 209, 384, 400; Mae Conwill 314, 272, 275b; Dovey Jackson 457, 421, 319; Josie Hyde 388, 383, 298, 220; Lena Keeton and Gwen Cornelius 146, 234, "Not Made With Hands"; Delores Canaday 85, 79; Glenn Riddle 294, and 176, 100 with Annette Riddle. Jimmie Gilmore, Pam Keeton, and Arthur Gilmore led the closing song on page 147. The class was dismissed with prayer by Glenn Keeton. Hope to see everyone next year.

Chairman - Arthur Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Joshua Keeton; Secretary - Pam Keeton.

GARDEN STATE SINGING CONVENTION

Upper Montclair, New Jersey

May 19-20, 1995

Friday, May 19

The third annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Montclair Friends' Meeting House. The class was called to order by George Seiler welcoming everyone and leading song on 47t. He then led the class in prayer. The business session was then held with the election of the following officers: Co-Chairmen - Jean and George Seiler; Secretary - Gina Balestracci; Reception Committee - Martha Jane Husick and Susan Bingham; Arranging Committee - Paul Gauthier and Bill Holt; Food Committee - Virginia Douglas and Diane Mennella; Finance Committee - Dennis Leipold, Laura Densmore, and Richard Schmeidler; Memorial Committee - Ginny Ely; Lodging - George and Jean Seiler; Set-Up - Jim Brittain; Child-Care Coordinator - Cheryl Doehler; Resolutions Committee - Ella Wilcox and Paula McGray. Leaders: Jean Seiler 34b; Guy Bankes 352; Dennis Leipold 99; Tim Slattery 171; Susan Bingham 146; Ginny Ely 228; Roland Hutchinson 73b; Linda Thomas 37b; Dan Lipper 147t; Karen Snowberg 148; Bob and Tommy Hall 274t; Gina Balestracci with newcomers Loren Fortna, Dora Martinez, and Joyce Goldman 72b; Dan Hertzler 82t; Ruth von Fleckenstein 209; Blake Morris 195.

RECESS

The class resumed with Bill Holt leading song on page 112. Chairman George Seiler introduced Joyce Walton, teacher of the singing school. He told the class just how lucky the Garden State Convention has been to have such wonderful singing school teachers: Amanda Denson, Ginny Ely, and now Joyce Walton. Joyce spoke about the 1959 recording that Alan Lomax made that has since been released by New World Records, and how so many people have told her that they've been touched by her testimony on that recording. She said that she wasn't sure why Mr. Lomax included it, but maybe "he got an inspiration from above that it would give somebody a blessing."

Having heard the class sing, she said, "I can't teach you how to sing, but I can instill in you a little something [about this music] you might hold onto the rest of your days." This singing school was about the fine points of leading, and how the leader should get what he or she wants. She stressed the importance of looking people in the eye, and led 436, first at a slow tempo, to demonstrate that the leader should be in charge. She talked about the beauty of the 6-part harmony of Sacred Harp, with men and women doubling the treble and lead parts at the octave. She led the class through the rudiments, stressing the importance of rests: "Running a rest is like running a stop sign." She then introduced her husband, Jap Walton, and invited him to lead a song. He led 420, which was written by his aunt and uncle in honor of his grandparents. Joyce Walton then led 111b to demonstrate that when there is a da capo chorus, you should always sing it when you sing the shapes. George Seiler then requested that she lead a fuguing tune to demonstrate the way she brings in the parts, so she led 40. She demonstrated that every song should have a cut-off. She led 455 and 454, and told the class about Mark Cagle, Bob Denson, and O.A. Parris, from whom she learned much of what she knows about music -- timing, developing a style, and practicing leading in front of a mirror. The final portion of the singing school dealt with style in leading. She said: "I can make people sing -- I love 'em into it." George Seiler thanked Joyce Walton for a wonderful singing school. Ginny Ely spoke of her indebtedness to Joyce Walton as a role model and led 391. Regular singing resumed with the following leaders: Barbara Benary 168; Eric Bean 324; Jean Seiler 299. The class was dismissed after the closing prayer by Karen Snowberg.

Saturday, May 20

On Saturday morning the class reassembled and the session was called to order by Jean Seiler leading song on 31b. Eric Bean led the opening prayer. Leaders: George Seiler 479; Miriam Kilmer 504, Howard Katz 492; Mryka Hall-Beyer 352; Tom Tucker, leading his song "Windgate"; Barbara Swetman 85; Frank Evans 66; Bob Parr 215; Donna Abrahams 532; Bill Holt 268; Betty Hanf with Dennis Leipold 49t; Kelly House 230; Doron Henkin 210; Joe Beasley 245; Ella Wilcox 362b; Paula McGray 383; Faye Bresler 86; Guy Bankes 535; Joyce Walton 67; Elise Meyer-Bothling 178; Michael Kaye 49b.
RECESS

The class was called to order by Kacy Pate leading song on page 168. Leaders: Peter Pate 269; Jennifer Hodgdon 31t; John delRe 123b; Marilou Jolly 369; Kyle Greenlee 84; Lynne de Benedette 200; Paul Gauthier 428; David Martin, with Mary Ann Ostrowski and Donna Abrahams 82t; Kat Kincade 480; Richard Schmeidler 474; Brenda Pena 39b; John Daniel delRe and Tommy Hall 276; Alix Baillie 312t; Tom Gibney 501b; Margaret Crowl 361. The memorial lesson began with Ginny Ely remarking on how those missing are still a part of the thread. She then led 122 for those deceased in the past year: Edward Swetman, Sr., Lessie Cates, Lois Green, Helen Ivey Cordell, and Ted Godsey--Alabama; Marion Hennessy--Arizona; Daryl Anderson--California; Jack Chapin, and Mark Ely--Connecticut; Kay Chapin and Neil Chapin--Florida; Mary McCarty--Massachusetts; Knox Britain, Margaret Kelly, and Stephanie Munoz--New York; Dale Redman, Sr.--Texas; Kenton Kilmer--Virginia; Thomas Lutz--Washington. Barbara Swetman honored the sick and shut-in with 452: Iva Findley and Patricia Pate--California; Henry Romanowski, Sr.--Maryland; Roberta Adams and Don Wetherhead--New Jersey; Dorothy Brittain, Karen Dyer and children with cancer everywhere, Nell Serafini, and

Melvin Webb--New York; Janet Coleman and her parents, and Michael Chapusett--Pennsylvania; John Snowberg, Dorothy Nussbaum--Wisconsin. Regular singing resumed with the following leaders: Jean Seiler 142; Jap Walton 45t; Molly Sayvetz 280; Tim Slattery 497; Susan Bingham 34b; Bob Hall 542. Dan Hertzler led the class in a blessing.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH.

The afternoon session was called to order by Paula McGray leading song on page 87. Leaders: Eric Bean 70b; Gina Balestracci 198; Blake Morris 290; Ruth von Fleckenstein 358; Gerry Hoffman, leading his song "Altamont"; Denise Morris 156; Bradford West 410t; Miriam Kilmer 378b; Dennis Leipold 378t; Linda Thomas 503; Roland Hutchinson 36t; Karen Snowberg 250. Jean Seiler led "Garden State" by P. Dan Brittain and then called for the state count. The 138 singers came from 11 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada: New Jersey, 55; New York, 30; Connecticut, 2; Massachusetts, 10; Vermont, 1; Pennsylvania, 11; Maryland, 3; Virginia, 17; District of Columbia, 2; Alabama, 3; Michigan, 1; California, 2; Quebec, 1. Jean Seiler then led "Montclair" by Bruce Randall. "Montclair" and "Garden State" were written for the first two Garden State Conventions.

RECESS

Donna Abrahams brought the class together leading song on page 315. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 566; Mryka Hall-Beyer 236; Howard Katz 475; Marilyn Estep 547; Tom Tucker 48t; Ginny Ely 454; Tom Gibney 40; Barbara Swetman 106; Frank Evans 300; Donna Abrahams 528; George and Jean Seiler 146; Kelly House 456; Bob Parr 304; Betty Hanf and Mary Ann Ostrowski 63; Bill Holt 419; Doron Henkin 47b; Paula McGray 414; Guy Bankes 481. The Resolutions Committee presented their report, in which they thanked all the officers and committees whose efforts contributed to the success of the convention. Paula McGray and Ella Wilcox closed their report with a prayer of thanksgiving. Leaders: Ella Wilcox 91; Faye Bresler 313b; Joe Beasley 218; Kacy Pate 186; Peter Pate 415; Elise Meyer-Bothling 59; Michael Kaye, assisted by Donna Abrahams 143; Joyce Walton 147t. Jean and George Seiler led 62 as those present took the parting hand. Eric Bean closed the convention with prayer. Co-Chairmen: Jean and George Seiler; Secretary, Gina Balestracci.

HARMONY CHURCH **Lawrenceburg, Tennessee** **Saturday, May 20, 1995**

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held the third Saturday in May. Opening remarks and first songs were led by Clay Mattox on pages 144 and 335. Prayer was then led by Gordon Wilkerson and officers were elected: Chairman - Clay Mattox; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkerson; Secretary - Frances Mattox. Singing resumed with Gordon Wilkerson leading songs on 56, 112, 145t. Leaders: Frances Mattox 119; Tim Reynolds 28t, 312b, 84, 371; Marie Guthrie 85, 30t, 137; Linton Ballinger 36b, 101, 300.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Clay Mattox leading songs on pages 143 and 45. Leaders: Elton Guthrie 63, 175b, 544b; Ginnie Nelms 74b, 66, 126; Angela Phillips 339, 111t, 294; Clayton Ezell 497, 358.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 566. Leaders: Gordon Wilkerson 384; Marie Guthrie 430; Linton Ballinger 343; Elton Guthrie 139; Ginnie Nelms 431; Angela Phillips 338, "Not Made With Hands". Announcements were made. Clay Mattox then led song on 72b. The class was dismissed with prayer by Tim Reynolds. Chairman - Clay Mattox; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkerson; Secretary - Frances Mattox.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING **San Pedro, California** **Saturday, May 20, 1995**

The third annual Southern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on Saturday, May 20, 1995, before the third Sunday in May. The singing was called to order by Jerry Schreiber leading 30t. Susan Turpin led the song on page 33b and offered the opening prayer: O God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we thank You for gathering us together today from far and wide. We lift our hearts to you as we lift our voices to sing your praise. We ask you now to give us your blessing. We ask the Holy Spirit to come down and be with us in our singing today. Help us to recognize Your presence in the meeting of eyes and voices around the square. Fill the hollow in our hearts with the Spirit of Love as together with You we fill the hollow square with sweet harmony. Amen. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 34b, 35; Delbert Long 145t, 551; Rick Russell 99, 203; Betty Herman 56b, 421; Steven Levine 350, 515b; Laura Boyd 428, 270.

RECESS

Delbert Long brought the class together leading the song on page 107. Leaders: Linda Booth 143, 300; Tom Ostwald 268, 269; Marc Weyl 178, 59; Janet Herman 216, 217. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Delbert Long; Vice Chairman - Carla Smith; Secretary - Rick Russell; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith; Memorial Committee - Carla Smith; Finance Committee - Rick Russell. Leaders: Delbert Long 110; Carla Smith 352, 567; Rick Russell 280; Jean Olson 128, 318.

RECESS

Carla Smith brought the class together leading the song on page 40. Leaders: Susan Turpin 160b, 100; Ron Huss 54, 311; Catherine Callahan 159, 209; Jon Rand 385, 404; Janice Hecksel 63, 47; Natalie Hall 532, 198; Jerry Schreiber 66; Pam Munro 155, 45. Susan Turpin offered the grace before lunch: God our Father, provider of all good things for Your children, God our Mother, nourisher of our souls. Thank You for the food we are about to receive. Thank You for the fellowship we are about to share. Open our hearts to share with one another in care and understanding, and give us a spirit to be mindful of the needs of others. Amen.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

Steven Levine brought the class together leading the song on page 46. Leaders: Terry Swart 159, 361; Marshall Harshberger 69; Rick Russell 236; Delbert Long 95b; Betty Herman 440; Steven Levine 503b; Laura Boyd 156; Linda Booth 436; Tom Ostwald 504; Stephen O'Leary 52t, 192; Mary Rose O'Leary 410t, 411. A memorial lesson was held. Carla Smith led the song on page 285 in memory of the following loved ones who have passed away: Jake Lunsford, Ted Godsey, Lessie Cates, Aurther Weyl, Jr., Janet D'Amore, Perry Chansler, Oscar Street, Bertha Farson, Wayne Finkleman, Richard Schissler, Dorinda Edgington. Mary Rose O'Leary led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Peter Rydell, Jim

Harder. Susan Turpin closed the memorial lesson with a prayer: Lord of life and our hope at the last, we commit into Your care those who have gone before us. Receive them into the arms of Your grace. As they live in our hearts and we are aware of their surrounding cloud of witness, assure us that You are indeed the Lord of Life.

RECESS

Jon Rand brought the class together leading the song on page 77. Mary Rose O'Leary presented a copy of "The Sacred Harp" to Jane Bledsoe, to thank her on behalf of the class for the use of the fine singing room. Mary Rose O'Leary and Jane Bledsoe then led the song on page 29b. Leaders: Janet Herman 163t; Marc Weyl 122; Jerry Schreiber 383; Pam Munro 106; Susan Turpin 497; Ron Huss 151; Catherine Callahan 457; Anne Friend 89; Jon Rand 201b; Terry Swart 43; Natalie Hall 191; Stephen O'Leary 260; Jose Carvajal 324; Mary Rose O'Leary 276. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. The Resolutions Committee offered thanks to those people who worked hard to make the Regional Singing a success. Special thanks were given to Laura Boyd and Rick Russell for finding the fine singing room and handling all the arrangements for the singing. Steven Levine then led the song on page 373. Delbert Long led 163b, to close the singing. Delbert Long and Carla Smith led 62 as all who wished took the parting hand. Susan Turpin offered the closing prayer: Let us take a moment of silence to listen to the music still ringing in the silence. Lord, we thank You for this taste - this reflection of the music that is always in Your Presence. Help us to recall this awareness we have now in times of need and in times of joy. Give us the intention to share the Spirit of Love we have experienced here in this music with all whose lives are intertwined with ours. And now, O Lord, as we return to our daily lives, guard us safely home 'til parting shall be no more. Amen. Chairman - Delbert Long; Vice Chairman - Carla Smith; Secretary - Rick Russell.

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles (near Lexington),
Kentucky
May 20, 1995

The Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. At 9:00 a.m. Ron Pen (KY) welcomed the class and started the singing by leading song on page 58. Leaders called in the first morning session and songs led were as follows: Don Waggener (KY) 182, 339; Raphael Finkel (KY) 528, 479; Eloise Clark and Josie Bealle (OH) 480, 66; Bob Sears (KY) 73b; Caroline Simmons (KY) 183; John Bealle (OH) 278t, 29t; David Rust (IN) 146, 14.

RECESS

Fred Todt (OH) began the second morning session by leading songs on pages 47t, 268. Leaders: Mary Brinkman (KY) 269, 147b; Phil Cullum (KY) 523, 569b; Carolyn Craig (IN) 126, 373; Donna Purdon (IN) 40, 454; Keith MacAdam (KY) 209, 196.

RECESS

The third morning session started with the memorial lesson. Ron Pen eulogized John Stephenson, President Emeritus of Berea College, Berea, Kentucky who, having retired on July 31, 1994, died following a sudden illness in early December. The class sang 128 in memory of John Stephenson. This song had been requested by his wife and sung at his funeral service by members of the local

Appalachian Association of Sacred Harp Singers. Faith Shine (KY) remembered Barbara Newman, a singer from the same local group, who had died May 19, 1995, the previous day, following a 2-year struggle with breast cancer. Caroline Simmons led 107 in Barbara Newman's memory. Paul Foster (OH) spoke of two deceased friends, Jean Lathrop and the Rev. Jeffery Thompson, and one who is incapacitated by severe illness, Tammy Webster. The class sang 547 in remembrance of them led by Paul Foster. Mitchell Martin, Jr. (TN) memorialized a friend, Ray Clabo. Bob French (KY) suggested and led 30b in Ray Clabo's memory. The session continued with the following leaders and songs: Charles Coulston (KY) 31t, 155; Robert Meek (KY) 178, 63; Paul Foster 300, 344; Marlen Rust (IN) 148; Wm. Ralph Paris (KY) 135, 137. Ron Pen dismissed the class at noon for a potluck lunch on the grounds with Caroline Simmons saying a prayer and Keith MacAdam leading 49.

LUNCH

At 1:00 p.m. the class was called to order for the afternoon sessions by Keith MacAdam. In appreciation for their work in organizing the food that was brought in for the potluck, Keith recognized Pat Meek (KY), Norma Sears (KY), and Roxanne Coulston (KY), and he led 457 to thank them. Requests were taken from those who did not wish to lead the class. Those who made the requests, the songs, and the leaders were as follows: Norma Yost (KY) 59 by Ron Pen; Sara Baskin (TN) 497 by Fred Todt; Keith MacAdam led 455 to give Ruth McDowell (KY) an opportunity to hear the class from the center of the square; Bob Sears 232; Christine Cox (OH) 491 by Eloise Clark; Mitchell Martin, Jr. (TN) 77b by David Rust; Raphael Finkel led his own composition called "Lansdowne" based on a Sephardic melody and an 11th century text by Solomon ibn Gabirol (translated from the Hebrew by Raphael); Mary Brinkman 186; Carolyn Craig 273; Jean Kaenzig (KY) 46 by Donna Purdom.

RECESS

After announcements and a brief break, the last session of the day started at 2:00 p.m. These are the songs and leaders: Keith MacAdam 145; Bob French 245; Caroline Simmons 117; David Rust 164; Phil Cullum 32t; Nancy Paris (KY) requested 64 led by Wm. Ralph Paris 47t; John Bealle 335; Keith MacAdam 159; Ron Pen 236 for Robert Meek; Raphael Finkel 524; Bob Sears 551, 354 led by Keith MacAdam. In closing, the convention sang both 62 and 267. The Kentucky convention will be held next year on Saturday, May 18, 1996. For information, contact Keith MacAdam (606) 268-0998 or phy156@ukcc.uky.edu. Secretary - Charles Coulston.

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **May 21, 1995**

On the third Sunday, the annual Sacred Harp singing was called to order by B. M. Smith leading song on page 60. Prayer was given by Elder Lewis Norton. B. M. Smith led song on page 32. Cecil Edwards led 61, 168. Mary F. Smith led 40 for her sister, Mozell Sheppard, and 72. A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith and Ruth Brown. B. M. Smith then led song on page 36. Leaders called: Jerry Sheppard 475, 422; Alice Edwards 73b, 146; Lewis Norton 231, 569; Revy Williamson 299; Al Grindal 112;

Frances Jones 127, 100; Roy Nelson 303, 35; Lou Cotney 218, 300; Pearl Guier 59, 143; Sam Jones 58, 179; Carrie Grindal 163.

RECESS

B. M. Smith called the class together leading song on page 384. Leaders called: Judy Mincey 410, 501; Bud Oliver 145b, 39 for Hoyt Renfro; I. V. McWhorter 97, 426; Phillip Langley 203, 163; Katherine Benefield 358, 294. Charlene Wallace presented a plaque to Milton, Leroy, and Winfred Kerr honoring their father, Henry Kerr, for his contributions to the Sacred Harp traditions. At this time, a memorial was held in memory of those who have passed away in the last year. Lewis Norton led 358 for Lee Ann Forsyth; Alan Jones 323 for Maggie Jones and Jack Borden; Karen Reeves 323 for Randall Norton; Harvey Austin 45 for Jewell Ponder, Mrs. W. S. Kelley, Lois Green, James Brown, Zera Mize, Clellon Warren, Lessie Cates, Carl Norton, Ted Godsey, Roy Mauldin, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Smith, Wanda Smith; Cecil, Alice, Alonzo, and James Edwards and Alma and Louise Owen led 68b in memory of their brother, William "Bill" Edwards, and for Elmo Green, Jewett Edwards, Carl Edwards and Gary Weston; Richard DeLong led 374 in memory of Henry Kerr and 390 for the sick and shut-ins; Ruth Brown and Mary F. Smith led 285 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Billy Joe Harris.

LUNCH

Cecil Edwards called the class together leading song on page 82. Leaders called: Don Bowen 381, 420; Mildred Patterson 108b, 108t; Charles Norton gave a report on the cemetery; Jeff Sheppard 155, 177; Mandy Prater 490, 87; Charlene Wallace 94, 409; Martha and Judy Jones 147, 317; B. J. Harris 503, 445; Lee Rogers 569, 528; Neal Prichard 566, 204; Liz Bryant 178, 99; A. L. Beckett 77, 30; Evelyn Harris, Ruth Daniel, and Nellie Mae White 47; Everette Denney 119, 161; Lola Jenkins 434, 316; Bonnie Flowers 109, 74; Herman Smith 139, 205; Ginnie Prater 460, 496; Kenneth Mize 49b, 47b; Louise Holland 40, 46; Florence Williams 78, 290. After announcements, B. M. Smith led 318 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Lewis Norton. Chairman - B. M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

NEW CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH **Walker County, Alabama** **May 21, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Canaan Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May was called to order by Cecil Sanders leading song on page 32t. Prayer was led by the pastor of the church, Phillip Starnes. The class organized by retaining the same officers: Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate. Cecil Sanders led song on page 81t. Leaders: Ann Jett 48t, 399b, 448b; Tressie Adkins 78, 123t, 336; Keterina Sanders 59, 146, 389; Gertrude Wood 37b, 137, 186; Flarce Creel 460, 475, 225t, 269; Travis Keeton 56t, 57, 61, 321.

RECESS

Cecil Sanders called the class together leading song on page 358. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 168, 164, 143; Lora Cargo 421, 498, 454; Edith Tate 89, 157; Wanda Capps 73t, 546, 448t; Margaret Keeton 331, 144, 29t; Harrison Creel 111b, 335, 512. The pastor of the church spoke a few minutes and dismissed the class for lunch.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class together leading song on page 348b. Leaders: Elsie Beasley 68b, 411, 422; Kermit Adams 77t, 73b, 34b; Lola Roberson 63, 297; Larry Ballinger 74b, 79, 317; Lillian Parker 123t, 72t; John Hocutt 72b; Sylvia Childers 81t, 108t, 59. Cecil Sanders led song on page 101t for the closing song. Margaret Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

SEMI-ANNUAL ARROW ROCK SINGING

Arrow Rock, Missouri

May 21, 1995

The first Semi-Annual Arrow Rock Singing was held at the Federated Church in Arrow Rock, Missouri following regular Sunday services on Sunday, May 21, 1995. The class was called to order by Keith Willard leading the song on page 31. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 268; Susan Green 155; Joe Casad 183; Richard Green 178; Joe Douglass 82; Dave Ressler 39t; Becky Browne 36b; Karen Isbell 37b; Jenny Willard 384; Keith Willard 312b; Mike McGowan 159; Joe Douglass 56b; Karen Isbell 120; Becky Browne 203; Wendy Hofmann 62; Jenny Willard 176; Jeanette Lowry 436; Joe Casad 163t; Susan Green 350; Richard Green 504; Dave Ressler 189; Paul Drummond 33; Jim Solheim 444; Keith Willard 746; Joe Douglass 89; Karen Isbell 192; Becky Browne 224; Wendy Hofmann 85; Jenny Willard 228; Richard Green 142; Jeanette Lowry 448; Dave Ressler 102. Joe Casad gave a memorial lesson in which we remembered John Snyder, one of the founding members of the Kansas City-Lawrence singers, and led the song on page 71, which was a favorite of John's. Paul Drummond led song on page 61. Paul Drummond led the class in prayer before adjourning for lunch.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH.

Richard Green brought the class back together leading song on page 84. Leaders: Jim Solheim 299; Keith Willard 160b; Joe Douglass 547; Becky Browne 300; Karen Isbell 377; Jenny Willard 373; Wendy Hofmann 330b; Joe Casad 454; Susan Green 217; Dave Para 66; Ricahrd Green 198; Jeanette Lowry 346; Dave Ressler 183; Jim Solheim 274; Joe Douglass 112; Keith Willard 29t; Wendy Hofmann 117; Joe Casad 49b; Paul Drummond 196; Becky Browne 218; Karen Isbell 186; Wendy Hofmann 330; Jenny Willard 441; Susan Green 64; Richard Green 38b; Dave Para 215, in honor of Boonville graduating seniors; Joe Casad 236; Jeanette Lowry 216; Dave Ressler 111b; Paul Drummond 205; Jim Solheim 501; Keith Willard 106; Joe Douglass 126; Becky Browne 383; Karen Isbell 475. Susan Green led the song on page 62 as the closing song, as the class took the "Parting Hand". Susan Green dismissed the class with prayer. Secretary - Richard Green.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Morgan County, Alabama

May 28, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 46. The morning prayer was led by J. L. Hopper. Milford Cobbs then led song on page 75. Leaders: Arvid Holmes 321b; Christine Leeth 319, 127; Steve Cobbs 285t, 46t, 480; Marie Guthrie 36b; Eunice Kimbrell 104, 65; Glenda Hopper 78, 138t; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land", 138b.

RECESS

Milford Cobbs brought the class together leading song on page 381b. Leaders: Ginnie Melne 142, 139; David Ivey 139, 35, 133, 106; Linton Ballinger 335, 339; Hershell King 176b, 410, 97; Rhoda Norris 551, 155, 99; Nancy, Jonathan and Brandon Thompson 190, 45t, 354; Milford Cobbs 146.

LUNCH

Milford Cobbs brought the class back together leading songs on pages 32 and 441. Leaders: Judy Caudle 358 in memory of brother, Bradford, 84, 131t; Susan Holmes 313, 48b; J. L. Hopper 326, 403, 94; Herbert Cobbs 48, 282, 295b; Dan Hopper 240, 242; Gerald Holmes 203, 68b, 332, 136; Oden Hawkins 177; Dexter Cobbs 39t, 38b; Richard Ivey 405, 56b; Marie Guthrie 36; Becky Hopper 186. Milford Cobbs led 69 as the closing song and the class was dismissed with prayer by J. L. Hopper.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Kimmie Holcomb.

POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100** **May 28, 1995**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held the fourth Sunday in May at Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Mironel Swafford called the class together leading song on page 32. The morning prayer was led by B. J. Harris. Mironel Swafford then led song on page 345, followed by Kenneth Mize leading songs on pages 49b, 388; Charlene Wallace 90, 129; Carlene Griffin 85, 77; Mary Florence Smith 108, 274. The class was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Mironel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Mize; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Carlene Griffin and Mary Florence Smith. Mironel Swafford led song on page 155. Leaders: Don Bowen 37b, 59; Alice Edwards 73b, 565; Jerry Sheppard 475, 470; Kathy Spanglehour 117, 344; Elder J. J. Aderhold 72b, 75.

RECESS

The class was called together by Mironel Swafford leading song on page 30. Leaders were: Florence Williams 569b, 490; B. J. Harris 445, 503; Revy Williamson 225, 327; Margie Smith 101, 335; Johnny Wright 124, 277; Lonnie Rogers 186, 298; Evelyn Harris 47, 48; Phillip Langley 299, 269; I. V. McWhorter 109, 424; Everette Denney 127, 405. The pastor of the church, Rev. W. A. Ivie, welcomed everyone and dismissed for lunch with prayer.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Kenneth Mize leading song on page 45. Leaders were: Delores McGraw 57, 79; B. M. Smith 276, 284; Norma Latham and granddaughter, Mia Makris, 358, 147. For the memorial lesson Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 143, 490, 348 in memory of Mrs. Doris Bailey, Zera Mize, Vera Hughes, Effie Mize, Ross Chambers, Clellon Warren, Lessie Cates, Nora Finley, Helen Ivey Cordell, and Louise Henson. For all the sick and shut-ins Judy Mincey led 34, 50b. Moena Denney closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders were: Debra Langley 317, 120; Elder Lewis Norton 318, 39b; Fallon Dyer 146; Theo Waddell 340, 290; Lydia McGraw 40, 63; Virginia Dyer 294, 222; Luke Allen 141, 111; Louise Allen 81, 123; Mildred Patterson 313, 319; Elder Homer and Katherine Benefield 373, 56. After announcements were made, Mironel Swafford and Kenneth Mize led page 480 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Mironel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Mize; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

SULLINS SCHOOL HOUSE

Hamilton, Alabama

May 28, 1995

This the 60th session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Sullins School House was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Doyal Williams. Estes Jackson led from page 36b. The class organized for the day by retaining the following officers: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Estes Jackson sang from page 59 and leaders were called: Arnold Moore 314, 480; Doyal Williams (and Ethel) 129, 155; Travis Keeton 410b, 205, 378b; Mae Conwill 340, 273, 201, for L. E. Hannah; John Vanhorn 52, 212, 203.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class back with songs from pages 300, 142. Leaders as follows: Pernie Pelfrey 145b, 146, 74b; Warren Steel 131t, 183, 61; Lola Roberson 475, 182; Anne Steel 67, 171, 66; Elder Frank Woods 143, 48t, 222; Julietta Haynes 209, 430, 200. Dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of this singing was called to order by Estes Jackson leading songs from pages 57, 73t. Leaders followed: Hubert Hood 454, 569b; Gene Wakefield 168, 164; Larry Ballinger 91, 123, 110 in memory of L. H. Ballinger; Elgie Mae Woods 216, 192, 189; Gravis Ballinger 384, 78; Hugh B. McGuire 122, 349, 498; Erselle Jackson 277, 426t, "Not Made With Hands"; Josie Hyde 298, 220, 269; John Hyde 63, 30t, 72b by request; Pernie Pelfrey 312; John Vanhorn 77t, 236; Warren Steel 436, 396; Hugh B. McGuire 383 in memory of A. M. Harper 358; Anne Steel 348, 45t; Elloise McCarter 294; Elmer Conwill 416. Estes Jackson led song on page 69b for the closing song. Closing prayer was led by Elder Frank Woods.

Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

DOSS MEMORIAL SINGING

Sardis Baptist Church, Morris, Alabama

May 28, 1995

The annual Doss Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Chairman Floyd Screws leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by David Branham. Floyd Screws then led song on page 31. Leaders called were: Dick Nail 145b, 314; Corene White 379, 403; Tim Whitaker 100, 32; Keterina Sanders 290, 389; Bud Oliver 47, 39b; Eron White (for Charles Green) 146, 129; David Branham 358, 119; Ruby Phillips 345.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Floyd Screws leading song on page 112. Leaders: Lillian Parker 335, 441; John Jenkins 64, 235; Delores Wilks 294, 192; Aquilla Branham 68; Hugh McGraw 448b; Cecil Sanders 434; Henry Guthery 460, 108; Audrey Branham 45, "Not Made With Hands"; Buell Cobb 467, 121; Julianna Jett 56, 146; Harrison Creel 111, 512; Mamie Jenkins 168, 159; Lora Cargo 204, 282; Flarce Creel 425, 225; Lida Mullins 274; Whitney Branham 552; Wyatt

King 155, 474; Brian Coughlin 186, 49; Delores Wilks led 348b for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial lesson consisted of scripture reading and remarks by Floyd Screws, and Lora Cargo led song on page 454 in memory of the loved ones that have passed away. Brother Abel, pastor of Sardis Baptist Church, welcomed everyone.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Floyd Screws leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Edith Tate 532, 436; Marie Aldridge 217, 316; Julie Yuen 72; Cassandra Franklin 136, 344; Cindy Franklin 497, 189; Peggy Holmes 378t; David Branham 48t; Corene White 216; Eron White 408; Alecia Whitaker 354; Tim Whitaker 145; Cecil Sanders 340; Brian Coughlin 105; Wyatt King 40; Harrison Creel 342; Bud Oliver 343; Henry Guthery 137, 76; Edith Tate 73t; Ann Jett 327; Hugh McGraw 37b; Buell Cobb 358; Dick Nail 146, 274; John Jenkins 44; Marie Aldridge 88t; Cassandra Franklin 352; Mamie Jenkins 328; Lora Cargo 222, Audrey and Aquilla Branham 143; Delores Wilks led 546 in memory of Uncle Seborn Doss and the departed members of his family. The singing was brought to a close by Floyd Screws leading song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by Tim Whitaker; Chairman - Floyd Screws; Secretary - Delores Wilks (Acting secretary, Ruth Screws)

HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH **Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 & U.S. 27 South** **June 3-4, 1995**

Saturday, June 3

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 to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Jack Smith. Charlene Wallace then led song on page 453, followed by Carlene Griffin 37b; Hugh McGraw 413; Randy Langley 401; Mary Florence Smith 421; Don Bowen 270; Florice Akin 159; Frances Mary D'Andrea 276; Jeanette DePoy 268; B. M. Smith 204 in memory of Forney Cobb; Sharon Kelem 69; Arie Chandler 384; Myra Tucker 49; Phillip Langley 405; Lee Rogers 538; John Fedderson 163; Jimmie Denney 101; Ruby Phillips 39b; Bud Oliver 345; Daphne Causey 56b; Roy Nelson 303; Lissa Blood 490; Kenneth DeLong 572.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Geneva Prichard leading song on page 146 followed by Jerry Sheppard 272. A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary (Assistant) - Carlene Griffin; Chaplain - Jack Smith; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry; Memorial Committee - Florice Akin, Geneva Prichard, and Mary Florence Smith. Leaders: Liz Bryant 32b; Shelton Williamson 300; Hilda Morrison 35; G. C. Waldrep 112; Joan Durden 114; Charles Whitmer 320; Lynda Hambourger 327; Jack Smith 40; Linda Thomas 472; Kelly Beard 33b; Cassie Franklin 485; Robbie Rivers; Hugh and Lynn McNutt 49b; Lola Cargo 472 Jap Walton 420b; Judy Mincey 50b; Kim Cagle 155; Karen Hojnacki 198; Edith Tate 532; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Buell Cobb 389; Janet Fraembs 480; John Hollingsworth 196; Helen Bryson 547; Elene Stoval 352; Cindy Franklin 362b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Carlene Griffin leading song on page 117. Leaders: Elder Marshall Avery 74b; Ernestine Pipkin 107; Nancy Ewel 178; Everette Denney 63; Joyce Walton 167; Kathy Williams 306; Jeff Sheppard 43; S. T. Reid 567; Margie Smith 373; Ted Mercer 328; Susan Roberts 30b; Oscar McGuire 573; Floy Wilder 183; Kathy White 503; Bonnie Flowers 120; Andy Morris 57; Mildred McElroy 218; Felton Denney 299; Al Ginden 203; Mel Kersey 562; Estelle Flowers 371; Otis Hester 195; Teenie Moody 318.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace called the class together leading song on page 110. The class sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Stella Cofer who was 90 years old. Leaders: Dan Bailey 358; Cary Ginden 565; Kenneth Mize 569b; Elsie Brock 460; Richard DeLong 41; Mildred Patterson 119; Pearl Guier 127; Lou Cotney 189; Mildred Johnson 560; Elder J. J. Aderhold 144; Kaye Martin 267; Polly Hester 46; Josephine Denney 143; Lonnie Rogers 225; John Plunkett 479; Terry Holt 84; Shannon Creel 148. After announcements, Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, Geneva Prichard, Carolyn Huckeba and Judy Henry led song on page 333 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jack Smith.

Sunday, June 4

The singing was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 60. The morning prayer was led by Jack Smith. Charlene Wallace then led song on page 205, and the following leaders called were: Danny Griffin 318; Kathy Spanglehour 344; Earlis McGraw 148; Debra Langley 127; Elder Homer Benefield 56; David McGukin 48b; Laura Webb 503; Judy Henry 204; Jan House 151; Revy Williamson 187; Kaye Martin 276; Roy Nelson 569; Sheri Taylor 485; Toney Smith 475; Lissa Blood 122; G. C. Waldrep 347; Jo Dell Albi 385; Katherine Benefield 343; Harvey Austin 405; Judy Mincey 556; Myron House 131.

RECESS

Robbie Rivers called the class together with song on page 454. Leaders: Phillip Langley 196; Lora Cargo 460; Karen Hojnacki 145; Robert Rivers, III 340; Timothy Haley 46; Alicia Green and Carol Parsons 268; Jack Smith 192; Misty Haley 78; Lynda Hambourger 497; Lori Goode 176b; John Feddersen 236; Diane Avery 300; Ann Ballard 373; Beth Haley 155.

RECESS

The class was called together by Don Bowen leading song on page 187, followed by Dorothea McCowan 234; Lois Stanson 280; Raymond Hamrick 448. The Memorial Lesson: Richard DeLong led 269 in memory of Lessie Cates, and 39b in memory of Junurs Hudgins; Raymond Hamrick led 549 in memory of Lillie Todd, Maynard Hurston, Carlton Hitchcock, Harry Dumas, Dura Blackmon, Zera Mize, Velma Kelley, Nellie Miles, Levi Patterson, John Hawley, Connell Barrow and James Lambert. David McGukin led 179 in memory of Grady Albright, Forney Cobb, Lois Green, Leon Price, Ted Godsey, Trixie Vandiver, Henry Doc Jackson, David Ingles, Lindsey Crider, Frances Buntyn, Dell Redmon (Texas) and Ivone Moore (Oklahoma). For all the sick and shut-ins, Mildred Patterson led 146, and Teenie Moody led 277. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Hugh McGraw leading song on page 294. Leaders: Elder Marshall Avery 271; Helen Bryson 436 for Gertrude Bateman; Kelly Beard 387; Kathy Williams 504; Jeanette DePoy 267; Ted Mercer 182; Rita Haley 63; Shelbie Sheppard 106; Daphene Causey 193; Ernestine Pipkin 283; Janet Fraembs 335; Susan Roberts 217; Jeff Sheppard 142;

Geneva Prichard 383; Jerry Sheppard 558; Karen Kelem 38; Wesley Haley 198; Otis Hester 472; Noel Rush 189; Bonnie Flowers 456; Cecil Edwards 430.

RECESS

The Class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 129. Leaders: I. V. McWhorter 349; Alice Edwards 73; Estelle Flowers 76b; Everette Denney 123; Louise Holland 323; Andy Morris 358; Elsie Brock 171; Lief Carter 299; Ruth Brown 535; Elder J. J. Aderhold 59; Pearl Guier 49b; Lovella Kerr 48; Elder Lewis Norton 231. After announcements Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin and Elder Homer Benefield led page 62 as the closing song. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield. Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin.

LIBERTY CHURCH

Henagar, Alabama

June 4, 1995

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 75 and 82t. The morning prayer was led by Phil Summerlin. David Ivey led song on page 41. Leaders: Shane Wootten 31t, 48t; Marlon Wootten 448b; Loyd Ivey 68b, 482; Eloise Wootten 47t, 186; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Mike Dunn 63, 128; Jason Wilks 312b, 83t; Maxine Lacy 108t, 373; Barrett Ashley 343; Linda Thomas 489, 201; Jap Walton 153. A memorial lesson was held in the cemetery, with the class singing the following songs: 340, 341, 235, 162, and 45t.

RECESS

The class was brought together with David Ivey leading song on page 79. Leaders: Wayne Wootten 276, 144; Woodie Walker 378t, 208; Mel Kersey 565; Linton Ballinger 430, 224; Richard Ivey 551, 452; Karen and Rachel Shavers 29t; Stuart Ivey 155, 63; Deborah Morton and Rodney Ivey 137, 299; Marion Biddle "That Beautiful Land".

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together with David Ivey leading song on page 46. Leaders: Rex Wilks 53; Karen Ivey 454; Bud Oliver 384, 270; Elene Stovall 222, 171; Allison Ivey 300; Allison, Karen and Stuart Ivey 182; Eloise Avery 426b, 340; Teresa, Candace, and Lindsey Bethune, Marion, Ivey and Adam Biddle, Rachel and Scott Ivey 100, 87; Phil Summerlin 99; Joyce Walton 436, 39; Betty Shepherd 216, 126; Terry Wootten 309; Edward Howten 290, 318; Reba Windom and Mae Holt 172, 168, 269; Marty Wootten 441; Ivey First Cousins 101t, 45t; Dewayne Wootten 30t; Levon Wootten and Tony Ivey 48b, 147t; Ruby Phillips 475; S. T. Reed 338; Terry Wootten "Trusting". Announcements were made. David Ivey led 426t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Edward Tanner.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Loyd Ivey; Secretary - Eloise Wootten.

PINE TUCKY CHURCH

Winston County, Alabama

June 4, 1995

This, the 83rd Session of the annual Sacred Harp Singing, held at Pine Tucky Church, was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. Elmer Conwill then led song on page 31b. The class organized for the day by electing and appointing the following

officers: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Travis Keeton led songs on pages 146, 39b, and 39t for Silas Curtis. Leaders called were: Arnold Moore 36b, 37b; Tressie Adkins 81, 78, 217; Keterina Sanders 73t, 389, 317; A. C. McGough 30t, 30b, 382; Hubert Hood 49b, 159, 569b; Lola Roberson 475, 222.

RECESS

John Hyde called the class back leading songs on pages 111b, 75, and 61. Leaders were: Mae Conwill 59, 100, 172; Cecil Sanders 112, 460, and 566 for Silas Curtis; Gladys Bonds 32t, 44; Gene Wakefield 64, 164, 168, and 338 for Silas Curtis; Ada Godsey 34t, 499, 301.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of this singing was called to order by Travis Keeton directing songs from pages 275b and 288. Leaders called were: Milford Watts 369, 404, 131t; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 147t, 399, 396; Margaret Keeton 144, 402, 327; B. B. Mattox 406, 186, 101t; Elsie Beasley 336, 171, 432, 512; Josie Hyde 155, 137, 189; Marvin Waid 47b, 77t; Rose Altha Taylor 47t, 426t, 108t; Elmer Conwill 430, 286; Milford Watts 348b; Lola Roberson 297; Elmer Conwill, John Hyde, and Travis Keeton led 69t for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Marvin Waid.

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

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Oneonta, Alabama

June 10-11, 1995 June 10

The forty-ninth session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Calvin Phillips. Terry Hullett led song on page 40. Leaders: Calvin Phillips 143; Martha Woodard 74t; Doug Conn 67; Cecil Gilliland 74b, 166b; J. T. Conn and Milton Oliver 99, 123t; Buddy Tindal 503; Rhoda Norris 276; Virgil Phillips, Josh and Jake Holmes 358; Roy Nelson 303; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 217, 189; Roie Alexander and Jewel Wootten 317, 155; Hershell King 176; Regina Clark 168, 430; S. T. Reed 434.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 64. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Virgil Phillips; Secretaries - Paula Gilmore and Marie Hyatt; Arranging Committee - Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Doug Conn. Leaders: Thurman Nall 287; Don Clark 329; Vernice Calvert 454; Daphene Causey 426b; Clayton Ezell 480; Gordon Wilkerson 475; Milton Oliver 224; Essie Calvert 460; Eron White 172; Lamar Smith 36b; Flarce Creel 497; Velton Chafin 131; Corene White 126; Cassie Holmes 45; Ann Jett 43; Chita Blakeley 304; Katrina Holmes 137; James Cain 218; Everette Denney 335.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 274. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b; Jimmie Denney 313; Keterina Sanders 389; Leola Smith 220; Elder Ronald Gilmore 378b; Hebert Phillips 186; Cecil Sanders 145; Willie Mae Moon 441; Harrison Creel 111b; Charlene Wallace 285; L. H. and Estelle Gilmore 376; Tom Harper 411, 530; Brenda Merritt 442; Lora Cargo 100.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 384. Leaders: Philip and Paula Gilmore 138b, 337; Ila Ingle 146; Coy Ivey 84; Genny Whitworth 136; Lyles Burke 79; Lou Cotney 300; John Merritt 491; Stanley Smith 273; Bruce Rye 419; Dorothea McCowan 196; Tommie Spurlock 402; Billy Williams 231; Ann Ballard 393; Henry Guthery 558; Betty Sue Johnson 49b; Eloise Avery 340; Linda Thomas 345b; Bill Green 385; Jimmy Wadsworth 143; Unie B. Howard 383; Ila V. Cockrell 282; J. C. Rutledge "That Beautiful Land"; Virgil Phillips and Freeman Wootten 97; Henry Guthery 490; Terry Hullett and Philip Gilmore led the closing song on page 72. The closing prayer was led by Elder Philip Gilmore.

