

Sacred Harp Singings

1999 & 2000

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Dear Singers and Friends of Sacred Harp,

Sacred Harp singings are now being held more widely than ever before. The spread of singings over the past 15 years to so many cities across the United States and even Canada and the United Kingdom is just amazing. It is my hope and prayer that this annual publication can somehow serve as a source of information that helps further unify the many singers, communities, and threads of tradition so that Sacred Harp is built up for the glory of God.

I extend my thanks to all of you who helped me in any way this year with this minutes and directory book. The secretaries of singings and conventions are very important contributors to this publication, and I thank them for their work especially.

Please remember to help me by submitting your minutes and payment immediately after your singing. Please take time to review the instructions in this book on how to submit your minutes. Because of space limitations, use good judgment in what you include from the memorial lessons and resolutions. Also, please do not include a singer's state after his or her name.

When submitting your minutes, please provide updated information for your singing's directory listing if your singing date, location, directions, or point of contact changes. As always, please let me know of any correction to addresses, phone numbers, or directory listings that need to be made.

Finally, I encourage you to attend and support Sacred Harp singings this year as much as you can.

Shelbie Sheppard

HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

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

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Please start the minutes with three lines showing the name of the singing, the location, the calendar date on which it was held, and the time you start singing.
- **Breaks** Please indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized and on a line by themselves.
- **Two-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Please try to verify the spellings of all names. Do not put state names or abbreviations after singers' names. Do not insert commas between the name and the first song number.
- **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 "t" for top or "b" for bottom to 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).
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin if known. If convenient, list those from the same state together.
- **Officers** Please list the new officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary who is submitting the minutes.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes. The fee entitles the singing to receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes received without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$37 per singing day if you want the books mailed to you
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person
- **Check Payable to:** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
- **Submit To** Shelbie Sheppard
P.O. Box 5246
Glencoe, AL 35905

COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

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

- **Before You Start** First read *How to Submit Minutes* on page 3, and follow the instructions. If your minutes are not formatted correctly, we will have to re-type them.
- **Formatting** Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting. Do not center the title. Do not type the title in upper case. We will add these formatting elements later.
- **Hard Returns** Never insert returns in the middle of a paragraph—instead, allow paragraphs to wrap to the full column width. Include hard returns (¶ marks or line breaks) only at the end of paragraphs and single lines. Don't use two returns in a row.
- **File Format** When done editing, please save the file in “Text Only” format (this will intentionally remove any special formatting you may have used, such as bold or italic). 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** Save the file with a name that is only eight characters or fewer. Add the extension “.TXT”, indicating that it is a text file. For example: LIBERTY.TXT.
- **Disk Format** 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 — or, send by e-mail.
- **To Submit by E-Mail** If you have access to e-mail, send the file as an attachment to: **minutes@fasola.org**. Don't include the minutes in the message body itself unless you are certain that the mail program will not add unwanted hard returns.
- **Always Send a Printout** Please mail a printout along with your payment. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the disk or e-mail attachment is damaged or unreadable.
- **Questions** Please direct formatting questions to Chris Thorman at **chris@thorman.com**.

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2000 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: Fifth Sunday singings are listed here by their dates, and in addition are listed in a separate section starting on page 25, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Walnut Hills Christian Church—1438 East McMillan—Cincinnati, Ohio—From I-75 or I-471—Follow interstate to downtown—East on U.S. 50 (Columbia Parkway)—Left at first light (Kemper Lane)—At top of hill, right onto McMillan at light—About .5 mile to church at Ingleside—From I-71 southbound—Exit at Taft (Exit 3)—From ramp, make four successive rights onto Taft, Reading, Oak, and May—Go 2 blocks, then left on McMillan—About 1.0 mile to church at Ingleside.—

Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137

Sat., 1st—Pine Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church—Collins (Covington County), Mississippi—From Collins—Take 84 east out of Collins—Go 1.0 mile to Salem School Road—Take a left—Go 6.0 miles to first crossroads (It is Roscoe McDaniel Road to right and Blakely Creek Church Road to left)—Take a left—Go 0.5 miles to first right (Dennis Town Road)—Church is on Dennis Town Road on the right—Info: Andrew Albers (601) 765-9432

Sun., 2nd—Dutch Treat Singing—Shady Grove Church—Winston County, Alabama—3.0 miles north of Double Springs—Hwy. 195.

Sun., 2nd—State University of West Georgia Singing—Food Service Building (Z-6)—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th, p.m.—Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson, and Robert Harper—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Always held on Saturday night before second Sunday in January.

Sat., 8th, p.m.—Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Bolds Community (Walker County), Alabama—6.0 miles east of Jasper, Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 to Bolds—The church is on the right, next to the fire station. Always held each year on Saturday night before second Sunday in January.

Sun., 9th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun., 9th—Anniversary Singing—Irish American Heritage Center—4632 North Knox—Chicago, Illinois—10:30 a.m.—Just off the I-94 Wilson exit.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—San Francisco, California. Saturday—All Saints' Episcopal Church—1350 Waller between Masonic and Ashbury—2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Singing school taught by

Richard DeLong. Sunday—Synergy School, 1387 Valencia St.—9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Info: Chris Thorman—email—chris@thorman.com—Carolyn Deacy (415) 585-4773

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Fohs Hall—North Walker Street—Marion (Crittenden County), Kentucky—9:00 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Southern Harmony—Info: Wm. Ralph Paris (502) 545-3920

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—Bay Minette Church of Christ Fellowship Hall—Pine and First Street—Bay Minette, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Bill Hogan (334) 342-4137

Sun., 23rd—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—8.0 miles southeast of Haleyville—Off Hwy. 195—Turn south at church sign—Go 2 or 3 miles—Church is on left—Info: Parnell Berry (205) 486-5853

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Jan. 29th—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—9:30 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Always the last Saturday in January—Info: David Music (817) 923-1921 ex. 6420

Sun., 30th—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. 2.0 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road)—Church is on right, after 1.3 miles—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—iveyd@usa.net

Sun., 30th—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Info: Lane Albritton (813) 737-2249

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Rotunda Singing—Alabama State Capitol—Bainbridge Street at Dexter Avenue—Montgomery, Alabama—Dutch Treat—Please bring a sack lunch—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Four books used: The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Cooper Revision/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp—Info: Jim Carnes (334) 264-0286 (days)

Sun., 6th—Uncle Bob Burnham Memorial—Recreation Center—Ladiga Street and Church Avenue—Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Driving north on Hwy. 21, Ladiga is the first street forming the city “square”—Turn right—Pass alley—Center is on the left at the corner of Ladiga and Church Avenue—Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—Desserts are provided by the Burnham family.—Info: Ruth Brown (256) 831-2227

Sun., 6th—Mount Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Four miles northeast of Sipsey—On highway from Sipsey to Wilburn (also called Bug Tussle)—County Road 9.

Sun., 6th—Lincoln’s Birthday Singing—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—1:00 p.m.—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—Info: Ted Mercer (773) 486-7400

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Memorial for Oralee Burns—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church—On Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February each year.

Sat., 12th—Provine Chapel—Mississippi College—Clinton, Mississippi—Info: Warren Steel—email—mudws@olemiss.edu

Sun., 13th—Roy Avery's Memorial (Birthday) Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama—3.0 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Road 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Road—Take right—Church on left.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 19th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center—9th Street and Hackberry Lane—Tuscaloosa, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Tim Cook (205) 344-5376

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—Ohio State Convention—Columbus, Ohio—Saturday—Schoolhouse—South of Bluffton—10:00 a.m.

Sunday—Toledo/Bowling Green area—Place to be announced—10:00 a.m.—Always held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February.—Info: Fred Todt (614) 291-0282—John Bealle (513) 861-1137

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—Keystone Singing Convention—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Area—Place to be announced—Info: Gabriel Kastle (215) 382-5324—voice mail—(215) 602-8330—Doron Henkin (215) 656-4206—email—DAHenkin@aol.com

Sun., 20th—Sanders Memorial—Cordova Senior Citizens Center—123 Main Street—Cordova (Walker County), Alabama—From Birmingham—U.S. Hwy. 78 northwest almost abreast of Sipsey—Exit left, south, onto County Road 22 heading for Cordova—In Cordova—Turn right onto First—Follow the jogs as it becomes Main—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Leicester Sacred Harp Singing Day—St. John the Baptist Parish Centre—Clarendon Park Road—Leicester, United Kingdom—Info: Ian West—email—01_tag@compuserve.com

Sat., 26th—New York State Regional (Binghamton Area)—Vestal Public Library—320 Vestal Parkway East—Vestal, New York—

Info: Dennis Leipold (607) 724-8784—email—dleipold@pronetisp.net

Sat., 26th—LSU Campus—St. Albans Chapel Parrish Hall—Corner of Darymple and Highland Street—Baton Rouge, Louisiana—9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—

Info: Wallace McKenzie (225) 924-0321—Brad Pope (225) 344-9648

Sat., 26th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—1965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—10:30 a.m.—J.L. White/Eclectic Harmony/new music/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Just west of Columbia Drive—Approximately 1 mile west of I-285 at exit 34—

Info: John Plunkett (404) 371-1057—Laura Akerman (404) 373-8241

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center—Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), Washington—Singing school on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Info: David Hough (425) 452-0109—Karen Willard (360) 897-9545

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Texas State Convention—College Station Conference Center—1300 George Bush Drive—College Station (Brazos County), Texas—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Dutch Treat—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Charles Whitmer (281) 367-6260—email—cwhitmire@conroe.isd.tenet.edu

Sun., 27th—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens (Clarke County), Georgia—Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Avenue Extension)—Go 1.0 mile to Botanical Garden sign—Turn right—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/ Social Harp books used—Info: John Garst (706) 548-3910

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Duke Memorial—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Heard County, Georgia—Off U.S. 27 on Armstrong Mill Road, 100 yards past mile marker #17—Two miles south of Carroll/Heard County line between Carrollton and Franklin—13.0 miles from bypass in Carrollton.

Sat., 4th—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Saturday—Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill
Sunday—Page Walker Hotel, Cary—

Info: Lynda Hambourger—email—nhssllh@GWGATE.BAS.NCSU.EDU

Sun., 5th—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—On GA Hwy. 100

Sun., 5th—Martha Harper Nix/Lewis Keeton/McGough Memorial Singing—New Flatwoods Church—Walker County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Three miles south of Nauvoo—Just east of Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Info: Tim Gilmore (205) 384-0711

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing—Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—From Birmingham—Hwy. 75 north to Douglas—Turn right on Hwy. 168 east (Douglas to Boaz Hwy)—After about 5.0 miles—Turn right off Hwy. 168 east onto County Road 93—Note: You will pass Friendship Church on right before you get to Old Clear Creek Church—9:30 a.m.

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Missouri State Convention—St. John's United Church of Christ—Pinckney, Missouri—9:30 a.m.—11.5 miles west of Marthasville, on Hwy. 94.—

Info: Karen Isbell (314) 664-1411—Jeanette Lowry (636) 433-2101

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Smith County Convention—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Road 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwys. 64 and 110—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Cooper Revision—Info: Myrl Jones (903) 593-0955—Myra Palmer (214) 223-4617

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Place to be announced—Northampton, Massachusetts—Info: Catherine Oss (413) 529-7160—email—wmshc@aol.com

Sun., 12th—Oxford City Hall—Oxford (Lafayette County), Mississippi—The square is at the junction of Hwy. 314 (also called Jackson) and Hwy. 7 (also called Lamar)—City Hall is at the northeast corner of the square.

Sun., 12th—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Centerville (Houston County), Georgia—On Hwy. 96—Exit off I-75 at Houser's Mill exit—Go east on Hwy. 96 for 4.0 miles—Church on right—Please bring covered dish.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Hoboken Annual Singing—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—9:00 a.m. Cooper Revision—From U.S. 82 eastbound—Turn north on Kelly (at the flashing caution light)—Cross railroad tracks—Turn left on Chicago and enter the parking lot of the school on the right—Info: David Lee (912) 458-2493

Sat., 18th, p.m.—Stephenson and Wall Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6.0 miles northeast of Jasper—On Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station.

Sun., 19th—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Cooper Revision—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta—Turn left (west) on Academy (aka Milton) for a block—Turn right on Canton—Follow Canton as it becomes Hopewell Road for about 5.0 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—Church is about 2.0 miles from the intersection on the right.

Sun., 19th—Wall Memorial—George Wallace Senior Center—Hollingsworth Drive—Glencoe (Etowah County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From Gadsden—6.0 miles from Coosa River Bridge off Hwy. 431—Go to the Glencoe First Baptist Church (which is on the right)—Turn left at the traffic signal, cross the railroad tracks—Turn right onto Railroad Avenue, go until the street ends at Pineview Avenue and turn left—Drive 0.1 mile and turn left onto Hollingsworth Drive—The building is on the left—Coming Hwy. 431 north—Turn right on Pineview Avenue before you get to Glencoe First Baptist Church, and follow the rest of the directions.

Sun., 19th—The Godsey Sister's Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.0 miles north of Double Springs—On Hwy. 195.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Vermont State Shape Note Convention—Burlington, Vermont area—Place to be announced—Note: Singing is last Saturday in March except on Easter weekend when it is either the week before or after—Info: Larry Gordon (802) 426-3210

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Georgia State Convention—Old DeKalb County Courthouse—Decatur, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Find your way to I-85 North—Proceed to Exit 32 (Clairemont Road)(U.S. 23/State Rd. 155)—Turn right off I-85 North towards Decatur/Emory (there will be plenty of signs)—Clairemont will dead end at the Courthouse.

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Mon., 27th-Tues., 28th-Wed., 29th-Thurs., 30th & Fri., 31st—Singing School—Shiloh Museum of Ozark History—118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale, Arkansas—School will start nightly at 6:30 p.m.—Taught by Hugh McGraw—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Susan Young (501) 750-8165—email—syoung@springdaleark.org

Fri., Mar. 31st, p.m., Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Potomac River Convention—Washington, D.C. area—

Info: (301) 897-5274—Steve Sabol—email—Sabol@his.com

Sat., 1st—Shiloh Museum of Ozark History—118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale, Arkansas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Info: Susan Young (501) 750-8165—email—syoung@springdaleark.org

Sat., 1st—Fasola Omaha—Grace Lutheran Church—1326 South 26th Street—Omaha, Nebraska—9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

Info: Kathy Wood (402) 397-4673—email—khwood@omnilinx.net

Sat., 1st—William Walker Memorial Singing—Burwell Building—Wofford College—North Church Street—Spartanburg, South Carolina—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Southern Harmony/Christian Harmony—

Info: John Bullard (803) 582-8589

Sat., 1st—Higher Ground Singing—United Ministry Center—Terre Haute, Indiana—Info: Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873—Marlen Rust (812) 336-2792

Sun., 2nd—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—The church is on the right.

Sun., 2nd—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 2nd—Old Enon Church—Winston Church, Alabama—North of Lynn—9:30 a.m.—From U.S. 278 in Natural Bridge—Take Hwy. 5 towards Lynn—Turn left on County Road 25—Go approximately one mile—Turn right at the sign for Old Enon Church—If singing date falls on Easter Sunday, the singing will not be held that year.

Sat., 1st & Sun. 2nd—Harrod's Creek Shape Note Singing Convention—Harrod's Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Southern Harmony.

Sunday—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Cooper Book.

From Louisville—Take I-71 North—Go to exit 14—Turn left—Go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right—Church will be on left—Singing regularly held on the fourth weekend in April—First weekend is for the year 2000 only.—

Info: Robert Meek (502) 893-2190

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 7th p.m.—Antioch Baptist Church—Birthday Singing—Haralson County, Georgia—South of Tallapoosa—On Old 100 Hwy.—6:30 p.m. ET—From I-20 take exit #1 for Georgia Hwy. 100 and go south—Turn right on Carlton Johnson Road (at J&J/Don's Shopette) to Old Hwy. 100—Turn left—The church is on the left—Friday night before the second Sunday in April.

Sat., 8th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—From west to east—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to the Georgia State Line—*immediately* turn around and come back to first road to the right—Go to the next road which will be dirt (County Road #207) and turn right—Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left—If you are coming from the east—Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions.

Sat., 8th—Brazos River Singing—Star of the Republic Museum—Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park—Washington (Brazos County), Texas—Cooper Revision—From Navasota—Take Hwy. 105 south for 7.0 miles—Turn left onto Farm-to-Market Road 1155 to the Park—Donation and RSVP requested for catered picnic or bring a lunch—Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080

Sun., 9th—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama—From Ider—Take Hwy. 75 north—Go approximately 5 miles—Turn left onto County Road 141 at Hartline Grocery—Go approximately 3 miles—Church is on left.

Sun., 9th—Old County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9.0 miles west of Warrior—From Birmingham—Take I-65 north—Exit at Warrior exit (#282)—Get on County Road 140, (also called Warrior/Jasper Road) going west—Turn right at Mayfield Road (County Road 83)—Drive through a cemetery—Turn left on Miller Road—Church on left.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2.0 miles east of Arab—On Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

Sat., 15th—New York State Regional—Rochester Area—St. Luke's Episcopal Church—77 Country Corner Lane—Fairport, New York—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Info: Laura Densmore (716) 688-2001—email—densmore@acsu.buffalo.edu

Sun., 16th—Palm Sunday Singing—Finstock Village Hall—United Kingdom—Info: Bernard Collard—email—gm22@dial.pipex.com

Sun., 16th—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8.0 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—The church is on the left.

Sun., 16th—Old Harmony—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Approximately 10.0 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Abernathy exit) off I-20—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1.0 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 16th—Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on AL 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile marker 212 and 213—Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Fourth Sunday (Easter Sunday) and Saturday before

Tues., 18th—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—3939 Gentilly Boulevard—New Orleans, Louisiana—Spring Session—6:00 p.m.—Info: Dr. Harry Eskew (504) 282-4455, extension 3277.

Sat., 22nd—Easter Singing—Henderson Primitive Baptist Church—Henderson, Texas—Cooper Revision—On U.S. 79, six miles east of Henderson—Info: John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sat., 22nd—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta—Turn left (west) on Milton for a block—Turn right on Canton—Follow Canton as it becomes Hopewell Road for about 5.0 miles to the four-way stop—Turn left to continue on Hopewell Road—Turn left on Birmingham Road—The church is about 2.0 miles from the intersection, on the right.

Sun., 23rd—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—Eight miles southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195—Turn south at church sign two miles, church on left—Going north—look for church sign, south 2.0 miles.

Sun., 23rd—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead—Blount County, Alabama—From the junction of U.S. 278 and Hwy. 75 in Snead—Drive south 4.7 miles, passing mile marker #39—Turn left, east, on Wilson's Chapel Road (Glass Grocery is on the right)—Church is 0.3 miles on the right.

Sun., 23rd—Alewine Memorial—St. Michael Church—Near Fruithurst—Cleburne County, Alabama—10:00 a.m. CT—Take U.S. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north (County Road 35) at post office—Go to County Road 49—Follow

49 north to County Road 14 (Rosewood Community)—Turn right—Go approximately 2.0 miles—Church on left.

Sun., 23rd—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—
Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—Free Will Baptist Bible College—Johnson Academic Building—Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—Exit to U.S. 70 South—Go west (West End Avenue) off of I-440 in west Nashville—Go 1 block and turn right at Bowling Avenue (traffic light)—Go 1 block and turn left onto Richland Avenue—Johnson Academic Building is in the middle of the block on the left—Parking on street in rear—Signs will be posted—Singing is the first Saturday after Easter each year.

Sat., 29th—Friends Meeting House—Yellow Springs, Ohio—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—U.S. 68 to Yellow Springs, 4 blocks south of downtown—East on Whiteman to “T”—See building to right—Singing is on a set date, first Saturday after Easter—Info: Fred Todt (614) 291-0282—John Bealle (513) 861-1137

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Midwest Convention—Ida Noyes Hall (both days)—University of Chicago—Chicago, Illinois—9:15 a.m.—
Info: Ted Mercer (773) 862-6477 or (773) 486-7400

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas—Cooper Revision—On Farmers Market Road 713—Between Bastrop and Luling—East of Lockhart—First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later)—
Info: Tom/Jeb Owen (512) 398-6075—Curtis Owen (512) 398-2017

Sun., 30th—Mount Pisgah—Sylvester (Worth County), Georgia—10 miles southwest of Sylvester—From I-75—Take Hwy. 112 to Ashburn and through Sylvester—Turn left on Evergreen/Doerun Road—Go 5.5 miles—Church on right.

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Info: Lane Albritton (813) 737-2249

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 7th—Emmaus Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Hwy. 27 south through Carrollton—Go 2.0 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Church Road—Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and turn left.

Sun., 7th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid.

Sun., 7th—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama—Between Section and Dutton—Off Alabama Highway 71 on the west side—Turn at church sign.

Sun., 7th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Sun., 7th—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama—6.0 miles southwest of Ashland—Near intersection of Hwy. 9 and County Road 5.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain—Huntsville (Madison County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn left onto Burritt

Drive—Singing usually held on Saturday before the first Sunday—Second weekend in 2000 only—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—iveyd@usa.net
Sat., 13th—Furman University Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony Singing—Herring Pavillon, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina.
Sun., 14th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—3.0 miles south of Nauvoo, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—West of Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—There is a sign for the church on Hwy. 11.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 19th p.m. & Sat., 20th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friend's Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Upper Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night singing school precedes convention—

Info: Gina Balestracci (973) 655-7219 (days), (973) 509-2165 (night)

Sat., 20th—Southern California Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—

Info: Carla Smith (619) 533-3181 (days) or (619) 544-0432 (night).

Sat., 20th—Mattox Memorial—City Administration Building—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—10:00 a.m.—Info: Clayton Ezell (931) 762-8267

Sat., 20th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington.

Sat., 20th—Arrow Rock Singing—Federated Church—High Street—Arrow Rock, Missouri—On High Street (one block north of Main Street)—

Info: Richard/Susan Green (816) 931-7042

Sun., 21st—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 21st—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—Approximately 5.0 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls Exit 65 or Barnesville/Jackson Exit 66 and go west toward Barnesville—Please bring a covered dish to share.

Sun., 21st—Concord Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—10:00 a.m.—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 23 west to church.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—Stroud (Chambers County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Book—14.0 miles north of Lafayette and 7.0 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud.

Sat., 27th—Furman University—Greenville, South Carolina—

Info: Lee Rogers (706) 795-5472

Sun., 28th—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—Gum Pond Church (Morgan County), Alabama—18.0 miles northeast of Cullman—On Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left in Gum Pond.

Sun., 28th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Haralson County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Go to Tallapoosa—Get on Hwy. 100 North—Go 5 miles—Turn left on Poplar Springs Church Road (just before mile marker #12)—Go 0.5 miles.

Sun., 28th—Doss Memorial—Sardis Baptist Church—Morris (Jefferson County), Alabama—3.0 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris on Old Sardis Road.

Sun., 28th—Sullins School House—Marion County, Alabama—8.0 miles north of Hamilton, Hwy. 49—The church/school house is 4.0 miles north of the 49/U.S. 278 junction.

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—New York State Regional—Farmer's Museum—Cooperstown, New York—One mile north of Cooperstown on Route 80—Info: Margaret/Ron Bornick (315) 853-6282—email—RMBornick@compuserve.com Barbara Swetman (315) 853-5723—email—bswetman@hamilton.edu

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Berryville, Virginia—Set date of first Sunday and Saturday in June.—
Info: John delRe or Kelly Macklin (540) 955-2660

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. ET—2.0 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—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 4th—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile 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, after 1.3 miles—
Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—iveyd@usa.net

Sun., 4th—Pine Tucky Church—Winston County, Alabama—5.0 miles south of Double Springs—1.0 miles east of Hwy. 195 on County Road 8.

Sun., 4th—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Yalobusha County, Mississippi—Hwy. 32—10.0 miles west of Bruce.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—Hopewell Homecoming—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Blount County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—6.0 miles east of Oneonta—One mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I-59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left.

Sun., 11th—Alpharetta Municipal Auditorium—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Auditorium is in the City Hall, corner of Academy and south Main Street—Info: Helen Bryson (770) 381-9093

Sun., 11th—Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—13.0 miles northeast of Cullman—On Hwy. 69—Cullman to Arab—The church is on the south side of the highway.

Sun., 11th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3.0 miles north of Derma.

Sun., 11th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44—Old Fayette Road.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 15th, Fri., 16th & Sat., 17th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Trinity United Methodist Church—1400 Oxmoor Road—Birmingham, Alabama—Homewood area, I-65 and Hwy. 31—1.5 miles east of I-65—From I-65—Take Exit 256-B (Oxmoor Road) East—Cross major intersection and Palisades Mall (on left), then get in far right lane as Oxmoor angles off to the right—Follow through several traffic lights—Trinity Church is on the left past Dawson Memorial Baptist.

Sat., 17th—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—15.0 miles southwest of Cullman—Four miles off Hwy. 69 at Wilburn (Bug Tussle)—At Bug Tussle—

Turn north on County Road 54 (aka County Road 9)—Go 4.0 miles—Church will be on the left.

Sun., 18th—Zion Hill Homecoming Singing—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—10:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—About 12.0 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 to Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on Farm to Market Road 1798 (aka County Road 368)—Church is on the left—
Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sun., 18th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Near Ephesus—Heard County, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Georgia Hwy. 100 south to Ephesus School—Turn left onto Ephesus/Roosterville Road—Go 2.5 miles, turn right.

Sun., 18th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Near Natural Bridge (Winston County), Alabama—Off Hwy. 278 east at County Road 49.

Sun., 18th—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Oak Hollow Road—Near Empire—Walker County, Alabama—From Sumiton—Take Empire Road north. The road becomes Oak Hollow Road at the turn to Empire—Continue straight for 2.0 more miles—Church is on right.

Sun., 18th—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—Four miles south of Section—7.0 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—Three miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sun., 25th—DeLong Memorial—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church—Intersection of Roberts Road and Spalding Drive—Dunwoody (DeKalb County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Exit Georgia 400 north at Northridge heading east—Go south on Roberts Drive, which is almost opposite the end of the exit—Church is at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive (approximately 1.0 miles from Georgia 400).

Sun., 25th—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel on Hwy. 278, the highway from Jones Chapel to Crane Hill—Church is on the right.

Sun., 25th—Mt. Lebanon Church—Fayette County, Alabama—8.0 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left.

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Henagar Union Convention—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to Farmer Telephone Cooperative and turn right—Go to dead end, turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road—Go 1.3 miles—Church is on right—
Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—iveyd@usa.net

Sun., 2nd—Cross Roads Baptist Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. ET—Go to Tallapoosa—Take Hwy. 100 North—Go approximately 9 miles—Turn left onto Cross Roads Church Road (Just past

mile marker #15)—Go approximately 7 miles—Church is on right at the intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road.

Sun., 2nd—Dutton, Green, and Jackson Memorial—New Flatwoods Church—Near Nauvoo—Walker County, Alabama—Three miles south of Nauvoo, and east of Hwy. 1—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Sun., 2nd—Extension Auditorium (Ag Center) at Perry Fairgrounds—Commerce Street—Perry, Georgia—1:00 p.m.—No lunch—One block South of Hwy. 34.

Tues., July 4th—Independence Day Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1.0 mile—Church is on right.

Tues., July 4th—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Ashland (Clay County), Alabama—From Ashland—Take Hwy. 9 South to County Road 5—Turn right.

Tues., July 4th—Independence Day Singing—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community (Calhoun County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 8—3.0 miles west of Vardaman.

Wed., July 5th—Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing—Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center—Jones Chapel (Cullman County), Alabama—From I-65—Take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel—Turn south at signal light onto County Road 7, also called County Road 940—Go one block, building on right. First Wednesday in July.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. pm, 7th & Sat., 8th—Quebec Convention—Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada—Info: Victor Maltby.

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Cullman County Singing Convention—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, Alabama—Courthouse is at the junction of U.S. 278 and 2nd Avenue, also called U.S. 31.

Sun., 9th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Singing from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., preaching 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon—Singing after lunch—J.L. White Book.

Sun., 9th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and Boiling Springs Convention—Oak Grove Community—North of Sylacauga—Talladega County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 280 to Oak Grove Community Fire Station—Turn right at Fire Station—Go to dead end.

Sun., 9th—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Church—Pickens County, Alabama—Eight miles north of Gordo—0.25 mile west of Hwy. 159.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thur., 13th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Old Alabama Town, Grange Hall—310 North Hull Street—Montgomery, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Info: (334) 242-3601

Sat., 15th—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—Six miles northwest of Arab—Turn west on County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 15th—Walker County Convention—Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama—Hwy. 78 West—Left at traffic light in front of hospital—3.0 to 4.0 miles—Second church on right.

Sat., 15th p.m.—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—Cooper Book—Hwy. 69.

Sat., 15th—Michiana Regional—New Testament Baptist Church—Goshen, Indiana—Take State Road 15 south out of Goshen about one mile—Turn right (west) onto County Road 38—Church is approximately 3.0 miles on right—Info: Samuel Sommers (219) 294-6180

Sun., 16th—Kalamazoo Convention—Western Michigan University—Wesley Foundation (on campus)—Kalamazoo, Michigan—Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center—Wesley Foundation is nearby—Info: Bill/Martha Beverly (616) 382-4288—email—beverly@net-link.net

Sun., 16th—Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Singing—New Prospect Church—Near Bremen—Cullman County, Alabama—From Cullman—Take Hwy. 69 south—Go past landfill—Take County Road 8 south—Go 1.0 mile (1st paved road)—Take left and go 0.6 miles.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Connecticut Convention—Place to be announced—Info: Susan Garber—email—SusanGarber@aol.com.

Sat., 22nd—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Gum Pond (Morgan County), Alabama—18.0 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence, through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left (east) side of the road, in Gum Pond.

Sat., 22nd—Marilou Jolly Memorial—Old Poway Park—Poway (San Diego County), California—From I-15 take Poway Road exit eastbound—Go approximately 4.0 miles—Turn left on Midland Road—The park is on the left—Info: Carla Smith (619) 533-3181 (days) or (619) 544-0432 (evenings).

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Mt. Zion Memorial—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church—Mt. Zion (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—8.5 miles west of Carrollton on Hwy. 16—Behind school.

Sun., 23rd—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8.0 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8 turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

Sun., 23rd—Marion County Courthouse Singing—Hamilton, Alabama—The Courthouse is at the corner of 1st Avenue and 1st Street.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Young People's Singing—Northhampton, Massachusetts area—Held at different locations—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4.—Info: Kelly House (401) 831-5879

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Hwy. 400 north to exit 10 (old Milton Parkway)—Alpharetta—Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left.

Sun., 30th—Lacy's Chapel—Near Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2.5 miles west of Henagar off Hwy. 40—Turn left at church sign onto County Road 163 and go 0.3 miles—Lacy's Chapel is on the left.

Sun., 30th—Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Near Sumiton—Jefferson County, Alabama—2.5 miles southeast of Sumiton—North of new Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78—Third fifth Sunday each year.

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Info: Lane Albritton (813) 737-2249

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Warrior River/Clear Creek Sacred Harp Convention—Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Fridays Crossing—10.0 miles north of Oneonta, Alabama and about 5.0 miles south of Snead in Fridays Crossing—From the crossroads (U.S. 278 and AL 75) in Snead—Drive south on Alabama State Highway 75 for 4.7 miles—Just past mile marker 39, turn left (east) on Wilson's Chapel Road—Go 0.3 miles—Church is on the right—Coming north from Oneonta, the turn is not quite a mile past mile marker 38—*Saturday only.*

Sat., 5th—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area—9:30 a.m.—Info: Jim Brock (511) 345-9652—email—jbrock@pacinfo.com—First Saturday in August.

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—Wilson's Chapel—Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Turn left off Hwy. 27-A at Cross Plains Road—Follow it as it curves and turns into a dirt road to church.

Sun., 6th—Fayette County Convention—Bevill State Community College-Brewer—2631 Temple Avenue North—Fayette, Alabama.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Calhoun County Musical Association—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community, Mississippi—North on Hwy. 8—Three miles west of Vardaman—Between Derma and Vardaman.

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Community Center—South High Street—Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—Cooper Revision—Info: John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sun., 13th—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—Eight miles southeast of Haleyville—Off Hwy. 195, turn south at church sign—Go 2 to 3 miles, church is on left. This is a new singing that was formerly held at Macedonia on this date.

Wednesday after second Sunday

Wed., 16th—Elmore Center Singing—Elmore Center United Methodist Church—Pickens County, Alabama—Four miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21—This is reputed to have begun in 1845.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 19th—Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing—Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church—811 Runyan Drive—Chattanooga, Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—Info: Linda Sides (423) 875-8619—email—linjanes@bellsouth.net

Sat., 19th—Rock Creek Mountain Home and Ryan Creek Convention—Masonic Hall—Crane Hill (Cullman County), Alabama—10.0 miles south of Jones Chapel—From junction in Crane Hill of County Road 22 and County Road 7, go east on County Road 22 one block—The hall is on the north side of the road—Info: David Roberson (205) 681-4389

Sat., 19th, p.m., Sun., 20th—Santa Cruz Regional—Santa Cruz, California—Saturday—Women's Center—303 Walnut Avenue—9:00 a.m. Sunday—Senior Citizens Opportunities—222 Market Street—9:00 a.m.—Info: Kathleen Marie Pouls (831) 475-8885

Sun., 20th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at Church sign—Church is 0.7 mile on right—Info: John Beasley (205) 487-3916

Sun., 20th—Cedar Creek Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9.0 miles southwest of Cordele, off Cordele/Albany Hwy—Take Hwy. 300 from I-75 heading south—Go 11.0 miles—Church will be on the right.

Sun., 20th—Cleburne County Convention—Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.5 miles east of Heflin on Hwy. 78.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3.0 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church—North of Forest, Mississippi—Seven miles north of Forest—On Hwy 21—Between Forest and Sebastopol—

Info: Mark Davis (601) 919-0209—Regina Glass (601) 269-3635

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59—Turn east on Alabama Highway 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile marker 212 and 213—

Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Sun., 27th—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Itawamba County, Mississippi—Four miles south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Road—East of Tremont.

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Mulberry River Convention—Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick)—Near Sumiton—Jefferson County, Alabama—2.5 miles southeast of Sumiton, north of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78.

Sat., 2nd—Oberlin Sacred Harp Singing—Christ Episcopal Church—Oberlin, Ohio—Info: Charles/Jane Wells (440) 774-1926

Sat., 2nd—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday before Labor Day—Info: Betty Hanf (610) 582-5924—Doron Henkin (215) 656-4206 work, (610) 688-6347 home—email—Dhenkin@aol.com

Sun., 3rd—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Haralson County, Georgia—In Bremen—Take Hwy. 78 East—Turn left on Old Temple Road at Car Wash on left—Go across railroad tracks—Go to fork in road onto Cashtown Road—Go to Golf Course—Turn right on Little Vine Church Road (approximately 2.5 miles).

Sun., 3rd—Clear Creek Convention West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 3rd—Haynes Creek Church—Rockdale County, Georgia—10 miles north of Conyers on state Hwy. 20—Turn left on Rosebud Road, approximately 3.0 miles, church is on left.

Sun., 3rd—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—11:30 a.m.—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

Labor Day, Monday, September 6

Mon., 4th (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—Talladega National Forest—Near Edwardsville—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take Hwy. 78 east to Heflin and then into Edwardsville—Go past Edwardsville and watch for signs to enter the Forest—Turn left and follow road through the Forest, and watch for signs to church.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Central Louisiana Sacred Harp Singing—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Dry Prong (Grant County), Louisiana.

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Old County Line Church—Near Corner—Off Miller Road—Jefferson County, Alabama—Ten miles west of Warrior—From I-65—Exit at Warrior Exit (exit #282)—Get on County Road 140, (also called Warrior/Jasper Road) going west—Turn right at Mayfield Road (County Road 83)—Drive through a cemetery—Turn right on Miller Road—Church is on the left—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—Harrison Creel (205) 648-9750

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—United Kingdom Shape Note Convention—Beeston Youth and Community Centre—Beeston, Nottingham, United Kingdom.

Sun., 10th—Mountain Home Church—Marion County, Alabama—Three miles southwest of Bear Creek on Hwy. 241 south.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—Calhoun County Convention—Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Four Mile Community—Between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take Hwy. 21 from Anniston to Jacksonville—After mile marker 264, you will see a United Methodist Church on right—Go just short of mile marker 265 and turn right on Four Mile Drive—Church is on the right (in line with mile marker 265).

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—Rocky Mountain Convention—Albuquerque, New Mexico—Place to be announced—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico—Info: Harlan Van Camp—email—ganmaoli@m4.interserv.com

Sun., 17th—B. F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—J.L. White Book.

Sun., 17th—Cornelius Benjamin (Bennie) Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—0.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Tues., 19th—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—3939 Gentilly Boulevard—New Orleans, Louisiana—Fall Session—6:00 p.m.—Info: Dr. Harry Eskew.

Sat., 23rd—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—10:30 a.m. ET—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Christian Harmony—Info: Ed Smith (706) 695-0843 for free parking passes.

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, Illinois—Location to be announced—

Info: Karen Hojnacki (217) 235-6652—Terry Hogg (217) 422-2363

Sun., 24th—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Morgan County, Alabama—18.0 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence, through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left, east, side of the road in Gum Pond.

Sun., 24th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—3.0 miles north of Double Springs, Alabama—On Hwy. 195.

Sun., 24th—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson County), Georgia—From square in Thomaston—Go west on Georgia 74, approximately 5

blocks—Turn right across railroad at Hammond's Mill Road, then sharp left on Emmaus Church Road—Approximately 0.3 miles.

Sun., 24th—Loosascoona Primitive Baptist Church—Air Mount (Yalobusha County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 330—11.0 miles west of Bruce.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., Sept 29th, p.m. & Sat., Sept. 30th—New England Convention—Wesleyan University—Wesley, Connecticut—

Info: Paula McGray (781) 245-3744—Ginnie Ely (978) 664-1344

Sat., Sept. 30th—Cooper Book Singing—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Just off the west side of Hwy. 71—Turn at church sign.

Sat., Sept. 30th—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—Cooper Revision—Church is on Farm to Market Road 2496—5.0 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn (903) 863-5379

Sat., Sept. 30th—Louisiana State—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—8576 Hooper Road—Baton Rouge, Louisiana—

Info: Nancy Van Den Akker (504) 286-3845

Sat., Sept. 30th—Santa Barbara Regional Singing—Goleta, California—

Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald (805) 965-4707

Sat., 30th & Sun., 1st—Minnesota State Convention—Minneapolis, Minnesota area—Locations to be announced—9:30 a.m.—

Info: Christine Stevens (651) 224-4173—Kit Pfau (651) 642-1682

Sun., 1st—Sandy Creek Church—Near Flovilla—Butts County, Georgia—One mile south of Flovilla—On Highway 87.

Sun., 1st—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Near Oneonta—Blount County, Alabama—Six miles east of Oneonta and 1.0 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I-59—Take Hwy. 231 North—Go beyond Mile Marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end, turn right—Church is on left.

Sun., 1st—Old Sardis Church Number 1—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—Three miles north of Lynn on County Road 17—From U.S. 278 turn south onto County Road 17 at the church sign.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Friends Meeting House—Yellow Springs, Ohio—Semi-Annual Singing—Info: Fred Todt (614) 291-0282

Sat., 7th, p.m. & Sun., 8th—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—Saturday p.m. singing—Cooper Book—Sunday singing—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition—Take Tennessee Hwy. 98 to Five Points—Turn west on Liberty Grove/Five Points Road—Go about 1.0 mile and turn left—Go about 1.0 mile on paved road to church on right.

Sun., 8th—Walker Cates and H. H. Brown Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1.0 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 8th—Chestnut Grove Church—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Three miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117.

Sun., 8th—Bailey Memorial Methodist Church—Lloyd (Calhoun County), Mississippi.

Sun., 8th—Harper Memorial Singing—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Three miles south of Nauvoo, west of County Road 11—There's a sign for the church on Hwy. 11—Info: Pamela Keeton (205) 221-4465

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 13th & Sat. 14th—New York State Convention—Bethel Grove Community Center—1825 Slaterville Road (Rte. 79)—Ithaca, New York—Info: Jennifer Cook (607) 273-7076—email—jc27@cornell.edu—Eric Bean—email—gebean@aol.com

Sat., 14th—McWhorter Memorial—Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Mars Hill (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn onto County Road 35—Go to County Road 49 and continue to County Road 65—Turn right onto County Road 65—Go 5.0 miles—Church is on left. *Beginning in 2000, this singing will be held on a permanent basis on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Please take a note of the change.*

Sat., 14th—Georgia, Alabama, Florida (GAF) Singing Convention—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—From U.S. 82 eastbound—Turn north on Kelly (at the flashing caution light)—Cross railroad tracks—Turn left on Chicago and enter the parking lot of the school on the right—Info: David Lee (912) 458-249

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Oregon—Sellwood Community Center—1436 SE Spokane Street—Portland, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school, normal singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday.

Sun., 15th—Andrews School House—Upson County, Georgia—6.1 miles south of Thomaston on Hwy. 74—Turn right on The Rock Road to first stop sign—Bear left—1.0 mile to school—Bring covered dish.

Sun., 15th—Reid Memorial Singing—Old County Line Church—Near Corner—Off Miller Road—Jefferson County, Alabama—Ten miles west of Warrior—From I-65—Exit at Warrior Exit (exit #282)—Get on County Road 140, (also called Warrior/Jasper Road) going west—Turn right at Mayfield Road (County Road 83)—Drive through a cemetery—Turn right on Miller Road—Church is on the left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Embry Hills United Methodist Church—3304 Henderson Mill Road—Atlanta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—From I-285—Exit 27, Chamblee/Tucker Road—Go east on Chamblee/Tucker—Turn right onto Henderson Mill Road—Church is on the right—Info: Kelly Morris (404) 378-0595—Bryan Black (770) 938-0661 (days) 867-2253 (evenings).

Sat., 21st—Coy Putnam Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Near Arab—Marshall County, Alabama—3.0 miles east of Arab—on Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

Sat., 21st—Mississippi State Cooper Book Convention—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—Scott County, Mississippi—3.2 miles south of Exit 77, Highway 13, from I-20 at Morton.

Sun., 22nd—Jordan's Chapel—Newell (Randolph County), Alabama—U.S. Hwy. 431 to County Road 82—Go across County Road 431 (Old U.S. 431) at Morrison's Cross Roads—Go 0.25 miles, left at fork, left at next fork—Church is approximately 2.0 miles on right.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a. m.—Info: Lane Albritton (813) 737-2249

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Southwest Texas Convention—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church—915 East 52nd Street—Between Airport Boulevard and IH-35—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—Cooper Revision—First fifth Sunday and Saturday of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving.—Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080—Al Rogers (512) 458-9667

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Western Ohio Schoolhouse Singing—Ebenezer Mennonite Church—Bluffton, Ohio—Info: Kathryn Knecht (419) 634-4916

Sat., 4th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Heard County, Georgia—Off U.S. 27 on Armstrong Mill Road—100 yards just past mile marker #17—Two miles south of Carroll/Heard County Line—Between Carrollton and Franklin—13.0 miles from the bypass in Carrollton—Info: Everett Denney (770) 854-4221

Sat., 4th—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—Cooper Revision—4.0 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell (409) 624-2173

Sat., 4th—Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood Memorial Singing—Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Near Attalla—Etowah County, Alabama—South of Attalla on Hwy. 11—*Changed from Sunday to Saturday.*

Sun., 5th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Two 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—Turn left—Go to dead end—Turn left—Go to dead end, church on left.

Sun., 5th—Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing—Mt. Ebron Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—Three miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn.

Sun., 5th—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9.0 miles south of Cordele—The church is on Lebanon Church Road which runs between Antioch Road and Arabi/Warwick Road—Bring covered dish.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place.

Sat., 11th—Southern Wisconsin—Info: Jim Page (608) 255-6861

Sat., 11th—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 227-7976

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—This singing is always the second Sunday and Saturday in November—

Info: Stephen McMaster (804) 288-1503—email—SLMDARIEN@aol.com

Sun., 12th—Oak Hill Baptist Church—County Line Road—Near Oxford—Calhoun County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Get on Hwy. 21 South in Oxford—Go under I-20—Take left at light onto Friendship Road—Cross 3 bridges to traffic light—Turn right onto Cheaha Drive—Go 5/6 blocks—Turn left onto County Line Road—Church on right.

Sun., 12th—Carey Springs Baptist Church—Randolph (Pontotoc County), Mississippi.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—University of Chicago Anniversary Singing Association—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: Kiri Miller (773) 955-0593—email—kmmille1@midway.uchicago.edu—Kate Lingley (773) 955-0428

Sat., 18th pm—Cross Roads Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—7:00 p.m. ET—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November—Take Hwy. 100 North from Tallapoosa for 9 miles to Cross Roads Church Road (Just beyond mile marker #15—Turn left—Go approximately 7 miles—Church is on right at intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road.

Sun., 19th—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Harmony Church Road—Calhoun (Gordon County), Georgia—Take I-75 North—Exit right at exit #130 (Red Bud Road exit)—Turn right onto Hwy. 156 east—Go about 200 yards—Turn right onto Harmony Church Road—Go about 100 yards—Church on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church—North of Birmingham, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Take I-65 North to Fultondale Exit # 266—Turn right onto Hwy. 31 South—Go 100 yards—Turn left to 57th Avenue—Go 0.25 mile, look for signs.

Sun., 26th—Ganus and Wilford Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—off Hwy. 278—3.0 miles north of Natural Bridge.

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—Cooper Revision—For reservations call—(850) 769-0000

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 10th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at church sign—Church is 0.7 miles on right—Info: John Beasley (205) 487-3916

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 17th—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 75—Turn right at Blount County line and follow signs.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 24th—Christmas Eve

Mon. 25th—Christmas Day

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 31st, pm—Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider, Alabama—7:00 p.m.—Take Hwy. 75 north—Go approximately 5.0 miles—Turn left onto County Road 141 at Hartline Grocery—Go approximately 3.0 miles—Church is on left.

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend	Saturday, January 29 Sunday, January 30
Second Fifth Weekend	Saturday, April 29 Sunday, April 30
Third Fifth Weekend	Saturday, July 29 Sunday, July 30
Fourth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, October 28 Sunday, October 29
Fifth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, December 30 Sunday, December 31

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

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

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Held at different locations—Atlanta, Georgia area—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before after July 4.

Lacy's Chapel—Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday after July 4.

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

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Southwest Texas Convention—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—Cooper Revision—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving.

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

Anniston: Second Tuesday of each month—6:30-8:00 p.m.—Golden Springs Community Center—Spring Valley Road—Get on Golden Springs Road—Turn at tennis courts—Info: Roy Nelson (256) 237-7637—Ruth Brown (256) 831-2227—Jeff Sheppard (256) 492-6059

Carbon Hill: Saturday night before the second Sunday in each month—Shady Grove (Keetons), Walker County—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Info: Travis/Margaret Keeton

(205) 697-5268—Note: Saturday night before second Sunday in January each year is a Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson and Robert Harper—Saturday before the second Sunday in February is a memorial for Oralee Burns.

Cullman: First Wednesday of each month—Jones Chapel Community Center—From I-65—Take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel—Turn south at signal light onto County Road 7—Also called County Road 940—Go one block—Building on right—Memorial in July.

Fayette: Second Sunday night—6:00 p.m.—Mt. Lebanon Church—Bluff Road off Hwy. 107—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Info: Larry Ballinger (205) 932-3858

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

Henagar: First Sunday night—October through April—Liberty Church—Info: Coy Ivey (256) 657-4681—email—ivey@asc.edu

Huntsville: First Friday Night—February, April, August, November—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—email—ivey@asc.edu—Linton Ballinger (256) 830-5301.

Ider: Second Sunday night—October through March—Antioch Church—5.0 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten (256) 632-3830

Jasper: Saturday night before second Sunday in January—Memorial Singing—Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Boldo Community—5.0 miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

Jasper: Saturday night before the third Sunday in March—Boldo Memorial Singing—Stephenson and Wall Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—5.0 miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

Mobile: Third Thursday of each month—7:00 p.m.—Hillcrest Baptist Church—Info: Bill Hogan (334) 342-4137—email—hoganbi1@datasync.com

Tuscaloosa: Second Friday—Except June, July, and August—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Maxwell Hall—University of Alabama (top of knoll on Stadium Drive)—Info: Tim Cook (205) 344-5376

Alaska

Fairbanks: Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Info: William Walters (907) 479-3796—Robert Sullivan—email—rsrbs@aurora.alaska.edu

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby (501) 394-6135—email—EddieVerla@aol.com—Flora Burns (501) 394-5730

Mena: Second and Fourth Thursdays—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—

Info: Verla Huckaby (501) 394-5730

Springdale: Fourth Sunday, each month—2:30 p.m.—Shiloh Museum—118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale.

California

Berkeley, Oakland: First Sunday—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Potluck dinner following—Info: Alice Sharp (510) 843-8259

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

Info: Susan Turpin (310) 390-4165

Palo Alto: Usually 2nd and 4th Sundays—11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Hosted lunch following—Info: Karen Schaffer (408) 298-3269—

email—kschaffer@hidden-knowledge.com

Sacramento/Davis: First Sunday—1:00 p.m. potluck—Singing 2:00-4:30 p.m.—Held at home of Susan Jones and David Wright (916) 641-6744—

email—davesue@calweb.com.

San Diego: Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Potluck supper on last Sunday—

Info: Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber (619) 544-0432—Jerry's email—

drxox@aol.com—Carla by day: (619) 533-3178

San Francisco: Third Sundays—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Info: Carolyn Deacy (415) 585-4773—email—carolyn@deacy.com—Chris Thorman—email—

chris@thorman.com

Santa Cruz: Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—

Info: Shelly Phillips (831) 426-9155

Colorado

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

Denver: Sunday after the fourth Friday—Info: Elaine Cullor (303) 860-0662—John Schaffer (303) 234-1729

Fort Collins: First Friday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—St Luke's Episcopal

Church—2000 Stover—Info: Sandy Hill (970) 669-6450

Loveland: Sunday after the third Friday—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—604 North California Avenue—Info: Sandy Hill (970) 669-6450—email—sandy@fril.com

Connecticut

Middletown: First Sunday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—At singer's home—

Info: Phyllis/Neely Bruce (203) 347-3003

Newtown, other places: Meets occasionally—Connecticut Valley Harmony—

Info: Susan Garber (860) 583-0841—email—SusanGarber@aol.com

District of Columbia

Metropolitan area: Fourth Sunday—4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—In different locations (DC, Maryland, and Virginia)—Singing school 3:00 p.m.—Potluck

6:00 p.m.—Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)—

Info: FSGW Hotline (202) 546-2228; press 42 for Sacred Harp information—

Steven Sabol (301) 897-5274—email—Sabol@his.com—Nancy Bailey (703) 532-7520—FSGW membership is not required to attend.

Metropolitan area: Every other month on Saturday or Sunday—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—In singer's homes—Info: Bob Hall or Ella Wilcox (703) 204-1532—email—rhall@cpucg.org

Florida

Gainesville: Third Sunday—3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Alternates between—First Methodist Church, Bethany Room—419 NE First Street—Gainesville Episcopal Church of the Mediator—401 NE Chokolka Boulevard—Micanopy—

Info: Pat Morse (352) 377-8061 or (352) 466-3801—barnetta@mindspring.com

Hilliard: Saturday night before first Sunday of each month—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Nathlene Primitive Baptist Church—Cooper Edition—Info: Tollie Lee (904) 845-2624—email—TollieLeeSaws@webtv.net

McIntosh: McIntosh United Methodist Church.

Ocala: First Christian Church—1908 Southeast Ft. King Street.

Tallahassee: Friday before the third Sunday in each month—Except July, August, and December—7:00 p.m.—Calvary United Methodist Church—2145 West Pensacola Street—Info: Alice Bejnar (850) 656-2027

Georgia

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday—Except June, July, August and December—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton Parkway—Alpharetta—Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left.—Info: Faye Pettis (770) 889-1703

Athens: First Friday night of each month—Except July and August—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Holy Trinity Lutheran Church—800 Westlake Drive—Info: Lee Rogers (706) 795-5472

Decatur: First Thursday in each month—Except January and possibly December—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Oakhurst Baptist is two blocks south of the East Lake MARTA station—From Atlanta—Take Dekalb Avenue (or from Decatur, take West Howard Avenue) to the light at Paden Circle—Turn north—Paden Circle curves around and deadends on East Lake—Turn right and go two blocks—Church will be on your left on the corner of 3rd and East Lake—Info: Liz Bryant (404) 378-5424

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month—Hoboken Elementary School—7:00 p.m.—Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light—Turn left on Kelly—Cross R.R. tracks—Take second paved street to the left—Go to the end of the block—The school and parking is on the right—Info: David/Kathy Lee (912) 458-2493—Clarke/Julie Lee (912) 458-2268—Johnny/Delorese Lee (912) 458-2595

Stone Mountain: Every second Monday night—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Mountain Park United Methodist Church—1405 Rockbridge Road—Info: Eric Tweedy (770) 469-6954—bartwe@atl.mindspring.com

Illinois

Chicago: Sundays twice monthly—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Call the "Harp Line" (773) 276-HARP—Info: Ted Mercer (773) 486-7400—Connie Karduck, (773) 463-3637—Chris Richardson (773) 227-1723

Charleston: Thursday evenings—Various sites—Info: Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873—Don Bardsley (217) 348-8295

Hyde Park/Chicago: Weekly—Thursday—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Various locations throughout the neighborhood—Info: Mark Miller (773) 955-0593
Springfield: Info: Pete Ellertsen (217) 793-287

Indiana

Bloomington: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—St. Mark's United Methodist Church—100 Hwy. 46 Bypass—
Info: Marlen Rust (812) 336-2792

Goshen: First Sunday in each month—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Location moves—
Info: Samuel Sommers (219) 294-6180

Iowa

Cedar Falls: Third Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Cedar Falls Mennonite Church—9th and Clay Streets—Info: Michael L. Moore (319) 277-8495—
email—mm11046@www.cedarnet.org

Kansas

Lawrence: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042

Kentucky

Berea: Sundays—2:00 p.m.—Union Church—Corner of Main and Prospect—
Info: Kent Gilbert (606) 986-4057—email—kgilbert@mis.net—or the church (606) 986-3725

Lexington: Second Sunday—September through May—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—
Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church—3534 Tates Creek Road—
Info: Mary Brinkman (606) 272-3895—email—mlbrin00@pop.uky.edu—
Keith MacAdam, (606) 268-0998 (home) or (606) 257-3344 (work)—email—
phy156@ukcc.uky.edu

Louisville: Every third Sunday of the month—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Ohio Valley Shaped Note Singers—Vine Street Baptist Church—Info: Bob Meek (502) 893-2190—email—bob54393@aol.com—Michelle Cull (502) 587-7510

Maine

Belfast: First Monday and Third Wednesday every month—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Info: (207) 382-3017 or (207) 589-4632—email—jsheldon@acadia.net

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

Portland: On Sundays—Info: Max Berueffy (207) 772-0652—email—maxb@maine.rr.com

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6:00 p.m.—
Info: Joanne DeVoe (410) 366-1959

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.—At a private home—
Info: Ruth and Richard Hooke (413) 549-3587

Boston: Second Monday—7:45 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—Andover-Newton Theological School—Info: Bob Parr (781) 648-1009—email—parr@ll.mit.edu—
Ginnie Ely (978) 664-1344—email—ely@star.enet.dec.com

Northampton: Every Tuesday—7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—Helen Hills Chapel, Smith College—Info: Allison Schofield (508) 867-7484—email—ryeblake@yahoo.com

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Most First and Second Sundays—2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—Info: Charlotte Wolfe (734) 663-0262—email—CAWolfe@umich.edu—The Ark (734) 761-1800—Pat Forsberg-Smith (734) 747-9644

Kalamazoo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—Info: Bill and Martha Beverly (616) 382-4288—email—beverly@net-link.net

Minnesota

Minneapolis: Fourth Sunday—5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.—

Info: Keith/Jenny Willard (612) 699-2040—Jeff Bell (612) 722-2498

Saint Paul: Second Sunday—5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.—Info: Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040—Jeff Bell (612) 722-2498. Third Sunday each month—Cooper Book.

Mississippi

Biloxi/Gulfport: First Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.—Trinity Bible Church—Woolmarket Road—North of I-20—Cooper Edition—Info: Bill Hogan—email—hoganbil@datasync.com

Bruce: Third Sundays—November through March—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Warren Steel—email—mudws@cotton.vislab.olemiss.edu—Mark Davis—email—Horn4@aol.com—Hugh Bill McGuire (601) 983-2376

Houston: First Sundays—December through March—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Elder Charles Porter (601) 456-3879

Morton: Saturday night before the first Sunday of each month—6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—3.2 miles south of Exit 77 off I-20 on Hwy. 13—Info: Mark Davis (601) 919-0209—email—Horn4@aol.com—Lydia Hamby (601) 939-1626—Regina Glass (601) 269-3635

Missouri

Kansas City: Third Sunday—Starting at 1:30 p.m.—

Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042.

Lawrence (Kansas): First Sunday—1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—

Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042.

Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:30 p.m.—

Info: Karen Isbell (314) 664-1411—Becky Browne (314) 968-8921

Nebraska

Lincoln: Third Sundays of each month—2:00 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church—2110 Sheridan Boulevard—Info: Arlie Prokop (402) 423-3370

Omaha: Second Sunday of the month—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Fourth Saturday night—7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Info: Frances Mendenhall, (402) 554-0617

New Jersey

Princeton: Princeton Theological Seminary Campus—3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Room B-17, Stuart Hall on the campus—February 6, March 5, April 16, May 7—All are first Sundays of the month except in April, which has been

rescheduled for the third Sunday in order to enable local singers to attend the Potomac River Convention—There is no singing in January—

Info: Ginny Landgraf—email—virginia.landgraf@ptsem.edu

Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Info: Gina Balestracci or Roland Hutchinson (973) 509-2165—email—balestracci@mail.montclair.edu

Woodcliff Lake: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—10 minutes from Tappan Zee Bridge—Info: Carol Werba (201) 391-2713

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—The Friends Meeting House—1600 Fifth Street NW—South of I-40, north of Mountain—Take I-40 to the 2nd and 4th Streets Exit—Go south on Fourth Street, about five blocks—Turn right on Bellamah—Info: Lisa Callirhoe or Harlan Van Camp (505) 867-6539—email—ganmaoli@interserv.com

New York

Albany (East Greenbush): First Saturday evening—Except when that coincides with a long weekend—7:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.—St. David's Church—East Greenbush—Info: Larry Basch/Shirley Basch (518) 479-1234—email—lbasch@global2000.net—Michael Ryan (518) 399-6046

Altamont: June: Friday, 23rd—Saturday, 24th—Sunday, 25th—Old Songs Festival—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing, workshops—Info: (518) 765-2815

Binghamton (Vestal): Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—Vestal Public Library—Exception: Summer months/holiday, in which case Sunday before—Info: Dennis Leipold (607) 724-8784—email—dleipold@pronetisp.net

Buffalo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—At the home of Vince Kuntz—Elmwood West Ferry, neighborhood of Buffalo—Info: Vince Kuntz (716) 884-7807—email—allemand@buffnet.net

Clinton: Second Sunday (unless a regional the day before)—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Clinton United Methodist Church—

Info: Barbara Swetman (315) 853-5723—email—bswetman@hamilton.edu—Margaret/Ron Bornick (315) 853-6282—email—RMBornick@compuserve.com

Ithaca: First, Third, and Fifth Sunday—2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—Saint John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall—Info: Jennifer Cook (607) 273-7076—email—jc27@cornell.edu—Eric Bean (607) 589-6170—email—gebeac@aol.com—Juanita Heyerman—email—jdh23@cornell.edu

Kingston: Meets twice a month—Second Wednesday and Fourth Tuesday—7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.—Holy Cross Episcopal Church—

Info: Jim Ulrich (914) 657-8314—email—ulrich@ulster.net

New York City (Brooklyn): Second Sundays—2:00 p.m.—Except July, August, December—Potluck after singing, usually about 6:00 p.m.—

Info: Brenda Pena (718) 793-2848—email—dick@prolific.com

Rochester: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Sampler Records Music Hall—Info: Chris Haller (716) 387-9570—email—chrish@moose.netacc.net—Nancy Crawford (716) 381-4279 (home), (716) 422-8189 (work)—email—Nancy.Crawford@usa.xerox.com

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

North Carolina

Chapel Hill: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—Person Hall on University of North Carolina campus—Info: Matt Cartmill (919) 493-8519—Becky Hart (919) 682-2517 (H)—(919) 966-4032 (W)—email—BHART@SPHVAX.SPH.UNC.EDU

Durham: Third Sunday—2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—Watts Street Baptist Church—Info: Joy/Ron Craig (919) 929-3695—Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill, above).

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—Usually in Mordecai Historic Park Chapel—Info: Lynda Hambourger (919) 781-3596—Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill above).

Winston-Salem: Most third Sundays—7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.—In singers' homes—Info: Betty McGurk or Gene Anderson (910) 374-5943—Cleve Callison (910) 760-2822

Ohio

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

Cleveland Heights: Second Sundays—3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.—St. Alban Episcopal Church—2555 Euclid Heights Boulevard—Info: Virginia Benade (216) 752-9453—email—vwb@po.cwru.edu Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—email—charles@freude.com

Columbus: First, third, and fifth Sundays—4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—St. Stephen's Episcopal Church—30 West Woodruff (at Lane)—Info: Fred Todt (614) 291-0282—email—todt@battelle.org Eric Conrad (614) 481-7637—email—econrad@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu

Oberlin: Weekly singings Monday nights—Old Barrows at Oberlin College—Info: Chandler York (216) 775-6529

Cleveland Area: Second and Fourth Sundays—3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Various locations—Info: Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—email—charles@freude.com Virginia Benade (216) 752-9453—email—vwb@po.cwru.edu

Oklahoma

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

Oregon

Information for all Oregon singings is available by contacting Karen Willard (360) 897-9545—email—hallock@aa.net

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays—Info: Jean Murphy (503) 342-4131

Forest Grove: First Sunday—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—2214 16th Avenue—Info: Thalia Stewart (503) 357-5056—Elizabeth Wilson (503) 904-0893

Portland: Second and Fifth Sundays—3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.—2915 NE 14th Avenue—Info: Marie Brandis (503) 287-7583

Pennsylvania

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

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

Reading: Each Third Sunday—September through June—Near Reading—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Betty Hanf (610) 582-5924
Wilkes-Barre (Dallas): Second Sunday—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Potluck at 5:00 p.m.—Prince of Peace Episcopal Church—
Info: David Martin (570) 333-4007—email—martin24@juno.com

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Potluck following—
Friends Meeting House—99 Morris Ave.—Info: Kelly House (401) 831-5879

Tennessee

Chattanooga: Fourth Sundays, monthly—2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.—Singing school format—Silverdale Baptist Church—Info: Linda Sides (423) 875-8619—email—linjanes@bellsouth.net

Knoxville: Info: Doris DeSpain (615) 546-9058

Nashville: First Sundays—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—The Friends Meeting House—
2804 Acklen Avenue—Info: Timothy Reynolds (615) 646-6485—
David Carlton—email—carltodl@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Friday night before second and fourth Sundays—Except when there is a singing 3-8 hours drive away that Saturday or a holiday weekend—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—practice singings—Time split between Cooper Book/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church—
915 East 52nd Street—Between IH 35 and Airport Boulevard—
Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080—B.E. Matthews (512) 898-5110

Grand Prairie: Third Saturdays—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Practice singing—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—St. Joseph's Episcopal Church—4829 South Carrier Parkway—Info: Larry/Karol Wheat (214) 262-2550—
Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 476-9937

Houston: Saturday before third Sunday—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Practice singing—Cooper Revision/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Varies from place to place—Info: Charles Whitmer (281) 367-6260—email—
cwhitmer@conroe.isd.tenet.edu

Nacogdoches: First Sunday—Not held in November—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—
Practice singing—Cooper Revision/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Landmark Baptist Church—113 Mitchell Street—Info: Robert Vaughn (903) 863-5379

Vermont

Brattleboro: Monthly—Third Sunday—1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.—First United Methodist Church—Info: Peter Amidon (802) 257-1006

Burlington Area: Monthly—Sundays—Except in summer—5:00 p.m.—
Info: Marti Sterin (802) 849-2208—email—samrah@together.net

Middletown Springs (Near Rutland): Second Wednesday—7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Info: David Wright (802) 235-2376—Beth Miller (802) 235-2734

Montpelier or Plainfield: Usually first Saturday—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Call to confirm—Info: Larry Gordon (802) 426-3210—L.H. Spencer (802) 563-2547

Norwich: Third Thursday—Potluck at 6:00 p.m.—Singing 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Info: Brigid Farrell (802) 649-3964

Springfield: Second and fourth Fridays—7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—
Info: Walt/Pat Colteryahn (802) 885-9521

Virginia

Northern Shenandoah Valley: First Saturday—4:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—Close to Winchester and Berryville—

Info: John delRe and Kelly Macklin (540) 955-2660

Richmond: Third Saturday—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Occasional potluck snack or supper—Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal)—8000 Hermitage Road—
Info: Blake Morris (804) 288-8206—Stephen McMaster (804) 288-1503

Washington

(Information for all Washington singings is available by contacting Karen Willard (360) 897-9545—email—hallock@aa.net)

Bellevue: Fourth Sunday—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Info: David/Katharine Hough (425) 451-0109

Okanogan Valley: Second and fourth Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—
Info: Mary Lassila (509) 826-5299

Olympia: Third Sunday—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Re-organized LDS Church—
Miller in Olympia—

Info: (360) 754-6230 for directions—Janet Partlow (360) 352-7902

Puyallup: First Sunday—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Christ Episcopal Church—
Corner of 5th and West Pioneer—Info: Karen Willard (360) 897-9545—
email—hallock@aa.net

Seattle: Second Sundays—6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Phinney Ridge Lutheran—
7500 Greenwood North—Info: Jack Lofton (206) 783-4508

Wisconsin

Madison: Usually first and third Sundays—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Usually at St. Francis House—1001 University Avenue—Info: Jim Page (608) 255-6861—
email—jimp@uwfound.wisc.edu

SINGINGS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Canada

Lennoxville, Quebec (30 miles north of Derby Line, VT): Second Monday of every month—7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Bishops College School—Lennoxville—
Fourth Sunday of every month—Either Derby Line, Vermont—Unitarian Church—
Or Town Meeting Hall—Ways Mills, Quebec—This will be at 3:00 p.m., followed by a potluck supper—
Info: Chuck Neville or Cathy Neville (819) 562-8727

Ottawa, Ontario: Tuesday nights—Except between Christmas and New Year's, and during July and August—November and December—Also sing Victorian English pub Christmas carols—Info: Shelley Posen (613) 235-9947—email—shelley.posen@bbs.synapse.net

England

Bolton, Lancashire: First Saturday—12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.—Judy Whiting 01204 309709—email—jw5@seh 1.acs.bolton.ac.uk

Oxford: Third Sunday—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Marston United Reformed Church—
Marston Road—Oxford, England—Info: Dick Wolff +44 1865 511784—
email—dickwolff@patrol.i-way.co.uk

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

1999 MINUTES

Song/page numbers listed are from The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision, unless indicated by the book used in the heading of the singing. Annotations are:

ACH	American Christmas Harp
CB	Cooper Book
CH	Christian Harmony
EH	Eclectic Harmony
KsH	Keystone Harmony
KH	Kentucky Harmony
MH	Missouri Harmony
NH	Northern Harmony
NHC	New Harp of Columbia
OSH	Old School Hymnal
ScH	Social Harp
SoH	Southern Harmony
WB	J.L. White Book

WOOTTEN NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

December 31, 1998-January 1, 1999

For the most part "The Sacred Harp 1991 Edition" book was used, but some songs were used from the Cooper Book and are annotated by (CB).

The thirty-seventh annual Wootten New Year's Eve Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, and was called to order by Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten leading songs on pages 82t and 32t. The opening prayer was led by Phillip Wootten. Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten led songs on pages 39b and 101t.

Leaders: Terry Wootten 39t, 47t; Phillip Wootten 388, 106; Dewayne Wootten 31b, 213t; Lavon Wootten 176t, 335; Lamar Smith 76b; Marlon Wootten 448t; Loyd Ivey 283; Milton Oliver 505 (CB).

RECESS

Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten led song on page 312b. Leaders: Johnny Lee and Jeff Sheppard 41(CB), 270; Tony Ivey 139; Olivia Allen 146; Mary Elizabeth Lee 40; Stuart Ivey 300; Regina Bayer and Cath Oss 83; Richard Ivey 567; Aaron Wootten 59; John Bayer and Jubal Bayer 44; Rayford Brown and Charles Ellis 571 (CB); David Lee 56b; Thurman Nall 336t (CB); Shawn Carroll 28b; Syble Adams 484b (CB), 559 (CB); Eloise Wootten and Brenda Carroll 384, "Trusting", 163t. A blessing for the refreshments was offered by Tony Ivey.

REFRESHMENTS

The class was brought to order by Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten leading song on page 201. Leaders: Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 74b, 345b; Clarke Lee 503; Clarke Lee and David Lee "Mercy Seat"; Jenny Wootten 515b, 128; Julie Lee 569b; Linda Thomas and Jenny Wootten 541 (CB), 155; Max Berueffy and David Lee 344 (CB); Coy Ivey and Linda Sides 475, 137 (for Virgil Phillips); David Carlton 48t; Kevin Holcomb 108t, 410 (CB); Christie Wootten

29t; Don Bowen 99, 171; Louis Hughes, Sr. and Allison Dodson 138b; Shelbie Sheppard and Jeff Sheppard 448b, 269; Jackie Tanner 298; J.A. Mosley 282; Scott Swanton 445b; Randall Smith and Loyd Ivey 454; Larry Beveridge 31t; Lee Rogers 532; Susan Harcrow 436, 271t; Nate Green and Norma Green 535, 480; Cindy Franklin 317b; Judy Mincey 461; Elene Stovall 441; Joan Aldridge 515 (CB); Patsy Gentle 68b; Betty Wright 347; Cassie Franklin 276; Hobert Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Eloise Wootten 511 (CB);...HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!...Terry Wootten and Johnny Lee 527 (CB); 94 was sung by the class on request; Myrtle Wootten, Jenny Wootten, Lavon Wootten, Dewayne Wootten, and Terry Wootten "Just As I Am". The class was dismissed with prayer by Lavon Wootten.
Chairmen - Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING
Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
January 1, 1999

The eighth annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and was called to order by Eloise Clark leading song on page 84.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:
Chairperson - Eloise Clark; Secretary - John Bealle.

Eloise Clark noted the absence of Claire Outten and Bob Meek. Claire Outten is visiting her father who is seriously ill, and Bob Meek is recovering from recent surgery. Both are excellent singers and loyal supporters of the New Year's singing.
Leaders: Eloise Clark 47; John Bealle 81t, 124; Debbie Hall 34b, 479; Christine Cox 515, 163b; Rich Overturf 83t, 133; Karen Arnett 63, 198; Fred Todt 39t, 159; Steven Tossey 143, 178.

RECESS

Eloise Clark brought the class to order leading song on page 31b. Leaders: Bruce Kokernot 38t; Lois Hurt 59, 49t; Tom Ivey 535, 66; Karen Keeton 45t; Wendy Gilchrist 569, 29t; Alix Baillie 186, 189; Christina Martich 206; Linda Coppock 163t, 542; Joseph Pimintel 155, 81b. Steve Tossey led the class in prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Linda Coppock brought the class to order leading song on page 147b. Leaders: Debbie Hall 200, 146; Fred Todt 107, 480; Bruce Kokernot 497, 503; Lois Hurt 358, 551; Alice Barnes 85, 274; Alix Baillie 65, 455; Wendy Gilchrist 452, 312b; Per-Olof Swing 313b.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class to order leading song on page 114. Leaders: Steve Tossey 299, 162; Christina Martich 336, 112; Tom Ivey 547, 148; Christine Cox 68b, 72; Joseph Pimintel 86, 87; Rich Overturf 448t (for Michael Hieber), 410t; Linda Coppock 532, 236; Karen Arnett 556, 61; Alice Barnes 128, 142. Eloise Clark and Wellington Lee led song on page 347 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Steve Tossey.

We were honored to have the following states represented: New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Washington, Kentucky, Ohio, and the country of Sweden.

Chairperson - Eloise Clark; Secretary - John Bealle.

DUTCH TREAT SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama January 2, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp Dutch Treat Singing was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Kermit Adams leading song on page 77t. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton.

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

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 183; Odie Horton 192; Johnny Humber 208, 283; Gene Wakefield 284, 168; Coy Ivey 222, 63; John Bayer 278b, 278t; Willodean Barton 82, 454; Sarah Harcrow 127, 37b.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading songs on pages 128 and 200.

Leaders: Arnold Moore 460; Flarce Creel 475, 389; Rodney Ivey 144, 270; Susan Harcrow 300, 344; Max Berueffy 32t, 542; Betty Wright 499, 317; Glenn Keeton 343, 503; Regina Bayer 328, 282; Jackie Tanner 108t, 87; Lena Wakefield 44, 546; John Hocutt 35, 272; Ivalene Donaldson 145b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading song on page 209.

Leaders: Loraine Bayer 277, 159; Larry Ballinger 123, 56t; Ann Jett 141, 136; Elene Stovall 222, 437; Edith Tate 336, 88t (for her sister, Marie Aldridge); Margaret Keeton 301, 276 (in memory of her aunt, Ada Godsey, and in honor of Ora Lee Fannin and Rose Altha Taylor); Elmer Conwill 296, 379; Cassie Franklin 299, 217; John Hyde 179, 297; Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin 348b, 68b, 378b, 186; Roma Rice 225t, 34b; Gladys Bonds 36b, 47t; Cecil Wakefield 480, 408; Mr. Aderholt 32t, 30t; Pernie Pelfrey 73, 67; Dawson Adams 39b; Josie Hyde 507; Kermit Adams 426.

Travis Keeton and Kermit Adams led song on page 48b for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Johnny Humber.

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY COOPER BOOK SINGING

Pine Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church, Mt. Olive, Mississippi January 2, 1999

The meeting was called to order by John Bayer leading song on page 49t. John Bayer offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman - Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman - Bill Hogan; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker; Chaplain - John Bayer.

Leaders: Bill Hogan 45b; Nancy Van Den Akker 44; John Bayer 89; Elizabeth Muhleisen 38t; G.C. Waldrep 497; Jean Gray 82; Wanda Gregg 40; Don Clark 171; Tim Cook 451; Durward Scarborough 500; Junie McNeil 571; Regina Glass 513t; Bill Green 381t; Johnny Lee 75; Tim Gray 559; John Etheridge 434; David Lee 138t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bill Hogan leading song on page 30b. Leaders: Mark Davis 54t; Loraine Bayer 488t; Genny Whitworth 92; Regina Bayer and Stephanie Turnbull 168; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 488b; Charles Franklin

47b; Andrew Albers 139 (by request); Mark Davis 270 (by request); G.C. Waldrep 207 (by request); Elizabeth Muhleisen 572; Jean Gray 511b; Don Clark 436b; Wanda Gregg 155; Andrew Albers 369. John Bayer led the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Andrew Albers leading songs on pages 76b and 267b. Leaders: Bill Hogan 184b; Nancy Van Den Akker 505; John Bayer 278b; Bill Green 426t; Johnny Lee 563; Tim Cook 506; Durward Scarborough 240; John Etheridge 524; Loraine Bayer 106; David Lee 274t; Genny Whitworth 132; Regina Bayer, Stephanie Turnbull, and Mary Turner 118; Mark Davis 522; Mako Cook and Tim Cook 299; Charles Franklin 99; G.C. Waldrep 192.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Andrew Albers leading song on page 95. Leaders: Regina Glass 365; Junie McNeil 447t; Tim Gray 384; John Etheridge 224; David Lee 65; John Bayer 49b; Regina Bayer 84; G.C. Waldrep 122; Don Clark 526; Durward Scarborough 339; Charles Franklin 319; Wanda Gregg 470; Nancy Van Den Akker 414; Bill Hogan 288; Andrew Albers 393t.

Andrew Albers led song on page 496t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by John Bayer.

Chairman - Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman - Bill Hogan; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA Food Services Building, Carrollton, Georgia January 3, 1999

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at the Food Services Building, State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia was held the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Myron House leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Myron House led song on page 70; B.M. Smith led songs on pages 101t and 123t; Charlene Wallace 171 and 299.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Sheri Taylor; Memorial Committee - Evelyn Harris and Mary F. Smith.

Leaders: Myron House 102; Felton Denney 31, 155; Judy Mincey 347, 297; Evelyn Harris 47t, 87; Jimmie Denney 143, 147; Don Bowen 441, 283; Jan House 479, 373; Liz Bryant 475, 318.

RECESS

The class was called to order by B.M. Smith leading song on page 75. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 401, 81; B.J. Harris 503, 303; John Plunkett 273, 298.

The memorial lesson was held with Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 348b and 225t in memory of: Velma Johnson, Margie Edwards, Kimzy Cagle, Luke Gallant, Luke Allen, Velma Richardson, Mary Nell Davis, Ethel Kline, Bobby Moore, Jerry Sheppard, and Mrs. Clyde Adkins. Josephine Denney led songs on pages 45t and 145b for all the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Moena Denney.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Myron House leading song on page 222. Myron House welcomed a number of the University of West Georgia history faculty: Elaine McLarmen and her mother, Phyllis; Erin McKibben; Jonathan Goldstein; and Cita Cook. Gloria Leibowitz from the library was also introduced. Myron

House led song on page 110. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 270, 448b; Eric Tweedy 200, 84; Mary F. Smith 63, 43; Henry Johnson 569b, 570; Karleen Williams 358, 136; Charles Woods 108b, 133; Everette Denney 127, 405; John Redman 532, 236; Laura Frey 47b, 178; Richard DeLong 159, 137; Phillip Langley 142, 306; Earlis McGraw 132, 389; Martha Ann Stegar 85, 275; Sheri Taylor and Dr. Ross Miller 148, 528; Myron House 497.

Announcements were made. Myron House and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lonnie Rogers. Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama January 9, 1999

The annual Birthday/Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo Community, near Jasper, Alabama on Saturday night before the second Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 48t. The evening prayer was offered by Ronald Gilmore.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 73b; Ashley Keeton 146; A.C. McGough 147t, 392; Jettie Lawson "Not Made With Hands"; David Roberson 340, 388; Sherry Guthery 64, 58; Ronald Gilmore 276, 475; Doris Talley and Fay Naramore 75, 56t; Pam Keeton 275t, 274t; Gene Wakefield 284, 138t; Randy Moon 143, 45; Elsie Moon 434, 395; John Merritt 240, 77t; Eldagene Roberson 313t; Joshua Keeton 268, 408.

REFRESHMENTS

Elvin Guthrie brought the class to order leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 215, 383; Ann Jett 327, 269; Larry Ballinger 88; Brenda Merritt 42; Travis Keeton 273, 30t; Henry Guthery 488, 505; Edith Tate 37b, 532; Velton Chafin 144; Marie Guthrie 374; Shelley Capps Davis 73t; Flarce Creel 389; Wanda Capps 29t, 212; the Woodley children (Betty, Jettie, Fay, Doris, and Frank) 176, 379; the Calvert children (Marie, Flarce, and Elsie) 454; Harrison Creel 275b, 342; Willodean Barton 290; Elvin Guthrie 499.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Glenn Keeton.

The singing will be held again in the year 2000. In 1954, Doris Woodley and Elsie Calvert, then seniors in high school, decided to give their mothers, Mrs. Irene Woodley and Mrs. Lillian Calvert, a surprise (supposedly) birthday singing. Well, it is 1999 and their families still have a singing in their memory. There were four generations of the Calvert family present this year. Thanks to all who have helped over the years to keep it going.

Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst, Alabama January 10, 1999

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church, and was called to order by B.J. Harris leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 30t; Charlene Wallace 56t, 63; Mary F. Smith 123t, 146; Alice Edwards 271b, 73b, 104; Jeff Sheppard 129, 155, 208; Karen Rollins 373,

143, 34b; Everette Denney 335, 489b, 503; Carlene Griffin 81t, 117; Henry Johnson 493, 570, 138b.

RECESS

B.J. Harris brought the class to order leading song on page 225t.

The class organized and voted to retain the same officers: Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 452b; Lee Rogers 73t, 516, 121; Lonnie Rogers 75, 101t, 222; Evelyn Harris 87, 108t, 47t; Hugh McGraw 71, 142, 179.

Lois Bowman welcomed everyone, and spoke of the Kerr family, especially her father, Jack Kerr. Lois Bowman and Irene Snow, daughters of Jack Kerr, and other relatives were recognized. Hester Edwards and Alice Edwards spoke of their Uncle Henry Kerr and the importance of the Sacred Harp to his family. They led songs on pages 45t and 100 in memory of all the Kerr family. Rev. Childers led the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with B.J. Harris leading song on page 82t.

Leaders: Bobby Jackson 569, 317b, 290; Mary F. Smith 277, 147t (in memory of Luke Allen); Hugh McGraw 145b; Lee Rogers 276; Everette Denney 405; Karen Rollins 36b; Henry Johnson 303; Mark Fullers and B.J. Harris 72b; Charlene Wallace 314 (for Cecil Edwards who is in the hospital); Lonnie Rogers 348b (in memory of Lois Palmer); Alice Edwards 186; Bobby Jackson 480; Lou Cotney 172, 358, 300, 189; Jeff Sheppard 500.

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris and Charlene Wallace led song on page 46 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Hugh McGraw.

Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

ANNIVERSARY SINGING

Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois January 10, 1999

The all day singing in celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers was convened at 10:30 a.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago. On that day, folks in Chicago were still struggling to clear over two feet of snow and cope with subzero temperatures in the aftermath of "the most devastating snowstorm in three decades" (according to the Chicago Tribune). However, over 100 people from seven states fought through the snowdrifts, skidded over icy streets, and braved unreliable public transportation to attend the Anniversary Singing.

Chair Kelly Brest van Kempen called the class to order leading song on page 84. Keith Willard led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kris Richardson 217; Steve Warner 171; Jerry Enright 272; Suzanne Flandreau 68t; Herb Schroeder 183.

A business meeting was convened for the purpose of electing officers. Officers elected or appointed were: Chair - Kris Richardson; Vice Chair - Suzanne Flandreau; Secretary - Connie Karduck; Finance Committee - Kelly Brest van Kempen, Beverly Enright, Samuel Sommers, and Herb Schroeder; Memorial Committee - Marcia Johnson and Kathy Lee; Arranging Committee - Jerilyn Schumacher and Steve Warner; Chaplain - Keith Willard.

The singing resumed with Kiri Miller leading song on page 163t. Judy Hauff, Marcia Johnson, and Ted Johnson led the Founders Lesson with song on page 340.

Leaders: Kris Richardson 142; Dean Slaton 384; Jerilyn Schumacher 372; Jan Ketelle 369; Sue Kessell 260; Bob Meek, Michelle Cull, and Brenda Waters 68b; Jim Helke 186; Matthew Lind 220; Gladys Epting 117; Mark Miller 209.

RECESS

Connie Karduck called the class together leading song on page 373. Leaders: James Page "Unity Chapel"; Anne Heider and Carol Kimmel 335; Al Frank 146; Lisa Grayson 192; Bryant Lee 360; Keith Willard 100; Julie Vea 196; David Barford 280; Jim Crawford 122; Judy Hauff 448; James Gingerich 455; Samuel Sommers 386; Martha Henderson 39; Christine Stevens 312; Wendy Wahn 498; Ted Mercer 328; Jenny Willard 349. Keith Willard led the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Suzanne Flandreau leading song on page 276. Leaders: Kathy Wallace 278b; David Lee 128; Ted Johnson 224; Kit Pfau 501; Richard DeLong 422; Kate Lingley 284; Johanna Fabke 441; Thomas Willard 36b; Felicia Stevens 146; Carol Crawford 77t; John Seaton 269; D.J. Hatfield 212; Nathan Barford 274; Kathy Lee 143; Michelle Cull 155; Melanie Hauff 318.

RECESS

Kris Richardson brought the class together leading song on page 148. Leaders: David Blatt 497; Emmie Barford 66; Bob Meek 268; Debbie Barford and Brenda Waters 110; Stanley Chang 49b; Sam Farwell 442; Jan Ketelle 304; Bryant Lee 38b; Jerry Enright 168.

The chair then introduced the Memorial Committee to lead the Memorial Lesson. Marcia Johnson inspired the class to reflect on the poetry in the song "Ragan" and then led that song on page 176t for the following deceased: Martha Bickley, Janet Borman, Robert Goode, Grace Kawane, Joseph Kelly, Jack Pancione, Joe Portman, Vi Portman, Frieda Storment, and Sylvia Tantille - Illinois; Alysoun Ford and Helmut Goldschmidt - California; Sally McCamant - Colorado; Floyd Klein and Ethel Klein - Florida; Raymond Burkett - Michigan; Karen Wiard - Minnesota; Cleo Hawkins - Mississippi; Ruth Reid - North Carolina; Roland Seaton and Evelyn Thomas - England; Gerrit van Eÿsden - Holland.

Kathy Lee spoke and led the song on page 48t for the following sick and shut-in: Naomi Lovinger, Thomas Pancione, and Rosemary Wells - Illinois; Horace DeLong - Georgia; Emily Swartzentruber - Indiana; Meg Parsons - Minnesota; Bernice Embry - Mississippi; Ursula Woodfield - New York; Janet Burn - Pennsylvania; Claire Seaton (England). The Memorial lesson was closed. Leaders: Kit Pfau 159; Richard DeLong 387; Judy Hauff 536; Keith Willard 32t; Edward Thomas 76b.

Chair Kris Richardson gave the Convention Resolutions report and called for reports from the Finance Committee and Arranging Committee.

Announcements were made. The class took the parting hand during the closing song on page 347. Chaplain Keith Willard led the closing prayer.

Chair - Kris Richardson; Vice Chair - Suzanne Flandreau; Secretary - Connie Karduck.

CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP CONVENTION
The Church Of The Angels, Pasadena, California and Foshay
Masonic Lodge, Culver City, California.
January 16-17, 1999

Saturday, January 16

The Church of The Angels, Pasadena, California was the site for the California Sacred Harp Convention on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. A singing school was held with Buell Cobb of Birmingham, Alabama as the instructor in the morning session, followed by a lunch break.

Carla Smith called the convention to order at 1:30 p.m. by leading song on page 30. Jim Friedrich led the congregation in an opening prayer.

Leaders: Mary Rose O'Leary 274; Janice Hecksel 46; Richard DeLong 542; David Ivey 217; Leon Ballinger 269; Jim Stanley 306; Connie Karduck 456; Carri Patterson Grindon 122; Mike Hinton 373; Allison Ivey 475; Al Patterson Grindon 433; Ted Mercer 123t; Matt Wells 29t; Chris Thorman 510; Jerry Schreiber 198; Carroll Lunsford 162.

RECESS

The class was called together by Mary Rose O'Leary leading song on 95b. Carla Smith called a business meeting. The following new officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Mary Rose O'Leary; Vice Chairman - Carolyn Deacy; Secretary - Susan Turpin; Memorial Committee - Connie Karduck, Richard DeLong, and Jon Rand; Treasurer - Rick Russell; Resolutions Committee - Ted Mercer and Janet Herman; Arranging and Registration Committee - Laura Russell and Betty Herman; Locating Committee - Chris Thorman; Chaplain - Jim Friedrich; Finance Committee - Rick Russell and Dean Slaton; Food Coordination - Stephen O'Leary and Lois DeArmond.

Leaders: Dean Slaton 536; Janet Herman 30b; Jon Giles 380; Rick Russell 280; Mimi Wright 39t; Jim Friedrich 84; Carolyn Deacy 501; Stephen O'Leary 340 (for his wife, Mary Rose, who taught him the song); Tom Ostwald 504.

RECESS

The class was called together by Susan Turpin leading song on 59. Leaders: Jon Rand 385t; Jon Gregg 423; Jeanne Schaffer 569; Harlan VanCamp 181; Rodney Davidson 80t; Ron Huss 311.

Mary Rose O'Leary and Carolyn Deacy led song on page 142 as the closing song. Jim Friedrich dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, January 17

The Sunday session was held at Foshay Masonic Lodge in Culver City, California. Mary Rose O'Leary called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading verse 1 of the song on 565. The morning prayer was offered by Jim Friedrich, followed by Mary Rose O'Leary leading verse 2 of 565.

Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 114; Laura Boyd 147b; Jane Hancock 324; Delbert Long 551; Lissa Callirhoe 300; Elizabeth Webb 159; Janice Hecksel 385b; Catherine Callahan 126; John Schaffer 229; Midge Harder 220; Seth Holloway and Jorge Luis Carrillo 354b; Carla Smith 376; Buell Cobb 440.

RECESS

The class was called together by Stephen O'Leary leading song on 108. Leaders: Richard DeLong 436; Sarah Smith 318; Shelley Phillips 124; Mike Hinton 146; Karen Huss 236; Leon Ballinger 384; Gary Smith 569b; Connie Karduck 299.

RECESS

The class was called together by Seth Holloway leading song on 79. Leaders: David Ivey 74t; Matt Wells 49b; Betty Herman 302; Chris Thorman 298;

Allison Ivey 178; Tom Payne 107; Natalie Hall 532; John Giles 250; Ted Mercer 276.

Ted Mercer, Connie Karduck, and Jon Rand led the Memorial lesson for the deceased who have passed away since last year. The names of those remembered were: Robert J. Smith - Colorado; Elmer Cordell and Mae Seymour - Alabama; Janet Borman and Marge Ogren Anderson - Illinois; Dorothea Black - Tennessee; Horace DeLong - Georgia; Edith Aujame - France; Irving Lundquist - Washington; Mary Hurlburt - Virginia; Frances Isobel Thorman - Wisconsin; Craig Gudmundson - Nevada; Mark Chatfield, Georgine Dornan, Curtis Lunsford, Dean Theodos, and Gabriel Jackson - California.

Richard DeLong told us about his Uncle Horace who had sung Sacred Harp from the age of 5 to 93 and who truly knew the value of Sacred Harp.

Connie Karduck talked about the comfort that Sacred Harp singing brings at a time of loss, especially the song on 368 when her mother died. Songs on pages 348b and 368 were sung for the deceased.

The names of the sick and shut-in were: Jean Ballinger, Flossie Jones, and Vester Jones - Alabama; Dean Slaton - Illinois; Noelle Hancock - Idaho; Deborah Johnson - Colorado; Frank Hoppe, Ellen Stern, Judy Rinaldi, Carol Hancock, and Bob Laube - California. The song on page 398 was sung for the sick and shut-in. The memorial lesson was completed with prayer offered by Jim Friedrich.

Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 362; Susan Turpin 328; Mary Rose O'Leary 383; Tom Ostwald 268; Carroll Lunsford 426; Carolyn Deacy 290; Laura Boyd Russell with new visitors 201b; Jim Friedrich 117. Susan Turpin offered a blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Janet Herman leading song on 40. Leaders: the young people at the convention gave a group lesson with help from Seth Holloway and Allison Ivey 168; Rick Russell 99; Gary Smith 34b; Stephen O'Leary 260; Sharon Berman 47b; Harlan VanCamp 66; Leon Ballinger 137; Carla Smith 430; Richard DeLong 419; Sarah Smith 371; Janet Herman 500; Mike Hinton and Buell Cobb 543; Jeanne Schaffer 87; Lissa Callirhoe 86; Catherine Callahan 106; Ron Huss 287; Ted Mercer 216; Ann Friend 277; Rodney Davidson 183; Lisa Fitzpatrick 59; John Schaffer 515; Elizabeth Webb 421.

RECESS

The class was called together by Connie Karduck leading song on 528. Leaders: Betty Herman 464; Jon Gregg 353; Jerry Schreiber 213; Matt Wells 481; Jane Hancock 454; Mary Rose O'Leary 203; Chris Thorman 195.

A business meeting was called to hear committee reports.

The Resolutions Committee made a report resolving to thank the following people:

- 1) Everyone who came to the convention to lend their voice, especially the many visitors who traveled long distances;
- 2) Buell Cobb for leading the singing school;
- 3) All the officers and committee members;
- 4) Richard DeLong and David Ivey for keying the music;
- 5) Elizabeth Webb locating accommodations;
- 6) All the people who cooked the delicious food both days and helped with setup, cleanup, kitchen duties and numerous other details;
- 7) Jim Stanley and Pastor Bob Gaestel of Church of the Angels and the Foshay Masonic Lodge for providing singing space;

8) Susan Turpin, Paul Turpin, Stephen O'Leary, and Mary Rose O'Leary for hosting socials;

9) All the locals who put up visitors in their homes.

A special "thank you" to Rick and Laura Russell for their energy and contributions, including creating a convention web page, magnificent signage, flyers, registration materials, and getting the word out.

Submitted by Ted Mercer and Janet Herman.

The Treasurer reported that the convention expenses had been met.

The Locating Committee reported that next year's convention will be in the San Francisco area.

Announcements were made. Stephen O'Leary and Mary Rose O'Leary led song on page 62 as the closing song. Jim Friedrich dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Mary Rose O'Leary; Vice Chairman - Carolyn Deacy; Secretary - Susan Turpin.

FOHS HALL FOUR NOTE SINGING

Marion, Kentucky

January 23, 1999

The eighth annual Fohs Hall Four Note Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome by Susan Alexander, Resident Director of the Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation, sponsor of the singing. Robert Chandler led the congregation in prayer.

The first session was led by Wm. Ralph Paris with tunes selected from William Walker's "The Southern Harmony". He prefaced the class by a demonstration of William Walker's method of keeping time using a plumb bob with knots at specified intervals. Leaders: Wm. Paris 103, 159b (for Nancy Paris); Tim Reynolds 166, 291t; Robert Chandler 89b, 8t; William Hunt 66; Marilyn Burchett 38,16; Wm. Paris 39t; Sandy Scott 213, 77; Roy Turrentine 112.

RECESS

The second morning session was begun by Tim Reynolds with tunes from "The Sacred Harp". He explained some differences between the Southern Harmony book and The Sacred Harp book. He also gave some information about Christian Harmony which is penned in seven shapes. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 84, 34b; Wm. Paris 479, 128; Robert Chandler 63, 72; John Ramsey 153, 155; Marilyn Burchett 335; Sandy Scott 168, 274t; Lois Ramsey 159; Faye Melton 81t, 274t; Paul Fourshee 452b, 36b.

Prayer led prior to noon meal by William Hunt.

LUNCH

Following the fine barbecue meal, the first afternoon session began with selections from the Southern Harmony. Leaders: Wm. Paris 192b, 189; John Ramsey 82; Wm. Paris 83; John Ramsey 13b (Kentucky Harmony); 28; Tim Reynolds 84t, 267b; Robert Chandler 275; Wm. Paris 71; Roy Turrentine 266, 35t; Nancy Paris 1, 3; Paul Fourshee 165t, 133; Wm. Paris 271b, 132.

RECESS

The Sacred Harp was used for the final session. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 117, 278t; Sandy Scott 340, 68b; Paul Fourshee 178; Marilyn Burchett 154; John Ramsey 445; Tim Reynolds 300 (for Nancy Paris), 137,143 (for Roy Turrentine); John Ramsey 136; Wm. Paris 66; Tim Reynolds 29t; Wm. Paris 209 (for Nancy Paris).

Announcements of upcoming singings around the country were announced. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Bill Hunt.

Chairman - Wm. Ralph Paris; Secretary - Nancy Paris.

BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Bay Minette, Alabama

January 23-24, 1999

The Baldwin County Singing Convention was held in Bay Minette, Alabama on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Bill Hogan leading song on page 50t. J. A. Mosley, Senior Chairmann, led song on page 341; Secretary Alice Mosley 341. Leaders: Coy Ivey 63; Bobby Jackson 393; Milton Oliver 54; Nate Green and Norma Green 84, 559; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Franklin 186, 511b; Johnny Lee 511t; Elene Stovall 505; Jerry Enright 436b; Leola Smith 185; Mattie Townsel 79; Aubrey Barfield 217.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with the following leaders called: DeWayne Hawthorne 363; Tim Jones 47t; Horace Nall 501; Genny Whitworth 192; Willie Mosley 92; Emma Mosley 566; Regina Glass 98; Edith Tate 491; Flarce Creel and Cassie Franklin 572; Don Clark 152; John Etheridge 292; Cindy Franklin 39; Bud Oliver 42; Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 146, 108b; Wanda Capps 73; Harrison Creel 355; Beulah Purvis and Wanda Fay Schumock 411, 410; Thurman Nall 447t; Richard Graham 571; Jackie Tanner 101t; Hershell King 522; Karen Freund 272; Penelope Mosley, Jessica Mosley, and J.A. Mosley 45t; Coy Ivey 137; Bill Green and Regina Glass "Morning Light" (a special); Laura Boosinger 441.

LUNCH

Chairman Bill Hogan opened the afternoon session leading song on page 132. Leaders: Milton Oliver 503; Nate Green and Norma Green 567; Rodney Ivey 497; Cassie Franklin 86; Johnny Lee 569; Elene Stovall and Cassie Franklin 222; Jerry Enright 416t; Ann Broadbeck and Regina Glass 435; Leola Smith 573; Mattie Townsel 143; Aubrey Barfield 404; DeWayne Hawthorne 398b; Tim Jones 283; Horace Nall 478; Genny Whitworth 182; Willie Mosley 77; Flarce Creel 299; Don Clark 225t; John Etheridge 47b; Cindy Franklin, Ann Jett, and Wanda Capps 200, 515; Harrison Creel 395; Beulah Mae Purvis and Wanda Fay Schumock 440b. Bill Hogan led song on page 527 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, January 24

Chairman Bill Hogan opened the Sunday session with songs on pages 57 and 45t. Aubrey Barfield led the opening prayer. Co-Chairman J. A. Mosley led song on page 60; Secretary Alice Mosley 484. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 54; Hershell King 572, 204; Thurman Nall 276; Bill Green 475; Bill Aplin 106, 224; Bobby Jackson 388, 72; Aubrey Barfield 365, 394; Susan Munch 65; Regina Glass 133, 314; Milton Oliver 505.

RECESS

The singing resumed with the following leaders called: Vickie Aplin 411; Norma Green and Nate Green 455t; Johnny Lee 509; Winston Jones 447b, 47b; Willie Mosley 453b; Leola Smith 442t; Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 503, 108; Bud Oliver 201b, 29t; Coy Ivey 449; Elene Stovall 217, 192; Jerry Enright 216, 77t; Mattie Townsel 196; Rodney Ivey 507t, 559, 392.

RECESS

J. A. Mosley called the class to order leading song on page 282. Leaders: Christine Gandy 319, 330; Mike Jones 385t, 395b; Edith Tate 73t, 48t; Tommy Spurlock 222, 183; Harrison Creel 381t; Flarce Creel 384.

Cindy Franklin and Johnny Lee gave our Memorial Lesson. Johnny Lee gave a meaningful talk for the sick, shut-ins, and deceased. He spoke of the love we have for these people and for each other, and quoted the shortest verse in the Bible, "Jesus wept". He stated that this was not just the shortest verse, but the biggest verse. During his talk, he stopped and led song on page 271. To close his portion of the Memorial Lesson, John Etheridge and Bill Green were asked to lead 553.

Cindy Franklin read the names of the deceased. Those remembered were: Hadyn Creel, Keterina Sanders, Ada Godsey, Mamie Creel, Mae Seymour, B.B. Mattox, Kim Cagle, Roxie Duffey, Francine Evans, and Clyde Watkins - Alabama; Edith Klein - Florida; and Mae King - Georgia. The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Annie Sanders, Cecil Sanders, Essie Calvert, Marie Aldridge, Flossie Jones, Woodie Walker, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Bob Meek, Ralph Heath, Lurleen Heath, Debra Nichols, and Warren Mason. Cindy Franklin led song on page 414 and closed the memorial.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 140. Leaders: John Etheridge 291; Cassie Franklin and Julianna Jett 88; Genny Whitworth 104; Jackie Tanner 172; Hershell King 533; Karen Freund 277, 331b; Thurman Nall 38t; Bill Aplin 379; Jerry Enright 270, 416b; Aubrey Barfield 203, 522; Vickie Aplin 274t; Tommy Spurlock 264b; Elene Stovall 47t; Ann Jett 573; Mattie Townsel 313, 376; Rodney Ivey and Karen Freund 99; Leola Smith and Genny Whitworth 27; Mike Jones 225t; Nate Green and Norma Green 100; Willie Mosley 544; Regina Glass 552; Karen Freund 76b; Cindy Franklin 410.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, Bill Green, and J.A. Mosley led song on page 146 as the closing song. Bill Aplin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Bill Hogan; Secretary - Alice Mosley.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Haleyville, Winston County, Alabama** **January 24, 1999**

The second session of this singing was held the fourth Sunday in January at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Haleyville, Alabama, and was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 39b, 37b, and 30t. The morning prayer was led by Gladys Bonds.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretaries - Mae Conwill and Ivalene Donaldson; Arranging Committee - Wilton Donaldson. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 73t, 81t, 335; Hubert Hood 317b, 565b, 569b; L.E. Hannah 498, 332; Gene Wakefield 100, 164, 136; Latrive Bailey 143, 45t.

RECESS
The class was called to order by Kermit Adams leading songs on pages 77t, 426t, and 428. Leaders: Jayne Fulmer 146, 155; Gladys Bonds 39t, 75, 74b; Julietta Haynes 46, 200; Mae Conwill 179, 44, 200; Ila Ingle 278b, 145t, 145b; Johnny Humber 123t, 141, 176b,

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 48t, 61, and 64. Leaders: Lena Keeton 225t, 34b, 475, 546; Larry Ballinger

425, 207, 148; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405, 401; Elmer Conwill 161, 137, 129; Josie Hyde 43, 99, 288; Dawson Adams 34t, 68b, 328; John Beasley 72b, 32t, 290; Josie Hyde 408 (by request); Julie Postum 274t, 168, 480; Jayne Fulmer 300; Ila Ingle 112; L.E. Hannah 83t, 544b; Kermit Adams 28b; Lavaughn Ballinger and John Holcomb 59, 45b; Josie Hyde 477 (by request); Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 56t, 31b.

John Hyde led song on page 111b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretaries - Mae Conwill and Ivalene Donaldson.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **Fort Worth, Texas** **January 30, 1999**

The fifteenth annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. This is the eighth year that the 1991 revision of The Sacred Harp has been used, and it was an excellent singing with 185 in attendance.

The morning session was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Dr. David Music leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by William J. Reynolds. After a welcome to all singers and opening comments, Dr. David Music recognized Dr. Timothy Studstill as chairman of the Arranging Committee and Michelle Lyons as Secretary.

Leaders: Gaylon Pwell 318; Kelly Beard 122; Reed Coates 358; Leon Ballinger 354b; William J. Reynolds with sons, Tim Reynolds, and Kirk Reynolds 128; Ernestine Pipkin 168; Michele Rogan 178; Kevin Powell 504; Sarah Coates 492; Nathan Morgan 74b; Mary Bachmann 569t; Baron E. Powers 268; Tim Reynolds 551; Myra Palmer 208; Bruce Coates 535; Vivian Rogan 163b; Josh Rogan 454; H.P. O'Mary 335; Owen Ross 200; Esther Huckaby 270; Beverly Coates 29t.

Dr. David Music made announcements regarding books for sale as well as a reminder to register. Dr. Music recognized Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students in attendance and then called on Dan Brittain to lead a song which he composed. Dan Brittain led song on 313b.

RECESS

Dr. Timothy Studstill opened the second session by leading song on page 569b.

Leaders: Donald Ross 225t; Father Ronald Baker 148; James Moseley 31t; Gaylon Powell and Dave Ferman (special guest from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram) 45t; Olivia Blevins 142; Gary Rogan 384; Susan Hanson 479; Scott Curran 47t; John Morris 199; Catherine Rogan 290; Robert Handel 153; Tom Owen 380; Avon Miller 349; Byron Talbot 159; David Moseley 186; Dan Brittain 377; Larry Wheat 276. Dr. David Music called for announcements of future singings.

LUNCH

At 1:30 p.m. Dr. David Music opened the afternoon session by leading song on page 63. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 46; Mary Bachmann 279; Ernestine Pipkin 218; Reed Coates 49t; Tim Reynolds 198; Kevin Powell 240; Michele Rogan 112; Myra Palmer 436; Sarah Coates 455; Nathan Morgan 29b; Josh Rogan 273; Kelly Beard 229; Diane Ross 532; Baron E. Powers 127; Bruce Coates 47b; Vivian Rogan 282; Father Ronald Baker 84; Owen Ross 344; Beverly Coates 470; Myrl Jones 426b; Donald Ross 475; Gary Rogan 324; James Moseley 34b; Olivia Blevins 171; Susan Hanson 117; Scott Curran 39t; John Morris 163;

Robert Handel 179; Tom Owen 280; H.P. O'Mary 341; William J. Reynolds 53; Larry Wheat 61; Avon Miller 242; David Moseley 444; Dan Brittain 387; Gaylon Powell 86. Dr. David Music asked for requests from those not leading and the following songs and leaders were called: Gaylon Powell 460; Bruce Coates 32b; Owen Ross 196; Donald Ross 145t; Leon Ballinger 87; Tim Reynolds 49; John Morris 143; Tom Owen 40; Dan Ross 316. Dr. David Music then dismissed the final session.
Chairman - Dr. David Music; Secretary - Michelle R. Lyons.

KEYSTONE SINGING CONVENTION
Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 30-31, 1999
Saturday, January 30

The first annual Keystone Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Doron Henkin leading song on page 29t. Marian McKenzie led song on page 47t. Chaplain Ginny Landgraf offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Susan Bingham 40; Laura Clawson 318; Eleanor Soler 277; Kelly Macklin 216; Betty Hanf 479; Guy Bankes 3 (KsH), 11 (KsH); Tim Eriksen 55; John Bayer 278b; Janine Smith 74b; Rosemary Greenaway 101b; Eric Tweedy 24 (KsH), 367.

Officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Doron Henkin; Treasurer - Hal Kunkel; Housing Coordinator - Molly Sayvetz; Arrangements - Guy Bankes and Laura Densmore; Kitchen Manager - Mary McCaffrey; Recording Coordinator - Robert H. Todd; Pitching - Ginny Landgraf, Jean Seiler, Blake Morris, and Paula McGray; Secretary - Gabriel Kastelle.

RECESS

Leaders: John delRe 30b; Margaret Bornick 49b; Kelly House 496; Marian McKenzie 142; Karen House 384; Katharine Manning 217; Walter Smith 189; Mirjana Lausevic 198.

At this time the class observed the memorial lesson. Molly Sayvetz led song on page 163b for the deceased: Edna Lundgren - Pennsylvania; Ken Densmore - New York; Shirley Green and Mary Hulbert - Virginia; Bill Birmingham - Ohio; Grace Bizzell - North Carolina; Jacques LeCoq - France; Yael Drouyanoff - Israel; Shin Yasui - Japan.

Kelly House led song on page 68b for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered: Scott Fultz and Dov Bush - Pennsylvania; Mark Hall-Amitin - New York; Phillip Shea and Scott Curtis - Massachusetts; David Bush - Georgia; Lynn Gooze - Florida. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Bradford West 29b (KsH), 28 (KsH); Roland Hutchinson 250; Guy Bankes 120; Betty Hanf 6 (KsH), 9 (KsH); Barbara Swetman 383. Chaplain Ginny Landgraf offered prayer to bless the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Blake Morris leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Jean Seiler 299; Paula McGray 160b; John Daniel delRe 101t; George Seiler 168; John delRe 144; John Daniel delRe, Leyland delRe, and Gilead Henkin 388; Kelly House 12 (KsH), 10 (KsH); Cliff Rainey 107; Ernest Blake 163t; Peter Irvine 72b; Donna Abrahams 532; Leyland delRe 430; Gina Balestracci 13 (KsH); Ron Bornick 454; Joanne DeVoe 31t; Eric Tweedy 178; Regina Bayer 378b; Gerry Hoffman 313b; Roland Hutchinson 1 (KsH), 20 (KsH); Diane Mennella 492.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Tim Eriksen leading song on page 33b. Leaders: Juanita Heyerman 24b; Duran Perkins 254; Loraine Bayer 503; Michael Kaye 569b; Ginny Landgraf 315; Marian McKenzie 26 (KsH), 2t (KsH); Duncan Vinson 380; Patricia Temple 566; Mary Ann Daly 108b; Blake Morris 297; Elise Meyer-Bothling 34b; Diane Mennella 32 (KsH), 23 (KsH).