Sunday, June 11

On Sunday morning the class was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 32. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Leaders: Jewel Wootten 61, 145; Calvin Phillips 147; Roie Alexander 145b; Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; Leola Smith 217, 318; Lovella Kerr 123, 161; Genora Whitworth 335; Milton Oliver 321; Lydia Baswell 418; Thurman Nall 34, 225; Bill Green 378b, 425.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 144. Leaders: Willie Mae Moon 503, 460; Regina Clark 340, 47; Lomax Ballinger 101, 143; Ruby Phillips 290; Eloise Avery 171, 426b; Jenny Wootten 29, 354b; Don Clark 73, 49b; Linton Ballinger 186; Martha Woodard 204; John Etheridge 35.

RECESS

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Terry Wootten 128, 129; Buell Cobb 205. At this time the memorial lesson was held. Linda Thomas and Doug Conn led 146 for the following deceased: Arville Hyatt, Lois Green, Walter Phillips, Arlin Weaver, Ervin Brothers, Forney Cobb, Leon Price, Viola Smith, John Norris, Lessie Cates, Ted Godsey, Fay Allen, Helen Ivey Cordell, Dale Redmon, Sr., and Erma Jones. Terry Hullett led 100 for Lois Green. Terry Hullett, Philip Gilmore, and Paula Gilmore led 285 for Arville Hyatt. Buell Cobb led 389 for the sick and shut-ins. Elder Philip Gilmore closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Herby Bailey 34b, "Not Made With Hands".

LUNCH

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 142. Leaders: Elder Philip Gilmore 272, 70b; Virgil Phillips and Grandchildren 358; Herbert Phillips 376; Kathy Holmes 45t, 68b; Marie Hyatt 278b; Doug Conn 434, 436; Paula, Philip and Rebekah Gilmore 75, 441, 39; Katrina Holmes 137, 159; Carmon Brothers 74b, "That Beautiful Land"; Linda Thomas 503, 303; James Cain 270, 348; Betty Sue Johnson 127; B. J. Green and Leola Smith 334, 59; Jimmy Wadsworth 218. The closing song on page 62 was led by Terry Hullett and Philip Gilmore. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Virgil Phillips; Secretaries - Paula Gilmore and Marie Hyatt.

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING **Berryville, Virginia** **June 10, 1995**

The second Northern Shenandoah Valley all day singing was called to order by John delRe leading song on page 47, following a singing school led by Jeff and

Shelbie Sheppard. Marilyn Estep led the class in morning prayer. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 168; Fred Beardsley 100; Leland delRe 123b; Kelsey and Anna Taylor 40; Stephen McMaster 532; Miriam Kilmer 344; B. M. Smith 441; Nathan Barford and John Daniel delRe 274; Tracy Siani 277; Bobbie Goodell 384; Marilyn Estep 504; Emmie Barford 451; Hal Kunkel 270; Pat Hilgard 236; Ella Wilcox 362; Mary K. Friday 48.

RECESS

The class reconvened with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 57. Leaders: Tom Tucker, his composition, "Mason Neck"; Kelly Macklin 376; Sue Hanson 551; Steve Sabol 218; Margie Smith 303; Michele Rae Biery 186; Peter Pate 365; Alix Baillie 48b. The memorial lesson was then held. Kat Kinkade spoke of the new "Northern" singers honoring a tradition in the memorial lesson, as we remember those personally close to us who have died or are sick or shut-in. However, as time passes, we of the singing community will become those who are memorialized, joining the Southern singers in this long-standing tradition. She then led song on 285 for the deceased. Paula McGray led song on page 86 for the sick and shut-ins. Joe Beasley led the class in prayer closing the memorial lesson.

LUNCH

Kelly Macklin brought the class together leading song on page 399b. Leaders: Frederik Rasenberger 345; Blake Morris 193; Joe Beasley 550; Kacy Pate 440; Kathy Manning 318; Marty DeNys 56b; Iris Knell 312; Janine Smith 282; Joyce Saxon 37b; Patricia Temple 85; Tim Slattery 200; Bob Hall 208; Lewis Naylor 452; Frank Evans 229; Brenda Pena 503b.

RECESS

Paula McGray called the class together leading song on page 385. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 80; Guy Bankes 352; Shelbie Sheppard 263; Melissa Dunning 189; Jeff Sheppard 99; Kat Kinkaid 475; Elise Meyer-Bothling 77; Lynden Willingham 47b; Bev Oneida 142; John delRe 348b; Bobbie Goodell 426; Frederik Rasenberger 396; Michele Rae Biery 45; Joe Beasley 33b; Margie Smith 284; Hal Kunkle 369; Brenda Pena 39. The following were requested: 159 led by Frederik Rasenberger; 84, 448 led by ShelbieSheppard, Jeff Sheppard, and Margie Smith. In resolutions, Kelly Macklin said, "that we take a leap of faith when we attend a singing, knowing we will be welcomed. Many hands and voices work to create this gift we give to each other. We especially thank the Sheppards and the Smiths for being keepers of the flame and making the "leap of faith" to visit and share with us in the two singing schools they taught." The class sang song on page 62, and took the parting hand. Class was dismissed with prayer by Marilyn Estep. Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretary - Tracy Siani.

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Alpharetta, Georgia

June 11, 1995

The one hundred twenty-seventh annual session of the Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Richard DeLong leading song on page 47. The opening prayer was led by Kenneth DeLong. Richard DeLong led 60 and 89; Kenneth DeLong led songs on pages 354 and 303b. Chairman Richard DeLong called the following leaders: Don Bowen 66, 34b, 501; Helen Bryson 479, 112, 213; Kim Cagle 32, 176b; Reuben Ball 318, 480, 497; Jack Corley 123b, 421; Judy Mincey 410, 503, 50b; Lee Rogers 523, 287, 228.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class together leading song on page 403. Leaders: Laura Ackerman 146, 532; Loy Garrison 68b, 137, 81; Frances Mary D'Andrea 276, 198, 500; Faye Pettis 105, 457, 236; Dan Bailey 290, 84, 569b (for his aunt who passed away last Friday); Sharona Nelson 209, 148, 340.

LUNCH

After lunch the singing resumed with Kenneth DeLong leading song on page 82. Leaders: Richard Whatley 348b, 168; Janice Paulk 274b, 478, 306; Dollie Hudgins 61, 35, 119; Horace DeLong 192, 384, 111b, 460; Jack Paulk 452, 354; Violet Thomaston 143, 436, 189, 200. During the memorial lesson Richard DeLong led 288 for those loved singers and supporters of this music: Janet Wood, Velma Kelley, Junurs Hudgins, Bill Spence, Lessie Cates, Lois Green, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock. Faye Pettis led 45t for these sick and shut-ins: Eva Reeves, Annette Blalock, Mildred Cox, B. F. Pettis, and Mae Moon. Helen Bryson arranged the memorial lesson. It was closed with prayer by Jack Smith.

RECESS

The singing continued with Richard DeLong leading song on page 153, followed by: Bryan Black 142, 445, 339; Jack Smith 145, 63, 107; Robert Kendrick 490, 59, 72b; Andy Morse 312b, 117, 178; Kevin Webb 337, 401. Richard DeLong led 62 as the closing song, and the singing was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Wills.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary - Hazel Cagle

MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Cullman, Alabama on Hwy. 69 East** **June 11, 1995**

The class was called to order by Chairman Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. The chairman called for election of officers. The class voted to keep the same officers: Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Secretary - Marie Guthrie. Elvin Guthrie led 48t, 56t. Leaders: Vernice Calvert 36b, 59; B. B. Mattox 42, 129, 186; Ester Brown 30t, 47t; Gordon Wilkerson 112, 172, 434; Essie Calvert 175, 335; David Roberson 282, 388, 146; Janet Goodwin 268, 215, 408.

RECESS

The class was called together by Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 358. Leaders: Flarce Creel 34b, 108t, 38t, 475; Mrs. Evans 298, 430; Rhoda Norris 73, 145b; Hershell King 101t, 100, 317; Ann Jett 136, 448b, 399; Unie B. Howard 384, 300; Eldagene Roberson 168, 332, 142; Marie Guthrie 222, 192, 166; Ilene Williamson 274, 126, 124.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Vice Chairman Vernice Calvert leading song on page 322. Leaders were: Arvid Holmes 171, 460; J. C. Rutledge 104; Manilia Hudson 43, 290; Wilda Holmes "Jesus Died For Me", 295; J. L. Hopper 432, 383; Edis Guthrie 99, 155; Glenda Hopper 32t, 47t; Gennie Nelms 441, 391, 530. Elvin Guthrie led 45t for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Elder J. L. Hopper.

Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Secretary - Marie Guthrie.

NEW HOPE CHURCH
Villa Rica, Georgia
June 11, 1995

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church was held the second Sunday in June. Jimmy Denney called the class together leading songs on pages 101t and 61. Prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Lonnie Rogers then led songs on pages 75 and 410. The business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Jimmy Denney; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Hester Edwards and Kathy Spanglehour. Charlene Wallace then led songs on pages 79 and 127. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 128, 133; Revy Williamson 155, 171; Lucille Gunnells 234, 189; Wesley Haley 59, 32.
RECESS

Kathy Spanglehour called the class together leading songs on pages 40, 45, and 176. Leaders were: Alice Edwards 73b, 146; Raymond Hamrick 87, 445; Rita Haley 63, 268, 47; Elder J. J. Aderhold 316, 319, 323b; Nick Griffin 164, 139; Phillip Langley 67, 340, 47b; Jerry Sheppard 66, 548, 549.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Sheri Taylor leading songs on pages 56 and 48, followed by Everette Denney 34b, 317, and 335. Memorial lesson: Jimmy Denney led 269 in memory of Lessie Cates. Lonnie Rogers led 100, 298, and 225t in memory of Forney Cobb and Dura Blackmon. Charlene Wallace led 285 and 503 in memory of Lillie Todd and Arnevis Norton. Kathy Spanglehour led 294 and 72b for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Elder J. J. Aderhold. Leaders were: Phillip Langley 84; Lucille Gunnells 137; Raymond Hamrick 136; Wesley Haley 122; Alice Edwards 104; Elder J. J. Aderhold 109; Rita Haley 46; Everette Denney 569b; Jerry Sheppard 131b; Jimmy Denney 68b. Announcements were made. Sheri Taylor and Jimmy Denney led page 45t (by request) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder J. J. Aderhold.

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Jimmy Denney; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

PLEASANT HILL (JOHNSON SCHOOL HOUSE)
Aldridge Memorial - Fayette County, Alabama
June 11, 1995

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing held at Pleasant Hill was called to order by Elene Stovall leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Earl Ballinger. Elene Stovall led song on page 47t. Elene Stovall appointed Joan Aldridge as Chairperson, and then in turn appointed Elmer Conwill as Vice Chairman, Josie Hyde as Secretary, and Travis Keeton as Arranging Committee. Joan Aldridge led song on page 49t, and leaders called were: Hubert Hood 49b, 569; Clearcy Ruttledge 37b, 42; Arnold Moore 490; Gene Wakefield 143, 168; Keterina Sanders 89, 73t; Edwin Ballinger 67, 108b; L. E. Hannah 388 in memory of Robert Aldridge, 187; Allison Stovall 124, 146; Johnny Humber 134, 452b.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class back leading song on page 275b. Leaders were: Lola Roberson 300, 297; Bud Oliver 345t, 145b; John Hyde 129, 314; Mae Conwill 97, 379; Tom Harper 434, 436, 500; Bonnie Rye 77t, 278b; Josie Hyde

408, 329; Dorothea McCowan 276, 196; Amanda Denson 272, 142; Ila Ingle 137, 335; John Hocutt 331, 378, 475. The class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 270, 209, and 294 for Era Shaw. Leaders were: Larry Ballinger 90, 91; Bruce Rye 317, 76b; Earl Ballinger 139, 87; Fred Killingsworth 123t, 72b; Shirley McCoy 217, 380. At this time a memorial session was held in honor of the Aldridges. Elene Stovall led 441 for Aunts Fleecie and Elsie, and 192. Amanda Denson presented a plaque from the Sacred Harp Publishing Company in honor of Robert Aldridge to his daughter, Joan Aldridge. Joan Aldridge led 454 and 371 in his memory. Vera Mae Cole and Anna Lou Couch led song on page 318. Cousins of the Aldridge Families: Irene Killingsworth, Willa Rush, Isiah Livingston, Johnny Mae Key, Carmen Aldridge, Victoria Aldridge, Elsie Key, and Joan Aldridge song on page 45t. End of Memorial. Leaders called were: Cecil Sanders 30t; Josh Keeton 108t, 111b; Glenn Keeton 143 (in memory of Robert Aldridge), 231; Elmer Conwill 200 (in memory of Robert Aldridge). Joan Aldridge led 294 (by request), and 46 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Earl Ballinger.

Chairperson - Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama** **June 15, 16, 17, 1995**

Thursday, June 15

The sixteenth session of the National Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. The convention was called to order on Thursday, June 15, by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 316. The morning prayer was led by Elder Donald Smith. Leaders: Mark Davis (MS) 129; Kathy Williams (FL) 101t; Dennis O'Brien (MA) 297; Bob Parr (MA) 475; Helen Bryson (GA) 89; Don Bowen (GA) 354t; Cindy Franklin 146; Noel Rush (GA) 454; Cassie Franklin 344; M. H. Creel 342; Elvin Morris 490; Donald Smith 343b; Nora Parker 317b; Flarce Creel 270; George Cox 303b; Leola Smith 348b; Ann and Julianna Jett 56t; Sherry Guthery 340; Toney Smith 392; Pauline Childers (MI) 212; Ola Meadows 432.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mark Davis (MS) leading song on page 213t; Dave Collett, Minister of Music, Trinity United Methodist Church 45t. A motion was made and seconded to go 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 - Dennis O'Brien, Cindy Franklin, and Paula McGray; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, Bob Parr, and Dorothea McCowan; Memorial Committee - Helen Bryson, Cora Sweatt, and Jesse Roberts; Resolutions Committee - Judy Mincey, Ginnie Ely, and Warren Steel. The business session was closed and singing resumed with H. J. Jackson singing song on page 400; Ruth Daniel 378t; Gaylon Powell (TX) 546; Lora Cargo 74b; Cecile Cox 282; Ed Snell 30t; Pauline Griggs 43; Delores Canady 85; Cora Sweatt (TN) 72b; Daryl Mayberry (IL) 492; Henry Guthery 507; Ann Ballard 278t; Tom Harper 530; Mary Gardner 189.

RECESS

Buell Cobb called the singing together by recognizing Rosa Hughes. Leaders: Hilda Morrison 35; Ginnie Ely (MA) 446; Dorothea McCowan 196; Paul Gauthier (MA) 428; Lisa Davis (MS) 528; Ruby Bowen 269; Carrol Lunsford (CA) 176b; Herman Smith 101b; Joel Cohen (MA) 495; Ila Ingle 335; Gary Smith 34b; A. C. McGough 274t; Barbara Moore (TX) 117; Travis Keeton 161; Marilou Jolly (CA) 128. The blessing for lunch was led by Gaylon Powell.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Gaylon Powell (TX) leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Chris Bell 385b; Justin Keeton 384; Daphene Causey 200; Willie Israel (NC) 66; Sharon Kellam (NC) 69; Nancy Van Den Akker (LA) 480; Evelyn Harris 47t; Jesse Roberts (FL) 316; Lee Rogers (GA) 474; Eloise Avery 426b; Becky Briggs (FL) 460; Jessica Roberts (FL) 352; Lou Cotney 300; Ashley Roberts (FL) 419; Sarah Smith 354b; Susan Roberts (FL) 383; W. L. Green 287; Walter Wade (TN) 64; Margaret Keeton 276; Noel Rush (GA) 273; Donald Smith 319.

RECESS

The afternoon session continued with M. H. Creel leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Cindy Franklin and Julianna Jett 108t; Toney Smith 444; Elvin Morris 49b; Flarce Creel 497; Leola Smith 113, Ed Snell 401; Ann Jett 327; Jesse Swindal 290. The closing song, 46, was led by Mark Davis and Buell Cobb. The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Gaylon Powell.

Friday, June 16

The Friday session of the convention was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 52t. The opening prayer was led by Chaplain Gaylon Powell. Leaders: Mark Davis (MS) 38b; Kathy Williams (FL) 485; Gaylon Powell (TX) 328; Don Bowen (GA) 503; Bob Parr (MA) 272; Dorothea McCowan 234; Judy Mincey (GA) 180; Ginnie Ely (MA) 373; Warren Steel (MS) 74; Helen Bryson (GA) 436; Jesse Roberts (FL) 442; Cora Sweatt (TN) 127; Dennis O'Brien (MA) 126; Paula McGray (MA) 377; Susan Roberts (FL) 146; Cindy Franklin 198; Freeman and Jewel Wootten 37b; Virgil Phillips 475; Carla Smith (CA) 421.

RECESS

Mark Davis (MS) called the morning session back together by leading song on page 345. Leaders: Tom Harper 434; Julietta Haynes 200; Ginnie Prater (GA) 460; Anne Steel (MS) 39t; John Hocutt 236; David Lee (GA) 565b; Terry Wootten 47t; Julianna Jett 56t; Jerry Schreiber (CA) 66; Pam Keeton 142; Ed Houghton 290; Kelly House (MA) 456; Mel Kersey (TN) 461; John Green 170; Regina Clark 217.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 317. Leaders: Erskine Van Der Grift 59; Bob Bonnell (FL) 235b; Pauline Childers (MI) 269; Lucille Foreman 496; Ruby Phillips 39b; Coy Ivey 454; Joshua Keeton 30t; Estelle Napier 225t; Jeff Colby (RI) 148; Alice Hochstetler (FL) 231; Jenny Wootten 84; Mark Davis (MS) 294. The blessing was led by H. J. Jackson, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Terry Wootten began the afternoon session by leading song on page 101t. Leaders: David Lee (GA) and Charles Kitchens 326; Louise Holland (GA) 61; Richard DeLong (GA) 426; Lois Bonnell (FL) 63; Pennie Bosarge 183; Syble Adams 171; John Etheridge (FL) 337; Riley and Mary Elizabeth Lee (GA) 354b; Hannah Roberts (FL) 348t; Myra Dalton 547; Clark Lee (GA) 354b; Glenda Jones 378b; John Plunkett (GA) 102; Bill and Nathan Green 176b; Marilou Jolly

(CA) 369; Travis Keeton 371; Mary Gardner 280; Joel Cohen (MA) 133; Daphene Causey 304; Daryl Mayberry (IL) 564; Cassie Franklin 546.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Cindy Franklin leading song on page 542. Leaders: Willie Israel (NC) 178; H. J. Jackson 185; Lora Cargo 480; Gary Smith 569; Nancy Van Den Akker (LA) 445; Lee Rogers (GA) 99; A. C. McGough 340; Delores Canaday 455; Evelyn Harris 100; Ann Ballard 57; Eloise Avery 35; Becky Briggs (FL) 336; Buell Cobb and Mark Davis 323t. The closing prayer was led by Charles Kitchens.

Saturday, June 17

Buell Cobb assembled the Saturday session of the Convention by leading song on page 75. Chaplain Gaylon Powell led the morning prayer. Leaders: Mark Davis (MS) 36t; Kathy Williams (FL) 501; Gaylon Powell (TX) 500; Bob Parr (MA) 224; Don Bowen (GA) 347; Warren Steel (MS) 320; Ginnie Ely (MA) 228; Helen Bryson (GA) 319; Jesse Roberts (FL) 329; Dorothea McCowan 196; Paula McGray (MA) 39t; Dennis O'Brien (MA) 212; Susan Roberts (FL) 40; Ashley Roberts (FL) 474; Nora Parker 299; Mattie Townsel 124; Peter Pate (VA) 543; Nell Estes 192; Walter Wade (TN) 159; Liz Bryant (CA) 32b; Carrol Lunsford (CA) 141; Cora Sweatt (TN) 145; Judy Mincey (GA) 410t; Tom Harper 441; Sharon Kellam (NC) 145t; Gary and Sarah Smith 146.

RECESS

The morning session resumed with Buell Cobb leading song on page 138b. Leaders: Lisa Davis (MS) 220; Paul Gauthier (MA) 68b; Kacy Pate (VA) 171; Kathy Robinson 186; Jim Carnes 339; Barbara Moore (TX) 312b; Lora Boosinger (NC) 61; Hilda Morrison 31b; Charles Whitmer (TX) 49; Lou Cotney 189; Joe Nall (FL) 430; Ila Ingle 32t; Harold Hammock, Jr. (TX) 84; Jeff Sheppard 454.

RECESS

Mark Davis recalled the class by leading song on page 240. The session was then turned over to the Memorial Committee. Helen Bryson introduced the memorial lesson by saying that all whose names we would remember had touched someone here in a special way. Cora Sweatt spoke about Sacred Harp singers being like a bouquet of flowers. Some are hardy, some are weak, some are simple, and some are bright and bold. They all will die but will one day be a beautiful, complete bouquet before God. Jesse Roberts read the names on the list: Alabama--Leon Price, Ervin Brothers, Lois Green, Lindsey Crider, Ted Godsey, Henry "Doc" Jackson, Dessie Jackson, Bertha Henson, Arville Hyatt, Josie Gibson, Lessie Cates, Elvadie Wallace, Erma Jones, Sam Fowler, Winford Watts, Wallace Watts, and Helen Ivey Cordell. Texas--Elder Pete Walker, Ethel Clark, Dale Redmon, Lewis Vaughn, and Arnevis Norton. Georgia--Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Junurs Hudgins, and Velma Kelly. Mississippi--Bennie Rigdon, Lillian Burt, and George W. Boswell. Connecticut--Mark Ely. Florida--Doris Shiners. Others--Milvia Gray. Jeff Sheppard led 147t for the Alabama deceased. Gaylon Powell led 235 for those from Texas. Warren Steel led 133 for those from Georgia, Mississippi, Connecticut, Florida, and others. Jim Carnes led 67 for the sick and shut-ins: Alabama--Halie Armstrong, Mae Seymour, Elsie Beasley, Charlie Ballard's mother, Mrs. Robinson, Hazel Cagle, and Robert McCowan. Georgia--Jerry and Mozell Sheppard, Eva Reeves, Dollie Hudgins, and Gertrude Bateman. Mississippi--Cleo Hawkins and Janice Nelson. Massachusetts--Stephen Hayzeltyn. Florida--Phillip Lee. New Mexico--Carol Sellech. California--Patricia Pate. The memorial lesson was ended with prayer by

Chaplain Gaylon Powell. The blessing was led by Peter Pate, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Richard DeLong leading song on page 434. Leaders: Anne Steel (MS) 268; Kelly House (MA) 179; D. J. Lee (GA) 166b, 566; Jessica Roberts (FL) 215; Amanda Denson 195; Bob Cook (MS) 46; Herman Smith 139; Ginnie Prater (GA) 87; Herb Bailey 34b; Pennie Bosarge 142; Lois Bonnell (FL) 59; Susan Brock (NC) 65; Jeff Colby (RI) 416; Glenda Jones 401; John Plunkett (GA) 53; Julietta Haynes 64; Peter Pate (VA) 335; Louise Holland (GA) 58; Delta East (GA) and Arlene Strickland 323b; Bob Bonnell 47b; Terry Hogue (LA) 155; Willie Israel (NC) 209; Sharona Nelson (MA) 36b; Hannah Roberts (FL) 408; Gary Reid (VA) 31t; Ann Ballard 204; Jayne Fulmer 300. The convention entered a business session to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee reported contributions of \$919.39, which will cover the expenses of the Convention. Don Bowen, Bob Parr, Dorothea McCowan, Finance Committee. Resolutions Committee Report--Resolved: That we offer thanks to Almighty God for a heart to praise and a tongue to sing; to Trinity United Methodist Church for the exceptional facilities and hospitality; to the officers and committees for planning and executing their duties faithfully and well; to all who brought food for the convention, especially Sarah and Gary Smith, and the rest of the Beasley Family, who also hosted the Friday night social; to all singers, listeners and guests who came from far and near to make the Convention a success. Further resolved: to keep in touch through mutual visits and correspondence; to attend and support local singings and singing schools; and, to meet next year at the seventeenth annual National Sacred Harp Convention on June 13, 14, and 15, 1996, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Respectfully submitted, Resolutions Committee: Ginnie Ely, Judy Mincey, and Warren Steel. Secretary's Report: This year, 306 people from 17 states and one foreign county registered over the three-day period of the Convention. During the three days, 195 leaders led 245 songs. State distribution of registrants is: Alabama-218; Georgia-30; Florida-17; Massachusetts, North Carolina, and California-9 each; Mississippi-7; Texas-6; Illinois, Virginia, and Louisiana-3 each; Arizona, New York, and Tennessee-2 each; Missouri, Rhode Island, and Utah-1 each; England-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 the traditional closing song on page 62, and singers took the parting hand. The convention was closed with prayer by Chaplain Gaylon Powell. Following the convention, a group of singers made the traditional trip to Alabama Folk Life Festival's City Stages in downtown Birmingham where they presented a program of Sacred Harp Music. Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Kathy Williams.

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama June 17, 1995

The Chairman, Harrison Creel, called the class to order leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Brother Arthur Gilmore. Then Velton Chafin led 274 and called for election of officers. Chairman - M. H. Creel; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Marie Guthrie; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Leaders called were: Cecil Sanders 460; Essie Calvert 340, 318;

Keterina Sanders 89, 389; Ruby Phillips 345, 331; B. B. Mattox 345, 430; Mary Lou Jolly 268, 47; Flarce Creel 269, 475; Reecie Evans 186, 189; Emmie Lou Grayson 29, 74; Carla Smith 378, 319; Lora Cargo 46, 282; John Etheridge 300; Thurman Nall 512; Eron White 384; Marie Guthrie 446, 220; Edith Tate 48t, 73t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Vice Chairman Velton Chafin leading 78. Leaders were: Ann Jett 496, "That Beautiful Land"; Corene White 129, 379; Marie Aldridge 200, 436; Wanda Capps 222, 546; Cassandra Franklin 178, 352; Pauline Childers 234, 137; Travis Keeton 441, 131b; Vernice Calvert 291, 530.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 498. Leaders were: Imogene Nelms 383, 349; Hayden Creel 84, 155; Jerry Schreiber 35, 142; Cynthia Franklin 477, 187; Danny Creel 182, 112; Eldagene Roberson 203, 215; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gilmore 235, 421; Elvin Guthrie 172, 297; Hershell King 426b, 204; Regina Clark 168; Alice Hustutler 88, 61; Charlene Wallace 99, 229; Arthur Gilmore 28b, 376; Thurman Nall 503. Harrison Creel and John Etheridge led 111b for the closing song. The singing was dismissed with prayer by Brother Arthur Gilmore.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Marie Guthrie.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Ephesus, Georgia

June 18, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp Singing was held on the third Sunday in June 1995 at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading songs 101 and 33b. Elder Marshall Avery led in prayer. At this time a short business session was held, and a move was made to keep the same officers. Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Vivian Rogers; Arranging Committee- Karleen Williams and Carlene Griffin; Memorial Committee - Curtis Rogers, Paige Harrod, and Mrs. Chuck White. Felton Denney led songs on pages 31t and 47t. Leaders: Daphene Causey 222, 223; Lonnie Rogers 75; George Rogers 339, 40; Wilford Denney 159, 143; Curtis Rogers 38, 147t; Josephine Denney 145b, 452b; Jan House 373, 126; Elder Marshall Avery 74, 278b; Kathy Williams 385, 182.

RECESS

Felton Denney led song on page 299 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Richard DeLong 204, 205; Tim Haley 46, 155; Catherine Benefield 108, 405; Jeff Colby 67, 230; Myron House 173, 52t; Sherona Nelson 445, 146; Jimmie Denney 313, 503; Floy Wilder 142, 402; Felton Denney 45t. The class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the class back together leading song on page 186. Memorial Lesson. Felton Denney and Eris Muse led the memorial lesson for the Rogers Cousins who have passed away since last year: Malcolm Rogers, Amos Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Francis Carmon, Burma Rogers Caldwell, Bonnie Traylor, and Alton Jackson. Community deaths: L. M. Daniel, Katie McCollough, E. C. Brandburg, Woodrow Parmer, Elsie Wilder, Geraldine Wood, Maggie Noles, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kimbrell. Singing friends: Lessie Cates, Arnevis Norton, Conal Barrow, Junurs Hudgins, Mr. Grady Boggs, and

Mrs. Tokey Boggs' husband. Leaders: Everette Denney 39b, 34b; Lonnie and Vivian Rogers grandchildren: Susan Rice, Joseph Louvorn, Barry Rollins, Randa Rollins, Laura Williams and Kayla Harrod all led together songs on pages 268 and 343; John and Phillip Denney 146 and 120; Richard DeLong led 98 for Charles White; Wesley Haley 198, 122; Kellie House 112; Mrs. Mae Rogers and sons, Harold and Gerald Rogers, led together 59, 319; Kathy Spanglehour 269, 344; Charles White gave a report on Hopewell finances.

RECESS

Lonnie Rogers led song on page 68 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Louise Holland 144, 323; Revy Williamson 77; Dorsey and Webster Denney 170, 384; Mildred Patterson 378; Bernard Denney 341; Jerry Sheppard 475, 548; Ginnie Prater 460, 87. Lonnie Rogers 345. Announcements were made, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Tyre Denney.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Vivian Rogers.

KING SCHOOL HOUSE (MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH)

Natural Bridge, Alabama

June 18, 1995

The 87th session of the annual Sacred Harp Singing held at Mt. Vernon Church was called to order by Clifford Wakefield singing song on page 34t. The morning prayer was led by Milford Watts. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 35. The class organized for the day by electing and appointing the following officers:

Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Elmer Conwill. John Hyde directed songs from pages 111b and 30t. Leaders called were: Larry Wakefield 153, 339; A. A. Malone 300, 183; Ada Godsey 460, 499, 59 in memory of Eran Horton; Gene Wakefield 100, 164; Arnold Moore 208t, 217; Doyal Williams 442, 336.

RECESS

The class was called back by Clifford Wakefield leading song on page 215. Leaders were: Travis Keeton 134, 399b; Rose Altha Taylor 129, 426t; Odie Horton 403, 81t; Faye Donaldson 40, 371; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 136; Margaret Keeton 475, 432; Tom Harper 112, 318, 384; Betty Baccus 145b, 59; Pernie Pelfrey 67, 482; Milford Watts 413; 428.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of the singing was called to order by Clifford Wakefield leading song on page 127. At this time the children of S. L. and Cathrine Wakefield: Cecil, Clifford, Larry, Gene, and Wayne Wakefield, Faye Donaldson, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Fayrene Wakefield, Betty Baccus, Helen Langsford, Julie Postum, Geneva Horton, and Josie Hyde, sang together as a memorial for the Wakefields, Harpers, and Wards 290, 333, 480, 569. Leaders: Edwin Ballinger 109, 110; Lola Roberson 327, 436; Larry Ballinger 89, 90, 101t; Ila Ingle 146, 278b; Mae Conwill 441, 400; Gravis Ballinger 144, 124; Josie Hyde 66, 225t; Earl Ballinger 87, 99; Debbie Wakefield and Chasity Markham 145t, 426b; Ora Lee Fannin 224 (for Bob Fannin), 496; Kelcie Wakefield 133, 111t; Roma Rice 212, 93; Clara Stults 108t, 274t; Julie Postum 421, 58; Elmer Conwill 392, 396, 560. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 235 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Earl Ballinger.

Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH (CLEBURNE COUNTY)
Fruithurst, Alabama
June 18, 1995

The annual Alewine Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at St. Michael Church the third Sunday in June. Corine Laminack called the class together leading songs on pages 59 and 108. The morning prayer was led by Rev. Akin. Lucille McElroy led 72 and 68. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Corine Laminack; Vice Chairman - Lucille McElroy; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards. Leaders: Pauline Kilgore 405, 143; Nell McElroy 358, 294 in memory of Juanita Alewine Long; Reba Gay 274, 186; Harvey Austin 566, 335, 334; Rev. Akin 45t; Louise Allen 63, 75; I. V. McWhorter 67, 101; Pauline Kilgore and Corine Laminack 354b, 100; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Louise Allen 421; Reba Gay 445.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Corine Laminack leading song on page 146. It was decided to change this singing and decoration from the third Sunday in June to the fourth Sunday in April. Mamie Kilgore led song on page 323b; Gay Vaughn 159; Jo Laminack 59 in honor of Will Ross and in memory of Floyd Kilgore; Jeanette Laminack 112, 46 in memory of Crystaline Worthy; Emil Laminack 43; Judd Wheeler 79; Marvin McElroy 100, 290; I. V. McWhorter 82, 317; Mildred McElroy 27, 61, 147; Josie McAlpin 39b, 81; Hester Edwards 155 in memory of Lessie Cates; Louise Allen 119; Marvin McElroy 164; Lucille McElroy 340; Pauline Kilgore 343; Corine Laminack 401; Corine Laminack and Lucille McElroy then led 452 as the closing song. The singing was dismissed with prayer by Louise Allen.

Chairman - Corine Laminack; Vice Chairman - Lucille McElroy; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

ZION HILL HOMECOMING SINGING

12 miles south of Henderson, Texas (Rusk County) off Hwy 840
June 18, 1995

The annual Zion Hill Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 40. Curtis Owen led the morning prayer. Leaders called were: Don Ross 302, 313; Tom Owen 38, 217; Barbara Moore 268, 239; Dalton Clanton 507, 47; Gaylon Powell 559, 522; Ernestine Pipkin 497, 450; Monnie Ross 58, 108b; Jeb Owen 290, 189; Edith Owen 508, 511b; David Rousseau 63, 127.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by John Morris leading song on page 114b. Leaders called were: Diane Ross 112, 470; Kelly Beard 121, 54; Gary McDonald 427, 111t; Amanda Owen 142, 277; Ruby Morris 381, 515; Curtis Owen 489, 409; Dale Redmon, Jr. 45t, 572; Abbie Morris 220, 299; Mary Bachman 55, 344.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Donald Ross leading song on page 378. Leaders called were: Marion Grant 288, 168; Emmie Morris 203, 183; Tom Owen 265t, 434; Barbara Moore 488b, 229; Charlie Vaughn 521, 549; Clydene McKay 56, 573; Joan Smith 395, 61; Dalton Clanton 408, 49b; Gaylon Powell 266t, 30b; Ernestine Pipkin 82, 335; Monnie Ross 148, 461; Jeb Owen 129, 280.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by John Morris leading song on page 542. Sacred Harp singers who passed away in the last year were remembered: Pete Walker,

Lewis Vaughn, Dale Redmon, Arnevis Norton, and Ethel Clark. People who were buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in the last year were also remembered: Genetta Rogers, John Wm. Woodson, Beatrice Simmons, and Margie Faye Gathright. John Morris led song on page 285 in their memory. Leaders called were: Diane Ross 293b, 447t; Kelly Beard 79, 81; Ruby Morris 101t, 137; Robert Vaughn 456, 511t; Marion Grant 31t, 38b; David Rousseau 28, 341; Emmie Morris 300, 110. John Morris led song on page 512 as the closing song. Donald Ross dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Morris; Secretary - Emmie Morris.

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Jackson County Highway 43 - Section, Alabama
June 18, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Robert Harper leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Brother Harold Ball. Songs on pages 30t and 37b were led by Rex Wilks. Leaders: Mary Ruth Stiefel 75, 100; Bud Oliver 39t, 47t; Richard Ivey 551, 452; Stuart Ivey 155, 63; Allison Ivey and Ivey Ellis 87, 354b; Norma Latham and Mia Makris 358, 401; Karen Ivey 400, 101t.

RECESS

After a ten-minute recess, the singing resumed with Robert Harper leading 335, 58. Leaders: Boyd Scott 68b, 127; Sandra Jordan 48t, 61; Ruth Hancock and Meagan Stout "That Beautiful Land", 406; Marlon Wootten 201, 64; Loyd Ivey 34t, 282, "Jesus Died For Me"; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Eloise Wootten 145b, 299. The class was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Brother Lamar Smith.

LUNCH

The singing resumed after lunch with Robert Harper leading 235b and 499. Leaders called: Milton Oliver 321b, 403; David Ivey 387, 35; Colbie Allen and David Ivey 480, 384; Syble Adams 117, 40, 171; Coy Ivey led song on 82b in loving memory of his mother, Helen Ivey Cordell, and Fay Allen; Coy Ivey 179, 127; David Ivey 56; Charles Stiefel 445b, 448t, 448b; Stuart Ivey and Allison Ivey 182; Stuart Ivey, Allison Ivey, and Ivey Ellis 268; Loyd Ivey 512; Karen Ivey and Loyd Ivey 454; Rex Wilks 569b; Sandra Jordan 45; Syble Adams "Love At Home"; Robert Harper 119, 146. The singing was dismissed with a handshake and closing prayer by Brother Loyd Ivey. Everyone has a cordial invitation to come to Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church. The Sacred Harp Singing is always the third Sunday in June, and we have church services each second and fourth Sunday and some fifth Sundays. PLEASE COME!

Sandra Jordan - Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH
Winston County, Alabama
June 24-25, 1995

Saturday, June 24

The annual Sacred Harp Singing on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Church was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 37t. The morning prayer was led by Brother Ronald Gilmore. Travis Keeton then led song on page 288. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Odie Horton; Vice Chairman - Dawson Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and Ora Lee Fannin. Odie

Horton then led song on page 36b, and dedicated it to his brother, Burtis Horton, who is in the hospital. Leaders: A. C. McGough 30t, 30b; Ashley Owen 108t, 410t; Cecil Sanders 123t, 145t; Vernice Calvert 56t, 66b; A. A. Malone 48t, 49b; Ronald Gilmore 73t, 312b; John Hyde 313t, 314; Keterina Sanders 454, 389, dedicated to Lindsey Crider; B. B. Mattox 421, 217.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Dawson Adams leading songs on pages 39b and 328. Leaders: Essie Calvert 405, 322; Ada Godsey 34t, 378t (for son, Oneal Godsey); Roxie Keeton 498, 535; Juanita Whitman 480; Mr and Mrs. L. H. Gilmore 406, 477; Pauline Childers 222, 475; L. E. Hannah 332, 349; May Conwill 206, 317b; Josie Hyde 224, 183; Edith Tate 275b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Odie Horton leading song on page 122. Leaders: Bubbie Owen 454, 452b; Bradley Allen 546; Pernie Pelfrey 375, 88t; Emily Jones 83t, 61; Elmer Conwill 482, 430; Lola Roberson 192, 300; Lorene Gray 147t, 321b; Amanda Denson 142, 272; Roma Rice 104, 566; E. E. Kilgo 100, 101t; Viola Young 155; "Jesus Died For Me"; Lora Hale 434, 220; Tom Harper 411, 500, 294.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 75. Leaders: Ora Lee Fannin 83t, 523b, 535b; Kenneth Fannin 78, 436; Gene Wakefield 168, 164; Carol Fannin 72b, 399b; Milford Watts 201b; Ila Ingle 334; Kermit Adams 276, 319, (by request in memory of Elmer Panter); Raymon and Audra Fannin 189b, 146, 124. The class was dismissed with prayer by Milford Watts.

Sunday, June 25

The Sunday session was called to order by Odie V. Horton leading song on page 374. Hugh McGraw led the morning prayer. Chairman Odie V. Horton led song on page 46. Leaders called: Hubert Hood 454, 569b; Gene Wakefield 64, 100; Kelsie Wakefield 133, 159; Doyce Bailey 143; Dr. Doyle Williams 142, 155; Gladys Bonds 499b, 321b; Ashley Owen 108t, 410t; Bubbie Owen 30t, 452.

RECESS

Odie V. Horton brought the class together leading song on page 48t. At this time a special memorial was held. Kermit Adams led songs on pages 120 and 428 in memory of Wallace Watts, Winford Watts, and Cora Livingston. Amanda Denson led songs on pages 336 and 426b in memory of Sam Fowler. Rose Altha Taylor 47t in memory of Ted Godsey and Burtha Henderson. Travis Keeton led 119 and 283 in memory of Henry Jackson and Dessie Jackson. Azilee Adams in memory of Avilee and Louie Taylor. Josie Hyde led songs on pages 299 and 200 in memory of Jonnie Hyde; L. E. Hannah 59, 323b in memory of sister, Nina Little. Hugh McGraw 37b, 490; Milford Watts 84.

LUNCH

Dawson Adams called the class together singing songs on pages 68b and 45t. Leaders: Bradley Allen 546, 385b; Josie Hyde 342 (for Nell Adams); Hussell Godsey 436, 434; Lola Roberson 300; Clifford Wakefield 425b, 387; John Hyde 275b; Barbara Cooksie 140, 90; Nellie Alexander, Ruby Lovett, Loretta Whitman 435b, 82t, 106; Myrtice Graham 124, 137; Roma Rice 63, 147b; Cecil Wakefield 134, 294; Milford Watts 369, 310, 385; Viola Young and Barbara Cooksie 190, 358; Ora Lee Fannin and Pernie Pelfrey 67, 212; Amanda Denson led 56b for the closing song. The closing prayer was given by Milford Watts. Chairman - Odie V. Horton; Vice Chairman - Dawson Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

DELONG MEMORIAL
Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia
June 25, 1995

The annual DeLong Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in June. Richard DeLong called the class to order leading songs on pages 34b and 60. Elder Jesse Roberts led the morning prayer. Richard DeLong then led the song on page 57; Kenneth DeLong 424, 301; Helen Bryson 38b, 171. The following were elected as officers for the coming year. Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson. The DeLong Memorial wishes to thank Hazel Cagle for many years of faithful and dedicated service as the Secretary/Treasurer of this singing. Leaders: Junior Wootten 162, 480; Susan Roberts 40, 133; Cathy White 159, 303; Ashley Roberts 183, 220; Richard Whatley 510, 348b; Bonnie Flowers 270, 74t; Chris Carnell 547, 481; Eric Hudgins 176t, 137.