RECESS

Chairman Doron Henkin brought the class to order leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Rosemary Greenaway 45t; Hal Kunkel 447; Mary Wright 180; Laura Densmore 528; Robert H. Todd 155; Ruth Shaffer 27b (KsH), 2b; Molly Sayvetz 66; Susan Munch 106; George Seiler and Gabriel Kastle 347 (by request). Doron Henkin led song on page 192 as the closing song. Chaplain Ginny Landgraf dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, January 31

The singing was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Chairman Doron Henkin leading song on page 31b. Chaplain Ginny Landgraf offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Guy Bankes 556; Paula McGray 77b; Mary Wright 95b; Katharine Manning 369; Elise Meyer-Bothling 63; Blake Morris 67; Mary Ann Daly 288; Patricia Temple 475; Duncan Vinson 312b; Ginny Landgraf 547; Cathy Tucker 144; Ted Stokes 30b (KsH); Michael Kaye 254; Juanita Heyerman 287; Gerry Hoffman 440; Barbara Swetman 306; Blake Morris 7 (KsH), 18 (KsH).

RECESS

Chairman Doron Henkin brought the class to order leading song on page 65. Leaders: Tom Tucker 324; Laura Densmore 542; Gabriel Kastle 507; Susan Munch 39t; Molly Sayvetz 501; Robert Todd 159; Hal Kunkel 4 (KsH), 16 (KsH); Doron Henkin 16 (KsH); Aaron Kahn 209; Ted Stokes 445; Guy Bankes 344; Paula McGray 203; Mary Wright 82t; Katharine Manning 304; Elise Meyer-Bothling 503b; Blake Morris 362; Patricia Temple 64; Gabriel Kastle 25 (KsH), 14 (KsH); Duncan Vinson 314; Ginny Landgraf 372.

RECESS

Donna Abrahams brought the class to order leading song on page 114. Leaders: Donna Abrahams 272; Cathy Tucker 146; Michael Kaye 147t; Doron Henkin 224; Mary Ann Daly 15 (KsH), 30t (KsH); Juanita Heyerman 504; Hal Kunkel 96; Gerry Hoffman 196; Ernest Blake 268; Tom Tucker 189; Barbara Swetman 84; Laura Densmore 236; Gabriel Kastle 34t; Aaron Kahn 47b. Chairman Doron Henkin led song on page 62 as the closing song. Chaplain Ginny Landgraf dismissed the class with prayer.

The Keystone State singers thanks deeply all the singers and travellers and others who helped and supported in every way this first Keystone Singing Convention. We were delighted, gratified, and surprised by your numbers (130 registered, and more), your distance travelled (thirteen states represented), and your contributions and talents of every kind! Thank you for giving us a wonderful and satisfying singing!

Chairman - Doron Henkin; Secretary - Gabriel Kastle.

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama January 31, 1999

The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Velton Chafin leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel. Velton Chafin led song on page 48t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 57; Thurman Nall 49b; Pernie Pelfrey 74b; Carmon Brothers 207, 111b; Elsie Moon 321b (for Essie Calvert), 68b; Woodrow Hocutt 208, 273; Gladys Bonds 225t, 34b; John Hyde 30t, 73t; Faye Donaldson 40, 371; Gravis Ballinger 78, 144; Marie Guthrie 113, 138t; Joshua Keeton 112, 108t; Josie Hyde 66, 355; John Hocutt 361, 516.

RECESS

The class reassembled singing song on page 275t. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 84; Eldagene Roberson 399b, 332; Gene Wakefield 168, 100; Flarce Creel 270, 389, 475; Larry Ballinger 477; Edith Tate 35, 89; Odie V. Horton 424, 323b; Ann Jett 43, 108b; Travis Keeton 343b, 53.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 511. Leaders: Henry Guthery 242, 174; Margaret Keeton 224, 542; Harrison Creel 530, 498; Brenda Merritt 137, 434; Thurman Nall 285; Pernie Pelfrey 83t (for Ora Lee Fannin); John Merritt 245; Cynthia Franklin 229, 497, 213b; Glenn Keeton 45t, 64; Cassandra Franklin 217 (for Marie Aldridge), 368, 349, 348t, 36b; Josie Hyde 507 (by request); Larry Ballinger 119; Henry Guthery 149, 120; Harrison Creel 348b, 512.

Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer by Glenn Keeton.

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

LIBERTY CHURCH **Henagar, Alabama** **January 31, 1999**

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 92. The morning prayer was led by Brother Lelton Williams. Shane Wootten was appointed as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 58 (for his grandparents, Vester and Flossie Jones), 30t; Norma Green 78; Loyd Ivey 61; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 106, 155; Marlon Wootten 31b; Lamar Smith 76b; Patsy Gentle 63; Jackie Tanner 123t; Milton Oliver 325; Mark Brown 153; Don Bowen 145b, 37; Henry Johnson 48t; Mike Dunn 186; Betty Wright 108t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading song on page 129. Leaders: Mel Kersey 354t; Louis Hughes, Jr. 138b; Billy Thompson 378b; Joan Aldridge 475, 474; Ruth Brown 36b; Karen Ivey 201b, 216; Susan Harcrow 430, 224; Randall Smith and Loyd Ivey 454, 137; Scott Ivey 176t; Judy Mincey 464, 352; John Henry Busby, Loyd Ivey, and Randall Smith "Jesus Died For Me", "Alone".

RECESS

The class was called to order with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Dennis George 128; Linda Sides 328; Linda Sides, Rita Downer, and Jane Freuler 146; Eloise Watkins 348b, 460; Hershell King 34t, 410; Shelbie Sheppard 211; Nate Green and Norma Green 314, 415; Lavon Wootten 321; Leola Smith 340.

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 332. Leaders: Tony Ivey 101b; Freeman Wootten 337; Jenny Wootten 178; Jewel Wootten 225t; Louise Nelson 350; Richard Ivey 399, 42; Syble Adams 99, "Cleansing Fountain"; Roy Nelson 283; Allison Ivey 162, 138t; Jeff Sheppard 473 (in memory of Noah Lacy), 101t (in memory of Leonard Lacy); Elene Stovall 298, 299; Louis Hughes, Sr. 28t, 282; Karen Travis and Tim Travis 29t, 159; Stuart Ivey 182, 222; Betty Shepherd and Eloise Wootten 196, 426; Arvid Holmes 383; Sandy Ivey 503; Daryl Mayberry and Richard Chesney 373, 274t; Candace Bethune, Teresa Bethune, Lindsey Bethune, Marion Biddle, and Ivey Biddle 100, 64, "Not Made With Hands", "That Beautiful Land"; Coy Ivey "Trusting"; Jenny Wootten 559 (Cooper Book) (by request). Announcements were made. David Ivey and Tony Ivey led song on page 56t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Tony Ivey. Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Green.

ROTUNDA SINGING **State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama** **February 6, 1999**

The second session of the Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February in the Rotunda of the State Capitol located in Montgomery, Alabama. Four different books are used: "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision"; "Christian Harmony"; "Colored Sacred Harp"; and "Cooper Revision Book", with 30 minute sessions from each book. A very warm welcome was extended to all present from a representative of the State of Alabama and from Chairman Jim Carnes. Art Deason led the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman - Joey Brackner; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Art Deason, H.J. Jackson, John Etheridge, and Linda Thomas.

The first session was held from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision". Leaders: Jonathan Blakeley 81t; Linda Thomas 31b; Jeff Sheppard 129; Amanda Denson 276; Judy Mincey 475; Hugh McGraw 510; Shelbie Sheppard 142; Bud Oliver 39b; David Lee 39t; Steven Levine 373; Judy Caudle 540; Regina Glass 212.

The second session was from the "Colored Sacred Harp". Leaders: H.J. Jackson 24, 9; Ed Snell 4; Bernice Harvey 65; Joyce Belcher 65b; Janice Johnson 19; H.J. Jackson 46.

RECESS

The singing resumed with songs from the "Christian Harmony". Leaders: Art Deason 157; George Cox 130t; Shannon Clark 109; Billy Thompson 289; Tish Crocker 204t; Ola Meadows 135; Tim Cook 117; Cecile Cox 105b; John Etheridge 110.

The next session was from the "Cooper Revision Book". Leaders: Clarke Lee 563; David Lee 478; Milton Oliver 505; John Etheridge 73b (for A.C. Carter); Jim Pfau 176t; Gene Wakefield 164; Frances Jones 323b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with songs from the "Christian Harmony". Leaders: Art Deason 64; Jonathan Blakeley 216; Billy Thompson 342; Clara D. Smith, Ernestine Thompson, Mrs. Elvin Morris, Cecile Cox, and Ola Meadows (all sisters) 87; Durward Scarborough 19; Jean Gray and Junie McNeal 281; Donald Smith 215.

The next session began with songs from the "Colored Sacred Harp". Leaders: H.J. Jackson 18; Ed Snell 25; Bernice Harvey 62; Joyce Belcher 87; Janice Johnson 3.

Songs from the "Cooper Revision Book" were used in the next session. Leaders: Regina Glass 497; Paul Wyatt 559; Chita Blakeley 500; Don Bowen 336t; J.A. Mosley 282; John Plunkett 498b; Charlotte Bishop 229; Clarke Lee 411.

The final session was songs from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision". Leaders: Jim Carnes 146; Buell Cobb 79; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 480; J.L. Hopper 543; Rene Greene 384; Wayne Morgan 569b; Lee Rogers 454; Jimmy Cates 137; Eloise Watkins 426b; Buckley Hopper 268; Joey Brackner 196; Waylon Blakeley and Lacey Presley 77t; Dennise Burleson 218; Ozella Blackmon 329; Carla Smith 358.

Announcements were made. Jim Carnes and Joey Brackner led song on page 40 as the closing song. Jonathan Blakeley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman - Joey Brackner; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL SINGING **Jacksonville, Alabama** **February 7, 1999**

The thirty-second session of the Bob Burnham Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held the first Sunday in February, and was called to order by Ruth Brown leading songs on pages 59 and 63. Roy Nelson offered the opening prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 75; Shelbie Sheppard 336; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 111b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Ruth Brown 101t (in memory of Leonard Lacy); Nate Green and Norma Green 452, 438; Don Bowen 503; Carlene Griffin 548; Jimmy Cates 37b; Evelyn Harris 47t; Lamar Smith 76b; Cindy Franklin 454; Jimmie Denney 143; Charlene Wallace 532; S.T. Reed 125; Cassie Franklin 349; Randall Smith 36b; Pearl Guier 448b; Milton Oliver 314; Joan Aldridge 344.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 475. Ruth Brown recognized the mayor of Jacksonville, Dr. Jerry Smith, who gave everyone a very warm welcome to the city. Ruth Brown and Dr. Jerry Smith then led song on page 45t. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 565b; Linda Sides 29t; Jim Carnes 436; Karleen Williams 373; Bud Oliver 73t; Mattie Townsel 61; Paul Wyatt 147b; Jewel Wootten 283; Rodney Ivey 168; Laura Ackerman 192; Henry Johnson 288; Judy Mincey 464; Bobby Jackson 282; Lee Rogers 130; Roy Nelson 434. Lonnie Rogers offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Betty Wright 347; Felton Denney 523; Elene Stovall 99; Lonnie Rogers 389; Eloise Avery 35; Jackie Tanner 208; Mary Florence Smith 334; Coy Ivey and Don Bowen 384; Linda Thomas and Louise Nelson 350; Daphene Causey "The Great Roll Call"; Penny Bosarge 270; B.J. Harris 303; Hilda Morrison 285t; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 49b; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; John Plunkett 280; Sylvia Holland 348b; Buell Cobb 330t; Dennis George 196; Lou Cotney 218; Sherrell Durand 335; Ola Martin 215; Ruth Daniels 378t; Lovella Campbell 161; Sonja Randall 87; Nancy Allen 146; B.M. Smith 276; Josephine

Denney 32t; Coy Ivey 358; Louis Hughes 142; Cassie Franklin 217; Elene Stovall 222; Linda Sides 448t; Penny Bosarge 535.

Announcements were made. Ruth Brown and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 147t in memory of Millard and Pearl McWhorter, and then led song on page 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Felton Denney.

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

MT. HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH **Northeast of Sipse, Alabama** **February 7, 1999**

The annual singing at Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February was called to order by Vice Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 30t. The Pastor, Brother Stacks, offered the opening prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Flarce Creel; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 32t, 35; Gene Wakefield 168, 136, 138t; Mae Conwill 100, 175b, 498; Ivalene Donaldson 274t, 275b; Elvin Guthrie 52t, 49b; Brenda Merritt 82t, 270; John Hocutt 144, 152, 321b; Marie Guthrie 222, 434, 192; Glenn Keeton 523b, 503, 34b; Elsie Moon 336, 406, 98; John Merritt 358, 101t; Harrison Creel 110.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class to order leading song on page 225t. Leaders: John Hyde 146, 129, 39b; Willodean Barton 159, 304; Elmer Conwill 74b, 44, 411; Josie Hyde 34t, 477, 119; Sherry Guthery 359b, 410t, 64.

Brother Stacks read from Psalms 96, spoke briefly, and welcomed everyone. Lillie Williams offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the afternoon session together leading song on page 445b. Leaders: Flarce Creel 324, 475, 299; Ann Jett 269, 327, 546, 496; Billy Williams 147t, 147b; Edith Tate 73t, 37b, 139; Henry Guthery 558, 528, 234, 532; Travis Keeton 300, 203, 343b, 235b; Flarce Creel 497; Harrison Creel 348b, 342; Henry Guthery 294; Josie Hyde 408; John Merritt 436; Gene Wakefield 284; John Hyde 297; Willodean Barton 418; Marie Guthrie "The Great Roll Call"; Elsie Moon 202.

Harrison Creel led song on page 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Brother Stacks.

Chairman - Cecil Sanders; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Flarce Creel.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING **University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, Illinois** **February 7, 1999**

The seventh annual Lincoln's Birthday singing at the University of Chicago's Ida Noyes Hall was called to order by Ted Mercer at 1:00 p.m.

Kiri Miller was elected as chair and arranged for the election of the other officers. She then asked Ted Mercer to give a short lesson on the shapes for the many individuals who had wandered into the singing from other areas of the Folk Festival of which the singing was a part.

Due to a hard drive crash, virtually all of the record of who led songs has been lost, the two exceptions being Marcia Johnson 212 and Martin Pergler 248. The class particularly welcomed two leaders from distant places: Joe Hickerson of Maryland and the recordings division of the Library of Congress, and Esther Huckaby of Texas.

The singing ended with a prayer and Kiri Miller led 347 as the parting song at 4:00 p.m.

The specific date of the singing varies from year to year, but it is always held in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. In 2000, the singing will be on February 6.

Chairman - Kiri Miller; Vice Chairman - Kate Lingley; Secretary - Mark Miller.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
Clinton, Mississippi
Saturday, February 13, 1999

The annual Mississippi College Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February, and was called to order by Mark Davis leading songs on pages 68, 48t, and 37b. Lewis Oswalt led the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Van Horn 73, 72b, 270; Jean Gray 82t, 143, 108t; Durward Scarborough 339, 45t; Esther Mann 480, 297, 358.

RECESS

The singing resumed with the following leaders: Dennis Cranford 145t, 155, 229; Regina Glass 81t, 117, 65; Junie McNeil 32t, 147t, 63; Andy Davis 79, 53, 127; Wilma Mitchell 84, 569b; Lewis Oswalt 59.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Davis leading songs on pages 87 and 176t. Leaders: John Van Horn 176b, 204, 236; Jean Gray 418, 282, 215; Durward Scarborough 323b, 445t; Esther Mann 40, 39t, 235; Dennis Cranford 49b, 209, 178; Regina Glass 268, 457; Junie McNeil 146, 348b; Andy Davis 434, 142, 135, 430; Lewis Oswalt 58; Wilma Mitchell 435b; Don Crowley 162; Lewis Oswalt 85, 314.

Announcements were made. Mark Davis led song on page 67 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Lewis Oswalt.

MOUNTAIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Stone Mountain, Georgia
February 14, 1999

The special singing held at Mountain Park United Methodist Church on the second Sunday in February was called to order by Eric Tweedy leading song on page 84. Eric Tweedy offered an opening prayer. A short business session was held for the purpose of electing a secretary, and Laura Akerman was elected.

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 503; Helen Bryson 155; John Plunkett 112; Margie Dietz 46; Vaudie Sherrer 168; Jeremy York 86; Bill Hollingsworth 551; John Hollingsworth 108t; Don Bowen, Amelia Miller, and Neal Roach 59; Chris Tweedy 535; Liz Bryant 47t; Laura Akerman 278b; Pam McClain, Becky Dennison, and Lisa Hobbs 45; Andy Morse 99; Joan Durdin 178; Judy Mincey 475; Lee Rogers 454.

RECESS

Eric Tweedy brought the class back to order by leading song on page 453.

Leaders: Margie Dietz 159; Helen Bryson 222; John Plunkett 183; Vaudie

Sherrer 143; Jeremy York 28b; Bill Hollingsworth 236; John Hollingsworth 196; Don Bowen and Neal Roach 40, 47; Liz Bryant and Amelia Miller 276; Amelia Miller and John Plunkett 254; Chris Tweedy 515; Laura Akerman 532; Andy Morse 31t; Joan Durdin 29t; Judy Mincey 34t; Lee Rogers 146.

RECESS

Eric Tweedy brought the class to order leading song on page 200. Leaders: Margie Dietz 313b; Helen Bryson 410t; John Plunkett 300; Jeremy York 229; Andy Anderson and Don Bowen 147t, 72b; Liz Bryant 270; Amelia Miller 49b; Laura Akerman 480; Andy Morse 497; Judy Mincey 347; Lee Rogers 350.

Eric Tweedy led song on page 62 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Eric Tweedy; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

ROY AVERY BIRTHDAY SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama** **February 14, 1999**

The class wished Roy Avery a very happy 93rd birthday!

The next order of business was the election of officers with the following elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Elder Vernon Estes; Secretary - Jenny Gurley; Arranging Committee - Charlotte Bishop and Mary Jean Payne.

Roy Avery led song on page 155. Elder Ben Keeble offered the morning prayer. Leaders: C.V. Estes 164; Richard DeLong 176b, 418; Charlene Wallace 40, 81t; Marshall Avery 74b, 271t; Modie McNeal 451, "The Great Roll Call"; Jeannette DePoy 89, 203; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 225t; Annie Lee Price 217, 215.

RECESS

Vernon Estes brought the class to order leading song on page 120. Leaders: Diane Avery 312b, 186 (for Elder Roy Avery); Karen Rollins 143, 34b; Bobby Jackson 32t, 282; Maxine Marlett 287, 438; Hugh McGraw 53, 290; Jenny Gurley 340, 480; Nell Estes 269, 192; Floy Wilder 224, 373. Preaching by Elder Roy Avery.

LUNCH

Vernon Estes brought the class to order leading songs on pages 145b and 166b. Leaders: Audress Gurley 36b, 108t; Jordan Whitehead 111t, 354b; Isabelle Green 100, 388; Myra Goss 170, 380 (in memory of her sister, Joan); Mary Jean Payne 99 (for her mother), 410t; Buell Cobb 75, 390; Paula Fagan 59, 535b; Carla Smith 358, 408; George Marlett 137, 112; Ben Keeble 490, 39b; Jack Nelson 147t, 38b; Thomas Futral 98, 288; Leonard Price 68b, 73t; Wayne Cotney 72b; Dollie Bush 30b, 212; Richard DeLong 569 (by request); Lonnie Rogers 560 (by request for Elder Roy Avery), 97 (by request); Elder Roy Avery 143; Charlotte Bishop 110 (in memory of Ila McGhee), 268.

Vernon Estes led song on page 122 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lonnie Rogers.

The singing was organized in 1954. We would like to thank the class for \$66.96 for minute money.

Note: Elder Roy Avery passed away on June 6, 1999.

Chairman - Vernon Estes; Secretary - Jenny Gurley.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SINGING
St. Alban's Chapel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Saturday, February 20, 1999

Jim Fields opened the singing at St. Alban's Chapel with song on page 39t. Harry Eskew offered the opening prayer. Jim Fields presented a history of shape notes and some musical instruction.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Vice Chairman - Brad Pope; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

Leaders: Wallace McKenzie 45t; Brad Pope 155; Nancy Van Den Akker 480; Regina Glass 29t; Ila Stoltzfus 38b; Bill Hogan 77t; John Kanode 63; Heather Boyd 133; Harry Eskew 146; A.E. Probst 66; Virginia Fields 354b; Wanda Gregg 40; Emilie Smart 159; Paul Suh 457; Jan Herlinger 192; Jim Fields 59. Jim Fields offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order. Leaders: Wallace McKenzie 29b; Will Austin 84; Georgia Kanode 358; Nancy Van Den Akker 384; Regina Glass 410; Bill Hogan 200; John Kanode 452b; Heather Boyd 312b; Virginia Fields 75; Brad Pope 236; Wanda Gregg 460; A.E. Probst 178; Emilie Smart 267; Paul Suh 300; Jan Herlinger 268; Jim Fields 58, 254; Brad Pope 198; Emilie Smart 47b; Bill Hogan 171; Regina Glass 142; Wallace McKenzie 143, 348b.

Wallace McKenzie led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Vice Chairman - Brad Pope; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

OHIO STATE CONVENTION
Columbus, Ohio
February 20-21, 1999
Saturday, February 20

The seventh session of the Ohio State Convention was held at the Kerns Religious Life Center, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, and was organized by the Columbus singers. Laura Russell called the convention to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 72b. Beth Todd led the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Laura Russell; Vice Chairman - Steve Postellon; Secretary - Michele Rae Biery; Treasurer - Michael Darby; Arranging Committee - Barbara Bowers and Michele Rae Biery; Memorial Committee - John Bayer; Resolutions Committee - John Bealle; Chaplain - Beth Todd; Registration Committee - Steve Postellon; Food Committee - Brad Oglesby.

Announcements were made. Laura Russell made special note that Lorraine Sawyer resigned earlier in the week as this year's chairman due to the terminal illness of her father, and had appointed her, Laura Russell, to take up the task. The convention was asked to keep Lorraine and her family in their thoughts and prayers, and to be mindful of them throughout the weekend's singing. End of business session.

Leaders: Michael Darby 31t; Steve Postellon 276; Michele Rae Biery 40; Barbara Bowers 34b; Fred Todt 299; Nathan Barford and John Daniel delRe 274t; Eloise Clark and Karen Amelia Arnett 209; Jim Coppock 542; Joe Todd 441; Richard Overturf 147t; Shawn Fenton 344; Debbie Hall 84; Linda Coppock 196; Michele Cull 163b; Dave Barford 189; Bob Meek and Joyce Brown 99; Charles Wells

569b; Merle Mateika 68b; Leyland delRe 98; Phil Jensen 287; William Shetter 195; David Wright 406.

RECESS

Michael Darby brought the class to order leading song on page 135. Leaders: Brad Oglesby 192; Beth Todd 501; John Bealle 250; Stephen McMaster 528; Karen Freund 222; Jerry Enright 74b; Gary Gronau 181; Kelly Macklin 179; James Page "North Atlantic"; Melanie Hauff 421; Becky Browne 142; Paula McGray 300; Marcia Johnson 288; Patricia Butterfield 384; John Bayer 53; Lois Hurt 49t; Debbie Barford 163t; Maria Knecht 99; Emmie Barford, Regina Bayer, and Leyland delRe 497. Beth Todd led the class in prayer.

LUNCH

Laura Russell, Henry Schuman, Dean Russell, and Ken Russell called the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Henry Schuman 318; Kathryn Knecht 541; Marlen Rust 66; Virginia Cameron 85; Charles Knecht 379; Alexander Knecht 410; Loraine Bayer 39b; Sylvia Thomas 143; Michael Darby 369; Linda Coppock 532; Merle Mateika 63; Shawn Fenton and friends 178; Bob Meek 454; Charles Wells 149; Nathan Barford and John Daniel delRe 268; DeDe Heeter 128; Dave Barford 348t; Michele Cull 496; Stephen McMaster 347; Karen Freund 42; Jim Coppock 186.

RECESS

Michele Rae Biery called the class to order leading song on page 481. Leaders: Stephanie Hysmith 198; Virginia Cameron 457; Joyce Brown 495; DeDe Heeter 312b; Jerry Enright 377; Gary Gronau 436; Kelly Macklin 540; James Page "South Dakota"; Melanie Hauff 216; Becky Browne 215; Paula McGray 213t; Marcia Johnson 218; Patricia Butterfield 348b; Lois Hurt 358; Debbie Barford 86; Marlen Rust 107; William Shetter 378t; David Wright 272; Joe Todd 270; Linda Coppock and Karen Keeton 504.

Announcements were made. Laura Russell led song on page 146 as the closing song. Beth Todd led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 21

The Sunday session of the convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Laura Russell leading song on page 515b. Beth Todd offered a reading from Psalm 95, and led an opening prayer.

Leaders: Beth Todd 32t; Henry Schuman 77t; Eloise Clark 44; Steve Postellon 569t; Eric Conrad 163t; Leyland delRe 27; John Daniel delRe and Nathan Barford 144, 260; Richard Overturf 133; John Bayer 417; Fred Todt 551 (for Kay Bieszczad); Jeff Franklin 523; Emmie Barford, Regina Bayer, and Leyland delRe 343b; Brad Oglesby "Marcia"; John Bealle 80t; Sylvia Thomas 444; Loraine Bayer 225t,

RECESS

Beth Todd called the class to order leading song on page 566. Leaders: Debbie Hall 474; Emmie Barford 113; Stephanie Hysmith 31t; Maria Knecht 100; Michael Darby 324; Laura Weber 535; Regina Bayer 35; William Shetter 373; Alexander Knecht 481; Jerry Enright 125; Gary Gronau 448t; Stephen McMaster 282; Charles Knecht 58; Kelly Macklin 328; Karen Freund 171; Kathryn Knecht 90; Dave Barford 224; James Page 411; Melanie Hauff 430. John Bayer, Marcia Johnson, and Melanie Hauff led the memorial lesson. Marcia Johnson spoke of the importance of this tradition and how dearly all singers should honor it. Marcia Johnson read the list of the deceased, led song on page 34t, and mentioned departed friends associated with this song. Those remembered were: Janet Borman, Cherie Stephans, and Elaine Rast - Illinois;

Ethel Klein and Helen Cruz - Florida; Kim Cagle and Mae Seymour - Alabama; Bill Judd and Aleene Poole - Ohio; and Robert Shaw.

Melanie Hauff read the list of the sick and shut-ins. She spoke of how meaningful the tradition of passing a card around for all to sign (as this convention had done) must be to those unable to attend, and urged everyone to keep in touch with those on the list. Melanie Hauff led song on page 335 for the following: Kay Bieszczad, Luetta Palmer, and Lorraine Sawyer and family - Ohio; John Peters - Pennsylvania; Lawrence Underwood and Lula Underwood - Alabama. The Memorial Lesson was closed with prayer led by Marcia Johnson. Chairman Laura Russell thanked the committee members for their moving lesson and asked Chaplain Beth Todd to lead a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Steven Postellon leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Becky Browne 36b; Paula McGray 37t; Marcia Johnson 434; Patricia Butterfield and Suzanne Reall 419; Lois Hurt 130; Debbie Barford 200; Michele Rae Biery and Kimberly Crawford 532; Marlen Rust 290; Greg Halbe 107; Paul Fisharm 149; David Wright 383; Joe Todd 124; Michael Darby 131b; Laura Weber 147; Jeff Franklin 556; Karen Amelia Arnett 497; Eric Conrad 70b; Henry Schuman 137; Fred Todt and Joseph Pimentel 155; Brad Oglesby 87; Gary Gronau 110; Stephen McMaster 236.

Paula McGray requested permission of Chairman Laura Russell to personally thank Brad Oglesby and his food committee for their fine work throughout the weekend providing abundant and delicious meals. The class unanimously agreed. Announcements were made of future singings. Laura Russell thanked Eric Conrad for the creation of a convention website, and commended Brad Oglesby for hosting the Saturday evening social.

RECESS

Laura Russell brought the class back to order leading song on page 415. Leaders: Barbara Bowers 313b; Phil Jensen 81t; Paul Fisharm 375; Greg Halbe 68; James Page 254; Lois Hurt 79; Marcia Johnson 485; Melanie Hauff 203; Eloise Clark 64; Richard Overturf 480 (a favorite song of Lorraine Sawyer); Stephanie Hysmith 484; Marlen Rust 114; Charles Knecht 30b; John Bealle 217; Phil Jensen 202; Debbie Hall 184; Kathryn Knecht 376; Sylvia Thomas 372.

In a brief business session, Laura Russell thanked the officers and committees for taking up their tasks upon such short notice, expressed appreciation to Michael Darby, Fred Todt, and John Bealle for their inestimable advice and assistance, and thanked the convention for the joy and fellowship of song. The following committees made their reports:

Secretary and Arranging Committee reported that twelve states were represented: Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri, Massachusetts, New York, and Maryland. Also represented were Canada and Germany. There were 35 non-leaders; 61 leaders; 87 songs led on Saturday; 81 songs led on Sunday; for a total of 96 people registered and 168 songs led.

The Treasurer reported that the various collections had enabled the convention to meet its obligations.

Resolutions Committee: "Once again the Resolutions Committee faces the daunting task of choosing from the many whose efforts made this convention possible the few whom time permits a brief word of thanks. We would like to thank Capital University, and especially Chris Baker, for the use of this excellent facility. We would like to thank the many who have labored long in their kitchens to provide a tasty and generous dinner; and we especially thank Brad

Oglesby and Pat Bennett for tending the crock pots until the dinner hour. We would like to thank the many singers who have traveled from states near and far to sing with us. Notable, we regularly enjoy the company of sizable contingents from Louisville, from St. Louis, Bloomington, Chicago, and from the state of Virginia. In all the authority vested in it, the Resolutions Committee implores the singers of Ohio to take heed of the announcements of the conventions of all our guests and make your travel plans accordingly. A very special thanks this year is extended to Lorraine Sawyer who strove throughout the year to make the preliminary arrangements for the convention, and then was called away suddenly by the illness of her father. Finally, we resolve our highest praise for Laura Russell, who only Wednesday took over as chair and has provided astute and seamless leadership throughout the weekend. All of this, respectfully submitted."

Richard Overturf stated that this has been a difficult year for Lorraine Sawyer as her father has fought a long battle against a grave illness, and how difficult it must have been for her to miss the convention. Laura Russell asked, on behalf of the Columbus singers, that despite her resignation and in recognition of her preparation work, Lorraine Sawyer be named in the minutes as Honorary Chairman.

Vice Chairman Steve Postellon announced that the February 2000 Ohio State Convention will be hosted by the Northwest Ohio Singers. The locations in Bluffton and/or Bowling Green will be announced later.

Laura Russell asked the convention officers to join her in the square and all led song on page 62 as the closing song, extending the parting hand to everyone present. Beth Todd offered a closing prayer. Chairman Laura Russell officially dismissed the convention until next year.

Chairman - Laura Russell; Honorary Chairman - Lorraine Sawyer; Vice Chairman - Steve Postellon; Secretary - Michele Rae Biery.

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING **Wesley Foundation, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **February 27, 1999**

The first session of the Alabama Collegiate Singing was held in the meeting room of the Wesley Foundation on the campus of the University of Alabama. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Cook leading song on page 515b. The morning prayer was offered by Lavaughn Ballinger. Tim Cook led song on page 99; George Cox led song on page 490.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Tim Cook; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin; Secretary - John Bealle.

Leaders: John Bealle 100, 101t; Regina Glass 278t; Peggy Bergman 434; John Etheridge 74b; Lisa Geist 546; Cecile Cox 282; John Bealle 217; Eloise Clark 47t; Larry Ballinger 402; Anne Brodbeck 48t; Edward Howton 436; Wayne Baines 155; Gravis Ballinger 300.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Tim Cook leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Junie McNeil 319; Tim Gray 40; Talley Kitchens 327; Charlene Wallace and Terre Lawson 63; Toney Smith 129; Bill Hogan 220; Richard DeLong 278b; Cassie Franklin 171; Durward Scarborough 339; Mattie Townsel 317; Warren Steel 396; Buell Cobb 75; Mary Thompson 358. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tim Cook leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Charles Kitchens 326; Amanda Denson 186; Ola Meadows 400; Jean Gray 143; Ruth Wyers 206; Etma Barton 216; George Cox 108t; Travis Keeton 460; Carlene Griffin 222; Margaret Keeton 475; Cindy Franklin 269; Tim Cook 340; Walter Wyers 176b.

RECESS

Tim Cook called the class to order leading song on page 178. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 401; Mary Gardner 385; Charlie Smith 72b; Donovan Brown and Heather Brown 551; David Vinson 378b; Earl Howton 294, 290; Ola Meadows, Donovan Brown, and Heather Brown 146; Barbara Chalmers and Douglas Cook 45t. Tim Cook then offered some closing remarks on the planning of the singing, thanking the many people who had helped bring this singing together. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman - Tim Cook; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - John Bealle.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING **Vestal Public Library, Vestal, New York** **February 27, 1999**

The first New York State Regional Singing of 1999 was held at the Vestal Public Library, Vestal New York from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dennis Leipold called the class to order leading song on page 49t, and then led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 77b, 311; Mary Ann Morrison 178, 49b; Barbara Swetman 64, 207; Margaret Bornick 276, 504; Diane Mennella 330b, 318; Allen Fannin 124, 388; Bradford West 214, 112;

Ron Bornick 228, 87; Roland Hutchinson 38t, "Liberty's Trumpet"; Tim Wheeler 455, 378b; Gina Balestracci 114, 218.

RECESS

Dennis Leipold called the class back to order leading song on page 31b. Leaders: Joni Seidenstein 148, 142; Adrian Mariano 481, 183; Juanita Heyerman 410t, 299; James Ulrich 73t, 479; Ginny Huszagh 195, 34b; George Seiler 324, 217; Linda Delfs 117, 106; Laura Densmore 107, "Ten Thousand Charms"; Guy Bankes 350; Mary Ann Morrison 523; Barbara Swetman "Hallelujah New"; Margaret Bornick 86.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Dennis Leipold leading songs on pages 155 and 31t. Leaders: Diane Mennella 492; Allen Fannin 33b; Roland Hutchinson 254; Tim Brown 163b, 66; Tim Wheeler 30b; Fritz Von Fleckenstein 236; Dennis Leipold 475; Gina Balestracci 209; Joni Seidenstein 344; Adrian Mariano 56b; Bradford West 110; Ron Bornick 454; Juanita Heyerman "Millbrook"; Jim Ulrich 497; Ginny Huszagh 189b; George Seiler 480; Linda Delfs 267; Laura Densmore 542.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bradford West leading song on page 59. Announcements were made of upcoming singings. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 203; Guy Bankes 269; Mary Ann Morrison 54; Margaret Bornick 334; Diane Mennella 28t; Tim Brown 198; Tim Wheeler 128; Fritz Von Fleckenstein 159; Gina Balestracci 260; Joni Seidenstein 84; Adrian Mariano 300; Bradford West 496; Ron Bornick 85; Juanita Heyerman 24b; Jim Ulrich 288; Ginny Huszagh 29t; Roland Hutchinson 220; George Seiler 68b; Linda Delfs 65; Laura Densmore 312b.

Dennis Leipold led song on page 62 as the closing song. Tim Brown led the closing prayer.

We would like to thank Laura Densmore and Barbara Swetman who carried out the duties of the Arranging Committee.

Chairman - Dennis Leipold; Secretary - Suzanne Sullivan.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - WASHINGTON
Sunset Hill Community Club, Seattle, Washington
February 27-28, 1999

Saturday, February 27

The eighth annual session of the Washington portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Joanne Hoover offered prayer. Karen Willard introduced Hugh McGraw, who proceeded with a singing school until noon. Craig Brandis asked the blessing upon the food, and the class was recessed until 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

David Hough brought the class to order leading song on page 59. Reed Schilbach opened our formal singing afternoon with prayer. A brief business session confirmed the current officers in their positions for another year, and committee appointments were made.

Leaders: Jim Van Horn 312b; Jessica Holland 299; David Jensen 86; Scott Adams 344; Erik Moore 82t; James Brock 569b; Kathy Vlach 84; Katharine Hough 376; Edith Tate 73t; Anne Huckins 313b; Reed Schilbach 61; Craig Brandis 49b; Myrka Hall-Beyer 210; Joanne Hoover 362; Marie Brandis 380; Gary Plough 114; Alexis Drum 163t; Hal Kunkel 335; Jack Lofton 318; Scott Luscombe 324; Bruce Rowland 282; Martha Applegate 145t.

RECESS

Ken Cofield brought the class back to order leading song on page 38t. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 553; Jon Singer 117; Aura Lee Furgason 535; Karen Willard 316; David Hough 33b; Jinx McGuire 148; Darlene Simpson-Brown 39b; Pauline Childers 269; Shannon McGuire 135; Susan Helf 66; Berkley Moore 71; Angie Johnson 30t; Betty Jones 235; Sarajane Siegfried 159; Tim Shepard 277; Hal Kunkel 550; Jim Van Horn 72b; Jack Lofton 276.

Announcements were made. Chairman David Hough led "Washington" as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Craig Brandis.

Sunday, February 28

David Hough opened the day of singing at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 101t. Craig Brandis led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Joanne Hoover 171; Kathy Vlach 145; Susan Helf 497; Ken Cofield 189; Anne Huckins 442; Jinx McGuire 163; Reed Schilbach 312b; Hal Kunkel 527; Karen Willard 142; Marcia Stedman 448t; John Carson 38b; Shannon McGuire 196; Gary Plouff 567; Jill Accetta 122; Jean Murphy 380; Mary Steuben 95.

RECESS

Katharine Hough called the class to order leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Myrka Hall-Beyer 280; Raoul Titus 49b; Marie Brandis 515; Scott Luscombe 195; Alice Poinier 35; Pauline Childers 475; Hugh McGraw 549 (by request); Edith Tate 532; James Brock 184.

Memorial Lesson: Pauline Childers spoke of the tradition of singing songs in memory of those among us who have died in the past year. She led song on page 84b for Hadyn Creel, her brother, and 111b for: Ray Lindeke - Washington; Ken

Sowards and Elsie Hopkins - Oregon; Mamie Creel - Alabama; Bill Johnson - North Carolina; Barbara Scudder - Nebraska; Catherine Cessna - Pennsylvania; Norman Berkshire - Indiana.

Karen Willard read the names of those remembered who are listed as sick and shut-ins. We sang song on page 217 for Marie Aldridge, and song on page 384 for: Katharine Poinier, Paul McGuire, Essie Calvert, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Dorothy Garber, Lou DeFelice, Carla Smith, Jerry Schreiber, Kathy Johnson, Muriel Plouff, Rev. Don Jolly, Lucille Lembke, David Wood, and Dodge Wiggins. Berkley Moore closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer. Leaders: Craig Brandis 58; Teryl Dirks 106; Bruce Rowland 32t; Jan Johnson 455; Berkley Moore 215; Darlene Simpson-Brown 354t; Alexis Drum 327; Jack Lofton 193. Craig Brandis offered prayer for the blessing of the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Ken Cofield "Cascadia"; Jim Friedrich 344; Polly Ogden 370; Anne Zuckerman 268; Erik Moore 179; Jean Murphy 551; Glen Buschmann 358; Tim Shepard 324; Sarajane Siegfriedt 457; Jacob Priestley 569b; Aura Lee Furgason 59; Bruce Rowland 99; Diana Paulson 65; Edith Tate 342; Martha Smith 408.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jim Friedrich leading song on page 53. Leaders: Elizabeth Riggs 107; Scott Luscombe 148; Robert Gilmour 209; Martha Applegate 143; Hugh McGraw 68; Meg Larson 503; Angie Johnson 36t; Mryka Hall-Beyer 454; Craig Brandis 117; Pauline Childers 234; Marie Brandis 566; James Brock 354b; Marcia Stedman 200; Gary Plouff 128; Joanne Hoover 176; Hugh McGraw 531.

The class was called into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports of the various committees.

The Locating Committee reported that we will meet at this same location again next year on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February.

The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met and thanked the class for their generosity.

The Resolutions Committee, Rodney Willard and Reed Schilbach, thanked "our Maker for the gifts of song and praise, and for family and fellowship." Thanks were given to: Brice Hannoli for sharing his grandfather with us; Hugh McGraw for pointing us to the straight and narrow way, and urging us to walk therein; all of the officers, convention committees, local singers and cooks who labored with such obvious love and skill to make the convention a success were thanked by name, as were the visitors who traveled so far to be with us.

The Arranging Committee reported that 90 people had registered during the two days, with singers from eleven states and Alberta, Canada.

David Hough led song on page 62 as the closing song, inviting all those who wished, to take the parting hand. Craig Brandis closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman - David Hough; Treasurer - Katharine Hough; Secretary - Karen Willard.

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Conference Center, College Station, Texas
February, 27-28, 1999
Saturday, February 27

The Texas State Convention met at the Conference Center in College Station, Texas for the seventh annual session. Chairman Gaylon Powell called the class to order leading song on 70t. Elder Bill Moseley offered the invocation. Gaylon Powell led song on page 328; Vice Chairman Jeb Owen 455; and Secretary Vivian Rogan 282. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 120; Myrl Jones 430; Zach Rogan 280; Glenn Davis 40; Beverly Coates 548; Chris Blevins 176b; Josh Rogan 454; John Morris 319; Edith Owen 150; Don Barker 145; Donald Ross 573; Amanda Owen 535b; Robert Handel 515; Sarah Coates 306; Kevin Powell 107; Catherine Rogan 146; Baron Powers 85; Nathan Morgan 142; Reed Coates 350; Katie Moseley 189.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Jeb Owen brought the class back together leading song on page 475.

Tom Owen, Cheryl Forman, and Baron Powers were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Olivia Blevins, Myrl Jones, and Don Barker were appointed to the Memorial Committee.

Leaders: Ryan Ross 196; Ophelia Matthews 490; Michele Rogan 178; Olivia Blevins 168; Bruce Coates 34t; Ronald Baker 148; Mary Bachmann 171; Myra Palmer 318; Gary Rogan 209; Cheryl Forman 77t; Diane Ross 504; B.E. Matthews 436; Doris Hanks 36b; Tom Owen 532; Liz Rogan 546. Father Ron Baker offered prayer for the noon meal and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Tom Owen led song on 56t to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Mike Moseley 434; Curtis Owen 204; Cissy Moseley 34b; Glenn Davis 58; Don Barker 354b; Amanda Blevins 117; John Morris 390; Josh Rogan 216; Edith Owen 276; Chris Blevins 163t; Beverly Coates 524; Leon Ballinger 137; Myrl Jones 300; Zach Rogan 128; Steven Latimer 198; Reed Coates 551; Nathan Morgan 212; Sarah Coates 112.

RECESS

Chairman Gaylon Powell led song on page 442 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Derek Boen 47t; Robert Handel 153; Amanda Owen 344; Ronald Baker 159; Baron Powers 268; Liz Rogan 192; Donald Ross 183; Doris Hanks 448b; Ryan Ross 217; Cheryl Forman 81t B.E. Matthews 200; Myra Palmer 273; Gary Rogan 234; Diane Ross 543. Elder Chris Blevins dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, February 28

The Sunday session of the Texas State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Gaylon Powell leading song on page 138. Justice Donald Ross offered the opening prayer. Vice Chairman Jeb Owen led song on 99; Secretary Vivian Rogan led song on 49t.

Leaders: Michele Rogan 236; Bruce Coates 201b; Olivia Blevins 283; Tom Owen 283; Ophelia Matthews 569b; Zack Rogan 282; Kevin Powell 383; Mary Bachmann 534; James Moseley 378t; Doris Hanks 384; Monnie Ross 108b; Dan Brittain 481; Sue Hanson 280; Hill Grimmett 497.

RECESS

Vivian Rogan brought the class together leading song on page 61. Leaders: Charles Whitmer 320; Josh Rogan 182; Cissy Moseley 143; Reed Coates 480;

Mike Moseley 475; Diane Ross 503; Baron Powers 335; Cheryl Forman 535; Gary Rogan 299; Derek Boen 39b; Myra Palmer 208; Donald Ross 567; Sarah Coates 74b; Don Barker 452.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Don Barker read Psalms 23. Myrl Jones read the names of those who had passed on during the past year and led song on page 285t in their memory. Those remembered: Louis Smith, Herbert Leopard, Wayne Chambers, and Carl Cecil Paris. Myra Palmer led song on page 189 in memory of Louis Smith. Gaylon Powell led song on page 176t in memory of Herbert Leopard.

Olivia Blevins led song on 45t for the sick and shut-ins which included: Verna Powell, Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Mildred Edmonds, Junior Smith, Lawson Smith, Jean Ballinger, and Richard Daniels. The memorial was closed. Billy Huckaby offered the dismissal prayer.

LUNCH

Chairman Gaylon Powell brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 313t. Leaders: John Morris 222; Liz Rogan 203; Leon Ballinger 426b; Beverly Coates 472; B.E. Matthews 156; Edith Owen 47t; Amanda Blevins 163t; Katie Moseley 240; Curtis Owen 68b; Myrl Jones 373; James Moseley 101t; Doris Hanks 63; Monnie Ross 448b; Charles Whitmer 504; Michele Rogan 215; Hill Grimmett 277; Sue Hanson 82t; David Moseley 380; Dan Brittain 209.

RECESS

Jeb Owen brought the class together with song on 47b. Leaders: Kevin Powell 56b; Mary Bachmann 235; Bruce Coates 387; Olivia Blevins 290; Zach Rogan 128; Ophelia Matthews 512; Tom Owen 528; Josh Rogan 220; Reed Coates 358; Mike Moseley 179; Diane Ross 347; Baron Powers 119; Cheryl Forman 231; Gary Rogan 369; Donald Ross 368; Sarah Coates 448t; Don Barker 59.

The Nominating Committee presented this slate of officers for next year: Chairman - Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman - John Morris; Secretary - Vivian Rogan. The slate was accepted by acclamation. Don Barker agreed to make arrangements for rooms to be reserved at the Hampton Inn. All the financial needs of the convention were met. Announcements were made. Gaylon Powell, Jeb Owen, and Vivian Rogan led song on page 62. Curtis Owen offered the closing prayer. Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman - Jeb Owen; Secretary - Vivian Rogan.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA **State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia** **February 28, 1999**

The twenty-sixth session of the Social Harp and Sacred Harp singing was held at the Visitor Center of the State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia on the fourth Sunday in February.

The "Social Harp" was used in the morning, and "The Sacred Harp" was used in the afternoon session.

John Garst called the class to order leading song on page 17. John Hollingsworth offered prayer. John Garst led song on page 18; John Hollingsworth 76t, 76b; Charlene Wallace 37, 159; Lee Rogers 191, 53; and Judy Mincey 135, 182.

The business session was held with the following officers re-elected: Chairman - John Garst; Vice Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Lee Rogers and Judy Mincey.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 109, 187; Bruce King 156, 237; Don Bowen 86, 87; Laura Akerman 50, 88; Billy Hollingsworth 207, 160; Martha Ann Stegar 155, 34; Kelly Morris 118, 129; Liz Bryant 185, 60.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class together leading song on page 24. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 115, 196; Richard DeLong 31, 35; Karen Morris 83, 82; Charles Woods 158, 114; Raymond Hamrick 27b, 38; John Plunkett 195, 189; Carlene Griffin 25, 41; Scott DePoy 101, 93; Karen Whelchel 137, 138; Eric Tweedy 57, 56.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was from "The Sacred Harp", and the class was called to order by John Garst leading song on page 138b. Leaders: Henry Zittrouer 61, 63; Laura Clawson 142, 145; Billy Hollingsworth 186, 176; Jeannette DePoy 510 (for Richard DeLong on his birthday), 34; Eric Tweedy 66, 455; Judy Mincey 347, 515; Bruce King 183, 193; Earlis McGraw 27, 166; Scott DePoy 72b, 179; Karen Morris 383, 385b; Richard DeLong 95; Lee Rogers 475; Martha Ann Stegar 84; Kelly Morris 503; Liz Bryant 501; John Plunkett 287; Laura Akerman 288; Don Bowen and Andy Anderson 290; Charles Woods 269; David Bowen 146.

Announcements were made. John Garst led song on page 62 as the closing song.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by John Hollingsworth.

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

DUKE MEMORIAL SINGING

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - Heard County, Georgia Saturday, March 6, 1999

The Duke Memorial Sacred Harp Singing met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 274. Lonnie Rogers led the class in prayer.

Everette Denney led song on page 335; Jimmie Denney 143, 128, 155; and Josephine Denney 72b, 75.

The class held a business session with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Jimmie Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee - Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 452, 145b; Henry Johnson 48t, 138b (by request), 137; Bobby Jackson 81t, 282, 290; David McPherson 569b, 430, 312b; Lou Cotney 222, 358, 300.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading songs on pages 78, 28b, 79, and 77t. Leaders: Karen Rollins 489, 136, 34b; Andy Anderson 515; Bernard Denney 159, 339, 40; Don Clark 34t, 224.

LUNCH

Jimmie Denney brought the class to order leading songs on pages 101t and 100.

Leaders: Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t, 225t; Felton Denney 503, 73t, 31t; Jeff Sheppard 176t, 177, 475 (for Flarce Creel); Lloyd Toney 45t, 68b; Lonnie Rogers 318 (for his neighbor, Mrs. Yates), 298; John Plunkett 209; David McPherson 127, 268; Don Clark 513; Henry Johnson 36b; Andy Anderson 287; Bobby Jackson 401.

Announcements were made. Everette Denney gave a history of the singing, and expressed his desire to see more participation from members of the church and citizens of Heard County. Everette Denney led songs on pages 141 and 460 as the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Bernard Denney.

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

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina,
Page Walker Hotel, Cary, North Carolina
March 6-7, 1999

Saturday, March 6

The Saturday session of the North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Amity United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Outgoing President Suzanne Newton opened the convention by leading songs on pages 49t and 150. Henry Bizzell offered the invocation. To terminate their duties, Peggy Loddengaard led song on page 68b; Tim Gee 191.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: President - John Feddersen; Vice President - Suzanne Newton; Secretary - Tim Gee; Chaplain - Henry Bizzell.

The singing continued with John Feddersen leading song on page 276. Leaders: Blake Morris 141; Matt Cartmill 313b; Nancy Newell 163b; Tom Tucker 442; Ann Bosold 178; Lynda Hambourger 446; Gene Andersen 189; Claudia Egelhoff 474; G. C. Waldrep 260; Mike Hieber 448b; Becky Hart 269; Cathy Tucker 480.

RECESS

John Feddersen reconvened the class by leading 142. Leaders: Guy Bankes 441; Peggy Loddengaard 128; Gavin Campbell 492; Patricia Temple 277; Mary Wright 314; Tim Gee 210; Suzanne Newton 350; Hugh McGraw 510; Joy Craig 198; Blake Morris 192; Leslie Alperin 268; Matt Cartmill 312b; Nancy Newell 504; Tom Tucker 30b; Gene Andersen 137; G.C. Waldrep 163t; Becky Hart 217; Mike Hieber 148.

LUNCH

John Feddersen called the class to order with 280. Leaders: Cathy Tucker 547; Ann Bosold "Bosold", "Cherokee", and "Wapello" (her own compositions); Nancy Newell 155; Gavin Campbell 220; Peggy Loddengaard 209; Tim Gee 110. Blake Morris "Harvest", "Kathleen" (his own compositions); Mary Wright 337; Fred Beardsley 149; Matt Cartmill 528; Leslie Alperin 159; Becky Hart "Lambertville" (composed by Lynda Hambourger), "Stoney Island" (author unknown); Blake Morris "Chase" (his own composition); Hugh McGraw 352; Ann Bosold 334; Suzanne Newton 31t; Claudia Egelhoff 203; Guy Bankes 147b; Tom Tucker 236; Patricia Temple 497; G.C. Waldrep 347; Cathy Tucker 454; Tim Gee 162.

RECESS

John Feddersen reconvened the class by leading 82t. Leaders: Ann Bosold "Engelberg" and "Gran Lake"; Mary McKinney 40; Gavin Campbell 79; Gail Doss 196; Dan Patterson 47b; Fred Beardsley 299; Lynda Hambourger 472; G.C. Waldrep 532; Blake Morris 378t; Tom Tucker 324; Cathy Tucker 144; Tim Gee 457; Suzanne Newton 344.

John Feddersen led song on page 146 as the closing song. Henry Bizzell dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 7

The Sunday session was held at the Page Walker Hotel in Cary, North Carolina and was called to order by John Feddersen leading song on page 48t. Nancy Newell gave the opening invocation. Leaders: John Feddersen 98; Hugh McGraw 550; Suzanne Newton 270; Ann Bosold 324; Hal Kunkel 179; Tim Gee 64;

Patricia Temple 535b; Lynda Hambourger 440; Blake Morris 501b; Susan Kelley 45t; Matt Cartmill 71; Art Broadus 569b; Peggy Loddengaard 61; Claudia Egelhoff 317b.

RECESS

Nancy Newell brought the class to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: John Feddersen 124; Gail Doss 504; Erin Newton 573; Fred Beardsley 513; Guy Banks 287; Mary Wright 180; Hugh McGraw 553; Suzanne Newton 46.

Lynda Hambourger conducted the memorial service during which leaders were: Ann Bosold 515; Mary Wright 59; Lynda Hambourger 397 and 452. Leaders after the service: Ann Bosold 168; Hal Kunkel 204; Tim Gee 122; and John Feddersen 369.

LUNCH

John Feddersen called the class to order leading 94. Leaders: Patricia Temple 145b; Leslie Alperin 209; Blake Morris 297; Hugh McGraw 447; Peggy Loddengaard 551; Gail Doss 378b; Claudia Egelhoff 464; Nancy Newell 86; Erin Newton 377; Fred Beardsley 474; Guy Banks 228; Mary Wright 290; Matt Cartmill 182; Lynda Hambourger 536; Patrick Bosold 299; Hugh McGraw 531; Blake Morris 214.

RECESS

John Feddersen reconvened the class with 217. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 558; Gail Doss 436; Patricia Temple 346; Suzanne Newton 47t; Ann Bosold 354b; Fred Beardsley 100; Guy Banks 107; Tim Gee 117; Peggy Loddengaard 81; Lynda Hambourger 546; Matt Cartmill 298; Leslie Alperin 497; Nancy Newell 410t; Ann Bosold 242; Blake Morris 195; Hal Kunkel 101t; Gail Doss 112.

John Feddersen led song on page 62 as the closing song. Nancy Newell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Feddersen; Vice Chairman - Suzanne Newton; Secretary - Tim Gee.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL

Ephesus, Georgia

March 7, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers was held at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March. The day of singing began at 9:50 a.m. with Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 75. Elder Marshall Avery offered prayer. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 101t; Jeff Sheppard and Lisa DiSpain led songs on pages 97 and 129.

The class held a business session for the purpose of electing officers. Those elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Sherry Louvorn.

Denney Rogers, Mayor of Ephesus, gave a warm welcome address to all that came, and gave a brief history and condition of the school and the community. Leaders: Elder Marshall Avery 48t, 278b; Evelyn Harris 155; Jimmie Denney 313t; Josephine Denney 405; Myron House 495, 191; Charles Woods 77b, 99; Bobby Jackson 32t, 480; Linda Sides 475, 328; Henry Jackson 570, 569b; Dennis George 388, 147t; Daphene Causey 77t, 56b; Louis Hughes 57, 128; Lori Goode 383, 512; Brady DeLong 317.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 87. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 47t, 30t; Tokay Shoemake 35, 204; Coy Ivey 384; Janice Paulk 222, 518; Louise Nelson 145t; Rogers grandchildren: Beverly Rollins, Randa Rollins,

Barry Rollins, Roger Harrod, Dan Harrod, Susan Rice, Laura Robinson, and Kayla McWhorter 268, 345t; Milton Oliver 314; Nate Green and Norma Green 417, 312b; Jan House 151, 148; Diane Avery 299, 300; Don Bowen 350, 347; Scott DePoy 114.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 112. Leaders: Betty Wright 410t; Felton Denney 276, 523; Rodney Ivey 186, 270; Richard DeLong 224, 44.

A memorial lesson was held. Ruth Brown read and spoke about the words and their meanings from the songs of "Holy City", "Passing Away", and "Fleeting Days". Jeff Sheppard led song on page 318 for the following deceased: Velma Richardson, Alice Washburn, Maude Keeton, Essie Calvert, Grady Abney, and Horace DeLong. Denney Rogers led song on page 339 for the deceased from the community: Lois Parmer, Bonnie Wood, Ruby Starr, Jessie Janney, and Jackie Langley.

Ruth Brown spoke about the importance of remembering those who are sick and shut-in, and emphasized that we should all make an effort to send them cards. B. J. Harris led song on page 340 for Flarce Creel and Dorothy Harper. The Memorial Lesson was concluded with prayer led by Elder Homer Benefield. Leaders: Bud Oliver 159, 42; Mattie Townsel 137; Johnny Wright 274t, 146; Roy Nelson 392; David McPherson 452, 214; Kenneth DeLong 303, 568; Leola Smith 349; Oscar McGuire 336; Jeannette DePoy 542, 282; John Plunkett 329, 432; Patsy Gentle 68b, 348b; Sheri Taylor 332, 333; Judy Mincey 538; Elder Homer Benefield 45t; Lonnie Rogers' children and nephew (Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Sherry Louvorn, Denney Rogers, and G. W. Rogers) 294, 358.

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers, Billy J. Harris, and Mary Florence Smith led song on page 225t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Billy J. Harris.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON, AND LAVADA MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL New Flatwoods Church - Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama March 7, 1999

The eighty-fourth annual Sacred Harp memorial singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Hocutt leading song on page 317. The morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pam Keeton; Arranging Committee - Glenn Keeton and Joshua Keeton.

Leaders: John Hocutt 31b; Pam Keeton 215, 382 (in memory of Martha Harper); A.C. McGough "Not Made With Hands" (for Olen Keeton who is in the hospital), 147t (for Bernice); Cassie Franklin 74b; Elmer Conwill 500, 498; L.E. Hannah 349, 212; Odie Horton 200, 192; Gladys Bonds 186, 277; Edith Tate 106, 532; Arnold Moore 460; Willodean Barton 274t, 475 (for Flarce Creel who is sick); Cindy Franklin 123t, 56t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by John Merritt leading songs on pages 76b and 491. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 225t, 499b; Parnell Berry 283, 298; Ashley

Keeton 196, 222; Clarissa Springfield 343, 166; Joshua Keeton 340, 108t; Amber Springfield 391, 58; Anne Steel 203, 47t; Travis Keeton 387 (in memory of his grandfather, Lewis Keeton), 182; Anita Naramore and Ronald Gilmore 142 (in memory of her mother, Lavada), 145b; Huey Jones 306, 224.

The blessing of the food for the noon meal was offered by Ronald Gilmore.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Travis Keeton leading song on page 348t. Leaders: Rachel Jones 569b, 30t; Juanita Whitman 480, 39b; Warren Steel 67, 183; Alene Woodley 35, 83t; Lena Keeton 146, 48t; Marie Aldridge 217, 336; Gene Wakefield 168, 284; Mae Conwill 34b, 44; Paula Springfield 170, 380; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 32t; Mary Ellen Jones 454, 457; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 30b, 45t; Josie Hyde 234, 434 (for Ila Ingle who is sick); Janet Jones 490 (for her aunt, Martha Hicks, who is sick), 418 (for Dovey Jackson); Julia Posten and Betty Baccus 477, 421 (in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Wakefield); Clarence McCool 318, 73t; Jimmie Gilmore 68b (for her parents, Elder Garnsey and Ethel McGough who are in the nursing home), 378 (for L.H. Gilmore, Estelle Gilmore, and her sister, Lavada); Arthur Gilmore and Jimmie Gilmore "Jesus Died For Me"; Glenn Keeton 88t.

John Hocutt, Travis Keeton, and Ronald Gilmore led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Ronald Gilmore. Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Pam Keeton.

MISSOURI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri** **March 13-14, 1999**

Saturday, March 13

Chairman Charles Derleth called the fourteenth annual Missouri Convention to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on 36b. David Ressler led the opening prayer. Leaders: JoDell Albi 480; Pattie Butterfield 29t; Bill Ellason 59; Ann Leckie 56b; Dave Ressler 171; Jeanette Lowry 276; Gary Gronau 32t; Kathleen Thro 385t; John Uhlemann 362; Wendy Hofmann 38b; Karen Isbell 377; Janet Fraembs 532; Presley Barker 86; Ted Johnson 216; Lou Cotney 218; Henry Johnson 565; Susan Green 350; Felton Denney 73t; Kathy Kaiser 335; Jackie Tanner 182.

RECESS

Chairman Charles Derleth called the class back to order with song on page 65. Leaders: Elene Stovall 436; Jerry Schreiber 66; Mary Florence Smith 192; Jim Solheim 454; Sharyn Kropp 117; Jerry Enright 222; Jon Gregg 29b; Linda Sides 148; Marcia Johnson 434; Rodney Ivey 99; Teenie Moody 122; Sarah Harcrow 40; Ted Mercer 132; Jan Ketelle 168; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Everette Denney 405; Connie Karduck 498; B.J. Harris 503; Jon Giles 359; J.C. Denney 123b; Dean Slaton 500; Evelyn Harris 47t; Pearl Guier 49t; Jeff Sheppard 43. Marcia Johnson offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman Charles Derleth led song on page 52b to start the afternoon session. Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 270; Jerry Enright 300; Sarah Harcrow 551; Susan Green 217; Gary Gronau 430; Mary Florence Smith 317; Jerry Schreiber 528; Lou Cotney 189; Marcia Johnson 340; Dave Ressler 215; Rodney Ivey 137; Karen Isbell 142; Dean Slaton 361; Elene Stovall 269; Kathleen Thro 196; Jon Gregg 541; Teenie Moody 383; Jackie Tanner 89; J.C. Denney 101t; Bill Ellason 351; Wendy Hofmann 535; Henry Johnson 288; Janet Fraembs 440; Evelyn Harris 155; Pattie Butterfield 419.

RECESS

Vice Chairwoman Wendy Hofmann called the class back to order with 569b. Leaders: Lila Leland 38t; B.J. Harris 303; Presley Barker 313b; Jeff Sheppard 316; Jan Ketelle 464; Felton Denney 31t; Rebecca Browne 299; Linda Sides 475; Dave Para 495; Ted Mercer 69t; Pearl Guier 448b; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Kathy Kaiser 341; Jon Giles 524; Sharyn Kropp 282; Ted Johnson 48b; JoDell Albi 428; Everette Denney 34b; Connie Karduck 352; John Uhlemann 202; Ann Leckie 191. Jim Hearne closed the Saturday session with prayer.

Sunday, March 14

Vice Chairwoman Wendy Hofmann called the Sunday session to order with 142. Rebecca Browne led the class in the morning prayer. Some selections from the Missouri Harmony book were used and are annotated as (MH).

Leaders: Presley Barker 84; Pattie Butterfield 40 (MH); Dan Gibbons 208; Karen Isbell 313t; Dave Ressler 18 (MH); Ann Leckie 30 (MH); John Uhlemann 497; Jeanette Lowry and Charles Derleth 68b; Gary Gronau 163t; Jon Giles 566; Kathy Kaiser 203; Berkley Moore 215; Evelyn Harris 39b; Teenie Moody 40; Ted Johnson 368; Carol Arrington 268; Pete Ellertsen 473; J.C. Denney 143; Pearl Guier 127.

RECESS

Chairman Charles Derleth called the class back to order with song on page 114. Leaders: Dean Slaton 245; Sarah Harcrow 159; Luke Barker 178; B.J. Harris 452; Connie Karduck 460; Jim Solheim 532; Henry Johnson 570; Janet Fraembs 448t; Jerry Schreiber 304; Mary Florence Smith 329; Jerry Enright 16 (MH).

RECESS

Dave Ressler called the class back to order with 212; Rebecca Browne followed with 74b.

The Memorial Lesson was held. Linda Sides spoke for the deceased. She said that a pile of stones often signified a place of worship and memorial, and that we make a big pile of songs, not stones, as a memorial to those who have gone before. This helps us to remember to keep our eyes on the prize of rejoining them to sing with them again. Linda Sides led song on 47b for the following deceased: Jerry Sheppard, Mae Seymour, Maude Keeton, Essie Calvert, Hollis Sizemore, Alvin Stanson, Alice Washburn, Elmer Cordell, Ada Godsey, Ozella Gilliland, and Clifford Wakefield - Alabama; Grady Abney, Horace DeLong, and Velma Richardson - Georgia; Ethel Klein - Florida; Janet Borman - Illinois; Margaret Wright - Tennessee; Herbert Leopard and Louis Smith - Texas; Joseph Brooks. Connie Karduck spoke for the sick and shut-in. She said it was wonderful that we sing for them, but that we can do more: with cards, calls, and person-to-person contacts, we can show them that we are thinking of them. Connie Karduck led song on page 107 for the sick and shut-ins: Mozelle Sheppard, Lynn Jacco, Flarce Creel, Don Jolly, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Jim Kropp, Allene Denney Vaughn, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Allene Stanford, Estelle Flowers, Lois Stanson, Cecil Edwards, Reba Edwards, Tommye Mauldin, June McIntyre, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Ruth White. Linda Sides closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 441; Jan Ketelle 36b; Rodney Ivey 186; Ted Mercer 13 (MH); Jackie Tanner 298; Lou Cotney 172; Shelbie Sheppard 106. Presley Barker offered prayer to grace the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman Charles Derleth called the class back to order with song on page 348b. Leaders: Jon Gregg 211; Felton Denney 147b; Bill Ellason 107; Marcia Johnson 485; Josephine Denney 145b; Jeff Sheppard 439; Linda Sides 328; Everette

Denney 274; Mary Florence Smith 213; Pearl Guier 45t; B.J. Harris 225t; Rebecca Browne 474; J.C. Denney 30b; Shelbie Sheppard 202; Evelyn Harris 63; Lou Cotney 358; Jim Solheim 464; Sarah Harcrow 354; Jerry Schreiber 19 (MH); Elene Stovall 270; Pet Ellertsen 207; Janet Fraembs 385b; Henry Johnson 493; Jan Kettle 384.

RECESS

Chairman Charles Derleth called the class back to order with 100. Leaders: Ann Leckie 272; Jerry Enright 42; Jackie Tanner 112; Connie Karduck 391; Jon Giles 501; Berkley Moore 290; Ted Johnson 46 (MH); Wendy Hofmann 457; Dean Slaton 38 (MH); Rodney Ivey 475; Ted Mercer 76b; Luke Barker 324; Karen Isbell 224; Dan Gibbons 148; Pattie Butterfield 222; Presley Barker 54 (MH); Marcia Johnson 436; Jerry Schreiber 198; Jeanette Lowry 411.

The class sang song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Rebecca Browne closed the Convention with prayer.

Chairman - Charles Derleth; Secretary - Rebecca Browne.

SMITH COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

**New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas
March 13-14, 1999**

Saturday, March 13

The nineteenth session of the Smith County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by President Myrl D. Jones leading song on page 332. Curtis Owen led the opening prayer. President Myrl Jones appointed Tammy Powell and Sarah Coates to act as the Arranging Committee for this year's sessions. Myrl Jones led song on 129, and was followed by the officers of the convention leading one song each: Vice President Tina Walston 571; Secretary Sharon Stephenson 573; Treasurer Marcelene Hardy 172.

The Arranging Committee called the following leaders to sing two songs each: Leon Ballinger 222, 64; Ralph Walston 401, 388; John Kanode 507b, 229; Esther Huckaby 270, 358 (for her daughter); Bruce Coates 343b, 553b; Ernestine Pipkin 497, 276; Robert Handle 159, 140; Reed Coates 215, 143; Kevin Powell 133, 216.

President Myrl Jones made appointments to the following committees: Memorial Committee - Tina Walston, Lawson Smith, and Leon Ballinger; Nominating Committee - Austin A. Smith, Jr., Azalee Barnett, and Melba Sue Utz;

Registration - Nobie Smith; Housing - Melba Sue Utz.

RECESS

Myrl Jones brought the session back to order by leading song on 277. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 324, 68t; Lawson Smith 142, 108t; Margaret Rounsavall 112, 406; Mike Moseley 558, 285t; Pauline Willis 572, 171; Curtis Owen 149, 155; Beverly Coates 31b, 198; Kelly Beard 153, 31t; Olivia Blevins 235b, 274.

Due to the fact that our Chaplain elect, Dallas Smith, was ill and could not attend, the welcoming address was given by Margaret Rounsavall who is also a resident of the New Harmony community.

Leaders: Monnie Ross 49t, 47t; Myra Palmer 522, and the second verse of 522. Curtis Owen led the class in prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Vice President Tina Walston leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Jeb Owen 442t, 559; John Morris 395b, 32t; David Moseley 434, 137; Edith Owen 410, 511b; Avon Miller 512, 527; Melba Sue Utz

335, 84; Gaylon Powell 478, 543b; Scott Curran 47b, 75; Azalee Barnett 447t, 384; Thomas Smith 189, 192; David Rousseau 87, 341; Austin A. Smith, Jr. 532, 67; Sarah Coates 99, 217.

The convention held its business meeting at this time. Old Business: The question was raised as to having our minutes printed in the National Sacred Harp Singings Book of Minutes and Directory. This was voted on and passed. The minutes of this singing will be printed in the before mentioned book. New Business: The President asked for the report of the Nominating Committee. The committee recommended the election of the following officers: President - Myrl D. Jones; Vice President - Gaylon Powell; Treasurer - Melba Sue Utz; Secretary - Tammy Powell; Placement Officers - Melba Sue Utz and Sharon Stephenson. A motion was made and seconded to elect these officers. The motion carried. Myrl Jones asked for the announcements of upcoming singings.

RECESS

John Morris brought the session to order with song on 268t. Leaders: Bruce Coates 108t; Ernestine Pipkin 36b; Reed Coates 110; David Rousseau 179; Curtis Owen 489; Robert Handle 451b; Edith Owen 293b; Kelly Beard 89; Avon Miller 92; Leon Ballinger 299; Tina Walston 199; Ralph Walston 484b; Marcelene Hardy 170.

Myrl Jones led song on page 183 as the closing song. Leon Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 14

The Sunday morning session began at 9:30 a.m. with Tina Walston leading song on page 61. Gaylon Powell led the class in the opening prayer. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 313 (for Nobie Smith), 470; Azalee Barnett 45t, 572; John Kanode 563, 63; Mary Bachmann 146 (for her boss's mother), 225t; Monnie Ross 74b, 75; Cheryl Foreman 128, 106; Olivia Blevins 290, 58; Ralph Lee Walston 573, 500; John Morris 186, 319; Robert Walston 401, 388; Kevin Powell 331b, 163; Thomas Smith 127, 235.

RECESS

Tina Walston brought the class to order leading song on pages 199 and 497. Leaders: Burl Russel 491, 164; Gaylon Powell 131t, 524; Lawson Smith 170, 155; David Moseley 348t, 522; Melba Sue Utz 475 (for her grandson, Richard Hale), 404 (for her granddaughter, Krystal Hale); Jeb Owen 450, 377b; Scott Curran 68t, 47t; Mike Moseley 376, 384.

The memorial service was held by Tina Walston. The names of the deceased remembered were: Louie Smith, Herbert Leopard, Wayne Chambers, Ann Arrington (Nobie Smith's niece), Mrs. Herman Alders (Athens), and Raymond Bement (Sharon Stephenson and Tina Walston's grandfather). Gaylon Powell led song on 176t. Leon Ballinger read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Joe Nelson, Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Mildred Edmonds, Dallas Smith, Ada Fisher, Gordon Fisher, Verna Powell, Jean Ballinger, Annie Smith, and Herman Upchurch. Leon Ballinger led song on page 507b. The memorial was closed. John Morris offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Treasurer Marcelene Hardy opened the afternoon session leading songs on pages 285t and 300. Leaders: Sharon Stephenson 571, 418; Austin A. Smith, Jr. 516, 144; Myrl Jones 142; Billy Walston 45t (one verse); John Morris 574; John Kanode 505; Monnie Ross 168; Olivia Blevins 40; Kevin Powell 132; Thomas Smith 189; Burl Russel 64; Gaylon Powell 200; Lawson Smith 298; David Moseley 381t; Melba Sue Utz 492; Jeb Owens 422b; Scott Curran 32t; Mary Bachmann 344; Mike Moseley 400; Azalee Barnett 534; Marcelene Hardy 112;

Sharon Stephenson and Owen Kash Stephenson (twelve and a half months old), 222; Tina Walston 107.

President Myrl D. Jones led song on page 62 as the closing song. Jeb Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

We are sorry to see our Vice President, Tina Walston, go! Tina is moving to Kansas. We will greatly miss her and wish to thank her for two years of a job well done. Also, we would like to thank our exiting Treasurer, Marcelene Hardy, for her three years of service as well as Sharon Stephenson for her two years as our Secretary.

The slate of officers for the year 2000 are: President - Myrl D. Jones; Vice President - Gaylon Powell; Secretary - Tammy Powell; Treasurer - Melba Sue Utz.

President - Myrl D. Jones; Vice President - Tina Walston; Secretary - Sharon Stephenson.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

**Northampton Center for the Arts, Northampton, Massachusetts
March 13-14, 1999**

Saturday, March 13

The first Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention met at Northampton Center for the Arts. The morning session was a singing school taught by Richard DeLong. The class was dismissed for lunch. Ruth Hooke led the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Chairman Tim Eriksen called the afternoon session to order by leading songs on pages 52 and 39t. Leaders: Peter Irvine 68b; Bradford West 383; Eliza Cavanaugh 228; Anna Maria Nygren 30; Jim Desmond 218; Ruth Hooke 198; Karen McArthur 142; George Seiler 168; Lynne deBenedette 456; John Hinsdale 569; Jeff Colby 148; Susan Bingham 178; Ken Langley 299; Sarah Smith 146; Inga Knets 33b; Max Berueffy 328; Rosemary Greenaway 47t; Cath Oss 155; Jean Seiler 217; Martha Lang 106; Guy Banks 444; Allison Schofield 163t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kelly House leading song on page 99. Leaders: Duncan Vinson 451; Mirjana Lausevic 378b; Gary Smith 34b; Aaron Girard 183; Laura Clawson 335; James Ulrich 417; Diane Mennella 542; Sara DeTurk 236; Seth Holloway 354b; Karen House 496; Henry Goodhue 73b; Juanita Heyerman 46; Ginnie Ely 196; Jessica Holland 269; Bill Holt 428; Gina Balestracci 419; Berk Meitzler 361; Richard DeLong 224; Bob Parr 528; Barbara Swetman 287; Allen Fannin 270. Tim Eriksen closed the Saturday session. The class was dismissed with prayer by Richard DeLong.

Sunday, March 14

Chairman Tim Eriksen called Sunday's session to order by leading song on page 448b. Eliza Cavanaugh led the morning prayer. Leaders: Cath Oss 318; Jeff Colby 131b; Kelly House 85; Tim Eriksen 448t; Richard DeLong 439; Bobbie Goodell 151; Bill Holt 73t; Jodi Seidenstein 344; Anne Kazlauskas 173; Roland Hutchinson 553; Paula McGray 137; June Matthews 200; Eliza Cavanaugh 362; L.H. Spencer 442; John Redman 358; Karen Freund 77t; Susan Bingham 454; Lydia Vernon-Jones 323b; Peter Irvine 72b; Dan Hertzler 474.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Rosemary Greenaway leading song on page 143. Leaders: George Seiler 480; Laura Risk 84; Karen House 503; Claire Simon 147t; Mary Ellen Donaldson 457; Adrian Mariano 504; Ken Langley 49b; Jim Desmond 455; Ruth Hooke 48t; Max Berueffy 99; Sarah Smith 400; Kshama Ananthapura 33b; John Hinsdale 30t; Inga Knets 203; Diane Mennella 86.

The class was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Kelly House spoke of how Sacred Harp singing is sustained by love. We commemorate the contribution of each of these individuals to Sacred Harp through the love they shared. Kelly House led 376 in memory of the deceased: Mae Seymour, Maude Keeton, and Mary Ramsey Berueffy - Alabama; S. Rodman Irvine - California; Horace DeLong - Georgia; Wilma Vernon and Donna Summerfield - Illinois; Cameron Forbes and Anna Timmerman - Massachusetts; Grace Bizzell and Billy Johnson - North Carolina; Edna Lundgren - Pennsylvania; Shirley Green and Mary Hulburt - Virginia; Evadne McNeil - Wisconsin.

Eliza Cavanaugh led 72b for the following sick and shut-ins: Ursula Woodfield, Margaret Bornick, Dot Garber, Paul Leblanc, Ben Hertzler, and Dinah Breunig. The memorial was closed.

Jan Seiler led song on page 177; and Allison Schofield 142. The blessing for lunch was led by George Seiler.

LUNCH

Tim Eriksen called the class to order leading song on page 37. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 430; Martha Lang 268; Duncan Vinson 551; Mirjana Lausevic 122; Gary Smith 569b; Kara Morin 106; Bradford West 532; Laura Clawson 510; Seth Holloway 79; Juanita Heyerman 24; Ginnie Ely 397; Jessica Holland 117; Richard DeLong 542; Paula Whiting 497; Gina Balestracci 112; Bob Parr 272; Tim Eriksen 55; Barbara Swetman 277; Allen Fannin 70b; Bobbie Goodell 81t; Greg Freeman 70t; Holly Laws 47.

The Convention then went into a business session to hear committee reports. The Treasurer, Jeff Colby, reported that due to generous giving over the two days, the expenses of the Convention had been met and that there would be sufficient funds to support advance expenditures for the next convention. Paul Gauthier and Sharon Gauthier - Finance Committee.

The Resolutions Committee made the following report:

Be it resolved that this Convention thanks the following individuals and organizations:

- 1) Shana Norberg and all those who were on the welcoming committee;
- 2) Bread and Circus grocery store for its generous donation;
- 3) Jim Desmond for posting signs;
- 4) The food committee, headed by Laura Clawson, with special thanks to Dan and Mary Ann Clawson for heating and carrying food to the convention site;
- 5) All those who brought food;
- 6) Finance Committee: Paul and Sharon Gauthier;
- 7) Housing Committee: Cath Oss and Inga Knets;
- 8) Arranging Committee: Kelly House, Lynne deBenedette, Max Berueffy, Anna Maria Nygren, and Karen House;
- 9) Chaplains: Eliza Cavanaugh, Ruth Hooke, George Seiler, and Richard DeLong;
- 10) Publicity: Peter Irvine and Allison Schofield;
- 11) Local media: Bonnie Wells, Amherst Bulletin; John Stifler, Hampshire Gazette; Mark Anderson, Valley Advocate; Rose Sinclair, Greenfield Recorder; Marla Zippay, and WGBY;

- 12) Convention Officers: Tim Eriksen - Chairman; Cath Oss - Vice Chairman; Jeff Colby - Treasurer; Kelly House - Secretary;
- 13) Northampton Center for the Arts and Kinard Montgomery;
- 14) Recording engineer Jim Hemingway, who volunteered his valuable services;
- 15) Ruth and Richard Hooke, for hosting the Amherst sing in their home for many years, and without whom the convention would not have happened;
- 16) Richard DeLong, for his memorable singing school;
- 17) Finally, a heartfelt thanks to everyone who came and made it a great singing.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee, Karen House and Bradford West.

Kelly House, Secretary, reported that during the two days of the convention: 257 people from 13 states were registered; 63 leaders were called; and 128 songs were sung.

The business session was closed.

Leaders: Tim Eriksen 68b; Bradford West 39t; Jack Goodell 228; Jodi Seidenstein 87; John Redman 236; Kelly House 385t; Anne Kazlauskas 95; Aaron Kahn 198; Roland Hutchinson 473; Paula McGray 300; Eliza Cavanaugh 155; Adrian Mariano 481; Dan Hertzler 285t; L.H. Spencer 216; Karen Freund 76b; Tim Eriksen 370.

Chairman Tim Eriksen led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Tim Eriksen led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Tim Eriksen; Vice Chairman - Cath Oss; Secretary - Kelly House.

OXFORD CITY HALL

Oxford, Mississippi

March 14, 1999

The nineteenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Warren Steel leading songs on pages 138b and 48t. John Van Horn led the morning prayer. Mark Tew led songs on pages 339 and 406.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Warren Steel; Vice Chairman - Mark Tew; Secretary - Anne Steel; Arranging Committee - Regina Glass and Mae Conwill.

Leaders: John Van Horn 318, 77t; Linda Thomas 31b; John Simmons 178, 89; Josie Hyde 189, 183; Brenda Merritt 203, 430; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Tim Cook 344, 38b; Faye Donaldson 299, 270.

RECESS

Bob Cook called the class to order leading songs on pages 457 and 46. Leaders: Lena Keeton 33t, 546; Sarah Tidwell 84, 85; John Merritt 128, 29b; Willadean Brunette 341, 373; Elmer Conwill 411, 460; Jayne Fulmer 454; Andy Davis 217, 269; Lee Wise 47b; Warren Steel 282.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Tew leading song on page 335. Leaders: Regina Glass and Mary Counce 172, 542; Carolyn Craig 567, 267; John Hyde 61, 30t; Anne Steel 348b, 384; Gene Wakefield 168, 284; Milton Oliver 314, 222; Julietta Haynes 200, 216; Ivalene Donaldson 145b; Mae Conwill 137, 73t. A memorial lesson was held. Josie Hyde led song on page 389 in memory of Keterina Sanders; Andy Davis led song on page 37b for Loren Steele; and Warren Steel led song on page 129 for Cleo Hawkins. The memorial was closed. Leaders: Julie Poston 40, 43; William Fitzgerald 448t, 448b; Carol Rushing 68b, 45t; Dorothea McCowan 120, 442; Dustin McCowan 354b; Bill Brunette 53;

Bud Oliver, Milton Oliver, and Linda Thomas 47t; Carolyn Craig 38t; John Van Horn 236.

Announcements were made. Warren Steel, Mark Tew, and Anne Steel led song on page 285t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by John Simmons.

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

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church - Boldo, Alabama March 20, 1999

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial was held Saturday night before the third Sunday in March, and was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 72b. Arthur Gilmore led the class in prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 75; Josh Keeton 275b, 358; Gene Wakefield 100, 108b; Ashley Keeton 186, 222; Odie Horton 270, 277; Ivalene Donaldson 39b; Perney Pelfrey 47t, 74b; Elsie Moon 395, 292; John Hocutt 338, 354t; Ann Jett 141, 448b; Glenn Keeton 475, 231; Josie Hyde 66, 280; Ronald Gilmore 276, 316; Lisa Geist 377, 150; A.C. McGough 274, 454; Pamela Keeton 40, 189; Harrison Creel 111b; Lora Cargo 373, 460; Larry Ballinger 50b; Jimmie Gilmore 43, 378t; Willodean Barton 111t; Charles Kitchens 274, 314; Brenda Merritt 168, 542; Furn Kitchens 378b, 216; Henry Guthery 521, 517; John Merritt 129, 236; Cecil Sanders 343b, 225t; Travis Keeton 155, 297; Arthur Gilmore "Jesus Died For Me".

Velton Chafin led song on page 503 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

HOBOKEN ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK) Hoboken, Georgia March 20, 1999

The day of singing began at 9:00 a.m. with David Lee leading songs on pages 335 and 268t (walked time). The morning prayer was offered by Terry Wootten.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 68t; Kathy Lee and Julie Lee 159; Amy Lee 31t; Don Clark 132; Bob Meek 505; Steve Warner 171; Linda Thomas 500; D.J. Hatfield 64 (walked time); Mary Elizabeth Lee, Anna Pfau, and Gretchen Pfau 361; Eleanor Haase 563; Jack Lofton 276; Kathy Wallace 82; Tim Jones 38t; Ted Johnson 89.
RECESS

David Lee called the class to order leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Ruel Lee 511t; Linda Sides 142; Ken Cofield 189; Anne Heider 571; Christine Stevens 518; John Plunkett 397; James Brock 155; Thomas Willard 36b; special request of James Townsend and Claudine Townsend "Mercy Seat"; Liz Bryant 156; Susan Helf 508; Stephen Parker 32t; Gordon Olsen 47t; Sonya Manning and Kathy Manning 102; Judy Mincey 411; Louis Hughes 282; Regina Bayer 522; Charles Brewer 489; Dick Levine 300; Barbara Swetman 390; J.A. Mosley 542; Midge Olsen 99; Tor Bejnar 410.

RECESS

David Lee called the class to order leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Mike Jones 225t; Laura Densmore 137; Tollie Lee and Annette Campbell 84; Martha Henderson 360 (walked time); Karen Willard 147 (walked time); Tommy Spurlock 146; Katharine Hough 77t; Jenny Wootten 559; Melanie Hauff 218; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 501; Ginnie Ely 324; Syble Adams 478; John Bayer 488t; Lee Rogers 449; Joanne Hoover 72; Marcia Johnson and Grace Chambers 444t; Ann Barnett 336t.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with David Lee leading song on page 355. Leaders: Don Bowen and Coy Ivey 384; Jason Deal 58; Aubrey Barfield 229; Laurie Sommers and David Winder 107t; Thurman Nall 447t; Bob Bonnell 75; Molly Sayvetz 49b; Bobby Jackson and Regina Clark 393t; Steven Levine 199 (walked time); Terry Wootten 450; Kit Pfau 31t; John Etheridge 524; Dewayne Hawthorne 398b; Jim Pfau 515; Buell Cobb 416t.

RECESS

David Lee called the class together leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Stanley Smith 98; Scott Schroeder 87; Reed Schilbach 122; Blake Morris 140; Anne Kazlauskas 148; Joan Aldridge 572; Max Berueffy 344; Alice Bejnar and Sue Graham 516; Kathryn Keller 488b; Sara Pietrantonni 405; Lee Bradley 348t; Alice Mosley 484b; Tollie Lee and Michael Todd 319; David Lee and Olivia Harris 388; Phillip Wootten 400; special request 507b was sung.

Announcements were made. Our next All-Day Singing will be held here on March 18, 2000. David Lee and Clarke Lee led song on page 343b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Tollie Lee.

Chairman - David Lee; Secretary - Amy Lee.

GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham Road,
Alpharetta, Georgia
March 21, 1999

No minutes were recorded for this singing.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Bobby Cagle; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

WALL MEMORIAL SINGING
Glencoe Senior Citizen Center
Glencoe (near Gadsden), Alabama
March 21, 1999

The annual Wall Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Glencoe Senior Citizen Center on the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Lonnie Rogers. Bud Oliver led song on page 82t, and Shane Wootten led songs on page 48t and 155.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Shane Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Pam Nunn and Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 105, 139; Hershell King 340, 222; Patsy Gentle 49b, 68b; Martha Woodard 204; Kyle Blakeley 77t, 313t; Lamar Smith 76b; Leola Smith 109, 318; Milton Oliver 321, 314; Pearl Guier 503, 565; B.J. Harris 147t, 303; Sonja Randall 128, 87.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 186, 348b; Jewel Wootten 142, 283; Scot Oliver 100; Norma Green and Nate Green 201, 350; Harvey Austin 108t, 335; Evelyn Harris 332, 30t; Felton Denney 120, 347; Gavin Blakeley 108b, 101t; Betty Wright 569b, 317; Louis Hughes 448t, 448b; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 127, 452; Jimmie Denney 46, 63; Cassie Franklin 39t, 95b; Henry Johnson 295, 388.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Shane Wootten leading song on page 345b. Leaders: Daphene Causey 91, 291; Roy Nelson 145t, 277; Mattie Townsel 143, 319; Jackie Tanner 137, 172; Cindy Franklin 336, 434; Freeman Wootten 426t; Louise Nelson 159; Rodney Ivey 208, 384; Chita Blakeley 171; Jeff Sheppard 236; Susan Harcrow 300, 215; Waylon Blakeley 216; Sarah Harcrow 40; Jackson Harcrow 63; J.L. Hopper 187, 198; Ricky Harcrow 47t, "Shall We Gather At The River"; Pam Nunn 212, 528; Elene Stovell 99, 192; Hershell King 460.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver and Shane Wootten led song on page 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Ricky Harcrow.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Shane Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

THE GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church - Double Springs, Alabama March 21, 1999

The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Kermit Adams leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was led by Juanita Whitman.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Roma Rice.

Travis Keeton led songs on pages 73t and 426t for Rose Altha Taylor. Leaders: Gene Wakefield 40, 27; Roma Rice 34t (in memory of her father and mother, Howard Godsey and Ada Godsey), 104; Wilton Donaldson 56t, 317b; Julie Poston 421, 274t; Ivalene Donaldson 288, 335; Lorene Gray 47t, 147t; Gladys Bonds 112, 42; Willodean Barton 391, 290; Carla Morris 183, 145b; Mae Conwill 276, 434; Lucy Heidorn 30t, 144.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 61 and 63. Leaders: Ashley Owen 108t, 410t; Juanita Whitman 480, 129; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 124; Marie Aldridge 192, 336; Corene White 37b, 171; Lena Keeton 137, 88t; Julietta Haynes 215, 430; Dawson Adams 68b, 77t; Josie Hyde 77b, 138t; Odie Horton 153, 89.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back to order by leading songs on pages 127 and 131b. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 371 (for Emily Jones and her granddaughter, Deiana), 166b; Billy Williams 161, 323b; Cecil Wakefield 282, 339; Velton Chafin 417, 540; Elmer Conwill 498, 379; Larry Ballinger 91, 139; Loretta Whitman 87, 100; Kermit Adams 456, 28b; Parnell Berry 332, 306; Milford Watts 378b, 385t. Travis Keeton led song on page 179 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Milford Watts.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Roma Rice.

VERMONT STATE ANNUAL SACRED HARP SINGING
Weathersfield Center Meeting House, Weathersfield, Vermont
Saturday, March 27, 1999

The annual Vermont State Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Weathersfield Center Meeting House on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March. The class was brought to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Daniel Hertzler leading song on page 452. The opening prayer was offered by Walt Colteryahn. Dan Hertzler led song on page 276.

Leaders: Bob Parr 217; Jean Seiler 34b; Ann Kazlauskas 52t; Buz Olsen 268; Nancy Thomas 84; Ginnie Ely 389; Linda Delfs 73t; George Seiler 183; Bill Holt 430; Mona Lewandoski 300; Jackie Hall 503; June Matthews 352; Lynnette Combs 497; Jenny Wright 347; Ed White 128; Cheryl Stroud 198; Paul Gauthier 542; L.H. Spencer 32b; Susan Jaster 486; Mary Neville 504.
RECESS

The class resumed singing with the following leaders called to lead: Ginnie Ely 145b; Jessica Cook 142; Eric Hilderbrant 236; Allison Schofield 457; Christopher Wesolowski 107; Mary Ellen Donaldson 163t; Bill Boykin-Morris 155; Carol Price 168; Colin Kinlund 106; Martha Lang 48t; Duncan Vinson 380; Eric Fellingner 273; Bob Parr 50t; Jean Seiler 299; Anne Kazlauskas 296; Buz Olsen 479; Oona Coy 178; Nancy Thomas 63; Ginnie Ely 454; Linda Delfs 278b; Mona Lewandoski 40.

Chairman Dan Hertzler called for a business meeting. The formula for the annual singing was reviewed (the last Saturday in March, unless it is Easter weekend, in which case it is a week earlier). The Burlington area singers were enlisted to host next year's singing on Saturday, March 25, 2000. The business meeting was concluded. Dan Hertzler led song on page 180. John Kochalka offered prayer for grace on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Dan Hertzler leading song on page 47t.

Leaders: L.H. Spencer 70b; Lynnette Combs 163b; Joe Holland 455; Gabriel Kleinwold 203; Phil Dutton 569b; Kate Richardson 179; Chuck Neville 86; Elka Schumann 53; Jackie Hall 410t; Cheryl Stroud 551; George Seiler 480; Paul Gauthier 565; Mary Neville 442; Jenny Wright 547.

The memorial service was given by Jean Seiler who led song on page 285t for the following deceased: Howard Stearns, Luke Kearns, Barbara Robinson, Margery Hanson, Martha Pellerin, and Lib Harrington - Vermont; Mae Keane - New York; Daniel Cahill - Massachusetts; Mary Hulburt - Virginia; Travis Combs - Kentucky; Alison Younger - Canada.

Bill Holt read the words to song on page 340, and led song on page 68b for the sick and shut-ins which included: Dorothy Garber, Ken Hildick, Carolyn Carpenter, Dinah Breunig, Ben Hertzler, Grace Adams, Barbara Brooks, and Joan Brooks. Jean Seiler concluded the memorial service with a prayer.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ginnie Ely leading song on page 146. Leaders: Bob Parr "Ten Thousand Charms"; June Matthews 269; Ed White 288; Phil Dutton "Millbrook"; Susan Jaster 266; Jessica Cook 39t; Eric Hildebrant 532; Allison Schofield 376; Linda Delfs "Heavenly Meeting"; Mary Ellen Donaldson 38b; Bill Holt 224; Bill Boykin-Morris 181; Carol Price 159; Beccah Morrison 30b; Dan Hertzler "Mount Hope".

RECESS

The class was called to order by Dan Hertzler leading songs on pages 189 and 122. Leaders: Martha Lang 117; Duncan Vinson 284; Eric Belanger 186; Bob Parr 270; Jean Seiler 200; Ann Kazlauskas 327; Buz Olsen 291; Oona Coy 335. Dan Hertzler led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Nancy Thomas.
Chairman - Dan Hertzler.

HIGHER GROUND SINGING **United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana** **March 27, 1999**

The fourth annual session of the Higher Ground Singing, co-hosted by Bloomington, Indiana and Charleston, Illinois singers, was called to order by David Rust leading song on page 40.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen - Don Bardsley and David Rust; Secretaries - Peggy Brayfield and Marlen Rust; Treasurer - Bill Shetter; Chaplain - Don Baker; Arranging Committee - Carolyn Craig; Registration - Dorothy Glanzer and Donna Purdom.

Chaplain Don Baker offered prayer.

Leaders: Don Bardsley 147t; Bill Shetter 171; Peggy Brayfield 59; Carolyn Craig 38t; Michele Cull 178; Don Baker 312b; Molly Evans 454; Karen Hojnacki 145t; Don Bardsley 128; Marlen Rust 34b; Dorothy Glanzer 479; Berkley Moore 82t; Pete Ellertsen 354b; Mike Veech 481; David Rust 201, 123b; Don Bardsley 373.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Bill Shetter leading songs on pages 318 and 350. Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 313b, 270; Carolyn Craig 189, 267; Michele Cull 66, 209; Don Baker 334, 335; Molly Evans 547, 203; Karen Hojnacki 215, 49b; Marlen Rust 497, 163b. Don Baker offered prayer to grace the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dorothy Glanzer led songs on pages 148 and 476 to begin the afternoon session of singing. Leaders: Berkley Moore 179, 99; Pete Ellertsen 473, 72b; Mike Veech 501, 491; David Rust 200, 144; Don Bardsley 277, 53; Bill Shetter 369, 551; Peggy Brayfield 344, 556.

RECESS

Carolyn Craig brought the class to order leading songs on pages 365 and 455. Leaders: Michele Cull 49t, 236; Don Baker 229, 385; Molly Evans 228, 504.

A memorial lesson was held by Don Baker for the deceased which included: Janet Borman - Illinois; Robert Shaw - California; Ray Valliant - Indiana; Robert Noe, George Noe, and Eva Waters - Kentucky. David Rust led song on page 569b in their memory.

Don Baker read the names of those who are sick and shut-in which included: the mother of Frank Fraembs and Ruth White. Don Bardsley led song on page 566 to honor the sick.

Don Baker read a list of celebrations to be noted: Donna Purdom celebrated the birth of her first grandchild, Dakota McKenzie Brian, born November 28, 1998 at San Diego, California; and Bob Meek's successful surgery and treatment. Peggy Brayfield led song on page 150 in gratefulness. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Karen Hojnacki 198, 347; Marlen Rust 276, 290; Dorothy Glanzer 95b; Berkley Moore 145b, 48t; Pete Ellertsen 510, 84.

Announcements were made. Treasurer Bill Shetter announced that contributions had been very generous for the collection of monies for the submission of the minutes and donations to the United Ministry Center.

The class was dismissed with prayer and the singing of song on page 62, "Parting Hand".

Chairmen - David Rust and Don Bardsley; Secretaries - Peggy Brayfield and Marlen Rust.

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
March 27-28, 1999

Saturday, March 27

The thirty-eighth session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention met at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The convention was called to order by Helen Bryson leading songs on pages 31b and 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Jack Smith. Louis Hughes, Sr. led song on page 378b; Charlene Wallace 277. Committee members were called: Richard DeLong 411; Faye Pettis 380; Doug Allison 383; Lee Rogers 228; Judy Mincey 528; John Plunkett 71; Kelly Morris 47b; Don Bowen 99; Felton Denney 31; Kenneth DeLong 568; Elder Jesse Roberts 34. Other leaders called were: Phillip Langley 200; Reba Windom 224; Karen Morris 168.

RECESS

The class was called together by Helen Bryson leading song on page 121. Leaders: Susan Helf 128; Jack Smith 145; Nathan Morrison 73; Daryl Mayberry 492; Melinda Snow 523; Linda Sides 475; Norma Green and Nathan Green 77b; Laurie Allison and Emma Allison 335; Everette Denney 405; Phil Summerlin 225.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Jeannette DePoy; Secretary and Treasurer - Charlene Wallace; Chaplain - Elder Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong and Laura Allison; Memorial Committee - Lee Rogers and Kelly Morris; Resolutions Committee - Connie Karduck, Janice Paulk, and John Plunkett; Finance Committee - Faye Pettis and Don Bowen; Locating Committee - Doug Allison, Jimmie Denney, and Kenneth DeLong. End of business session.

RECESS

Louis Hughes, Sr. called the class together leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Sam Amidon 48; Janice Paul 478; Regina Glass 522; Patty Cuyler 474; Ken Cofield 344; Larry Gordon 532; Sharon Kellam 29; Ken Shimizu 528; Kate Howard 217; Matthew Wojeik 504; Mattie Townsel 196; Jeff Sheppard 216; Frances Carnell 328; Katie Shimizu 209; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 108. Leaders: Jeremy York 285; Richard Schmeidler 155; Kathy Williams 291; Daphene Causey 451; Cindy Franklin 362; John Gregg 29b; Neely Bruce 369; Connie Karduck 218; Cassie Franklin 269; Ted Mercer 302; Shelbie Sheppard 202; Edith Tate 336; Jack Lofton 198; Lynne deBenedette 542; Ted Johnson 142; Johnny Lee 566; D.J. Hatfield 149; Joan Durdin 178; Laura Akerman 192.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeannette and Scott DePoy leading song on page 282. Leaders: LeAnne Carnell 86; Mary F. Smith 43; Teenie Moody 384; Debra Jones 535; John Redman 236; Eric Tweedy 292; Martha Ann Stegar 47; Susan

Posey and Emily Posey 299; Andy Morse 84; Warren Steel 214; Billy Hollingsworth 361; Tim Cook 171; John Hollingsworth 82; Audrey Karabins 56; Jimmie Denney 101.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes, Sr. and Jeannette DePoy led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Sunday, March 28

The convention was called to order by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 32. The morning prayer was led by John Hollingsworth. Louis Hughes, Sr. led song on page 569b; Jeannette DePoy and godson, David Slade 39.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 527; Dollie Hudgins 61; Richard DeLong 510; Charlene Wallace 77b; Raymond Hamrick 347; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Jeff Sheppard 303; Ted Mercer 464; Neely Bruce 484; Robert Rivers, II 378; Ted Johnson 485; Warren Steel 117; Charles Woods 466 (for Joyce Harrison); Cassie Franklin 368 (for Judy Hauff); Helen Bryson 456; Connie Karduck 212; Reba Windom 196. Hugh McGraw thanked all the people who came to help make the Georgia Sacred Harp Documentary and especially all the music writers for submitting their songs for the 1991 Revision.

RECESS

The class was called together by Jeannette DePoy leading song on page 122.

Leaders: Elder Jesse Roberts 434; Buell Cobb 131b; Kathy Williams 506; Lynne deBenedette 440; Scott DePoy 77; Jack Lofton 53; John Gregg 353; Cindy Franklin 189; Faye Pettis 532; Judy Mincey 50b; Amanda Denson and grandson, Thomas Denson Brady 40.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 79.

Leaders: Don Bowen 283; David Lee 383; Regina Glass 78; Mike Castleberry 401; Amelia Miller and Jeremy York 276; Cathy White 268.

The memorial lesson was held. Richard DeLong led song on page 410 in memory of Horace DeLong. Helen Bryson led song on page 348b for other Georgia deceased: Mary Frances Dannals, Roxy Duffy, Bob Hart, Mae Holt, Jerry Sheppard, Laura Poove, and Michael Pate. Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 28b in memory of: Mae Seymour, Essie Calvert, and Annie Sanders - Alabama; Ethel Klein - Florida; Margaret Wright - Tennessee; Janet Borman - Illinois; Anita Jacob - Pennsylvania.

David Lee led song on page 47b for the sick and shut-ins: Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Jap Walton, Woodie Walker, Violet Thomason, Herman Thomason, Hubert Anderson, Dot Garber, Susan Garber, Warren DeLong, Gertie DeLong, Eura DeLong, Nancy Kincaid, Flarce Creel, Marie Aldridge, Alene Stanford, Ruby Phillips, and Virgil Phillips. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 400.

Leaders: Junie Wooten 503; Phillip Langley 222; Bud Oliver 270; Richard Schmeidler 120; Vaudie M. Sherer 143; Edith Tate 73; Johnny Lee 343; D.J. Hatfield 460; Rueben Ball 318; Roy Nelson 277; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Diane Avery 314; Daphene Causey 73b; Mary Rose O'Reiley 500; Linda Sides 480; Elene Stovall 436; Susan Helf 112; Kenneth DeLong 316; Henry Johnson 388; Ken Cofield 49b; Mary F. Smith 91; Marian Mitchell 479; Janice Paulk 498; Mattie Townsel 68; Elder Marshall Avery 271; John Redman 358.

RECESS

Louis Hughes, Sr. and Jeanette DePoy called the class together leading song on page 565. Leaders: Sharon Hamrick 236; Bobby Jackson 282; Sheri Taylor 369; Jack Corley 421; Bobbie Flowers 74b; Tim Cook 327; Diane Wall 568; Oscar McGuire 454; Janet Shepherd 114; Eric Tweedy 300; Billy Hollingsworth 551; Dan Bailey 66.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing various reports.

The Financial Report was given by Charlene Wallace.

The Locating Committee reported that the next session for the year 2000 would be held in the Old Dekalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia.

The Resolution Committee gave the following report. "I Have Had Singing", poem by Fred Mitchell (85 year old Welsh horseman). The Singing. There was so much singing then and this was my pleasure, too. We all sang: the boys in the fields, the chapels were full of singing, always singing. Here I lie. I have pleasure enough. I have had singing.

The Resolution Committee would like to thank:

- 1) The pastor and congregation of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, and particularly Faye Pettis and her family, for graciously hosting the convention this year.
- 2) The officers, committee members, and organizers of the convention for their diligence and hard work in looking after all the details that have made this a successful convention. We would especially thank those who helped prepare food for the convention.
- 3) The singers who have come from near and far to make this a successful convention. We remember those who have come before and preserved this tradition for us that we may now partake. May we be worthy inheritors.
- 4) Most of all we offer highest thanks and praise to God for all that God provides us: the beautiful spring weather we have been able to enjoy, the design and capacity of the human voice, the wonderful gift of music, this tradition, and this community in which all are welcome. Solely for the glory of God.

We resolve to remember those who could not be with us this year for whatever reason. May we remember them in both our prayers and our actions. We resolve to do all within our ability to support the traditions of Sacred Harp and the continuation and growth of this music and this community of singers. We resolve that, God willing, we will meet again next year for the Georgia State Convention.

Respectfully submitted by: Connie Karduck, Janice Paulk, and John Plunkett.
End of business session.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes, Sr. and Jeannette DePoy led song on page 62, "Parting Hand", for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Jeannette DePoy; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama
April 4, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Edwarsville Baptist Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order by Roy Nelson leading songs on pages 32t and 274t. The opening prayer was offered by Lonnie Rogers.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee

- Hester Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith and Molene Thompson.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 33b, 75; Mary Florence Smith 61, 52t (in memory of Jerry Sheppard on his birthday); Jeff Sheppard 176b, 34b; Alice Edwards 104; Everette Denney 503, 335; Pearl Guier 127, 59; Bobby Jackson 81t, 401; Lou Cotney 212, 222; Jimmie Denney 313t, 101t; Evelyn Harris 332, 30t.

RECESS

Lonnie Rogers called the class to order leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Billy Joe Harris 278b, 303; Karen Rollins 123t, 489b; Felton Denney 155, 523; Betty Wright 235b, 317b; Milton Oliver 176t, 206.

A memorial lesson was held by Mary Florence Smith and Molene Thompson for the following deceased: Margie Edwards, Rosa Lee Owens, Alberta Skinner, and Mildred Burton (all of the Edwardsville community). Also remembered were: Ellen Charles and Jerry Sheppard. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 403 for the deceased and song on page 400 for the sick and shut-ins who are too numerous to list.

Rev. Horace Merrill, pastor of the church, extended a very warm welcome to all who came to take part in the service, whether to sing or to listen, closed the memorial, and offered prayer to bless the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Roy Nelson leading songs on pages 145b and 97. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 129, 139; Shelbie Sheppard 418, 66; Jeff Sheppard and Molene Thompson 491. The following list of songs were sung by the class, with no leader: 236, 415, 408, 484, 497, 496, 163, 490, 459, 457, 451, 450, 368, and 369.

Announcements were made. Roy Nelson led song on page 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Horace Merrill.

Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

April 4, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Enon Church was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 45t. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Gene Wakefield 100; Odie V. Horton 83t, 78, 74b; Willodean Barton 460 (for Ester Brown who is ill), 318, 119; Gladys Bonds 337, 48t, 57; Julie Postum 111t, 480 (in memory of Clifford Wakefield), 421; Clarissa Springfield 343, 166, 68b; Ivalene Donaldson 31b, 77t, 175; Amber Springfield 270, 290, 391.

RECESS

John Hyde brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 39b, 297, and 75. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 33b, 142, 168; Edith Tate 37b, 73t, 167; Mae Conwill 200, 298, 208; Paula Springfield 72, 58 (in memory of Murray Livingston), 546; John Merritt 240, 236, 358 (for his mother).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gene Wakefield leading song on page 30t; Elmer Conwill 216, 411, 379.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cagle and the church members requested some songs be sung that Charley Bobo and Henry Cagle, who were relations, used to sing here in 1954. Leaders: John Merritt 42, 400; Josie Hyde 101t, 64, 294 (in memory of Ellis Ward who was buried here on Saturday, April 3rd), 143 (for Mrs. Barton); Wilton Donaldson 56t, 317; Juanita Whitman 35, 454, 108t; Ottis Sides 97, 127, 61; Linda Sides 29t, 475, 32t; Harrison Creel 111b, 448t; Travis Keeton 410t, 388, 389, 503 (for Flarce Creel).

Gene Wakefield and John Hyde led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by John Merritt.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING **South of Tallapoosa, Georgia on Old 100 Highway** **Friday Night, April 9, 1999**

The seventh session of the Birthday Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. Birthday honorees were Mildred Johnson who celebrated her 90th birthday and Elder Homer Benefield who celebrated his 78th birthday this year.

The class was called to order by Johnny Wright leading song on page 59. The evening prayer was led by Felton Denney. Johnny Wright led song on page 335.

The class organized with the following officers re-elected to serve: Chairman - Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman - Everette Ellis; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 123t; Alice Edwards 104; Charlene Wallace 84 (for I.V. McWhorter); Mary Florence Smith 63 (in memory of Florence Williams); Mildred Johnson 560; Elder Homer Benefield 56; Everette Ellis 62; Ed Stevens 66; Martha Beverly 146; Josephine Denney 143; Henry Schuman 32; Roy Nelson 283; Tom Ostwald 268; Jan House 361; Bill Beverly 29; Felton Denney 73; Louise Nelson 350; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Teenie Moody 73b.

Rev. Tommy McGuire, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone. The blessing for the meal was offered by Rev. Tommy McGuire. The class was dismissed for one hour.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Johnny Wright leading song on page 294.

Leaders: Elder Neal Prichard 566; the class sang "Happy Birthday" to Elder Homer Benefield and Mildred Johnson; Lou Cotney 218; Elder Lewis Norton 45t; Myron House 297; Hugh McGraw 527 (by request); Everette Denney 405; Evelyn Harris 47; B.J. Harris 503; Elsie Brock 460; Mildred Johnson, Daphene Ray, and Diane Clayton 358; Cindy Kisse 312b; Mildred Patterson 119; Matt Wells 49b; Steven Schmidgall 496; Charlie Obert 31; Tom Ostwald 269; Henry Schuman 480; Martha Beverly 430; Ed Stevens 300; Bill Beverly 86; Roy Nelson 434; Lonnie Rogers 101t; Charlie Obert 236.

Announcements were made. Johnny Wright led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

We were honored to have singers present from the states of: Alabama, Georgia, New Mexico, Michigan, California, and Minnesota.