RECESS

The class was called together by Richard DeLong leading 332. Leaders: Liz Bryant 31t, 344; Carlene Griffin 113, 516; Christy DeLong 146, 454; Jack Corley 300, 277; Hannah Roberts 145b, 47b; Timothy Haley 46, 354b; Horace DeLong 384, 192; Matt DeLong 530, 34t; Dollie Hudgins 61, 82t.

The Memorial lesson was held with remarks by Richard DeLong. He led 163 and 39b; Kenneth DeLong led 282. The deceased remembered this year are: Lessie Cates, Carlton Hitchcock, Harry Dumas, Junurs Hudgins, and Myrtle McGraw. Jesse Roberts spoke of friends supporting the DeLong Memorial and the special efforts of the DeLong family to support and encourage the Sacred Harp tradition through singing schools and encouraging young singers and supporting other singings. Jesse Roberts led song on page 208, and closed the lesson with a prayer.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 318 and 507. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 240, 198; Kathy Williams 383, 455; Jessica Roberts 58, 200; Eric and Rachael Carnell 276, 350; Wesley Haley 269; Charlene Wallace 465, 283; Violet Thomason 218, 170; Jeannette LePoy 312b, dedicated to Pauline Cobb, a co-worker who died one year ago today, and 142; Judy Mincey 50b, 515; Reuben Ball 497, 551; Janice Paulk 234, 518.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts called the class to order by leading song 213. Leaders: Don Bowen 448b, 426t; Dianne Walls 135, 45t; Frances Carnell 324, 474; Debra Jones 86, 504; Leann Carnell 84, 178; Alice West 47t; Andy Morris 542, 268; Faye Pettis 117, 380.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that \$50.00 of the collection be donated to Ebenezer Church to help cover expenses of the singing. This was done. Announcements. Richard DeLong led the class in the closing song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by Jesse Roberts.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary - Helen Bryson.

MT. LEBANON CHURCH
Near Fayette, Alabama
June 25, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading song on page 147b. Prayer was led by Earl 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 then led song on page 78. Leaders called: Johnny Humber 200; Lomax Ballinger 335; Dwayne Ballinger 300; Charles Humber 480; Brenda Robbins 100; David Ballinger 111b; Teresa Guyton 405; Phillip Ballinger 454; Kim Watkins 137; Albert Humber 565; Amber Ballinger, Carol Robbins, and Casey Cockrell 108t, 155; David White 112; Leslie Ballinger 101t; Arnold Moore 530; Teresa Ballinger 187; Miranda Gilbreath 460; Jerry Jenkins 63.

RECESS

Rayburn Humber led song on page 441 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Sherry Stover 176b; Richard Ivey 452; Emily Ballinger 186; A. A. Malone 203; Will Thompson 68b; Ruby Phillips 345t; Tory Odell 108t; Pauline Childers 475; Edwin Ballinger 270; Jill Ballinger and Amanda Ballinger 361; Gordon Wilkerson 220; Chris Ballinger 496; Flarce Creel 497; Stuart Ivey 182, 268; Beverly Nelson 212; Jimmy Ballinger 45t; Lora Cargo 344; Wayne Baines 340; Dorothea McCowan 196; Tom Harper 434, 436; Linton Ballinger 146 in memory of Inez Humber; Janet Litton 313t; James L. Ballinger and Mike Ballinger 294; Mae Conwill 318; Gravis Ballinger 110; Etma Bardon 216; Buddy Ballinger 343; Lisa Ballinger 269, 299.

LUNCH

Larry Ballinger called the class back by leading song on page 90. Leaders: Beth Odell 560; Clarence McCool 349; Karen Ivey 532; Leon Ballinger 490; Ila Ingle 278b; Marlon Wootten 103; Marie Aldridge 316; Toney Smith 150; Joan Aldridge 189, 97; Bud Oliver 282; Edith Tate 446; Clayton Ezell 358; Ann Ballard 284; Coy Ivey 384; Buell Cobb 389; Warren Steel 377; Elmer Conwill 379; David Ivey 309; Earl Ballinger 385b, 146; Harrison Creel 512, 342; Erselle Jackson 426b; Leon Ballinger 129; Estes Jackson 208, 430; J. L., Leon, Linton, Lomax, Earl, Larry, Buddy, Edwin, and Gravis Ballinger (all brothers) led 36b; Clayton Ezell 34b; Pauline Childers 234; Warren Steel 375; Coy Ivey 222; Gordon Wilkerson 498; Bud Oliver 39b; Marie Aldridge 91. Larry Ballinger closed out by leading song on page 46. Buddy Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber.

NEW HOPE CHURCH
Cullman County, Alabama
June 25, 1995

The 61st session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held on Sunday at New Hope Church with A. C. McGough calling the class to order leading song on page 36t. Prayer by Charley McCoy. A. C. McGough led 81t. The class was organized for the day with all officers retained as follows: Chairman - A. C. McGough; Vice Chairman - Charley McCoy; Secretary - Eron White; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. Leaders called: Donald Robertson 47b, 100;

Geraldene Garmon 421, 143; B. B. Mattox 42, 101t; Ruth Walker 75, and for her mother, Aver Crider, 48b and 73; Cecil Gilliland 109, 234, 134.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Charley McCoy leading 363, 454, 441; Cecil Sanders 123t, 45t; Keterina Sanders 159, 389; Essie Calvert 129, 72b; E. Vernice 64, 45t; Vernice Calvert 72t.

LUNCH

Delene Cobb opened the afternoon session. Leaders: Tina Dubbery 388, 126; Jane Cleghorn 217, 220, 119; Margie Lee and Nancy 452, 335; Ruth Burlson 327, 138b; Unie B. Howard 58, 348b; A. D. Chandler 30t, 313t; Carol Fannin 170, 45b; Laura Hale and Mary Holcome 312, 100, 146; Bernice McGough 159, 111b; Corene White 314; Kenneth Fannin 317b, 340; Donald Robertson 200; Delene Cobb 358, 294; Eron White 124 in memory of Preston Crider, 37b; Billy Williams 339. Announcements were made, and A. C. McGough led song on page 164, then closed the singing with 62. Charley McCoy dismissed with prayer. Chairman - A. C. McGough; Vice Chairman - Charley McCoy; Secretary - Eron White

HENAGAR - UNION CONVENTION - LIBERTY CHURCH

Henagar, Alabama

July 1-2, 1995

Saturday, July 1

The seventy-ninth session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Convention was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 111t. The morning prayer was led by Sam Sommers. Leaders followed: Loyd Ivey 61, 30t; Shane Wootten 155; Eloise Wootten and Coy Ivey 222; Marlon Wootten 39t; Wayne Wootten 48t; Rex Wilks 29t; Bud Oliver 73t; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 217, 430; Lamar Smith 76b; Rodney Ivey 47t; Joyce Walton 47b; Norma Latham 34b; Milton Oliver 434; Reba Windom 224; Ruby Phillips 475; Jap Walton 153; Jeff Sheppard 388; S. T. Reed 29b.

RECESS

The singing was resumed with David Ivey and Bud Oliver leading song on page 270. Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t; Linda Thomas 37b; Sam Sommers 232; Barrett Ashley 300; Myra Dalton 542; Don Bowen 283; Martha Woodard 271t; Woodie Walker 349; Colbie Allen 480; Ted Johnson 83t; Tom Harper 530, 411; Phil Summerlin 49b; Judy Mincey 50b; Kelly Beard 321; Shelbie Sheppard 142; Ester Brown 203; Edith Tate 35; Melanie Hauff 215; Glen Harper 68b; Keith Willard 74b; Robert Harper 63, 335; Cassie Franklin 178; Ernestine Pipkin 284; Carlene Griffin 81t; Pam Nunn 269; Daryl Mayberry 163t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey leading songs on pages 137 and 144; Paula McGray 383; Jenny Willard 168; Cindy Franklin 362; Charlene Wallace 192; Marcia Johnson and Coy Ivey 454; Richard Ivey 358; Tim Reynolds 228; Ivey Ellis and Allison Ivey 87, 384. A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Marlon Wootten; Secretary - Norma Latham; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Eloise Wootten. Singing was resumed with leaders Tony Ivey and Wayne Wootten 365; Zach Sumner and Worth Ellis 82t; Jenny Wootten 344; Ila Ingle 29; Val Dunagan 448; Bill Wattington 209; Grady Price "Trusting"; Lora Cargo 498; Dick Dunagan 30b; Mae Holt 212; Karen Ivey 532; Terry Wootten 317b; Dewayne Wootten 213t; Flarce Creel 56t; Reba

Windom 216; David Ivey 213b; David Ivey and Marlon Wootten 46. The class was dismissed with prayer by Phil Summerlin.

Sunday, July 2

The session was called to order by David Ivey leading songs on pages 59 and 101t. The morning prayer was led by Loyd Ivey. Leaders were: Marlon Wootten 99; Norma Latham 569b; Loyd Ivey 426t; Robert Peek 283; Virgil Phillips 475; Robert Harper 58, 235; Jackie Tanner 172; Eloise Wootten 507; Lamar Smith 36b; Shane Wootten 296; Jerry Enright 377; Ruby Phillips 39b; Edwin Ballinger 300; Milton Oliver 222.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 312b; Dewayne Wootten 448b, 29t; Tony Ivey 385; Linda Thomas 47; Larry Ballinger 91; Mike Dunn 424; Jewel Wootten 47b; S. T. Reed 567; Linton Ballinger 186; Olivia Allen 441; Earl Ballinger 87; Hobert Ivey and Elmo Hulsey 569b, 28b; Levon Wootten 460; Val Dunagan 66; Joyce and Jap Walton 45t; Barrett Ashley 30b; Sam Sommers 426b, 24; Rodney Ivey 482; Susan Harcrow 215; Lomax Ballinger 565.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. For the deceased, Dewayne Wootten led song on page 499 for Helen Ivey Cordell, and Tony Ivey led song on page 477 for Winford Lacey, Fay Allen, Jack Harcrow, Hugh Brandon, Ervin Brothers, Jason Calhoun, John Snyder, Mary Brumbaugh, Forney Cobb, Leon Price, John Morris, Dale Redmon, Sr., Arville Hyatt, Lessie Cates, and Lois Green. Linda Thomas and Eloise Wootten led song on page 97 for the sick and shut-in: Joe Smith, Mae Seymour, Hoyt Renfroe, Lola Jenkins, Aver Crider, Will Battles, Rosie Hughes, and all others. Ricky Harcrow closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders followed: Terry Wootten 207, 163b; Wayne Wootten 49t; Wayne Wootten and Marty Wootten 234.

LUNCH

Reassembly for the afternoon was led by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 41; Jerry Enright 39; Ricky Harcrow 163t, "We Will Sing With The Angels There"; Bud Oliver 145; Sarah Harcrow 43; Loyd and Will Ivey, Candace and Lindsey Bethune, Rachel Ivey, Adam Biddle 87, 100; Coy, Allison and Richard Ivey, Zach, Ivey, Sumner, and Worth Ellis 384, 454; Susan Green 128; Jenny Wootten 84; Richard Green 180; Lora Cargo 340; Loyd and Doug Ivey, Teresa Bethune and Marion Biddle "That Beautiful Land", "Jesus Died For Me"; Gravis Ballinger 78; Reba Windom 196; Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 216; Reba Windom, Betty Shepherd, and Mae Holt 269; Dick Dunagan 378b; Sheila and Aaron Wootten 153, 117; Roxie Duffy 358, 76b; Karen Ivey 236; Pam Wilkerson 142; Brenda Carroll 442; Woodie Walker and Mae Holt 349; Linda Thomas 323b; Ricky Harcrow "Trusting"; Coy Ivey, David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, Mike Ivey, and Pam Ivey Ellis 137; Charles Stiefel 448; Shane Wootten 159; Freeman Wootten 30t; Terry Wootten 74. The Chairman thanked the arranging committee, Shane Wootten and Coy Ivey, for a job well done and asked for announcements. Marlon Wootten, Loyd Ivey, Coy Ivey, and David Ivey led page 62 and those who wished took the parting hand. Elder Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

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

CROSS ROADS CHURCH
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia
July 2, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp Singing the first Sunday in July at Cross Roads Baptist Church was called to order by Miranel Swafford leading song on page 56. Prayer was given by Billy Joe Harris. Miranel Swafford then led song on page 569b for Evelyn Newman; Margie Smith 335, 303b; Mary Florence Smith 32. The class organized by electing or retaining the following officers: Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith. Charlene Wallace led songs on pages 59 and 97. Leaders called: Don Bowen 37b, 36b; Revy Williamson 99, 155; Kelly Beard 92, 89; Jenny Willard 176, 145b; Jerry Sheppard 200, 203; Marcia Johnson 378b, 111b; Ernestine Pipkin 146, 276; Carlene Griffin 85, 122; Shelbie Sheppard 156, 448b; Marshall Avery 74b, 271.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Miranel Swafford leading song on page 313. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 278b, 436; Keith Willard 332; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Daryl Mayberry 149, 340; Jeff Sheppard 308, 291; Paula McGray 300, 286; Ted Johnson 348b, 145; Pam Nunn 208, 365; Billy Joe Harris 445, 347; Phillip Langley 137, 269. At this time the memorial was given by Mary Florence Smith as she reflected on those that passed away within the last year and years past. Marcia Johnson led songs on pages 547, 503, and 47b in memory of Forney Cobb, Della Goodwin, Myrtle McGraw, Lessie Cates, George Klein, Shem Lawless, Marilyn Trier, Ann Tarsa, Stephen Hazelton, Vera Hughes, and Freeman Harris. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 225t and 389 for the sick and shut-in, and Harvey Austin closed the memorial with prayer. Rev. Hershel Tiffets welcomed everyone.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 401. Leaders: Judy Mincey 77b, 372; Harvey Austin 101t; Geneva Prichard 73, 75; John Plunkett 273, 209; Evelyn Harris 47, 186; C. W. Garner 46, 49b; Florence Williams, C. Wood, and Theo Waddell 490, 78; Eskel Hughes 197, 460; Winston Stephens 535b, 299; Jimmy Denney 106, 63; I. V. McWhorter 91, 109; Cynthia Fielder 45; Kenneth Mize 388, 430; George Garner 274; Keith Willard 312; Lonnie Rogers 222; Jeff Sheppard 198. After announcements, Miranel Swafford and Charlene Wallace led 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Vice Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL
South of Nauvoo, Alabama
July 2, 1995

The Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for the Duttons, Greens, and Henry Jackson was called to order by L. H. Gilmore leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Ronald Gilmore. The class was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - L. H. Gilmore; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and John Hyde. L. H. Gilmore led song on page 34t, and leaders followed: Ila Ingle 63, 145t; Margaret Keeton 144, 59; Pernie Pelfrey 399b, 145b; Ann Jett 43, 37b;

Edith Tate 37t, 73t; Hugh B. McGuire 36t, 39t; Flarce Creel 460, 475; Arnold Moore 290, 314; Tom Harper 300, 384, and 340 for O. P. Sutton who was unable to attend; Dovie Jackson 380, 418, 457.

RECESS

A. C. McGough called the class back to order with songs on pages 382 and 454. Leaders called were: Hubert Hood 434, 569b; John Vanhorn 535, 318; Cecil Sanders 441, 436; L. H. and Estelle Gilmore 341, in memory of Lavada Gilmore, and 319 in memory of Henry Jackson; Bradley Allen 546, 385b; Estelle Napier 217, and 490 for her sister, Martha. At this time a memorial session was held. Travis Keeton sang in memory of the Greens, Duttons, and Henry Jackson: 283, 205, 392, and 82t. After the memorial, the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of this Memorial Singing was called to order by L. H. Gilmore leading song on page 101t. Leaders followed: John Hyde 30t, 61; Clearcy Rutledge 42; Keterina Sanders 89, 389; Ronald Gilmore 390, in memory of his Granddad and Henry Jackson, 45t; Alene Woodley 35, 77t; L. E. Hannah 83t, 182; Huey Jones 498; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Mae Conwill 192; Josie Hyde 85, 421; John Beal 176b, 189; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57; Mary Jones 394, 196.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 275b. Leaders called were: Beatrice Brewer 298, 373; Eloise Clark 31t, 276; Elmer Conwill 183, 142; Myrtis Graham 154, 331; Amanda Denson 278b, 324; Lena Keeton and Gwenn 235, 294, 480; Johnny Humber 208, 288; Velton Chafin 34b; Kermit Adams 84; A. A. Malone 203. L. H. Gilmore, A. C. McGough, and Ronald Gilmore led song on page 62 for the closing song. Closing prayer was led by A. C. McGough.

Chairman - L. H. Gilmore; Vice Chairman - A. C. McGough; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

MUSCADINE METHODIST CHURCH **Muscadine, Alabama (Cleburne County)** **July 4, 1995**

The twelfth session of the July 4th Sacred Harp Singing met at the Muscadine Methodist Church in Muscadine, Alabama. The class was called together by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Jap Walton. After prayer, the following officers led: Jeff Sheppard 82t; B. M. Smith 123, 155; Mary Florence Smith 373, 300; Margie Smith 84. The class was organized for the day by re-electing the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 87 and leaders called were: Paula McGray 182; Bud Oliver 145b, 345t; Judy Mincey 475; Ted Johnson 313b; Daryl Mayberry 85; Lamar Smith 36b; Joyce Walton 67; C. W. Garner 61; Marcia Johnson 218; S. T. Reed 495; Susan and Richard Green 350, 137; Jap Walton 420.

RECESS

B. M. Smith brought the class together leading song on page 68t. Leaders called were: Don Bowen 503b; Jenny Willard 327; Kelly Beard 72t; Ruby Phillips 378t; Milton Oliver 403; Melanie Hauff 131t; Keith Willard 274; Shelbie Sheppard 242; Felton Denney 299; Pam Nunn 269; Homer Benefield 56t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 120. Leaders called were: Charlene Wallace 160; Everette Denney 63; I. V. McWhorter 421; Jerry Sheppard 365; Bill Windom, Jap and Joyce Walton 457; Mildred Patterson 119; Lonnie Rogers 298; Penny Bosarge 436. The pastor of the church, Donald Payne, welcomed everyone and extended an invitation to come again next year. The class was dismissed one hour for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 142, and was followed by Roy Nelson 294, and Catherine Benefield 373. A short talk was given by Lonnie Rogers on the meaning and importance of the July 4th holiday. He spoke of the freedom we have in America and the opportunity we have to gather on this day to worship and praise God by singing Sacred Harp. David McGukin led songs on pages 36t and 346, "The American Star", by request of John delRe of Virginia, followed by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 110. Regular singing resumed and leaders called were: Reba Dell Windom 542; Lewis Norton 39b; Mae Holt 224; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baumgartner 146; Pearl Guier 40; John Plunkett 479; Lou Cotney 212; Phillip Langley 112; Revy Williamson 117; Shelton Williamson 222; Debra Langley 430, Dick Dunagan 344; Alice Edwards 73b; Neal Pritchard 566; Val Dunagan 107; B. M. Smith 28b.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 319. Leaders: Keith Willard 501b; Marcia Johnson 485; Richard and Susan Green 148; Ted Johnson 385t; Paula McGray 198; Kelly Beard 80b; Jenny Willard 108t; Daryl Mayberry 528; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Melanie Hauff 536; Dick and Val Dunagan 128. Announcements were made, and Jeff Sheppard and B. M. Smith led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by the pastor, Donald Payne.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

JONES CHAPEL SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Cullman, Alabama

July 5, 1995

The annual July Memorial Singing was held on the first Wednesday of July. The class was called to order with Henry Guthery leading song on page 59. Prayer was led by Hershell King. Then the chairman led song on page 100. Leaders called were: Cecil Sanders 30t, 112; I. V. Cockrell 63, 49b; Aubrey Tyree 329, 320; Paul Gilliland 317, 30b; Hershell King 551, 235b; Keterina Sanders 89, 389.

RECESS

Henry Guthery brought the class back together leading song on page 409. Leaders: Essie Calvert 480, 32b; Reedie Evans 298, 299; Flarce Creel 99, 166b; B. B. Mattox 277, 421; Travis Keeton 388, 382; Cecil Gilliland 282, 274b; Vernice Calvert 183, 478; A. C. McGough 410, 457; Lora Cargo 460, 455; Edith Tate 37b, 75.

RECESS

The chairman reassembled the class singing song on page 91. Leaders: Marie Guthrie 380, "The Great Roll Call"; Ester Brown 79. Eron White was in charge of the memorial. Those who have passed away since last year were: L. C. Crider, Ted Godsey, Aubrey Persall, Ervin Brothers, Leon Price, Bertha Henson, Trixie

Vandiver, Clyde White, David Ingle, Elder Harley Hocutt, Jack Harcrow, and Henry "Dock" Jackson. By request, Charley McCoy led song on page 426 in memory of Hershell White and 240 in memory of the singers that had recently passed on. Donald Robinson led song on page 58, by request, for Luther Parker. Martha Woodard led 285t in memory of Bertha Henson and Trixie Vandiver. Billy Williams led 28b in memory of Douglas Howard and the other deceased. Ester Brown led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Aver Crider, Alvin Parker, Agnes Hocutt, Mamie Creel, and Everett McCormick. B. B. Mattox closed the memorial with prayer. Henry Guthery led song on page 45t, "Amazing Grace", and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The chairman reassembled the class leading song on page 163b. Leaders: Corene White 146, 403, in memory of her late husband, Vernie White; Charley McCoy 362, 216, 217; Elvin Guthrie 477, 479; Stella Pratt 147, 335; Eron White 168, 300; Martha Woodard 204; Donald Robinson 222; Marie Guthrie 220, "That Beautiful Land"; Cecil Sanders (by request) 123; Cassie Franklin led song on page 378b for her Grandfather. Announcements were made, and Henry Guthery closed the singing leading song on page 414. Aubrey Tyree dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretary - Eron White.

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 8-9, 1995

Saturday, July 8

The annual Cullman County Court House Singing was called to order with Henry Guthery leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Hershell King. Henry Guthery then led song on page 101t. The Honorable Tom Burleson and Robert Bates both extended a welcome to everyone. Billy Williams, Arranging Committee, called leaders as follows: Cecil Gilliland 171, 403; Cecil Sanders 454; Rhoda Norris 318, 460; Carrol Lunsford 378t, 72b; Keterina Sanders 73t, 389; Tressie Adkins 298, 78; Paul Gilliland 348b; S. T. Reed 129, 313; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dail 46, 147t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with M. H. Creel leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Ruby Phillips 345t; Lillian Parker 335, 123t; Lonnie Rogers 186, 225t; Edith Tate 155, 371; Hugh McGraw 567; Lora Cargo 373, 480; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 170, 189; Bud Oliver 418, 145b; Hershell King 565, 426t; Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; Flarce Creel 503, 475; Nora Parker 394, 317; Linda Thomas 39t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading song on page 64. A motion was made, and duly seconded, to go into the business session. The class voted to retain all officers: Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - M. H. Creel; Secretary - Unie B. Howard; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams; Memorial Committee - Eron White and Imogene Nelms. Leaders: L. Harper 68b; M. H. Creel 512; Buell Cobb 26; Bascom Mattox 168, 217; Manila Hudson 551b; Cindy Franklin 399b, 146; Mark Davis 468, 556; A. D. Chandler 32t, 137; Ruth Walker 430, 159.

LUNCH

Chairman Henry Guthery called the class to order leading song on page 140. Leaders called: Essie Calvert 409, 405; Reddie Evans 300, 269; Unie B. Howard 48t; Corene White 396; Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", 74b; Aubrey Tyree 434, 208; Marie Guthrie 192, 411; Eldagene Roberson 142, 222; Evelyn Croxton 49, 145t; Ruth Burlison and Marjie Lee 143, 452b; I. V. Cockrell 566; Vedah Cook 75; David Roberson 388, 274t; Cassie Franklin 213t, 268; Eron White 408; Vernice Calvert 384, 291; Cindy Franklin 146; Elvin Guthrie 387; Kathy Chandler 406; Mark Davis 497. Chairman Henry Guthery closed out leading song on page 414. The class was dismissed with prayer by M. H. Creel.

Sunday, July 9

The class was called to order by the Chairman, Henry Guthery, leading song on page 31b. Prayer was led by M. H. Creel. Chairman Henry Guthery then led song on page 82t. Leaders: Vernice Calvert 142, 298; Essie Calvert 340, 389; Ruby Phillips 331; B. B. Mattox 318, 345b; Tom Harper 112, 172; Charlene Wallace 79, 99; Corene White 171, 216; Ila Ingle 270, 278b; Velton Chafin 225t, 34b; Eron White 168, 155; Lamar Smith 343.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Guthery leading song on page 52b.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 73t; Carrol Lunsford 61, 89; Edith Tate 138t, 161; Ruth Walker 290, 124; Milton Oliver 145t; Elvin Guthrie 218, 361; M. H. Creel 111b, 342; Hugh McGraw 369, 365; Gene Wakefield 164, 64; I. V. Cockrell 441; Lora Cargo 503, 344.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Chairman Henry Guthery leading song on page 338. At this time we sang a memorial for loved ones who have passed away since the last session of this singing, namely: L. C. Crider, Dwight Ingle, Henry "Doc" Jackson, Leon Price, Palmer Calvert, Bertha Henson, Trixie Vandiver, Ervin Brothers, Mrs. Tyree, Ted Godsey, Elder Harley Hocutt, Aubrey Persall, Clyde White, James Denson, Otis McCoy, and Helen Ivey Cordell. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 410t, and Marie Aldridge 385t, 321. For the sick and shut-ins: Mamie Creel, Agnes Hocutt, Aver Crider, Lucille Tolbert, Alvin Parker, Willie Blackwood, Lela Crider, Everett McCormick, Thurman Nall, Monroe Hinkle, J. L. Oden, and Mae Seymour. Eron White and Imogene Nelms led song on page 111t. The memorial was closed with prayer by Lamar Smith. Regular singing was resumed with Hershell King leading songs on pages 80b and 97. Leaders: Reddie Evans 186; Marie Guthrie 434, 436; Flarce Creel 475, 497; Vedah Cook 274, 87; Aubrey Tyree 189, 358; Sherry Guthery 58, 49t.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery called the class together leading song on page 121. Leaders called: Bruce Rye 271t, 215; Coy Ivey 63, 101t; Marie Aldridge 316; J. C. Rutledge "That Beautiful Land", 105; Milton Oliver "Trusting"; Carrol Lunsford 282; Charlene Wallace 192; Bud Oliver 47t; Hershell King 348b; Bruce Rye 110; Imogene Nelms 66, 455; Lamar Smith 76b; Aubrey Tyree 304; Unie B. Howard 384; M. H. Creel 335; Marie Guthrie 411; Marie Aldridge 88; Billy Williams, Sally Bailey, and Thorn Akins 101, 358. Chairman Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by M. H. Creel. Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - M. H. Creel; Secretary - Unie B. Howard.

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION OF THE SACRED HARP

12th Session

July 9, 1995

The Convention was preceded by a day of informal singing on Saturday, July 8. Chairman, Susan Garber, began the Sunday session at 10:10 a.m. by leading JEFFERSON (148). An opening prayer was led by Chaplain, George Seiler. Election of officers was held. Ginny Ely nominated Susan Garber for the office of Chairman. The nominations were closed and Susan was unanimously elected. Susan Garber nominated Peter Hanson for Vice Chairman, Sue Tarshis for Secretary, and Jean Seiler and Richard Schmeidler for Arrangements Committee. All of these individuals agreed to take on the jobs for which they were nominated. Vice Chairman, Peter Hansen, selected BOYLSTON (147) which was led by Ginny Ely. The convention participants decided that each leader would lead two songs. Peter Hanson then selected SAINTS BOUND FOR HEAVEN (35) which was led by Ginny Ely. Secretary, Susan Tarshis, selected HALLELUJAH (146) which was led by Jean Seiler. Next Susan Tarshis selected BRIDGEWATER (276) which was led by Paula McGray. Jean Seiler or Richard Schmeidler called leaders from the leader list as follows: Guy Banks-HOLCOMBE (77b), SWANTON (352); George Seiler-COBB (313b), CHESTER (479); Richard Schmeidler-AMSTERDAM (84), MOUNT DESERT (474); Paula McGray-OLNEY (135), VALE OF SORROW (83t); Paul Gauthier-THE HILL OF ZION (565), INVOCATION (492); Barbara Swetman-SAINT'S DELIGHT (114), AKIN (472); Susan Mampre-GARDEN HYMN (284), CUMBERLAND (25) in "Harper's Companion"; Glen Wright-MILLBROOK (40) in "Harper's Companion", SHARON (212). Chairman Susan Garber called for a 10 minute break at 11:20 a.m.

RECESS

Susan Garber led a song to call everyone back. Susan Garber-MURILLO'S LESSON (358); Jean Seiler-DEVOTION (48t), EDOM (200); Diane Mennella-MARLBOROUGH (228); Dinah Kudatsky-MORTALITY (50), DAVID'S LAMENTATION (268); Eric Johnson-CHRISTIAN'S FARWELL (347), WONDROUS LOVE (159); Guy Banks-NATIVITY (350), NOVAKOSKI (481). Chairman Susan Garber called for a one hour lunch break at 12:05 p.m. Chaplain George Seiler said the blessing.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Peter Hansen called singers back at 1:10 p.m. by leading MORNING TRUMPET (85). He then chose SWEET CANAAN (87) which was led by Ginny Ely. Peter Hanson asked for a collection to be taken to help defray expenses. The convention participants decided to hold a memorial service, and Ginny Ely agreed to conduct that service. A list was left on the table so that participants could record names during the next break of those who had died within the past year and names of those who are sick and shut-in. Leaders: Ginny Ely-DETROIT (39t), SOUNDING JOY (391); George Seiler-POLAND (86), NORTHFIELD (155); Jean Seiler-AFRICA (178), SOAR AWAY (455); Paula McGray-PROSPECT (30b); Paul Gauthier-TO DIE NO MORE (111b), HEAVENLY DOVE (371); Barbara Swetman-MORNING (163t), ALABAMA (196); Susan Mampre-SHEPHERD (14) in "Harper's Companion", DAVID (2) in "Harper's Companion"; Glen Wright-WATERTON (9) in "Harper's Companion", THANKFUL HEART (475); Diane Menella-HEAVENLY UNION (484), BOUND FOR CANAAN (82t); Dinah Kudatsky-CALVARY (300); Ginny Ely-PRAISE GOD (328), HOMEWARD BOUND (373).

RECESS

Chairman Susan Garber called us back with a song which she dedicated to the Nepalese soccer player from the Special Olympics who lost his life in Long Island Sound and to her cousin who is fighting his own battle in the hospital at this time. Susan Garber-VIRGINIA (191). Ginny Ely conducted the Memorial Service. She read the following list of those who had died within the past year: Debbie Burton, Carl Hildebrandt, Edward Swetman, Sr., Joan Townson, Bob Lewis, and Stephen Haseltine. Ginny Ely then led ALL IS WELL (122) in memory of those individuals. Ginny read the following names of those not able to be with us because they are sick or shut-in: Karen Snowberg, Helen Kudatsky, and Fran Druke. Ginny Ely led ODEM (340) for these. The Memorial Service was brought to a close. The leader list was read by either Jean Seiler or Richard Schmeidler as follows: Richard Schmeidler-JORDAN (66), CAMBRIDGE (287); Guy Banks-CHINA (163b), PHILLIPS FAREWELL (549); George Seiler-PRIMROSE (47t), GREENWICH (183); Paula McGray-NEW BRITAIN (45t), SARDIS (460); Paul Gauthier-WORLD UNKNOWN (428), JEWETT (105); Diane Mennella-LET US SING (46); Ginny Ely-SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS (528), THE BETTER LAND (454); Susan Mampre-FULFILLMENT (102), NATICK (497); Glen Wright-WESTFORD (280), REDEMPTION (480). A break was called to allow time for refreshments.

RECESS

Chairman Susan Garber led a song to reassemble the singers. Susan Garber-BALLSTOWN (217); Richard Schmeidler-ST. THOMAS (34b), RAINBOW (344); Jean Seiler-NEW JERUSALEM (299), EVENING SHADE (209); Guy Banks-SHAWMUT (535), WELLS (28b); George Seiler-MEAR (49b); Paul Gauthier-ANTIOCH (277), SACRED THRONE (569b); Diane Mennella-NORTHPORT (324); Susan Garber-NEWBURGH (182); Susan Tarshis-RUSSIA (107); Joe Fennelly-WHITE (288). George Seiler expressed thanks to all who came and particularly the officers and those who made arrangements. He thanked Secretary Sue Tarshis, Vice Chairman Peter Hanson, the arranging committee members Jean Seiler and Richard Schmeidler. A special thank you was given to Dorothy Garber and Cynthia Hanson who helped to feed us all. George Seiler also conveyed special thanks to Susan Garber for chairing the convention and making it happen. Susan Garber gave a hearty second to all of the thanks. She was particularly grateful for all of the help her mother received in taking care of the food arrangements. Susan Garber led the traditional PARTING HAND (62) in closing. A closing prayer was led by Chaplain George Seiler. The 14th annual Connecticut Convention of the Sacred Harp ended at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman - Susan Garber; Vice Chairman - Peter Hanson; Secretary - Sue Tarshis.

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION

Sylacauga, Alabama
July 9, 1995

The annual singing for Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and the Boiling Springs Convention was held on the second Sunday in July at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by B. M. Smith, Vice Chairman, leading songs on pages 59, 369, 32t, 48t and 155. The morning prayer was led by Elder Bufrey Dean. Pennie Bosarge led song on page 332; Bo

Bosarge 401. The class was organized, and the following were elected or appointed: Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Pennie Bosarge. Leaders: Rodger Morrison 313, 37b; Arthur Lee Beckett 176, 380; Hilda Morrison 47t, 566; Kim Cagle 460, 186; W. D. Frederick 490, 36b; Eugene Forbes 482, 36b.

RECESS

B. M. Smith called the class together leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Jonathan Blakely 122, 31t; Maude Frederick 206, 442; Kyle Blakely 126, 127; Gavin Blakely 100; Waylon Blakely 213, 216; Dolly Bush 212, 340; Tom Ingram 68, 491; Vera Blakely 75, 286; Brenda Dean 417, 28b; Roy Nelson 303b; Margie Smith 101, 405; Elder Bufrey Dean 46, 200; Chita Blakely 385, 316. Elder Bufrey Dean welcomed everyone to Oak Grove and dismissed the class for lunch.

LUNCH

The singing was resumed with Rodger Morrison leading songs on pages 337 and 34t. Leaders: Louise Dean 411, 527; E. W. Bush 341, 39b; Deborah Ritch 373, 168; B. M. Smith 503, 276; Pennie Bosarge 67; Floy Wilder 227, 297; Mark Davis 229, 66; Hilda Morrison 477, 495; Jason Ritch 133; Maude Frederick 182; Jim Carnes 328, 278b; Margie Smith 225t; Elder Arthur Lee Beckett 31; Lorene Griffin 290, "Great Roll Call"; Melba Boyd 100, 31b; Mark Davis 497. B. M. Smith lead song on page 73b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Bufrey Dean.

Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Pennie Bosarge.

MICHIANA SINGING **New Testament Baptist Church, Goshen, Indiana** **July 15, 1995**

The Eighth Michiana Singing was called to order by James Nelson Gingerich leading the song on page 49. Barbara Nelson Gingerich read a passage from the book of Zephaniah and led the class in prayer. James Nelson Gingerich led the song on page 481. Other leaders followed: Matthew Lind 34b; Samuel Sommers 217; Kent Beck 155; Christine Guth 99; Johanna Fabke 300; John Bayer and Dan Brittain "Self Examination"; Wendy Lee 335; Paul Foster 168; Ted Mercer 333; Jim Page, "Northern Court"; Lissa Blood 272; Debbie Hall 163b; Emmie Barford 28b; John Bealle 80; Mary O. Bachmann 137; Kristin Richardson 195; Jim Pfau 275; Kathleen Kuiper 383; David Barford 189; Paula McGray 384; Bernard Gordon 40; Janet Fraembs 209; Joan Aldridge 475.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich brought the class together by leading the song on page 29 and 148. Other leaders were: Pat Fosberg-Smith 198; Jerry Enright 377; Sarah Davie 456; Michael Miller 95b; Lisa Grayson 528; Lee Steinmetz 154; Becky Browne 362; David Rust 284; Marcia Johnson 196; Brad Oglesby 192; Reba Windom 171.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich brought the class back by leading the song on page 146. Leaders: Beverly Enright 496; Elizabeth Todd, Chris Sepic, and Paul Foster 452; Julie Vea 102; Nancy Hejna 173; Kathy Wallace 35; John Fink 38; Val Eng 500; Dan Brittain 291; Michele Rae Biery 186; Charles Knecht 191; Nathan Barford 286; Connie Karduck 368. James Nelson Gingerich prayed grace to begin the lunch break.

LUNCH

The class was called together by James Nelson Gingerich by leading song on page 31. Leaders: Laura Short 547; David Rust 66; Emily Lind and Matthew Lind 45; Anne Heider 235; Gary Gronau 110; Barbara Bowens 220; Ted Johnson 142; Debra Barford 269; John Seaton 77; Eloise Clark 184; Melanie Hauff 34; Richard Popp 428; Kathryn Knecht 84; Dean Slaton 419; Bruce Miller 479; Judy Hauff 313.

RECESS

Matthew Lind called the class together by leading songs on pages 46 and 299. The Memorial Lesson followed. Rachel Miller Jacobs remarked that the Sacred Harp community acknowledges death more than the world around us seems to do. She spoke about her father, Marlin E. Miller, and read the names of those deceased: Marlin Miller, Mary Brumbaugh, Lessie Cates, George Klein, Shem Lawless, Curtis M. Smith, Rev. Jeffrey Thompson, Minnie Clayton Oglesby, Margaret Strain, Stephen Haseltine, Winford Lacey, Jason Calhoun, Peggy Ann Dillard, William Pixley, Tom Coppe, and Frederich "Doc" Schaeffer. Names of those who are sick and shut-in are: Charles Gardner, Tammy Webster, Mark Self, Gary Nachtrieb, Harold Smith, and Fred Karsten. Rachel Miller Jacobs closed the Memorial Lesson by leading the song on page 547. Other leaders: Loraine Bayer 159; Mary O. Bachmann 178; Dan Brittain 522; Joan Aldridge 222; Paula McGray 129; Jim Page 180; Val Eng 485; John Bayer 86; Reba Windom 203. A roll call of states recognized singers from Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Texas, and Wisconsin. James Nelson Gingerich led the song on page 267; Samuel Sommers 112; Kathy Wallace 155. James Nelson Gingerich said a closing prayer, and Matthew Lind led the song on page 62 while the class took the parting hand.

Submitted by Samuel W. Sommers.

MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH **Six miles northwest of Arab, Alabama** **July 15, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp Singing held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July was called to order by Hershell King leading songs on pages 30 and 34. The morning prayer was led by Lolette King. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Lolette King; Arranging Committee - Hershell King. Leaders: David Light 274, 176; Bud Oliver 73t, 345t, 145b; Cecil Gilliland 175, 171, 275b; Leonard Hayes 354, 566; Paul Gilliland 30b, 36b; Marie Guthrie 75, 89; Wilda Holmes 39b, 480, "Jesus Died For Me".

RECESS

The class was called together by Hershell King leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Imogene Nelms 373, 440, 144; Jack Jordan 49b, 196, 569b; Rhoda Norris and Leonard Hayes 460, 177; Milton Oliver 270, 111t; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Eurilla Woods and David Light 208, "Not Made With Hands"; Irene Jordan 490, 207, 45t; Ramona Light 224, 329; J. C. Rutledge 145t, 105, "That Beautiful Land".

LUNCH

Hershell King called the afternoon session together leading song on page 97. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 358, 74b, 441, 340; J. P. Hawk 112, 101, 111b; Cecil Gilliland 273; Carmon Brothers 277, 328, 445; Bud Oliver 170, 47; Verna Mae Hawk, Leonard Hayes, J.C. Rutledge, and Rhoda Norris "That Beautiful Land";

Leonard Hayes 294. Hershell King led song on page 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Oliver Rutledge.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Lolette King.

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

Jasper, Alabama
Saturday, July 15, 1995

The eighty-first session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention was called together by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Glen Keeton. Velton Chafin then led 31t. Cecil Sanders led 314, and then called the following leaders: Joshua Keeton 111t, 111b; A. A. Malone 127, 142; Glen Harper 68b; S. T. Reed 64, 65; Ada Godsey 499b; Coy Ivey 101t, 63; Mae Conwill 77t, 78; Roxie Keeton 382, 441; Ruby Phillips 39b, 393; Flarce Creel 460, 203; Tom Harper 373, 300, 500; Gene Wakefield 168, 164.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Velton Chafin leading song on page 34b. The class at this time entered into a business session to elect the following officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate; Memorial Committee - Cynthia Franklin and Brenda Merritt. Singing resumed and leaders called were: Roma Rice 120, 84; Carol Lunsford 129, 61; Ila Ingle 480, 384; Brenda Merritt 319, 475. The memorial was held at this time using scripture from Hebrews 11:13. Cynthia Franklin led song on page 317b for the following singers or lovers of singing. Deceased: Dessie Jackson, Doc Jackson, Leon Price, Bertha Henson, Ted Godsey, Lois Green, Ervin Brothers, Lindsey Crider, Harley Hocutt, Jack Harcrow, Aubry Persall, Bud Ingle, Beatrice Shumack, and Trixie Vandiver. We also remembered the sick and shut-in: Aver Crider, Floyd Screws, Mamie Creel, Lucille Tolbert, John and Agnes Hocutt, Bill Green, Josie Hyde, Lillie Hartley, Alma Lambert, and Irvin Creel. The memorial was closed with prayer by John Merritt. Leaders: Cassandra Franklin 138, 187; Travis Keeton 53, 99.

LUNCH

The class was called back by Travis Keeton leading 48t. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 89, 389; Lora Cargo 222, 145b; Edith Tate 73t; John Merritt 274, 358; Glen Keeton 49b, 535; Cynthia Franklin 523, 137; Elmer Conwill 97, 442; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Willodean Barton 391, 454, 145t; Carol Lunsford 176b; John Merritt 74t; Joshua Keeton 75. After announcements were made, Velton Chafin led 521, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL

New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama

July 16, 1995

The one hundred twenty-second session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Vernice Calvert leading song on page 59. Prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Vernice Calvert led song on page 56t. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella Blackmon; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. Leaders: Tom Harper 434, 436; S. T.

Reed 298; Mae Seymour 217, 460; Jeff Sheppard 216; Willie Mae Moon 477; Tommy Spurlock 430; Corene White 391; Eron White 454; Clayton Ezell 480; Essie Calvert 340; Ila Ingle 335; Don Robertson 269; Aubrey Barfield 163; John Merritt 300; Shelia Capps 405; Thurman Nall 34b.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order by leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Lora Cargo 303; Phillip Ashworth 63; Flarce Creel 66; Keterina Sanders 389; I. V. Cockrell 155; Stanley Smith 404; Danny Creel 383; John Ethridge 319; Cassie Franklin 352; Marie Aldridge 304; Unie B. Howard 384; Bud Oliver 332; Gordon Wilkerson 192; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Ann Jett 327; Travis Keeton 212.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class to order by leading song on page 318. Leaders: Coy Ivey 182; Cohen Chafin 313; Larry Ballinger 151; Tressie Adkins 426b; Lola Roberson 208; Margaret Keeton and Bradley Allen 546; Lamar Smith 36b; Pattie Hook 40; Johnny Humber 200; Wanda Capps 73t; Agnes Farris 565b; Bill Farris 345b.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Vernice Calvert leading song on page 530. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 123t; Buell Cobb 187; Earl Ballinger 358; Henry Guthery 532; Marie Guthrie 380; Brenda Merritt 336; Ozella Blackmon 222; Edith Tate 292 (by request); Coy Ivey 373; Cindy Franklin 198; John Merritt 240; Milton Oliver 321; Tommy Spurlock 565b; John Ethridge 337; Aubrey Barfield 306; Thurman Nall 287; Don Robertson 100; Marie Aldridge 143; Travis Keeton 390; Stanley Smith 338; Fredia Bledsol 48t; Billy Williams 268. Vernice Calvert led song on page 521. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith. Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella C. Blackmon.

COTACO SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church** **July 22, 1995**

The one hundred fifty-second session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Elder J. L. Hopper leading songs on pages 52t and 61. Vice Chairman Arvid Holmes led song on page 32t. Chairman Elder Dan Hopper led songs on pages 163t and 138b, and the morning prayer was offered by Elder J. L. Hopper. The class organized by electing officers: Chairman - Elder Dan Hopper; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretaries - Judy Caudle and Nancy Thompson; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper. Leaders: Dan Hopper 310; Hershell King 34b, 80b; Carmon Brothers 81t, 138t; Estelle Napier 389, 217; Glenda Hopper 30t, 63.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Dan Hopper leading song on page 84. Leaders: Nathan Blackwood 36b, 39t; Verlon Blackwood 39b, 47b; Alta Self 301, 112; Carol Newman 373, 137; Nancy, Jonathan, and Brandon Thomspson 40, 45t; Lessie Grant 335, 111t; Buckley Hopper 186; Dan Hopper 220, 565, 223, 222. The class was dismissed for lunch. Prayer was led by Elder Dan Hopper.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elder Dan Hopper leading song on page 34t. Leaders: J. L. Hopper 326, 295, 149; Judy Caudle 418, 234; Billy Williams 448b, 268; Herbert Cobbs 73t, 405; Wilda Holmes, Dana Ozbolt, and Amber Holmes "That Beautiful Land", 384, 448t; Arvid Holmes 300; Nancy

Thompson and Willard Hopper 445, 68b; Ed and Amber Holmes 101t, 100. Dan Hopper opened the floor for any churches interested in hosting the Cotaco Convention for next year. No requests were received so the Convention will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 1996. He then continued by leading songs on pages 208, 378t, 203, 294, 46. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Dan Hopper.

Chairman - Elder Dan Hopper; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretaries - Judy Caudle, Nancy Thompson.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL
Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16)
July 23-24, 1995

Saturday, July 23

The one hundred third session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July. Carlene Griffin called the class together leading songs on pages 37b and 81. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer. Charlene Wallace led songs on pages 61 and 123 followed by: Judy Henry 46, 205; Hugh McGraw 88b; Revy Williamson 87, 30; Charles Wood 28b, 489; Elder Homer Benefield 146, 445; Mildred Patterson 31, 89; Don Bowen 287, 270; John Plunkett 86, 284; Felton Denney 523, 147b; Nick Griffin 139, 164.

RECESS

The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading song on 155. Leaders were: Judy Mincey 410, 50b; Jimmy Denney 63, 68b; Josephine Denney 100, 101; Rev. Lance Snipes 45t, 375; Everette Denney 335, 503; Cindy Cook 345, 67; Julie McGraw 59, 268; Joan Durdin 114, 34b; B. M. Smith 77b, 225; Earlis McGraw 312b, 76b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Carlene Griffin leading song on page 126. Leaders were: Erica Abramski 358; Mary Florence Smith 300, 142; Helen Bryson 515, 454; Jerry Sheppard 455, 456; Alice Edwards 565, 73b; Lonnie Rogers 97, 186. A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Secretary - Judy Henry; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw; Memorial Committee - Lee Rogers and Revy Williamson. Leaders: Joan Durdin 29, 452; John Plunkett 178, 213; Judy Mincey 480, 501; Felton Denney 31, 143.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace called the class together leading song on page 133. Leaders: Everette Denney 49b; Helen Bryson 340; B. M. Smith 141; Jerry Sheppard 415, 419; Don Bowen 475, 476; Jimmy Denney 276; Lonnie Rogers 222. Announcements were made. Carlene Griffin and Charlene Wallace led page 209 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Lance Snipes.

Sunday, July 24

The convention was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading songs on pages 59 and 61. Rev. Lance Snipes led the morning prayer. Charlene Wallace then led songs on pages 135 and 105. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 220; Revy Williamson 299, 327; Don Bowen 548, 510; Lonnie Rogers 225, 348; Margie Smith 30, 31b; Milton Oliver 64, 75; Ruby Phillips 39b; Elsie Brock 335, 112; Sharon Hamrick 276, 460; Bud Oliver 145, 418; Lou Warren Cotney 218, 497; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Evelyn Harris 101, 47.

RECESS

Judy Henry called the class together leading song on page 128. Leaders: Jerry Sheppard 511, 534; Earlis McGraw 166, 33b; Sheri Taylor 103, 200; Nick Griffin 551, 96; Shelton Williamson 300, 222; Mary Florence Smith 496, 405; Alice Edwards 341; Laura Webb 358, 178; Rev. Lance Snipes 45t. Memorial lesson: Judy Henry led 28b in memory of Mrs. Florice Gammon, Mrs. Rosie Moses, Mrs. Myrtle McGraw, and Roy Crawford. B. M. Smith led 269 and 179 in memory of Lois Green, Lessie Cates, Grady Albright, Ted Godsey, Velma Kelley, Carlton Hitchcock, Harry Dumas, Freeman Harris, Lawrence Griffin, and Otis McCoy. Judy Mincey led 50b and 163b for all the sick and shut-ins. Rev. Lance Snipes led the closing prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Carlene Griffin leading song on page 159. Leaders were: Jan House 186, 189; Myron House 181, 113; Martha Ann Stegar 142, 236; Jeff Sheppard 57, 140; I. V. McWhorter 371, 91; Elder Lewis Norton 231, 318; Lee Rogers 187, 337; Raymond Hamrick 312, 402; Shelbie Sheppard 202, 556; B. J. Harris 340, 503; Rev. Lloyd Toney 100, 63; Richard DeLong 197, 270; Charlene Wallace 34b; Don Bowen 475; Lou Cotney 212; B. M. Smith 499; Lee Rogers 287; Shelbie Sheppard 137; I. V. McWhorter 74; Jeff Sheppard 183; Martha Ann Stegar 40. After announcements, Carlene Griffin and Charlene Wallace led page 46 as the closing song. The convention was dismissed with prayer by Elder Lewis Norton.
Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Secretary - Judy Henry.

LACY'S CHAPEL Henagar, Alabama July 30, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp Singing held at Lacy's Chapel the first fifth Sunday after July 4th was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 83t. Prayer was led by Jap Walton. David Ivey then led song on page 418. Leaders followed: Norma Latham 403, 332; Reba Windom and Woodie Walker 145, 144, 349, 208; Milton Oliver 206; Joyce Walton 348b, 122; Tony Ivey 448b, 448t; Eloise Wootten 123t, 425; Jeff Sheppard 325, 140; Cecil Gilliland 101t, 273; Wayne Wootten 276, 48t.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading songs on pages 30t and 30b. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 138t, 99; Jap Walton 153, 420; Stuart Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Zach Ellis 358, 384; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Loyd Ivey 323, 426; Barrett Ashley 186; Karen Ivey 84, 36b; Jerry Hoffman 539, 421; Rodney Ivey 100, 47t.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with David Ivey leading songs on pages 385b and 542. Leaders: Bud Oliver 345t, 282; Allison Ivey 168, 40; Shelbie Sheppard 38b, 28b; The Lacy cousins--Reba Dell Windom, Betty Shepherd, Lily Brandon, and Mae Holt 101t, 299, 146; S. T. Reed 345b, 29b; Roxie Duffey 145b, 155; Mary Lamb and Adrienne Bonham 45t; Mae Holt 269, 224; Coy Ivey 63, 171; Coy Ivey and Bud Oliver 270; Betty Shepherd 176b, 216; Reba Dell Windom 192, 196; Jerry Hoffman 77; Rodney Ivey and Loyd Ivey 424; Karen Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 454; David Ivey 475. Announcements. Next year the singing will be

the 5th Sunday in September. David Ivey and Allison Ivey led 46, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Tony Ivey.

Chairman - David Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham.

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
July 30, 1995

The singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was given by John Hyde. The class elected to keep the same officers as the previous year. Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders. Velton Chafin continued, leading song on page 34b. Leaders were as follows: Cecil Sanders 58; John Hocutt 66, 516; Gene Wakefield 56b, 57; L. E. Hannah 187, 511; Lora Cargo 270, 128; Mae Conwill 314, 99; Ruby Phillips 345t; John Hyde 129, 146; Gennie Nelms 446, 215; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Essie Calvert 343b, 145t; Willie Mae Moon 217, 568; Justin Keeton and Chris Bell 546, 168, 384, 45t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 175b. Leaders: Ann Jett and Julie Jett 108t, 399b; Marie Guthrie 192, 380; Eron White 172, 186; Ila Ingle 63, 87; Thurman Nall 101t, 569b; Brenda Merritt 475, 436; John Humber 200, 212; Margaret Keeton 154, 337; Corene White 379, 403.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 135. Leaders: John Merritt 245; Vernice Calvert 183; Iva Lee Cockrell 460; Larry Ballinger 327; Beatrice Brewer 112, 298; Unie B. Howard 300; Eugene Forbes 222, 480; Tom Harper 373, 434; Elvin Guthrie 306, 479; Travis Keeton 179, 203; Carmon Brothers 35, 445b; Marie Aldridge 225, 227; Elmer Conwill 216, 110; David Roberson 388, 274t; Wanda Capps 448; Joshua Keeton 189, 30b; Janet Goodwin 358, 268; Eldagene Roberson 142; Flarce Creel 497; Cindy Franklin 213t, 217; Glenn Keeton 196, 225; Ann Jett "The Great Roll Call", "That Beautiful Land"; Delores Canada 85. Velton Chafin and Vernice Calvert led 213b as the closing song, and prayer was given by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
July 29-30, 1995

Saturday, July 29

The one hundred twenty-seventh session of the Union Musical Convention was called to order by Chairman Helen Bryson leading song on page 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Charles Cagle. Helen Bryson led song on page 144. Loy Garrison led the introductory lesson using numbers 30b, 30t, 59, 74b, 283, and 503. Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong led 354 and 303. Judy Mincey led 87 and 180. Judy Mincey was appointed to call the leaders in the absence of the Arranging Committee. Leaders: Kim Cagle 32, 176b; Don Bowen 50b, 47; Laura Allison 85, 36b; Elder Charles Cagle 338; Violet Thomason 143, 318; Jack Smith 63, 155.

RECESS

Helen Bryson called the convention together leading songs on pages 35 and 91. Leaders: Reuben Ball 60, 480; Frances D'Andrea and Donna Luther 192, 335; Bobby Cagle 46, 43; Joan Deeskin 47b, 117; John Plunkett 385, 300; Jeanette DePoy and Mary B. Fort 267, 142; Doug Allison 383, 112.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Helen Bryson leading songs on pages 152 and 411. Leaders: Horace DeLong 460, 384; Martha Ann Stegar 327, 228; Richard DeLong 95, 496; Myra Tucker 452, 84; Ted Mercer 82b, 182; Berta Hanson 101, 490; Jack Corley 168, 332; Diane Wall 333, 299; Jesse Roberts 173, 536; Charlene Wallace 225, 435. On orderly motion, the Convention entered into a business session. The class elected the following officers: Chairman - Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman - Helen Bryson; Secretary - Hazel Cagle.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts resumed the singing leading song on page 324. The officers appointed the following committees: Finance and Location - Kenneth DeLong and Kim Cagle; Arranging Committee - Judy Mincey and Susan Roberts; Memorial - Jeanette DePoy and Richard DeLong; Resolutions - Ted Mercer, Jade Smith, and Doug Allison; Chaplain - Jack Smith. Leaders: Susan Roberts 146, 40; Mary Lou Cagle 498, 499; Violet Thomason 565; Frances D'Andrea 163, 198; Joan Deeskin 29, 114; Kenneth DeLong 572; Reuben Ball 497; Judy Mincey 475. After announcements, the chairman and vice chairman led 56 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jack Smith.

Sunday, July 30

The second day of the convention began by Vice Chairman Helen Bryson leading song on page 59. Prayer was led by Elder Charles Cagle. Chairman Jesse Roberts led song on 48b and 172. Leaders: Judy Mincey 207, 137; Loy Garrison 330, 441; Floy Wilder 327, 383; Don Bowen 464, 494; Jeanette DePoy 49b, 270; Jack Corley 406, 300; Ted Mercer 556, 39b; Dollie Hudgins 108b, 45t; Kim Cagle 371, 373; Margie Dietz 58, 196.

RECESS

After recess, Jesse Roberts called the convention together leading song on page 312. Leaders: Laura Allison 421, 31b; Richard DeLong 375, 407; Lee Rogers 335, 528; Junior Cagle 28b, 490; Kenneth DeLong 511, 456; Helen Bryson 411, 201. A memorial lesson was sung for the following: Mary Morris, Myrtle McGraw, Junurs Hudgins, Hoyt Renfroe, Lessie Cates, Lois Green, Velma Kelley, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Dura Blackmon, Grady Albright, and Burris Pettis. Richard DeLong led 426, and Helen Bryson led 479 and 229. Elder Charles Cagle led 82 for all the sick and shut-ins, especially William Headrick, Eva Reeves and Nora Roberts. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Brother Dockery. Dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon of the convention began with Jesse Roberts leading songs on pages 215 and 419. Leaders: Doug Allison 183, 326; Rita Haley 63, 268; Horace DeLong 384, 434; Bobby Cagle 493; Susan Roberts 66, 47; Wesley Haley 47b, 269; Faye Pettis 387, 380; Ray Richards 111b, 73b; Laura Ackerman and Jane Treadwell 532, 146.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts continued the singing leading song on page 145. Leaders: Timothy Haley 46, 155; Vaudie Sherer 294, 358; Bonnie Flowers 72b, 52b; Reuben Ball 497, 501; Janet Sheppard 107, 114; John Plunket 71, 147; Alice West 35, 99; Diane Wall 100, 304.

The class was called into a business session to hear the following reports. Finance Committee Report. Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church asked for and was granted the Convention to be held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in September 1996. Doug Allison read the Resolutions as follows: We, the members of this Convention, wish first and foremost, to thank our loving God for bringing us together again to join our voices in song. We wish to thank Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church for graciously hosting this convention on such short notice. We thank each person who came to sing, to listen, who brought food, and who did each of the many tasks necessary to make this convention a success. We resolve to keep in our hearts the words spoken here regarding the enduring community of Sacred Harp Singers. We further resolve to put those words into action by nurturing this community, by supporting as many singings as we can. We resolve to support the growth of this community by sharing with others this music we love and always to welcome the stranger in our midst. On orderly motion, the convention closed the business session. After announcements, the class sang "Parting Hand", and the convention was dismissed with prayer by Elder Charles Cagle.

Chairman - Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman - Helen Bryson; Secretary - Hazel Cagle.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION
Wilson's Chapel Church - Carrollton, Georgia
August 5-6, 1995

Saturday, August 5

The one hundred forty-third session of the Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Wilson's Chapel near Carrollton, Georgia on Saturday, August 5, and Sunday, August 6, 1995. Chairman Sheri Taylor called the Convention to order leading songs on pages 67 and 77. Everette Denney led the group in prayer. Leaders: Donna Duke 47b, 100; Jimmie Denney 30t, 61; Everette Denney 127, 335; Dean Slaton 110, 212; Felton Denney 31t, 73t; Laura Webb 46, 47t; Lori Goode 143, 59; Kenneth DeLong 354, 303b; Don Bowen 282, 270; G. C. Waldrep 158, 269; Helen Bryson 222, 182; Marshall Avery 108b, 278b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Sheri Taylor leading song on page 209. Leaders: Lou Cotney 497, 218; Lucille Gunnels 164, 189; Dan Bailey 183, 569b. The Convention then held its regular business session. On motion, duly seconded, the following officers were elected and the committees appointed: Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Donna Duke; Chaplain - Marshall Avery; Arranging Committee - Jimmie Denney, Gene Duke, and Lisa Webb; Finance - Josephine Denney, Phillip Langley, and Laura Webb; Memorial - Lee Rogers, Charlene Wallace, and G. C. Waldrep; Resolutions - Carlene Griffin, Judy Mincey, and Lonnie Rogers. Leaders: Gene Duke 81t, 348b; Judy Mincey 50b, 384; Josephine Denney 145b, 503; Evelyn Harris 87, 378t.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with the following leaders: Lisa Webb 148, 126; Charlene Wallace 171, 287; B. J. Harris 225t, 452b; Johanna Fabke 84, 300; Jeanette DePoy 290, 551; Frances Mary D'Andrea 142, 192; Andy Morse 66, 480; Phillip Langley 268, 203; Lee Rogers 475, 64; Deborah Langley 371, 63; John Pate 306, 273; Jan House 441, 318; Bernard Denney 146, 299; Revy

Williamson 99, 137; Myron House 479, 191; Rev. Lloyd Toney 45, 358; Jacob Griffith with Charlene Wallace 111b, 127; Wilford Denney 167, 159; Karen Rollins 489, 136; Mary Lamb and Andrienne Bonham 49b. After announcements, Sheri Taylor and Felton Denney led song on page 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Marshall Avery.

Sunday, August 6

The Sunday session was called to order by Sheri Taylor, chairman, leading songs on pages 43 and 69t. The morning prayer was led by Marshall Avery. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 101t, 108t; Lisa Webb 542, 37b; Jacob Griffith 119, 231; Donna Duke 155, 87; Laura Webb 46, 178; Gene Duke 354b, 348b; Phillip Langley 182, 222; Marshall Avery 35, 108b; Don Bowen 77b, 501b; Jerry Sheppard 500, 548.

RECESS

The class was called together by Hugh McGraw leading songs on pages 32t and 448b. Leaders: Ted Mercer 328, 123; Lucille Gunnels 40, 234; Lonnie Rogers 141, 225t; G. C. Waldrep 163t, 142; Lori Goode 358, 277. The convention's annual memorial lesson was conducted by Lee Rogers. Charlene Wallace read a list of the following deceased singers and friends of Sacred Harp: Alabama--Lessie Cates, Lois Green, Ted Godsey, Hoyt Renfroe, and Grady Albright; Georgia--Junurs Hudgins, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Myrtle McGraw, Velma Kelly, Shirley Wilson Philpot, Winnelle Morgan, Vennie Wallace, and Emmett Fuller; Texas--Dale Redmon, Sr.; Wisconsin--Dorothy Fabke. Sheri Taylor led song on page 45t, and G. C. Waldrep led song on page 347 for the deceased. Carlene Griffin led song on page 122 for the sick and shut-ins: Dolly Hudgins, Mozelle Sheppard, Eva Reeves, and Fred Karsten. Rev. Jerry Cole, grandson of Matthew Wilson who was the founder and builder of Wilson's Chapel, spoke to the convention about "carrying on the tradition of Sacred Harp" and the foresight that Mr. Wilson had fifty-seven years ago to build a church just for Sacred Harp singing. Only two of Mr. Wilson's twelve children are still living, Naomi Wilson Sailors and Mary Wilson Hackney, who are still active members of Sacred Harp singing. Rev. Cole closed the memorial service with prayer.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Judy Mincey leading songs on pages 410t and 510. Leaders: Lee Rogers 33b, 305; Mary Lamb 30, 49t; Johanna Fabke 312b, 198; Charlene Wallace 365; Jeanette DePoy and Betsy Cox 306, 503; Nick Griffin 551, 127; Richard DeLong 158; Revy Williamson 56t, 299; Felton Denney 467, 523; Rev. Lloyd Toney 59, 129.

RECESS

The class was called together by Sheri Taylor leading song on page 448t. Leaders: Dean Slaton 383, 419; Bernard Denney 339, 341; Josephine Denney 452, 143. The business session was held and reports given: The Finance Committee reported a balance brought forward of \$978.77, a collection of \$198.45, expenditure for minutes \$50.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,127.22. Hugh McGraw made a motion to give the balance in the account to the Wilson Family for upkeep of the church. Motion was seconded and passed. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Judy Mincey. We, the undersigned Resolutions Committee, offer the following resolutions: To offer to God, praise and thanksgiving in all things, but particularly for the gift of music and these beautiful songs to sing; To express our gratitude to the Wilson family and extensions for their efforts to preserve this precious heritage and this wonderful place; To thank all those who had a hand in providing the bountiful and delicious food; To join in song with others at every opportunity, wherever we may travel, and to

introduce as many people as possible to this very special music and community all across the lands. Respectfully submitted by Carlene Griffin, Lonnie Rogers, and Judy Mincey. After the close of the business session, announcements were made concerning future Sacred Harp singings. The convention was closed by Sheri Taylor and Felton Denney leading song on page 62. Marshall Avery dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Donna Duke.

WARRIOR RIVER - CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION

Old Clear Creek Church

August 5-6, 1995

Saturday, August 5

The one hundred twenty-first session of the Warrior River Convention and the ninety-sixth session of the Clear Creek Convention was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Cecil Gilliland led song on page 30t. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 32t, 35; Bud Oliver 39b, 47t; Paul Gilliland 490, 30b; Alpha Black 343, 454; Keterina Sanders 389, 290.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 27 and 31t. Leaders: Irene Jordan 480, 45t; Cecil Sanders 475, 123t; Roie Alexander 317, 313; Helen Lambert and Bernice Greer "That Beautiful Land", 74b, 33b; Phil Brothers 236, 361; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 300, 358, 170; Martha Woodard 278t; Milton Oliver 277, 270; Linda Thomas 278t; Ester Brown 426; S. T. Reed 388, 166; Eloise Wootten 299, 171; Roy Nelson 294; Ruby Phillips 331, 345t; Elder Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 77t, 566, 235.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Carmon Brothers leading song on page 159. Leaders: Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; Wayne Wootten 108t, 37b. The Chairman called for a business session. Elder Philip Gilmore brought the devotion from Psalms, Chpt. 18:1 - "I will love thee, O Lord, my strength and my rock", and then led in prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretary - Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee - Milton Oliver and Cecil Gilliland; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas; Resolutions Committee - Chita Blakeley; Finance Committee - Larry Lambert and Waylon Blakeley. Leaders: Marlon Wootten 39t, 99; Rhoda Norris 187, 460; Billy Williams 297, 445; Lydia Baswell, Vella Dailey 147t, 144; Hershell King 340, 101t; Larry Lambert 410t, 410b; Chita Blakeley 378t, 189; Freeman Wootten 63; Jewel Wootten 203; Elder Philip Gilmore 137; Milton Oliver 441, 97; Martha Woodard 204; Eugene Blackwood and Cecil Gilliland 100; Cecil Gilliland and Elder Philip Gilmore led the closing song on page 46. The closing prayer was led by Marlon Wootten.

Sunday, August 6

The Sunday session was called to order by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 67. The morning prayer was led by Elder J. O. Handley. Leaders: Milton Oliver 224, 222; Paul Gilliland 32t, 569b; Larry Lambert 100, 332; Helen Lambert "Jesus Died For Me", 277; Gavin Blakeley 128; Kyle Blakeley 101t; Melvin Hyatt 84, 317b; Wilda Holmes 295.

RECESS

Cecil Gilliland brought the class together leading song on page 61. Leaders: Terry Hullett 290, 384; Waylon Blakeley 171, 31t; Eloise Wootten 47t, 424; Arvid Holmes 147t, 460; Marie Hyatt 30t, 145b; Roy Nelson 108t, 480; Willowese Malone 164, 354b; Shane Wootten 155, 99; Ester Brown 192, 434 for Mae Seymour and Aunt Lola Jenkins; Coy Ivey 120, 186; Jewel Wootten 85, 503; Marlon Wootten 49t, 49b; Martha Woodard 335, 87. At this time, the memorial lesson was held by Linda Thomas who read scripture from 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18. She then read the names of those who are deceased since our last convention: Arville Hyatt, Lois Green, Ervin Brothers, Fay Allen, Helen Ivey Cordell, Lessie Cates, Ted Godsey, Dale Redmon, Sr., Forney Cobb, Leon Price, Viola Smith, John Norris, Jack Harcrow, and Hoyt Renfroe. Larry, Helen and Steven Lambert led 235 in memory of Ervin Brothers. Lamar Smith led 45t for the other deceased. Terry Hullett led 68b for the sick and shut-ins, including: Effie Brock, Mae Seymour, Nora Collett, Aver Crider, Lola Jenkins, Herbert Phillips, Eloise Avery, and Ozettia Gilliland. The memorial was closed with prayer by Elder J. O. Handley.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began by Cecil Gilliland leading song on page 137. Leaders: Terry Wootten "Willie", 74, 205; Carmon Brothers 544b, 445b; Lydia Baswell "Not Made With Hands", 549; Mary Ruth Steifel 333; Billy Williams 54; Alpha Black 454, 112. A business session was held, and the announcement was made that the 1996 Warrior River-Clear Creek Convention will be held at Hopewell Church near Oneonta, Alabama. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Linda Thomas. We, the Resolutions Committee, want to first and foremost thank God for His love and mercy which he has bestowed upon us. We resolve that the purpose of our Convention will always be to sing praises unto our Lord and King, and those praises be with a melody in our hearts. We want to encourage each person to continue on, and to remember that we should hold in high regards the heritage and tradition which has been passed on to us. We thank Old Clear Creek Church for allowing the Convention to be held here, and for those who prepared and served lunch each day. We look forward to singing with you again, and we hope the Lord will continue to guide and protect you. Respectfully submitted by Chita Blakeley. The Finance Committee reported a balance brought forward of \$131.27, a collection of \$100.34, an expenditure of \$50.00 for minutes, gifts to church \$50.34, leaving a balance on hand of \$131.27. Leaders: Nathan Blackwood 58; Verlon Blackwood 47b, 75; Roie Alexander and Jewel Wootten 144; Terry Wootten 441, 97. Cecil Gilliland and Terry Hullett led the closing songs on pages 100 and 146, and all who wished joined in taking the parting hand, praying to meet again next year at Hopewell Church. The class was dismissed with prayer by Terry Hullett.
Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Vice Chairman - Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretary - Jewel Wootten.

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Bevill State Junior College, Fayette, Alabama** **August 6, 1995**

The ninety-sixth session of the annual Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Bevill State Junior College on August 6, 1995. The session was called to order by Johnny Humber leading song on page 39b. Earl Ballinger led the morning prayer. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Johnny Humber; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger;

Secretary - Linton Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Edwin Ballinger. Leaders directing: Johnny Humber 87; Jimmy Ballinger 569b, 84; Leslie Ballinger 154, 155; David Ballinger 111b, 108t; Amanda Ballinger 186, 30t; Amber Ballinger 47t, 400; Jerry Jenkins 405; Albert Humber 565b, 176b; Cecil Sanders 434; Tressie Adkins 137, 78; Gravis Ballinger 124, 475; Jill Ballinger 212, 100; Arnold Moore 82t, 77t; Mae Conwill 436, 216; Dwain Ballinger 340.

RECESS

The class was called together by Linton Ballinger leading songs on pages 81t and 76b. Leaders: Travis Keeton 425b, 426t; Emily Ballinger 110, 299; A. A. Malone 300, 432; Teresa Ballinger 460, 222; Gene Wakefield 168, 68b; Lomax Ballinger 144, 147t; Josie Hyde 313t, 189; Wayne Bain 146, 89; Jill Ballinger and Beth O'Dell 269, 217; Velton Chafin 42, 34b; Beatrice Brewer 298, 373; Clarence McCool 112, 172; Buddy Ballinger 385b, 99.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Larry Ballinger leading songs on pages 123t and 90. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 159; Parnell Berry 208, 283; L. E. Hannah 56t, 517; Elmer Conwill 411, 396; Kelsie Wakefield 108t, 133; S. T. Reed 134, 135; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Bud Oliver 145t, 270; Lucy Heidorn 37b, 445b; John Hyde 297, 480; Lisa Geist 546, 532; Erma Bardon 218; Toney Smith 225t, 287; Marie Aldridge 371; Cecil Wakefield 268, 339; Lavaughn Ballinger 282, 45t; Edwin Ballinger 384, 196; Velton Chafin 387; Marie Aldridge 192; Elmer Conwill 286; Toney Smith 284; S. T. Reed 345b; Clarence McCool 349; Lucy Heidorn 512. Johnny Humber led the closing song on page 62. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Johnny Humber; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Linton Ballinger.

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas

August 12-13, 1995

Saturday, August 12

The one hundred twenty-seventh session of the convention met at the Community Center in Henderson, Texas. The Chairman, John Morris, opened the class by leading song on page 63. He called on Rev. Robert Vaughn to lead the opening prayer. Emmie Morris and Marion Grant served as the Arranging Committee. Leaders called were: Emmie Morris 192; Marion Grant 217; Sam Craig 395b; Mike Hinton 146; Beverly Coates 82; Ruby Phillips 528; Tom Owen 336b; Bob Bonnell 290; Pauline Childers 212; Stanley Smith 94; Sarah Coates 203; Andrew Albers 89; Louie Smith 470; Edith Tate 507t; Ernestine Pipkin 497; J. W. Oliver 282; Donald Ross 419; Josh Rogan 239; Ann Jett 518; Avon Miller 302; Jeb Owen 559; Vernice Calvert 321; Elvin Guthrie 172; Greg Economides 280; Joan Aldridge 572; Kelly Beard 337; Diane Ross 299; Aubrey Barfield 404. Before the class was dismissed for recess, Mayor Chester Johnson welcomed the singing group to Henderson, and Suzanne Cross spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to welcome all who came, and invited them to enjoy the refreshments provided.

RECESS

John Morris reassembled the class by leading song on page 542. Leaders : Leon Ballinger 508; Troxel Ballou 65; Sandy Hill 132; Tommy Spurlock 183; H. P. O'Mary 275b; Marcelene Hardy 189; Bob McLemore 58; Cindy Franklin 39; Elizabeth Rogan 148; Wanda Capps 200; Monnie Ross 335; Marie Aldridge 304;

Gary Rogan 369; Carlene Griffin 422b; Edith Owen 553; Bob Parr 215; Myra Palmer 414. The group was dismissed in prayer for the noon meal by Harrison Creel.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with John Morris leading song on page 155.

Leaders called were: Robert Vaughn 71; Daphene Causey 434; Azalee Barnett 384; Lawson Smith 142; Amanda Owen 168; Stuart Ivey 128; Dalton Clanton 507b; Vivian Rogan 45t; Cassie Franklin 371; Doris Hanks 450; Mary Orue 112; Coy Ivey 449; Essie Calvert 405; Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; Michelle Rogan 427; A. A. Smith, Jr. 53; Zack Rogan 348t; Richard Ivey 358; Flarce Creel 270; Gaylon Powell 235.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 170. Leaders called were: Joe Nelson 274; Reed Coates 47; M. H. Creel 355; Agnes Farris 410; Chris Blevins 104; Bill Farris 111t; Norma Latham 573; Olivia Blevins 171; David Ivey 201; Thurman Nall 569; Ophelia Matthews 563; Mary Backman 324; Everett Denney 403; Regina Clark 47b. This concluded the Saturday session of the convention with eighty people leading, eighty three songs sung, and one hundred six people having signed visitor's cards. The class was dismissed in prayer by David Rousseau.

Sunday, August 13

The Sunday session was opened by the Chairman, John Morris, leading song on page 59. Leaders called were: Bruce Coates 484; Charlene Wallace 365; Bernice Cottle 84; B. F. Matthews 38t; Barbara Moore 229; Al Rogers 575; Ray Barnett 520; Ruby Phillips 440b; Louie Smith 217; Ernestine Pipkin 450; Jeb Owen 522; Vernice Calvert 142; Elvin Guthrie 222; Greg Economides 218; Mike Hinton 61; Tom Owen 242; Stanley Smith 336t; Teresa Lowery 411; Josh Rogan 128; Edith Tate 491; J. W. Oliver 418; Ann Jett 146; Sarah Coates 129; Andrew Albers 267b; Pauline Childers 224; Bob Bonnell 343b; Essie Calvert 572.

RECESS

The second part of the morning session was opened by John Morris leading song on page 76b. Leaders called were: A. A. Smith, Jr. 383; Diane Ross 300; Jo Redmon 393t; Marie Aldridge 414b; Richard Ivey 282; Flarce Creel 54t; Daphene Causey and Virgil Phillips 137; Lawson Smith 108b; Amanda Owen 186; Stuart Ivey 155; Owen Ross 220; Cassie Franklin 559; Gaylon Powell 524; Reed Coates 31; M. H. Creel and Cassie Franklin 381t. The memorial devotional was led by Mary Craig concerning "The Passing Over". "So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side." With these oft-quoted words, John Bunyan described the passing of Mr. Valiant-for-truth through the River of Death.

"I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone", "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me", "There'll be rest for Me (On the other side of Jordan)", the beautiful Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the restless wave; O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea." Death is often described as a voyage--a passing over to "The farther shore." Poets, the writers of Holy Scripture, and hymn writers convey this idea. Often at funerals we hear quoted Tennyson's beautiful poem on immortality, ("Crossing the Bar") "Sunset and Evening Star, And on Clear call for me--And may--there be no moaning at the bar, When I put out to sea."

Yes, we can accept the idea that death is a crossing over. Theodore Roosevelt called it, "The Greatest Adventure". We are all closer to the "farther shore" than we realize. It is very, very close. Are we making preparations? Do we have our

passports? We have our right of passage if we belong to Christ. He is our "Rite" of passage. The sea is charted. There's a pilot on board. We can stand at the bow unafraid, enjoying, yes, exulting in, this home-going voyage. On the subject of immortality, Jesus is the final authority--the Clarion Voice: Because I live, ye shall live also.....In my Father's house are many mansions.....I go to prepare a place for you.....I am the resurrection and the life..... Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.....This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise. Those whose lives are honored in this Memorial Moment are as follows: Dale Redmon, 8:30 a.m. Easter Morning, Tatum, Texas; William Lewis Vaughn, May 18, Laneville, Texas; J. P. Hawkins, October 5, 1994; Helen Ivey Cordell and Lois Green from Alabama; Arnevis Norton, June, 1995, San Antonio, Texas; Ethel Clark, March, Huntington; Elder Pete Walker, Conroe, Texas; Lila Fulmer, Smith County, Texas; Y. B. Yancey, Smith County, Texas. Myra Palmer led songs on pages 45t and 403, "How happy are the souls above, from sin and sorrow free, with Jesus they are now at rest, and all His glory see". The group was dismissed with prayer by David Rousseau.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by John Morris leading song on page 335t. Leaders called were: Coy Ivey 63; Joan Aldridge 515; Phyllis Costner 168; Edith Owen 511b; Bob Parr 428; Bill Farris 401; Norma Latham 511t; Everette Denney 283; Carlene Griffin 85; Donald Ross 315; David Rousseau 492; Catherine Rogan 274; Beverly Coates 331b; Aubrey Barfield 140; Leon Ballinger 196; Dale Redmon, Jr. 563; Sandy Hill 334; Tommy Spurlock 574; Cindy Franklin 505; Wanda Capps 571; David Ivey 395; Baron Powers 239; Mickey Thompson 31t; Elizabeth Rogan 215; Ophelia Matthews 384; Dalton Clanton 512; Marie Guthrie 434; Vivian Rogan 32t; Marcelene Hardy 172; Michelle Rogan 427; Monnie Ross 49; Joe Nelson 28b; Gary Rogan 230; Mary Bachmann 346. Bruce Coates led the closing song on page 62. The class was dismissed in prayer by Mr. B. E. Matthews.

Co-Chairpersons - John Morris and Emmie Morris; Vice Chairman - Sam Craig; Secretary/Treasurer - Marion Grant.

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION

Zion Church

August 13, 1995

The seventy-eighth session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was called to order by the Chairman, A. A. Malone, and opened by singing the song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Brother J. L. Abrams. Election of officers was called for, and a motion was made to keep the same officers: Chairman - A. A. Malone; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretary - Earline Ellis; Arranging Committee - Wayne Baines. Leaders: George Cox 229, 317, 490; Jamie McCool 36b, "Not Made With Hands", 318; Rachel Richardson 235, 82t, 87; Gravis Ballinger 101t, 124, 78; Etma Barton 99, 299, 300.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Toney Smith leading songs on pages 57 and 56t. Leaders: Annie Lou Price 75, 138b, 339; Mual Coble 52t, 321b, 69t; Johnny Humber 34b, 460, 452b; Larry Ballinger 34t, 67, 83t. Chairman A. A. Malone dismissed the class for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Wayne Baines leading songs on pages 254, 100, and 127; Clarence McCool led 45t, 294, and 143. The memorial service was held at this time with Earline Ellis leading songs on pages 569, 480, and 490 in memory of the deceased this past year: Naomi Wheat, Melvia Gray, Benny Rigdon, Lois Green, Leon Price, and Ted Godsey. After the memorial service, James L. Howell led song on page 172. Leaders: Mual Coble 56, 567; Gravice Ballinger 475; George Cox 512; Larry Ballinger 90; Etma Barton 190, 373; Rachel Richardson 282, 358; Annie Lou Price 40, 349; Janice McCool 137; Clarence McCool 111b; Earline Ellis 313. The class was dismissed by the Chairman, A. A. Malone, until next year by leading songs on pages 183 and 62. The closing prayer was led by Brother J. L. Abrams.
Chairman - A. A. Malone; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH **Haleyville, Alabama** **August 13, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Baptist Church was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 39t. The morning prayer was led by Rev. Glenn Bridgeman. Dawson Adams led the song on page 39b. The class organized for the day by electing and appointing the following officers: Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Dawson Adams led song on page 45t, and leaders followed: Dr. Doyal Williams 85, 99, 155; Junita Whitman 235, 141; Gene Wakefield 64, 100, 168; Beatrice Brewer 137, 460; Ada Godsey 34t, 301 in memory of Howard Godsey; L. E. Hannah 318, 389, 59 in memory of Nena Tittle; Roma Rice 139, 566, 104.

RECESS

Parnell Berry called the class back to order leading songs on pages 177, 176b, and 306. Leaders called were: Kris Bell 31b, 384; Justin Keeton and Bradley Allen 546, 385b, 455; Mae Conwill 270, 288, 272; Pernie Pelfrey 331, 371, 312b. A memorial lesson was held for the loved ones in this area who have passed away this year. They were: Nena Tittle, Ted Godsey, Wilford Wakefield, Harley Hocutt, Bertha Henson, Sam Fowler, Winford Watts, and Wallace Watts. Those who sang in their memory were Latreve Bailey and L. E. Hannah 323b; Travis Keeton 97, 268; John Hyde 68b. After the conclusion of the memorial lesson, the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of this singing was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 73t. Leaders followed: Margaret Keeton 454, 217, 276; Amanda Denson 373, 273, 36b; Kermit Adams 157, 428, 77t; Josie Hyde 120, 200, 220; Travis Keeton 282, 343; Latreve Bailey 111t, 143; Elmer Conwill 478, 475, 179; Josephine Rouse 71, 98; Clifford Wakefield 175b, 176b, 400; Cecil Wakefield 290, 81, 61; Raymond and Audrey Fannin 328, 124, 72b; Avelene Donaldson 32t, 275; Roxie Keeton 530; Margaret Keeton 213 for Tom Roberson who was in the hospital. After announcements, the singing was closed with prayer by Ramond Fannin.

Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONVENTION

Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church - Five Points, Tennessee August 13, 1995

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 32. The morning prayer was led by Tim Reynolds. Clayton Ezell then led songs on pages 30, 48, and 61. Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 42, 75, 112; Mark Taylor 34b, 176b, 108b; Estelle Napier 109, 171, 373; Tim Reynolds 58, 128, 85, 66; Keterina Sanders 59, 389, 454.

RECESS

Clayton Ezell called the class back to order by leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 123; Mary Sue Taylor 72b, 405; Paige Hunter 535; Clay Mattox 335, 334; Margie Norwood and Frances Mattox 100; Margie Norwood 101t.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

Clayton Ezell called the class back to order by leading songs on pages 231 and 358. Leaders: Debbie Sides 73, 85, 569; Irene Roberson 168, 313t, 460; Frances Mattox 119; Cecil Sanders 512, 475; Judge Otis Knippers 128, "Not Made With Hands"; Estelle Napier 146, 319 in memory of her brother, Henry Jackson, who died in June of this year; Tim Reynolds 341, 340, 178; Gordon Wilkinson 145t, 498, 480; Irene Robertson 141; Clayton Ezell 408, 294; Margie Norwood 452; Debbie Sides 159. The class was dismissed with prayer by Tim Reynolds. Chairman - Debbie Sides; Secretary - Paige Hunter.

ELMORE CENTER

Four miles south of Gordo, Alabama, County Roads 9 and 21 August 16, 1995

The one hundred fifty-first annual session of the Sacred Harp singing at Elmore Center United Methodist Church was called to order by the Chairman, A. A. Malone, leading songs on pages 30t and 31b. Leaders: Toney Smith 45; Raymond O'Mary 62, 63; Dorothy Elmore 108, 317, 323b; George Cox 348b, 569b, 33b; James L. Howell 58, 59, 82. The class was dismissed for a ten minute recess.

RECESS

Moderator A. A. Malone brought the class back to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Earline Ellis 172, 373, 176, 294; Nancy Hughes 30t, 39b, 127; Irma Hitt 480, 490, 235; Dessie Goodman 204; Jimmy Johnson 43, 59, 335. The class was dismissed for lunch by the Chairman, A. A. Malone.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Moderator, A. A. Malone, leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Sam Graham 72, 159, 143; Mrs. George Cox 274; Earline Ellis 318, 340, 341; Raymond O'Mary 100, 101t, 75; George Cox 512, 30b; Dorothy Elmore 145b, 147, 294; Nancy Hughes 378, 388; Irma Hitt 290, 288; Dessie Goodman 104; James L. Howell 97, 36b, 146; Toney Smith 390. The class was dismissed with a standing invitation to be back next year, August 14, 1996.