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

STATE LINE CHURCH
Cleburne County, Alabama
April 10, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church in Cleburne County, Alabama (just off highway 78 at the Georgia-Alabama state line) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April.

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Felton Denney. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 57; Mary Florence Smith 171; Pearl Guier and Louise Nelson 87; Shelbie Sheppard and Jimmy Cates 269 (in memory of their parents, Walker and Lessie Cates). The class organized with the following officers re-elected to serve: Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Memorial Committee - Helen Bryson; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Acting Arranging Committee - Louise Nelson and Pearl Guier. Leaders: Roy Nelson 129; Dave Ressler 29t; Helen Bryson 411; Keith Willard 297; Becky Browne 377; Jerry Enright 271t; Carla Smith 202; Ted Johnson 316; Mary Elizabeth Lee 144; Milton Oliver 206; Melanie Hauff 216; T.J. Willard 106; Lynne deBenedette 59; Jerry Schreiber 172; David Lee 501b; Karen Freund 56; Bob Meek 454.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Louis Hughes 480; Marcia Johnson 448t; Charles Obert 203; Cindy Kisse 68t; Martha Beverly 430; Steven Schmeidler 68b; Jenny Willard 318; Ed Stevens 40; Reba Dell Windom 196; Ginny Landgraf 310.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Ted Mercer 406; Harlan Van Camp 178; Lisa Callirhoe 272; Daryl Mayberry 421; Kathy Manning 193; Merle Mateika 39t; Henry Schuman 176t.

Helen Bryson gave the memorial lesson. She expressed how humble she felt giving the memorial, and spoke of a very good singer from Georgia, Horace DeLong, and his many contributions to singings and singers. The memorial today is for a lot of other good singers and friends, too. The following deceased were remembered: Horace DeLong, Mary Frances Dannals, Roxy Duffy, Ethel Klein, John Bayer's grandfather, Janet Borman, Florence Williams, and Jerry Sheppard. Helen Bryson led song on page 288 for the deceased.

Ted Johnson led song on page 179 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jap Walton, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, I.V. McWhorter, Don Jolly, Mozelle Sheppard, Woodie Walker, Flarce Creel, and Richard DeLong. Jerry Enright closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard opened the afternoon session leading song on page 186. Leaders: Henry Johnson 30b; Elene Stovall 528; Charles Franklin 99; Katie Jackson 107; Janine Smith 335; Matt Wells 384; Cassie Franklin 352; Tom McGraw 37b; James Nelson Gingerich 70b; Cathy White 84; Tollie Lee 319; Pierre Gingerich 312; Daphene Causey 426b; Phillip Langley 182; Nate Green and Norma Green 303; Liz Bryant 475; Bobby Jackson 401; Jeannette DePoy 542.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn, and Rene Greene leading song on page 200. Leaders: Pam Nunn 220; Lonnie Rogers 45t; Cindy Franklin and Cassie Franklin 198; Clarke Lee 344; Sherry Louvorn 236; Dewayne Wootten 163b; Judy Mincey 538; Bud Oliver and Jimmie Denney 42;

Bonnie Flowers 425b; Don Bowen and Clarke Lee 503; Sonja Randle 87; John Plunkett 571; Felton Denney 566; Jack Smith 192; Evelyn Harris 159; Rene Greene 313t; B.J. Harris 225t; Amy Lee 452b; Teenie Moody 441; Cathy Lee 148; Julie Lee 128; John Lee 175; Ruth Brown 142.

Announcements were made. The secretary reported that 75 songs were led, and singers were present from 18 states.

Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by B.J. Harris.

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

YELLOW SPRINGS **Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio** **Saturday, April 10, 1999**

The eighteenth semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Linda Coppock leading song on page 34b. Beth Todd led song on page 35; Charles Wells 148; and Jo Schultz 36b. The congregation had a moment of silent prayer. Rich Overturf led song on page 59; David Wright 37b; Joe Todd 125; and Ellie Soler 46.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Rich Overturf; Vice Chairman - Debbie Hall; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Beth Todd; Treasurer - Linda Coppock.

Leaders: Leslie Scott 344; Debbie Hall 200; Chris Cox 515; Joseph Pimentel 133; Fred Todt 48t; Anna Marie Bullock 503; Paul Fishman 337; Emily Hague 193; Linda Coppock 542; Beth Todd 280; Charles Wells 56b; Jo Schultz 87.

RECESS

Rich Overturf brought the class to order leading songs on pages 63 and 369.

Leaders: David Wright 385; Joe Todd 196; Ellie Soler 178; Leslie Scott 481; Debbie Hall 64; Chris Cox 163; Joseph Pimentel 155; Fred Todt 528; Anna Marie Bullock 452; Paul Fishman 491; Emily Hague 299; Karen Arnett 143; Laura Weber 327; Linda Coppock 66. Charles Wells led the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rich Overturf leading song on page 159.

Leaders: Beth Todd 32; Charles Wells 38b; Jo Schultz 84; Rich Overturf 164; David Wright 302; Joe Todd 270; Ellie Soler 277; Leslie Scott 203; Debbie Hall 497; Chris Cox 68b; Joseph Pimentel 312b; Fred Todt 102; John Bayer 53; Loraine Bayer 313b; Anna Marie Bullock 74b; Emily Hague 45t; Linda Coppock 455; Laura Weber 479; Karen Arnett 276.

RECESS

Debbie Hall brought the class to order leading song on page 474. Leaders: Beth Todd 110; Charles Wells 47b; John Bayer 343; Loraine Bayer 501; Jo Schultz 73b; Rich Overturf 457; David Wright 442; Joe Todd 124; Ellie Soler 358; Leslie Scott 268; Debbie Hall 198; Chris Cox 147t; Fred Todt 340; Anna Marie Bullock 551; Emily Hague 313.

RECESS

Rich Overturf brought the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: John Bayer 55; Loraine Bayer 61; Karen Arnett 50; Beth Todd 335; Charles Wells 81t; Jo Schultz 269; Rich Overturf 410t; David Wright 201; Joe Todd 217; Ellie Soler 287; Leslie Scott 254; Debbie Hall 146; Chris Cox 72b; Fred Todt 347.

John Bayer dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Rich Overturf; Vice Chairman - Debbie Hall; Secretary - Beth Todd.

**HARPETH VALLEY-PRIESTLEY MILLER
MEMORIAL SINGING
Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee
April 10, 1999**

The thirty-eighth annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on the first Saturday after Easter by David Carlton leading song on page 48t. Hibbard Thatcher led the congregation in an opening prayer.

Leaders: Darrell Holley 59; Sandie Scott 29 (for Marilyn Burchett); Hibbard Thatcher, Kate Janssen, and Stacie Wright 268; Tim Reynolds 84; Jon Gregg 155; Fay Thompson 128; Linda Sides 569b; Stephen Shearon 64; Pam Beziat 147; Laurens Blankers 40; Lewis Frost 49b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by David Carlton leading song on page 133.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - David Carlton; Vice Chairman - Darrell Holley; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett; Arranging Committee - Sandie Scott and Henry Cobb; Chaplain - Hibbard Thatcher; Memorial Committee - Tim Reynolds and Fay Thompson. Leaders: Henry Cobb 452b; Hugh McElrath 312b; Gary Smith 34b; Linda McGill 178; Martha Lang 106; Lynn McGill 85; Sarah Smith 159; Michael Penney 58; Ronnie Douglas and Linda Sides 45t; Stacie Wright and David Carlton 63; Marcia Bartenhager, Leigh Anne Bennett, and Laurens Blankers 73b; Kate Janssen and Henry Cobb 68b; Laurens Blankers 223. Hibbard Thatcher led the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Carlton leading song on page 146; Tim Reynolds 148; and Jon Gregg 347.

Tim Reynolds and Fay Thompson presented a memorial lesson commemorating Harold Fair, L. E. Denson, and Margaret Wright. Tim Reynolds noted that memorial lessons are not customary at one-day singings. He emphasized that it is important for Nashville singers to recognize their ties to other singers and to the rich history of Sacred Harp singing around Nashville. Margaret Wright, longtime music professor and choir leader at Middle Tennessee State University, was one such central figure who especially nurtured and preserved this tradition. Today's singing was dedicated to her memory. Tim reminded the class of the importance of remembering the faithful singers of the past as a way of showing our own faithfulness, and that at some future memorial lesson, our own names would be called. He called on Linda McGill, a former student of Margaret Wright, for reminiscences, and on Gary Smith, who read an appreciation he wrote of her arrangement of "Jacob's Vision," 551. Tim Reynolds then led song on page 551. Leaders: Stephen Shearon 213t; Linda Sides 475; Lynn McGill 236; Sandie Scott "Harpeth" (Missouri Harmony); Darrell Holley 354b; Linda McGill 254; Hugh McElrath 35; Martha Lang 504; Michael Penney 31b.

Announcements were made. David Carlton led song on page 62 as the closing song.

Chairman - David Carlton; Vice Chairman - Darrell Holley; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

BRAZOS RIVER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Star of the Republic Museum,
Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Texas
April 10, 1999

The eighth annual Brazos River Singing was held at the Star of the Republic Museum, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Washington, Texas. The class was called to order by Gaylon Powell leading songs on pages 492 and 192. Curtis Owen offered the opening prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Secretary - Al Rogers.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 171; Al Rogers 563, 500; B.E. Matthews 170, 434; Don Barker 484b, 145b; Doris Hanks 355, 63; Robert Handel 140, 505; Cassandra Baker 323b, 47b; Edith Owen 489, 508; Pete Baker 82, 440b; Curtis Owen 513t, 511b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Gaylon Powell leading 478. Leaders: Olivia Blevins 155, 168; Ann Milner 293b, 280; Pat Blundell 546, 146; Scott Curran 142, 571; Marilyn Burkland 39, 553b; Sue Fairbanks 47t, 59; Elder Billy Moseley 507b, 40; Mary Bachmann 137, 38t; Tom Owen 507t, 217; Adrienne Bonham 49t, 49b.

Don Barker and Charles Whitmer were appointed members of the Finance Committee. Elder Chris Blevins offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gaylon Powell leading 268. Leaders: Jeb Owen 112, 179; Amanda Blevins 36b, 450; Forrest Ward 522, 235; Kevin Powell 240, 300; Paul Smith 107, 501; John Baker 395b, 186; Elissa Smith 85, 77t; Katie Moseley 491, 497; Liz Rogan 198, 543; Ron Smith 38b, 336t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Gaylon Powell leading 559. Leaders: Cissy Moseley 127; Sue Hanson 148, 132; David Moseley 442, 299; Elder Chris Blevins 411, 163; Charles Whitmer 410, 218; James Moseley 31t, 101; Mike Moseley 99, 406; Katie Moseley 491, 497; Edwin Reed 285t, 348.

Gaylon Powell led 527 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elder Billy Moseley.

Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Secretary - Al Rogers.

COUNTY LINE CHURCH
Corner, Alabama
April 11, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 335. Rev. Donald Flippo led the morning prayer. Harrison Creel led song on page 30t.

Leaders: Tim Cook 229, 480; Lora Cargo 101; Carlene Griffin 56t; John Merritt 358; Ed Stevens 551; Sarah Smith 318; Bud Oliver 145b; Bill Beverly 99, 49t; Amber Springfield 204, 528; Judy Caudle 540.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 530. Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 475; Tim Reynolds 492; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Hugh McGraw 412; Becky Browne 436, 304; Janine Smith 282; Glenn Keeton 225; Harlan Van Camp 34b, 569; Dick Nail 142; Jerry Schreiber 95b, 434.

RECESS

Cassie Franklin called the class to order by leading song on page 167. Leaders: Julianna Jett and Marie Aldridge 88; Julianna Jett and Madison Jett 87, 146; Martha Beverly 299, 163t; Dave Ressler 217, 216; Katharine Manning 302; Katharine Manning and Tim Cook 369; Martha Lang 268, 48t; Charlene Wallace 209; Carla Smith 192, 498; Clayton Ezell 373; Henry Schuman 460, 432; Ashley Keeton 222, 196.

LUNCH

Cassie Franklin called the class to order by leading song on page 270. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 91; Thurman Nall 285t; Paula Springfield 380; Elmer Conwill 411; Joshua Keeton 408; Cecile Cox 426t; Lisa Geist 532; Gene Wakefield 284; Josie Hyde 507; Ozella Blackmon 362; Faye Donaldson 371; Gravis Ballinger 78; Clarissa Springfield 343, 166; Gary Smith 31t, 565b; Brenda Merritt 189; Lucy Heidorn and Marie Aldridge 333; Jackie Tanner 182; Danny Creel 269, 383; A.C. McGough 454; Elene Stovall 215; George Cox 108t.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 348b. Leaders: Pam Keeton 442; Edith Tate 155; Travis Keeton 566; Lissa Callirhoe 47t; Pauline Childers 212, 234; Ann Jett 327; Earl Ballinger 331; John Hyde 75; Wanda Capps 39b; Kermit Adams 77t; Billy Williams 445; Velton Chafin 273; Cindy Franklin 198.

Chairman Harrison Creel and Vice Chairman Cassie Franklin led song on page 378b as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Cassie Franklin; Arranging Committee - Edith Tate and Cindy Franklin; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

April 11, 1999

The annual singing at Antioch Baptist Church near Ider, Alabama was held on the second Sunday in April. The chairmen of the singing were Terry Wootten and Dewayne Wootten. Songs from the "Cooper Book" were used on occasion, and are so noted with (CB) by the number.

The class was called to order by Dewayne Wootten and Terry Wootten leading songs on pages 82t and 59. Rayford Brown led the congregation in prayer.

Dewayne Wootten and Terry Wootten led song on page 39t.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 97; Louis Hughes 376; Mark Carroll 37b; David Ballinger 111b; Don Bowen 283; Roy Nelson 380; Ted Johnson 48; Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 436; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Henry Johnson 471; Judy Mincey 510; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 460; Linda Sides 148; Matt Wells 49b; Pam Nunn and Shelbie Sheppard 28b; Merle Mateika 63; Melanie Hauff 347.

RECESS

Terry Wootten and Dewayne Wootten brought the class to order leading song on page 201. Leaders: David Ivey 542; Chris Carroll 48t; Bob Meek 441; Lynne deBenedette and Karen Freund 421; Mel Kersey and Johnny Lee 566; Steven Schmidgall 505 (CB); David Lee, Bryant Lee, and Johnny Lee 101t; Syble Adams 549 (CB); David Killingsworth 448t; James Nelson Gingerich and Pierre Gingerich 313b; Tollie Lee 270; Phillip Wootten and Susan Davis 543; Phil Summerlin 411; Shawn Carroll and Brenda Carroll 163t, 384; Marcia Johnson 436; Rodney Ivey and Jerry Enright 300; Ginny Landgraf 290; Charles Obert and Cindy Kissee 312b; Rayford Brown 147t; Liz Bryant 377; Wayne Wootten and Andrew Wootten "Trusting"; Reba Dell Windom and Eloise Wootten 186;

Kathleen Thro 29t; Terry Hullett 222; Kathy Lee, Sheila Wootten, Hannah Lee, Rachel Lee, and Dakota Garner 128.

Syble Adams conducted the memorial lesson. Linda Thomas and Syble Adams led song on page 31t for the deceased. As a special request, Jenny Wootten sang "Beulah Land".

LUNCH

Dewayne Wootten and Terry Wootten called the class to order leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Mary Elizabeth Lee 198; Thomas Willard and Chris Davis 145b; Aaron Wootten 144; Marty Wootten and Hayden Wootten 448b; Jim Carnes 171; Pam Wilkerson 203; Jeffrey Wootten 99; Amy Lee and Romana Lee 84 (CB); Buell Cobb 321; Shane Wootten 345b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 348b; Clarke Lee 47b; Julie Lee 123b; Claudine Townson, Teresa Saylor, and Jennifer White 288; John Plunkett 431; Marlon Wootten 68b; Jewel Wootten and Freeman Wootten 97; Levon Wootten 335; Daphene Causey 434; Robin Smith and Olivia Allen 500 (CB); Lawrence Peters and Jenny Wootten 100; Nate Green and Norma Green 287; Betty Wright 317; Coy Ivey and Loyd Ivey 475, 137; Charles Meidinger and Staci Meidinger 352; Gerald Wootten "It Is Well With My Soul"; Susan Harcrow 474; Leroy Gillespie 309; Ruth Brown and Rodney Ivey 73t; Marilyn Burchett 81.

Announcements were made. Chairmen for the singing in the year 2000 will be Marty Wootten and Levon Wootten. Terry Wootten and Dewayne Wootten led "Love At Home" and 146 as the closing songs. Phil Summerlin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - Terry Wootten and Dewayne Wootten; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 17, 1999**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April.

The class was called to order by Carmon Brothers at 10:00 a.m. with his leading song on page 59. Hershell King offered prayer. Carmon Brothers led song on page 406; Irene Jordan led songs on pages 480, 64, and 405.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairmen - Carmon Brothers and Hershell King; Arranging Committee - Eunice Kimbrell; Secretary - Irene Jordan. Carmon Brothers to act as chairman until noon, and Hershell King to assume responsibilities in the afternoon.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 425b, 48t, 61; Hershell King 67, 34t; Marlin Beasley 68b, 63, 49; Judy Caudle 76t, 322, 540; Arvid Holmes 171, 137, 460; Rhoda Norris 318, 187, 358.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers called the class back to order leading song on page 354b.

Leaders: Sandra Light 119, 143; Milton Oliver 403, 217; Linda Thomas 123t, 73b; Gene Wakefield 168, 112, 100; Marie Guthrie 88, 222, 389; Wilda Holmes 384, "That Beautiful Land"; Larry Lambert 410t, 410b, 332.

LUNCH

Hershell King called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 97.

Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 312b, 231, 66; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 42; Travis Keeton 300; Gene Wakefield 341; Marlin Beasley 512; Helen Lambert 108b, 159; Judy Caudle 52; Arvid Holmes 49t; Marie Guthrie 343b; Eldagene Roberson 441.

Hershell King led song on page 426t as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - Carmon Brothers and Hershell King; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL - FAIRPORT
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fairport, New York
April 17, 1999

The second New York Regional singing of 1999 was held in Fairport, New York. The singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Laura Densmore leading song on 276. Chris Haller led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Haller 59; Joni Seidenstein 84; Hugh Anderson 86; Adrian Mariano 300; Guy Bankes 147b; Eric Bean 480; Mary Ann Morrison 178; Walter S. Hartley 299; Juanita Heyerman 410; Laura Densmore 528; Thom Metzger "Ten Thousand Charms"; Dennis Leipold 150; Chris Haller 147t; Ron Bornick 159; Janet Shipman 198; Linda Delfs 421; Allen Fannin 448b; Chris Haller 358, 122; Joni Seidenstein 312b, 354b; Hugh Anderson 551, 45; Adrian Mariano 504, 183; Guy Bankes 440, 441; Eric Bean 47b, 260; Mary Ann Morrison 523b, 47t; Walter S. Hartley 151, 236; Juanita Heyerman 70b, 71; Laura Densmore 29t, 336t (CB); Thom Metzger 99, 107; Dennis Leipold 112, 120; Janet Shipman 146; Ron Bornick 87, 454; Mitzie Collins 277, 142; Linda Delfs 389, 28b; Allen Fannin 124, 496; Chris Haller 351; Joni Seidenstein 168; Hugh Anderson 40; Adrian Mariano 481; Guy Bankes 444; Eric Bean 522; Mary Ann Morrison 66; Walter S. Hartley 282; Chris Haller 49b; Laura Densmore 155; Juanita Heyerman 497; Laura Densmore 163; Thom Metzger 474; Dennis Leipold 269; Janet Shipman 306b; Ron Bornick 117; Linda Delfs 542; Allen Fannin 232; Chris Haller 184; Joni Seidenstein 228; Hugh Anderson 268; Adrian Mariano 430; Guy Bankes 287; Eric Bean 285t; Juanita Heyerman 46; Laura Densmore 347.

Chairman - Laura Densmore; Secretary - Nancy Crawford.

PINE GROVE SINGING
Near Collinsville, Alabama
April 18, 1999

The annual third Sunday in April singing was called to order by Scot Oliver, Randall Smith, and Wayne Reed leading song on page 82t. Wayne Reed led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Milton Oliver, Bryant Beard, and Paula Oliver 354b; S.T. Reed 30t; Lamar Smith 76b; Henry Johnson 56b, 47b; Don Bowen 388, 350; Boyd Scott 127, 358; Coy Ivey 63.

RECESS

The class was called to order by J.W. Oliver leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 47t, 42; Dennis George 569b, 551; Mattie Townsel 317; Betty Wright 97, 347; Edward Howton 373, 436; Joan Aldridge 475, 474; Glen Conn 480; Richard Ivey 567, 270; Carmon Brothers 166, 441; Douglas Conn 61, 74b; Eloise Wootten 318, 222; Nate Green and Norma Green 225t, 101t, 337.

RECESS

The class was called together by Lamar Smith and Randall Smith leading songs on pages 36b and 343. Leaders: Hershell King 176b, 410t; Judy Mincey 34t, 538; Kyle Blakeley 30b, 313t; Brenda Merritt 428, 430, 137; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Eloise Watkins 460, 108t; Jordan Ratliff and Linda Thomas 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Milton Oliver and Scot Oliver leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Wayne Wootten 300; Edith Tate 532; Larry Ballinger 477; Syble Adams, Donna Wootten, and Olivia Allen 49, 128, 99; John Merritt 77, 240; Cindy Franklin 208, 187; Gavin Blakeley 145t, 278; Rodney Ivey 299, 384; Lisa Geist 217, 546; Marlon Wootten 335; Patsy Gentle 348, 68b; Terry Wootten 345; Judy Caudle 496; Waylon Blakeley 142; Gene Wakefield 158; Cassie Franklin 215; Deborah Ritch 200; David Ivey 319; Chita Blakeley 396; Velton Chafin 494; Elene Stovall 198, 186, 528; Henry Guthery 543, 431; Marty Wootten 171; Randall Smith, Ardell Turnure, and J.W. Oliver 73. Announcements were made. Randall Smith, Scot Oliver, and Wayne Reed led song on page 146 as the closing song. Wayne Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - Randall Smith, Scot Oliver, and Wayne Reed; Secretary - Alanna Blanks.

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **April 18, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in April beginning at 9:30 a.m. The class was called to order by B.J. Harris leading song on page 32t. Lonnie Rogers led the congregation in prayer. B. J. Harris led song on page 37b; Elder Neal Prichard 39b, 204, 566; Evelyn Harris 155, and 47t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 303; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 176b; Jimmie Denney 143, 101t; Carlene Griffin 126, 146; Bobby Jackson 81t, 290; Lou Cotney 222, 300; Harvey Austin 108t, 335; Charlene Wallace 99, 299; Denney Rogers 318, 345t; Shelbie Sheppard 136, 141.

RECESS

B.J. Harris brought the class to order leading song on page 87. Leaders: Roy Nelson 145t, 148; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Hugh McGraw 531b, 448b; Lovella Kerr Campbell 127, 48t; John Plunkett 74t, 550; Ruth Daniel 378t, 452b; Howard McGuire 45t, 192; Mary Ann Scarbrough 323b, 445b.

Ruth Brown gave the memorial, and spoke on the traditions of the Sacred Harp. Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 348b, 343b, and 358 for the deceased who have passed away during the last year. Those remembered: Herman Smith, Florence Williams, Cecil Gilliland, Essie Calvert, Horace DeLong, Mildred Smith, and Russell Hall. Howard McGuire led song on page 47b for Floyd Chupp and Clara Chupp Ering. Shelbie Sheppard led songs on pages 179 and 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Mozelle Sheppard, and I.V. McWhorter. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Elder Neal Prichard.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Elder Neal Prichard leading song on page 317. Leaders: Everette Denney 63, 426t, 34b; Don Clark 131b, 64; Mildred Patterson 274, 119; Jeff Sheppard 176t, 475; Pearl Guier 49b, 49t; Shirrell Durand 135, 569t; Mellie Mae White 106, 100; Lewis Norton 208, 34t; Jeff Sheppard 388; Don Clark 224; John Plunkett 269, 80t; Bobby Jackson 480; class singing 142, 186, 454, 127, 129, 460, 392, 485.

B.J. Harris and Elder Neal Prichard led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Elder Neal Prichard; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY SPRING SINGING

New Orleans, Louisiana

April 20, 1999

Following dinner on the grounds, the class was begun with a brief singing school led by Dr. Harry Eskew. After learning the notes, we sang the song on page 49t. The class was officially called to order with a prayer by Dr. Darryl Ferrington. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Wanda Gregg; Secretary - Will Austin.

Wanda Gregg led song on page 63. Leaders: Will Austin 146; Nancy Van Den Akker 139; Elizabeth Muhleisen 460; Charles Franklin 99; John Kanode 452b; Lucius Weathersby 45t; Dr. Darryl Ferrington 385; Dr. Harry Eskew 128; Heather Boyd 476; Jon Paul Warren 145; Wesley Burrell 68b; Noah Hurst 40; Kanoot Midkiff 159; Daron Douglas 273; Nancy Van Den Akker 81t. Announcements of upcoming Sacred Harp events were made. Wanda Gregg prayed the closing prayer and led song on page 62 as the closing song. Chairman - Wanda Gregg; Secretary - Will Austin.

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

Washington, D.C.

April 23-25, 1999

Friday, April 23

A Singing School was held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at The Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, Virginia. Taught by members of the Creel Family, it was well attended and enthusiastically received.

Saturday, April 24

The tenth annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Cathy Tucker leading song on page 28b. Elder Steven Boyd led the opening prayer. Janine Smith, 1998 Vice-Chair, welcomed the class, and led 30t. Tim Slattery and Miriam Kilmer, last year's Secretaries, led 182.

The business meeting was held with the election or appointment of the following officers and committees: Chair - Janine Smith; Vice Chair - Katharine Manning; Secretaries - Miriam Kilmer, Tim Slattery, and assisted by Joanne De Voe; Chaplains - Elder Steven Boyd and George Seiler; Arranging Committee - John delRe, Cindy Franklin, Bob Hall, Ginnie Ely, and Katharine Manning; Finance - Gillie Campbell and Cathy Tucker (assisted by Hannah Henkin, Daniel Henkin, Gilead Henkin, Kelsey Taylor, Anna Taylor, and John Daniel delRe; Memorial Committee - Edith Tate and Hal Kunkel; Resolutions Committee - Pauline Childers and Pat Temple; Registration - Marlene Levine, assisted by Donna Abrahams; Food - Claire Chapin, Tom Tucker, Kelly Macklin, and Matt Levine; New Traditions Singing - Mimi Stevens and Mary Ann Daly; Social Host - Cathy Tucker; Housing and Transportation - Gillie Campbell; Pitching/Keying - Paula McGray, Bradford West, Eric Bean, Jean Seiler, and Cassie Franklin; Clean-up - Dottie Hurley, John Taylor, and Frank Evans; Publicity - Steven Sabol, Janine Smith, and Miriam Kilmer.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 474; Mary Ann Daly 274; Henry Bizzel 159; Cassie Franklin 224; Cindy Franklin 198; Joan Aldridge 528; Leland delRe 74b; Sarah Davie 384; Ann Bosold 178; Tim Brown 66; Phyllis Gonegam 344; Lynne deBenedette 456; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Amanda Denson 277; Wanda Capps 200; Frank L. Evans 209.

RECESS

Beth Hoffman Reed called the class together leading song on page 29. Leaders: Dianne Mennella 379; Howard Brady 454; Hal Kunkel 426b; Edith Tate 389; Fred Beardsley 513; Kyle Greenlee 91; Karen Freund 77t; Kacy Pate, Peter Pate, and Cassidy Pate 312b; Danny Creel 269; Paul Gauthier 428; Pauline Childers 475; Seth Holloway 388; Gabriel Castelle 491; Jean Seiler 68b; Laura Clawsen 440; Eric Bean 335; Walter S. Hartley 155; Martha Lang 106; Claire Simon 47t; Steve Levine, Dick Levine, and Janine Smith 479; Donna Abrahams 272; Jason Law 481. Elder Steven Boyd offered Grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order with Katharine Manning and Kelsey Taylor leading song on page 542. Leaders: Mary De Nys 72b; Jim Pfau 300; Janet Shipman 206; Cindy Franklin 146; Creel family (Cindy Franklin, Cassie Franklin, Pauline Childers, Edith Tate, Wanda Capps, and Danny Creel) 342; Paula McGray 327; Bradford West 282; Steven Levine 350; Karen House 148; George Seiler 31t; Patricia Temple 480; Daniel Hertzler 163b; Gary Smith 569b; Roland Hutchinson 553; Dean Slaton 536; Sarah Smith 100; Doron Henkin 192; Jane Taylor 268; Craig Baugham 122; Art Broadus 535b; Laura Densmore 236.

RECESS

Peter Pate brought the singers back with song on page 37t. Leaders: Ginnie Ely 546; Bill Holt 436; John Hewes 551; Tom Tucker 142.

Junior Finance Officers Hannah Henkin, Daniel Henkin, Gilead Henkin, Kelsey Taylor, Anna Taylor, and John Daniel delRe 49b; Stephanie Hysmith 484; Marty De Nys 547; Lois Hurt 49t; Carol Werba 313b; Joyce Saxon 254; Joe Todd 270; Jim Wantland 497; Lewis Naylor 452; Dottie Hurley 271; Guy Bankes 441.

Janine Smith invited everyone to stay for the New Traditions Singing and to attend the social, and led 323t. Elder Boyd closed the Saturday session with prayer.

RECESS

New Traditions Singing

Mary Ann Daly greeted the class, and led 73b from *The Sacred Harp*.

The songs below were led by their own composers, unless otherwise noted.

Leaders: Bradford K. West "Irving"; Tom Tucker "Pohick" (by Dan Brittain); Mary Ann Daly "Kentucky" (arrangement); Peter Pate "Heck" (by John Bayer); Mimi Stevens "Noel Nouvelet" (by E.J. Tweedy); Mimi Stevens "Cyrus"; Mimi Stevens "Billings" (by Barry Phillips); Roland Hutchinson "Liberty's Trumpet"; Nicholas P. Schliapin "Life"; Hal Kunkel "Saving Grace"; Art Broadus "Break Forth"; Allen Gabriel Kastle "Mount Zion (Third)"; Daniel Hertzler "Mount Hope"; Miriam Kilmer and Tim Slattery "Alexander" (by Miriam A. Kilmer); Diane Morella "Hocutt" (by John Hocutt); Ann Bosold "Bosold" and "Cherokee"; Roland Hutchinson "Kelly's Third"; Nicholas P. Schliapin "Psalm 121"; Ann Bosold "Wapello" and "Bosold"; Allen Gabriel Kastle "Crell" (by Timothy R. Gilmore).

A Saturday night social was hosted by Cathy Tucker and was held at the Kingstowne South Village Community Center. The sloppy Joe's were delicious, the brownies superb!

Sunday, April 25

On Sunday morning the class was called to order by Janine Smith leading song on page 48t. George Seiler led the morning prayer. Leaders: Mimi Stevens 128; Steven Sabol 139; Jim Wantland 48b; Mary De Nys 504; Donna Abrahams 378b; Susan Bingham 107; Tommy Hall and Ella Wilcox 276; Eric Hildebrant 532; Martha Lang 117; Richard Schmeidler 120; Mary Ann Daly 138t; Marty De Nys 232; Cathy Tucker 480; Frank Evans 228; Mary Wright 337; Robert Hall 180; Lois Hurt 358; Dick Levine 102; Joanne De Voe 47; Joyce Saxon 299.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Katharine Manning leading song on 76b. Leaders: Joe Todd 124; Carol Werba 163b; Ginny Ely 454; Bill Holt 215; Kelly Macklin 485; Jim Brady 155; Paul Gauthier 448; Amanda Denson 442; John delRe 144; Stephanie Hysmith 47b; Art Broadus 147t; Laura Densmore 542; Karen Freund 56b; Tim Slattery 475; Pauline Childers 234; Daniel Hertzler 99; Claire Simon 40; George Seiler 347; Danny Creel 383; Lynne deBenedette 196; Rosemary Greenaway 324.

The memorial lesson was presented by Edith Tate with a reading from the text of "Idumea" (47b), then read the names of the deceased. Cindy Franklin led 499 for the deceased which included the following: Essie Calvert, Annie Sanders, Maude Keeton, Mae Seymour, and David Shirey - Alabama; Sharon McLeod - Connecticut; Marion Hill - District of Columbia; Joan Gordon - Maryland; Sr. Michael Kilmer - Minnesota; Judy Greenwald and Morris Lee - New Jersey; Charles Danquer and Irene Remery - New York; Grace Bizzell and Anne McCook - North Carolina; Edna Lundgren - Pennsylvania; Joy Seale, John Watford, Monica Mulrooney, and Shirley Green - Virginia; Margaret Wright (arranger of "Jacob's Vision") - Tennessee; Joseph Slattery and Dr. John Pate - Texas.

Hal Kunkel spoke about the mystic steps of St. John of the Cross, the highest of which is the "wound of love"; when we grieve, we share the sufferings of those we love, and read the names of the sick and shut-in's which included: Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Ernie Jett, Ann Jett, Marie Aldridge, and Lucile Talbert - Alabama; Dorothy Garber - Connecticut; Jim McCarty - Delaware; Rodney Elin - District of Columbia; Perry Arnett, Lynn Googe, and Thomas Googe - Florida; Frances Duncan, Rita Cook, Walter Manning, and Alene Oestreicher - Maryland; Nicky Schnarr and Betty Nikelsky - New Jersey; Ben Hertzler - New Mexico; Judy Crow's mother - New York; B. Hilary Dunlevy - Ohio; Cecilia Kruger and Judy Crow - Pennsylvania. Hal Kunkel then led song on page 349. Danny Creel closed the memorial lesson with prayer. George Seiler led Grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class reconvened with Eric Bean leading song on page 46. Leaders: Eric Bean 34b; Nicholas Schliapin 131b; Sarah Davie 86; Steven Levine 371; Cassie Franklin 368; Karen House 362; Bradford West 376; Jim Pfau 203; Wanda Capps 546; Dean Staton 112; Paula McGray 446; Laura Clawson 80b; Henry Schuman 318; Jean Seiler 530; Cindy Franklin 507; Ann Bosold 334; Tim Brown 198; Peter Pate 326; Eric Bean and Rhonda Henderschott 70b.

RECESS

Katharine Manning and Pauline Childers brought the class back with song on page 35. Leaders: Miriam Kilmer and Tim Slattery "Kosovo" (by Miriam A.

Kilmer); Henry Bizzell 127; Walter S. Hartley 24b; Cathy Tucker and Caroline Arlington 146; Pat Temple and Karen Foley 566; Dottie Hurley 191; Phyllis Gonegam 84; Hal Kunkel 61; Evan Duncan 300; Lewis Naylor and Amanda Denson 68b; Fred Beardsley 100; Gabriel Kastle 531; Guy Banks 147b.

Committee Reports: During Saturday and Sunday, 155 different songs were led from The Sacred Harp. There were 91 leaders and many co-leaders.

The Resolutions Committee thanked the officers, committees, and all participants. "We...thank Almighty God....although we come from far and near, we can unite our voices in harmony as one.... A special thanks for the singing school [to] the Creel Family, who overcame great obstacles to get here, and left loved ones at home who were unable to come."

Announcements were made. Janine Smith announced the dates for next year's Potomac River Convention March 31, April 1-2, 2000.

Cathy Tucker gave Janine Smith special thanks as the Founder and Chair of the first Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention.

Katharine Manning and the Creel family (Cindy Franklin, Cassie Franklin, Pauline Childers, Edith Tate, Wanda Capps, and Danny Creel) led 56t. Chair Janine Smith, Vice Chair Katharine Manning, Secretaries Miriam Kilmer and Tim Slattery led "The Parting Hand". George Seiler closed the convention with a prayer for peace.

Chair - Janine Smith; Vice Chair - Katharine Manning; Secretaries - Miriam A. Kilmer and Tim Slattery.

OAK GROVE CHURCH **Alpharetta, Georgia** **Saturday, April 24, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Church was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Ray Richards called the class to order leading songs on pages 129 and 73b. Richard DeLong led the congregation in prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

Leaders: Don Bowen 122, 47b, 348; Andy Anderson 49b, 515b, 72b; John Plunkett 83t, 176b, 312t; Eric Tweedy 47t, 84, 453; Loy Garrison 74b, 99, 36b; Helen Bryson 112, 121, 287; Faye Pettis 387, 494, 105; Jack Corley 109, 123b, 168; Laura Akerman 145t, 73t, 543.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Loy Garrison leading song on page 59.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 178, 229, 441; Richard DeLong 88t, 80t, 205, 289; Reuben Ball 290, 318, 497, 569b; Chris Tweedy 369; Kenneth DeLong 303, 501b, 317b; Dollie Hudgins 82t.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class together leading song on page 98. Leaders: Don Bowen 145b, 97, 583, 299; Tim Cook and Steve Cook 66, 503, 298, 347; Eric Tweedy 540; Don Bowen 510; Richard DeLong 513; Faye Pettis 200, 189, 376; Tim Cook and Masako Cook 497, 544.

Loy Garrison and John Plunkett led song on page 62 as the closing song. Rev. Charles Cagle dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING
Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky
April 24-25, 1999
Saturday, April 24

The ninth session of the Shape Note Singing was held at Harrod's Creek Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in April. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Leaders: Tollie Lee 118 (SoH); Dick Dunagan 89 (SoH); John Bealle 6b (SoH); Becky Browne 276; Jerry Enright 72t (SoH); Janet Fraembs 91; Debbie Hall 497; Connie Karduck 171; Jeanette Lowry 270; Merle Mateika 68b; Berkley Moore 83 (SoH); Bud Oliver 39b; Milton Oliver and Pauline Oliver 119; James Page (original composition); Joseph Pimentel 155; Esther Rothenbusch 40 (SoH).

RECESS

Bob Meek called the class to order leading song on page 63 (SoH). Leaders: William Shetter 38 (SoH); Lee Steinmetz 163b; Fred Todt 203; Val Dunagan 78 (SoH); Joyce Brown 495; Scot Oliver 40; Eloise Clark 300; Sandy Schultheis 480; Karen Hojnacki 145t; Marilyn Burchett 29; Blake Morris (original composition); Tollie Lee 89t (SoH); Dick Dunagan 322 (SoH); John Bealle 448; Becky Browne 217; Jerry Enright 92t; Janet Fraembs 440; Debbie Hall 344; Connie Karduck 299; Jeanette Lowry 168; Merle Mateika 236; Bud Oliver 47t.

LUNCH

Bob Meek brought the class to order leading song on page 66. Leaders: Milton Oliver 321b; James Page (original composition); Hugh McElrath 35; Mary Brinkman 159; Marlen Rust 290; Joseph Pimentel 107; Esther Rothenbusch 143; William Shetter 265 (SoH); Lee Steinmetz 250; Fred Todt 176 (SoH); Val Dunagan 16 (SoH); Joyce Brown 178; Scot Oliver 145b; John Bayer 53; David Rust 201b; Ruth Garza 312b; Sandie Scott 268; Eloise Clark 192; Sandy Schultheis 101; Karen Hojnacki 198; Marilyn Burchett 324; Berkley Moore 209; Blake Morris (original composition).

Laura Chipec led song on page 334 (SoH) as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 25

The class was called to order by Bob Meek leading song on page 59. Leaders: Dick Dunagan 81 (CB); Jerry Enright 416 (CB); Janet Fraembs 133; Connie Karduck 475; Jeanette Lowry 411; Merle Mateika 31; Bud Oliver 563 (CB); Tollie Lee 285 (CB); Milton Oliver and Scot Oliver 505 (CB); James Page 98 (CB); Regina Bayer 84 (CB); William Shetter 171; Marlen Rust 66; Lee Steinmetz 500 (CB).

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki brought the class to order leading song on page 504. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 154; Sandie Scott 117; Fred Todt 200; Isaac Ho 125; Val Dunagan 137 (CB); David Rust 123b; Tollie Lee and Ramona Lee 367 (CB); Blake Morris 297; Ruth Garza and Brenda Waters 68b; Debbie Hall 474.

A memorial lesson was held by Karen Hojnacki and Dough Trent for the deceased who have passed away within the last year. Also remembered were the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Berkley Moore 393 (CB); Denise Morris 48t; Becky Browne 566; Dick Dunagan 344; Jerry Enright 272; Janet Fraembs 532.

LUNCH

Bob Meek called the class to order with song on 488 (CB). Leaders: Connie Karduck 122; Jeanette Lowry 148; Merle Mateika 361; Tollie Lee 155; John

Bayer 411 (CB); James Page 163 (CB); William Shetter 454; Regina Bayer 408 (CB); Michele Cull 63; Bud Oliver 559 (CB); Val Dunagan 294; Marlen Rust 107; Karen Hojnacki 571.

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class to order leading song on page 38t (CB). Leaders: Tollie Lee 180 (CB); Marilyn Burchett 551; Sandie Scott 502 (CB); Fred Todt 569; David Rust 183; Ramona Lee 527 (CB); Blake Morris 433.

Bob Meek led song on 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chairman - Bob Meek; Secretary - Brenda Waters.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Snead Crossroads, Alabama** **April 25, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in April was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 59 and 111t. Rev. Drennon Aldridge led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Carmon Brothers 112, 101t; Elvin Guthrie 73b, 98; Randall Smith 82t, "That Beautiful Land"; Rev. Drennon Aldridge 143, 100, 290; Dexter Cobb 235b; Rhoda Norris 145b, 276; Martha Woodard 65; Marie Guthrie 343, 389, 192; Jewel Wootten 101t, 63.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 73t and 72t. Leaders: Willowese Malone 147t, 354b; Judy Caudle 37b, 448t, 448b; Elene Stovall 47b, 270, 73t; Marlin Beasley 348b, 111b, 480; Doris Cuzzart 490, 127.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Beecher Yancey; Arranging Committee - Ruby Brothers; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

Beecher Yancey led songs on pages 30t and 569b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 166b and 167. Leaders: Linda Thomas 452; Judy Holmes 61; Hershell King 340, 460; Debra Rich 168, 373; Drennon Aldridge 45t; Beecher Yancey 410t, 111t; Randall Smith 36b, "That Beautiful Land"; Judy Caudle 294, 383; Marlin Beasley 275b; Elvin Guthrie 225t.

Carmon Brothers led "Not Made With Hands", 274t, and 80b as the closing songs. Hershell King dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Beecher Yancey; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

ALEWINE MEMORIAL - ST. MICHAEL CHURCH **Cleburne County, Alabama** **April 25, 1999**

The annual Alewine Memorial Sacred Harp singing at St. Michael Church in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Corene Laminack leading song on page 59. Billy Joe Harris led the morning prayer. Corene Laminack led song on page 100; Lucille McElroy 146; Lucille McElroy and Hester Edwards 340 and 274.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Corene Laminack; Vice Chairman - Lucille McElroy; Arranging Committee and Secretary - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Corene Laminack 159; Alice Edwards 104; Karen Reaves 410t, 457, 445b; Marvin McElroy 155, 98; Reba Norton 123t, 164; Bobby Jackson 81t, 401, 569b; Mary Florence Smith 45t, 77t, 348b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Corene Laminack leading song on page 335.

Leaders: C.W. Garner 318, 334, 323; Pauline Kilgore 452, 143, 119; Billy Joe Harris 303, 503; Mildred McElroy 61, 441; Shelbie Sheppard 294, 27, 47b; Lewis Norton 30b, 33b, 231; Evelyn Harris 87, 101t, 47t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Corene Laminack leading song on page 168.

Leaders: Betty Wright 317, 235, 108t; Jeff Sheppard 36b, 57, 182; Louise Allen 277; Nellie Mae White 106, 186. The class, with no leader, sang the following songs: 200, 171, 147t, 392, 358, 222, 112, and 405.

Announcements were made. Corene Laminack led song on page 46 as the closing song. Billy Joe Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Corene Laminack; Vice Chairman - Lucille McElroy; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Haleyville, Alabama** **April 25, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April, and was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 31b and 31t. Doyal Williams led the congregation in prayer.

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

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

Leaders: Travis Keeton 89, 131b; Eron White 155; Doyce Bailey 143, 147t, 406; Hubert Hood 36b, 340, 569b; Corene White 37b, 403, 146; Chris Bales 358, 46, 111t; L.E. Hannah 83, 336.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 161.

Leaders: Mae Conwill 274, 34b, 500; Chris Rice 63, 408; Jayne Fulmer 299, 300; Kevin Bales 45t; Judson Keeton 168, 388; Loretta Whitman 81t, 82t, 335; Kermit Adams 288, 384; Roma Rice 162, 475; Billy Williams 28b, 231.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 379. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405, 124; Lisa Geist 276, 273; Robert L. Godsey 189, 128; Beatrice Brewer 298, 137; Glenn Keeton 503, 117; Christie Keeton 129, 61; Gravis Ballinger 144, 101t; Lena Keeton 192, 480; Larry Ballinger 477, 294; Margaret Keeton 294, 182; Willodean Barton 145t, 391; Earl Ballinger 275b, 80b; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 145b; Ivalene Donaldson 426, 77t, 143;

Dawson Adams 68b, 328; Wilton Donaldson 32t, 317; John Hyde 297, 73t; Gladys Bonds 499, 378b; Josie Hyde 43, 436.

Elmer Conwill and Travis Keeton led song on page 48t as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING
Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama
May 1, 1999

The fifteenth annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday, May 1st in the Madison Church building on the grounds of Burritt Museum and Park. Burritt Museum is located atop Monte Sano Mountain, the second highest elevation in Alabama. David Ivey, Chairman, called the class to order leading song on page 144. Joe Jones led the morning prayer.

The class organized by selecting the following officers: Vice Chairman - David Ballinger; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Assistant Secretary - Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger continued the singing by leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Doyce Bailey 100; Secretary Teresa Ballinger 147t; Vice Chairman David Ballinger 146; Gary Leopold 159; Richard Ivey 567; Mark Carroll 39t; Bill Shrader 72b; Amanda Ballinger 454; Sam Jones 81t; Lamar Smith 76b; Gene Wakefield 103; Norma Green and Nate Green 347; Hershell King 80b; Frances Jones 178; Edwin Ballinger 269; Josie Hyde 302; Gary Gronau 192; Linda Sides 480; Donald Jones 317; Cassie Franklin 300; S.T. Reed 220; Leon Ballinger 384; Karen Freund 182; Jerry Enright 77t; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Alan Jones 455; Tina Leopold 155; Jimmy Ballinger 565.

RECESS

David Ballinger called the class together leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 399b; Judy Caudle 110; Jackie Tanner 222; Mattie Townsel 143; Rich Overturf 515; Cindy Franklin 348b; Coy Ivey and Don Bowen 475, 137; Lisa Geist 272; Travis Keeton 496; Sarah Harcrow 127; Louis Hughes, Jr. 56b; Elizabeth Todd 373; Jon Gregg 77b; Eloise Clark 85; Ballinger brothers: Lavaughn, Buddy, Earl, Larry, Edwin, Lomax, Leon, Linton, and Gravis 45t; Flora Skinner 434; Mark Brown "Beulah Land"; Joe Todd 441; Jewel Wootten 225t; Dennis George 268; Debbie Hall 474; Paul Frederick 224; Lee Rogers 538; Loyd Ivey 424.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 40. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 151; John Hyde 297; Linda Thomas 350; Charles Meidinger 352; Susan Harcrow 186; Sam Sommers 112; Karen Arnett 497; Max Berueffy 328; Allison Ivey 270; Jeff Sheppard 436; Elene Stovall 99; Freeman Wootten and Coy Ivey 482; Judy Mincey 464; John Bealle 442; Ruth Brown 63; David Ivey 490 (for shut-in Martha Hicks and in memory of Jim Freyder and Estelle Napier); Earl Ballinger 217; John Lamb 29t; Ricky Harcrow 145t; Tim Reynolds 203; Sarah Smith 445; Gravis Ballinger 78; Sandra Jordan 64; Buell Cobb 138t; Karen Ivey 532; David Carlton 114; Mike Thompson 236; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 28b; Gary Smith 569b; Marilyn Burchett 335; Larry Olszewski 354b; David Ivey 34b (for Virgil Phillips).

Following announcements, Chairman David Ivey and Vice Chairman David Ballinger led song on page 56t, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Ricky Harcrow.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - David Ballinger; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Assistant Secretary - Amanda Ballinger.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)
Walker County, Alabama
May 2, 1999

The twenty-ninth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) on the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. A.C. McGough led the congregation in prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A.C. McGough; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton.

Travis Keeton led song on page 179. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99, 101t; John Bealle 100, 354b; Linton Ballinger 144, 145b; Ivalene Donaldson 326, 335; Debbie Hall 155, 66; Roger Moore 460; Eloise Clark 45t, 276; Larry Ballinger 277, 270; Elsie Moon 434, 392; Karen Arnett 40, 84; John Hyde 63, 129; Edwin Ballinger 159, 89; Shelley Davis 405, 73t; Leon Ballinger 217, 299.

RECESS

A.C. McGough called the class to order leading songs on pages 147t and 390. Leaders: Ila Ingle 143, 358 (for her sisters-in-law); Dwight Ingle 445, 294; Randy Moon 146, 35; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 32t; Amber Springfield 58, 391; Richard Overturf 68b, 49b; Marie Aldridge 436; Ashley Keeton 196, 222; Parnell Berry 283, 298.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 343. Leaders: Roma Rice 327, 566; Chris Rice 183, 408; Jayne Fulmer 454, 316; Gene Wakefield 168 (in memory of his father), 112 (for Arnold Moore); Edith Tate 532; Lavaughn Ballinger 76b, 79; Beatrice Brewer 373, 137; Harrison Creel 167, 342; Pam Keeton 442, 480; Wanda Capp 142, 216; Clarence McCool 428, 349; Julietta Haynes 211, 309; Elmer Conwill 500, 498; Lena Keeton and Gwenn Cornelius 490, 546 (in memory of Lena Keeton's mother and father, and Estelle Napier); Philip Gilmore 97, 285t; Lisa Geist 491, 171; Josie Hyde 507; Willodean Barton 82; Gladys Bonds 212, 77t; Christie Allen 411; Paula Springfield 224, 389 (in memory of her mother and father and Mr. Ballinger); Paula Gilmore 388, 39t; Johnny Humber 448b; John Beasley 317; Ricky Beasley 457, 30b; David Beasley 348b, 39b; Flarce Creel 475; L.H. Gilmore 376; Glenn Keeton 45t (for Martha Hicks who is ill), 358 (for his aunt).

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A.C. McGough; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Carrollton, Georgia
May 2, 1999

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 song on page 72b. Lonnie Rogers led the congregation in prayer. Felton Denney led song on page 31b; Everette Denney 335, 503; Sheri Taylor 146, 148; Jimmie Denney 143, 155; and Josephine Denney 100, 145.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor; Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace and Teenie Moody; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith and Ruth Brown; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 141, 283; Bernard Denney 40, 46; Mary Florence Smith 106, 378; Don Bowen 569t, 225t; Jan House 151, 126, 191; Bobby Jackson 569b, 480.

RECESS

Felton Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 68b. Leaders: Donna Duke 176b, 159; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Judy Mincey 489, 50b; Raymond Hamrick 448b, 394; Lori Goode 435b, 120, 358; Richard DeLong 158, 513; Shelbie Sheppard 446, 367; Lloyd Toney 129, 45t.

Mary Florence Smith gave the memorial lesson with the following deceased remembered: Horace DeLong, Richard Allison, Lillian Burnetta; Florence Williams, Jim Keel, Newman Miles, and Margaret Wright. Louis Hughes led song on page 138b for the deceased. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 33b for Newman Miles who was a member of Emmaus Church.

Richard DeLong led song on page 425 for the sick and shut-ins. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 426t and concluded the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Felton Denney leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Denney Rogers 318, 345; Marilyn Burchett 81, 49t; Howard McGuire 454, 192; Kenneth DeLong 316, 568; Jeff Sheppard 439, 325; Teenie Moody 391, 422; Louis Hughes 378b, 89; Dan Bailey 515, 58; Gene Duke 101t, 418; Laura Frey 47b, 29t; Becky Hafner-Camp 114, 277; Phillip Denney 178, 186; Carlene Griffin 77b, 77t; Paige Harrod and Kayla McWhorter 405, 222; Felton Denney, Caroline Denney, Ria Denney, Elizabeth Folds, and Jessica Folds 164.

Announcements were made. Felton Denney and Everette Denney led song on page 414 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Lloyd Toney.

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

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Nauvoo, Alabama** **May 9, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Joshua Keeton leading songs on pages 30t and 108t. Earl Warren led the congregation in prayer.

The class organized and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee - Arthur Gilmore and Joshua Keeton; Secretary - Pamela Keeton. Ashley Keeton led songs on pages 144 and 300. Leaders: Bill Hogan 297, 30b; Odie Horton 204; Cassie Franklin 99, 475; Billy Williams 154, 438; Parnell Berry 177, 306; Wilton Donaldson 317; Margaret Keeton 455; Elmer Conwill 31t, 137; Pamela Keeton 200, 222; Jimmie Gilmore "Cleansing Fountain" (for her parents, Garnsey and Ethel McGough who are in the nursing home, and for her son, Philip Gilmore who is sick), 276; Jimmie Gilmore and Glenn Keeton 225t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ashley Keeton leading song on page 196. Leaders: Sarah Beasley Smith 290, 406; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Brenda Merritt 76b, 270; Cindy Franklin 269, 198; Delores Canaday 294, 85; Gene Wakefield 168, 284; Mae Conwill 314, 74b; John Merritt 358, 45.

A memorial lesson was held with Jimmie Gilmore, Arthur Gilmore, Glenn Keeton, Pamela Keeton, Joe Gilmore, Leslie Gilmore, Tim Gilmore, Joshua Keeton, and Ashley Keeton leading songs on pages 146 and 143 for the deceased, and also for the sick and shut-ins.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 59 and 64. Leaders: Joe Gilmore 388, 186; Ila Ingle 434, 436; John Hyde 61, 90; Leslie Gilmore and Joe Gilmore 36b, 371; Joe Gilmore 442 (in memory of Uncle Tom Harper); Tim Gilmore 142 (in memory of his mother, Lavada Gilmore), 328, 189; Travis Keeton 400, 179; A.C. McGough 454; Lena Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, and Katie Key 34b, 498; Ivalene Donaldson 288, 73t; John Hocutt 272, 211.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Arthur Gilmore leading songs on pages 569 and 496. Leaders: Kermit Adams 67, 426t; John Beasley 335, 47b; Marlin Beasley and Juanita Beasley 336, 337; Gary Smith 47t, 565; Gladys Bonds 68b, 499; Dwight Ingle and Karen Wiggins 294, 445b; Velton Chafin 35; Ricky Beasley 39b, 566; Chuck Beasley 33b, 235; Bunk Beasley and Marlin Beasley 81t. Ashley Keeton and Glenn Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. Arthur Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Ashley Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Pamela Keeton.

GARDEN STATE CONVENTION

Upper Montclair, New Jersey

May 14-15, 1999

Friday, May 14

The seventh annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Montclair Friends Meeting House.

The class was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Gina Balestracci, who welcomed everyone and led song on page 59. Marlin Beasley led the class in prayer.

The convention then went into a business session. Of special note during this session was the formal announcement and signing of documentation for the incorporation of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singers. This was the culmination of many months of work by Roland Hutchinson.

The following officers and committees were elected and appointed: Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman - Susan Bingham; Treasurer - Jean Seiler; Secretary - Rosemary Greenaway; Chaplains - Marlin Beasley, Mark Davis, George Seiler, and Cora Sweatt; Memorial Committee - Gina Balestracci and Rosemary Greenaway; Arranging Committee - Paula McGray and Laura Densmore; Keying - Mark Davis, Ginny Landgraf, Bob Parr, and Jean Seiler; Resolutions - Donna Abrahams; Reception - Susan Bingham and Marlene Levine; Food - Diane Mennella, Ellie Soler, Irene Carr, and Seth Holloway; Housing - Susan Bingham; Publicity - Roland Hutchinson and Ada Bruner of the Neward Star Ledger. The business session was closed.

The class resumed singing with Rosemary Greenaway leading song on 29t. Leaders: Jean Seiler 34b; Susan Bingham 198; Gina Balestracci 28t; George Seiler 168; Roland Hutchinson 28b; Ellie Soler 84; Dick Levine 300; Claire Simon 40; Michael Kaye 163b; Lynne deBenedette 421; Richard Schmeidler 474; Marlin Beasley 336; Karen Freund 77t; Tim Erikson 439; Gretchen Eckhardt 178.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Gina Balestracci leading song on 49t. Chairman Gina Balestracci introduced Mark Davis of Brandon, Mississippi, a respected singing school master and chairman of the Mississippi Convention. He opened his lesson speaking about the shape-note tradition in northern Mississippi. There they sing from the Denson Book, Cooper Book, and Christian Harmony, and they sing seven syllables (do, re, mi...) to the four shapes. He gave a demonstration of how this would sound and invited anyone to sing the songs in this fashion. He then referred the class to his lesson sheets. Among his handouts was an exercise in the Rudiments of Music suited to give a novice a quick understanding of the scale, intervals and rhythm. We sang 42 "in 4" followed by beating "in 2." The use of the two systems of beating time illustrated clearly how a change in rhythm and accent can change the character of a song. The class then sang 87 as an example of 2/4 time. 56b exemplified 3/4 time. 57 was sung as an example of compound time. The class sang several songs from the Eclectic Harmony: "Palmetto" (originally from the Christian Harmony and also Cooper Book 54), "Will You Meet Me?" (Cooper 559). Mark Davis spoke movingly of the Sacred Harp tradition of singing songs that have special meaning for family and relatives thereby keeping the emotional and spiritual connection through the generations. We sang such a song, "Eden", adding verses one and five from "Amazing Grace". Mr. Davis concluded his class by speaking about the use of the drone in Mississippi. This practice usually closes their singings. While the square remains seated, the leader calls forth three or four singers to sing the tune. The class drones on the final pitch of their phrase while the "leaders" repeat the phrase two or three times, continuing on until the song is finished, almost in a call and response method. The class used "The Traveller" (The Social Harp) as a drone. Mark Davis concluded his lesson with prayer. The evening session ended with Gina Balestracci leading song on 510. George Seiler offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, May 15

On Saturday morning the class reassembled, and the session was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading song on 77b. Cora Sweatt offered the opening prayer. Chairman Gina Balestracci brought to the class's attention a message sent by two singers who were unexpectedly absent from Friday's opening session. Barbara Swetman and Allen Fannin sent word of a car accident the day before that prevented their attendance. In their absence they requested that we sing 475 for them.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 218; Brenda Peña 178; David Boyle 159; Sally Findley 155; Nancy Thomas 84; Karen Snowberg 49b; Louis Naylor and George Seiler 347; Janet Shipman 199; Jim Wantland 479; Tom Gibney 157; Martin DeNys 232; Gary Smith 569; Mirjana Lausevic 70b; Duncan Vinson 213T; Betty Hanf 481; Walter Hartley 480; Gerry Hoffman 272; Dan Hertzler 362; Martha Lang 48t; Lisa Davis 528; Katharine Hough 408; Seth Holloway 388; Cora Sweatt 312b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rosemary Greenaway leading song on 47t. Leaders: Inga Knetz 448b; David Hough 137; Chris Haller 236; Jim Metzger 99; Cheryl Stroud 183; Margaret Bornick 497; Blake Morris 297; Ginnie Ely, 196; Janine Smith 201b; Cathy Tucker 106; Bob Parr 377; Ron Bornick 186; Paula McGray 542; John Redman 551; Laura Clawson 496; Guy Bankes 441; Ann Kazlauskas 85; Hal Kunkel 304; Berkley Moore 378t; Donna Abrahams 260; Tim Brown 66; Tom Tucker and Mark Davis 300; Sarah Smith 384; Dennis Leipold 344; Bill Holt 376; Laura Densmore 350.

At this time the session was turned over the Memorial Committee. Rosemary Greenaway led song on page 171 for the following sick and shut-ins: Connecticut - Dot Garber and Susan Garber; Kentucky - George Myers; Mississippi - Bernice Embry; New Jersey - Jack Sacher and Dan Romanowski; New Mexico - Dodge Wiggins; New York - Allen Fannin, Janice Glanzrock, Harriet Henry, Bill Sullivan, Barbara Swetman, and Barry Talesnick; Wisconsin - Bob Scorgie. Gina Balestracci led song on 69b for the following deceased: Alabama - Maude Keeton and Mae Seymour; California - Harry Mullikan and Gary Parker; Maryland - Henry Romanowski, Sr.; Massachusetts - Ada Arkanase, John Marinelli, and William Von Arx; Mississippi - Johnny Porter and Cleo Hawkins; New Jersey - Judy Greenwald, Peter Husick, Morris Lee, and Nicole Brinker Schnarr; New York - Jim Dease, Dorothy Kelly, Penny McCall, David McCall, and Barbara Prudhomme; Ohio - Bob Bergman; Pennsylvania - Edna Lundgren; Virginia - Shirley Green and Mary Hulburt; Tennessee - Margaret Wright; Wisconsin - Evadne McNeil and Ellen Dorothy Nussbaum. George Seiler closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Gina Balestracci leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 553; Ellie Soler 277; Janine Smith 176t; Marlin Beasley 348b; David Hough 371; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; Gabrielle Kastle 34t; Louise Luger and Gina Balestracci 143; Cora Sweatt 47b; members of Joe Beasley's family in attendance (Sarah Beasley Smith, Gary Smith, Seth Holloway, Marlin Beasley, Juanita Beasley, and Cora Beasley Sweatt) 146 (in tribute to Joe Beasley); Duncan Vinson 290; Cheryl Stroud 455; Dan Hertzler 288; Mark Davis and son, Kurt Davis 354; Ginnie Ely 454; Susan Bingham 107.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Diane Mennella leading song on 73b. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 112; Katharine Hough 378B; Marty DeNys 269; Cathy Tucker 144; Seth Holloway and mother, Sarah Beasley Smith 30t (this was the same song he led as a six-year old at a singing recorded on the new CD in his Uncle Joe Beasley's memory); Nancy Thomas 63; Berkley Moore 215; Laura Clawson 532; Gary Smith 31t; Bob Parr 391; Blake Morris 179; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 217; Inga Knetz 430; Tom Tucker 189; Betty Hanf 209; Ron Bornick 299; Louis Naylor 452; Janet Shipman 306b; Jean Seiler, George Seiler, Susan Bingham, and Gina Balestracci 212; Lisa Davis 200; Tim Brown 38T; Chris Haller 351; Martha Lang 268; Carol Werba 163.

The Convention entered a business session to hear committee reports.

The Treasurer reported that the contributions received would cover the cost of the convention.

The Arranging Committee reported that 129 people from 18 states registered during the two days of the Convention, and that 78 leaders led 111 songs. State distribution of registrants is as follows: Alabama - 5; Canada - 1; Connecticut - 6; District of Columbia - 1; Illinois - 1; Maryland - 2; Massachusetts - 14; Mississippi - 3; Nebraska - 1; New Hampshire - 3; New Jersey - 28; New York City - 14; New York (upstate) - 20; Pennsylvania - 7; Rhode Island - 3; Tennessee - 3; Virginia - 5; Vermont - 1; Washington - 11.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee gave thanks to the Creator and appreciation to the officers of the Convention and all the many people who made this Convention possible; the members of the Montclair Friends Meeting; the local constabulary; and the neighbors. Special thanks and appreciation to Roland Hutchinson for his work in getting the incorporation documentation completed. The committee reports were all accepted as presented to the Convention.

Gina Balestracci led song on page 62 as the singers took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with closing prayer by George Seiler.
Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Vice-Chairman - Susan Bingham; Treasurer - Jean Seiler; Secretary - Rosemary Greenaway.

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
Pisgah Presbyterian Church,
Versailles (near Lexington), Kentucky
May 15, 1999

The eighteenth session of the annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ron Pen leading song on page 58. Ron Pen welcomed everyone, briefly went over the schedule for the day, and thanked Rev. Mike Ward (in absentia), Pastor of Pisgah Presbyterian Church, for once again so graciously letting us use the church for our singing. Ron Pen read a brief passage from the "Essay on Music" from the '91 Sacred Harp book as an invocation. Charles Coulston convened the morning session.

Leaders: Raphael Finkel 454, 49t; Caroline Simmons 147t, 117; Sharon Hill 80; Mary Brinkman 178, 535b; Keith MacAdam 196, 569; Charles Coulston 155, 209; Bob Sears 39, 354; Don Waggener 59; Irene Mitchell 27, 31t; Frank Mitchell 108b, 108t; Michele Cull 479, 146; Bob Meek 452, 441.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Rob Baker leading songs on 455 and 288. Leaders: Joy Dunn 183, 299; Denise Morris 391, 538; Ron Pen 524; Rob Baker 133; Bob Meek 454, 312b; Frank Mitchell 358.

The Memorial lesson was presented by Keith MacAdam.

Mary Brinkman spoke of two past college friends, both of whom have passed since last year's annual singing and both from Missouri: Joseph Martin and Patricia Kretchmer. Joseph Martin had called Mary Brinkman to chat when he was in Lexington visiting family; she had not spoken with him in well over 25 years before that. Joseph died in a plane crash less than two weeks later. Mary commented that it felt very much as if Joseph had called to "re-connect after many years, and to say good-bye". Patricia Kretchmer's death remains a mystery, until Mary can get more information. Mary Brinkman led song on page 47 in their memory.

Ron Pen spoke very highly of Gina Skaggs Epifano, originally from Kentucky, whom he had known as a talented music student at University of Kentucky, then as a very competent professional and wonderful person. Ron led song on page 118 in her memory.

Bob Meek led song on 313 for Janet Borman of Illinois. Bob commented on meeting Janet at a singing in Chicago and then later of her coming to singings in Louisville. He recalled the last time he saw her in the spring of '98 when she turned to wave to him from her car as she left one of his singings. He commented that we should keep in mind that at any given time we see someone, it could be the last.

Keith MacAdam mentioned that his deceased mother, memorialized at a previous singing, had "given him music" by very carefully and thoroughly teaching him, herself a music teacher. He asked that as he led song on page 159, we each think of any person or people who gave us music. The memorial was closed.

Denise Morris led song on page 318 as a blessing before lunch, and also offered heartfelt and thankful verbal thanks for all of life's joy in the Spirit.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Raphael Finkel leading song on page 66. Leaders: Don Waggener 232, 410; Denise Morris 250; Joy Dunn 73b; Caroline Simmons 29; Sharon Hill 212; Phil Cullum 268; Keith MacAdam 269; Michele Cull 34b; Irene Mitchell 105; Charles Coulston 300; Ron Pen 236; Raphael Finkel "Lansdowne" (his composition); Michele Cull 457; Don Waggener 338; Bob Meek 68b; Phil Cullum 523; Phil Todd 320; Joy Dunn 47b; Caroline Simmons 84; Bob Meek 322, "Samanthra" (Southern Harmony).

Ron Pen thanked the conveners, memorial lesson leader, those who prayed, recording secretary, Rev. Mike Ward, and all those who attended and brought such delicious food for the dinner on the grounds. Ron Pen led song on page 267 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chairman - Ron Pen; Secretary - Mary Brinkman.

ARROW ROCK SINGING **Federated Church, Arrow Rock, Missouri** **May 15, 1999**

The fifth annual Arrow Rock Singing met at the Federated Church in Arrow Rock, Missouri on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Wendy Hofmann leading song on page 31. Sharyn Kropp offered the morning prayer. Wendy Hofman led song on page 29; and Richard Green 34b.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Sharyn Kropp; Vice Chairman - Becky Browne; Secretary - Susan Green; Finance - Richard Green; Memorial - Ann Leckie and Penny Kujawinski; Locating - Susan Green and Wendy Hofmann; Arranging - Cindy Kisse and Patti Butterfield.

Leaders: Jenny Willard 32; Patti Butterfield 300; Sharyn Kropp 178; Becky Browne 171; Charlie Derleth 68b; Peter Nichols 146; Sharyn Kropp 56; Martha Henderson 40; Cindy Kisse 51; Gary Gronau 112; Lela Leyland 236; Donna Walters 148; Lou Kujawinski 535; Patti Butterfield 348b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sharyn Kropp leading song on page 282.

Leaders: Susan Green 474; Zena Tucker 30; Ann Leckie 142; Thomas Willard 36b; Keith Willard 144; Jenny Willard 99; Jon Pearson 515; Richard Green 163; Cindy Stone 547; Dave Ressler 430; Becky Browne 203.

The memorial lesson was led by Ann Leckie and Penny Kujawinski. Ann Leckie reminded the class that just as the singing community is more than just the people here in this room, it is also more than the people here on earth, but encompasses all who have been before and all who are to come. Ann Leckie led song on page 163b for the deceased: Karen Wiard - Minnesota; Mary Ann Brotemackle - Missouri; Helen Manis - Georgia; and Diana Nomad (state not listed).

Penny Kujawinski said that we know music has healing power and it is proper that we should pray for the healing of the sick through the medium of song. She led song on page 86 for the sick and shut in which included: Jim Kropp - Missouri; Virgil Phillips and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Cindy Shely - Kansas; and Susan Rebecca Green - Georgia.

Anna Sylvester led the song on page 29. Sharyn Kropp asked the blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Becky Browne brought the class back to order leading song on page 82. Rebecca Green led song on page 84; Ann Green 49t; and Penny Kujawinski 373. Charlie Obert led a new hymn he composed entitled "Arrow Rock" and told the class that the Arrow Rock singing two years ago had been his first all day singing, and that he has just learned that he attended seminary with the minister of the Federated Church where we are singing. Leaders: Jeff Brotemarkle 268; Charlie Derleth 137; Peter Nichols 117; Martha Henderson 360; Cindy Kisse 68; Gary Gronau 192; Lou Kujawinski 159; Zena Tucker 126; Ann Leckie 377; Becky Browne 299; Dave Ressler 384; Keith Willard 278b; Jon Pearson 59; Richard Green and Susan Green 198.

RECESS

Becky Browne called the class back to order leading song on page 66. Leaders: Jenny Willard 318; Joe Casad 454; Cindy Stone 371; Donna Walter 504; Lela Leyland 396; Anna Sylvester 209; Patti Butterfield 419; Penny Kujawinski 47; Charlie Obert 475; Martha Henderson 196 (request of Mrs. Godsey). Announcements were made. Becky Browne led song on page 389 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Charlie Derleth led the concluding prayer. Chairman - Sharyn Kropp; Vice Chairman - Becky Browne; Secretary - Susan Green.

MATTOX MEMORIAL SINGING **City Administration Building, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee** **Saturday, May 15, 1999**

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading songs on pages 34b and 128. Gordon Wilkinson offered the morning prayer.

Clay Mattox welcomed everyone, and the class organized by appointing the following officers: Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Frances Mattox; Arranging Committee - Clay Mattox and Cecil Sanders.

Clayton Ezell led songs on pages 31b, 33b, and 32t. Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225t, 460; Judge Otis Knippers 45t; Gene Wakefield 56t, 57, 168; Gordon Wilkinson 217, 475, 434; Marylin Burchett 81t, 29t.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 335, 339, 35; Clay Mattox 399b, 399t; Hershell King 97, 410t, 100; Sandie Scott 40, 59, 147t; Marie Guthrie 129, 30t, 343b; Linda Sides 34t, 290, 569.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading songs on pages 84 and 143. Leaders: Margie Norwood and her sister, Frances Mattox 452; Margie Norwood 119; Elvin Guthrie 479, 482, 477; Gene Wakefield 108b; Marylin Burchett 154; Hershell King 340; Linton Ballinger 101t; Sandie Scott 68b; Elvin Guthrie 139; Linda Sides 106; Gordon Wilkinson 145t; Margie Norwood 63; Clayton Ezell 358.

Clay Mattox made a motion to meet next year at the same time and place, and spoke of his deep appreciation to all the singers who attended. The motion was passed. An invitation was extended to one and all to attend. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Hershell King.

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Frances Mattox.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING
Los Angeles, California
May 15, 1999

The seventh annual Southern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on the Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, California.

The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jerry Schreiber leading song on 270. Carrie Patterson Grindon led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 112; Susan Turpin 68b; Carla Smith 378t; Carolyn Deacy 114; Carrie Patterson Grindon 58.

A business meeting was called with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Rick Russell; Vice Chairperson - Laura Russell; Secretary - Jeff VanderWilt; Arranging Committee - Laura Russell; Treasurer - Susan Turpin; Memorial Committee - Ron Huss; Resolutions Committee - Mary Rose O'Leary and Stephen O'Leary; Chaplain - Carrie Patterson Grindon.

Leaders: Rick Russell 189; Laura Russell 147b; Jeff VanderWilt 178; John Rand 385t; Betty Herman 430; Duncan MacLeod 373.

RECESS

Rick Russell called the class back to order leading 401. Leaders: Karen Willard 330b; Mary Rose O'Leary 384; Al Patterson Grindon 147t; Midge Harder 146; Ron Huss 311; Janet Herman 95; Carroll Lunsford 111t; Karen Huss 236; Jon Giles 176b; Stephen O'Leary 260; Jerry Schreiber 66; Mimi Wright 39t.

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Janice Hecksel 481; Mary Rose O'Leary 318; John Leicester 198; Mike Laube 300.

Ron Huss gave the memorial lesson and led song on page 534 for the following deceased: Don Jolly and Mei Chang - California; Frank Lee - Georgia; Marge Ogren Anderson - Illinois.

Jerry Schreiber gave a lovely eulogy for Don Jolly of San Diego, California who died unexpectedly of cancer, and we sang Don's favorite song, 532, in his memory.

We then sang 566 for the sick and shut-ins: David Christ, Virgil Phillips, Barbara Goldfus, Gerry (San Francisco), and Marie Aldridge.

Jeff VanderWilt then led 269 to close the morning session.

LUNCH

Rick Russell called the class back from lunch leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Janet Herman 383; Rodney Davidson 82t; Stephen O'Leary 130; Stephen O'Leary then gave a children's lesson leading 168; John Rand 271t; Carolyn Deacy 299; Karen and Barbara Willard 349; Carla Smith 448b; Al Patterson Grindon 49b; We sang "Happy Birthday" in honor of Al Patterson Grindon's birthday, May 15; Betty Herman 545; Duncan MacLeod 329; Rod Willard 106; Jeff VanderWilt 377.

Robin Hinchcliff, our host and the director of Angels Gate Cultural Center, was introduced. Laura Russell assisted Robin Hinchcliff in leading song on page 133.

RECESS

Jon Giles called the class back to order leading song on page 218. Leaders: Carrie Patterson Grindon 497; Carroll Lunsford 153; Susan Turpin 203; Marilyn Murata 107; Mary Bess Grimes 72b; Mike Laube 38b; Ron Huss 327; Mary

Rose O'Leary 362; Karen Willard and Jerry Schreiber 64, 569b; Janice Hecksel 385b; Mimi Wright 163b; Rodney Davidson 277, Rick Russell 454.

A business meeting was called. Treasurer Susan Turpin reported that contributions met and exceeded expenses.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following resolutions.

Thanks to:

- 1) The Eternal Spirit that animates this music and gives us life through the singing;
- 2) Betty Herman for arranging the food and to all who cooked a fine meal for us;
- 3) All travelers who came from afar to lend their voices and made this singing a success;
- 4) The officers of this singing who worked hard to make things run smoothly, especially Rick Russell, Laura Russell, and Jeff VanderWilt;
- 5) Ron Huss and Karen Huss who supplied the chairs;
- 6) The Angels Gate Cultural Center for hosting us again.

Announcements for several upcoming events were made. Rick Russell closed the singing leading song on page 276. Carrie Patterson Grindon gave the closing prayer. The singing adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Chairman - Rick Russell; Vice Chairperson - Laura Boyd Russell; Secretary - Jeffrey VanderWilt.

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Cleburne County, Alabama
May 16, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class sang songs on pages 61 and 45t; B.M. Smith 59, 81; Jeff Sheppard 91; Pearl Guier 127, 49t; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Milton Oliver 75, 32; Lewis Norton 124, 30b; Jimmie Denney 101t, 313t; Lamar Smith 76b, 36b; Lou Cotney 222, 497; C.W. Garner 348, 332; Carlene Griffin 146, 270.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown.

RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 123b. Leaders: Howard McGuire 269, 192; Mary Lee Smith 294, 358; Randall Smith 48t, 73t; Sonja Randall 87, 335; Harvey Austin 566; Roy Nelson 145t, 145b; Sylvia Holland 217, 426b; Bud Oliver 426t, 47t; Karen Reaves 457, 410t; George Garner 480; Evelyn Harris 155, 159.

Ruth Brown gave the memorial lesson and based her comments on a poem she read. The following deceased were remembered: Bobby Hale, M.F. Smith, Margie Edwards, Fairy Kerr, John Brown, Rosa Lee Owens, Cleo Barker Clay, Herman Smith, Florence Williams, Jim Keel, Adrian Watson, and Gerald Watson.

Louise Owen and Hester Edwards led song on page 339 for the deceased, and song on page 128 especially for Margie Edwards.

Felton Denney led song on page 31t for the sick and shut-ins who are many. The memorial was closed.

Charles Norton gave a report on the cemetery.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with B.M. Smith leading songs on pages 37b and 28b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 147t, 338; Louise Holland 63, 323b; Everette Denney 137, 119; Ora Martin 340, 349; Bernice Steadman 313t, 408; Felton Denney 489, 503; Ginnie Prater 373, 392; Ruth Daniel 378t, 39b; Pam Nunn 186, 216; B. J. Harris 303, 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 142, 277; Cecil Edwards 491, 112; Sherrell Durand 405, 384; Jeff Sheppard 439 (in memory of Jerry Sheppard), 434 (in memory of Lola Jenkins), 114. Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Everette Denney. Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

NEW CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire (Walker County), Alabama
May 16, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Canaan Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May was called to order by Tim Gilmore leading songs on pages 39b and 48t. Lavaughn Ballinger led the congregation in the opening prayer. Leaders: Tim Gilmore 112; Gene Wakefield 101t, 100, 58; Cecil Sanders 225t, 503; Patricia Martin 445, 274; Brenda Merritt 67, 542, 78 (for Tressie Adkins), 442; Gertrude Wood 137, 186; John Hocutt 135, 312; Lavaughn Ballinger 30t, 84, 405; Travis Keeton 37b, 61, 81t; Ann Jett 43, 448b, 141.

RECESS

Tim Gilmore brought the class to order leading songs on pages 176b and 297. Leaders: Cindy Franklin 335, 270; Cassie Franklin 300, 224; Wanda Capps 142, 200, 222; Sylvia Childers 59, 146; Edith Tate 139, 157, 512 (for Harrison Creel); John Merritt and Cory Wood 358, 45t; Larry Ballinger 89, 90; the class 490 (for Margaret Wood).

Announcements were made. This singing will be discontinued as of this date, and will no longer be held.

Gertrude Wood led song on page 441 as the closing song and in memory of her father, Oscar Owens. John Hocutt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Margaret Wood.

ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
HOMECOMING AND SINGING
Daviston, Alabama
May 16, 1999

Eugene Forbes brought the singing to order leading songs on pages 63 and 32t, followed with prayer led by Elder C.V. Estes.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Gurley; Arranging Committee - Charlotte Bishop.

Eugene Forbes led songs on pages 75 and 100. Leaders: Nell Estes 560 (for her dad, Roy Avery), 145b; Floy Wilder 186 (for Elder Roy Avery), 432; Edna Ruth Phillips 452, 318; Jenny Gurley 340, 36b (for her mother); Annie Lee Price 110, 111t; Jean Payne 290, 480 (for her dad, Roy Avery); Ben Keeble 490, 39b; Eugene Forbes 155, 222, 34b, 566 (for Betty Forbes).

A memorial was held. Judy Vergess led songs on pages 61 and 45t for Joda Mann and Lafayette Patterson, Jr.

Leaders: Judy Vergess 147t, 358; Jordan Whitehead 111t, 354b.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Eugene Forbes leading songs on pages 30t and 288 (for M.B. Forbes). Leaders: Charlotte Bishop "The Great Roll Call", 499; Leonard Price 335, 100; George Marlett 112, 136; Sharon Whitehead 143, 63; Verlie McDaniel 127, 168; Charlotte Bishop and Jenny Gurley "The Great Roll Call" (by request); Edna Ruth Phillips 299; Floy Wilder 142; Annie Lee Price 300; Jenny Gurley 313t; Jean Payne 290; Sharon Causey and Daphene Causey 137, 212; Elder C.V. Estes 335; Elder Ben Keeble 47b; George Marlett 100; Sharon Whitehead 294; Nell Estes 438; Judy Vergess 196; Eugene Forbes 410t; Charlotte Bishop "Not Made With Hands" (by request), 73t.

Eugene Forbes led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Ben Keeble.

Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Gurley.

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)

Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama

May 22, 1999

The annual all day singing of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Society President Don L. Clark leading song on page 434. Johnny Lee was asked to offer the morning prayer. Don Clark gave a short welcome address.

Officers for this year are: President - Don L. Clark; Vice President - John Etheridge; Secretary - Amy Lee.

Don Clark led song on page 59. Leaders: John Etheridge 450; Regina Clark 217; Riley Lee 563; Velton Chafin 322; S.T. Reed 522; Mary Elizabeth Lee 511t; Lamar Smith 76b; Frank Hadaway 507b; Horace Nall 478; Thurman Nall 292b; Bill Aplin 277; Bud Oliver 270; Ramona Lee 101t; Henry Johnson 447t; Jackie Tanner 54t; Victoria Aplin 508; Amy Lee 319; Felton Denney 47t.

RECESS

Don Clark called the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 39; Lonnie Rogers 137; Clarke Lee 28b; G.C. Waldrep 497; Jimmie Denney 143; Helen Bryson 172; Norma Green and Nate Green 199; Elene Stovall 505; Regina Glass 98; Joan Aldridge 559; Bobby Jackson and Regina Clark 393t; Billy Joe Harris 451b; Kathy Lee 68t; Denney Rogers 345t.

RECESS

Order was restored by the President, Don Clark. Leaders: Coy Ivey 222; David Lee 229; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 108t; Jeff Sheppard 89; B.M. Smith 38t; Randall Smith 36b; Johnny Lee 263; Linda Thomas 569; Shelbie Sheppard 290; Evelyn Harris 159; Brenda Merritt 567; Loy Garrison 503; Louis Hughes 176t; John Plunkett 402; Wayne Morgan 31t; Tommie Spurlock 140; Bill Farris 401; Allen Fannin 543b; Elder Tollie Lee 84; Laura Densmore 336t; Harrison Creel 355; Tommie Spurlock 358 (by special request).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by the President, Don L. Clark, leading song on page 520. Leaders: Phil Slay 100; Cassie Franklin 278b; Curtis Rogers 335; Tim Jones 285t; Jack Nelson 40; Kate Merritt 376; John Merritt "Talitha Cumi" (his composition); Jenny Wootten 148; Syble Adams 572; Buell Cobb 45t; Tor Bejnar 334; Cindy Franklin 516; Dewayne Hawthorne 436b; Elder Ben Keeble 440b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by the President, Don L. Clark, leading song on page 186. Leaders: Leola Smith 558b; Lois Stanson 99; Isabelle Green 388; Annie Lee Price 192; Betty Wright 511b; Aubrey Barfield 522; J.A. Mosley 282; Alice Bejnar 120; Paula Fagan 488b; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 77t; Liz Bryant 392; David Lee and Clarke Lee "Mercy Seat" (by request); Don Clark 225t (requested by Virgil Phillips); David Lee "Marthasville" (original composition).

Announcements were made. Don Clark, Regina Clark, John Etheridge, and Amy Lee led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. We invite everyone back next year on May 27, 2000. Elder Tollie Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

President - Don L. Clark; Vice President - John Etheridge; Secretary - Amy Lee.

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP AND
CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING
Danielson Recital Hall, Greenville, South Carolina
May 22, 1999**

Note: Christian Harmony page numbers are indicated as being from the North Carolina book (CH-NC) or the Alabama book (CH-AL); if the same page in both, they are shown only as (CH). All other numbers are from The Sacred Harp.

The second session of the Furman University Singing was called to order by organizer Jean Osteen and opened by Leon Carnell leading songs on pages 40 and 47b. Chairman Frances Carnell led song on page 360. Hugh McGraw led the congregation in the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Secretary - Lee Rogers; Arranging Committee - Judy Mincey.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 503; Hugh McGraw 32t; Judy Mincey 116 (CH-NC), 50b; Lee Rogers 99, 373; Chris Berg 47t, 49b; Deborah Jones 159, 480; William Burns 59, 117 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 89 (CH), 51 (CH); Don Bowen 204t (CH-NC), 280t (CH); LeeAnn Carnell 328, 497.

RECESS

Dan Huger brought the class back leading songs on pages 268 (CH) and 178.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 49t, 63; Henry Zittrouer 68b, 108t.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey opened the afternoon session leading song on page 270. Leaders: Lee Rogers 85 (CH-AL); Larry Beveridge 95b (CH); Scott Swanton 215 (CH), 95 (CH), 36; Frances Carnell 37b, 324; David Guthrie 117, 85; Deborah Jones 268, 454; William Burns 128, 79; Diane Eskenasy and Tim Aldrich 240 (CH), 140 (CH); Don Bowen 171, 82t.

RECESS

LeeAnn Carnell brought the class back leading songs on pages 569b and 504.

Leaders: Dan Huger 258 (CH), 208 (CH); Jaqui Owen 452b, 45t; Henry Zittrouer 87, 127; Larry Beveridge 255t (CH), 88 (CH). Hymn on page 62 was used as the closing song and Henry Zittrouer dismissed the class with prayer.

Note: Next year we will bring food for a potluck lunch.

Chairman - Frances Carnell; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

SULLINS SCHOOL HOUSE
Hamilton, Alabama
May 23, 1999

The sixty-fourth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Sullins School House was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 39b. Doyle Williams led the congregation in the opening prayer. Estes Jackson led song on page 33b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and John Hyde.

Leaders: Estes Jackson 73t; Faye Donaldson 270, 78; Margaret Keeton 129, 42; Odie Horton 89, 47b; Beatrice Brewer 137, 460; Ivalene Donaldson 146; Mae Conwill 206, 100, 294 (by request); Erselle Jackson 268, "Not Made With Hands"; Elgie Mae Woods 421, 269; Travis Keeton 37b, 121.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class to order leading songs on pages 111t, 127, and 44. Leaders: Elder Frank Woods 222, 39t, 49b, 137 (by request); Gene Wakefield 168, 138t; Bill Hogan 38b, 53; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405, 322; Estes Jackson 323b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Estes Jackson leading song on page 426t. Leaders: John Hyde 75, 297, 159 (by request); Larry Ballinger 425, 277; Josie Hyde 43, 225t; Ivalene Donaldson 81t; Faye Donaldson 430; Bill Hogan 475, 220; Mae Conwill 216; Beatrice Brewer 384; Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 45t; Elgie Mae Woods 189, 112; Gene Wakefield 284; Elder Frank Woods 196, 358, 294 (by special request in memory of the Berrys); Erselle Jackson 34b, 74b; Larry Ballinger 123t; Travis Keeton 142, 143; Elmer Conwill 179; Estes Jackson 345b. Elmer Conwill and Estes Jackson led song on page 144 as the closing song. Elder Frank Woods dismissed the class with prayer.

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

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100
May 23, 1999

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Poplar Springs Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Mironel Swafford leading song on page 32. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer.

Mironel Swafford led song on page 137; Charlene Wallace 127 and 177.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Mironel Swafford; Vice Chairman - George Garner; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith.

Leaders: George Garner 63, 47; Mary F. Smith 31b, 30b (in memory of Florence Williams); Nancy Allen 146; Denney Rogers 100, 318; Carlene Griffin 171, 345; Allen Fannin 496, 124; Evelyn Harris 155, 89; Howard McGuire 45, 392.

RECESS

The class was called together by Mironel Swafford leading song on page 56.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 186, 225; Teenie Moody 354, 50b; Felton Denney 285, 288; Laura Densmore 312b, 350; Hugh McGraw 369; B.M. Smith 503, 475;

Richard DeLong 74, 103 (for I. V. McWhorter); B.J. Harris 303, 452; Bobby Jackson 81, 388.

Memorial Lesson: Mary F. Smith led song on page 499 in memory of Florence Williams and 278 for all the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer by Randall Ward.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by George Garner leading song on page 164. Leaders: Margie Smith 82, 373; Allen Fannin 515, 142; Avis Robinson 59, 354b; Lonnie Rogers 410, 222; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Inez Chandler 290, 405; Mildred Patterson 339, 47b; Howard McGuire 172, 192; Laura Densmore 504, 228; Denney Rogers 159, 358; Richard DeLong 399b, 340; Teenie Moody 378, 317; B.M. Smith 457, 294; Allen Fannin 361.

Announcements were made. Mironel Swafford and George Garner led song on page 46 as the closing song. B.J. Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Mironel Swafford; Vice Chairman - George Garner; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

May 23, 1999

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Chairman Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 75 and 46. The morning prayer was offered by Milford Cobbs. Leaders and selections were as follows: Arvid Holmes 171, 460; Judy Caudle 37b, 52t; Wilda Holmes 480, "Jesus Died For Me"; Christine Leeth 127, 496; Bud Oliver 73t, 39b; Corene White 146, 403; Randall Smith "That Beautiful Land", 36b; Linton Ballenger 35, 40; Eldagene Roberson 300, 215.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Milford Cobbs leading song on page 358. Leaders: Nancy Thompson 335, 441; Elvin Guthrie 172, 225t; Rhoda Norris 317, 392; Eron White 408; David Roberson 222, 340; Jonathon Thompson 384, 84; Marie Guthrie 189, 389; Brandon Thompson 47t, 274t; Lessie Grant 61, 42; Milford Cobbs 565, 45t.

LUNCH

The class was called to order after enjoying a bountiful lunch and fellowship. A Memorial session was held at this time to remember those who have passed away. Milford Cobbs recounted memories of Alta Mae Self of Hartselle, Alabama who passed away in October, 1998 and of Edward Ozbolt of Eva, Alabama who passed away in December, 1998 and led number 80b. Mr. Ben Bradford of Michigan related a short story about his mother, Bera Bradford of Eva, who was a long time supporter of Sacred Harp singings and Judy Caudle led number 459 in her memory. The memorial session was closed.

Leaders: Buckley Hopper 457, 268; Eddis Guthrie 99, 186; Hershell King 101t, 67; Jane Long and Susan Holmes 100, 313t; Daniel Hopper 205, 301, 448t, 34t; Dexter Cobbs 235, 378t; Ron Crocker 48t, 77t; Craig Holmes 111t, 438; J. L. Hopper 149, 369, 163t, 56b. Milford Cobbs led number 381b as the closing song. Prayer was offered by Elder J. L. Hopper and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING
CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas

May 29-30, 1999

Saturday, May 29

The ninety-ninth annual session of the Southwest Texas Convention met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas beginning on Saturday, May 29. Chairman Kevin Powell opened at 10:00 a.m. with song on 293b. Elder Mark Rowell offered the morning prayer.

Chairman Kevin Powell led song on 536; Secretary Gaylon Powell 142. Leaders: Tom Owen 122; Leon Ballinger 120; Elder Mark Rowell 486; Ophelia Matthews 384; Liz Rogan 220; David Polachack 386; Joe Owen 515; Emmie Morris 112; Jerry Schreiber 39; Mike Hinton 146; Catherine Rogan 280; Olivia Blevins 63; Jeanne Schaffer 128; Cissy Moseley 507b; Sarah Coates 573 (for her grandmother, Edith Owen); David Moseley 450; Burl Russell 491.

RECESS

Kevin Powell brought the class to order with song on 126. Leaders: Scott Curran 571; Andrew Albers 290; Michele Rogan 196; Dan Britttian 201; John Baker 40; Katie Moseley 222; Nell Berry 258; John Kanode 564; Troxel Ballou 61; Carla Smith 38t; Owen Ross 36b; Robert Handel 140; John Schaffer 180; Forrest Ward 522.

A business meeting was held. According to the convention rules Vice Chairman John Baker moved up to Chairman. Other officers elected were: Leon Ballinger - Vice Chairman; Patricia Baker Blundell - Secretary. A motion was made and passed that next spring the Saturday morning session would begin at 9:30 a.m. John Baker appointed Don Ross and John Morris to be the Memorial Committee. Don Ross offered prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

Chairman John Baker called the class back together leading song on 186. Leaders: Jeb Owen 559; Dick Steil 268t; Ryan Ross 110; Vivian Rogan 508; Amanda Blevins 171; George Jones 336b; Mary Bachmann 55; Amanda Owen 198; Elissa Smith 85; Sue Fairbanks 447t; Mike Moseley 329; Diane Ross 434; Al Rogers 575; Martha Aiken 143; Josh Rogan 182; John Morris 170; Glen Blundell 179; Carla Spencer 164; Anne Milner 276; Doris Hanks 422; B.E. Matthews 414; Reed Coates 99; Don Ross 224; Sherry Smith and Shannon Smith 47t; Carol Selleck 229; Cassandra Baker 323b; Elder Billy Moseley 336t; Elder Mark Rowell 470; Joe Owen 563; Forrest Ward 199; Terre Schill 382; Jerry Schreiber 393t; Jeanne Schaffer 82; Carla Smith 378t; John Schaffer 489.

John Baker led song on 31b as the closing song. Elder Billy Walden dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 30

Chairman John Baker called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on 171. Tom Owen offered the opening prayer. Vice Chairman Leon Ballinger led songs on 142 and 159; Secretary Pat Blundell 146 and 136. Leaders: Ryan Ross 100, 402; George Jones 553, 558; Al Rogers 500; Gaylon Powell 232, 235; Curtis Owen 470, 532; Mike Moseley 183, 192; Landis Powell 47t, 47b; Emmie Morris 98, 215; David Polacheck 484; John Baker 49.

RECESS

Beverly Coates brought the class to order leading song on 543. Leaders: Catherine Rogan 282; Jerry Schreiber 392; Sue Fairbanks 515; John Kanode 395; Carol Selleck 283t; Dr. Russell Riepe 383; Scott Curran 68t; Robert Handel 449; Carla

Smith 387; Gary Rogan 155; Jeanne Schaffer 395t; Josh Rogan 300; Andrew Albers 477; Mary Bachmann 137; Mike Hinton 288; John Schaffer 332; Terre Schill 172; James Moseley 129; Dan Brittain 418; Reed Coates 217.

The memorial lesson was held in memory of those singers and supporters of the Sacred Harp who passed away in the past year. Those remembered were: Luna Batson, Willie Cole, Bob Evans, Leland Harris, Don Jolly, Herbert Leopard, Joe Nelson, Ollie Reed, Carl Parris, Lizzie Rousseau, Louie Smith, and Lum Toungeate. Don Ross read Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." John Morris led song on 381.

Those sick and homebound remembered were: Edith Owen, Richard Daniels, Frances Daniels, Buddy Fowler, Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Myra Palmer, Verna Powell, and Mildred Edmonds. Don Ross led song on 276. The memorial was closed. The singing dismissed for lunch with prayer led by John Morris.

LUNCH

Leon Ballinger called the afternoon session to order leading song on 29b. Leaders: B.E. Matthews 400; Katie Moseley 216; Kevin Powell 193; Olivia Blevins 168; Bruce Coates 312; Cissy Moseley 299; Edwin Reed 348t; Liz Rogan 371; Ophelia Matthews 511b; John Morris 163t; Michele Rogan 522; Don Ross 419; Vivian Rogan 72; David Moseley 186; Gaylon Powell 232, 235.

Announcements were made. Special note was made that April 29-30, 2000 will be the one hundredth anniversary of this convention, and all are invited to attend.

Leaders: Tom Owen 149; Nell Berry 500; Amanda Owen 411; Julie Mickey 45; Doris Hands 442t; Carla Spencer 358; Sarah Coates 35; Mary Ann Owen 293b; Cassandra Baker 31t; Martha Aiken 277; Jeb Owen 559; Jerry Schreiber 422; Dan Brittain 148; John Schaffer 91; Curtis Owen 39.

John Baker led song on 62 as the closing song. Curtis Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Baker; Vice Chairman - Leon Ballinger; Secretary - Patricia Baker Blundell.

MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois

May 29-30, 1999

Saturday, May 29

The fourteenth annual Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention opened at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, 1999 at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago, Illinois with Chairman D.J. Hatfield leading song on page 59. Herb Schroeder led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Ann Heider and Steve Warner 171; David Barford 65; Kathy Krug 217; Phillip Trier 268; Nathan Barford 260; Jim Swanson 29t; Presley Barker 218; Martha Henderson 288; Susan Harcrow 186; Sarah Davie 384; Roy Nelson 316; Bill Beverly 133; Don Bowen and Rodney Ivey 99 (for Bill Waddington).

RECESS

The morning session resumed with Chairman D.J. Hatfield leading song on page 270, followed by Lee Rogers with song on page 475.

A business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairpersons - Ann Heider and Steve Warner; Vice Chairpersons - Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson; Secretary - Henry Schuman; Assistant Secretary - Cathryn Baker; Arranging Committee - Marcia Johnson, Lisa Grayson, Jerry Enright, and Jerilyn Schumacher; Memorial Committee - Connie Karduck, Wendy Wahn, Buell Cobb, and Shelbie Sheppard; Finance Committee - Judy Mincey, Don Bowen, Kiri Miller, Jim Pfau, and Scott DePoy; Resolutions Committee - Keith Willard, Martha Beverly, Mark Miller, and Carolyn Deacy; Chaplain - Herb Schroeder.

Leaders: Ted Mercer 132; Lisa Grayson 430; Brad Hunnicutt 35; Michael Darby 135; Karen Buche 421; Jeremy York, Chandler York, and Aurelia Miller 350; Mary Florence Smith 91; Linda Sides 480; David Wright 200; George Seiler 68b; Kit Pfau 48t; Johanna Fabke 312b; Mark Miller 300; Eloise Clark 47t; Floy Wilder 187; Linda Thomas 299.

RECESS

Ann Heider and Steve Warner brought the class back together leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Wendy Wahn 56b; John Seaton 34b; Daphene Causey 198; Cindy Franklin 362; Scott Schroeder 87; Elene Stovall 436; James Nelson Gingerich 454; Judy Hauff 434; Pam Nunn 528; Rodney Ivey 137; Julie Vea 142; Jerry Enright 222 (for Coy Ivey); Jessica Roberts 215; Dean Slaton 460; Reba Windom 196; Jeff Sheppard 220; Kathy Williams 455; Gary Gronau 112; Jackie Tanner 208; Fred Todt 40. Herb Schroeder led the class in a blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson leading song on page 148. Leaders: Al Frank 113; Barbara Swetman 313b; Rebecca Browne "Sixty-Five South" (by Dan Gibbons); Ted Johnson "Boulder" (by Ted Johnson); Jim Pfau 396; Jerilyn Schumacher 369; John Bayer 53; Connie Karduck 498; David Lee 503; Brad Oglesby 39b; Sue Kessell 236; Jesse Roberts, Jr. 344; Richard Popp 536; Regina Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 512; Jean Seiler 492.

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class to order leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 28b; Luke Barker 146; Val Eng 474; Herb Schroeder 102; Stephen Parker 504; Bonnie Flowers 458; Ruth Brown 36b; Carol Crawford 155; Walter Graff 287; Kathryn Bowers 497; Louis Hughes 565; Jeannette DePoy 542; Cynthia Kisse 191; Eleanor Haase 352; Louise Holland 37b; Larue Allen 302; Gary Smith 569; Ginny Huszagh 276; Laura Akerman 192.

Ann Heider and Steve Warner closed the afternoon session with announcements concerning the evening social. Chaplain Herb Schroeder dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 30

The Sunday morning session began at 9:30 a.m. in Ida Noyes Hall of the University of Chicago with Chairpersons Ann Heider and Steve Warner leading song on page 59. Chaplain Herb Schroeder led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kiri Miller 163t; Dick Dunagan and Val Dunagan 271t; Patricia Butterfield 181; Beverly Enright 543; Gretchen Pfau 178; Gene Hauptmann 63; John Seaton 47t; Bill Hamblin 106; Suzanne Flandreau 297; Kelly Brest Van Kempen 335; Berkley Moore 195; Gladys Epting 87; Jim Page 24t; Dave Ressler 216; Jenny Willard 318; Matthew Lind 299.

RECESS

Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson called the class back to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Charlie Obert "The Happy Alto" (by Charlie Obert); Judy Mincey 475; Pearl Guier 45t; Estelle Flowers 434; John Bealle 442; Teenie Moody 410t; Gordon Olson 547; Sarah Smith 159; Matt Wells 39t; Carolyn Deacy 290; Steven Schmidgall "Not Made With Hands"; Laura Russell 72b.

RECESS

Henry Schuman reconvened the class leading song on page 89. Leaders: Anna Pfau 361; Chris Thorman 189; Wendy Popp 472.

A Memorial Lesson was held. Connie Karduck began the memorial by reading the list of the deceased: Cecil Gilliland, Alice Washburn, Mae Seymour, Maude Keeton, and Flossie Jones - Alabama; Don Jolly - California; Ethel Klein and Gertrude Teusink - Florida; Horace DeLong, Mary Frances Dannels, Roxy Duffy, and Jerry Sheppard - Georgia; Janet Borman, Marge Ogren Anderson, Dolores Doss, Tony Colon, Henry Knepler, Andrew Thomas Berry, Mary Salzer, and Lawrence Joseph Steger - Illinois; Richard Allison - Indiana; John Fleagle - Massachusetts; Thomas Perry, Ernie Mishler, Florence Becker, Karen Wiard, and Ruth Wyatt - Minnesota; Cleo Hawkins - Mississippi; John Anthony Fries - Missouri; Nicole Schnarr - New Jersey; Ursula Woodfield - New York; F. Sawyer - Ohio; Anna Jacob - Pennsylvania; Ruth Christensen, Bertha Christensen, Leonard Schlenker, Robert Mason, Mabel Baloun, and Esther Thingelstad - South Dakota; Margaret Wright - Tennessee; Ruth Noel - Washington; Lucille Veal - Wisconsin; Ted Pankey, Tom Parounek, and Shirley Boskey - state unknown; Jarlath Concannon - Ireland; Gernt van Eysden - The Netherlands; Roland Seaton - United Kingdom.

Buell Cobb spoke for the deceased of Alabama and Georgia. "When I first started singing Sacred Harp, about 35 years ago, there were very few names on the memorial list that I knew. As I circulated throughout the existing Sacred Harp territory, I came to know most of those names. Now, again, when I go to singings there are many names on the list that I don't know, and that is less a testimony of how little I get out anymore than how much our territories have expanded. In that we rejoice and take great heart.

Two of the names that come to me are Don and Marilou Jolly from San Diego. I met them here at the Midwest Convention some years ago and instantly fell in love with them, as we often do with people in such sessions. They came south and sang with us. In April of 1997, I got a short letter from Marilou saying that we're coming to the National Convention and we're getting in on Wednesday night. "What can we do to help you?" That was entirely typical of them. They closed the note saying that they were so happy. Almost immediately she contracted a very aggressive form of cancer and died in early June. We greatly miss them! It was Marilou who was the singer of the two. Don came along with her, he participated, but Marilou was the one who took great joy in it. But Don, in her absence, became a real singer. When I was out in Los Angeles for the All-California Convention in January, he drove from San Diego to Los Angeles to participate; and now suddenly we find that Don has died. Very much like Marilou, he contracted a very fast form of cancer and died. That reminds me of a little bit about the human condition that we acknowledge and observe when we have the memorial lesson. These are the things that are expected of us, even anticipated, and so much surprise us both in terms of gain and loss. It catches us unaware.

Of the names that have been read here, you will recognize many of these people. I think in particular of good old soldier stalwarts in the Sacred Harp cause: Mae

Seymour, Jerry Sheppard, and Horace DeLong. Horace DeLong was 92 years of age, and what a lovely man he was!

I'm going to sing the song on page 390, New Prospect, and would like to bring your attention to this song, written by W.S. Turner, an itinerant Methodist preacher. His father, J.R. Turner, gave us Confidence (270) and Monroe (370). But look at the date (on New Prospect) - 1866. Think of what loss they suffered in their time and out of that he gave us this beautiful song. I commented on this some years ago in a memorial lesson at another convention. As we sing in their memory here today, our hope is that it will be sung with the same meaning as over a hundred years ago, and with the peace that is depicted in the last verse of this song”.

Melanie Hauff led the song on page 368 for the others on the list of the deceased. Wendy Wahn read the list of sick and shut-ins: Marie Ivey, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Woodie Walker, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton - Alabama; Sara Curry - California; Dorothy Garber and Susan Garber - Connecticut; Gerrie DeLong, Mozelle Sheppard, and Allene Stanford - Georgia; Janet Fraembs, Marilyn Nehring, Bob Hillis, Josephine Mead, Pam Eckley, and Bill Hackney - Illinois; David Sours and Jay Featherstone - Michigan; Bernice Embry and Hugh Bill McGuire - Mississippi; Marie Davie and Helen Stevens - Minnesota; Joanne Mahler and Cindy Shely - Missouri; Scott Strong - New Jersey; Janet Burn - Pennsylvania; Hubert Anderson - Tennessee; William J. Reynolds - Texas. Shelbie Sheppard spoke and led song on page 327 for the sick and shut-ins.

“Many of you have heard me say many times what a privilege it has been to sing with a lot of great people, a lot of people that are in this room, and we start naming names and we forget to mention some. But it is a privilege to sing with you. You are a great singer now and it's our privilege to sing with you and we appreciate that. The list of the sick and shut-ins is long and it doesn't even begin to cover everyone that is sick, and if you have ever been sick you know how much this means to you to think that somebody is thinking of you. Some of us have been that way, and there are those of us now that are sick, so it is a privilege to sing for those persons.”

Jesse Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Joseph Pimentel 107; Scott DePoy 282; Christine Stevens 74b; Martha Beverly 358; Marian Mitchell 147t; Donald Klein 466. The class was dismissed for lunch with a prayer by Chaplain Herb Schroeder.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Ann Heider and Steve Warner leading song on page 46. Leaders: Teddy Thomas 76b; Thomas Willard 36b; Felicia Stevens 56t; Dennis George 373; Beth Hoffman Reed 454; Henry Johnson 487; Marcia Johnson 283; Hannah Roberts 350; Dave Richardson 473; Louis Hughes, Jr. 448t; Sarah Harcrow 388; Syble Adams 171; Johnny Lee 566; Cassie Franklin 556; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Mary Rose O'Leary 179 (for Steven O'Leary).

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Melanie Hauff leading song on page 148. Leaders: Darlene Dalton 535b; Kate Lingley 117; John Plunkett 346; Lorena Moore 77; Diana Hauff Zwieg, Colleen Zwieg, and Maggie Dorn 114; Jon Gregg 347; Sandy Klein 209; Kate Lind 551; Carol Crawford 122; Cassie Franklin, Cindy Franklin, Dennis George, Sarah Harcrow, Susan Harcrow, Rodney Ivey, Henry Johnson, Linda Sides, Jackie Tanner, and Linda Thomas 270.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

Judy Mincey reported for the Finance Committee. Sufficient funds were collected to defray all expenses.

Jerry Enright, on behalf of the Arranging Committee, reported the number of songs, leaders and states represented.

Mark Miller spoke for the Resolutions Committee, and gave the following report. We give thanks to: The Almighty for the opportunity to come together to sing, enjoy fellowship, and for the wonderful weather; Singers for coming from far and near-Dave Richardson was here from England; Local people who provided lodging, and the tasty and bountiful food; People who took the bus up so that Ruth Brown could come; The Irish American Heritage Center, the University of Chicago, and Sue Kessel and Kris Richardson for the excellent facilities for singing and socializing;

Elected officers, Chaplain, Arranging Committee for keeping us in line despite a boisterous ninety leaders in a day; Locating Committee, and other Committees for their efforts; Behind the scenes many people contributed to success. Suzanne Flandreau and her crew at registration; Jim Helke, Jerry Enright and the bus driver for set up; Dean Slaton for housing; Kris Richardson for paper goods; Ted Mercer and Melanie Hauff for fund raising; Lisa Grayson for design; Petrina Patti for facilities; and Ann Heider, Steve Warner, and crew for publicity; Kudos to the kitchen-wizard, Kate Thomas, and her crew including Nathan Barford, Kate Lingley, and Nora Strommen; Ted Mercer for setting up and fixing the Sacred Harp Hot Line; Thanks to Pam Nunn, Reba Dell Windom, and Dave Ressler for providing much needed floor clean up; Next year we are considering appointment of a standing Zamboni committee; Pitchers—Jeff Sheppard, Richard DeLong, David Lee, Judy Hauff, and Jesse Roberts. Eric Zorn, of the Chicago Tribune, a special thanks for his informative article and for bringing new people to listen, learn, and perhaps, to sing.