Chairman - A. A. Malone; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

ROCK CREEK MOUNTAIN HOME - RYAN CREEK CONVENTION

**Jones Chapel Senior Citizen Center
August 19, 1995**

The ninety-ninth session of the Rock Creek Mountain Home, and the one hundred twenty-second session of the Ryan Creek Convention met at Jones Chapel Senior Citizen Center on Saturday, August 19, 1995, and was called to order with Henry Guthery leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Hershell King. Leaders: Vernice Calvert 100, 159, 30t, 44; John Hyde 124, 275b; Kathy Chandler 155, 354b; Velton Chafin 163b, 225; Essie Calvert 340, 89; Gordon Wilkerson 434, 475; Martha Woodard 428; Corene White 314; Jewel Wootten 85, 63; Marie Guthrie 189, 411; Gene Wakefield 64, 168; E. E. Kilgore 454, 192.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class together leading song on page 235b. The class organized by retaining all officers: Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Vice Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Unie B. Howard. Leaders: A. D. Chandler 123, 136; Eldagene Roberson 300 215; Imogene Nelms 66, 269; David Roberson 268, 137; Unie B. Howard 384; Josie Hyde 183, 298; Hershell King 426t, 551; Flarce Creel 503b, 34b.

RECESS

A memorial lesson was given at this time for those who have passed away since last year. Deceased: Lindsey Crider, Leon Price, Ted Godsey, Dwight Ingle, Henry Jackson, Palmer Calvert, Bertha Henson, Trixie Vandiver, Ervin Brothers, Elder Harley Hocutt, Aubrey Persall, Clyde White, James Denson, Otis McCoy, Hattie Swann, Edna Calvert, and Milton Campbell. Marie Guthrie led songs on pages 73t and 348b in their memory. John Hocutt led 403 and 321b for all the sick and shut-ins. Hershell King closed the memorial with prayer. The class sang "Amazing Grace" and dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Vernice Calvert called the class together leading songs on pages 322 and 166. Leaders: Edith Tate 129, 167; Linda Thomas 43; Reedie Evans 280, 358; Bascom Mattox 186, 217; Ruth Walker 48t, 490; Amanda Denson, Reedie Evans 430, 200; Lora Cargo 108b, 222; Ruth and Opha Burleson 101t, 100; I. V. Cockrell 455; Elvin Guthrie 477, 488, 266; Eron White 146, 408; Cassie Franklin 178, 485. The class voted to hold this convention at Jones Chapel Senior Citizen Center next year on the Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1996. After announcements, the class was dismissed with prayer by Hershell King.

Chairman - Vernice Calvert; Vice Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Unie B. Howard.

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION Cane Creek Church August 20, 1995

The one hundred sixth session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Cane Creek Church, August 20, 1995. The class was called to order by the Chairman, Cecil Edwards, leading song on page 61. The morning prayer was led by Billy Joe Harris. Officers leading were: Cecil Edwards 59; Walter Hamrick 68b; Billy Joe Harris 347, 452; Mary Florence Smith 31b, 565b. The introductory lesson was led by Jeff Sheppard from a book that was given to

the Convention in memory of the late J. W. Laminack. Songs used were: 47t, 65, 289, and 292. The business session was held, and the following officers will serve another year: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Walter Hamrick; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Chaplain - Billy Joe Harris; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Hester Edwards and Lois Bowman. Walter Hamrick led songs on pages 186 and 106. Leaders: Margie Smith 82t, 84; Don Bowen 225t, 178; Alice Edwards 104, 73b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Cecil Edwards leading song on page 273. Leaders called: Revy Williamson 99, 155; Roy Nelson 75, 303b; Evelyn Harris 77t, 101t; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Lou Cotney 196, 189; Milton Oliver 384, 222; Judy Mincey 523, 489; Lonnie Rogers 137, 318; Shelbie Sheppard 296, 139. The memorial lesson was given at this time by Hester Edwards and Lois Bowman, who said, "As we come to this part of this convention, I consider this to be a beautiful part of this singing as we pause to remember our friends and loved ones who have passed away in the last year. As we remember these, we can remember some special things about each. We can sing in their memory by singing these beautiful hymns." Hester Edwards read the following names of the deceased: Forney Cobb, Dula Webb, Hoyt Renfro, Freeman Harris, Bill Edwards, and Lessie Cates. B. M. Smith led songs on pages 499b and 122, and Harvey Austin led songs on pages 298 and 340. Mary Florence Smith led songs on pages 383 and 387 for the sick and shut-ins. Billy Joe Harris closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The Chairman, Cecil Edwards, began the afternoon of singing leading song on page 87. Leaders: Lewis Norton 235, 159, 491; Shelton Williamson 299, 300; B. M. Smith 496, 497, 284; Harvey Austin 335, 405; Jeff Sheppard 156, 167; Roy Nelson 434; Judy Mincey 404, 192; Don Bowen 163, 503; Shelbie Sheppard 484; Lamar Smith 218. The Cleburne County Convention will be at Cane Creek Church again in 1996. Announcements were made and page 62, "Parting Hand", was the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Walter Hamrick; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith.

BEASLEY - LEE MEMORIAL SINGING Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama August 20, 1995

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 63 and 31b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Marlin Beasley led song on page 144. The class organized, and the following officers were elected: Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 142; Gary Smith 49b, 34b; Gene Wakefield 164, 100; Dorothea McCowan 475, 196; A. A. Moore 290, 35; Dr. Juliette Haynes 216, 430; Sarah Smith 129, 384; Corene Sanders 389, 454; Cora Sweatt 111b, 159.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley called the class to order leading song on page 108. Leaders: Becky Briggs 405, 335; Freddie Briggs 45t; Flarce Creel 222, 318; David Beasley 317, 39b; Mae Conwill 349, 441; Ann Jett 448b, 141; Ricky Beasley 566, 47b; Cecil Sanders 48t, 123t; Tommy Beasley 348b, 30t; John Hyde 75, 314; Edith Tate 532; Ann Ballard 485, 284. Prayer was given by Ricky Beasley.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Marlin Beasley leading song on page 480. Leaders: John Beasley 37b, 81t; Pernie Pelfrey 145b; Johnny Humber 146, 212; Amanda Denson 276, 373; Beatrice Brewer 36b; Gravis Ballinger 300, 110; Harrison Creel 512; Josie Hyde 150, 151; Larry Ballinger 229, 89; Kermit Adams 269, 432; Elsie Beasley 434, 436; "Chuck" Hilman Beasley 354, 33b; Earl Ballinger 40, 43; Cecil Wakefield 203, 114; Charlie Ballard 388, 569; Travis Keeton 68b, 371; Dennis Beasley 40, 72; Elmer Conwill 73t, 422; Harrison Creel 342; Edith Tate 53; Marlin Beasley 47t, 62. Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer by Ricky Beasley.

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Dorothea McCowan.

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION **Shady Grove Church - Winston County, Alabama** **August 26, 1995**

The ninety-seventh session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 37b. The morning prayer was led by A. C.

McGough. Travis Keeton led song on page 56t. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Dawson Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Leaders: B. B. Mattox 129, 42, 421; Reddie Evans 100, 101t, 112; Gene Wakefield 168, 143, 48t; Gladys Bonds 44, 57, 141 for daughter Juanita Whitman; L. E. Hannah 313t for Tom and Lola Roberson, 336 for Rose Altha Taylor, 187; Roma Rice 399b, 113, 49b.

RECESS

Dawson Adams called the class together leading songs on pages 47b, 73t, and 73b. Leaders: Hubert Hood 454, 569b, 436; Pernie Pelfrey 67, 426 for Rose Altha Taylor, 566; Margaret Keeton 475, 517, 511; Ada Godsey 460, 335, 59. The class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back in session leading song on page 179. Leaders: Corene White 126, 146; A. C. McGough 290, 111b, 30t; Eron White 186, 155; Myrtice Graham 154, 385b, 410t; Josie Hyde 39b, 36b, 225t; Kermit Adams 31b, 31t, 428; Milford Watts 376b, 29t, 271t; Amanda Denson 300, 77t, 272; Emily Jones 135, 65, 75; Azilee Adams 337, 317b; John Hyde 297, 546; Travis Keeton and Milford Watts 84; Amanda Denson 151. Travis Keeton led song on page 68 as the closing song, and B. B. Mattox dismissed the class with prayer.

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

MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

**Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church - Decatur, Mississippi
August 26-27, 1995**

Saturday, August 26

The sixty-seventh annual session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur (Newton County), Mississippi, on August 26 and 27, 1995. The Convention opened with the President, Mark Davis, leading song on page 37b. Elder Charles Porter led in prayer. Mark Davis appointed Junie McNeil and Tim Gray as the Arrangements Committee. Jean Gray was appointed as Interim Secretary. President Davis led songs on pages 81t and 229, and then presented the following program: Vice President John Van Horn 77t, 384; John Hollingsworth 192, 196; Elder Charles Porter 155, 137; Sharona Nelson 66, 47t; Hugh McGuire 82t, 89; Paula McGray 276, 101t; H. B. McGuire 67 for Ms. Bernice Embrey, 146 for Ms. Ruby Easley; Angela Benton 358, 145b; George Easley 313, 299. President Davis appointed the Business and Credentials Committee as follows: Arlon Gardner, Durward Scarborough, and George Easley. Singing was resumed as follows: Janice Nelson 288, 460. President Davis welcomed those from far and near and called for a 10 minute recess.

RECESS

President Davis called the convention back together leading song on page 74b. Singing was resumed as follows: Durward Scarborough 45t, 339; Dr. Wilma Mitchell 63, 147t; Arlon Gardner 129, 448b; Tim Gray 40, 200; Mike and Christine McNeil 222, 268; Tiffany Harrison 117; Jean Gray 108, 203; Chaplain W. M. Allen 207, 75.

President Davis appointed Mae Ola Nelson, H. B. McGuire, and Mike McNeil to the Locations Committee. President Davis then led song on page 180, followed by a move and second to dismiss for lunch.

LUNCH

The Convention was blessed with a bountiful lunch from 12:00 to 1:00. After lunch, President Davis began the afternoon session leading songs on pages 36b and 189. He was followed by: John Merritt 480, 300; Junie McNeil 119, 32t; Billy Hollingsworth 354b, 49t; Henry McGuire 142, 380; Lisa Davis 350, 528; Sarah Tidwell 42, 72b; Judy Harrison 297, 104; Jimmy Smith 569b, 565b; Ester Mann 426t, 85.

President Davis opened the floor for the business of electing officers for the coming year. A motion was made and carried to retain the present officers with the exception of Jean Gray being elected as secretary. Singing was resumed with President Davis leading, by request, 236, "Easter Anthem". The Convention adjourned for a 10 minute recess.

RECESS

Singing was resumed as follows: President Mark Davis 454; Vice President John Van Horn 522 (Cooper Book); John Merritt 569; John Hollingsworth, remembering Ms. Ottis Matthews, 408; Charles Porter 136; Hugh McGuire 344 (Cooper Book); Sharona Nelson 452; Paula McGray 327; H. B. McGuire 442; Arlon Gardner 49b; Janice Nelson 378t; Durward Scarborough 240; Dr. Wilma Mitchell 39t; Tim Gray 434; Jean Gray 215.

President Davis appointed Janice Nelson and John Hollingsworth as the Memorial Committee. After announcements, the convention was adjourned by singing the Drone and prayer by Chaplain W. M. Allen. Afterwards, the

Convention was treated to watermelon, courtesy of the folks from Calhoun County.

Sunday, August 27

The Vice President, John Van Horn, opened the second day of the convention leading songs on pages 39b and 64. The Chaplain, W. M. Allen, led in prayer, and then led songs on pages 59 and 144; Secretary Jean Gray 143 and 418. Singing then resumed as follows: Hugh McGuire 123b, 124; Paula McGray 48t, 341; John Hollingsworth 36b, 36t; Dr. Wilma Mitchell 274, 68b; Tim Gray 61, 31b; H. B. McGuire 572 (Cooper Book), 563; Angela Benton 358, 147t. President Davis called for the committees to be ready to report at 2:00 p.m. Hugh McGuire and Ester Mann were appointed to the Resolution Committee. Leaders: President Davis 176b, 171, 172; Mike McNeil 573 (Cooper Book), 182; Janice Nelson 100, 223; Durward Scarborough 354, 345b; Billy Hollingsworth 186, 323b; Ester Mann 438, 445b; Paula Freeman 146, 200. President Mark Davis dismissed the singing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was resumed as follows: President Mark Davis 441; Kurt Davis 345; Arlon Gardner 530, 430; Sharona Nelson 63, 497; Henry McGuire 112, 78; Christine McNeil 496, 330b; Neva Dee Mayes and Eva Dee Wyatt 145b; Junie McNeil 319, 97; President Mark Davis, by request from Mae Ola Nelson, 408; President Mark Davis 254; Hugh McGuire and Henry McGuire, by request from the Arrangements Committee, 236. The business session was opened by President Mark Davis calling for reports from all committees. Resolution Committee Report: We wish to thank Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church and the singers of Newton and surrounding counties and state for entertaining the 1995 Mississippi State Singing Convention. Respectfully, Hugh McGuire and Ester Mann. Locating Committee Report: We recommend that the 1996 session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention be held at a location to be determined later. Respectfully, H. B. McGuire, Mae Ola Nelson, and Mike McNeil. Business and Credentials Committee Report: We have several counties and states represented at the Convention, with delegates and visitors. We find a quorum present. We have collected a total of \$120.00 as follows: Calhoun County - \$25.00, Chickasaw County - \$32.00, and Newton County - \$63.00. Respectfully, Arlon Gardner and Durward Scarborough. Memorial Committee Report: We have the following members reported passed away since last session, 1994, to wit: Benny Rigdon, Lilian Burt, T. T. Fortenberry, Lamar Caldwell, Myrtis Pritchett, Lessie Cates, and Blanche Pace Bailey. John Hollingsworth and Janice Nelson led songs on pages 339 and 235 in memory of all. All reports were accepted and committees dissolved, except the Locations Committee. President Davis called for a 10 minute recess.

RECESS

Singing resumed as follows: President Mark Davis 175, 220; Vice President Van Horn 306; President Mark Davis, by request from Secretary Jean Gray, 218; Chaplain W. M. Allen 490; Hugh McGuire 503 (Cooper Book); Paula McGray 373; Tim Gray 46; H. B. McGuire 515; John Hollingsworth 290; Durward Scarborough 111t; Ester Mann 160b; Arlon Gardner 47b; Sharona Nelson 163; Henry McGuire 269, by request, 424. President Mark Davis called for announcements, then dismissed by singing the Drone and prayer by Chaplain, W. M. Allen.

Chairman - Mark Davis; Vice Chairman - John Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION

Pine Grove Church

August 26-27, 1995

Saturday, August 26

The ninety-second session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Lamar Smith leading songs on page 82t and 32t. Harvey Austin led the morning prayer. Leaders: Bud Oliver 59; Milton Oliver 36b; S. T. Reed 30t; Randall Smith 137; Boyd Scott 58; Cecil Gilliland 273; Rodney Ivey 186; Martha Woodard 428; Linda Thomas 345b; Hershell King 235b; Edith Tate 436; Carmon Brothers 340.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Lamar Smith leading song on page 343b. A business session was held to elect officers as follows: Chairman - Milton Oliver; Vice Chairman - S. T. Reed; Secretary - Randall Smith; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver; Memorial Committee - Alanna Blanks and Linda Thomas; Finance Committee - Lamar Smith and Scot Oliver. Leaders: Kat Kinkade 385t; John delRe 326; Becky Browne 528; Leyland delRe 123b; Kelly Macklin 57; Jeanette Lowry 430; John Daniel delRe 274t; Marie Smith 373; Dave Ressler 189; Katharine Manning 532; Lora Cargo 269; Don Bowen 548; J. C. Denney 101t; Judy Mincey 485; Mel Kersey and Freeman Wootten 122; Freeman Wootten 48b; Joyce Saxton 196; Felton Denney 120; Alice Edwards 73b; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Reba Dell Windom 192.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with S. T. Reed leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Syble Adams 171; Hunter Haie 49b; I. V. McWhorter 97; Shelton Williamson 222; Edward Howton and Maxine Lacy 460; Ruth Walker 434; J. A. Mosley 341; Jerry Enright 36t; Carlene Griffin 37b; Alice Mosley 145; J. C. Smith and Bud Oliver 282; Kelly Beard 309; Doyle Ashley 358; Brenda Carroll 442; Harvey Austin 335; L. H. Underwood 383; Melvin Hyatt 182; Joyce Walton 277; Clyde Black 288; Colbie Allen 384.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

Milton Oliver called the class to order leading song on page 321b. Leaders: Douglas Conn 67; Shelbie Sheppard 440; Flarce Creel 475; John Morris 163b; Warren G. Meadows 348b; Ann Jett 327; Emmie Morris 220; Jap Walton 153; Wanda Capps 142; Charlene Wallace 267; Charles Whitmer 447; B. J. Harris 452; Pauline Childers 480; Buell Cobb 131b; Marie Hyatt 166b; Everette Denney 34b; Cassie Franklin 344; Cecil Sanders 512; Joan Aldridge 198.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Pam Nunn 424; Coy Ivey and Eloise Wootten 454; Jewel Wootten 176t; Jeff Sheppard 388; Woody Walker and Willie Mae Haney 208, 172; Wayne Wootten and Loyd Ivey 47t; Syble Adams "Going Home To Die No More"; B. M. Smith 448b; Elene Stovall 441; Rhoda Norris 498; Velton Chafin 225t; Myra Dalton and Shane Wootten 102, 448t; Mary Smith 371; Mary Ruth Stiefel 204; Evelyn Harris 378; Philip and Paula Gilmore 68b, 48t; Joe, Bill, Odis, and Hubert Nall and Flo Cozan 84, 129; Norma Latham 418; Scot Oliver and Alanna Blanks 496. Milton Oliver led song on page 46 as the closing song, and Doug Conn dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 27

On Sunday morning the convention was called to order by Milton Oliver leading song on page 32t. Lamar Smith led the morning prayer. Leaders: S. T. Reed 82t;

Randall Smith and Bud Oliver 73t; Randall Smith, Bud Oliver, and Virgil Phillips 137; Coy Ivey 172; Margie Smith 313t, 284; Elene Stovall 556, 217; Lamar Smith 36b; John Daniel delRe 421; Don Bowen 270, 282; Jeffery Hines and Elizabeth Cusick 178, 148; Odis Nall 145b; B. W. Ashley 300.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with S. T. Reed leading song on page 42. Leaders: Wayne Reed 108b; Leyland delRe 165; Jackie Tanner 208, 299; Judy Mincey 180, 501b; Shane Wootten 37b; Norma Latham 334, 332; Loyd Ivey 89, 438; Verlon Stiefel 138b; Marlon Wootten 39b, 30t; Ruby Phillips 475; Rodney Ivey 144, 298; Hershell King 426t, 551; Hubert Wall 61, 186.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Milton Oliver leading song on page 64. Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t; Harvey Austin 101t, 109; Jeff Oliver 162, 129; Joe Nall 430, 171; Kat Kinkade 313b, 193; Eric Blanks, Sheryl Beard, Alanna Blanks, and Milton Oliver 496; Doyle Ashley 192; Willie Mae Haney 269, 212; J. C. Rutledge 105, "That Beautiful Land"; J. S. Smith and Bud Oliver 499; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 170, 189.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The class reassembled with Bud Oliver leading song on page 384. Leaders: David Ivey 455; Mel Kersey 99; B. M. Smith 464; Joyce Walton 57; John Morris 76b; Joan Aldridge 150; Kelly Beard 280; Dave Ressler 209; John delRe 369; Richard Ivey 454. A memorial lesson was held by Linda Thomas at this time. She gave us these thoughts to reflect upon, "Part of the host have crossed the flood and part are crossing now. There are many that have crossed before us and we will always miss them. We appreciate the lives they lived and the examples they set for us to follow. We thought we couldn't sing without them, and no one can take their place, but others join us and we sing on 'til we meet again where there will be no more parting. I'm glad we are not alone at the crossing. In Luke 16:22 when Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels when his body died. His soul moved out, II Corinthians 5: 'Absent from the body, present with the Lord.' We need to lay up treasures in Heaven--invest in things that are eternal because, 'when we die we leave what we have and take what we are.' People are the only part of this world that will last forever. The soul never dies, our bodies are temporal, but our new bodies, at the resurrection, will be eternal. The most important thing in life is to be prepared for death. Death is the gate to endless joy." Jerry Enright led song on page 482 for those who passed away: Fay Allen, Helen Ivey Cordell, Lois Green, Arville Hyatt, Lessie Cates, Forney Cobb, Leon Price, John Morris, Jack Harcrow, Ervin Brothers, Winford Lacey; Dula Webb, Bertha Henson, Orville Boldwin, John Aylor, Dale Redmon, Hoyt Renfroe, Hugh Brandon, Jack Simmons, Lewis Vaughn, Junurs Hudgins, Carlton Hitchcock, Harry Dumas, Velma Kelly, and Ted Godsey. Remember the shut-ins with your prayers, visits and cards. Give them a flower and tell them you love them while they are living. David Ivey led song on page 56b for the sick and shut-ins which were: Marie Aldridge, Daphene Causey, Thurman Nall, Aver Crider, Ozetta Gilliland, Joe Smith, Will Battles, Jerry Sheppard, and Mozell Sheppard. Brother Verlon Stiefel closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 35, 43; Jeanette Lowry 29t; Emmie Morris 215; Allison Ivey 567; Allison Ivey and Richard Ivey 182; Kelly Macklin 216; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Charles Whitmer 218; Katharine Manning 279b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Randall Smith and Shane Wootten leading song on page 343. Leaders: Becky Browne 203; Karen Ivey 532; Cindy Franklin 198,

146; Charles Stiefel and Randall Smith 285t; Cassie Franklin 142; Joyce Saxton 84; Ben Bridges 63; Marty Wootten 441; Eloise Avery 426b; Shelbie Sheppard 106; Reba Dell Windom 196; Mary Ruth Stiefel 75. The singing concluded with Milton Oliver leading song on page 62, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Verlon Stiefel. Chairman - Milton Oliver; Vice Chairman - S. T. Reed; Secretary - Randall Smith.

CHERRY TREE SINGING

James Creek Church

August 27, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Clayton Ezell. Elmer Conwill then led song on page 33b. The class organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Mae Conwill; Arranging Committee - Edwin Ballinger. Leaders: Travis Keeton 48t, 400; Arnold Moore 72; Sarah Smith 204, 401; Jimmie Ballinger 565b, 111b; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; A. A. Malone 432, 448t; L. E. Hannah 500, 511; Gordon Wilkerson 137, 217; Pauline Childers 318, 426; Gravis Ballinger 300, 475; Pernie Pelfrey 145b.

RECESS

Travis Keeton led song on page 73t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Flarce Creel 497, 344; John Hyde 297, 124; Doyal Williams 129, 269; Juliette Haynes 218; Cecil Sanders 434; Edith Tate 155, 371; Clayton Ezell 231, 278t; Bonnie Rye 176b, 209; Clarence McCool 328, 349; Beth O'Dell 189, 220; Kermit Adams 276, 216; Beatrice Brewer 384, 298. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Elmer Conwill leading song on page 142. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 168, 108; Josie Hyde 470; Ann Ballard 229; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84; Margaret Keeton and Bradley Allen 546; Warren Steel 131t, 411; Ann Jett 136, 448b; Larry Ballinger 327; Dorothea McCowan 234, 196; Gary Smith 569, 34b; Jane Fullmar 210, 64; Earl Ballinger 78; Eldegene Robinson 306, 373; Linton Ballinger 299; Marie Guthrie 192; Harrison Creel 335, 512; Elvin Guthrie 172, 479; Mae Conwill 294; Bruce Rye 212, 304; Elsie Beasley 30b; David Robinson 388, 274; Ersell Jackson 277; A. C. McGough 460; Estes Jackson 436; John Beasley 354; Edwin Ballinger 491; Elmer Conwill led 58 for Herlon Holland; Elmer Conwill, Travis Keeton, and Edwin Ballinger led 69t for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel. Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION

Liberty Church (McCormick), Walker County, Alabama

September 2, 1995

The ninetieth session of the Mulberry River Convention met at Liberty Church (McCormick) on Saturday, September 2, 1995, and was called to order by Chairman Velton Chafin leading the song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Velton Chafin led the song on page 34b. Since this is now a one day convention, a business session was entered into at this time, and the

following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Memorial Committee - Wanda Capps and Pauline Childers; Finance Committee - Vernice Calvert and Essie Calvert. The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading the song on page 100. Leaders: Keterina Sanders 73t, 454; Essie Calvert 409, 460; Mary Thompson 383, 53; I. V. Cockrell 319, 318; Mae Conwill 314, 63; Pauline Childers 234, 384; Vernice Calvert 155, 183; Flarce Creel 389, 475; Charles Kitchens 326, 179; Cecil Gilliland 171, 217.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by Velton Chafin leading the song on page 42. Leaders: Travis Keeton 59, 99; John Hocutt 66, 516; John Beasley 406, 480; S. T. Reed 79, 78; Eron White 146, 129; Thurman Nall 287; Edith Tate 371, 441. At this time the memorial lesson was held to honor our friends and loved ones who have been called from this walk of life to sing in the heavenly choir. Cynthia Franklin read Psalm 100, and Lucy Heidorn lead 445 for the following deceased: Noah Lacy, Lessie Cates, Aaron Creel, Bertha Henson, Ervin Brothers, Trixie Vandiver, Lois Green, Ted Godsey, Henry Jackson, Lindsey Crider, Dale Redmon, Harley Hocutt, Winford Lacey, Leon Price, and Rev. Barfield. Wanda Capps led songs on pages 34t and 385b for the sick and shut-ins: Aver Crider, Daphne Causey, Mamie Creel, Lucile Tolbert, Tom and Lola Roberson, Tom Harper, and Mae Seymour. Charles Kitchens closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Fern Kitchens 338, 378t; Marie Guthrie 220, 411.

LUNCH

John Hocutt called the class together leading the song on page 410b. Leaders: Unie B. Howard 58, 101t; Milton Oliver 145t, 270; Harrison Creel 111b; Billy Williams 297, 448b; Jewel Wootten 31t; Elmer Conwill 416, 286; Joshua Keeton 189, 30t; Cecile Cox 222, 290; Freeman Wootten 43; Glenn Keeton 225t, 503; Hadyn Creel 388, 335; Cynthia Franklin 489b, 410; Lucy Heidorn 200; Thurman Nall 50b; Cecil Sanders 426t; Velton Chafin led 284 for Virgil Phillips, and 521. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel. Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST **Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House),** **Fayette County, Alabama** **September 3, 1995**

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 32t, and the morning prayer was given by Velton Chafin. Elmer Conwill led the song on page 30t. The class elected Larry Ballinger as Chairman.

He then appointed Velton Chafin as Vice Chairman, Josie Hyde as Secretary, and John Hyde and Travis Keeton as the Arranging Committee. Larry Ballinger led song on page 59. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 202t, 124, 99; Hubert Hood 454, 546, 482 (for Tom Roberson); Mae Conwill 29t, 275b, 274t; Travis Keeton 343b, 91 (for Tom Roberson), 400; Arnold Moore 421, 480, 399b; Bradley Allen 385b, 213 (for Tom Roberson).

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back to order leading songs on pages 34b, 225t, and 50b. Leaders: Pauline Childers 490, 269, 318, 224; Cecil Sanders 335; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Flarce Creel 138t, 475, 182; John Hocutt 319, 140; Edith Tate

35, 73t, 119; Lola Roberson 137, 313, 208 (for Tom Roberson). The class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of the convention was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 168, 314, and 297. Leaders called were: L. E. Hannah 147b, 56t, 511; Josie Hyde 360, 361, 150; John Beasley 68b, 72b, 37b; Elmer Conwill 460, 430; Clearcy Rutledge 42, 100; Velton Chafin 66; Edith Tate 67, 75; John Hocutt 448b, 317b; Cecil Sanders 345t; Pauline Childers 217 (for Marie Aldridge), and 234 (for Aver Crider); Flarce Creel 284; Hubert Hood 569; John Hyde 61; Josie Hyde 229, 220. The convention is moveable, and since no other church called for it, Willa Rush asked that it be held at Pleasant Hill again in 1996. Larry Ballinger led songs on pages 231 and 445 for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

LITTLE VINE CHURCH

Near Bremen, Georgia

September 3, 1995

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Little Vine Church was held the first Sunday in September. Delores McGraw called the class together leading songs on pages 77 and 57. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Charlene Wallace led songs on pages 31b and 67. The class was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Delores McGraw; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Judy Henry. Delores McGraw led songs on pages 56 and 79. Leaders: I. V. McWhorter 213, 313; Jimmie Denney 43, 63; Revy Williamson 155, 34; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 222; Mary Florence Smith 77b, 289; Lydia McGraw 40, 87.

RECESS

Carlene Griffin called the class together leading songs on pages 117 and 31. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 48, 358; Alice Edwards 294, 73b (for Daisey Roberts and Ruth Brown); Jeff Sheppard 113, 91; Phillip Langley 186, 269; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 284; Everette Denney 285, 503.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Delores McGraw leading song on page 146. The memorial lesson was held. Jeff Sheppard led 73 and 65 in memory of: Myrtle McGraw, Maynard Hurston, Lessie Cates, Mary Jane Goldin Townson, and Dula Webb. Charlene Wallace led 139, 185, and 148 for the sick and shut-ins: Reby Stanford, R. C. Stanford, Aver Crider, Mozelle Sheppard, Jerry Sheppard, Daphene Causey, Aline Stanford, and Lee Roy McGraw. Leaders: Debra Langley 126, 127; Jimmie Denney 276; Mary F. Smith 403; Lonnie Rogers 137, 225; Sheri Taylor 27, 400; I. V. McWhorter 496, 97; Alice Edwards 104; Phillip Langley 84, 217; Shelbie Sheppard 216, 475; Ruby Phillips 345; Lydia McGraw 176b, 176; Everette Denney 335, 34b; Debra Langley 32, 480; Virgil Phillips 166; Shelbie Sheppard 142; Phillip Langley 196, 197. After announcements, Delores McGraw and Carlene Griffin led song on page 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Delores McGraw; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

LABOR DAY SINGING
Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama
September 4, 1995

The annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama on September 4, 1995. Jeff Sheppard called the class together by leading the song on page 32t, and the morning prayer was given by Everette Denney. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 57; Cecil Edwards 39b, 61; Mary Florence Smith 448b, 75. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 289 in memory of Lee Jones and Henry Kerr. The class was organized, and officers elected were: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Josephine Denney. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 101t, 313t; Frances Jones 569b, 100; Don Bowen 284, 266; I. V. McWhorter 109, 91; Lou Cotney 300, 497; Lewis Norton 318, 490; Lee Rogers 43, 218; Everette Denney 426t, 152.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard reassembled the class leading song on page 124. Leaders: Roy Nelson 294, 303b; Pauline Childers 212, 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates); Shelton Williamson 222, 186; Alice Edwards 340 (for Daisey Roberts), and 73b (for Ruth Brown); Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Donald Jones and Frances Jones 147t, 40; Edith Tate 88t, 89; John Plunkett 131, 71; Lois Stanson 182, 192; Billy Joe Harris 503b, 445b; Flarce Creel 475, 342; Judy Mincey 50b, 510; Felton Denney 467b, 489b; Cynthia Franklin 178, 189; Lonnie Rogers 348b for Marshall Avery, and 343b.

Joe Jones of Huntsville, Alabama, a member of the committee to preserve Shoal Creek Church, made a short talk. He told some of the history of the church and land. He spoke of the hard work that his late brother, Lee Jones, had done to keep all these plans in the works and the appreciation to the Sacred Harp Singers for the amount of two thousand three hundred dollars that they had given to help preserve the church. A collection of one hundred and twenty dollars was presented to the committee by the singers.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 42. Leaders: Cecil Edwards 64, 76b; Catherine Benefield 108t, 111t; Shelbie Sheppard 368, 137 (in memory of her mother, Lessie Cates); Kenneth Mize 388, 45t; Homer Benefield 141, 56t; Joan Durden 29, 159; Richard DeLong 337, 168; Charlene Wallace 314; Louise Allen 143, 81; Josephine Denney 452b, 145b; Lillie Mae White 106, 119; Carolyn McCarreth and Shelton Williamson 358, 373; Louise Nelson and Jeff Sheppard 49b; Hester Edwards and Cecil Edwards 274t; Ruth Brown and Cindy Franklin 142; Luke Allen 277. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 369 for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Lewis Norton.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama
September 9-10, 1995

Saturday, September 9

The ninety-second session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Jerry Enright leading song on page 278. The morning prayer

was led by Loyd Ivey. The officers were called to lead as follows: Nora Parker 36b; Paula McGray and Virgil Phillips 34b; Lamar Smith 76b; B. M. Smith 273; Mildred McElroy 186; Bud Oliver 145t; Mae Seymour 436; Lonnie Rogers 225; Ted Mercer 296; Cindy Franklin 198; Don Bowen 475; Richard DeLong 434; Judy Mincey 40; Edith Tate 389. Other leaders: Clayton Ezell 480 for John Hocutt who is ill and in the hospital at this time; Alice Hochstetler 75; Gordon Wilkerson 498; Elene Stovall 454.

RECESS

The convention was called back to order by Jerry Enright leading song on page 77t. A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chairman - Coy Ivey; Vice Chairman - David Ivey; Secretary - Nora Parker and Mae Seymour (Permanent). The elected officers appointed the following: Chaplain - Phil Summerlin; Arranging Committee - Shane Wootten, Margie Smith, and Virgil Phillips; Memorial Committee - Becky Browne, Ginnie Ely, and Norma Latham; Resolutions Committee - Mel Kersey, Judy Hauff, and Buell Cobb; Location Committee - Terry Wootten, Edith Tate, and Tim Reynolds; Finance Committee - Bud Oliver, Don Bowen, and Carla Smith. Leaders: Coy Ivey 48t; Laura Boyd 211; Rex Wilks 47; Julia Jett and Jean Seiler 242; Phil Summerlin 441; Stephen Warner 148; Pam Nunn 218; Cecil Gilliland 478; Bob Parr 224; Shellie Capps 73; Marcia Johnson 440; Kenneth DeLong 572; Maxine Lacy and Edward Howton 290; Mel Kersey 565; Judy Hauff 536; Tim Reynolds 203; Marie Aldridge 216.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class together leading song on page 171. Leaders: Woodie Walker 208; John Seaton 269; Susan Harcrow 518; Jeff Sheppard 313; Ginnie Ely 291; Rodney Ivey 137; Melanie Hauff 313b; Earl Ballinger 78; Shelbie Sheppard 326; Terry Wootten 320; Pauline Childers 546; Ted Johnson 411; Wanda Capps 222; Rick Russell 183; S. T. Reed 567; Becky Browne 362; M. H. Creel 512; Kat Kinkade 421.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 106. Leaders: Hershell King 460; Joan Aldridge 189; Colbie Allen 384; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 300, 170; Tony Ivey 535b; Jerry Schreiber 383; Karen Isbell 215; Michele Rae Biery 373; Veltan Chafin 50b; Ann Jett 327; Cassie Franklin 485; Karen Travis 167; Charlene Wallace 191; Jenny Wootten 155; Jo Dell Albi 180; Lee Rogers 387; Fred Todt 200; Reba Windom 455; Warren Steel 260; Brad Oglesby 68b; Barbara Karol and Carla Smith 497; Lucy Heidorn 217; George Seiler 84.

RECESS

Loyd Ivey reassembled the class leading song on page 89. Leaders: Pam Wilkerson 493; Tommy Creel 37b; Anne Heider 528; Leigh Barr 47; Allison, Richard, and Stuart Ivey 282; Grady Price "Trusting"; Syble Adams 124; Willie Mae Moon 568; Flarce Creel 284; Jewel Wootten, Freeman Wootten, and Olivia Allen 426, 48b; Clyde Black 288; Pallie Nix "Jesus Died For Me"; Buell Cobb 72. Coy Ivey led the closing song on page 63, and the class was dismissed by Phil Summerlin.

Sunday, September 10

The convention was called to order on Sunday by Coy Ivey leading song on page 82t. Prayer was led by Phil Summerlin. Coy Ivey led song on page 101t in memory of Leonard Lacy. Leaders called were: Marlon Wootten 47; Loyd Ivey 30; David Ivey 30b; Nora Parker 299; Shane Wootten 503; Liz Bryant 32b; L. L. Rogers 298; Carla Smith 228; Phil Summerlin 64; Jap Walton 420; Becky

Browne 192; Willie Mae Moon 45; Sam Jones 49b; Wayne Wootten 183; Virgil Phillips 475; Norma Latham 418; Pauline Childers 480; James Freyder 358; Joyce Walton 67; Jim Carnes 207.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with B. M. Smith leading song on page 66. Leaders: Myra Dalton 107; Shawn Carroll 28b; Linton Ballinger 186; Anne Heider 352; Brenda Carroll and Rebecca 442; Jerry Enright 29; Mike Dunn 424; Melanie Hauff 347; Eloise Watkins 348; Ginnie Ely 454; Betty Sheppard 216; Ted Johnson 278b; Marty Wootten 430; Warren Steel 74.

RECESS

Terry Wootten reassembled the class leading song on page 448t. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 384; Lamar Smith 36b; Alice Hochstetler 37; George Seiler 268; Michele Rae Biery "Not Made With Hands"; Kat Kinkade 85. A memorial lesson was held at this time. Becky Browne made a talk about "Treasures in Heaven".

Norma Latham read the names of the deceased as follows: Alabama--Fay Allen, Ervin Brothers, Hugh Brandon, Lessie Cates, Forney Cobb, Helen Ivey Cordell, Aaron Creel, Freeman Harris, Jack Harcrow, Arville Hyatt, Bertha Henson, Elder Harley Hocutt, Lois Green, Ted Godsey, Henry Jackson, Winford Lacey, John Norris, Leon Price, Hoyt Renfroe, Dula Webb, Clellon Warren, and Trixie Vandiver. Georgia--Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Talmage Harris, and Velma Kelley. Mississippi--George Boswell, Lillian Burt, and Toxey Fortinberry. Texas--Dale Redmon, Sr. Florida--Doris Shiner and George Klein. Illinois--Ann Tarsa. Kansas--Grace Moore Heider. Ohio--Minnie Clayton Oglesby. Milton Oliver led for the deceased leading song on page 569b. Ginnie Ely read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Judy Bell, Roberta Adams, Beatrice Ezell, Joe Smith, Tom Harper, John Hocutt, Agnes Hocutt, Karen Isbell, Elder Bernard Moon, Claude Moon, Mamie Creel, Lucile Tolbert, Edna McCurdy, Jerry Sheppard, and Mozelle Sheppard. Ginnie Ely then led song on page 340 for the sick. The memorial was closed with prayer by Phil Summerlin. Coy Ivey and Eloise Wootten led "Trusting".

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session was resumed with Coy Ivey leading song on page 99. Leaders: Phillip Wootten 106; Judy Hauff 201; Cindy Franklin 146; Rick Russell 168; Linda Thomas 465; Jenny Wootten 51; Jerry Schreiber 35; Jeffery Wootten 387; Judy Mincey 410; Karen Ivey 532; Elene Stovall 528; Flarce Creel 475; B. J. Harris 452; Jo Dell Albi 263; Richard, Allison, and Stuart Ivey 182; Teresa, Candace, and Lindsey Bethune, Marian and Ivey Biddle, Sandy and Rachel Ivey "That Beautiful Land"; Bud Oliver 270; John Seaton 47t; Fred Todt 497; Brad Oglesby 385; Dewayne Wootten 283; Cassie Franklin 142. "Happy Birthday" was sung for several singers.

RECESS

The class was called together by Mel Kersey leading song on page 32. Coy Ivey called for the business session to hear the reports of the committees. Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee wishes to acknowledge thanks for: (1) The members of Liberty Church and this community for making these facilities available. Last year, no one called for the convention. The people here knew how to host a good singing, and knew how to get people to come; (2) The providers and preparers of food, which has been delicious and abundant beyond description; (3) Those who promoted and advertised this singing, through a variety of means of communications; (4) Those who arranged for and provided overnight accommodations; (5) The officers of this singing who so conscientiously tried to get everyone willing to lead, to have their turn in the

hollow square; (6) All the singers who came from far and near. Committee: Mel Kersey, Judy Hauff, and Buell Cobb. Location Committee reported three places had asked for the convention. The 1996 session will be held at Shady Grove Church, Dutton, Alabama. Committee: Terry Wootten, Edith Tate, and Tim Reynolds. Finance Committee reported that \$503.91 was collected. Paid out for minutes, \$50.00; postage \$25.00; paper goods--plates, cups, and napkins \$46.70; food \$186.00; church \$100.00; balance on hand \$1,286.88. End of business session. Leaders: Paula McGray 37b; Marcia Johnson 196; Barbara Karol and Carla Smith 396; Freeman Wootten, Olivia Allen, Gertha Parker, and Claudene Townson 277, 28b; Lee Barr 59; Tommy Creel, M. H. Creel, Edith Tate, and Ann Jett 225, 111; Laura Boyd 376; Jean Seiler 217; Stephen Warner 547; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Pam Nunn 29b; Lee Rogers 220; Susan Harcrow and Sarah Harcrow 408; Syble Adams and Pam Wilkerson "We Will Sing With The Angles There"; Joan Aldridge 434. Coy Ivey, David Ivey, and Phil Summerlin led the closing song on page 62, and those who wished, took the parting hand. The Convention was then dismissed with prayer by Phil Summerlin.

Chairman - Coy Ivey; Vice Chairman - David Ivey; Secretary - Nora Parker, Mae Seymour.

MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH Near Bear Creek, Alabama September 10, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mountain Home Church was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Doyal Williams. John Hyde led song on page 37b. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 108b, 109, 164; Arnold Moore 137, 77t; Hubert Hood 49b, 454, 569; Ashley Owen 30t, 108t; Doyal Williams 314, 328, 318; Gladys Bonds 159, 146; Mae Conwill 145b, 127, 306.

RECESS

An election of officers was made and the following retained: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. The class resumed with John Hyde leading song on page 59. Leaders: Juanita Whitman 499b, 123t; Lola Roberson 475, 546; Chris Ballinger 175, 186, 203; Josie Hyde 183, 342, 445; Elmer Conwill 432, 216, 275b; Twila Bull 294, "Not Made With Hands", 480; Margaret Keeton 313t, 280, 91.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session of the singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 81t and 179. Leaders: Milford Watts 277, 271t, 369; Marie Guthrie 192, 434, 222; Gravis Ballinger 300, 384; Amanda Denson 269, 142, 442; Paul Frederick 224, 182, 211; Elvin Guthrie 172, 403, 225t; Larry Ballinger 119, 135, 139; Pernie Pelfrey 74, 399b; Odie Horton 426t, 452, 89.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class back leading songs on pages 73t and 45t. Leaders: Kermit Adams 411, 276, 84; L. E. Hannah 85, 349, 187; Fayrene Frederick 143, 129, 438; Betty Baccus 392, 396; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 373; Ivalene Donaldson 274; Dawson Adams 75, 68b; John Beasley 285t, 335. Travis Keeton and John Hyde led song on page 282 for the closing song, and the closing prayer was led by Milford Watts. We wish to thank Fayrene Frederick and Twila Bull for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

**Ft. Collins City Park Recreation Center, Ft. Collins, Colorado
September 15, 16, 17, 1995**

The sixth annual Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held in Ft. Collins, Colorado on September 15, 16, and 17. On Friday, September 15, Hugh McGraw of Bremen, Georgia taught a singing school from 7:30-9:30 at the Empire Grange in Ft. Collins.