Keith Willard said that ten years ago when he and his wife wanted to head south to learn about Sacred Harp and become immersed in its roots, Hugh McGraw sent him to Chicago. He found here not just Sacred Harp, but a tradition. Singers from the South come and meet singers from the North at this “gateway” convention; the tradition is extended and blessings are shared. Quoting from the front of the book, Keith said, “Resolved that this Convention always seek the old paths and walk therein.”

The business session was closed. Announcements were made of upcoming singings across the country.

After taking “The Parting Hand”, the class was dismissed with a prayer by Chaplain Herb Schroeder.

Chairpersons - Ann Heider and Steve Warner; Vice Chairpersons - Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson; Secretary - Henry Schuman; Assistant Secretary - Cathryn Baker.

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SINGING **Berryville, Virginia** **June 5, 1999**

The sixth annual all day singing of the Northern Shenandoah Valley was held at Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Berryville, Virginia on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Kelly Macklin called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading song on page 91. Paula McGray offered the opening prayer. John delRe led song on 126; Craig Baughan 178; Janine Smith 124; and Guy Banks 441. The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretary - Mary

Wright; Arranging Committee - Tom Tucker and Cathy Tucker; Memorial Committee - Pat Temple and Craig Baughan; Treasurer - Kathy Manning; Chaplain - Paula McGray.

Leaders: Hal Kunkel 99; Paula McGray 34b; Doron Henkin 100; Mary Wright 337; Tom Padwa 569b; Iris Knell 146; Evan Duncan 80b; Joanne Devoe 68b; Pat Temple 180; Leyland delRe 101b; Ellie Solar 148; Kathy Manning 319; Tim Slattery 415; Diane Mennella 95.

RECESS

Tom Tucker brought the class together leading song on page 216. Leaders: Doron Henkin "Place In My Heart"; Claire Chapin 143; Ray Showalter 49b; Sarah Davie 171; Marilyn Estep 547; Mary Ann Daly 455; Beth Hoffman Reed 385; John delRe 144; Cathy Tucker 480; Kelly Macklin 218; Craig Baughan 229; Janine Smith 51; Guy Bankes 28b; Hal Kunkel 380; Paula McGray 343; Tim Slattery 228; Mary Wright 58; Tom Padwa 145b; Iris Knell 172; Evan Duncan 222; Joanne Devoe 54; Pat Temple 48; Leyland delRe 212; Ellie Solar 287; Kathy Manning 196. Announcements were made. Paula McGray offered prayer to bless the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tom Tucker brought the class together for the afternoon session by leading song on page 31. Leaders: Diane Mennella 30b; Miriam Kilmer "Kosovo"; Doron Henkin 86; Claire Chapin 523; Ray Showalter 49; Sarah Davie 454; Marilyn Estep 268.

A memorial lesson was held for those who have died in the past year. The names of those remembered were: Shirley Green, Joan Ruben, Pat Burkholder, Joseph Slattery, Jim McCarty, George Moore, Michael Kilmer, and Suzita Cecil Myers. Craig Baughan spoke on the theme "Departure", invoking those who had sailed away from the Old World to the New, never to return, or to see their loved ones left behind again. Craig Baughan led song on page 267.

Pat Temple led a prayer for those sick and shut-in who could not be with us this day, and led song on page 27. Sick and shut-ins remembered were: Mary Ann Dunn, Chris Curran, Marie Davie, Robert Cecil, Donna Abrahams, Mary Kay Friday, Blake Morris, and Dorothy Garber. Paula McGray closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Mary Ann Daly 373; Beth Hoffman Reed 299; John delRe 192; Daniel Henkin, Gilead Henkin, Hannah Henkin, John Daniel delRe, Anna Taylor, Sofia Gayek, and David Gayek 276 (children's lesson); Cathy Tucker 236; Iris Knell 81; Kelly Macklin 280.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tom Tucker leading song on page 42. Leaders: Hal Kunkel "Saving Grace"; Mary Ann Daly "Jesus Is"; Beth Hoffman Reed 180; Craig Baughan 66; Janine Smith 406; Guy Bankes 147b; Paula McGray 217; Tim Slattery 344; Mary Wright 290; Evan Duncan 513; Joanne Devoe 484; Pat Temple 475; Tom Padwa 159; Ellie Solar 277; Kathy Manning 135; Diane Mennella 564; Doron Henkin 189; Claire Chapin 497; Tom Tucker 294; Sarah Davie 384.

Kelly Macklin thanked the hard working committee members and everyone for joining us. John delRe led song on page 62 as the closing song. Paula McGray led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Kelly Macklin; Secretary - Mary Wright.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 and U.S. 27 South

June 5-6, 1999

Saturday, June 5

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in June and Saturday before. The singing was called together at 9:30 a.m. by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer. Charlene Wallace led song on 229 for her sister, Margaret Cole, who was in the hospital. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 46; Hugh McGraw 369; Teenie Moody 78; Don Bowen 503; Danny Griffin 318; Zack Rogan 280; Lucille Gunnels 189; Carroll Lunsford 282; Tokay Boggs Shumake 111b; Cathy White 34b; Norma Green and Nathan Green 30; Laura Clawson 85; Karen Freund 278b; Helen Bryson 546; Eric Tweedy 147; Ginnie Ely 454; Henry Johnson 388; Kiri Miller 455.

The business was held. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairlady - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairlady - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry; Memorial Committee - Debra Langley and Mary F. Smith.

RECESS

The class was called together by Phillip Langley leading song on page 532. Leaders: John Plunkett 451; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Coy Ivey 384; Robert Rivers, II and Hugh McGraw 49b; Jerry Enright 114; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Lee Rogers 43; Hunter Hale and Suzanne Hale 163b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw and Tommy McGraw leading song on page 148. Leaders: Kelly Beard 122; Bill Green 378b; Steve Postellon 344; Josh Rogan 300; L.L. Rogers 348b; Duncan Vinson 426b; Barbara Swetman 383; Mattie Townsel 68b; Gary Rogan 299; Carolyn Deacy 501; Liz Bryant 475; Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Joyce Clackum 146; Henry Zittrouer 312b; Gabe Wildou 448; Buell Cobb 42.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 95 and 329. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 568; Tim Reynolds 492; Cassie Franklin 76; Joan Durden 29; Melanie Hardy 84; Jack Smith 192; Cindy Franklin 499; Karen Morris 430; Jimmie Denney 87; Reba Windom 222; John Hollingsworth 196; Felton Denney 566; Kelly Morris 159; Andy Morse 168; Aaron Girard 179; John Fedderson 477; Dan Brittain and Florice Akin 472; Ted Mercer 419; Chris Thorman 217; Henry Schuman 460; Amanda Denson 211; Bobby Jackson 81; Bruce Coates 569b.

RECESS

Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckleba called the class together with song on page 283. Leaders: Art Broadus 515; Pauline Childers 480; D.J. Hatfield 212; Reed Coates 186; Jeannette DePoy 426; Sarah Coates 183; Peggy Loddengaard 61; Beverly Coates 191; Ann Bosold 324; Laura Akerman 224; Lynda Hamburger 348; Nancy Newell 155; Rev. Henry Bizzell 452; Sharon Kellam 270; Scott DePoy 179; Vivian Rogan 32; Michele Rogan 178; Elizabeth Sheridan, Jeff Blumerthal, and Gabe Wildou 268; Mary F. Smith 207; Catherine Rogan 551. Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace led song on 267 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Henry Bizzell.

Sunday, June 6

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 63. Elder Homer Benefield led the morning prayer. Charlene Wallace led song on page 453. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 85; Joyce Clackum 127; Nancy Allen 84; Scott DePoy 114; Don Bowen 283; Carroll Lunsford 123; Liz Bryant 384; Zack Rogan 436; Lee Rogers 134; Josh Rogan 290; Cathy White 268; Pauline Childers 234; W.L. "Bill" Green 417; Karen Rollins 34b; Kathy Williams 228; Vivian Rogan 535; Jan House, Myron House, and Winston Baldwin 143; Reed Coates 112; Susan Kelly 159.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckeba leading song on page 117. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 77b; Robert Rivers, II 212; Dan Brittain 353; Elder Homer Benefield 56; Raymond Hamrick 503; Kelly Beard 413; Lonnie Rogers 225; Jeff Sheppard 347; Judy Mincey 368; Richard DeLong and Gary Boehmer 72b; Richard Rands 106; Jon Gregg 135; Shelbie Sheppard 481; Howard McGuire 192; B.M. Smith 475; Charles Woods 354b; Carolyn Deacy 456; John Feddersen 547; Chris Thorman 276; Barbara Swetman 313b; Ginnie Ely 196.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace, Carly McWhorter, and Rayla Spradlin leading song on page 401; Cindy Cole 163.

Memorial Lesson: Charlene Wallace led song on 45 in memory of Hulett Cole and Bobby Williamson. Richard DeLong led songs on 82 and 348b in memory of: Horace DeLong, Elder Roy Avery, Don Jolly, Jerry Sheppard, Richard Allison, Florence Williams, Essie Calvert, and Jim Kell.

Felton Denney led song on 50b, and Lonnie Rogers led song on 426t for all the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by Clarence Lambert.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Phillip Langley leading song on page 222. Leaders: Gary Rogan 218; Henry Schuman 504; Lynda Hambourger 361; Steve Postellon 66; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Sharon Kellam 332; Kiri Miller 47b; D.J. Hatfield 442; Amanda Denson 365; Ted Mercer 302; Bruce Coates 31b; Michele Rogan 236; Laura Clawson 318; Jeannette DePoy 542; Louis Hughes, Sr. 142; Bonnie Flowers 179; Catherine Rogan 480.

RECESS

Earlis McGraw called the class together leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Sara Coates 176b; Oscar McGuire 573; Martha Ann Stegar 122; Peggy Loddengaard 358; Nancy Newell 410; Rev. Henry Bizzell 209; Beverly Coates 380; Noel Rush 441; Art Broadus 569b; Eric Tweedy 540; Tokay Boggs Shumake 35; Sheri Taylor 528; Ann Bosold 198; B.M. Smith and Mrs. Myrtle Smith 28b (for Mrs. Smith's 93rd birthday).

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, and Elder Homer Benefield led song on 62 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

PINE TUCKY CHURCH
Winston County, Alabama
June 6, 1999

The eighty-seventh session of the Sacred Harp singing held at Pine Tucky Church was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on 48t. A.C.

McGough led the congregation in the opening prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Gene Wakefield led songs on pages 101t and 108b. Leaders: Gladys Bonds 68b, 77t; Odie V. Horton 276, 277; Cecil Sanders 225t, 460; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 108t; Kermit Adams 212, 288; Faye Donaldson 432, 270; A.C. McGough 290 (in memory of Fletcher Sims), 454 (in memory of Keterina Sanders); Mae Conwill 314, 206; Willodean Barton 480, 145t; Josie Hyde 124, 475.

RECESS

John Hyde brought the class back to order with songs on pages 30t, 39t (request for Silas Curtis who is 99 years young), and 75. Leaders: Elmer Conwill 74b, 73t, 45t; Edith Tate 275b, 343; Larry Ballinger 119, 121; Flarce Creel 336, 546; Julie Postum 421 (for Dovie Jackson who is in the hospital), 274t; Chris Rice 282, 183; Beatrice Brewer 176b, 112; Margaret Keeton 155, 217; Wilton Donaldson 317, 32t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading songs on 168 and 138t. Leaders: Harrison Creel 512, 111b, 348, 285t (by request); Travis Keeton 400, 471, 499, 127; Cecil Wakefield 408, 490, 491; Ivalene Donaldson, Bernice Phillips, and Gertrude Hannah 129; Faye Donaldson 78; Cecil Sanders 222; Mae Conwill 44; Odie V. Horton 426t; Edith Tate 89; Willodean Barton 82; Flarce Creel 56t; Gladys Bonds 57; A.C. McGough 390; Elmer Conwill 179; Beatrice Brewer 123t; Josie Hyde 310; Chris Rice 63.

Gene Wakefield and John Hyde led song on page 62 as the closing song. A.C.

McGough dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

LIBERTY CHURCH
Henagar, Alabama
June 6, 1999

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 75. Phil Summerlin led the congregation in the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 101t (in memory of Leonard Lacy), 482 (in memory of his grandparents, Eulas and Helen Ivey); Norma Green 569b. Shane Wootten was appointed as the Arranging Committee. Leaders: Shane Wootten 68b, 47t; Marlon Wootten 144; Lloyd Ivey 32t; Betty Wright 410t; Rex Wilks 47b; Linda Sides 39t; Lamar Smith 76b; Jason Wilks 30t; Linda Thomas 33b; Jackie Tanner 63; Patsy Gentle 49b; Sandy Ivey 503; Mattie Townsel 317; Cindy Franklin 475.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery at this time. Several songs were sung including: 162, "Not Made With Hands", "She Is Sleeping", "That Beautiful Land", "Love At Home", and 340.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 224. Leaders: Richard Ivey 399b; Karen Travis, Rachael Shavers, and John Taylor Shavers 128, 145b; Bud Oliver 145t; Edward Howton 436; Joan Aldridge 276; Tony Ivey 139; Aaron Gerrard 163; Cassie Franklin 95; Henry Johnson 56b; Allison Ivey 178; Hunter Hale and Suzanne Hale 277; Phil Summerlin 35; Eloise Wootten 318; Marilyn Burchett 335; Eloise Watkins 480; John Henry Busby and Lloyd Ivey "Jesus Died For Me".

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with David Ivey leading song on 36b. Leaders: Shane Wootten 155; Karen Freund 74b; Elene Stovall 99; Linton Ballinger 299; Reba Windom 208 (for Aunt Woodie Walker); Reba Windom and Hobert Ivey 426 (in memory of Noah Lacy, Margie Lacy, Andrew Ivey, and Ester Ivey); Taylor Cobb 310; Brie Wildau 300; Allison Stovall 192; Jerry Enright 42 (in memory of Eulas Ivey), 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy); Karen Ivey 137; Elizabeth Sheridan 65; Melvin Stiefel 512; Greg Freeman 70t; Darlene Dalton 454 (in memory of Mildred Bannister); Betty Shepherd 216; Betty Shepherd and Rodney Ivey 186; Edward Tanner 100, 45t; Marian Biddle, Ivey Biddle, and Adam Biddle 551; Coy Ivey and the Ivey first cousins "Trusting", "We Will Sing With The Angels There"; Holly Laws 455; Nathan Green and Norma Green 66; Mark Brown 48t, "Beulah Land"; Dennis George 384; Susan Harcrow 269; Dewayne Wootten and Wayne Wootten 159; Ricky Harcrow 31t; S.T. Reed 271t; Sarah Harcrow 127; Lori Wootten and Donna Wootten 106; Rex Wilks and Russell Wilks 89, 68b (in memory of Elijah Wilks); Jarrod George 59; Coy Ivey 358 (by request).

Announcements were made. Chairman David Ivey thanked Shane Wootten for a good job with the arranging. The class was dismissed with prayer by the church pastor, Elder Tony Ivey.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Green.

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Oneonta, Alabama

June 12-13, 1999

Saturday, June 12

The fifty-third session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. Calvin Phillips led the congregation in the opening prayer. Terry Hullett led song on page 47t.

A business session was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Virgil Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt; Arranging Committee - Coy Ivey and Brenda Merritt; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 421, 317; Carmon Brothers 119, 112; Cecil Sanders 123t; Willie Mae Moon 441; Hershell King 235, 276b; Margie Smith 494, 101t; S.T. Reed 106; Douglas Conn 403, 405; Elder J.L. Hopper 180, 369; Lomax Ballinger 312b, 480; Norma Green and Nathan Green 29t, 313t; Elene Stovall 217, 186.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 203. Leaders: Paula McGray 82t; Lamar Smith 76b; Thurman Nall 285t; Charlene Wallace 99, 299; Ernest Phillips 39b; Bud Oliver 42, 332; Carlene Griffin 270, 448;

Taylor Cobb and Elder J.L. Hopper 310; B.M. Smith 475, 225t; Shelbie Sheppard 272.

RECESS

Calvin Phillips brought the class together leading song on page 406. Leaders: James Cain 384; Lacy Pressley 77t; Bill Green and Genora Whitworth 100; Jonathan Blakeley 145t; Leola Smith, Buddy Davis, and Jessica Davis 68b; Katrina Holmes 137; Edwin Ballinger 208; Cassie Franklin 95b; Kassie Holmes 159; Paula Gilmore 39t; Larry Ballinger 78; Virgil Phillips, Calvin Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Velma Couch, Ozell Robbins, and Alma Lambert 376, 163; Coy Ivey 222; Chita Blakeley 418; Elder Philip Gilmore 498.

LUNCH

Coy Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 84; Gene Wakefield 168; Jeff Sheppard 34b, 549; Milton Oliver 224; Cindy Franklin 157; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 452; Velton Chafin 482; Linda Thomas and Jordan Ratliff 45t; Tommie Spurlock 430; Buddy Davis 146; Jessica Davis 166; Taylor Cobb 28t; Betty Wright 108t; Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth 87; Dorothea McCowan 442; John Merritt 358; Billy Williams 294; Mary Wade 36b; Brenda Merritt 336; Paula McGray 327; Eloise Watkins 340; Bill Green 284; Charlene Wallace 503; B.J. Green 127; Elene Stovall 440; Elder J.L. Hopper 496; Freeman Wootten and Terry Hullett 43.

Terry Hullett led song on page 31t as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 13

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 32t. Lamar Smith offered the morning prayer. Terry Hullett led songs on pages 81t and 145t. Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 335, 145b; Calvin Phillips 147t, 143; Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Thurman Nall 523b; Buddy Davis 215, 154; Nathan Green and Norma Green 285t, 159; Gene Wakefield 138t, 284; Gavin Blakeley 146.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Terry Hullett leading song on page 189. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 186, 182; Randall Smith 137, 454; Bill Green 47b, 378b; Jessica Davis 68b; Don Clark 163t, 328; Kyle Blakeley 30b; Stuart Ivey 299, 475; Regina Clark 148, 426t; Dwight Phillips 290; Bill Aplin 385t, 224; Leola Smith 185, 318; Jenny Wootten 489, 40; Milton Oliver 314; Henry Johnson 390, 388.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 273. Leaders: Douglas Conn 35, 278b; Louis Hughes, Sr. 278t, 323b; Karen Ivey 441, 163b; Waylon Blakeley 128.

A memorial was given by Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas. Elder Philip Gilmore spoke from Psalms 100. The following deceased were remembered: Alice Brothers Washburn, Cecil Gilliland, Weldon Redman, Elder J.O. Handley, Thelma Murphree, Mrs. Rufus (Lydia) Phillips, Elder Roy Avery, Eloise Sellers, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Elmer Cordell, and Joycie Green Fortenberry. Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore led the song "Not Made With Hands". Virgil Phillips and Calvin Phillips led songs on pages 56b and 406 in memory of Mrs. Rufus (Lydia) Phillips. David Ivey led 61 in memory of his grandparents, Vester and Flossie Jones.

Jewel Wootten led song on 45t for all the sick and shut-ins, and for Mr. Hershel Phillips who will be 90 years old this month. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Elder Phillip Gilmore.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Terry Hullett and Stephen Hullett leading song on page 87. Leaders: Elder Philip Gilmore 97, 33b; Richard Ivey and Rodney Ivey 56t, 358; Jake Holmes and John Holmes 45t; Dennis George 480, 28b; Victoria Aplin 337, 122; Sandra Holmes 68b; Tommie Spurlock 430, 565; Rodney Ivey 47t; Margaret Spurlock 108b, 112; David Ivey 218, 94 (by request in memory of Julian Conn); Eloise Watkins 426b, "That Beautiful Land"; John Merritt 192, 49b; Katrina Homes 59; Linda Thomas and Jenny Wootten "Sweet By And By", 350; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey "Trusting"; Donna Dillard, Karen Davis, and Bud Davis 358; Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth and Greg Wadsworth 143.

Terry Hullett, Elder Philip Gilmore, and Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished joined in taking the parting hand. Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

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

NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **1 mile east of Villa Rica, Georgia, off Highway 78** **June 13, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church was held the second Sunday in June. Lonnie Rogers called the class to order leading songs on pages 101 and 75. Elder J.J. Aderhold led songs on pages 104 and 45. Rev. J.J. Aderhold led the morning prayer. Felton Denney led songs on pages 136, 187, and 31.

The class was organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Carlene Griffin; Arranging Committee - Sheri Taylor. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 61, 97, 145; Everette Denney 503, 335, 405; Sheri Taylor 77, 203, 56; Evelyn Harris 47, 155, 159; Jimmie Denney 68b, 46, 313.
RECESS

Everette Denney called the class together with song on page 119. Leaders: Cindy Gray 144, 64, 354; Karleen Williams 319, 146, 222; Oscar McGuire 171, 273, 441; Hester Edwards and Charlene Wallace 170, 73b (for Alice Edwards), 176b (for Cecil Edwards); Earlis McGraw 271, 385, 385b.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading songs on pages 40, 81, and 225. For all the sick and shut-ins Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 389 and 348b. Leaders: B.J. Harris 77b, 303, 452; Howard McGuire 392, 192; Hugh McGraw 358, 451; Martha Ann Stegar 28b, 63; Felton Denney 149, 49b; Oscar McGuire 129, 137; Cindy Gray 384, 378; Jimmie Denney 316, 123; Martha Ann Stegar 268.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Celia Sanders led song on page 127 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Note: This singing has been discontinued, and will no longer be held.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Everette Denney; Secretary - Carlene Griffin.

MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Cullman, Alabama on Highway 69 East
June 13, 1999

The annual Mount Vernon Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Elvin Guthrie who welcomed everyone to the singing and opened the morning session with song on page 49t. Hershell King led the opening prayer. Elvin Guthrie led songs on pages 49b and 73b.

A business session was held to elect officers with the following people elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson - Judy Caudle; Vice Chairman - David Roberson; Arranging Committee - Genie Nelms; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson. Leaders: Judy Caudle 78, 144; David Roberson 137, 268; Rhoda Norris 317b, 145b; Ellis Ship 63, 358; Corene White 73b, 379; Janet Goodwin 215, 108b; Manila Hudson 100, 36b, 551.

RECESS

Judy Caudle called the class back to order leading song on page 108. Leaders: Eron White 37b; Marie Guthrie 36t, 42, 222, 430; Edis Guthrie 91, 59, 143; Hershell King 80b, 97; Harlie Moon 186, 45t; Eldagene Roberson 81t, 172, 313t; Genie Nelms 354b, 373, 300; Billy Williams 452b, 28b; Judy Caudle 32t.

LUNCH

David Roberson called the afternoon session back to order by leading songs on pages 176t and 389. Leaders: Corene White 403; Elvin Guthrie 225t; Manila Hudson 565b; Hershell King 319; Marie Guthrie 434; Billy Williams 448b, 445b; Edis Guthrie 171; Eldagene Roberson 335, 139; Genie Nelms 119.

Announcements were made. Judy Caudle led song on 146 as the closing song. Hershell King led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson - Judy Caudle; Vice Chairman - David Roberson; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Alpharetta, Georgia
June 13, 1999

The one hundred thirty-first annual session was opened by Chairman Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 36b and 47t. Mrs. Ruth Wills offered the opening prayer. Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong led songs on pages 177 and 318; Secretary Helen Bryson 121, 208, and 27.

Leaders: Scott DePoy 77t, 146; Dan Bailey 495, 66; John Plunkett 538, 150; Laura Akerman 77b, 171; Reuben Ball 480, 497; Violet Thomason with cousin, Joe Reese 323b, 189, 343; Cathy White 159, 84.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 74t. Leaders: Judy Mincey 475, 157; Jack Corley 270, 300; Faye Pettis 457, 380 (for Roy and Flora Bales); Don Bowen 347 (for Doug and Laurie Allison), 570 (in memory of Richard Allison), 384 (in memory of Horace DeLong); Eric Tweedy 178, 200; Janice Paulk 478, 75.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong opened the afternoon session leading songs on pages 134 and 135. Leaders: Lee Rogers 494, 454; Jeannette DePoy 277 (for Doug Allison), 39b (for her father); Dianne Walls 73b, 452; Loy Garrison 490, 410; Robert Kendrick 354, 153; Becky Almand 170, 217; Scott DePoy 114, 143; Jeannette DePoy 436.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong. This year we especially remembered Horace DeLong. Richard DeLong commented on how this class was once strong, had dwindled over the decades, but was building up again. Singers in the class are attached to one another; they sing together; travel together, and together form second families.

Violet Thomason led songs on pages 434 and 348b in memory of the deceased. Richard DeLong led song on page 400 for the sick and shut-ins.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class to order by leading song on page 288. Leaders: Dollie Hudgins 61; Faye Pettis 45t; Kevin Webb 335; Dan Bailey 117; Helen Bryson 306; Loy Garrison 137; Eric Tweedy 108b; Don Bowen 73t; Judy Mincey 34t; Lee Rogers 425; Dianne Walls 112; Janice Paulk 392; Reuben Ball 503; Laura Akerman 532.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers for next year's session with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Violet Thomason.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL

Pleasant Hill (Johnson School House), Fayette County, Alabama June 13, 1999

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing at Pleasant Hill (Johnson School House) was called to order by Joan Aldridge welcoming everyone and leading song on page 388. Johnnie Mac Key led the morning prayer. Joan Aldridge led song on page 82t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairperson - Elene Stovall; Secretary - Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin.

Leaders: Paula McGray 83t, 31t; Elene Stovall 47t, 89; John Hyde 39b, 129; Gravis Ballinger 124, 101t; Ivalene Donaldson 31b, 30t; Earl Ballinger 87, 80b; Lena Keeton 111b, 475; Clarence McCool 73t, 68b; Mae Conwill 99, 100.

RECESS

Coy Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 56t. Leaders: Allison Stovall 192, 373; Bud Oliver 29t, 32t; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Edwin Ballinger 77t, 477; Josie Hyde 347, 363; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Jackie Tanner 317, 108t; Elmer Conwill 74b, 411 (in memory of Tom Harper); Lisa Geist 546, 151; Tim Gilmore 74t, 155; Travis Keeton 482, 318 (in memory of Fleecie Tucker and Ralston White); Cassie Franklin 503, 368.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Joan Aldridge leading song on page 36b memory of Robert Aldridge and Demus Aldridge. Leaders: Coy Ivey 441; Larry Ballinger 425, 90; Shirley McCoy 217, 358, 171; A.C. McGough 454, 274t; Charlie Ballard 45t; John Beasley 72b, 63; Donna Brombach 294 (in memory of Carmen Aldridge, Edwin Campbell, Doyle Campbell, and Joe Wood); Fred Killingsworth 159; Kermit Adams 322; Cindy Franklin 335, 270, 384; Paula McGray 300; Jackie Tanner 299, 172; Bud Oliver 343b, 345t; Allison Stovall 222, 436; Tim Gilmore 186; Lena Keeton 146, "Not Made With Hands" (for Donna Brombach); Travis Keeton 434 (requested by Elene Stovall).

Joan Aldridge thanked everyone for coming and all those who brought the good lunch, and invited everyone back next year.

Announcements were made. Joan Aldridge led song on page 46 as the closing song. Lavaughn Ballinger led the closing prayer. The class was dismissed. Thanks to Willa Rush for paying for the minutes.

Chairperson - Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairperson - Elene Stovall; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
June 17, 18, 19, 1999

Thursday, June 17

The twentieth session of the National Sacred Harp Convention met at Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Chairman Buell Cobb called Thursday's session to order by leading song on page 31. Elder Jesse Roberts led the morning prayer. Leaders: Mark Davis 129; Kathy Williams 42; Ginnie Ely 546; Don Bowen 475; Patricia Temple 148; John Redman 532; John Merritt 358; Linda Thomas 391; Maxine Lacy 108t; Donald Smith 317; Lora Cargo 498; Jerry Lee 75; Ted Mercer 121; Jeannette DePoy 375; Elvin Morris 480; Jesse Roberts 376; Velton Chafin 540; Henry Bizzell 452; David Ivey 216; Rosemary Greenaway 203; David Atkin 34b; Diane Mennella 87; Henry McGuire 327.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Richard DeLong leading song on page 57. Leaders: Daphene Causey 174; Duncan Vinson 421; Tom Tucker 385b; Roland Hutchinson 553; Chris Bell 384; Cassie Franklin 186.

The Convention then went into a business session. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Kathy Williams; Chaplain - Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin, Catherine Oss, Gina Balestracci, and Mary Wright; Memorial Committee - Cora Sweatt, Mike Hinton, and Dorothea McCowan; Resolutions Committee - Carla Smith and Pat Temple; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and John Redman.

Leaders: Lisa Davis 189; Cora Sweatt 47b; Mary Oruc 77t; Jerry Enright 271; Paula McGray 286; Kelly House 85; Richard Schmeidler 474.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 217. Leaders: Laura Clawson 72b; Hubert Nall 47t; Hilda Morrison 43; Sherrell Durand 127; A.C. McGough 454; Cathy Tucker 146; Henry Johnson 388; Lee Rogers 220; Mary Wright 290; Marie Aldridge 436; Gina Balestracci 419; Furn Kitchens 343; David Rust 125; B.J. Harris 503; Judy Hauff 536; Travis Keeton 99; Eugene Wakefield 168; Gaston White 159; Bill Hogan 96; Mirjana Lausevic 70b; Willie Israel 178; Sharon Kellam 270. Jesse Roberts led the blessing before lunch break.

LUNCH

The class was brought together after lunch by Jesse Roberts leading song on page 441. Leaders: Catherine Oss 430; Charlotte Ehrman 198; Gary Smith 569b; Karen Freund 378b; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 278b; Susan Bingham 340; Judy Whiting 171; Kurt Davis and Dustin McCowan 354b; Karen House 349; Helen Brown 287; Sharona Nelson 209; Mary L. Smith 53; Carla Smith 202; Lou Cotney 218; Bob Bonnell 285t; Teenie Moody 302; Ian

West 36b; Jerilyn Schumacher 504; Robert Handel 153; Marlen Rust 313b; Carroll Lunsford 162; John Schaffer 515.
Chairman Buell Cobb closed Thursday's session by leading song on page 82t. Closing prayer by Jesse Roberts.

Friday, June 18

Friday's session was brought to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 52. Elder Jesse Roberts led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 61; Kathy Williams 222; Jesse Roberts 183; Cora Sweatt 145; Patricia Temple 27; Don Bowen 350; John Redman 236; Gina Balestracci 312b; Catherine Oss 33b; Mary Wright 337; Cindy Franklin 198; Mike Hinton 543; Tim Eriksen 448; Judy Mincey 510; Marlin Beasley 408; Ros Clements 35; Hannah Roberts 328; Joan Aldridge 546; Berkley Moore 179; Alan Weeks 34b; Jean Schaffer 369.

RECESS

Buell Cobb called the class to order leading song on page 352b. Leaders: John Plunkett 355; Ginnie Prater 460; Christie Allen 163b; Evelyn Harris 30t; Louise Holland 137; Lee Bradley 334; David Carlton 362; Sandra Williams 31t; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; Tommie Spurlock 446; Dorothea McCowan 442; Stanley Smith 454; Nora Parker 276; Coy Ivey 384; Todd Troulias 155; Nate Green and Norma Green 68b; Janice Hecksel 46; Louis Hughes 176t; Mattie Townsel 176b; Barney Roberson 170; Judy Caudle 540; Walter Hartley 24; Hugh McGuire 377; J.L. Hopper 180; George Cox 348b.

Elder J.L. Hopper led prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Cindy Franklin leading song on page 317b.

Leaders: Tim Cook 474; Toney Smith 227; Aubrey Barfield 480; H.J. Jackson 400; Ed Snell 335; Henry Zittrouer 143; Cecile Cox 282; Martin Creel 530; Elsie Moon 202; Ola Meadows 432; David Atkin 40; Seth Holloway 388; Nancy Van Den Akker 535; Cassie Franklin 475; Willie Mae Moon 225t; Philip Gilmore 278b; Tom Tucker 501b.

RECESS

Ted Mercer brought the class to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Richard DeLong 542; Henry McGuire 269; Jeannette DePoy 411; Mark Miller 39t; Jon Gregg 303; Charlene Wallace 532; Ann Ballard 277; Jon Giles 359b; Lois Hurt 551; Kenneth DeLong 572; Kiri Miller 378b; Warren Steel 360; James Howell 32t; Liz Bryant 492; Henry Johnson 288; Diane Mennella 73b; David Rust 201; Kathy Tucker 144; Eugene Wakefield 284; Travis Keeton 142; Hubert Nall 99; A.C. McGough 111; Warren Steel 367.

Buell Cobb led song on page 323t as the closing song to close Friday's session. Jesse Roberts led the closing prayer.

Saturday, June 19

Saturday's session was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 75. Elder Jesse Roberts led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 74b; Kathy Williams 208; Jesse Roberts 380; Patricia Temple 481; Don Bowen 59; Mary Wright 324; Gina Balestracci 112; John Redman 497; Cora Sweatt 81t; B.J. Harris; Edward Howton 436; Eric Tweedy 504; Katie Jackson 176t; Eugene Forbes 566; Louis Hughes, Jr. 276; Gaston White 35; Tim Reynolds 228; Andy Morse 417; Jenny Acton 340; Edna Phillips 236; Mike Hinton 373; Linton Ballinger 299.

RECESS

Coy Ivey reassembled the class by leading song on page 137. Leaders: Nell Estes 560; Elene Stovall 556; Leon Ballinger 268; Jo Dell Albi 385t.

The Memorial Lesson was presented. Mike Hinton's comments: "This is a time that sets Sacred Harp singings apart from other musical gatherings. These moments, when we pause to remember our friends and loved ones who left this life since we sang together here last year, are very special moments.

The class that is gathered around that hollow square in the New Jerusalem is a little larger this year. Tired, frail bodies have been made whole, memories restored, sight and hearing made new, voices are vibrant. We rejoice for having known these dear people: they were mothers and daddies, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. We honor them all.

I would also like to say that "Sacred Harp Singer" is an all-inclusive term which includes those who sing in the class, those who sit in the congregation and listen, and those who prepare the food we enjoy, and others who love this music. I also like to think of the message these dear ones would have for us. I think they would tell us to be "flower singers." My grandfather was asked by his friend Leon Odem to write the notes for verses Mr. Odem had discovered. The song is titled "Odem", and it exhorts us to give roses to each other while we live. Don't wait until we gather round a grave to say sweet things and present useless flowers. Life is the time for words of praise, the time to give flowers. Sacred Harp singers give each other flowers: in a hearty handshake, a hug, and words of encouragement. We're "flower singers", as we should be.

I also think our deceased friends would tell us to live our lives so that we too may join them to sing on around God's throne. We don't know if we will join them next month, next year, or ten years hence. We do know there will always be room for one more Sacred Harp singer in that class. And we'll never, never take the parting hand!! Amen."

The list of deceased was read. Alabama - Antoinette Swetman, Ada Godsey, Toma Preston, Alice Brothers Washburn, Cecil Gilliland, Maude Keeton, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, David Shirey, Eloise Sellers, Elder Roy Avery, Herman Smith, and Ralph Heath; Mississippi - Cleo Hawkins and Johnny Porter; Tennessee - Margaret Wright, Harold Fair, Leon Ed Denson, and Lela Hamilton; Florida - Phillip H. Lee, Jr.; Georgia - Horace DeLong, Mary Frances Dannals, and Velma Richardson; California - Don Jolly; Indiana - Richard Allison; Illinois - Janet Borman; Massachusetts - William Vonarx; Texas - Joe Nelson and Luna Batson; New York - Elizabeth Crocker; England - Mel Williams and Pat Carter. "Amazing Grace" was sung in memory of the deceased.

In honor of the sick and homebound, the Memorial Committee: Mike Hinton, Dorothea McCowan, and Cora Sweatt, led song on page 475. The Committee led song on page 127 to honor singers. Mike Hinton led a prayer to close the Memorial Lesson.

Hugh McGraw made a presentation to honor the family of Mae Howton Seymour in recognition of her contributions to Sacred Harp music. Mrs. Seymour's children, grandchildren, sisters, and brother led 371 in her honor. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 300; Peggy Bergman 218; Regina Glass 320; Alice Bejnar 484; Anne Chalker 146; Dorothea McCowan 304; Betty Wright 347; Charles Whitmer 524; Jim Carnes 209. Elder Jesse Roberts led prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Judy Hauff called the class back together by leading song on page 215. Leaders: Hugh McGuire 217; Mark Miller 53; Jerilyn Schumacher 368; Jerry Schreiber 66; Carroll Lunsford 426; Marlen Rust 290; Tim Eriksen 39; Dennis George and Jarrod George 358; Walter Hartley 186; Amanda Denson 365; members of

the "With One Accord" group from England sang selections from their repertoire; Kelly House 496; Berkley Moore 206; Karen Freund 56b; Jean Schaffer 168; Karen House 339; Charlotte Ehrman 34b; B.J. Harris 303; Kiri Miller 567; Ros Clements 77b; Ginnie Ely 502; Janice Hecksel 565; Laura Clawson 345b; Helen Brown 344; Jerry Enright 383; Carla Smith 298; Alan Weeks 73b; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Ian West 84; Judy Whiting 515. The convention then went into a business session to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee: John Redman and Don Bowen reported that contributions were such that all convention expenses were well met. The Resolutions Committee: Carla Smith and Pat Temple proposes heartfelt thanks be given to the Creator who has gifted us with the Sacred Harp and our extended singing family. We give thanks for the gift of voices to praise and hearts to seek the old paths and walk therein. The Convention thanks all those generous souls who through their labors have made these wonderful days possible, particularly all the officers and committee members who have given of their time and talent. We propose special mention of the unseen hands who have set up, organized, and prepared food to nourish the bodies of our singing souls. We give a special thanks to Ann Ballard and Charlie Ballard who coordinated the meals. Lastly, the Convention owes a debt to the singers far and near who make up this body.

Secretary Kathy Williams reported that 421 people from 24 states, the United Kingdom, and Germany registered at the Convention over the three days. Also, 240 leaders were responsible for the singing of 248 songs over those three days. The breakdown of numbers for states and countries: Alabama - 282; Georgia - 30; Florida - 16; Mississippi - 12; New York - 11; California - 11; United Kingdom 8; Illinois - 8; Massachusetts 7; Texas - 7; Tennessee - 7; North Carolina - 6; Virginia - 5; Louisiana - 4; New Jersey - 4; Colorado - 3; Ohio - 2; Indiana - 2; Rhode Island - 2; New Hampshire - 2; Germany - 2; Maryland - 1; Minnesota - 1; South Carolina - 1; Pennsylvania - 1; Connecticut - 1.

A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the minutes. The business session was closed.

The officers then led song on page 62, and the singers took the parting hand to close the Convention. Elder Jesse Roberts led the closing prayer.

Following the day's singing, a large group of singers made the traditional trip to Alabama Folk Life Festival's City Stages to present a program of Sacred Harp Music.

Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Kathy Williams.

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL SINGING **Addington Chapel, Cullman, Alabama** **June 19, 1999**

The annual memorial singing was held at Addington Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 59. Hershell King led the opening prayer.

A business session was held to elect officers, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 30t; Travis Keeton 382, 75; Corene White 171, 216; Eron White 168; L.M. Gilmore 73t, 72b; David Roberson 340, 146; Aubrey

Tyree 434, 189; Hershell King 426, 460; Flarce Creel 389, 474; Cassie Franklin, Penny McDonald, and Stacy Dalton 369, 225t, 95, 276, 384.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 111. Leaders: John Etheridge 45t; Everett Kilgo 137, 454; Don Clark 310, 344; Mavis Pierce 208, 336; Marie Guthrie 220, 446; Larry Heidorn 99, 159; Danny Creel 269, 112, 383; Edith Tate 212; Cindy Franklin 270, 503, 322; Lucy Heidorn 40, 155; Bill Hogan 30b; Wanda Capps 222; Cassie Franklin 352.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 42. Leaders: Elsie Moon 74b, 89; Regina Clark 163b, 148; Ann Jett 339, 37b; Eldagene Roberson 81t, 137; Willodean Barton 416, 290; John Etheridge 383, 318, 76b; Velton Chafin 76t; Donnie Calvert 354b, 493; John Etheridge 88t (by request); Billy Williams 28b; the class 358 (by request); Velton Chafin 77t (by request); Regina Clark 192 (by request).

Announcements were made. Harrison Creel led song on page 348 as the closing song. Hershell King led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca, New York June 19, 1999

The third New York State Regional Singing was held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in June from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The singing was called to order by Dennis Leipold leading song on page 34b. Tim Brown led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 102; Tom Metzger 114; Allen Fannin 137; Dennis Leipold 40; Laura Densmore 86; Nancy Crawford 344; Tim Brown 515; Joni Seidenstein 191; Guy Bankes 441; Adrian Mariano 504; Juanita Heyerman 87.

RECESS

Ginny Huszagh brought the class to order leading song on page 492. Leaders: Dan Brittain 304, 302; Tom Metzger 198, 48b; Hal Kunkel 512, 134; Scott Luscombe 148, 155; Allen Fannin 448t, 430; Dennis Leipold 415, 224; Laura Densmore 312b, "Ten Thousand Charms" (by Hal Kunkel); Nancy Crawford 408, 551; Pierre Gingerich 70b, 59; Tim Brown 84, 163b.

RECESS

Joni Seidenstein brought the class to order leading songs on pages 299 and 168. Leaders: Guy Bankes 569t, 147b; Adrian Mariano 117, 183; Bob Mazursky and Dan Brittain 107, 147t; Juanita Heyerman 377; Ginny Huszagh 313b, 362.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Dan Brittain leading songs on pages 278b, 560, and 337. Leaders: Tom Metzger 217, 112; Hal Kunkel 416, 193; Scott Luscombe 195, 267; Allen Fannin 180, 406; Dennis Leipold 83, 30b; Laura Densmore 74b, 485; Nancy Crawford 497, 496; Pierre Gingerich 128, 268; Tim Brown 479, 66; Ron Bornick 454; Margaret Bornick "The Sinner Must Be Born Again" (CB).

A memorial lesson was presented with Dan Brittain leading song on page 425 for the following deceased: Shirley Green - Virginia; Dottie Kelly and Louis Cosen - New York; Harris Nitsky - Nevada; Elder Roy Avery - Alabama.

The sick and shut-ins were remembered with Dan Brittain leading song on page 340 for: Jane Williamson, Harriet Henry, and Janice Glanzrock - New York.

The class was called to order by Joni Seidenstein leading songs on pages 178 and 142. Leaders: Guy Bankes 68b, 444; Adrian Mariano 481, 300; Bob Wheeler and Adrian Mariano 49b; Ginny Huszagh 29t, 228; Tom Metzger 146; Hal Kunkel "Saving Grace" (by Hal Kunkel); Scott Luscombe 315; Allen Fannin 39t; Dennis Leipold 31t; Laura Densmore 393 (CB); Pierre Gingerich 95b; Tim Brown 120; Ron Bornick 186; Margaret Bornick 42.

Ginny Huszagh led song on page 62 as the closing song. Tim Brown dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Ginny Huszagh; Arranging Committee - Juanita Heyerman;

Secretaries - Dennis Leipold and Joni Seidenstein.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ephesus, Georgia

June 20, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June at the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church near Ephesus, Georgia. Lonnie Rogers called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 75. Curtis Rogers led the congregation in the opening prayer. Felton Denney led songs on pages 72b and 47t; Margie Smith 32t, 335; Karen Rollins 36b, and 34b.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Karleen Williams; Memorial Committee - Paige Harrod, Josephine Denney, and Curtis Rogers.

Leaders: L.L. Rogers 112; Karleen Williams 298, 460; Nancy Allen 37b; Curtis Rogers 101t, 319; Josephine Denney 143, 503; Paige Harrod 222, 84; Howard McGuire 45t, 192; Sharona Nelson 276, 66.

RECESS

Lonnie Rogers brought the class to order with song on page 97. Leaders: Sherry Louvorn 100, 373; Roy Nelson 283, 318; Kathy Williams 195, 217; Beverly Rollins and Randa Rollins 268, 59; Bobby Jackson 290, 569b; Shelbie Sheppard 484; Louis Hughes, Sr. 403; Pearl Guier 448b, 208; Wilford Denney 159; B.M. Smith 141, 384; Floy Wilder 142, 430. Chuck White gave a report from the church committee on the finances of the church and cemetery.

LUNCH

Felton Denney brought the class to order with songs on 73t and 47b. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 99, 441; Jeff Sheppard 316; Hugh McGraw 413, 451.

Paige Harrod gave the memorial lesson. The following deceased were remembered: Lois Parmer, Bonnie Wood, Ruby Starr, Jackie Langley, Jessie Janney, Willard Yates, Becky Rogers, and Gerila Atkinson. Denney Rogers led song on page 340 in their memory. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 392 for Elder Roy Avery, Lois Denney, and Phil Eady. Karen Rollins led song on 98 for the sick and shut-ins. The ones remembered were Joe Rogers, Cliff Wiggins, and Tommie McCutchens. Felton Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 36t, 358; Karen House 428, 48b; Oscar McGuire 344; Carlene Griffin 155, 270; Ted Mercer 468, 76b; Cath Oss 367, 48t; B. J. Harris 303, 225t; Laura Akerman 548, 404; John Plunkett 326, 78; Mary Florence Smith 302, 58; Renita Folds and Kasey Askin 405, 87.

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers and Felton Denney led song on 348 as the closing song. Everette Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church),
Natural Bridge, Alabama
June 20, 1999

The ninety-first session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday and called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 48t. Margaret Keeton led the class in the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Faye Donaldson; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield.

Gene Wakefield led song on page 101t. Leaders: John Hyde 39b, 37b; Larry Wakefield 111b, 339; Wilton Donaldson 111t, 30t; Robert Handel 107, 445, 393; Ivalene Donaldson 61; Velton Chafin 34b, 225t, 137; Parnell Berry 283, 215; Pernie Pelfrey 74b; Mae Conwill 269, 297; Margaret Keeton 456, 402.

RECESS

Gene Wakefield called the class to order leading song on page 284. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 67, 168; Beatrice Brewer 112, 460; Jim Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 122; Gladys Bonds 146, 499; John Merritt 385b, 358; Kermit Adams 296, 302; Leon Ballinger 490, 480; Elmer Conwill 379, 179.

LUNCH

Gene Wakefield called the class to order leading song on page 100.

The children of S.L. Wakefield and Catherine Wakefield: Gene Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julia Poston, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, and Fayrene Wakefield led songs on pages 333, 138, 45t, 426t, 288, and 546 in memory of their parents and brothers, Wilford Wakefield and Clifford Wakefield.

Leaders: Christopher Bell 384, 424, 31t; Travis Keeton 34t, 392, 131; Christopher Rice 32t, 282, 408; Helen Langston 391, 143; Roma Rice 49b, 276; Josie Hyde 300, 299; Clara Stults 274t, 335; Debbie Wakefield 426b, 208, 183; Robert Handel 95, 515; Betty Baccus "Jesus Died For Me", 134; Fayrene Wakefield 569b, 145b; Julia Poston 421; Faye Donaldson 270, 371, 84; Brenda Merritt 142 (in memory of Ralph Heath).

Gene Wakefield led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield.

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Section, Alabama
June 20, 1999

The annual singing held on the third Sunday in June at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church began with a welcome and a prayer by Elder Gene Thomas. David Ivey led songs on page 32t and 480 in memory of Colbie Allen and Faye Allen, whom we all still miss.

Leaders: Randall Smith 36b, 318; Terry Wootten 101t, 108t; Milton Oliver 314, 321; Lamar Smith 343, 76b; Bud Oliver 145b, 159 (Bud made comments about how proud Colbie and Faye Allen would be today to see how the singing is still being carried on); Jarrod George 358, 59; Rodney Ivey 40, 512; Jackie Tanner 42, 37b; Shane Wootten 85, 300; Allison Ivey 273, 460; Karen Ivey 147b, 182.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Coy Ivey leading songs on pages 56t, 30t, and 137. Leaders: Boyd Scott 68b, 127; Clyde Black 288, 82t; Nathan Green and Norma Green 61, 73b, 141; Donna Wootten 340; Stuart Ivey and Worth Ellis 87, 29t, 186; Elene Stovall 384, 192; Dianne Mennella 95, 212; Richard Ivey 64, 155.

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 123t. Leaders: David Ivey and Virginia Douglas 31t; Rodney Ivey 268; Eloise Wootten 224, 299; S.T. Reed 108b, 278b; Dianne Mennella 439, 106; Dennis George 475, 569b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 168, 171; Ruth Hancock 144; Ruth Hancock and Eloise Wootten 511, 30b; Marlon Wootten 97, 49; Charles Stiefel 39b, 445, 290; Sandra Jordan and L.O. Harper "We Will Sing With The Angels There", 45t; Elder Gene Thomas 405, 523, 143; Jarrod George 354b; Richard Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Bud Oliver 270; Allison Ivey 339; Coy Ivey "Trusting"; David Ivey "Love At Home"; Randall Smith "That Beautiful Land"; Jarrod George 358.

Announcements were made. Ruth Hancock, Elder Gene Thomas, and Sandra Jordan led song on page 146 as the closing song. Elder Gene Thomas dismissed the class with prayer.

We are grateful for the wonderful singing which we enjoyed so very much this year, and for each and everyone who came and made this singing a success. We welcome you again next year, and please bring someone with you!

Chairman - David Ivey; Secretary - Sandra Jordan.

ZION HILL HOMECOMING SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Henderson (Rusk County), Texas

June 20, 1999

The Zion Hill Singing was opened at 10:00 a.m. with prayer by Brother Raymond Smith, pastor of Zion Hill Church. John Morris led songs on pages 58 and 36b.

Leaders: Charlie Vaughn 337, 63; Monnie Ross 49t, 45; Mary Bachmann 37, 478; Esther Huckaby 64, 358; Dalton Clanton 507b, 563; Ruby Morris 277, 270; Harold Hill 74b, 203; Clydene McKay 78, 179.

RECESS

John Morris called the class to order leading song on page 168. Leaders: David Rousseau 84, 87; Irma Lea Faust 299, 222; Sarah Starnes 155, 159; Robert Vaughn 50t, 47b.

A memorial lesson was held. Dalton Clanton read an article written on June 14, 1905 in the Henderson newspaper about the Zion Hill Homecoming and Sacred Harp Singing. It mentioned that there were approximately 1,500 people in attendance. Those deceased from Texas remembered were: Joe Nelson, Lizzie Rousseau, Lillie Griffith, Emma Jean Moore, Dorothy George Blake, Gerald D. Arthur, Marjorie E. Jones, Johnny Deason, Lawrence W. George, and Mary Welch. John Morris led song on page 381 in their memory. Robert Vaughn led the class in prayer.

LUNCH

John Morris brought the class to order leading song on page 268. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 101b, 67; Emmie Morris 171, 137; Charlie Vaughn 549, 387; Dale Redmon, Jr. 500, 540; Monnie Ross 285t, 488b; Esther Huckaby 505, 143; Dalton Clanton 573.

RECESS

John Morris resumed singing with song on page 571. Leaders: Ruby Morris 332, 108; Harold Hill 395b, 73t; Clydene McKay 170, 290; David Rousseau 119, 127; Irma Lea Faust 189, 143; Sarah Starnes 300, 239; Robert Vaughn 71, 324; Mary Bachmann 38t, 225; Marion Grant 447, 47t.

Robert Vaughn led song on page 386 as the closing song. David Rousseau dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Morris; Secretary - Emmie Morris.

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Winston County, Alabama

June 26-27, 1999

Saturday, June 26

The annual Sacred Harp singing on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Kermit Adams leading song on page 47t. L.H. Gilmore offered the opening prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Timothy Gilmore; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Margaret Keeton.

Kermit Adams led song on page 77t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 99, 273; Cecil Sanders 225t, 512; Gene Wakefield 168, 138t; Doyce Bailey 100, 235b; L.E. Hannah 201b, 511; Juanita Whitman 480, 40; Stella Pratt 441, 63; Amanda Denson 421, 148; Carol Fannin 136, 133; Chris Rice 37b, 183.

RECESS

Timothy Gilmore brought the class to order leading songs on pages 416 and 396.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 95b, 42; Cecil Wakefield 282, 159; Willodean Barton 418, 454; Brenda Merritt 430, 542; Mae Conwill 426t, 74b; L.H. Gilmore 108t, 34t; Kenneth Fannin 354, 45t, 457; Jennifer Allred, Seth Allred, Rachel Allred, Caleb Allred, Will Allred, Emily Holcombe, Ryan Hale, Adam Hale 31t.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Travis Keeton leading song on page 75.

Leaders: John Merritt 358, 76b; Ivalene Donaldson 145, 335; Vernice Phillips and Julie Poston 274b, 111t; Betty Defore 391, 60; Mr. Donaldson 317b, 30t; Josie Hyde 507; Carla Morris 143, 145; Elmer Conwill 276, 379; Billy Williams 77b, 231; Mamie Jones 290, 423; Eda Pace, Joan Gilbreath, and Pernie Pelfrey 129, 168, 59; Kelsey Wakefield 111t, 128; John Hyde 314, 544b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 127.

Leaders: Emily Jones 74t, 303; Dawson Adams 328, 39b; Gladys Bonds 387; Roma Rice 490, 104; Nellie Alexander 176b, 81t; Jennifer Allred and Susan Allred 56b; Mary Holcombe, Seth Allred, and Laura Hale 48t; Rachel Allred 565b.

Travis Keeton led song on page 73t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by L.H. Gilmore.

Sunday, June 27

Chairman Travis Keeton opened the Sunday morning session by leading song on page 179. Dr. Doyle Williams offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 425b.

Leaders: Carla Morris 183, 145b; Chris Rice 144, 480, 155; Chris Bell 384, 358, 168; Kelsey Wakefield 133, 159; Kermit Adams 455, 426t; Hubert Hood 122, 454, 569b; Viola Young 290, "Jesus Died For Me"; Barbara Coosie 143, 61.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class together leading song on page 284. Leaders: Sandra Williams 276, 31t, 126; Alicia Murray 358, 445b; Roxie Keeton 349; Gladys Bonds 45t, 77t, 33; Pernie Pelfrey 312b.