Saturday, September 16

The Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Ft. Collins City Park Recreation Center, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on September 16. John Ramsey (CO) opened the convention leading songs on pages 176t and 59, and announcements. The opening prayer was offered by Don Klein. John Ramsey led songs on pages 128 and 40; Mary Ann Evans (CO) 66, 106; Judy Duerr (CO) 155, 535; Sandy Klein (CO) 551b, 523; Russ Nye (CO) 147, 122; Sandy Hill (CO) 148, 42. A short business meeting was held to elect officers: Chairman - Sandy Hill; Vice Chairman - John Ramsey; Arranging Committee - Mary Ann Evans, Judy Duerr, Howard Newell, Gene Hainer, Robert Hudgens, and Anne Hudgens; Treasurer - Deb Robson. Leaders: Deborah Johnson (CO) 384, 86; Sharon Kermiet (CO) 504, 383; Anita Landess (CO) 77, 479; Leon Simmons (CO) 147t, 178; Charlene Wallace (GA) 84, 283; Chris Kermiet (CO) 324, 65.

RECESS

John Ramsey called the class together leading song on page 126. Leaders: Katharine O'Hara (WA) 442, 378b; Elaine Cullor (CO) 312b, 406; Carlene Griffin (GA) 85, 448; Deb Robson (CO) 452, 455; Mary Lou Van Laanen (CO) 180, 454; Lisa Ralston (CA) 160b, 114; Jeanne Schaffer (CO) 198, 168; Dave Hough (WA) 440, 101t. The blessing for lunch was led by Leon Simmons (CO) and the class was dismissed.

LUNCH

Sandy Hill called the class back together leading songs on pages 274t and 47t. Leaders: David McPherson (NM) 569b, 127; Karen Willard (WA) "Redemption" (sheet music), 171; Donald Klein (CO) 493b, 571; Hugh McGraw (GA) 37, 163b; Russ Nye (CO) 159; Leon Ballinger (TX) 268, 269; Midge Harder (CA) 58, 430; Mary Oruc (TX) 77, 49b; Sandy Klein (CO) 117, 236; Margaret Bakker (CO) 457, 358.

RECESS

John Ramsey called the class back leading song on page 271t. Leaders: Deborah Johnson (CO) 133, 207; Katharine O'Hara 183, 277; Alfred Sausotte (Guam) 189, 532; Rhonda Griswold (UT) 146, 276; Lisa Ralston 290, 350; Janet Dreifus (CO) 566, 47b. The class was dismissed with prayer by John Ramsey.

Sunday, September 17

The class was called together by Sandy Hill leading song on page 371. Leaders: John Ramsey 560b, 460; John Schaffer (CO) 34b, 391; Leon Ballinger 49t, 13t; David McPherson 50t, 178; Dave Hough 480, 73t; Charlene Wallace 99, 267; Alice Van Camp (NM) 32b, 181; Ann Ballard (AL) 284, 278; Karen Willard 39t, 294.

RECESS

Sandy Hill brought the class back by leading songs on pages 145t and 344. Leaders: Elaine Cullor 89, 153; Mary Oruc 313b, 383; Sharon Kermiet 216, 567; Marlin Beasley (AL) 204, 406; Donald Klein 438, 494; Katharine O'Hara 29t, 547. The convention was then turned over to Sharon Kermiet for the memorial lesson. Leon Ballinger led song on page 87 for the deceased. Deborah Johnson led 48t for the sick and shut-ins. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 37b, 369; Anita Sanders 503, 408. The prayer for lunch was offered by Anita Landess.

LUNCH

John Ramsey brought the class back by leading song on page 282. Leaders: Midge Harder (CA) 217, 218; Becky Beasley Briggs (FL) 335, 336; Alfred Sausotte 184, 208; Cora Beasley Sweatt (TN) 111b, 145b; Carlene Griffin 171; Margaret Bakker 338, 339; Harlan Van Camp (NM) 501, 504; Lisa Ralston 196, 306; Joanne Hoover (WA) 28b, 72b; Sandy Klein (CO) 155; Anita Landess 143, 497.

RECESS

Sandy Hill brought the class back leading song on page 415. Leaders: Elaine Cullor and Hugh McGraw 549. The states and territories present at the convention were then read. They were Utah, Illinois, California, New Mexico, Washington, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Guam, and Colorado. Leaders: Karen Willard 278b; Jeanne Schaffer 59, 66; David Hough 385t, 448t; the Beasley Family (8 leaders) 146; Leon Ballinger 340; Celia Brown (CA) and John Ramsey 45t for Celia Brown's grandmother. A business session was convened. Karen Willard gave the Resolutions Committee report as follows. First, we want to thank the Master of the Universe for the opportunity we have been given to come to this place and sing together, and through our singing give glory to God. We all experience deep pleasure and satisfaction in this activity, but through it all we do not lose sight of the primary purpose of our activity -- that is, to render our praise to our Creator. We wish to give thanks to the officers and organizers of this most successful Rocky Mountain Convention; to the hardworking members of the Arranging Committee, and the keyers throughout both days who have kept the songs coming thick and fast and in tune; to the housing arrangers and the most hospitable people of Fort Collins who have opened their homes to us visitors; to the set up and clean up crews who made sure we had chairs to sit in and well-supplied restrooms for this large crowd; to those who arranged the obviously successful publicity; to the Storm Mountain Folk Dancers and the City of Fort Collins, who most kindly allowed the use of the Empire Grange and this room, respectively. There are several who deserve our especial thanks and appreciation: Howard "Golden Throat" Newell for repeating in stentorian tones the song page numbers that all heard clearly; the local inhabitants here who must have a direct connection with whomever is in charge of the weather; the very cheerful and welcoming folks who sacrificed their own singing opportunities to staff the registration table. Their isolation was only increased when the locating committee suddenly discovered a better singing site in the middle of yesterday's singing; kitchen crew boss, Sun Dance Saloon dinner arranger, and - with husband Don - host of our marvelous Saturday Night party: Sandy Klein. We must not fail to thank, also, the magnificent cooks of Fort Collins. In particular, the excellence of yesterday's Peanut Butter Parfait pie almost resulted in an offer of matrimony to the anonymous cook-- but we will settle for most satiated and satisfied gratitude. To you lifelong supporters of Sacred Harp, who come to help us newcomers learn what it's all about by sitting in our square and, by example of arm and voice lead us to achieve heights of glory we'd never reach without you, our humble words of thanks. We hope to someday be able to follow in your footsteps and lend encouragement to the

newcomers to come. Our final words of appreciation are reserved for our Singing School instructor, Hugh McGraw. You are perhaps the first and foremost of these conservers and imparters of this tradition. Thanks to you and the other supporters, we too are coming to love and cherish this tradition. We are humbly grateful for your nurturing words of instruction, correction, and guidance. The members of the Resolutions Committee were: Karen Willard, Charlene Wallace, John Ramsey, and Russ Nye. The Finance Committee then reported that the convention expenses had been met by the generous donations of those attending. Finance Committee members were: Deb Robson, Don Klein, and Mary Lou Dick. The Locating Committee announced that next year's Rocky Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention will be the third Sunday and Saturday before in September in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The members of the Locating Committee were: David McPherson, Alice Van Camp, Sandy Hill and Carlene Griffin. A gift of appreciation was presented to Hugh McGraw for all of his support for this convention. The business meeting was then closed. Hugh McGraw, Sandy Hill, and John Ramsey led song on page 62, and invited all who wished to do so, to take the parting hand. Leon Simmons led the class in prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Sandy Hill; Vice Chairman - John Ramsey.

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

St. Paul, Minnesota

September 16, 17, 1995

Saturday, September 16

Merriam Lexington Presbyterian Church

The sixth annual Minnesota State Sacred Harp Convention was held September 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday, 1995. Saturday's singing was held at Merriam Lexington Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. The convention was called to order by

Convention Co-Chairs Denise Kania and Walter Graff leading song on 34b. Opening prayer was led by Chaplain Stephen Parker. Leaders: Robin Fox 82t; Steven Levine 99; Eleanor Haase 312b; Myles Alexander 510; Martha Henderson 146; John Gurtz 440; Maryann Corbett 159; Scott Schroeder 178; Mark Ellenberger 168; John Bailey 145b; Gordon Olsen 163b; Dean Slaton 456; Linda Thomas 39t; John Rebischke 268; Jerry Enright 197; Dick Dunagan 36b; Julie Vea 106; Bob Cliff 485.

RECESS

The class reassembled with 142, led by Jenny Willard. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 66; Ruby Phillips 345t; Stephen Parker 547; Marcia Johnson 288; Keith Willard 74b; Cindy Franklin 362b; Ted Johnson 83t; Jeanette Lowry 260; Terry Wooten 176t; Carol Buche 504; Dave Ressler 272; Ann Jett 327; Kathy Wallace 154; Dewayne Wooten 348b.

RECESS

Jim Pfau brought the class back together leading the song on page 87. Leaders: James Page 216; Lisa Grayson 419; Virgil Phillips 137; Beverly Enright 196; Harrison Creel 530; Judy Hauff 28b; Mel Kersey 122; Cassie Franklin 213t; Ted Mercer 311. At this point new business was discussed, and Steven Levine and Kathy Wallace were elected Co-Chairs for next year's convention. Leaders: Gary Gronau 110, and Carla Smith 74t, completed the morning.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

Denise Kania brought the class back leading song on page 128. Everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday for Mr. Kelly Beard of Texas. Leaders: Six members of the Creel Family of Alabama led 342 and 475; Susan and Richard Green 350; Melanie Hauff 444; Val Dunagan 441; Jewell Skaggs 143; Edith Tate 532; Ted Mercer 240; Flarce Creel 269; Steven Levine "Love At Home"; Ann Jett 436; Douglas Francis 495; Marcia Johnson 424; Dewayne Wootten 186.

RECESS

The class reconvened with Val Eng leading song on page 528. Leaders: Kelly Beard 69; Ernestine Pipkin 224; Bill Waddington 209; Ruby and Virgil Phillips 47; Paul Landskroener 474; Carla Smith 212; Jim Parsons 481; Colette Miller 183; Jerry Schreiber 236; Carol V. Crawford 57; Mel Kersey 565; Judy Hauff 556; Keith Yates 147t; Harrison Creel 30; Becky Browne 300; Cassie Franklin 361; Terry Wootten 542. Walter Graff led Northfield, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Sunday, September 17

Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota

The Sunday session was held at Town Hall at Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota and was called to order by Denise Kania leading song on page 40. Stephen Parker led the morning prayer. Leaders: Kathy Wallace 171; Robin Fox 107; Midge Olsen 46; Doug Francis 270; Eleanor Haase 352; Jeff Bell 276; Val Dunagan 182; Martha Henderson 340; Myles Alexander 566; John Bailey 59; Kit Pfau 81t; Carol Buche 82t; Scott Schroeder 503b; Mary Rose O'Reilly 500; Gordon Olsen 84; Anthony Reeves 254; Beverly Enright 250.

RECESS

Keith Willard brought the class back leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Mark Ellenberger 455; John Gurtz 408; Ernestine Pipken 283; Ted Johnson 89; Jim Parsons 313b; Virgil and Ruby Phillips 475 and 137; Ann Jett 136; Dave Ressler 111b; Edith Tate 98; Jerry Enright 95b; Linda Thomas 131b; Terry Wootten 142; Jim Pfau 290; Carla Smith 546; Mel Kersey 354t; Dewayne Wootten 354b; Joanna Fabke 146; James Page 351; Val Eng 454; Steven Parker 299.

RECESS

Keith Willard brought the class back leading song on page 29t, Fairfield. Leaders: Dick Dunagan 378b; Richard and Susan Green 217. The memorial lesson was led by Steven Levine and Lisa Grayson. Steven Levine spoke of the meaning and sadness of "the final goodbye". He then led 501b in honor of the deceased: George Klein of Florida; Kermit Olsen of Wisconsin; Henry Barfield, Joe Henderson, Gilbert Skaggs, Sue Kaplan, Hoyt Renfroe, Helen Ivey Cordell, and Winford Lacey of Alabama; George C. Power of St. Paul; Evva Graff of South Dakota; Ruth Kjellberg and Curtis Smith of Michigan; Fred Carsten of Wisconsin; Hank Jones, Jon Francis, Henry Frisch, and Sylvia Frisch of Minneapolis; John Snyder of Kansas; Howard Arthur Faxe of California. (We regret that some names are not included here). Lisa Grayson read the the sick and shut-in list, and led song on page 318 for the following: Karen Isbell, Rick Bejlovec, Camilla Haase, Sara Curry, Maurice Faubion, Judy Bell of North Carolina, Aver Crider of Indiana, Henry Lexau, Frank Giunchedi, John Hocutt, and Agnes Hocutt.

CLASS DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The class was reconvened after lunch by Walt Graff leading song on page 371. He conducted the raffle of an afghan made by Eloise Jerome, which was won by Flarce Creel. Leaders: Denise Kania 100; Julie Veal; Jewell Skaggs 192; Cassie Franklin 138; Kelly Beard 390; Becky Brown 377; Jenny Willard 163t; Harrison Creel 498; Lisa Grayson 112; Steven Levine 68b; Cindy Franklin 551b; Ted

Mercer 114; Marcia Johnson 218; Flarce Creel 166; Melanie Hauff 445b; Ella Wilcox 362; Jeanette Lowry 448t; Jerry Schreiber 550; Karen Hojnacki 220; Ruby Phillips 331; Dean Slaton 222. Judy Hauff and Val Eng reported for the Resolutions Committee. Thanks to: all those who travelled to the convention; Co-Chairs Walter Graff and Denise Kania for being extra organized; Arranging Committee-Jenny Willard, Jim Pfau, Keith Willard, and Jan Ketell; Recording Secretaries- Kathy Wallace, Jim Pfau, Steve Schmidgal, Gene Hauptmann, Myles Alexander, and Doug Francis; Chaplain-Stephen Parker; Memorial Committee-Steven Levine and Lisa Grayson; Food: Bill Waddington, and all those who brought the great food; Registration Table-Midge Olsen, Marlene Levine, Eloise Jerome, and many others; Treasurer-Mark Ellenberger; Locating Committee-Keith and Jenny Willard for finding two wonderful spaces; Set-up-Robin Fox, Gordon Olsen, Bill Waddington, Gene Hauptmann, Steven Levine, and others; Refreshment Table-Carol Buche and Steven Levine; Saturday night Party Host- Bill Waddington; Restroom Patrol-Catherine Lexau; Trash Patrol-Gene Hauptmann; Publicity-Val Eng, Mark Ellenberger, Martha Henderson, Kirk Mattson, and Jenny Willard; Child Care-Kit Pfau and Jenny Willard; Afgan for Raffle-Eloise Jerome; Hosting out of towners-Robin Fox, Keith Willard, Jenny Willard, T. J. Willard, Bill Waddington, Mary Rose O'Reilly, Jeff Bell, Stephen Parker, Scott Schroeder, Eleanor Haase, and Kathy Wallace. Thanks also to Merriam Lexington Presbyterian Church and Murphy's Landing. Finally, special thanks to Keith and Jenny Willard, who have helped immeasurably in building up our group and this convention.

RECESS.

The class was called back from break by Keith Willard leading the song on page 77t. Leaders: Carol Crawford 327; Denise Kania 215; Judy Hauff 411; Gary Gronau 282; Robert Hall 208; Ted Johnson 278b; Dan Hovsepian 385b; Kelly Beard 384; Scott Schroeder 149; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Paul Landskroener 63; John Rebischke 38b; Colette Miller-Gurtz 368; Midge Olsen 178; Terry Wootten and Dwayne Wootten 129. Walter Graff led the class in the Parting Hand, page 62, followed with prayer by Stephen Parker. The convention had fourteen states represented.

Co-Chairman - Walter Graff and Denise Kania. Treasurer - Mark Ellenberger. Secretary - Kathy Wallace.

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION
Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church,
Four Mile Community, Alabama
September 16-17, 1995

Saturday, September 16

The eighty-first session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday and Sunday, September 16-17, 1995, at the Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church located in the Four Mile Community, just off Highway 21 between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama. The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading songs on pages 30t and 32t. The morning prayer was led by Shelbie Sheppard. Ruth Brown led songs on pages 47t and 87. The class organized by retaining the following officers: Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Ruth Brown; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Lou Cotney; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith. B. J. Harris led songs on pages 452b and 72b. Leaders: Don Bowen 59, 97, 145b; Lou Cotney 222, 212, 218; Jeff Sheppard 185, 182, 152; Lucille Forman 46,

136, 361; Roy Nelson and Louise Nelson 303b; Roy Nelson 480, 569b; Margie Smith 276, 101t, 494.

RECESS

The class was called to order by B. J. Harris leading song on page 63. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 354, 503b, 316; Bulah Reese 426b, 358; B. M. Smith 318, 298, 384; I. V. McWhorter 313t, 371.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with B. J. Harris leading song on page 225t. Leaders: John Forman 137, 171, 192; Alice Edwards 73b, 146, 340; Shelbie Sheppard 341, 153, 156; Mary F. Smith 147t, 186; Judy Mincey 515b, 50b, 58; Ruth Daniel 378, 354, 155; Shelton Williamson 300, 189; Elder J. M. (Bud) Daughtery 45t; Don Bowen 34b, 82 (for Richard Whatley); Rene Greene 200, 142, 297; Kenneth DeLong 424; John Forman 84; Lucille Forman 339, 496; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Don Bowen 290; Roy Nelson 434. B. J. Harris led the closing song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder J. M. Daughtery.

Sunday, September 17

The convention was called to order on Sunday by B. J. Harris leading song on page 36b. Lamar Smith led the morning prayer. Leaders: B. J. Harris 32; Ruth Brown 101t, 312b; Evelyn Harris 59, 82, 108; Mary F. Smith 289, 318; Lou Cotney 300, 436, 497; Roy Nelson 35, 270; Shelton Williamson 218; Shelbie Sheppard 290, 38b; Harvey Austin 109, 566; Milton Oliver 110, 215.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ruth Brown leading song on page 155. Leaders: John Forman 217, 299; Lamar Smith 76b, 343; Bud Oliver 145, 345, 480; Margie Smith 335, 373; Rodney Ivey 100, 144, 186; B. M. Smith 236, 294, 284; Coy Ivey 30, 56, 63. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Mary F. Smith talked about how we miss our loved ones that have passed away since our last convention and then read the following names: Dula Webb, Forney Cobb, Arnevis Norton, Hoyt Renfroe, Lessie Cates, Clellon Warren, Freeman Harris, Talmadge Harris, Helen Ivey Cordell, Ernestine Hall, Henry Smith, T. J. Ross, Lindsey Crider, Grady Albright, Harry Dumas, and Carlton Hitchcock. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 61 and 129 for the deceased. Lucille Forman led songs on pages 143 and 177 for the sick and shut-ins, and Mary F. Smith led song on page 45t. The memorial was closed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Jeff Sheppard and Louise Nelson leading songs on pages 81 and 49b. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 225t, 560b, 222; Alice Edwards 104, 341; Sonja Randal and Brenda Calahan 565; Henry Johnson 68b, 89; Lucille Forman 43, 275b; Coy Ivey 137; Corylon McElrath 378, 119; Rodney Ivey 47, 441; Milton Oliver 75; Bud Oliver 39t, 39b; Lonnie Rogers 97; Harvey Austin 112; Roy Nelson 87; B. M. Smith 475; Shelbie Sheppard 327; Lou Cotney 189; Margie Smith 499b; John Forman 148; B. J. Harris and Ruth Brown led song on page 62 for the closing song, and Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - B. J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Ruth Brown; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)
Walker County, Alabama
September 17, 1995

The twenty-fourth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove Church was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Milford Watts. Travis Keeton led song on page 48t. The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Bruce Rye; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Travis Keeton led song on page 33b and leaders called were: A. A. Malone 37b, 39b; Kermit Adams 39t, 43; Lola Roberson 475, 182; Doyal Williams 183,180; Gene Wakefield 56t, 100; Milford Watts 114, 235; Ila Ingle 63, 87; Beatrice Brewer 123, 137; Ashley Keeton 354b, 108t.

RECESS

Bruce Rye called the class back together leading songs on pages 399b and 410b. Leaders: Pam Keeton 171, 216; Rose Altha Taylor 142; Josh Keeton 189, 30; Gladys Bonds 313, 499; Marie Aldridge 371, 217; Amanda Denson 165, 404; Pernie Pelfrey 166, 426t, and 129 with Bernice Watts (on her birthday); Glenn Keeton 523, 225t; Glenn Keeton and Pam Keeton 143 (their 14th anniversary); Roxie Keeton 530.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 480. Leaders: Clarence McCool 112, 172; Bradley Allen 345t; Josie Hyde 288, 203; Velton Chafin 34b, 35; Gravis Ballinger 101t; Edwin Ballinger 30t, 124; Johnny Humber 275b, 36b; Odie Horton 403, 97; Larry Ballinger 98, 66; Lena Keeton 546, 64; Lewis Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 421, 376, 276, 73; Ada Godsey 34t; Tom Harper 300, 411, 441, 440; John Hyde 75, 68b; Bruce Rye 83t; Amanda Denson 324. Travis Keeton and Bruce Rye led song on page 432 as the closing song, and the closing prayer was led by Bruce Rye. Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Bruce Rye; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

LIBERTY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Boaz, Alabama
September 23, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Liberty Hill Baptist Church was called to order by Lawrence Underwood leading songs on pages 59, 61, and 30t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. Lula Underwood led song on page 358 for Mr. Miller, and 300. The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Lawrence Underwood; Vice Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Secretary - Lula Underwood and Linda Thomas; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers. Leaders: Linda Thomas 82t, 47t; S. T. Reed 48t, 176b; Eunice Kimbrell 37b, 42; Cecil Gilliland 175, 78; Rhoda Norris 145b, 460; Lamar Smith 343, 76b; Martha Woodard 75 and 204 for Aver Crider.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Lawrence Underwood leading song on page 112. Leaders: Milton Oliver 441, 405; Willowese Malone 147t, 127; Bud Oliver 73t, and in memory of Hoyt Renfroe, 34t and 39b; Velton Chafin 34b, 225t; Eugene Blackwood 100; Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", 312t, 312b; Marlon Wootten 64; Buell Cobb 426t, 141, 131b; Eloise Wootten 87, 63; Lawrence Underwood and his sisters, Ina Bearden and Lillian Peppers 335, 354; Lawrence Underwood with his daughters, Christeen Gilbreath and Gladys Nix, and great

grandchildren, Christy Gilbreath and Aaron Gilbreath 146; Carmon Brothers 454 (for Mr. Miller), and 35 (in memory of Ervin Brothers).

LUNCH

Lawrence Underwood brought the class together leading song on page 274; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood 189, 383; Carmon Brothers 321, 338; Estelle Underwood and Pat Baker 59, 358; Avie Blackwood 373, 172; Buell Cobb 339, 290; Virgil Phillips and Ruby Phillips 137; Ruby Phillips 331; S. T. Reed 425; Bud Oliver 270; Milton Oliver 475; Linda Thomas 448b; Buell Cobb 285t; Velton Chafin 57; Carmon Brothers 490, 445; Bud Oliver 480 (for John Hocutt); Lawrence Underwood, Christy Gilbreath, and Aaron Gilbreath 294, 46. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Buddy Nix. Chairman - Lawrence Underwood; Vice Chairman - Cecil Gilliland; Secretary - Lula Underwood and Linda Thomas.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Clinton, Mississippi

September 23, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mississippi College was called to order by Mark Davis leading songs on pages 34b, 101t, and 159. The opening prayer was led by Tim Gray. Singing resumed with leaders: Janice Nelson 61, 68; Dennis Cranford 87, 222, 277; Arlon Gardner 339, 129, 166b; Durward Scarborough 354b, 45t, 240; John Hollingsworth 49, 82, 236; Lewis Oswalt 85, 314, 146.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Davis leading songs on pages 176b, 274t, and 34t. Singing resumed with leaders: Junie McNeil 145t, 319; Jean Gray 108, 143, 297; Wilma Ann Mitchell 63, 147t; Ester Mann 480; Lisa Davis 350; Mark Davis 254; Tim Gray 59; Janice Nelson 378t; Dennis Cranford 58; Arlon Gardner 299; Durward Scarborough 445; John Hollingsworth 288; Lewis Oswalt 128; Mark Davis 361; Ester Mann 569b; Mark Davis 358; Arlon Gardner 176t. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Arlon Gardner. Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Lewis Oswalt.

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Mattoon and Charleston, Illinois

September 23-24, 1995

Saturday, September 23

The eleventh annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at the DeMars Center, Peterson Park, Mattoon, Illinois, with Janet Fraembs leading the song on page 312. The officers of the convention are: Chairperson - Janet Fraembs; Secretary - Molly Evans; Arranging Committee - Don Bardsley; Chaplain - Lee Steinmetz. The morning prayer was led by Lee Steinmetz. Leaders: Don Bardsley 497; Molly Evans 203; Lee Steinmetz 68b; Daryl Mayberry 556; Jim Page 216; Ruth White 146; Ann Werhane 155; Peggy Brayfield 481; John Bailey 59; Marvin Miller 68t; Joan Aldridge 475; Elene Stovall 192; Dick Dunagan 344; Val Dunagan 186; Jerry Enright 270; Lissa Blood 153; John Seaton 47t.

RECESS

The class continued singing with Mike Veech leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Beverly Enright 480; Dave Ressler 183; Becky Browne 299; Gary Gronau 99; Marcia Johnson 368; Jeanette Lowry 29b; Ted Mercer 139; Melanie Hauff 27; Ted Johnson 215; Lisa Grayson 522; Judy Hauff 166b; Jim Solheim 274t; Don

Bardsley 250; Janet Fraembs 532; Dick Dunagan 426t; Daryl Mayberry 454; Lee Steinmetz 163b; Ann Werhane 87; Molly Evans 489. The following committees were appointed: Finance Committee - Mike Veech; Memorial Committee - Ruth White, Jerry Enright, and Val Dunagan; Chaplain Lee Steinmetz asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Janet Fraembs brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 154. Leaders: Don Bardsley 335; Jim Page 268; Ruth White 143; Marvin Miller 148; Lisa Grayson 436; Peggy Brayfield 66; Dave Ressler 419; Joan Aldridge 269; John Bailey 313t; Elene Stovall 222; Jim Solheim 444; Val Dunagan 371; Jerry Enright 317; Marcia Johnson 372; Gary Gronau 224; Lissa Blood 82t; John Seaton 384; Mike Veech 168.

RECESS

Ted Johnson brought the class back leading song on page 348b. Following announcements for the benefit of those who would not be present on Sunday, the class resumed singing with leaders as follows: Judy Hauff 220; Jeanette Lowry 29t; Beverly Enright 273; Ted Mercer 326; Melanie Hauff 328; Becky Browne (for Karen Isbell) 142; Lee Steinmetz 149; Joan Aldridge (for Karen Hojnacki) 198; Don Bardsley 178; Daryl Mayberry 456; Jim Page 228; Ann Werhane 117; Jim Solheim 421; Becky Browne 171; Dave Ressler 196; Elene Stovall 430; Jeanette Lowry 112. At this point, Don Bardsley suggested the convention extend a special thank you to Frank Fraembs (husband of Janet Fraembs) for his many years of service as registrar for the Illinois Convention, even though he is not a singer. He was acknowledged with a well-deserved round of applause. The Saturday session was closed with Janet Fraembs leading song on page 46, and Lee Steinmetz offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 24

The Sunday morning session of the convention was called to order in the Coles County Courthouse, Charleston, Illinois, by Don Bardsley, the chairman for Sunday, leading song on page 171. Janet Fraembs served as the arranging committee for the Sunday session. The morning prayer was led by Lee Steinmetz. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 63; Molly Evans 107; Lee Steinmetz 236; Jerry Enright 448t; Daryl Mayberry 270; Elene Stovall 217; Val Dunagan 145b; Beverly Enright 40; John Bailey 84; Peggy Brayfield 504; Ted Mercer 48b; Ann Werhane and Nancy Jenks 49b; Joan Aldridge 535; Terry Hogg 112; Lisa Grayson 370; Ruth White 66; Jim Page 65; Presley Barker 313b; Lissa Blood 278t.

RECESS

Dick Dunagan called the class together leading the song on page 31t. Leaders: Mike Veech 547; Joan Aldridge 29t; Beverly Enright 441; Elene Stovall 37b; Jerry Enright 433; Ann Werhane 32t; Lisa Grayson 30t; James Page 377; Ted Mercer 521; Presley Barker 86. The Memorial Committee presented the memorial lesson. Ruth White led 28b for the sick and shut-ins and reminded us to remember those who are ill and unable to be with us. They are: Judy Bell, North Carolina; Karen Isbell, St. Louis; Sally Compton, Elburn, Illinois; Karen Hojnacki, Wisconsin. Val Dunagan asked us to remember the singers who are no longer with us, leading 285t for the the deceased. They are: Hoyt Renfro, Alabama; George Klein, Florida; Lola Steinmetz, Charleston. Chaplain Lee Steinmetz closed with prayer. Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 373; Lissa Blood 71; Don Bardsley 138b, followed by the blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called back by Don Bardsley leading song on page 59. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 501; Terry Hogg 68b; Mike Veech 143; Val Dunagan 448b; John Bailey 87; Peggy Brayfield 128; Ruth White 361; Molly Evans 515; Bob Meek 178; Jerome Colburn 42; Scott Smith 250; Val Dunagan 350; Peggy Brayfield 485; Dick Dunagan 101t; Lissa Blood 89; Ann Werhane 82t; Presley Barker 142; Hal Malehorn 28t.

RECESS

Don Bardsley called the class back leading song on page 106. Leaders: Jim Page 545; Scott Smith 133; Mike Veech 455; Lee Steinmetz 513; Terry Hogg 117; Janet Fraembs 335; Molly Evans 147t; John Bailey 532; Ruth White 551; Virginia Evans 454; Peggy Brayfield 452; Don Bardsley 268; Lee Steinmetz 565; Don Bardsley 49. Don Bardsley then led the closing song on page 347, Christian's Farewell, followed by the closing prayer. Chairpersons - Janet Fraembs and Don Bardsley; Secretary - Molly Evans.

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION **Shady Grove Church** **September 24, 1995**

The annual Winston County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 39b and 37b. The morning prayer was led by Milford Watts. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Kermit Adams; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey. John Hyde led song on page 61. Leaders: Hubert Hood 49b, 454; Gene Wakefield 100, 64; Dr. Doyal Williams 29t, 196; Eron White 73t, 63; Azilee Adams 337, 317b; Essie Calvert 134, 340; Cecil Sanders 222; Odie Horton 30t, 426t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kermit Adams leading songs on pages 75 and 34t. Leaders: Beatrice Brewer 176b, 298; Corene White 379, 403; L. E. Hannah 389, 517; Arnold Moore 77t, 129; Dawson Adams 328, 47t; Gladys Bonds 32t, 39t; Marie Aldridge 155, 217; Elmer Conwill 216, 300; Amanda Denson 36b, 186; Edith Tate 35, 98; Lola Roberson 475, 176t.

LUNCH

John Hyde brought the class back to order by leading the song on page 297. Leaders: Mae Conwill 128, 97; Emily Jones 179, 45t; Vernice Calvert 530, 56t; Roxie Keeton 349, 498; Josie Hyde 212, 183; Margaret Keeton 331, 276; Pernie Pelfrey 67, 74b, 74t; Jullietta Haynes 338, 371; Milford Watts 316, 460, 329; Earl Ballinger 203, 177; Ora Lee Fannin 44, 83t, 376; Larry Ballinger 89; Fayrene Pickard 143, 438; Raymond Fannin and Audrie Fannin 436, 440, 441; Travis Keeton 200, 235b (for his sick brother). Travis Keeton, Kermit Adams, Mildord Watts, and John Hyde led song on page 124 for the closing song, and the closing prayer was given by Milford Watts. Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Kermit Adams; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

GUM POND CHURCH **Morgan County, Alabama** **September 24, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 75 and 59. Milford

Cobbs led the morning prayer, and then led song on page 381b. The class was organized by retaining the same officers: Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Arranging Committee - Willard Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle. Leaders and selections called were: Steve Cobbs 285t, 460, 480, 490; Wilda Holmes 384, 348, 39b; Carmon Brothers 341, 340, 318.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Arvid Holmes 64, 63; Christine Leeth 127, 319; Susan Holmes 441, 313, 49b; Herbert Cobbs 205, 217, 283, 426; Hershell King 204, 176b, 101t, 100; Milford Cobbs 323. The class was dismissed for lunch, and prayer was led by Hershell King.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed singing with Milford Cobbs leading the song on page 74b in memory of Ervin Brothers. Leaders: Milford Cobbs 321; Dexter Cobbs 87, 108t; Rhoda Norris and Willard Hopper 137, 177; Patsy Walden 46, 335, 405, 378t; Judy Caudle 40, 78, 457; Nancy Thompson with sons, Brandon Thompson and Jonathan Thompson 56t, 274t, 77t; Alta Self and Jane Long 155, 80b, 112, 208; Carol Newman 358, 565, 373; Eunice Kimbrell 74t; Buckley Hopper 186; Dan Hopper 220, 306, 428, 448t; Judy Caudle 301; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land"; Milford Cobbs 62. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Dan Hopper.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Burlington, Vermont

September 29-30, 1995

Friday, September 29

The New England Sacred Harp Convention rotates in turn every third year to Middletown, Connecticut; Vermont; and the Boston area. The 20th annual convention was held on Friday night at the First Congregational Church and Saturday's session was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Burlington, Vermont. The convention was called to order on Friday night by Chairman Larry Gordon leading the song on page 47t. George Seiler led the opening prayer. The Arranging Committee was Peter Amidon; Secretaries were Juanita Kyle and David Wright. The following leaders called were: Ginny Ely 228; Barbara Swetman 168; Joyce Walton 455; Bruce Randall 300; B. J. Harris 503b; Bernard Collard 350; Lee Rogers 287; Donna Abrahams 303; Don Bowen 475; George Seiler 148; Suzy Shedd 40; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Fred Todt and Sean O'Donnell 299; Cath Oss 367; B. M. Smith 149; Anne Kazlauskas; Ted Mercer 378; Katherine Benefield 373.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Larry Gordon leading the song on page 128; Leaders: Tim Erikson 285t; Jeff Sheppard 352; Michael Kaye 31t; Sheila Girling Smith 276; John Kanode 45t; John Henderson 146; Walter Olson 288; Pearl Guier 59; Tom Gibney 501; Karen House 367; Evelyn Harris 159; Mat Wojcik 189; Gina Balestracci 107; Felton Denney 523; Kelly House 456; Chris Weslowski 178; Lou Cotney 218; Howard Katz 362; Everette Denney 34b; Steve Marini 86; Steve Marini led the closing prayer.

Saturday, September 30

The Saturday session was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, a beautiful, acoustically live, brightly lit, modern concrete building overlooking Lake Champlain. The morning session was called to order by Larry Gordon leading the song on page 31t. Neely Bruce led the opening prayer. Peter Amidon continued as arranging committee, calling the following leaders: Steve Fletcher 159; Jean Seiler 65; Bill Holt 430; Tim Wheeler 348t; Judy Mincey 180; Dan Hertzler 143; Ian Silberman and Sam Amidon 178; Lynne Benedette 542; Roy Nelson 303b; Bob Parr 304; Roland Hutchinson 242; Susan Jaster 273; Jap Walton 153; Peter Irvine 448t; Paul Gauthier 428; Gretchen Ekhardt 56b; Doron Henkin 547; Kyle Greenlee 117; Eric Bean 324; Mryka Hall-Beyer 269; June Matthews 198; Guy Bankes 344.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Larry Gordon leading the song on page 142. Leaders: Bobbie Goodell 120; Suzanne Thompson 191; Walt Colteryahn 155; Ruth Daniel and Nellie Mae White 378t; Susan Waters 47b; Mary Gardner 442; Neely Bruce 553. This convention was graced by the presence of 17 singers from England active in local "West Gallery" choirs. Led by Dave Townsend they performed Spanking Roger. Then using some reprints from the New Northern Harmony song book, the class sang two West Gallery numbers: Larry Gordon led Gibraltar ("Jesus shall reign where'er the sun") and Dave Townsend led Song of the Angels at the Nativity (a setting of While Shepherds Watched). Both were very popular. The class continued with the following leaders: Jim Bean 148; Mary Alice Amidon 528; Jeff Sheppard 209; Ethan Ryea 236; Lynnette Combs 455.

LUNCH

The class was called to order following a delicious potluck lunch by Larry Gordon leading the song on page 114. Leaders: Cindy Bean 300; Eric Hiuldebrandt 299; Leonard Spencer 216; Phyllis Bruce 133; Shelbie Sheppard 29b; Dan Brittain 417; Fred Emigh 474; Bradford West 378b. The memorial lesson was then led by Steve Marini, in remembrance or consideration of the following: Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, Sara Viglione, James Hayford, Velma Kelly, Laverne Robinson, Levi Patterson, Roberta Adams, Lomond Graham, Lessie Cates, Howie Murre, Al Crossman, Robert Singer, Roger Grimby, George Jeffers, Lee Grimmett, Bonnie Dudas, Freeman Harris, Talmadge Harris, Clellon Warren, David Parry, Nellie Miles, Dorothy Bailey, Edward Tally, Robert Mottingdorfer, Alonzo Emigh, Leola Emigh, Charles Gill, Sidney Girling, Junurs Hudgins, Fred Johnson, Miriam Bergman, Dale Redmon, Joe Fawbush, Harold Horrocks, and Joe Beasley. For the memorial, Steve Marini led the song on page 260; for the sick and shut-ins 122; and for ourselves 348b. The class continued, and leaders called were: Everette Denney 119; Hill Grimmett 477; Jeff Colby 419; Barbara Benary 50t; Pearl Guier 40.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Larry Gordon leading the song on page 106. Leaders: Peter Amidon 268; Matt Wojcik 48t; Ginny Ely 454; B. M. Smith 28b; Ted Mercer 123b; Tim Eriksen 208; Joyce Walton 436; Gloria Thompson 146; John Henderson 163b; Felton Denney 73t; Bernard Collard 34b; Donna Abrahams 532; Don Bowen and Lee Rogers 347; Dave Townsend 276; Larry Gordon 383. George Seiler led the closing prayer, followed by Parting Hand. Attendance was about 200 on Friday night and around 300 most of the day on Saturday. Special thanks were given to the housing coordinator, Gioia Thompson, and the food coordinators, Carol Price and Cheryl Dorschner. Peter

Amidon put out the pre-convention mailing. Ginny Ely and Norumbega Harmony are working on the arrangements for next year's convention in Boston. Chairman - Larry Gordon; Secretaries - Juanita Kyle and David Wright

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS,
AND HYATT MEMORIAL
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church
October 1, 1995**

The twenty-ninth 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, and Arville Hyatt was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder J. O. Handley. Terry Hullett led songs on pages 28b and 47. Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 30, 101t; Stan Edwards 340; Lamar Smith 76b, 343b; Leola Smith 348b, 318; Martha Woodard 335; Bud Oliver 345, 145b; Eron White 172, 186; Edward Howton and Peggy Bergman 373, 436.

RECESS

The class was called together by Doyle Alexander leading songs on 68b and 441. Leaders: Willie Mae Moon 475, 137; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 389; Corene White 391, 396; Thurman Nall 34t, 34b; Gavin Blakeley 401; Kyle Blakeley 313; Velton Chafin 66, 503b; Mae Seymour 217, 460; Billy Williams 448b; Marie Hyatt 56, 270; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 189, 170, 358; Waylon Blakeley 328.

RECESS

The class was called together by Philip and Rebekah Gilmore leading songs on pages 36b and 290. Leaders: Ann Jett 142, 146; Rodney Ivey 144, 512; Flarce Creel 454, 269; Carmon Brothers "That Beautiful Land", 52; Coy Ivey 48t, 61; Milton Oliver 321, 175; Henry Guthery 151, 291.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Terry Hullett leading song on page 222. Terry Hullett and Philip Gilmore led 47b in memory of Arville Hyatt. Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b, 498; I. V. Cockrell 43; Unie B. Howard 37b, 384; Freeman Wootten 101b; Linda Thomas and Jordan Ratliff 106, 39; Paula Gilmore 75, 82; Eloise Avery 171, 426b; Dorothea McCowan 196, 234; Elder J. O. Handley 105; Jimmy Wadsworth 143; Billy Williams 231; Philip Gilmore and Terry Hullett 490; Linda Thomas and Terry Hullett led 213 (by request) in memory of George Keener. The Alexander, Hullett, and Hyatt families led 45t. Philip Gilmore and Terry Hullett led 62 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairmen - Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

**OLD SARDIS CHURCH #1
Near Lynn, Alabama
October 1, 1995**

The thirty-seventh session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Old Sardis Church was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Milford Watts. Travis Keeton led song on page 57. The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected: Honorary Chairman - Tom Harper; Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Steve Miles; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Travis Keeton

led song on page 321. Leaders called were: Amanda Denson 40, 155; Clarence McCool 159, 569b; A. A. Malone 300, 448t; Janette Tidwell 64, 99; Ila Ingle 270, 335; Earl Ballinger 411, 530 (for Uncle Tom Harper); Doyal Williams 85, 269; Hubert Hood 454, 460; Josh Keeton 343, 189; Daniel, Amanda, and Steve Miles 385; Homer Miles 388, 373; Bruce Rye 204, 430.

RECESS

Steve Miles called the class back to order leading songs on 39b and 61. Leaders: Mae Conwill 89, 273; Clearcy Rutledge 37b, 42; Lola Roberson 475, 546; Rose Altha Taylor 200; Gene Wakefield 108b, 168; Clifford Wakefield 480, 495; Glenn Keeton 503, 225t, and 442 (by request from Uncle Tom Harper); Milford Watts 441, 440; Keterina Sanders 290, for Fletcher Simms, 389; Gravis Ballinger 34b.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 179. Leaders called were: Elmer Conwill 183, 187; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 112; Lena Keeton 196, 100; Jane Fulford 186, 147t; Brenda Matthews 569b, 59; Steve Miles 143; Vonda Palmer 318, 45t; Beth Mobley 31t, 159; Fayrene Frederick 317, 323b; Josie Hyde 384, 434; Joyce Hubbard 371, 328; Cecil Wakefield 268, 339; Betty Baccus 134, 145b; Clara Stults 274t, 288; Roxie Keeton 340; John Hyde 124, 297; Uncle Tom Harper 436, 500, and 294 with his daughter and grandchildren, Ila, Dwight, Gary, David, and Carol; Cecil Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, and Betty Baccus (brothers and sisters) 333. Travis Keeton and Steve Miles led song on page 48t for the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Marvin Farris.

Honorary Chairman - Tom Harper; Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

COOPER BOOK SINGING **Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton, Alabama** **October 7, 1995**

The annual Cooper Book singing held at Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton, Alabama on the first Saturday in October was called to order by the Chairman, Rex Wilks, leading songs on pages 31t and 45t. The morning prayer was led by Brother Dennis Hall, pastor of the church. Leaders: Mark Brown 30b; Jamie Dalton 224; Eddie Brown 505; Myra Dalton 39, 38t; Syble Adams 84, 450; Bud Oliver 449, 282; Freeman Wootten 61; S. T. Reed 567; Terry Wootten 412; Karen Travis 541, 573; Lamar Smith 501.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Rex Wilks leading song on page 40. Leaders: Wayne Wootten 540; Jerry Enright 436b, 393t; Thurman Nall 336t, 553b; Linda Thomas 507; Phil Summerlin 395, 435; Tommy Spurlock 140, 183; Hershel Wooten 515, 45t; Milton Oliver 54t, 137; Shane Wootten 286b, 38b; Marlon Wootten 49t; Lavon Wootten 572, 447t; Cindy Franklin and Richard Ivey 39, 559; Richard Ivey 270; Ruby Phillips 522, 528b. Lunch hour, 12:00-1:00. Brother Lamar Smith graced the table.

LUNCH

The class was called to order with Rex Wilks leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Virgil Phillips 225t; Flarce Creel 182, 217; Joan Aldridge 500, 511b; John Etheridge and Freeman Wootten 410; Pam Wilkerson 268, 77t; Arthur Norwood 383, 505; Stanley Smith 503, 98; John Etheridge 468; Brenda Carroll 511; Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas 563; Opal Wooten 430, 498b; Hillary

Brown 392; Claudine Townson and Olivia Allen 518, 541; Rhonda Arnold and Syble Adams 574, 229; Jamie Dalton 484, 142. Chairman Rex Wilks called for the announcements, after which the parting hand was taken. Brother Ralph Heard dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman - Rex Wilks; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH **Ider, Alabama** **October 8, 1995**

The sixty-ninth 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 Phil Summerlin and Shane Wootten leading songs on pages 31t and 32t. Pastor Ralph Heard led the morning prayer. Phil Summerlin and Shane Wootten led songs on 82t and 48t. Leaders: Chris Carroll 37b; Billy Thompson 445; Coy Ivey 47t; Rex Wilks 47b, 40; Rodney Ivey 101t, 137; Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; David Ivey 53, 56b; Brenda Carroll 28b, 63; Charles Stiefel 39b, 89; Marty Wootten 270, 99; Charlotte Heard 535b.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Shane Wootten leading song on 313t. Leaders: Jamie Dalton 370, 300; Vickie Mitchell, Cassie Mitchell, and Erica Mitchell 87, 354b; Warren G. Meadows 569b; Mel Kersey and Shane Wootten 441; Mel Kersey 120; Clyde Allen and Mark Brown 129, 75; Mark Brown, Andrew Brown, and Rebecca Brown 312b; Myra Dalton and Carrie Lea 128, 480; Richard Ivey 222, 384; Henry Johnson 68b; Terry Wootten 317, 333; Urcell Ott 45t, 201.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Phil Summerlin leading songs on pages 405 and 448t. Leaders: Shawn Carroll 84, 143; David Killingsworth 277, 112; Gary Ott and Rodney Ivey 186; Marlon Wootten 426t, 30t; Dewayne Wootten 323b; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 30b; Allison Ivey 182, 171; Joyce Walton 432, 49b; Wayne Wootten 78, "Love at Home" (J. L. White Revision); Jap Walton 153, 420; Stuart Ivey 385b, 358; Mary Ruth Stiefel 123t, 111t; Ileft Davis 88b; Karen Ivey 452; Karen Ivey and Richard Ivey 454, 475; Verlon Stiefel 288; Eloise Wootten "Willie" (J. L. White Revision); Billy Thompson 457; Terry Wootten "Cleansing Fountain" (Cooper Revision); Colbie Allen 480; Carrie Lea "Beulah Land"; Phil Summerlin and Shane Wootten 551b. Chris Carroll and Terry Wootten were selected as Co-Chairmen for the 1996 session. Phil Summerlin and Shane Wootten led 146 as the closing song. The singing was dismissed with prayer by Lamar Smith.

Co-Chairmen - Phil Summerlin and Shane Wootten; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

THE WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL **Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama** **October 8, 1995**

The annual Walker Cates and Herbert Brown Memorial was held at Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harvey Austin. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 37b and 173; B. M. Smith 101t, 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 146, and 269 for Virgil Phillips who is in the hospital, and in memory of Lessie Cates, Hubert Green, and Joe Beasley. Hubert Green and Joe Beasley passed away within the last several days. The class was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Jeff

Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. Leaders: Judy Mincey 50b, 287; Don Bowen 137 for Virgil Phillips, 155; Charlene Wallace 49t, 63 for Mozell Sheppard; Roy Nelson 108t, 87; Carlene Griffin 126, 144; Harvey Austin 334, 335; I. V. McWhorter 72b, 371; David McGukin 165, 327; Pearl Guier 303b, 36b.

RECESS

B. M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Lou Cotney 196, 300; Mary Florence Smith 186, 318; Jimmie Denney 503b, 143; Revy Williamson 99, 299; Kathy Williams 147b, 515; Everette Denney 569b, 405; Lee Rogers 163b, 218; Alice Edwards 73b, 104.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 112. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 141, 389; Rene Greene 107, 313t; Jerry Sheppard 316, 336; Pam Nunn 216, 142; Cecil Edwards 147t, 176t; Liz Bryant 276, 542; Shelton Williamson 168; Louise Allen 59, 212; Bonnie Flowers 438, 179; Phillip Langley 183, 349; Estelle Flowers 278b, 436; Virginia Dyer 193, 195; Ginnie Prater 460, 496; Kenneth Mize 388, 490. A collection was given to the church by the class in the amount of \$170.05.

RECESS

B. M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Florence Williams 78, 40; Fallon Dyer 401, 61; Roy Nelson 97; Lee Rogers 475; Lonnie Rogers 348 for Marshall Avery; Liz Bryant 31t. Announcements were made, and the closing song on page 46 was led by Jeff Sheppard and B. M. Smith. The class was dismissed with prayer by the pastor of the church, Donald Payne. Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B. M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION **Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church,** **near Five Points, Tennessee** **October 8, 1995**

The annual Tennessee State Convention was held at Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Gordon Wilkerson leading songs on pages 30t and 75. The morning prayer was led by Tim Reynolds. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 231; Cecil Sanders 475; Essie Calvert 480, 89; Tim Reynolds 171, 159; Shelley Capps 137, 100; Mitchell Brothers 46; Mae Conwill 155; David Roberson 146, 220; Amanda Ballinger 186; S. T. Reed 35; Ann Jett 327, 269; Milton Oliver 270; Vernice Calvert 283, 411; Wanda Capps 142; Velton Chafin 273, 78; Keterina Sanders 454.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Gordon Wilkerson leading song on page 137. Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b; Teresa Ballinger 434; John Hyde 297; Jeanette Lowry 29t; Thurman Nall 503b; Flarce Creel 344; Doyle Williams 442; Marie Aldridge 217, 316; Bud Oliver 145t, 384; Josie Hyde 198; Jeffery Harvey 445b; Bradley Allen 385b; Cassie Franklin 485.

RECESS

Clayton Ezell brought the class to order leading song on page 234. Leaders: David Ballinger 68b; Brenda Merritt 192, 336; John Merritt 240; Irene Roberson 176b, 168; Dave Ressler 203; Pernie Pelfrey 371; Earl Ballinger 176t; Marie Guthrie 380, 446.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Gordon Wilkerson leading song on page 430. Leaders: Sheila Burdette 40; Vice Chairman Paul Plant 72b, 59; Debbie Sides 73b; Elmer Conwill 498, 500; Eva Jean Roberson 306b; Elvin Guthrie 222; Linda Thomas 47t; Linton Ballinger 36b; Edith Tate 532; Larry Ballinger 90; Julietta Haynes 200; Edwin Ballinger 110; Margaret Keeton 276; Travis Keeton 496; Charlotte Plunkett 143; Ottis Knippers 147t; Creel Family 342; Calvert Family 77t; Cynthia Franklin 497; Ballinger Family 300; Dianne Ezell 340; Cynthia Franklin 362; Vella B. Gillespie, Clayton Ezell, and Mina Bell Gillespie 294, 358, 408; Margie Norwood 405; Clayton Ezell 45t, 475; Dave Ressler 236. Clayton Ezell led song on page 196 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Gordon Wilkerson; Vice Chairman - Paul Plant.

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama October 15, 1995

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 songs on pages 48t, 49t, and 59. Margie Smith led song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Walter Hamrick. Songs on pages 65 and 64 were sung by the class. Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 63, 61; B. M. Smith 109, 452 for his mother, Myrtle Smith; Walter Hamrick 318 for Ola Pruitt who is ill and in memory of J. T. Pruitt. The following songs were sung: 82t, 503b, 68b, 77b, 77t, 101t and 100.

RECESS

B. M. Smith brought the class to order leading songs on pages 97 and 117. The class was organized, and the following officers elected: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Walter Hamrick; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards. Leaders: Don Bowen 303b, 225t; Lovella Kerr 161; Alice Edwards 73b, 448b; Billy Joe Harris 445b, 45t.

LUNCH

B. M. Smith opened the afternoon session leading songs on pages 141 and 123t. Leaders: Harvey Austin 566 in memory of Malene Norton; Judy Mincey 50b, 40; Don Bowen 171, 155; Mary F. Smith 317 in memory of her mother, Ludie McWhorter Lambert, and all the McWhorters who are deceased; Ruth Daniel 378t; Lovella Kerr 406 in memory of Leonard Kerr, 418 in memory of Bertha Edwards; Evelyn Harris 47t, 143; Lewis Norton 30b, 39b; B. M. Smith 127; Walter Hamrick 147t in memory of Leo Kilgore; Hester Edwards, Alice Edwards, Lovella Kerr, Judd Wheeler, Jeanette Wheeler, and Olivia Iverson 274t in memory of the Kerr Family. Announcements were made. Walter Hamrick led song on page 186 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Billy J. Harris.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Walter Hamrick; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

REID MEMORIAL

Old County Line Church near Corner, Alabama October 15, 1995

The seventy-sixth session of the Reid Memorial was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the Chairman, M. H. Creel, leading song on page 317. The morning prayer

was offered by Clayton Ezell. The organization and officers of this singing are permanent until the Creel Family sees fit to make changes. Leaders: Henry Guthery 123, 101t; Velton Chafin 372; Carmon Brothers 81, 569b; Mae Seymour 436, 272; Tom Harper 112, 434; Shelbie Sheppard 106, 28b; Imogene Nelms 446; John Hocutt 273, 465; Ila Ingle 145b; Milton Oliver 403; Willie Mae Moon 475; Arnold Moore 290; Clayton Ezell 146, 269; Eron White 454.
RECESS

Chairman M. H. Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Thurman Nall 287; Eloise Avery 108t, 35; Larry Ballinger 151; Lola Roberson 546; Steven Levine 565, 373; Jeff Sheppard 142; Keterina Sanders 89; John Seaton 47t, 78; Vernice Calvert 298, 328; Jenny Willard 228, 123; Gordon Wilkerson 380; Gertrude Wood 155, 37b.

RECESS

Hadyn Creel brought the class to order leading songs on pages 335 and 405. Leaders: Allison Ivey 40, 186; Edwin Ballinger 300; Ernestine Pipkin 168, 276; Mr. and Mrs. Greg McCurry 45t, 72b; Floyd Screws 270, 100; Edith Tate 73t, 532; Richard Ivey 76b, 222.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Chairman M. H. Creel leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Buell Cobb 138t; Kelly Beard 329, 347; Unie B. Howard 384; Travis Keeton 343; Jan Kettle 48b; Mitchell Brothers 36b; John Hyde 297; Earl Ballinger 299; Bud Oliver 332; Lucy Heidorn 84; Stuart Ivey 385b, 282; Marie Guthrie 411; Cecil Gilliland 175, 34b; Lora Cargo 460; Keith Willard 74b, 274; Marie Aldridge 216; Gene Wakefield 108b, 109; Ann Jett "Great Roll Call", 327; Coy Ivey 456, 137; Essie Calvert 75; David Ivey 229, 57; Josie Hyde 507; Gravis Ballinger 110, 59; Amanda Denson 74t, 165; Flarce Creel 480; Dorothea McCowan 218, 342; Wanda Capps 200; Lillian Parker 441; Cassie Franklin 352, 485; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 68b; Corene White 171; Cindy Franklin 503b, 198. Announcements were made, and M. H. Creel led song on page 378b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Earl Ballinger, thus ending a wonderful singing.

Chairman - M. H. Creel; Vice Chairman - Kathleen Robbins; Secretary - Marie Aldridge.

SEMI-ANNUAL ARROW ROCK SINGING

Arrow Rock, Missouri

October 15, 1995

The second Semi-Annual Arrow Rock Singing was held at the Christian Chapel Church in Arrow Rock, Missouri on Sunday, October 15, 1995. The class was called to order by Susan Green leading the song on page 146, and then Charles B. Bennett leading the class in prayer. Leaders: Becky Browne 36; Wendy Hofmann 268; Jim Solheim 31t; Jim Williams 33b; Richard Green 38b; Gary Gronau 29t; Jeanette Lowry 448t; Susan Green 155; Janet Snyder 178; Susan Sanders 475; Becky Browne 296; Wendy Hofmann 117; Jim Solheim 56b; Brad Levy 142; Jim Williams 457; Richard Green 209; Gary Gronau 47; Jeanette Lowry 48b; Susan Green 123t; Janet Snyder 567; Becky Browne 203; Wendy Hofmann 85; Paul Drummond 67; Jim Solheim 66; Jim Williams 173; Richard Green 148; Gary Gronau 201; Jeanette Lowry 314; Janet Snyder 547; Susan Green 137; Becky Browne 186; Wendy Hofmann 62; Paul Drummond 61; Jim Solheim 299; Jim Williams 47b; Richard Green 200; Gary Gronau 110; Jeanette Lowry 436; Susan Green 350; Janet Snyder 272; Susan Sanders 454; Becky Browne

313t; Wendy Hofmann 45t. Charles B. Bennett then lead the class in prayer before adjourning for lunch.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

Richard Green brought the class back leading song on page 84. Leaders: Paul Drummond 127; Richard Green 99; Brett Nolker 128; Gary Gronau 282; Jeanette Lowry 183; Susan Green 64; Becky Browne 171; Wendy Hofmann 428; Paul Drummond 205; Richard Green 28; Gary Gronau 456; Jeanette Lowry 430. Susan Green led the song on page 347 as the closing song, as the class took the "Parting Hand". Charles B. Bennett dismissed the class with prayer. Secretary - Susan Green.

COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL

Old Rice Church, Arab City Park, Arab, Alabama

October 21, 1995

The Coy Putnam Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Old Rice Church Building, which has been moved to Arab City Park, and completely rebuilt by the Arab Historical Society. The singers agreed to hold the singing here this year since this is the building where the Coy Putnam singing originated many years ago. This was in conjunction with the dedication of the rebuilt building. At the end of the day, the singers voted to hold the singing here again next year, and possibly permanently.

The class was called to order by Matt Jordan leading songs on pages 72b and 59. The morning prayer was offered by Hershell King. The class was organized by retaining the officers from last year: Chairman - Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Irene Jordan; Arranging Committee - Arvid Holmes and Jack Jordan, with Willard Hopper assisting. Leaders: Matt Jordan 32t; Hershell King 97, 144; Cecil Gilliland 75, 345; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 300, 170; Arvid Holmes 171, 460; Linda Thomas 73b, 345b; Cecil Sanders 475; Dan Hopper 133, 205.

RECESS

At this recess the Arab Historical Society held their Dedication Ceremony and thanked the singers for agreeing to sing here.

The Class was called to order by Matt Jordan leading song on page 480. Leaders: Sandra Light 143, 354b; Keterina Sanders 389, 454; Imogene Nelms 269, 53; Jack Jordan 569, 196; Herbert Cobbs 48, 73; Eugene Forbes 155, 222; J. L. Oden 410, 274t; Ramona Light 398; Irene Jordan 168, 490; Lyles Burke 137, 112; J. L. Hopper 479, 149.

LUNCH

Matt Jordan called the class back leading song on page 43. Leaders: Carmon Brothers 167, 567; Marie Guthrie 192, 31t; Kenneth Fannin 31b, 436; Virgil Phillips 47t; Nancy Thompson and Alta Self 40, 405, 334; Willard Hopper and Rhoda Norris 384, 441; Ruth Chamblee 39b; Carol Fannin 145b, 399b; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 358; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land"; J. L. Hopper 301, 304; Matt Jordan led song on page 45t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by J. L. Hopper.

Chairman - Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

YELLOW SPRINGS
Friends Meetinghouse, Yellow Springs, Ohio
October 21, 1995

The eleventh semiannual Columbus/Cincinnati singing at Yellow Springs, Ohio was held in Rockford Chapel. Eric Conrad opened the singing leading song on page 155. Officers: Chairman - Eric Conrad; Secretary - Jim Coppock and Michael Darby; Arranging Committee - Eric Conrad; Treasurer - Fred Todt; Memorial Committee - Paul Foster. Leaders: Jodi Liss 81; Paul Foster 138; David Rust 117; Fred Todt 47; Eloise Clark 351; Brad Oglesby 101; Jim Coppock 276; Eric Conrad 163; John Bealle 495; Jodi Liss 384; Paul Foster 344; David Rust 365; Fred Todt 159; Eloise Clark 475.

RECESS

Eric Conrad brought the class to order by leading songs on pages 146 and 39t. Leaders: Jim Coppock 288; Michael Darby 86; Fred Todt 29; Paul Foster "Ohio"; Brad Oglesby 40, 39b; John Bealle 229, 200; John Bayer 123, 458; Xander Knecht 77t; Barbara Bower 220, 313b; Eric Conrad 180.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The song on page 299 was led by Eric Conrad to start the afternoon of singing. Leaders: Katherine Knecht 373, 454; Tina Mennel 155, 100; Charles Knecht 191, 27; Debbie Hall 184, 186; Steve Tossey 152, 236; Eric Conrad 506, 447; Mike Heiber 142, 82t; Fred Todt 273, "Hans"; Sylvia Thomas 114, 444.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Eric Conrad leading song on page 183. Leaders: Leslie Scott 315, 192; Tineke and Felicia Stevens 84, 497; Dorothy Glanzer 38b, 95; John Stevens 178; Michael Darby 107; Jody Liss 501b; David Rust 485. Paul Foster led the memorial lesson, and directed song on page 547 for the following: Jeff Thomas, Joe Beasley, and M. Oglesby. Dorothy Glanzer, Eric Conrad, and Steve Tossey led song on page 209. Leaders: Tineke Stevens 122; Katherine Knecht 369; Tina Mennel 565; Barbara Bowers 163b; Debbie Hall 453; Charles Knecht 42; Steve Tossey 147t; Eloise Clark 412; John Bealle led for Chris Cox 45t; Michael Darby 334; Sylvia Thomas 65; Leslie Scott 268; Brad Oglesby 36b; Paul Foster "Columbus", 76. Steve Tossey led the closing prayer. The class was dismissed by Eric Conrad leading song on page 62, "Parting Hand".

Chairman - Eric Conrad; Secretaries - Jim Coppock and Michael Darby.

MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS AND W. A. PARKER MEMORIAL
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church - Walker County, Alabama
October 21-22, 1995

Saturday, October 21

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W. A. Parker was called to order by Billy Williams leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was led by A. C. McGough. The following officers were retained: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Mrs. W. A. Parker; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams. Billy Williams then led song on page 39b. Leaders: Travis Keeton 56, 81, 48; Gertrude Wood 32, 37; Sue Aaron 335, 318, 171, 45; A. C. McGough 36b, 47b, 111b; Charlene Wallace 59, 49, 503b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 77b, 76b, and 101. Leaders: Audie Bailey 274, 89; Gene Wakefield 100, 89, 108b; Nora Parker 317; Elsie Beasley 336, 460, 432; Travis Keeton 268, 471.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Billy Williams leading song on page 34b. Leaders: A. C. McGough 290, 274; Gene Wakefield 109, 168; Sue Aaron 46; Hattie Handley 146, 45; Gertrude Wood 426; Velton Chafin 35; Charlene Wallace 106; Elsie Beasley 512, 129; Travis Keeton 179; Velton Chafin led 170 in memory of Bertha Parker Henson who passed away this year; Billy Williams led song on page 378 in memory of Wilma Palmer, and 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by A. C. McGough.

Sunday, October 22

The Sunday session was called to order by Cecil Sanders leading song on page 32. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Cecil Sanders led song on page 145. Leaders: Essie Calvert 340, 389; B. B. Mattox 129, 168; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Sue Aaron 143, 46; Tressie Adkins 298; Beatrice Brewer 112, 176b; Lola Roberson 475, 187; Ila Ingle 63, 87; Nora Parker 394, 36b.

RECESS

The class reassembled with John Hocutt leading song on page 30. Leaders: Mae Conwill 179, 348; Tom Harper 172, 300, 384; John Hyde 159, 75; Elmer Conwill 74b, 142; L. E. Hannah 336, 500; Hattie Handley 274, 490 in memory of Flora Mae McClendon; Marlin Beasley 335, 480 in memory of Joe Beasley; Flarce Creel 498, 546; Larry Ballinger 137, 127; Elsie Beasley 166, 345, 460.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with John Hocutt leading song on page 272. Leaders: Josie Hyde 530, 434; Dorothea McCowan 218, 343; Margaret Keeton 225, 297; Edith Tate 35, 73; Chris Bell 385, 124; Gertrude Wood 110, 186; Harrison Creel 111b, 512, and 277 in memory of W. A. Parker; Kermit Adams 276, 376; Charles Kitchens 314, 282; Mary Gardner 43, 234; Charles Kitchens 294. Billy Williams led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Marlin Beasley.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Mrs. W. A. Parker.

JORDAN CHAPEL Newell, Randolph County, Alabama October 22, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan Chapel was held on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by singing songs on pages 32t and 103. The chairman, Lonnie Rogers, led songs on pages 33b and 75. The morning prayer was led by Marshall Avery. The same officers were elected or appointed to serve another year: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Honorary Chairman - Rosa Hughes; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Jimmie Denney; Memorial Committee - Vivian Rogers and Ruth Brown. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 112; Jimmy Denney 63, 66; Billy Joe Harris 452b, 303b; Mary L. Smith 421, 89; Everette Denney 34b, 49t; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Harvey Austin 108t, 109; Lois Stanson 36b, 99; John Forman 34t, 155, 148; Evelyn Harris 159, 318 for Eula Johnson, 47t.

RECESS

Billy Joe Harris brought the class together leading song on page 445b. Leaders: Roy Nelson 87, 480, 97; Lucille Forman 67, 496, 340, 217; Jeff Sheppard 172, 186, 182; Lora Cargo 74b, 274t, 460; Shelbie Sheppard 290, 142, 45t in memory of Ruby Gibson and Kelsey Wootten.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 222 and 225t. Jeanette Tyner led songs on pages 224 and 373. The memorial was presented by Ruth Brown and Vivian Rogers. The names of the deceased were read by Vivian Rogers and the following remarks were made by Ruth Brown. "I like to think of the words from the Bible that says, 'I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from which I gather my strength', and we take our strength from the Lord when we lose a loved one. We are never grateful enough for all the little things in life, who we are and what we have. We take time to remember little things about these loved ones that we are singing in memory of today. We remember them with joy and pleasure, as well as with sadness." Harvey Austin led song on page 39b; Rosa Hughes led songs on 348b and 383 for the deceased. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 313t and 389 for Virgil Phillips who is sick. The memorial was closed with prayer by Mary Florence Smith. Leaders: Velma Richardson 208, 434; Carolyn Berry 147t, 507; Lou Cotney 218, 300, 497; Shelbie Sheppard and Hester Edwards 339; Marshall Avery 81, 271, 203, 278b. The song on page 358 was sung by request. Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 343b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Harvey Austin.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Honorary Chairman - Rosa Hughes; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Sneads Cross Road, Alabama** **October 22, 1995**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by J. O. Handley. Carmon Brothers led song on page 126. The class organized by retaining the same officers: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - J. O. Handley; Arranging Committee - Virgil Phillips; Secretary - Alpha Black. Carmon Brothers led song on page 129. Leaders: J. J. Brothers 335; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 358, 112, 61; Bud Oliver 301, 49b; Alpha Black 343b, 345b; Martha Woodard 87; Corene White 73t; Linda Thomas 146.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Jamie Brothers 72b, 340; Marie Hyatt 111, 270b; Ella Lee Robertson 58, 56t; Mary Bailey 294, 400; Eron White 37t, 48t; Doris Cuzzort 108t, 490; Beltcher Yancey 452, 378t; Lydia Baswell 143, 45t; Jewel Wootten 33b, 47b.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 441 and 47t. Leaders: Lamar Smith 76b, "That Beautiful Land"; Hershell King 384, 454; Cecil Gilliland 234, 273; Philip and Paula Gilmore 73, 36b; Roie Alexander 101, 145; Eloise Watkins 79b; Freeman Wootten 96; Carmon Brothers 512, 318, 323b, 68b, "Not Made With Hands". The class was dismissed with prayer by Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - J. O. Handley; Secretary - Alpha Black.

LOUISIANA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 28, 1995

The sixth annual Louisiana State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Nancy Van Den Akker leading song on on page 135. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Randy Myers, pastor of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Rick McLain; Vice Chairman - Frances Roper; Recording Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker. Rick McLain took over the duties of chairman and led song on page 85. Leaders: Wallace MacKenzie 31b; Elizabeth Muhleisen 385b; Harry Eskew 361, 47; W. L. Green 287; David Young 64, 360; Emilie Smart 155; A. E. Probst 268; Patricia Collier 277; Adonna Lucas 30; Brenda Merritt 47b; John Merritt 45t.

RECESS

A collection was taken to cover the expenses of the convention. Leaders: Jim Myers 68b; Joe Myers 358; Elder Randy Myers 63; John Kanode 159; Georgia Kanode 143; Jim Fields 212; Jared Prewitt 133; Leigh Ford 128; Kerry Jenkins 311; Nancy Van Den Akker 480. A lunch break was announced. Grace was led by Elder R. J. Wade.

LUNCH

After lunch the memorial lesson was conducted in memory of: Elree Meaulance, Mable Wilkinson, Elsie Lewis, Guy Lewis, Dale Redmon, Webster Callahan, and Ben Myers. Jim Myers led song on page 39t for the deceased. Leaders: Elizabeth Muhleisen 455; Rick McLain 49; Scott McMurrin 40; Harry Eskew 236; W. L. Green 423; Virginia Fields 61, David Young 332; Emilie Smart 267; A. E. Probst 66; Patricia Collier 145; Adonna Lucas 117; Brenda Merritt 285; John Merritt 127; Joe Myers 471b; John Kanode 48t.

Since our scheduled date would have put next year's convention between Christmas and New Year's Day, there was some discussion of a change in date. It was decided to have the convention on the Saturday before the last Sunday in September for 1996 only. Leaders: Georgia Kanode 164; Jim Fields 323b; Jared Prewitt 354b; Leigh Ford 34b; Kerry Jenkins 517. Thanks were offered to Bethel Primitive Baptist Church for their hospitality; the pastor extended an invitation to the convention to return next year, and this was gratefully accepted.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Rick McLain and W. L. Green closed the convention leading song on page 62, "Parting Hand".

Chairman - Rick McLain; Vice Chairman - Frances Roper; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING
CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas
October 28-29, 1995

Saturday, October 28

The Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met on the fifth weekend of the Fall, 1995, at Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church in Austin, Texas. The singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday by the Chairman, B. E. Matthews, leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was given by Judge Don Ross. B. E. Matthews led song on page 31t; Vice Chairman Al Rogers 500, 563; Secretary John Baker 40 and 64. Leaders: Barbara Moore 268t, 171; Jeb Owen 559, 290; John Morris 186, 163t; Frank Price 135, 127; Emmie Morris

215, 183; Diane Ross 192, 434; Kelly Beard 54t, 70b; Leon Ballinger 211, 212; Mike Hinton 451b, 384; Paula McGray 278t, 505; Sharon Kellam 145t, 38t.

RECESS

John Baker brought the class together leading song on page 405. Leaders: Dick Steil 159, 63; Don Ross 463; Linton Ballinger 300, 36b; Myra Palmer 522, 497; Myrl Jones 142, 189; Ryan Ross 112, 276; Charles Whitmer 575, 518 "Love At Home"; David Polacheck 38b, 47b. The class recessed for lunch with prayer offered by Curtis Owen.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Al Rogers brought the class together leading song on page 573. Leaders: Greg Economides 571, 448; Curtis Owen 442t, 99; Sue Fairbanks 449, 503; Junior Smith 53, 67; Reed Coates 440b, 401; Amanda Owen 508, 168; Sarah Coates 77t, 224; Mary Bachmann 146, 55; Wendy Laubach 574, 447t; George Jones 47t, 336t; Ernestine Pipkin 82, 277.

RECESS

B. E. Matthews brought the class together leading song on page 137. Leaders: Leland Owen 283t, 491; Beverly Coates 201b, 543b; Verna Powell 103, 104; Edith Owen 293b, 489; Kevin Powell 132, 133; Bruce Coates 511t, 32t; Ophelia Matthews 511b, 507b; Tom Owen 336b, 122; Gaylon Powell 140, 365; Bruce Crawford 518, 540; Judith Bateman 341, 516. The Chairman closed the day's session leading songs on pages 473 and 69. The closing prayer was offered by Frank Price.

Sunday, October 29th

The singing resumed on Sunday morning with Chairman B. E. Matthews leading song on page 63. The morning prayer was offered by Jeb Owen. B. E. Matthews led song on page 61; Al Rogers 40, 515; John Baker 27 and 358.

Leaders: Bruce Coates 168, 400; Gaylon Powell 521, 240; Judith Bateman 563, 59; Amanda Owen 142, 39; Linton Ballinger 335, 377t; Sharon Kellam 520, 282; Paula McGray 95, 78; Kelly Beard 507t, 506.

RECESS

B. E. Matthews reassembled the class leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Don Ross 467, 539; Junior Smith 137, 172; Barbara Moore 239, 229; Ryan Ross 402, 406; Mike Hinton 288, 146; Myrl Jones 332, 110; Kevin Powell 376, 200; Diane Ross 148, 379; David Polacheck 324, 484; Myra Palmer 414, 500; Emmie Morris 224, 381; Frank Price 571, 49t; Reed Coates 72, 118.

The memorial service was held for the following singers and friends: Arnevis Norton, Elder Harold Russell, Elder Pete Walker, Ethel Clark, Dale Redmon, Lewis Vaughn, Howard Dorris, Kay Cox, Joe Beasley, and Elder Jack Simmons. Tom Owen led song on page 410, and John Morris led song on 553b. Curtis Owen led song on page 283b for the sick and shut-ins who are unable to attend the singing. Bruce Coates offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Al Rogers brought the class together leading song on page 507b. Leaders: Jeb Owen 182, 559; Wendy Laubach 49b, 505; Myrl Jones 572; Beverly Coates 453t, 535t; Leon Ballinger 126, 299; Verna Powell 422, 424; Ernestine Pipkin 203, 108b; Christopher Maier, Cecil 427; Sarah Coates 422b, 383; Curtis Owen 198; George Jones 337, 558; Tom Owen 377b, 217; Bobbie Rainoshek 100, 164; Mary Bachmann 344, 576; Pam Rainoshek 348t, 127; Leland Owen 343b; Sue Fairbanks 488b, 277; Mike Mosely 29t, 40; Dick Steil 143, 180; David Mosely 199, 450; Patricia Hopkins 45t. B. E. Matthews led song on page 461 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by George Jones.

Chairman - B. E. Matthews; Vice Chairman - Al Rogers; Secretary - John Baker.

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Heard County, Georgia
November 4, 1995

The singing held on Saturday, November 4, 1995 at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia (Off U. S. 27 South on Armstrong Mill Rd.) was called to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 48t. Elder Marshall Avery led the opening prayer. Everette Denney led song on page 335; Marshall Avery 34t, 37t, 39b; Josephine Denney 145b, 147t, 503b. The class was organized, and officers retained: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Elder Marshall Avery; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee - Carlene Griffin. Leaders: Everette Denney 405; Jimmie Denney 61, 101t, 313t, 155; Lou Cotney 212, 300, 358; Don Bowen 77b, 225t, 303b, 354b.

RECESS

After a 10 minute recess, the class was called to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Jeanette Dupree 384, 290, 31t; Tim Wheeler 168, 114, 86, 85; Judy Mincey 50b, 410t, 501b. The class was dismissed for lunch with the blessing of the food led by Rev. Lloyd Toney.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rev. Marshall Avery leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Jean Durdin 29t, 312b, 178; Felton Denney 489, 425, 569b; John Plunkett 515b, 84, 193, 39t; Lonnie Rogers 75, 298, 384, 560, 137; Rev. Lloyd Toney 59, 100, 45t; Charlene Wallace 63, 171, 203; Lee Rogers 373, 73t, 73b. Announcements were made. Everette Denney thanked each one for attending, and for any part they had in the success of the day. Everette Denney led song on 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Marshall Avery.

Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Marshall Avery; Secretary - Josephine Denney.

EBENEZER MENNONITE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING
Bluffton, Ohio
November 4, 1995

The second annual Old Schoolhouse Singing was held on November 4, 1995, at the Ebenezer Mennonite Old Schoolhouse near Bluffton, Ohio. The class was called to order by Kathy Knecht leading the song on page 49. The morning prayer was led by Ed Huener. Officers were then elected: Joint Chair - Kathy Knecht and Kay Bieszczad; Secretary - Kay Bieszczad; Arranging Committee - Lil Huener and Rev. Beth Huener; Memorial Committee - Ed Huener. The class resumed singing with Kathy Bieszczad leading the song on page 84. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 88b, 548, and 207. This was dedicated to Samuel Sommers' godson, Ian Samuel, who sang this song during a church service recently. John Bealle 89, 549b, 278t; Eloise Clark 273, 155, 276; Alexander Knecht 485; Jodi Liss 106, 171, 31t; Charles Wells 49b, 38b; Kay Bieszczad 551b, 40; Kathy Knecht 479; Joseph Todd 312b. A morning break was called.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Beth Huener leading the song on page 269. Leaders: Michael Darby 63, 143; Charles Wells 285t, 547; Chris Sepic 452b, 209; Kay Bieszczad 317b; Kathy Knecht 369; Samuel Sommers 133; John Bealle 212; Eloise Clark 47t; Jodi Liss 290; Joseph Todd 433. The class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Lunch was served across the street in the Fellowship Hall of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church by the ladies of the convention. The class sang 59, "Holy Manna", for the servers. The class resumed singing with Kay Bieszczad leading the song on page 410b. A collection to cover expenses was taken while Kay Bieszczad led song on page 66. Leaders: Chris Sepic 45t; Christine Guth "Thousand Falls" (her own composition), 390, 501; Beth Todd 146, 495; Samuel Sommers 146, 528; John Bealle 442, 218; Eloise Clark "Hans" from "New Original Compositions" from the Ohio Sacred Harp Convention 1995, and 184; Charles Knecht 566, 126; Jodi Liss 335, 436; Fred Todt 430, 189; Joe Todd 61; Michael Darby 480, 250; Kathy Knecht 117, 344; Charles Wells 47b, 73b; Kay Bieszczad 159, 132; Chris Sepic 68b, 300; Michael Hieber 288. An afternoon break was called.

RECESS

The memorial lesson was given by Ed Huener. Remembered were: Martha Clark Wells, mother of Charles Wells who died on April 12, 1995; Lorenz Tadsen, uncle of Ed Huener who died October 21, 1995; the Rev. Jeffery Thompson who died in November, 1994; and Marlin Miller. The memorial lesson also remembered John Bayer and his family who were unable to attend due to his grandfather's illness. We missed their contribution to the singing and wish them well. Kathy Knecht lead the song on page 46 to complete the memorial lesson. The singing resumed with John Bealle leading the song on page 229. Leaders: Beth Todd 268; Samuel Sommers 386, 112; Eloise Clark 412, 217; Charles Knecht 39t, 328; Jodi Liss 361, 277; Fred Todt 348; Michael Hieber 142; Joe Todd 44; Michael Darby 350; Charles Wells 28b in honor of his mother who died in April; Kay Bieszczad 336; Chris Sepic 168; Christine Guth 71; Kathy Knecht 368; Beth Todd 85; John Bealle 99; Barbara Bowers 497. The closing prayer was led by Ed Huener. The closing song was 62, led by Kathy Knecht. Joint Chair - Kathy Knecht and Kay Bieszczad; Secretary - Kay Bieszczad.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH South of Bremen, Georgia November 5, 1995

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church the first Sunday in November. The class was called together by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Charlene Wallace then led song on page 87. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 81; Danny Griffin 318, 298; Jerry Sheppard 300; Jimmie Denney 101, 30; Don Bowen 453, 205; Mary Florence Smith 72b, 225; B. M. Smith 152, 384; Evelyn Harris 332, 335; Charles Wood 77, 159; Mildred Patterson 294, 146. The business session was held, and the following were elected or appointed: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretaries - Cindy Cooke and Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry. Leaders called were: Kelly Morris 49b, 114; Lee Rogers 38, 127; Tim Wheeler 352, 183; Daphene Causey 422.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry leading song on page 67. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 222, 137 for Virgil Phillips; Judy Mincey 475, 485; Kenneth DeLong 354, 572; Jan House 142, 143; George Sneider 551, 532; Charlene Wallace and Earlis McGraw 333 for Ricky McGraw; Johnny Wright 455, 145;

Lucille Forman 43, 361; Robert Rivers, III 460, 147; Jeanette DePoy 192, 31; B. J. Harris 303b, 503.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Carlene Griffin leading song on page 100. Leaders: Margie Smith 32, 284; Sheri Taylor 117; John Forman 112, 84; Martha Ann Stegar 327, 128; Lois Stanson 176, 99; Liz Bryant 270, 377; Buell Cobb 467; Bonnie Flowers 179, 178; Phillip Langley 163, 299; Andy Morris 504, 203; Estelle Flowers 123, 212; Richard DeLong 387, 407; Melanie Hardy 405, 340; John Green 145, 40.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 148 in memory of Mrs. Zona Jones. Leaders were: Revy Williamson 430; Everette Denney 186, 276; Elder Marshall Avery 74b, 271; Lydia McGraw 56, 63; Mark Prickett 408, 454; Delores Laminack 57, 398; Florence Williams 490; Alice Edwards 104; Rev. Lloyd Toney 45t, 100; Lewis Hughes 49, 68b. After announcements, Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Marshall Avery. Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretaries - Charlene Wallace and Cindy Cooke.

ALVIS BROTHERS - B. I. WOOD MEMORIAL SINGING Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church November 5, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November was called to order by Lamar Smith leading songs on pages 32t and 76b. The morning prayer was led by Carmon Brothers. Lamar Smith led song on page 343b. Leaders: Hershell King 34b, 34t; Steve Lambert 73t, 200; Helen Lambert 72b, "Jesus Died For Me"; Larry Lambert 332, 74b; Lydia Baswell 144, 46; Ovater Carr and Joycie Wootten 288, 143; Henry Johnson 68b, 89; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 75.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Lamar Smith leading song on page 45t. The singing was organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Hazel Brothers; Arranging Committee - Steve Lambert. Carmon Brothers led song on page 172, and "That Beautiful Land". Leaders: Martha Woodard 285t, 204; Marie Hyatt 30t, 56t; Rhoda Norris 460, 403; Alpha Black 112, 155; Ester Brown 192, 224; Milton Oliver 321; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 358, 441, 274t, 300; Billie Dean Bowlin and Doris Brown 146, 490; Phil Brothers 361, 373.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 64 and 235 in memory of Ervin Brothers. Linda Thomas led song on page 345b in memory of Ervin Brothers, Hoyt Renfroe, and Arville Hyatt. Leaders: J. L. Oden 222, 410t; Douglas Conn 61, 278b; Alfred O'Donnell 445, 369; Cecil Gilliland 345t, 329, "Jesus Died For Me"; Nell Smith and Hazel Brothers 143, 145b; Phil Brothers 45t; Lamar Smith 36b; Douglas Conn 141; Cecil Gilliland "Not Made With Hands", 273; Lawrence and Lula Underwood 189, 454.

Carmon Brothers and Douglas Conn led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Douglas Conn.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Hazel Brothers.

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING
Near Double Springs, Alabama
November 5, 1995

The ninetieth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Ebron Church was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 32. The opening prayer was led by Bobby Hunter. Travis Keeton led song on page 48t. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Travis Keeton led song on page 270. Leaders: Dr. Doyle Williams 29t, 85; Arnold Moore 77, 35; Cecil Sanders 512, 434; Hubert Hood 49, 569; Doyce Bailey 143, 406; Keterina Sanders 59, 454; Tom Harper 318, 392; L. E. Hannah 475, 448.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 42 and 63. Leaders: Jayne Shaddix Fulmer 186, 40; Mae Conwill 206, 137; Gene Wakefield 158, 159; Gladys Bonds 44, 68; Lucy Heidorn 37, 72t; Margaret Keeton 76t, 154; Marie Aldridge 210 in memory of Andrew Shaddix, 216; Rose Altha Taylor 448t, 426t; Milford Watts 376, 378; Pat Shaddix 300.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with John Hyde leading songs on pages 305 and 75. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 566, 399; Josie Hyde 385t, 182, 183; Connie Robbins and Amanda Denson 385, 294; Clifford Wakefield 129, 61; Amanda Denson 36, 155; Ila Ingle 373, 384; Dawson Adams 147t, 39t; Cecil Wakefield 168, 203; Betty Baccus 396, 134; Kenneth Shaddix and Jayne Fulmer with Pat Shaddix on the piano 101, 440 in memory of Ranzy Shaddix, Andrew Shaddix, Alton Shaddix, and Eula Shaddix Pulliam; David Shirey 454; Travis Keeton 379, 329, 235. The class was dismissed with prayer by Milford Watts. Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Cordele, Georgia
November 5, 1995

The seventy-sixth session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order by Oscar McGuire, Chairman, leading songs on pages 37b, "Liverpool", and 45t, "New Brittain". The opening prayer was offered by Mr. John Hollingsworth. The following committees were appointed by Chairman Oscar McGuire: Arrangement Committee - Joyce Harrison, Bob Meeks, and Jon Robinson; Nominating Committee - Raymond Hamrick and Wesley Haley; Memorial Committee - Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks. Leaders: Richard Johnson 63, 32t; Rita Haley 59, 72b; Bob Meeks 73b, 323; John Hollingsworth 341, 339; Otis Hester 145t, 460; Sharon Hamrick 276, 306b; Wesley Haley 122, 143; Sara Akin 145b, 300; Timothy Meeks 358, 236; Mary Brownlee 47b, 501.

RECESS

Leaders: John Garst 235b, 326; Georgia Ann Corbin 340, 164; Steven Meeks 454, 298; Ruth Johnson 297, 441; David Grant 64, 448b; Polly Hester 569b, 480.

Chairman Oscar McGuire called for the business session. Wesley Haley represented the Nominating Committee and presented a slate of officers for the coming year. Those nominated were: President - Oscar McGuire; Vice President - Richard Johnson; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley; Assistant

Secretary/Treasurer - Mildred Dumas; Chaplain - Robert Meeks. These officers were duly elected. The new officers' terms begin at the close of this convention. Wesley Haley then called forward Mrs. Mildred Dumas and thanked her for many years of dedicated service to the South Georgia Singing Convention. Mrs. Mildred Dumas has served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years and her late husband, Harry Dumas, served in elected positions which helped Sacred Harp singings thrive in South Georgia. Mrs. Mildred Dumas has accepted the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer's position for the upcoming year to help with the transition. Next in business, the singings for the coming year were reviewed and changes made. The convention next welcomed delegates from other singing associations. Mr. Bill Green was presented from Alabama. To end the business session, next year's location for the convention was discussed. This session was held at Cedar Creek due to Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church having been almost totally destroyed by a recent tornado. It was agreed that we take up a special collection for Lebanon Church to help with the rebuilding project. Deacons representing Lebanon stated that their hopes were that we can return to our usual location for the 1996 convention. The business session was then closed and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Oscar McGuire opened the afternoon session leading song on page 137. Leaders: Bonnie Rewis 489, 155; Bill Green 423, 321b; Patty Collins 318, 490; Coy Ivey, Ivey Ellis, and Sumner Ellis 87, 153; Jon Robinson and Kay Robinson 452b, 288. A memorial service was held at this time. Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks announced the following deceased: Donald Stripling, Ernie Brown, Harry Dumas, Carlton Hitchcock, and J. C. Stephens. Mary Brownlee led song on page 163b for those deceased. Mrs. Gertrude Bateman was the only shut-in mentioned. Myrtice Meeks led song on page 503b for her. This concluded the memorial service. Leaders: Luanne Turner 147t, 523b; Myrtice Meeks and Marjorie Robinson 206, 129, 157; Timothy Haley 282, 334; Doris Haley 515; Margie Dietz 46, 385b; Raymond Hamrick 148, 47t; Joyce Harrison 66, 178; Georgia Ann Corbin and Bob Corbin 373, 473; Joyce Harrison 323; Rita Haley 268; Mary Brownlee 569; Wesley Haley 128; Bill Green 425; John Garst 159. Oscar McGuire, newly elected President, closed the convention by thanking Cedar Creek for hosting this year's session, and led song on page 323t. David Grant offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman - Richard Johnson;
Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Mildred Dumas; Chaplain - Robert Meeks.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH Nashville, Tennessee November 11, 1995

The eleventh annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee on Saturday, November 11, 1995, was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 63. The morning prayer was led by Darrell Holley. Tim Reynolds then led song on page 39. The following leaders were called: Gordon Wilkerson 112, 100, 168; Frances Hall 84, 45t; Elvin Guthrie 34b, 73b, 139; Drew Foster 59, 117, 47b; Darrell Holley 354b, 68b; Cynthia Cyrus 159; Marie Guthrie 129, 430, 30.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back together by leading songs on pages 178 and 495. Leaders: Sandra Cohron 81, 312b; William Paris 31, 58; Clare Sayles 155, 47; Drew Foster from "The New Harp of Columbia" 11, 180, 181b.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order by leading song on page 128 in memory of George Boswell and 49b as requested by his father, William J. Reynolds of Fort Worth, Texas. David Carlton led song on page 268 in memory of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated prime minister of Israel. Leaders: Wilson McKee 117; Alice Watkin 231, 415, 338; Hibbard Thatcher 40, 61; Sandra Scott 147, 294; David Peterson 341, 63; Glen Wegge 127, 569b. Following announcements, William Paris led 64 as the closing song. Hibbard Thatcher closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman - Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretaries - Cynthia Cyrus and Clare Sayles.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING **St. Francis House, Madison, Wisconsin** **November 11, 1995**

The ninth annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, and was called to order by Jim Page leading song on page 31. Steven Parker led the morning prayer. Leaders: Jan Ketelle 36b, 48b; Steven Parker 276, 344; Julie Veal 106, 39; Stephen Levine 350, 28b; Kathy Wallace 272, 171; Miles Alexander 122, 500; Denise Kania 327, 479; Anthony Reeves 273, 183; Daryl Mayberry 68b, 220; Lisa Grayson 112, 528. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Johanna Fabke; Chaplain - Steven Parker; Secretaries - Val Dunagan and Sandra Reynolds; Arranging Committee - Bill Waddington, Kathy Kaiser, and Jim Page; Memorial Committee - Julie Veal and Shelley Robbins.

RECESS

The class resumed singing and leaders called were: Johanna Fabke 148; John Gurtz, Collette Miller, and Martha Gurtz 159; Ann Werhane 128; John Seaton 269; Bob Scorgie 291; Lissa Blood 326; Richard Popp "Ezekiel"; Kathleen Kuiper 428; Jenny Willard 68; Ted Johnson 425; Carol Crawford 81; Val Dunagan 569b; Johanna Fabke 186. The memorial lesson was held with Julie Veal leading song on page 472 for the sick and shut-in: Wisconsin - Lucille Veal, Peter Veal, and Eleanor Owens; Maryland - Camilla Haase; California - Sara Curry; Ohio - Tammy Webster and Lawrence Lavy; Illinois - Frances Giunchedi. Shelley Robbins led song on page 504 for the deceased: Wisconsin - John Snowberg and Fred Karsten; California - Louis Hoeflin; Israel - Yitzhak Rabin; Nigeria - Ken Saro-Wiwa; Alabama - Aver Crider, Kelsey Wootten, and Ruby Sheppard Gibson; Massachusetts - Fritz Holland; South Carolina - Al Hamilton; New York - Joe Beasley; Illinois - Jean Buck, Mr. Roberts, and Paul Kunzer; Texas - Coralee Hamilton. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 277; Marcia Johnson 260; Dick Dunagan 312b. Steven Parker led in prayer.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The singing resumed and leaders called were: Jan Ketelle 87; Keith Willard 108; Eleanor Haase 352; Kathy Krug 217; Ted Mercer 328; Collette Miller 368; Paul Foster 212; Meg Parsons 288; Jim Page "Camilla"; Connie Karduck 498; Scott Schroeder 178; Laura Shearin 216; Dean Slaton 306; John Bailey 532; Jim Parsons 218; Shelley Robbins 299; John Gurtz 448.

RECESS

John Seaton brought the class to order leading song on page 47. Leaders: Julie Vea 192; Judy Hauff 187; Dee Michel 236; Ann Werhane 117; Bob Scorgie 412; Lissa Blood 38b; Jim Pfau 146; Richard Popp 300; Karen Hojnacki 198; Kathleen Kuiper 385b; Jenny Willard 163; Ted Johnson 142; Melanie Hauff 444; Marcia Johnson 547; Carol Crawford 79; Keith Willard 501b. Johanna Fabke led the closing song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by Steven Parker.

Chairman - Johanna Fabke; Secretaries - Val Dunagan and Sandra Reynolds.

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Oxford, Alabama

November 12, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November. The class was called together by Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harvey Austin. Billy Joe Harris led song on page 145b; Margie Smith 101t, 313t. The class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Pearl Guier. Leaders: B. J. Harris 303b; Roy Nelson 108t, 87; Pearl Guier 40, 45t; Milton Oliver 321, 312b; Lucille Forman 569b for her son, Lee Forman, 177; Jeff Sheppard 172, 182 for Lois Stanson; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Sandra McCurdy 335, 119; Ruby Phillips 34b, 345t; Freeman Wootten 426t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Roy Nelson leading song on page 35. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 461, 186; Harrison Creel 498, 111b; Charlene Wallace 122, 267; Jap Walton 153, 81b; Jewel Wootten 225t, 277; John Forman 137, 192; Joyce Walton 217, 171; Harvey Austin 566 for Mr. Painter, 384; Mary Jane Johnson and Pearl Guier 49b in memory of Michael Howard; B. M. Smith 475, 39b; Billy Joe Harris 452, 448b.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Billy Joe Harris leading song on page 503b. Leaders: Marshall Avery 53, 108b; Edith Tate 336, 441; Dr. James Howell 68b; Ann Jett 546, 43; Evelyn Warren 47t, 159; Lou Cotney 218, 189, 358; Everett Denney 161, 274t; I. V. McWhorter 74t, 97; Harrison Creel 342, 378b; Carlene Griffin 85, 309; Freeman Wootten 348b; Cynthia Crosson 45t, 63; Ruth Brown and Dixie Roberts 36b, 37b; Shelton Williamson 300; Louise Nelson and Jeff Sheppard 146, 155; Virgil Phillips 48t, 379. After announcements, B. J. Harris and Roy Nelson led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Everette Denney.

Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

OAK GROVE CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia

November 12, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Church was held on the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Helen Bryson leading songs on pages 34b and 49t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Cagle. Leaders: Helen Bryson 74t; Richard DeLong 103, 121, 277; Don Bowen 295b, 420b, 544b; Elder Charles Cagle 338; Bobby Cagle 283, 205; Loy Garrison 50b, 77b, 77t; Cathy White 146, 159, 354b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Helen Bryson leading song on page 334. Leaders: Mary Lou Cagle 335, 143, 200; Dollie Hudgins 108b, 61; Jeanette DePoy 209, 47b, 569; Judy Mincey 501, 503b; Frances Mary D'Andrea 106, 276, 84; Jack Corley 72t, 300, 332.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Helen Bryson leading song on page 144. Leaders: Faye Pettis 89, 133, 83. The class voted to keep the same officers: Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison. Leaders: Ray Richards 111, 45t; Kenneth DeLong 402, 176b, 177; Horace DeLong 460, 384, 193; Margie Deitz 85, 47t, 59. The memorial lesson was led by Judy Mincey leading songs on pages 119 and 163. The memorial was closed with prayer by Elder Charles Cagle. Helen Bryson led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Brother Junior Cagle.

Chairman - Helen Bryson; Vice Chairman - Loy Garrison; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL North of Tallapoosa, Georgia November 18, 1995

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Mary Florence Smith leading song on page 59. The opening prayer was given by Brother Marshall Avery. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 31b. Kenneth Mize led songs on pages 49b and 45t. The class was organized and the following officers elected: Chairman - Mary Florence Smith; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Mize; Secretary - Miranel Swafford; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards. Mary Florence Smith led 39b in memory of her parents. Leaders: Corine Laminack 108t; Roy Nelson 87, 35; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Marshall Avery 40, 75; I. V. McWhorter 84, 91; Miranel Swafford and Cynthia Fielder 137, 348 in memory of their father, Gilbert Pope; Lonnie Rogers 186, 225t; Lucille McElroy 159, 68b; Bobby Rivers 551, 147t in memory of his mother; Florence Williams and Natlie Williams 457, 490 in memory of Zera Mize, Hoyt Wood, Carlton Wood, and Ralph Wood; Harvey Austin 335, 101t.

RECESS

Kenneth Mize brought the class together leading song on page 569b. Leaders: Revy Williamson 56t, 155; Jerry Sheppard 212, 213t; Carlene Griffin 81t; Theo Waddell 100, 340; Billy Joe Harris 503b, 452; Charlene Wallace 63, 274t; Evelyn Harris 378t, 47t; C. W. Garner 149. Announcements were made. Mary Florence Smith and Kenneth Mize led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman - Mary Florence Smith; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Mize; Secretary - Miranel Swafford.

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION Richmond, Virginia November 18-19, 1995

Saturday, November 18

The fourth annual James River Convention was held on November 18 at the Parish Hall, Church of the Epiphany, and was called to order by Sue Hanson

leading song on page 49t. The morning prayer was led by George Seiler. Pat Temple led song on page 34b; Blake Morris 101t; Ida Mae Leatherman 73b. Chairman Sue Hanson made announcements, and opened nominations for officers. The following were elected: President - Pat Temple; Vice President - Gail Doss; Secretary - Mary Wright; Treasurer - Blake Morris. The session was returned to the Arrangements Committee with the following leaders called: Kacy Pate 216; Stephen McMaster 532; Homer Rudolf 84; Mary K. Friday 191; Craig Baughan 178; Liz Cusick 504; Evan Duncan 299; Claire Chapin 502; Roland Hutchinson 287; Joyce Saxon 28b; George Seiler 347; Ella Wilcox 344; Becky Hart 270; Mary DeNys 63.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Kathy Manning leading song on page 186. Leaders: Fred Beardsley 143; Sarah Smith 318; Claudia Egelhoft 203; Nancy Lee Newell 163b; Peter Pate 168; Jean Seiler 200; Gary Smith 569b; John delRe 118; Paula McGray 308; Jamie Dalton 453; Alex Baillie 312t; Tim Slattery 340; Kelly Macklin 116; Marty DeNys 547; Tom Tucker 110; Hal Kunkel 384; Mary Hulburt 480; Blake Morris 133 for Donna Abrahams.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Peter Pate leading songs on 37b and 31t. Leaders: Blake Morris, 408, "Weeping Mary"; Mary K. Friday 120; Fred Beardsley 100; Leyland delRe 144; Tommy Hall and John Daniel delRe 123b; Kathy Manning 260; Liz Cusick 267; Craig Baughan 229; Sue Hanson 148; Frank Evans 312b; Ida Mae Leatherman 45t; Bob Hall 222; Pat Temple 85; Gary Smith 68b; Stephen McMaster 269; Claire Chapin 86; Homer Rudolf 354b; Kacy Pate 372; Evan Duncan 66; Joyce Saxon 146.

RECESS

Pat Temple brought the class to order leading song on page 117. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 198; Nathan Roan 129; Becky Hart 142; George Seiler 183; John delRe 326; Ella Wilcox 479; Jean Seiler 209; Jamie Dalton 538; Paula McGray 528; Kelsey Taylor and Anna Taylor 345b; Tim Slattery 300; Claudia Egelhoft 273; Sarah Smith 75; Kathy Manning 551b for Dorcas Good; Alex Baillie 454; Marty DeNys 327; Kelly Macklin 282; Hal Kunkel 419; Nancy Newell 155; Mary DeNys 128; Mary Hulburt 145b; Kathy Manning 426t; Tom Tucker 324; Peter Pate 448b, 162. George Seiler led page 159 for the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, November 19

On Sunday morning the convention was called to order at the Dorey Park Convention Center by Pat Temple leading song on page 87. The morning prayer was led by George Seiler. Leaders: Blake Morris "Lovely Vine"; Sue Hanson 47t; Ida Mae Leatherman 81t; Kelly Macklin 171; Lynda Hambourger 317; Mary Hulburt 40; John Fedderson "Lambertville, and "Rosepine"; Tom Tucker 313b; Mary K. Friday 180; Liz Cusick 421; Craig Baughan 390; Gary Smith 34b; Joyce Saxon 99; Homer Rudolf 433; Kacy Pate 48t; Frank Evans 38t; George Seiler 497; Roland Hutchinson 242; Jean Seiler 492; Blake Morris 35.

RECESS

Peter Pate called the class together leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Jamie Dalton 328; Paula McGray 201b; Tim Slattery 217; Miriam Kilmer 388; Brian Sears 48b; Sarah Smith 406; Alex Baillie 33t; Marty DeNys 510; Nancy Newell 306b; Steven Sabol 379; Mary DeNys 274t; John delRe 369.

The memorial lesson was opened by Mary Hulburt who invited Sarah Smith and Gary Smith to speak of Sarah Smith's brother, Joe Beasley. Sarah Smith led song on page 384. Mary Hulburt read the names of the following deceased:

Dorothy Taggart, Barton Rouse, Marjorie Pyle, Joseph Beasley, Daniel Rudolf, Robert Motindorfer, Dewey Williams, Roberta Adams, John S. "Jack" Chapin, Kay Chapin, Mary McCarty, John O. Duncan, Alan D. Davies, John Snowberg, Kenton Kilmer, Gen. Marvin Ball, young grandson of Hen Ide, Carter Ide, and Carol Depp. The sick were: Patricia Pate and Richard Atherton. Ida Mae Leatherman spoke of the fact that death is a part of life, the culmination of life and that we should consider it as the door into the light. Mary Hulbert led song on page 566 in memory of Yitzhak Rabin. Leaders: Kathy Manning 294; Bob Hall 218. Pat Temple led song on page 49t as the meal blessing, and George Seiler offered the prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Jamie Dalton leading song on page 67. Leaders: Ella Wilcox 297; John Daniel delRe and Tommy Hall 276; Leyland delRe 361; Kelsey Taylor and Anna Taylor 278b; Bev Oneida 236; Fred Beardsley 127; Stephen McMaster 112; Blake Morris "How Can I Keep From Singing", for Mary Ann Detrana; John Fedderson 163b. Pat Temple recognized the attendees from their respective states: North Carolina, Pennsylvania; Maryland, Alabama, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Virginia were represented. Jean Seiler presented a resolution of thanks to all of those committee members who made the convention a success. Pat Temple reopened singing with song on page 64. Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 551; Sarah Smith 401; Gary Smith 178; Jean Seiler 146; Paula McGray 228; Roland Hutchinson 535b; Hal Kunkel 475; Nancy Newell 156; Steve Sabol 368; Mary DeNys 523b; Kathy Manning 213t; Alex Baillie 455. The convention closed with a prayer from Chaplain George Seiler, and the singing of song on page 62.
Chairman - Pat Temple; Vice Chairman - Gail Doss; Secretary - Mary Wright.

HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Calhoun, Georgia** **November 19, 1995**

The annual all day singing was held the third Sunday in November at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church. The traditional window opening was performed by Jimmie Denney. In a break with tradition, Jeannette DePoy was designated to crawl through the window and unlock the church doors. Judy Mincey called the class to order by leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Loy Garrison. Judy Mincey led song on page 63; Helen Bryson 213, 344; B. J. Harris 452, 503. Judy Mincey introduced Martha Wilson who works with the Georgia Council for the Arts, and specifically the Dalton of Georgia Council, who would be recording some of the singing throughout the day. The class was organized, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. Leaders: Liz Bryant 31t, 66; Lee Rogers 70t, 474; Everette Denney 34b, 47b; Ed Smith 53, 222.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Judy Mincey leading song on page 146. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 30t, 87; Melanie Hardy 84, 159; Don Bowen 50, 225t for B. M. Smith; Jeannette DePoy and Kay Ibarra 384, 142; Faye Pettis and Carol Pettis 532, 45t; Roy Nelson 148, 270; Kathy White and Kay Ibarra 178, 354b; David Hough 385t, 480.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Judy Mincey leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 313t, 373; Shelbie Sheppard 306, 202; John Hollingsworth 155, 236. The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Mincey. Sheri Taylor led songs on page 50t and 161 for the following deceased: Lessie Cates, Dewey Williams, Joe Beasley, Junurs Hudgins, Delbert Underwood, Carlton Hitchcock, Clellon Warren, Talmadge Harris, Freeman Harris, Velma Kelly, Jerry King, Aver Crider, and Mr. Pettis, father-in-law of Faye Pettis. Judy Mincey led song on page 34t for the sick and shut-ins: Eva Reeves, Hazel Cagle, Dovie Howell, Jason Davis, Mary Nell Davis, Laura Howell, Bessie Underwood, Jerry Sheppard, and Mozell Sheppard. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer led by Ed Smith. Leaders: Katharine O'Hara 378b, 442; Charlene Wallace 276, 299; Jeff Sheppard 186, 461; Susan Smith 460, 440; Richard DeLong 522, 376; Margie Dietz 58, 61; Eric Hudgins 176t; Lisa Webb 369, 477; Mel Parker 47t, 39b; Martha Ann Stegar 40, 198; John Plunkett 284, 268; Judy Mincey 475 for Virgil Phillips. Judy Mincey, Billy Smith, and Ed Smith led song on page 62 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Everette Denney.
Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

JONES CHAPEL SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
Cullman County, Alabama
November 19, 1995

The annual Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by the Chairman John Hocutt, leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. John Hocutt led song on page 111. The following officers were nominated and elected: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Henry Guthery; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Unie B. Howard. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 434; Essie Calvert 482, 318; Keterina Sanders 59, 389; I. V. Cockrell 454; Gene Wakefield 158, 159; Reddie Evans 436, 280; Josie Hyde 225t, 225b; Ruth Walker 430, 383; Bascom Mattox 421.

RECESS

The class was called to order with Henry Guthery leading songs on pages 420b and 316. Leaders: Gordon Wilkerson 426, 475; Elver Kilgo 192, 100; Vernice Calvert 183, 298; Ester Brown 460; Velton Chafin 34b, 35; Roma Rice 297, 104; Clifford Wakefield 144, 480; Ada Godsey 34t; Travis Keeton 400, 388.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading song on page 503b. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 275b, 74b. John Hocutt led "Amazing Grace", 45t, and dismissed the class for lunch.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with John Hocutt leading song on page 36t. Leaders: Corene White 379, 403; Danny Smith 373; Carmon Brothers 127, "That Beautiful Land"; Bertha Wilson and Ruth Parris 37b, 319; Lamar Smith 76b; John Hyde 63, 73t; Unie B. Howard 101t, 58; Cecil Sanders 78 for Tressie Adkins who was not able to be here; Eron White and Judy Green of New York 146. After announcements, Eron White led song on page 358. The singing was dedicated in memory of Aver Crider, and in honor of her daughter, Ruth. Ulys Walker paid for the printing of the minutes. John Hocutt led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Carmon Brothers.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretary - Unie B. Howard.

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION
Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, North
Birmingham, Alabama
November 25-26, 1995

Saturday, November 25

The ninety-sixth session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Elder Edwin Farris. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 35; Harrison Creel 30t; Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas 47t; Elder Edwin Farris 285t; Reba Windom 171; Cindy Franklin 269; Shelbie Sheppard 106; Lonnie Rogers 343; Margie Smith 284; Edith Tate 532; Cassie Franklin 344; Don Bowen 475 for Virgil Phillips; Mae Seymour 336; Mel Kersey 68b; Willie Mae Moon 441; Mark Davis 240; Flarce Creel 454.

RECESS

The singing continued with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 270. This year's convention was dedicated to Virgil Phillips who is in the hospital. Leaders: B. M. Smith 273; Daphene Causey 306; Clark Lee 503b; Samuel Sommers 279; James Cain 384; Walt Graff 371; Kit Pfau 145t; Aubrey Barfield 480; Danny Creel 383; Mary Oruc 49b; Mike Veech 277; Karen Rollins 143; Velton Chafin 372; John Etheridge 319.

RECESS

The singing began with Harrison Creel leading song on page 111b. Leaders: John Plunkett 71; Rachel Lee 388; Mary Elizabeth Lee 354b; Travis Keeton 426t; Keith Willard 39t; Marcia Johnson 448t; Louis Hughes 378t; Jeanette Lowry 74b; Coy Ivey 546; Melanie Hauff 218; John Hocutt 236; Becky Browne 215; Larry Ballinger 151; Nancy Van Den Akker 361; Bud Oliver 73t; Leigh Barr 28b; Herby Bailey 34b.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard called the class together leading song on page 87. Leaders: Wanda Capps 146 for Clayton Ezell; Roy Nelson 434; Glenn Salisbury 268. A business session was held. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Bud Oliver; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas; Chaplain - Elder Edwin Farris; Arranging Committee - Coy Ivey, Margie Smith, and Edith Tate; Memorial Committee - Becky Browne, Sarah Smith, and Ruth Brown; Finance Committee - B. M. Smith, Cassie Franklin, and Willie Mae Moon; Resolutions Committee - Judy Hauff, Azilee Adams, and John Hocutt. End of business session. Leaders: Corene White 314; Ann Jett 327; Joe Nall 142; Jenny Willard 53; Ted Johnson 50t; Stanley Smith 528 for Rosa Hughes; B. M. Smith led 137 for Virgil Phillips who was on the phone from the hospital; Pearl Guier 49t; David Lee 101t; John delRe 333; Joyce Walton 147t; Tommie Spurlock 430; Norma Latham 369; Ted Mercer 296; Unie B. Howard 58; Arthur Gilmore and Jimmie Gilmore 288.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Bud Oliver leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Everette Denney 335; Marie Aldridge 216; J. C. Denney 155; Kathy Lee 31t; Gary Gronau 436; Susan Harcrow 200; Jesse Swindal 401; Eron White 186; Jerry Enright 300; Lou Cotney 189; Richard DeLong 472; Peggy Brayfield 547; Robert Meek 178; Julietta Haynes 222; Stephen McMaster 535; Charles Farris

460; Lee Rogers 350. Harrison Creel and Bud Oliver led the closing song on page 348b. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Edwin Farris.

Sunday, November 26

The Sunday session began with Harrison Creel leading song on page 317. The morning prayer was led by Elder Edwin Farris. Leaders: Bud Oliver 32; Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas 159; Coy Ivey, Margie Smith, and Edith Tate 63; John Daniel delRe 213; Judy Mincey 556; Edward Howton and Peggy Bergman 436, 434; Dorothea McCowan 218; Toney Smith 150; Mae Holt 224; Bill Green 212; Judy Hauff 201b; Freeman Wootten 37b; Ann Ballard 57; Gary Smith 34b; Thurman Nall 480; Sarah Smith 135.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 72t. Leaders: Terry Hullett and Stephen Hullett 421; Pam Nunn 528; Buddy Tindal 163b; Cecile Cox 384; Otis Nall 46; Evelyn Harris 47t; Milton Oliver 321; Charlene Wallace 192; Cindy Franklin 146; George Cox 108t; Eloise Wootten 222; Phil Summerlin 415; B. J. Harris 452; Cassie Franklin 352; Shane Wootten 171; Joan Aldridge 474; Marlon Wootten 426t; Henry Johnson 68b.

RECESS

B. M. Smith brought the class together leading song on page 565b. Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 29b; Roy Nelson 148; Jenny Willard 99; Jerry Enright 399t. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Becky Browne made a wonderful talk about how we are singing for and representing our friends and family who have gone before us. Ruth Brown read the names of the deceased while the class hummed 285t. Alabama - Helen Ivey Cordell, Aver Crider, Lessie Cates, Ted Godsey, Winfred Lacey, Lois Green, Forney Cobb, Ervin Brothers, Hoyt Renfro, Kelsey Wootten, Arville Hyatt, Fay Allen, Jack Harcrow, Dewey Williams, Aubrey Percell, Theo Preston, Ruby Gibson, Hubert Green, Tom Roberson, Aaron Creel, Freeman Harris, Clellan Warren, Melva Gray, Viva Barnes, Viola Barker, Velma Kelley, Mary Morris, and Dula Webb; Georgia - Carlton Hitchcock, Junurs Hudgins, and Myrtle McGraw; Texas - Rev. Pete Walker, Dale Redmon, Sr., and Arnevis Norton; Mississippi - Cynthia Ledlow; New York - Joe Beasley; Others - George Klien, Jean Buck, and Daniel Rudolph. Gary Smith and Sarah Smith led song on page 354b for the deceased. Ruth Brown and Becky Browne led song on page 68b for the sick and shut-ins, including: Colbie Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harden, Cleo Hawkins, Bernice Embry, Ludy Bell, G. C. Waldrep, Jerry Sheppard, Mozell Sheppard, and David Ivey B. M. Smith and Ruth Brown led 475 for Virgil Phillips who was listening on the phone from the hospital. B. J. Harris closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Kermit Adams 276; Don Bowen 454 for Elene Stovall; Richard DeLong 296; Jeff Sheppard 297.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 207; Lee Rogers 412; Buell Cobb 69t; Marie Aldridge 316; Marcia Johnson 485; Louis Hughes 89; Elizabeth Muhleisen 47b; Glenda Jones 165; Elder Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, and Rebekah Gilmore 566, 33b; Ann Jett 136; Melanie Hauff 270; Shelbie Sheppard 290; Mel Kersey 122; Reba Windom 196; Ted Johnson 83; Joe Nall 430; Karen Rollins 489; John delRe 144.

A business session was held. Jewel Wootten gave the finance report. Balance brought forward \$1,070.20; interest \$42.67; collection \$570.53; total \$1,683.40. Supplies \$69.66; ham \$30.87; chicken, beans, and slaw \$170.00; gift to the church \$250.00; minutes \$50.00; Balance \$1,112.87. The Resolution Committee

Report was given by Judy Hauff. At this time Jeff Sheppard reported on the work performed during this past year in organizing and compiling this year's "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings", now the responsibility of the Alabama State Convention. Shelbie Sheppard has very ably served as the Interim Secretary of the "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings" during 1995. It was then motioned, seconded, and voted unanimously that Shelbie Sheppard be elected as Secretary of the "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings". Shelbie Sheppard then reported that the account balance for the "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings" is \$6,709.71 as of November 22, 1995. End of business session.

RECESS

Keith Willard called the class together leading song on page 114. Leaders: Ted Mercer 132; Walt Graff 29t; Stephen McMaster 495; Glenn Salisbury 254; Mary Oruc 313b; Gary Gronau 282; Kit Pfau 209; Elder Edwin Farris 38b; Pearl Guier 45t; Charles Farris 299; Thurman Nall 503b; Becky Browne 464.

Harrison Creel, Bud Oliver, and Elder Edwin Farris led 498 for the closing song. Elder Farris closed the convention with prayer. The convention had fifteen states represented.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Bud Oliver; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas.

GANUS AND WILFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama November 26, 1995

The twenty-fifth session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Clifford Wakefield leading songs on pages 42 and 43. The morning prayer was led by Jack Wakefield. The class organized for the day by retaining the following officers: Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde. Clifford Wakefield led song on page 101. Leaders: Hubert Hood 49b, 454; Arnold Moore 77t, 145b; Mae Conwill 270, 141; Keterina Sanders 59; Jane Fulford 143, 300; Josie Hyde 442, 434 for Uncle Tom Harper who is ill; Lola Roberson 137, 475; Pat Shaddix 272, 192; Cecil Sanders 145t, 512; Roma Rice 166, 147b.

RECESS

Clifford Wakefield called the class back to order leading song on page 294, by request, and in memory of Sara Cockrell. Leaders: Travis Keeton 424, 212; Parnell Berry 177, 306; Debbie Wakefield 183, 426; Lena Keeton 123, 546; L. E. Hannah 500 for Uncle Tom Harper, 56t; Leigh Barr 203, 178; Elmer Conwill 498 for Uncle Tom Harper who was sick, 297 in memory of Tom Roberson; Johnny Humber 208, 460; Leon Ballinger 84, 384; Rose Altha Taylor 129, 73t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gravis Ballinger leading songs on pages 101t and 78. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 482; Juliette Haynes 216, 430; The children of S. L. and Catherine Wakefield--Cecil Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Windel Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Clara Stults, Nadine Willis, Helen Langston, Julie Poston, Faye Donaldson, Betty Baccus, and Fayrine Wakefield--led songs on pages 426, 333, 388, 138, 480, 290, and 159 in memorial for their relatives and friends that have passed away; Ada Godsey 499, 411; Gladys Bonds 404, 58; Jack Wakefield and daughter, Vonda Hallman 358, 46, 32, 45t; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 136; Milford Watts 410,

114; Steve Miles 63, 61, 234; John Hyde 75, 30t; Earl Ballinger 217, 182 in memory of Tom Roberson. All the children of S. L. and Catherine Wakefield led the closing song on page 30b. Steve Miles led the closing prayer. Chairman - Clifford Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde

FLORIDA STATE SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

**Panama City, Florida
December 2-3, 1995**

Saturday, December 2

The Florida State Singing Convention held at the Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida, the first Sunday and Saturday before in December, 1995 was called to order by Chairman Stanley Smith leading songs on pages 100 and 335. The morning prayer was given by Stanley Smith. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 140; Vice Chairman Tommie Spurlock 156; Secretary Jewell Skaggs 143; Jeff Sheppard 142; Velton Chafin 174; Reba Windom 224; Milton Oliver 54; Cassie Franklin 559; David Lee 543b; Leola Smith 203; Mary Elizabeth Lee 500; Loy Garrison 507b; Leon Ballinger 239.

RECESS

Chairman Stanley Smith called the class back to order leading song on page 478. Leaders: Wanda Capps 200; S. T. Reed 567; Liz Bryant 50b; Bob Bonnell 290; Carolyn Hammond 384; Mattie Townsel 119; Kelly Beard 544; Inez Chandler 405; Coy Ivey 449; Faye Pettis 45t; John Etheridge 38; Margie Smith 508; Cecile Cox 501; Gordon Wilkerson 400; Mary Beth Butler 367. Stanley Smith appointed the Memorial Committee as follows: Cindy Franklin, Margie Smith, Victoria Aplin, and Carolyn Hammond.

RECESS

Don Clark called the class back to order leading songs on pages 422b and 171. Leaders: Rachael Lee 336t; J. W. Oliver 418; Nina Kane 36b; Hershell King 204; Alice Hochstetler 86; Shelbie Sheppard 39; Greg Economides 304; Marie Guthrie 220; George Cox 395b; Willa Mae Holt 212; Cindy Franklin 410; B. M. Smith 573; Pat Marse 186; Ralph Heath 196; Elizabeth Labato 144; Clarke Lee 139. Vice Chairman Tommie Spurlock gave a warm welcome to all our singers and friends, and dismissed for lunch with prayer and singing song on page 369.

LUNCH

The Saturday afternoon session was called to order by W. L. Green leading songs on pages 567 and 381. Leaders: Edith Tate 404; J. A. Mosley 365; Mary Jane Butler 448; Norma Latham 563; Elvin Guthrie 222; Joe Nall 268; Kathy Lee 393; Thurman Nall 447; Julie Lee 199; Joyce Walton 122; Otis Hester and Polly Hester 276, 277; Ernestine Pipkin 497; Bill Ferris 111.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Johnny Lee leading songs on pages 31t and 41. Leaders: Ozella Blackmon 522; Eldagene Roberson 215; Alice Mosley 343b, 282; John Merritt 455; Agnes Ferris 411; Juanita Hill 84; Brenda Merritt 89. The Chairman, Stanley Smith, led song on page 146 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Clark Lee.

Sunday, December 3

The Sunday session of the Florida State Singing Convention was called to order by Stanley Smith, Chairman, leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was given by Bill Aplin. Leaders: Stanley Smith 140; Vice Chairman Bill Aplin 466;

Secretary Jewell Skaggs 297; Aubrey Barfield 306; Velton Chafin 225t; David Lee 106; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Leola Smith 185; Milton Oliver 503; Mary Jane Butler 82; Loy Garrison 515; Edith Tate 73t; J. W. Oliver 145t; Polly Hester 143; Reba Windom 192; Leon Ballinger 136; Otis Hester 195; Cassie Franklin and Shelley Capps 39; Cecile Cox 135.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bill Aplin leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 242; David Roberson 414; Ralph Heath 235. The Memorial Lesson was given by Cindy Franklin. Cindy Franklin gave a tribute to our loved ones who have already gone home. She said, "When I was appointed to this committee, I wondered what I would say. The ones I know, I could say something about. The ones I don't know, you could say something about them. So as I read the list of names, each of you think of one word or one nice thing this person said or meant to you". Georgia - Junurs Hudgins, Myrtle McGraw, and Velma Kelly; New York - Joe Beasley; Texas - Dale Redmon, Sr. and Arnevis Norton; Florida - B. F. Pettis, Rudy Skaggs, Rev. Henry Barfield, and T. H. Plant; Alabama - Hoyt Renfroe, Bennie Rigdon, Aver Crider, Dewey Williams, Homes Coates, Lessie Cates, Ted Godsey, Winford Lacey; Mary Morris, Helen Ivey Cordell, Lois Green, Forney Cobb, Ervin Brothers, Aaron Creel, Dula Webb, Kelsey Renee Wootten, Ruby Gibson, Tom Roberson, Fay Allen, Colbie Allen, Viola Barker, W. A. "Gus" Watson, Bertha Henson, Trixie Vandiver, Carolyn Nall, Kevin Aplin, Lottie Pelham. J. J. Serton, Madie Ausley, Lewis Atkinson, Etta Morgan, Leon Price, and Lucille Capps. Carolyn Hammond led song on page 577, and Cindy Franklin led song on page 486 for the deceased. For the sick and shut-ins, Margie Smith led song on page 137. The Memorial was closed with prayer by Velton Chafin. Leaders: Tommy Spurlock 574 (by special request); Wanda Capps 505; Clarke Lee 444t; Eldagene Roberson 186; B. M. Smith 563; Kathy Lee 488; Kelly Beard 275; Brenda Merritt 543; Julie Lee 72; Nina Kane 119; Gordon Wilkerson 112; Mattie Townsel 100; John Merritt 410; Mary Beth Butler 427. Aubrey Barfield gave a welcome to everyone, and led song on page 369. Velton Chafin led the class in prayer for the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

The Sunday afternoon session was called to order by Stanley Smith leading song on page 129b. Leaders: Marie Guthrie 229; Mary Elizabeth Lee 485; Greg Economides 280; Elizabeth Lobato 128; Lurleen Heath 377; Thurman Nall 287; Norma Latham 571; Ernestine Pipkin 218; Elvin Guthrie 172; Rachel Lee 392; Alice Mosley 45t; Bill Farris 274; Alice Hochstetler 88t; Agnes Ferris 378t; W. L. Green 417; Juanita Hill 81; Bob Bonnell 451; Hershell King 343b; Alice Williams 283; John Etheridge 77t; Liz Bryant 270; J. A. Mosley 341; Inez Chandler 335; Joe Nall 511t; George Cox 108; Willa Mae Holt 189. Officers for the 1996 Florida State Convention: Chairman - Bill Aplin; First Vice Chairman - David Lee; Second Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie. Stanley Smith (by request) 520, 518, 288. The new and old officers led song on page 45 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Aubrey Barfield.

Unless otherwise notified, next year's Florida State Convention will be held at the same location, Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida, phone #904-769-0000. The date will be November 30 and December 1, 1996.

Chairman - Stanley Smith; Vice Chairman - Tommy Spurlock; Secretary - Jewell Skaggs.

LIBERTY CHURCH
Helicon, Alabama
December 3, 1995

The forty-seventh session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Liberty Church in Winston County on the first Sunday in December was called to order by John Hocutt leading song on page 81. The morning prayer was led by Lamar Smith. The class organized, and the following officers were elected: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Aubrey Tyree; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 100, 106, 108; Keterina Sanders 59, 389, 290; L. E. Hannah 56t, 97, 332; Gladys Bonds 89, 146, 499b; Aubrey Tyree 298, 208, 189, 206.

RECESS

John Hocutt called the class back together leading song on page 317b. Leaders: Alpha Black 318, 460, 345t; Ada Godsey 275b, 546; Lamar Smith 76b; Stella Pratt 426b, 147t, 222; John Hyde 379, 297, 30t; Ester Brown 171, 338, 436; Margaret Keeton 129, 402, 358; Josie Hyde 224, 179, 34b.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 48t, 61, 91, and 90. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 475, 73t, 67; Vila Tyree and Ruth Parris 421, 37b; Dick Nail 96, 142, 300, 68b; Cecil Sanders 145t; John Hocutt 49t, 96; Josie Hyde 91. John Hocutt led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Aubrey Tyree.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Aubrey Tyree; Secretary - Alpha Black.

CONCORD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Winfield, Alabama
December 10, 1995

The session was called to order by John Beasley leading songs 100 and 101. Prayer was lead by Marlin Beasley. Officers were elected and committees appointed as follows: Chairman, John Beasley; Vice-Chairman, Elmer Conwill; Secretary, Becky Briggs; Arranging, Ann Ballard; Chaplain, George Seiler, from Glen Ridge, New Jersey; Memorial, Brenda Peña, from Queens, New York; and Resolutions, Gary Smith. John Beasley then led 480. Leaders: Gary Smith 34b, 178; George Seiler 347, 159; Charlie Ballard 512, 30t; Frances Lee 72b, 274t; Brenda Peña 156, 39b; Sarah Smith 146, 129; Jean Seiler of Glen Ridge, New Jersey 66, 299.

RECESS

Session was called back to order by Elmer Conwill leading 110. Leaders: Ricky Beasley 566, 47b; Jean Wakefield 108b, 109; Elsie Beasley 434, 460; Kermit Adams 77t, 78; Mae Conwill 314, 498; Cecil Sanders 475; Dorothea McCowan 218, 196; John Hyde 75, 297; Marlin Beasley 296, 348b; Travis Keeton 161, 179. Class then broke for lunch, with prayer led by Chaplain George Seiler.

LUNCH

John Beasley called the session back to order leading 317 and 318. Leaders: Johnny Humber 452, 275b; Warren Steel 74t, 411; Larry Ballinger 123, 90; Josie Hyde 269, 408; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 137; Beckie Briggs 234, 340; Earl Ballinger 283, 87; Cora Sweatt 46; D. H. and Johnnie Sue Beasley, with Kelly Gill 354b, 235; Keterina Sanders 73t, 399b; Lena Keeton 546, 142; David Beasley 330, 335.

RECESS

Session was called back to order by John Beasley leading 37b. Brenda Peña then lead 34t for the sick and shut-in: Edgar Hutchins, Tom Harper, Mary Gardner, Lola Myrtle Roberson, Mae Seymour, and Phillip Lee. And now for those we know that we must wait until that great day when we will sing with them again, and especially for Joe Beasley. She then lead 134 for those who had passed away: Joe Beasley, Cephas Keeton, Tom Roberson, Lois Robinson, Ava Crider, Addie Mae Prysock, Mr. Rayburn Humber, and Dewey Williams. Gary Smith then presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS we are here not only to sing but for fellowship and to enjoy the company and products of love from the kitchen; and

WHEREAS we recognize that we could not enjoy these things without the labors of those who come here not necessarily to sing, but to render service in the kitchen,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we extend a vote of gratitude and appreciation to Johnnie Sue Beasley, Nita Beasley, Freddie Briggs, and Kirby Sweatt for their unselfish labor on our behalf, for their work surely enhances the enjoyment of this gathering.

WHEREAS we are gathered to honor the memories of those who have gone before, especially the memory of our brother, Joe Beasley; and

WHEREAS we are gathered to sing the praise of God who gave us will and spirit to sing; and

WHEREAS we are gathered to continue a tradition which has enriched and blessed us beyond our poor ability to measure; and

WHEREAS we are gathered as a family of differing backgrounds, heritages and interests united by a love of the Sacred Harp; and

WHEREAS we are gathered in the anticipation of a future made dim by warfare and struggle but made glorious by the hope and knowledge of the Resurrection, when we shall all be re-united in joy and love,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on on this day, the 10th of December in the year of our Lord 1995, this shall be constituted the First Annual Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial Singing, to carry on his love of Sacred Harp and his determination to see it thrive and prosper, here and wherever the Harp is struck.

The session resumed with Anne Steel leading 288 and 209. Leaders: W. L.

Harbin 139, 45t; Amanda Denson 157, 273; Alvin (Bunk) Beasley 81t, 294; Travis Keeton 384; George Seiler 31t; Jean Seiler 114; Warren Steel 57; Anne Steel 39t; Ann Ballard 337. John Beasley and Elmer Conwill lead the closing song, 336. The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain George Seiler.

Chairman - John Beasley; Vice-Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Becky Briggs