A memorial session was held with Cecil Wakefield leading songs on pages 134 and 338 in memory of Gertis Adams. Tim Gilmore led song on 111t in memory of his mother, Lavada Gilmore, and song on page 371 in memory of Robert Aldridge. Margaret Keeton led 301 in memory of Ada Godsey, James Whitmore, Johnny Whitmore, Keterina Sanders, B.B. Mattox, and Dee Young. Kermit Adams led songs on 282 and 322 in memory of Elzo Godsey and Buddy Godsey. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

Chairman Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading song on 378b. Leaders: Dawson Adams 36b, 68b; Parnell Berry 278b, 285t; Rose Altha Taylor 129; Milford Watts 385t; John Hyde 297, 75, 475; Josie Hyde 189; John Hocutt 89, 272; Roma Rice 100, 475; Loretta Whitman 146, 176t; Nellie Alexander 317b, 216; Betty Cleghorn 59, 100; Odie V. Horton 74b, 200; Josie Hyde 50t (for Julie Poston); Christie Allen 283, 39b; Carla Morris 145t, 144; Amanda Denson 101t, 270.

Travis Keeton led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Juanita Whitman.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

NEW HOPE CHURCH **Cullman County, Alabama** **June 27, 1999**

The sixty-fifth session of the annual singing was held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June, and began with A.C. McGough leading song on page 32t. John Merritt led the morning prayer. A.C. McGough led song on page 36b.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Merritt; Secretary - Eron White; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 142; Stella Pratt 147, 42; Corene White 216, 171; Elvin Guthrie 222, 373; David Roberson 340, 53; Ercyl Vicrine 111, 161; Marie Guthrie 192, 434.

RECESS

John Merritt brought the class to order by leading songs on pages 137 and 68b. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 81, 131; Josh Keeton 169, 268; Brenda Merritt 269, 300; Degene Calvert 120, 361; Gerald Watkins 155, 175; Betty Shaver 34, 66, 145t, 358.

A financial report was given by Ruben Williams. Billy Williams led song on 28b in memory of Sudie McCain and Athel McCain who passed away since the singing here last year. Glenn Keeton offered prayer and the class was dismissed.

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton began the afternoon session by leading song on page 186. Leaders: E.E. Kilgo 454, 40; Pam Keeton 146, 480; Judy Caudle 315, 540; Ashley Keeton 196, 215; Lena Wakefield 498, 288; Brenda Merritt 408 (by request), 324; Dena Tucker 118, 100; Susan Allred 45t, 183; Mary Holcombe 155, 546; Shirley McCoy 358, 183; Margie Lee and Nancy 388, 446; Ruth Burleson and Marie Guthrie 457, 290; Billy Williams 448b; Glenn Keeton 225t, 59, 475; John Merritt 137; Betty Shaver "Not Made With Hands", "Happy Land".

The class was dismissed with prayer led by John Merritt.

Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Merritt; Secretary - Eron White.

MR. LEBANON CHURCH
Near Fayette, Alabama
June 27, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Lebanon Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading song on page 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Buddy Ballinger.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger.

Larry Ballinger led song on page 91. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 59; Jimmy Ballinger 111b; Charles Humber 480; Sherry Stover 373; Johnny Humber 200; David White 405; Beverly Nelson 299; Edwin Ballinger 300; Amber Ballinger, Julie Ballinger, Carol Robbins, Casie Cockrell, and Donnie Cooley 45t, 155 (in memory of Ashley Ballinger); Albert Humber 460; Courtney Cockrell and Amanda Ballinger 186; Wayne Baines 89; Annie Lou Price 323b; Gordon Wilkinson 475; Miranda Gilreath 477; Stuart Ivey 137; Mae Conwill 314; David Ballinger and Will Thompson 176b.

RECESS

Linton Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 208. Leaders: Dwayne Ballinger 110; Jackie Tanner 298; Jill Ballinger and Leslie Ballinger 100; Richard Ivey 222; Ann Jett and Cindy Franklin 269, 327; Jerry Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins 108t; Dennis George 388; Jo Dell Albi 179; Chris Ballinger 410t; Marlon Wootten 147t; Emily Ballinger and Teresa Ballinger 171, 361.

RECESS

Earl Ballinger called the class back to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 399b; Flarce Creel 270; Clarence McCool 349; Janet Litton, Brenda Robbins, Anna Litton, and Drew Nelson 216, 546; Gene Wakefield 284; Ivalene Donaldson and Vernice Phillips 426t, 30t; Beatrice Brewer 112; Milton Oliver 434; Amber Springfield 391; Gravis Ballinger 358; Teresa Guyton 143; Lavaughn Ballinger, Diana Anderson, Barbara Cooley, and Jimmy Ballinger 84.

LUNCH

Larry Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 119. Leaders: Lisa Geist 528; Rodney Ivey 282; Paula Springfield 389; Loyd Ivey 283; Cassie Franklin 95; Leon Ballinger 49t; Karen Ivey 384; Toney Smith 570; S.T. Reed 495; Susan Harcrow 350; Velton Chafin 439; Clayton Ezell 390; Elene Stovall 436; Bud Oliver 42; Elmer Conwill 379; David Ivey 172; Edith Tate 157; Buell Cobb 440; John Beasley 123t; Harrison Creel 342; Rickey Beasley 47b; David Beasley 566; Etma Barton 78; Dennis George 569b; Jo Dell Albi 532; Gordon Wilkinson 380; Susan Harcrow 218; Clarence McCool 318; Edwin Ballinger and Jeffery Ballinger 340; Cassie Franklin 142; Buddy Ballinger 490 (in honor of Mrs. Anna Smith); David Ivey and Loyd Ivey 212, 424 (in memory of Clara Black). Larry Ballinger and Linton Ballinger led song on page 62 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber.

DELONG MEMORIAL
Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia
June 27, 1999

The annual DeLong Memorial Sacred Harp singing was opened with Richard DeLong leading song on page 60. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer. Richard DeLong led song on page 91; Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong 317 and 316 (for his son, Brandy DeLong, who is ill today).

Leaders: Laura Akerman 84; Frances Mary D'Andrea 57; John Redmond 362; Charles Woods 523; Lee Rogers 298; Junnie Wooten 503; Hannah Roberts 157; Charlene Griffin 85; Martha Ann Stegar 198; Don Bowen 390; Bobby Jackson 76b; Doug Allison 475 (in memory of his brother, Richard Allison); Reuben Ball 497; Dollie Hudgins 61; Kathy Manning 319; Judy Mincey 538; Faye Pettis 532; Laurie Allison 45t (in memory of Richard Allison).

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading song on page 333.

The business session was conducted with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Chris Carnell 324; Charlene Wallace 515; Dianne Walls 66; Ashley Roberts 442; Scott DePoy 146; Frances Carnell 106; John Plunkett 43; Liz Bryant 159; Louis Hughes 403; LeAnn Carnell 236; Susan Roberts 112; Eric Tweedy 58; Eric Carnell 277; Jeannette DePoy 30b; Jack Corley 421.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Elder Jesse Roberts. We especially remember Horace DeLong this year. Jesse Roberts spoke of what the DeLong family has meant to Ebenezer Church over the years. He recalled that as growing up he visited the church and how Sacred Harp was sung every Sunday morning for 45 minutes before service. Even though we sorely miss Horace, we rejoice in knowing that he is singing over there. Horace was our bridge to the past. As the church is an institution, Horace was an institution in the Sacred Harp family. Jesse Roberts then led songs on pages 434 and 384; Richard DeLong led song on page 348.

Jeannette DePoy led song on page 503 for the sick and shut-ins: Charlotte Allison, Frank Block, Euna DeLong, Violet Thomason, and Herman Thomason.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 296. Leaders: Janice Paul 518; Jessica Roberts 272; Howard McGuire 192; Cath Oss 318; Ted Mercer 216; Heather Carnell 446; Debra Jones 86; Raymond Hamrick 486; Matt DeLong 530; Helen Bryson 411; Jesse Roberts 299; Hugh McGraw 94; Jonathan Carnell 178; Susan Posey 35; Henry Johnson 108; Oscar McGuire 276.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong brought the class to order leading song on page 365. Leaders: Andy Morse 151; Rebecca Tulie 341; Mike Castleberry 354; Cath Oss 67; Ashley Roberts 269; Louis Hughes 480; Ted Mercer 224; Kathy Manning 392; Henry Johnson 493; Jessica Roberts 542; Eric Carnell 547.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 323t as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong;
Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION
Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama
July 3-4, 1999
Saturday, July 3

The eighty-third session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Convention was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Johnny Lee. Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey led song on page 47t.

Jackie Tanner, Cindy Franklin, and Shane Wootten were appointed as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Secretary Norma Latham Green 565; Jackie Tanner 101t; Tony Ivey 145t; Henry Johnson 385t; Cindy Franklin 123t; Loyd Ivey 89; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Karen Hojnacki 448t; Tim Reynolds 86; Joan Aldridge 145b; Velton Chafin 573; Daryl Mayberry 475; Don Bowen and Bill Waddington 474, 99; Linda Sides 142.

RECESS

The singing resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 405. Leaders: Thomas Willard 274t; Allison Dodson 45t; Jarrod George 358; Jackson Harcrow 63; Teresa Ballinger 300; Jenny Wootten 215; David Ballinger and Jimmy Ballinger 176b; Cassie Franklin 216; Amanda Ballinger 270; Sarah Harcrow 100; Milton Oliver 222; Nancy Allen and Margie Smith 313t; Jeanette Lowry 168; Johnny Lee 48t; Betty Wright 34t; Jenny Willard 422; S.T. Reed 425; Becky Browne 203; Rick Russell 566.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Reba Windom 192; Roy Nelson 318; Shelbie Sheppard and Rodney Ivey 148; Gordon Olson 547; Scott Ivey 87; Martha Beverly 344; David Lee 108b; Elene Stovall 298; Matt Wells 29t; Judy Mincey 464; Keith Willard 144; Martha Henderson 65; Terry Hogg 535; Ann Leckie 56b; Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger 189; Karen Freund 201b; Dewayne Wootten 38b; Lynn deBenedette 129; Louis Hughes, Sr. 74b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with David Ivey leading song on page 57. Leaders: Bud Oliver 480; Dennis George 198; Bill Beverly 272; Sandy Ivey and Scott Ivey 128; Jon Gregg 393; Carlene Griffin 548; Louis Hughes, Jr. 77b; Betty Shepherd 196; B.M. Smith 273; Ricky Harcrow 445.

Dekalb County Commissioner Ricky Harcrow then presented a plaque to the Henagar-Union Convention and read a citation on behalf of the Dekalb County Commission recognizing the continuous tradition of the Henagar-Union Convention in the Henagar community since 1917.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 336; Eloise Wootten and Andrew Wootten "Trusting" (WB); Nate Green and Norma Green 84; Terry Wootten 320; Meg Olson 454; Jerry Enright 378b; Laura Russell 345b; Marlon Wootten 97; Sandy Ivey 268; Laura Ackerman 543; Mike Dunn 137 (for Virgil Phillips); Joyce Walton 146; Billy Williams 231; Wayne Wootten 276; Linda Thomas and Syble Adams "Sweet By and By" (CB), "Cleansing Fountain" (CB); Shane Wootten 383.

The results of the election were announced at this time: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

Leaders: Sandra Jordan and L.O. Harper 45t; Coy Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Susan Harcrow 384, 112; Hobert Ivey and Scott Ivey "Jesus Died For Me" (WB).

Following announcements, David Ivey led song on page 56t, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Tony Ivey.

Sunday, July 4

The Sunday session was called to order with David Ivey leading songs 33b and 124. The morning prayer was voiced by Phil Summerlin.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 186; Secretary Norma Latham Green 78; Jackie Tanner 48t; Cindy Franklin 432; Loyd Ivey 378t; Shane Wootten 77t; Patsy Gentle 68b; Lamar Smith 76b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 112; Phil Summerlin 39t; Willie Mae Moon 225t; Don Bowen 283; Lisa Geist 276; Marlon Wootten 59; Leola Smith 340; Larry Ballinger 425; Henry Johnson 390; Joan Aldridge 300.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 235. Leaders: Dennis George 47b; Eloise Watkins 512; Richard Ivey 222; Gravis Ballinger 99; Jewel Wootten 348b; Floyd Peters 454; Allison Ivey 410t; Linton Ballinger 460; Ann Leckie 377; David Carlton 442; Eloise Wootten and Donna Wootten 61; Randall Smith 137; Sandy Ivey and Scott Ivey 30t, 100; Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Lynn deBenedette 224.

RECESS

The singing resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 371. Leaders: Sarah Harcrow 551; Stuart Ivey 299; Becky Browne 217; David Ballinger 373; Karen Ivey 192; Richard Green and Susan Green 350, 198; Karen Freund 278b; Lavon Wootten 347.

The Memorial Committee, Susan Harcrow and Eloise Wootten, presented the Memorial Lesson. The named deceased were: Elmer Cordell, Flossie Jones, Vester Jones, John Phillips, Roxie Duffy, George Lacey, Clara Black, Bernice Johns, Richard Allison, Phillip James, and Kim Dixon. Rodney Ivey and David Ivey led song on page 441 in memory of the deceased.

Susan Harcrow and Eloise Wootten led 39b for the following sick and shut-ins: Marie Ivey, Lindburg Lacy, Woodie Walker, J.V. Gilbert, Ruby Wilks, Susan Rebecca Green, and Cindy Shely. Dewayne Wootten closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Tony Ivey 28t; Jeanette Lowry 270; Sumner Ellis 82t; Betty Wright 317; Jerry Enright 349 (for Aunt Woodie Walker); Joyce Walton 65; Melvin Stiefel 138b; Marty Wootten 312b.

LUNCH

Shane Wootten opened the afternoon session leading song on page 155. Leaders: Milton Oliver 314; Terry Wootten 340; Elene Stovall 436; Bud Oliver 426t; Reba Windom 196; Nate Green and Norma Green 267; Jarrod George 354b; Dewayne Wootten 176t; Wayne Wootten "Love At Home" (WB); Susan Harcrow 171; Jenny Wootten and Cassie Franklin 147t, 559 (CB); Hobert Ivey and Rodney Ivey 47t; Coy Ivey and Terre Lawson "Trusting" (WB), 358; Betty Shepherd 216; Steve Lambert 49b; Shawn Carroll and Brenda Carroll 384, 28b; Lori Wootten and Sylvia Ivey 490, 474; Jeffrey Wootten 56t; Jenny Wootten "Beulah Land"; John Henry Busby, Loyd Ivey, and Coy Ivey "Jesus Died For Me" (WB), 401; Charles Stiefel and Shane Wootten 448t; David Ivey 110 (by request); Terry Wootten "Love At Home" (WB) (by request).

Following announcements, David Ivey, Coy Ivey, Loyd Ivey, and Tony Ivey led song on page 146 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Tony Ivey.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia
July 4, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 32t. Felton Denney offered the opening prayer. Louis Hughes, Sr. led song on page 37b; Mary Florence Smith 72b, 318; and Margie Smith 84, 101t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 138b; T.J. Willard 36b; Martha Henderson 82t; Rick Russell 297, 327; Shelbie Sheppard 242; Allison Dodson 335; Bill Waddington 209; Laura Russell 113, 298; Keith Willard 278b, 100; Karen Hojnacki 480, 208; David Lee 501b, 274t; Nancy Allen 354b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Louis Hughes, Sr. and Louis Hughes, Jr. leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Elsie Brock 146, 460; Roy Nelson 179; Martha Beverly 48t, 504; Terry Hogg 285, 340; Karen Rollins 489; Howard McGuire 192; Jenny Willard 99, 385t; Johnny Lee 42, 31t.

RECESS

Louis Hughes brought the class to order leading song on page 49t.

Mary Florence Smith gave the memorial and read an article that Ruth Denson Edwards had written concerning the meaning of the memorial lesson. Mary Florence brought our attention to the new church sign which had been erected in memory of all descendants of Isaac and Sarah Wood who were the parents of Monroe Wood, Etta Pope, and Anna Newman, and in memory of all deceased of this church and the community. Mary Florence also noted that the live flower arrangement in the church today is in memory of Florence Wood Williams and given by the Wood family.

Miranel Swafford led songs on pages 490 and 75 in memory of the following deceased: Florence Wood Williams, Don Jolly, Grady Abney, Karen Wiard, and Janet Borman.

Lonnie Rogers led song on page 348b for the following sick and shut-ins: Lois Stanson, Evelyn Newman, Ruth Redding, Mozelle Sheppard, Allene Stanford, Carrie Garner, and I.V. McWhorter. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by the pastor of the church, Rev. Davidson. Rev. Davidson also welcomed the large crowd and spoke of his enjoyment in hearing this music.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Joe Schultz 503, 34; Aaron Little 512, 384; Midge Olsen 198, 66; Bill Beverly 68b, 117; Teenie Moody 390; Matt Wells 148; Laura Akerman 404, 436; Gordon Olsen 497, 163b; Carlene Griffin 225t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Louis Hughes, Sr. leading song on page 137. Leaders: John Plunkett 346, 160t; Judy Mincey 350, 34t; Jimmie Denney 313t; Evelyn Harris 159; Phillip Langley 542; Charlene Wallace 283 (for I.V. McWhorter and Earlis McGraw); Felton Denney 155; George Garner 434; B.J. Harris 77b, 452; C.W. Garner did not sing, but spoke of how grateful he was that everyone had come and made this a wonderful singing; Eskel Hughes 383, 59;

Jeff Sheppard 392; Louis Hughes, Jr. 147t; B.M. Smith 269, 28b; Martha Henderson 53.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes, Sr. led song on page 153. Louis Hughes, Sr. and Miranel Swafford led song on page 46 as the closing song. Billy J. Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL
Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church (New Flatwoods Church)
South of Nauvoo, Alabama
July 4, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for the Duttons, Greens, and Henry "Doc" Jackson was called to order by L.H. Gilmore leading song on page 30t.

The morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Secretary - Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee - A.C. McGough and John Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 146, 283; Mae Conwill 142, 269; Ivalene Donaldson 175, 274; Willodean Barton 159 (for her sister in the nursing home whose birthday is today), 290; Kermit Adams 384, 418; Johnny Humber 389, 208; Mary Ellen Jones 392, 394; Wilton Donaldson 39b, 47t; Cecil Sanders 390; Faye Donaldson 40, 129; Huey Jones 306, 498; Ashley Keeton 168, 455.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Tim Gilmore leading songs on pages 99 and 134 (in memory of his mother, Lavada Gilmore).

Leaders: Gene Wakefield 102, 103; Pamela Keeton 500, 546; Jayne Fulmer 186, 300; Clarence McCool 68b, 45t; Elmer Conwill 82t, 74b; Margaret Keeton 91, 78; Aileen Woodley 399b, 77t. Elder Ronald Gilmore welcomed everyone. Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore led song on page 128. A.C. McGough offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading song on page 235 in memory of Ruth McGough.

Leaders: Lena Keeton 89, 200; Julietta Haynes 216, 430; Julie Poston 421 (in memory of Doc Jackson); Amanda Denson 217, 224; Brenda Merritt 225t, "Shades Of Night"; Marie Guthrie 280, 380; Glenn Keeton 475, 503; John Merritt 358, 460, "That Beautiful Land", 294; Glenn Keeton "Jesus Died For Me"; Elvin Guthrie 482, 535, 544; Joshua Keeton 340, 408; Odie Horton 400, 341; Rachel Jones and Janet Jones 319 (in memory of Henry Jackson and Estelle Napier), 373; Josie Hyde 298 (in memory of Alvin Keeton), 299; John Hyde 73t, 63.

Travis Keeton and Tim Gilmore led song on page 212 as the closing song. Elder Ronald Gilmore led the closing prayer.

Money for the minutes of this singing was donated by Ott Alexander.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Secretary - Margaret Keeton.

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama
July 4, 1999

Chairman Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading songs on pages 59, 75, and 32t in memory of Kim Cagle. Elder Buck Brabham offered the opening prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee - Edna Ruth Phillips and Audress Gurley.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 100; Jenny Acton "The Great Roll Call", 340; Brandon Whitney "Jesus Loves Me"; Nell Estes 560, 145b; Lora Kelly 89, 378t (for her brothers and sisters); Annie Lee Price 110, 111t; Nelda Henry 112, 39b; Thomas Futral 147t, 341; Pam Anderson 405, 480; Opal Futral 98; Myrline Redmon 334, 569b; Elder C.V. Estes 288; Vernelle Amason 189, 124; Charlotte Bishop "Jesus Died For Me", 551; Betty Forbes 148, 566; Lori Hinesley 143, 172; Eugene Forbes 400 (in memory of Brother Thompson's grandfather Richardson).

Since the 4th of July fell on Sunday, we held our usual church services with preaching by Elder Buck Brabham.

LUNCH

Eugene Forbes called the afternoon session to order leading songs on 100 and 101b in memory of Odell Cleveland and M.B. Wallace and song on page 186 in honor of Elder Roy Avery. Leaders: Dollie Bush 490, 30b; Sonya Berry 373 (for her mother), 274t (for Uncle Byron); Opal Futral 77t; E.W. Bush 36b, 45t; John Alton Green 40, 170 (for his grandfather); Ina Brabham and Colton Brabham "Not Made With Hands"; Audress Gurley 108t (for Mavis Dale), 99; Lucille Forman 569b, 138b, 480 (by request); Edna Ruth Phillips 452b, 358; Jonathan Blakeley 378b, 108b (for his grandfather Blakeley); class sang "What A Day That Will Be".

Eugene Forbes led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Jonathan Blakeley.

We would like to thank the class for the minute money, and invite them all to come back next year.

Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Acton.

MUSCADINE METHODIST CHURCH
Muscadine, Alabama
July 5, 1999

The sixteenth session of the Independence Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Muscadine Methodist Church on Monday, July 5th. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading songs on pages 36b and 57. S.T. Reed led the opening prayer. Shelbie Sheppard led songs on pages 142 and 28b (to honor Bill Windom); Margie Smith 373; and Mary L. Smith 171.

The class organized for the day with following officers retained: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 186; Kenneth DeLong 316; Pearl Guier 208; Gordon Olsen 344; Ann Leckie 216; S.T. Reed 177; Becky Browne 269; Bill Waddington 299; Karen Hojnacki 91; Felton Denney 503; Louise Nelson 350; John Plunkett 33b; Jeanette Lowry 349; Keith Willard 127; Allison Dodson 45t; Thomas Willard 378t.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 61. Leaders: David Lee 282; Martha Henderson 455; Howard McGuire 192; Martha Beverly 430; Reba Dell Windom 542; Roy Nelson 434; Joe Schultz 532; Matt Wells 318; Laura Russell 319; Rodney Ivey 475; Midge Olsen 362; Johnny Lee 100; Don Clark 99; Jenny Willard 460; Rick Russell 183.

RECESS

Terry Hogg called the class to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Lynn deBenedette 274t; Oscar McGuire 573; Cassie Franklin 528; Bill Beverly 86; Karen Freund 77t; Nate Green and Norma Green 231; Louis Hughes 492; Elene Stovall 217.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 129. Leaders: Coy Ivey 63; Cindy Franklin 368; Henry Johnson 326; Charlene Wallace 365; Milton Oliver 224; Mildred Patterson 119; Jack Smith 145t; Laura Akerman 189; Lonnie Rogers 222; Leola Smith 234; Homer Benefield 56t; Judy Mincey 540; Jackie Tanner 112; Martha Ann Stegar 479; George Garner 454; Bonnie Flowers 369; B.J. Harris 303; Lee Rogers 298; C.W. Garner 159; Estelle Flowers 436; Bobby Jackson 81t; Don Bowen, Elene Stovall, and Rodney Ivey 270; Katharine Manning 327; Rene Greene 196; Liz Bryant 377.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading song on page 440. Leaders: Rick Russell and Laura Russell 276; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 297; Gordon Olsen and Midge Olsen 236; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 300; Bill Windom and Reba Dell Windom 137; Karen Freund and Lynne deBenedette 278t; Matt Wells and Bill Waddington 481; Martha Henderson 480; Karen Hojnacki 198; Johnny Lee and David Lee 47b; Katharine Manning 376; Terry Hogg 114; Joe Schultz 178; Cindy Franklin and Jackie Tanner 76b; Norma Green and Nate Green 123t; Billy J. Harris and Evelyn Harris 47t.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 as the closing song. Roy Nelson dismissed the class with prayer.

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

JONES CHAPEL SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Cullman County, Alabama

July 7, 1999

The annual July Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on the first Wednesday in July. Velton Chafin, in the absence of the chairman, called the class to order leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was offered by Hershell King.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 32t; Cecil Sanders 123t; Billy Williams 39b, 147; Hershell King 112, 348; Corene White 73t, 146; Elsie Moon 123t, 207; Alvin Stephanse 100; George Cox 108, 569; Reddie Evans 322, 384 (in memory of Unie B. Howard and Douglas Howard), 450; Don Robinson 101t, 47b.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 58 (in memory of Luther Parker and Alvin Parker), 59 (for Alvin Stephanse).

Leaders: Cecil Sanders 225b; Eron White 31b (in memory of Unie B. Howard and Douglas Howard); George Cox 48; Don Robinson 222, 340 (in memory of his aunt, Bellvenie Woodard); Edith Tate 35, 34; Cecile Cox 119; Billy Williams 358 (by request, in memory of Bertha Adams); Flarce Creel 84 (in memory of

Hadyn Creel and Edith Tate's mother), 389; Hershell King 176, 80b; Corene White 379 (in memory of her mother, Cora Miller Collins); Velton Chafin 369 (in memory of Luther Calvert), 42, 378 (in memory of Edith Tate's father), 57 (in memory of B.B. Mattox).

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Velton Chafin leading song on page 410. Leaders: Cecile Cox 135; Eron White 36b (in memory of Rosa and Charley McCoy); Cecile Cox 135; Edith Tate 98; Elsie Moon 166, 406; Don Robinson 138 (by request), 168; George Cox 393; Hershell King 34b; Velton Chafin 45t (for Alvin Stephanse, who is blind).

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 414 as the closing song. Hershell King dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Eron White.

QUEBEC CONVENTION

Lennoxville, Quebec

July 9-10, 1999

Friday, July 9

The fifth annual Quebec Convention was held at St. Martin's Chapel on Friday and at St. George's Church on Saturday in Lennoxville, Quebec.

The Friday evening session was called to order by Chair Cheryl Stroud leading songs on pages 47t and 146, followed by an opening prayer.

Leaders: Bob Parr 228; Roland Hutchinson 473; Gina Ballestracci 472; Guy Banks 474; Jean Seiler 209; George Seiler 168; Dan Hertzler 203; Duncan Vinson 229; Paul Gauthier 68b; Christopher Wesolowski 178; Jackie Hall 217; Kyle Greenlee 40; Bob Parr 201; Virginia Neville 107; Roland Hutchinson 250; Ruth Doerfler 410; Gina Ballestracci 71; Cheryl Stroud 454.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Cheryl Stroud leading songs on pages 117 and 159. Leaders: Guy Banks 147b; Jean Seiler 72b; Dan Hertzler 82; George Seiler 143; Susanne Garmsen 163b; Duncan Vinson 361; Paul Gauthier 371; Christopher Wesolowski 268; Jackie Hall 503; Kyle Greenlee 504; L.H. Spencer 404; Bobbie Goodell 276; Cheryl Stroud 198.

Announcements were made. The meeting was brought to a close with Cheryl Stroud leading a closing prayer.

Saturday, July 10

The morning session was brought to order by Cheryl Stroud leading song on page 45. Leaders: Paul Gauthier 228; John Henderson 146; Leonard Spencer 216; MaryAnn Morrison 344; Joe Schultz 347; Bob Parr 218; Kyle Greenlee 49b; Pippa Hall 203; Christopher Wesolowski 324; Pat Geritz 31; Duncan Vinson 133; Roland Hutchinson (original composition); Gina Belestracci 430; Guy Banks 120; Jean Seiler 200; Dan Hertzler 39; George Seiler 480; Bobbie Goodell 485. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Cheryl Stroud called the class back to order leading songs on pages 551 and 47b. Leaders: Susanne Garmsen 178; Virginia Neville 48; Paul Gauthier 162; John Henderson 503b.

A memorial lesson was given. George Seiler led song on page 122 for those friends who have passed away: Nicole Schnarr, Shirley Green, Dottie Kelly, Winston Bissessar, Charles Danquer, Judith Haines, Andy Cappon, and Nila Magidoff. Bob Parr led song on page 230 for the sick and shut-ins: Dorothy Garber, Jack Sacher, Betty Nikelsky, Barbara Smith, Janice Glanzrock, Hazel Fink, Harriett

Henry, Leonard R. Spencer, Terry Penner, Kate Harris, Ben Hertzler, and Priscilla Hertzler. Jean Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Cheryl Stroud 350; Pippa Hall 312b; Gina Balestracci 180. Jean Seiler said Grace as we prepared for lunch.

LUNCH

Cheryl Stroud called the afternoon session together with songs from pages 497 and 159. Leaders: Bob Parr 440; Mary Ann Morrison 313b; Joe Schultz 532; Christopher Wesolowski 143; Laura Timmerman 34b; Leonard Spencer 442; Sue Hill 126; Kyle Greenlee 242; Pat Gueritz 523; Jackie Hall "Ten Thousand Charms"; Duncan Vinson 390; Roland Hutchinson 553; Guy Bankes 444; Jean Seiler 106; Cheryl Stroud 183.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Cheryl Stroud with song on page 335. The secretary reports that there were participants from two countries: United States and Canada. Seven states were represented: Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania. Two provinces were represented: Ontario and Quebec. There were 43 registered participants and 25 leaders.

The treasurer reported that our expenses had been met.

Announcements were made regarding upcoming conventions and regular sings. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 45 (Eclectic Harmony); Roland Hutchinson 76; Elka Schumann 260; George Seiler 142; Bobbie Goodell 426b; Phil Dutton 163b; Susanne Garmsen "Mount Hope"; Virginia Neville 528.

Cheryl Stroud led the closing song on page 448. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Jean Seiler.

Chairperson - Cheryl Stroud; Treasurer - Chuck Neville; Secretary - Victor Maltby.

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 10-11, 1999

Saturday, July 10

The Saturday session of the annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 30b. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairmen - Don Robinson and Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Judy Caudle; Memorial Committee - Eron White and Imogene Nelms. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 37b, 34b; Don Robinson 100; Billy Williams 448b, 310; Larry Ballinger 119; Eron White 146; Everette Kilgore 192; Josie Hyde 234; Clayton Ezell 300, 384; Kelly Macklin 446, 399b; David Roberson 340, 222; Martha Woodard 204; Gordon Wilkinson 200, 475.

RECESS

Elvin Guthrie called the class to order leading songs on pages 172 and 186.

Leaders: Pauline Childers 224, 318; Lavaughn Ballinger 63, 84; Brenda Merritt 183, 215; Aubrey Tyree 298, 434; Paula McGray 460, 418; John Daniel delRe 101t; Ester Brown 187, 88t; Gene Wakefield 168, 284; Earl Ballinger 117, 177.

RECESS

Don Robinson called the class to order leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Odis Gullede 59, 30b; Marie Aldridge 217; Julianna Jett 58; Cassie Franklin 76b; Flarce Creel, Cindy Franklin, and Ann Jett 269, 327.

LUNCH

Judy Caudle called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Corene White 403; John Hocutt 144, 354t; Eldagene Roberson 306, 142; Lydia Baswell 47t, 145; Buell Cobb 33b; Eloise Watkins 123, 480; John delRe 101b, 78; Elsie Moon 68b; Mark Davis 273, 236; Travis Keeton 343.

RECESS

Billy Williams called the class to order leading song on 42. Leaders: Hershell King 426t, 176; Leyland delRe 133, 212; John Merritt 358, 240; Marie Guthrie 189, 220; Henry Schuman 432; Amanda Denson led for Reddie Powell who did not want to lead; Stanley Smith 454, 73 (for Everette Kilgore); Margie Burton and Ruth Burton 73t; Debra Ritch 220.

Announcements were made. Billy Williams led song on page 46 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 11

Chairman Billy Williams called the class to order leading song on 31b. Harrison Creel led the opening prayer. Billy Williams led song on 147t. Leaders: Don Robinson 200, 212; Eldagene Roberson 313, 139; Velton Chafin 34b, 225t; Midge Olsen 171, 198; John Merritt and John Daniel delRe 47t, 76b; Imogene Nelms 66, 182; Tim Gilmore 142, 542; Imogene Barton 145t, 391.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back to order leading song on page 144. Leaders: Paula McGray 137, 148; Harrison Creel 111b; Reddie Powell and Amanda Denson 300, 269, 280; John delRe 83t, 326; Edith Tate 167, 275; Aubrey Tyree 189, 208; John Daniel delRe 207, 433; Seth Aldredge 457; Leyland delRe 346, 448b; Rachel Caldwell 166, 354; Kelsie Wakefield 108t, 133; Jennifer Aldredge 323, 290.

RECESS

John delRe called the class to order leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Gordon Olsen 497, 503; Kelly Macklin 179, 196.

LUNCH

John Merritt brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 48t. Imogene Nelms and Eron White, Memorial Committee, conducted the memorial session. Since our last convention, we have lost many good singers and friends of our singers. Although we miss them, we can rejoice that we knew and sang with them for many years, and try to remember them as they were, and that they are now rejoicing with their Savior. Those remembered: Essie Calvert, B.B. Mattox, Cecil Gilliland, Gervis Adams, Alice Washburn, Ralph Heath, Ella Mae Sanders, and Don Jolly. Billy Williams led song on 28b for the deceased.

Imogene Nelms and Eron White led song on page 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, J.L. Oden, Mary Oden, Alpha Black, Susan Barber, Ester Brown, Dorothy Garner, Callie Calvert, and Ila Ingle. John Merritt closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Brenda Merritt 434, 336; David Roberson 274t, 222; Pauline Childers 546, 480; Cecil Wakefield 282, 159; Betty Wright 347, 317; Henry Schuman 369, 365; Susan Allredge 183, 138t; Charles Woods 197, 567; Amanda Denson 566, 385; Cecil Sanders 123t; Judy Caudle 311, 438; Edis Guthrie 186; Kenneth Fannin 436; Craig Holmes 358; Flarce Creel 475; Corene White 216; Marie Guthrie 380.

Announcements were made. Billy Williams led song on page 62 as the closing song. Aubrey Tyree dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairmen - Don Robinson and Elvin Guthrie;
Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Oak Grove, Alabama
July 11, 1999

The annual Boiling Springs Convention was held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the Oak Grove community on the second Sunday in July, and was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 32t. Elder Bufrey Dean led the class in the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 36b.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Chita Blakeley; Arranging Committee - Pennie Bosarge.

Leaders: Chita Blakeley 39t, 42; Pennie Bosarge 40, 136, 270; Hilda Morrison 49b, 28t, 101t; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 333; Brenda Dean 39b, 417; Waylon Blakeley 76t, 81t; Bufrey Dean 369, 490.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Pearl Guier 127; Justin Burdette 354; Roy Nelson 434, 283; Eloise Watkins 138b, 565b; Daniel Dean 67, 147t; Bobby Jackson 569, 72b.

Elder Bufrey Dean welcomed everyone to the singing and spoke about the Lord's blessings on us as we are gathered to sing praises unto the King.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Pennie Bosarge 37b, 490 (for Willard Fredericks); Jack Nelson 30b, 59, 58; Chita Blakeley 114, 336; Maudie Fredericks 294, 426t, 206; Roy Nelson 146, 61; Eloise Watkins 460, 35; Pearl Guier 208, 448b; Shelbie Sheppard 28b (for Leara Beckett); Bobby Jackson 480, 341; Lacey Pressley 145t, 77t; Elder Jonathan Blakeley 141, 87; Brenda Dean 358; Kay Dean 339, 212; Bufrey Dean 46, 56t.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 56b as the closing song. Elder Bufrey Dean dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Chita Blakeley.

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION
Zion Church, Eight Miles North of Gordo, Alabama
July 11, 1999

The eighty-second session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in July, and was called to order by Clarence McCool leading song on page 30t. Earline Ellis led the morning prayer. Clarence McCool led song on page 36b.

Leaders: Wayne Baines 569b, 155; George Cox 108b, 490; Odie V. Horton 403, 410t; Tim Cook and Michael Fore 448t, 73b, 45t, 49t; Gravis Ballinger 78, 34b; Travis Keeton 179, 44; Gene Wakefield 108t, 109.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Clarence McCool leading song on page 112.

Leaders: Annie Lou McCool 168, 339; George Cox 278b, 303; Lisa Geist 72t,

546; Earl Ballinger 203, 270; Amber Springfield 290, 391; John Hyde 129, 61; Etma Barton 299, 298; Julie Postam 421, 480.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Clarence McCool leading song on page 317.

Leaders: Earline Ellis 494, 300; Johnny Humber 146, 145t; Clarissa Springfield 343, 166; Toney Smith 225t, 475; Cecile Cox 119, 282; James Ballinger 405, 63; Josie Hyde 43, 220, 342; Paula Springfield 224, 297; Larry Ballinger 89, 56t; Rachael Richards 310, 59; Marlin Burkhalter 452.

Lisa Geist led song on page 45t as a memorial lesson for: Sara McCool, Elder H.R. Avery, and Clara Black.

Leaders: Amber Springfield 58; Earline Ellis 72b; Clarence McCool "Not Made With Hands", 111t.

We invite everyone to come again next year on the second Sunday in July. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH **Six miles northwest of Arab, Alabama** **July 17, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 59. Leonard Hayes led the class in the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers.

Leaders: Hershell King 101t; David Light 274t, 100, 112; Eunice Kimbrell 83t; J.C. Rutledge 63, 143; Irene Jordan 480, 569b; Arvid Holmes 441, 460; Rhoda Norris 318, 177; S.T. Reed 176b, 176t, 313t; Eldagene Roberson 300, 332; J.L. Hopper 187, 178, 29t; Romona Light and David Light 200, 172; Doron Henkin 36b, 100, 148.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class to order leading song on page 167. Leaders: Sandra Light 143, 354; Willard Hopper 384; Nancy Thompson 335, 40; Jennifer Allred 159, 340; Rachel Allred 166, 354; Will Allred 87; Marie Guthrie 89, 77; David Roberson 551, 275b; Gennie Nelms 53, 446.

LUNCH

Hershell King brought the class to order leading song on page 235. Leaders:

Glenda Hopper 30t, 32; David Ivey 312t, 42; Elvin Guthrie 28b, 78; Susan Allred 163t, 535; Milton Oliver 206, 75; Verna Mae Hawk "That Beautiful Land"; Doron Henkin 506; J.C. Rutledge 79; S.T. Reed 99; J.L. Hopper 540; Jennifer Allred 421; Rachel Allred 45t; Will Allred 354b; David Light 192; Elvin Guthrie 69t.

Hershell King led song on page 97 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by J.C. Rutledge.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION
Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama
Saturday, July 17, 1999

The eighty-fifth session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday before the third Sunday in July at Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading song on page 59. A.C. McGough offered the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton led song on page 45t. The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cynthia Franklin; Memorial Committee - Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 155; John Hyde 314; A.C. McGough 410b, 410t; Lois Bonnell 30t, 63; J.A. Mosley 282, 365; Ottis Sides 568, 75; Pernie Pelfrey 371; Odie V. Horton 192, 200; Joshua Keeton 358, 189; Jetty Lawson 460; John Merritt 321b.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading song on page 142. Leaders: John Morris 137, 448t; Kelly Macklin 125, 32t; Aubrey Barfield 480, 551; Mattie Townsel 317; Amanda Denson 198, 373; Willodean Barton 82; Josie Hyde 507 (for Harrison Creel and Wanda Capps).

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Leyland delRe 127, 213; Charles Kitchens 326, 205; Flarce Creel 389, 270; Tressie Atkins 87, 108t; Nate Green and Norma Green 69t, 73t, 426t; Janet Jones 68b; John delRe 74b, 165; Linda Sides 148, 475.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Glenn Keeton leading song on page 503. Leaders: Coy Ivey 405, 222; Lena Keeton 297, 454; Ashley Keeton 186, 196; Bob Bonnell 57, 285; Stanley Smith 482, 455; Jackie Tanner 138, 56; Gene Wakefield 168, 284; Cassandra Franklin 250.

The memorial lesson was held with Tommie Spurlock leading song on page 565 for the following deceased: Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Ada Godsey, Buddy Godsey, Annie Sanders, Ralph Heath, Essie Calvert, Cecil Gilliland, and B.B. Mattox. The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Thurman Nall, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Garnsey McGough, Ethel McGough, and Elsie Beasley. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Philip Gilmore. Brenda Merritt led song on page 426b.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Jimmie Gilmore "Cleansing Fountain" (for her parents); Velton Chafin 172; Pam Keeton 316; Roma Rice 34t, 477; Bill Farris 401, 111t; Philip Gilmore 138b, 396; Toney Smith 130, 458; Arthur Gilmore "Jesus Died For Me"; Agnes Farris 418, 345t; Paula Gilmore 29t, 31t; Tommie Spurlock 273; Terry Sides and wife 48t; Cynthia Franklin 335.

Announcements were made. The words of the song on page 62 were sung for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by John Merritt.

Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

MICHIANA SINGING
Goshen, Indiana
Saturday, July 17, 1999

The twelfth annual Michiana Singing was held at the New Testament Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Matthew Lind leading song on page 34b. Rachel Miller Jacobs led the morning prayer. Samuel Sommers led song on page 36b.

Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 171; Rachel Miller Jacobs 344; Kent Beck 137; Christine Guth 379; Jan Wright 178; Roger Williams 73; Laura Short 368; Michael Miller 551; Martha Beverly 77b; Joe Todd 125; Charlotte Wolfe 64; T.J. Willard 98; Marlen Rust 203; Brad Oglesby 192; Charles Wells 148; Jan Ketelle 168.

RECESS

The class was called together by James Nelson Gingerich leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Ann Miczulski 63; D.J. Hatfield 385b; Kate Lind 28b; Ted Johnson 376b; Pauline Childers 318; Kiri Miller 330t; Jenny Willard 434; Richard DeLong 470; Pat Fosberg Smith 65; Anne Heider 191; Ted Mercer 416; John Fink 186; Karen Arnett 66; John Bealle 217; Joan Aldridge 475; Henry Schuman 111b; Laurel Cornell 143.

RECESS

Christine Guth brought the class back with song on page 146. Leaders: Dean Slaton 498; Bill Beverly 272; Linda Speck 49; Janet Fraembs 91; Anne Steel 268; Melanie Hauff 278b.

The memorial lesson was held. Pauline Childers began the lesson with thoughts that reminded us of how we miss our loved ones, but should not grieve for them. We should think of them singing with the angels and praising our Lord. Those deceased remembered were: Ralph Heath, Roy Avery, Lindburg Lacy, and Phillip James - Alabama; Don Jolly - California; Ethel Kline and Libby Dukes - Florida; Horace DeLong, Ruth Redding, and Roxy Duffy - Georgia; Janet Borman and Gerald Harner - Illinois; Angela Muncie and Monique Wilson - Iowa; Alta Short - Ohio; Robert Goode - Massachusetts; Howard Critchlow - New Jersey; Cleo Hawkins - Mississippi; and Nancy Holt - Wisconsin.

Richard DeLong spoke of the power of a memorial lesson. When we lose a loved one, we carry that person in our hearts and minds at memorials always, not just during the year the name appears on our lists. Richard DeLong led song on page 285t for the deceased.

Pauline Childers read the names of those sick and shut-in which included: Woodie Walker, Marie Aldridge, Ruby Phillips, and Virgil Phillips - Alabama; Christine Weaver, Vivian Wenger, Debbie Einswald, and Pat Ludlow - Indiana; Jerry Pieske, Susan Smith, Milton Kemnitz, and Ede Kemnitz - Minnesota; Bernice Embry - Mississippi; Perry Arnett.

Reba Dell Windom led song on 378 for the sick and shut-ins. Matthew Lind concluded the memorial with prayer.

Announcements were made. Rachel Miller Jacobs said grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Samuel Sommers leading song on page 319. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 419; Johanna Fabke 122; Al Frank 163b; Elizabeth Fink 59; Warren Steel 376; Molly Williams 479; James Page 505; Marcia Johnson and Pauline Childers 288; Keith Willard 144; Elizabeth Todd 373; Reba Dell Windom 282; Eloise Clark 85; Judy Hauff 222; David Rust 80t; Suzanne Flandreau 117; Julie Vea "Bangor"; Pauline Childers 269; Samuel Sommers 112.

RECESS

Matthew Lind called the class to order by leading song on page 99. Leaders: Anne Heider 532; Stanley Chang 455; Doug Stapleton 327; Jan Ketelle 556; Melanie Hauff 392; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 460; Reba Dell Windom 196; John Bealle 442; Joan Aldridge 270; Ted Mercer 383; Lisa Grayson 448; James Nelson Gingerich 236.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class to order with song on page 100. Leaders: Julie Vea 195; Janet Fraembs 45t; James Page 411; Pat Fosberg Smith 347; Eloise Clark 369; Dean Slaton 345b; Johanna Fabke 74b; Judy Hauff 200; Richard DeLong 39b; Charlotte Wolfe 47t; Ted Johnson 430.

Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led song on page 62 as the closing song with the class taking the parting hand. Rachel Miller Jacobs dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Matthew Lind; Treasurer - James Nelson Gingerich; Chaplain - Rachel Miller Jacobs; Secretary - Samuel Sommers.

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama July 18, 1999

The one hundred twenty-sixth session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Lavaughn Ballinger. Velton Chafin led song on page 35. Leaders: Freda Bledsoe 166b; Gordon Wilkinson 112, 475; Corene White 171; Tyler Newman 30t; Juanita Newman 108t; John Hyde 297; John Wakefield 138t; S.T. Reed 388, 389; Larry Ballinger 91; Stanley Smith 500; Lois Bonnell 63, 159; Bill Farris 82t, 176t; Tommie Spurlock 454, 430; Agnes Farris 274t, 275b; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 318.

Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 383, 283; John Morris 378b, 390; Lucy Marie Heidorn 40; Bob Bonnell 384, 100; Betty Shafer 155; Doron Henkin 203, 224; Emmie Morris 215, 110; Clayton Ezell 480; Regina Glass 349, 214; Geraldine Wadkins 361; Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Earl Ballinger 162.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 498.

Leaders: Dennis George 270, 49b; Jewel Wootten 503; Edith Tate 336; John Etheridge 74b; Eldagene Roberson 306; Jackie Tanner 89; Amanda Denson 276; Allison Ivey 344; Karen Ivey 421; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 120, 182; Milton Oliver 321; Linda Sides 106, 328; Arlon Gardner 448t, 448b. Harrison Creel led the class in prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 317b. Leaders: Jerred George 358, 354b; David Roberson 222; John Merritt "Tabitha Cumi"; Stuart Ivey 299; Rodney Ivey 99, 186; Willodean Barton 460; David Ivey 481; David Ivey and Cindy Franklin 198; Cassie Franklin 373; Susan Harcrow 269, 436; Marie Aldridge 193, 88t; Josie Hyde 470; Ozella Blackmon 192; Cindy Franklin 217, 327; Travis Keeton 392; Coy Ivey 73t; Mattie Townsel and Coy Ivey 313t; Emma Posten 145b; Aubrey Tyree 189, 208; Billy Williams 294; Flarce Creel, Cindy Franklin, and Cassie Franklin 229.

Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lamar Smith.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ozella C. Balckmon.

KALAMAZOO CONVENTION **Kalamazoo, Michigan** **July 18, 1999**

The first annual Kalamazoo Convention was held on the third Sunday in July at the Wesley Foundation Building on the campus of Western Michigan University. The class was called to order by Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly leading song on page 59. James Nelson Gingerich offered the morning prayer. A business session was held in which the following officers were elected by acclamation: Chairpersons - Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Henry Schuman; Treasurer - Ann Miczulski. Leaders: Bill Beverly 37b; Martha Beverly 48t; Henry Schuman 30t; Ann Miczulski 551; Jan Wright 31t; Jan Ketelle 36b; Roger Williams 84; Joan Aldridge 454; Molly Williams 81t; James Nelson Gingerich 472; Pauline Childers 475; Jim Pfau 171.

RECESS

Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly called the class to order leading song on page 300. Leaders: Al Frank 362; Kate Lind 335; Brad Oglesby 503b; Melanie Hauff 421; Barbara Nelson Gingerich 212; Joe Todd 124; Kiri Miller 330; Christine Guth 390; Richard DeLong 74t; Marcia Johnson 436; Kent Beck 87; Beth Todd 501; Keith Willard 297; Judy Hauff 201b; Ted Johnson 506.

RECESS

Henry Schuman called the class to order leading song on page 49t (by request). Leaders: D.J. Hatfield 251; Cathryn Baker 143; Charles Wells 38b; Reba Dell Windom 142; Jenny Willard 349; James Page 216; Charlotte Wolfe 99; Jim Pfau 203; David Rust 213; Ted Mercer 240; Terry Hogg 112; Jim Helke 49b; Mark Miller 266; Samuel Sommers 528. Reverend Jeffrey Williams, Chaplain of the Wesley Foundation, led the class in a blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 66. Leaders: Jan Wright 183; Roger Williams 52t; Thomas Willard 378t; Joan Aldridge 198; Stanley Chang 269; Molly Williams 284; Charles Wells 47b; Ann Miczulski 314; Keith Willard 29t; Reba Dell Windom 196; James Nelson Gingerich 254 (by request); James Page 315; Judy Hauff 245; Richard DeLong 34t; Marcia Johnson 163t; Melanie Hauff 444; Brad Oglesby 402; Jenny Willard 318.

RECESS

The class was called together by Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly leading song on page 176. Leaders: Ted Johnson 547 (by request); D.J. Hatfield 218; Pauline Childers 234; Mark Miller 365 (by request); Jan Ketelle 445; Joe Todd 384; Kiri Miller 267; Ted Mercer 195; Beth Todd 32t; David Rust 485; Christine Guth 35; Al Frank 146; Kate Lind 56b; Terry Hogg 299; Samuel Sommers 422; Henry Schuman 120; James Nelson Gingerich 522.

Martha Beverly offered the following resolutions. Thanks to:

- 1) Zaide Pixley and John Fink for organizing the February 1997 singing at Kalamazoo College which planted the seed of Sacred Harp in this community;
- 2) The Wesley Foundation and Pastor Jeffrey Williams for making this site available;

- 3) Grace Flesche for managing the kitchen, Dennis and Ann Miczulski for placing signs, Roger Williams for set-up and clean-up, Jan Wright and Molly Williams for registration;
 - 4) All who provided today's excellent dinner;
 - 5) The Goshen, Indiana singers whose presence and experience has helped us to learn and grow in the tradition;
 - 6) The Chicago singers for fostering Kalamazoo events and for leading the way;
 - 7) All the singers who came from near and far to sing with us today; and
 - 8) Almighty God for giving us voices to sing His praise.
- Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly led song on page 47 as the closing song. Samuel Bommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
- Chairpersons - Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly; Treasurer - Ann Miczulski; Secretary - Henry Schuman.

HILLABEE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama

July 18, 1999

The Introductory Lesson was led by Eugene Forbes with song on page 63. The class held a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman - Leonard Price; Secretary - Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee - Sharon Whitehead.

Eugene Forbes led song on page 75, and the morning prayer was offered by Elder Marshall Avery. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 438 (for his 40th wedding anniversary); Edna Ruth Phillips 490, 143; Mary Jean Payne 393, 361; Modie McNeal 68b, 34t; Bobby Jackson 569, 81t; Mattie Perry 112, 186; John Ramsey 136, 224.

RECESS

Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading song on 61. Leaders: Annie Lee Price 47t, 49b; Brandon Whitney "Jesus Loves Me"; Diane Avery 53, 300; Laura Jones 59, 63; Floy Wilder 402, 120; Elder C.V. Estes 137, 222; Eugene Forbes 155, 288 (for M.B. Forbes); Elder Marshall Avery 48t, 74b; Audress Gurlley 36b, "Not Made With Hands"; John Ramsey 254 (by request).

LUNCH

Eugene Forbes began the afternoon session with song on page 89.

A memorial lesson was held with Elder Marshall Avery leading song on 159 for Pearl Kitchens, and songs on pages 290 and 560 in memory of Elder Roy Avery. A business session was held with the following reports given:

- 1) Correspondence - none.
- 2) Union singings - 3rd Sunday in May and Rocky Mount combines with Homecoming.
- 3) Location for this singing in the year 2000 will be Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
- 4) Introductory lesson to be led by Charlotte Bishop in the year 2000.
- 5) Singing Schools - (a) Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, taught by John Ramsey. (b) Friday and Saturday before 2nd Sunday in July at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Sylacauga, taught by Jeff Sheppard.
- 6) Resolutions to be written by Charlotte Bishop.

The Business Session was closed. Leaders: Nell Estes 40, 371; Mr. Taylor and Charlotte Bishop "The Great Roll Call"; Jenny Acton 340, 189, 270; Renee 111t, 45t; Carla Smith 358, 143 (for Sheila); Leonard Price 100, 32t; Verlie McDaniel 61, 341; Eugene Forbes 566, 34b (for Betty Forbes); Douglas Kirk and Carla

Smith 49b, 354b; Charlotte Bishop 145b, 196; Sharon Whitehead 480, 294; Elder Ben Keeble 39t, 39b; Charlotte Bishop 268 (by request), 47b (for Christy). Eugene Forbes led song on 56t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Ben Keeble.

We would like to thank the class for \$72.26 in minute money.

Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman - Leonard Price; Secretary - Jenny Acton.

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL

Poway, California

July 24, 1999

The third annual Memorial Singing, and the first since the death of Don Jolly, was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, in the Grand Room of the Porter House at Old Poway Park. The session was called to order by Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 313t. The morning prayer was offered by Susan Turpin.

Leaders: Carla Smith 171t; Susan Turpin 29t.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business meeting. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Jon Giles; Vice Chairman - Janice Hecksel; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber; Chaplain - Susan Turpin; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith and Carroll Lunsford; Resolutions Committee - Mike Hinton and Marion Black.

Leaders: Jon Giles 83b, 180; Carolyn Deacy 299; Mike Hinton 452b, 146; Betty Herman 32b, 545; Jerry Schreiber 497, 112; Carroll Lunsford 111b, 338.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Janice Hecksel leading song on page 46.

Leaders: Jon Giles 358; Susan Turpin 203, 387; Beth Webb 159; Jerry Schreiber 457; Hugh McGuire 71, 50t; Laura Russell 458, 327; Anne Friend 567, 277; Betty Herman 72b; Janice Hecksel 344, 354b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Carroll Lunsford leading song on 294. Leaders: Jon Giles 225; Susan Turpin 128; Chris Thorman 94; Jeff Vanderwilt 95, 377; Norman Gholson 178; Chris Thorman 501b, 40; Carolyn Deacy 117; Carla Smith 148, 222; Fred Dexter 45; Laura Russell 113. Susan Turpin offered the grace before lunch.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Janice Hecksel leading song on page 276. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 383; Betty Herman 430; Laura Russell 270; Carolyn Deacy 456; Mike Hinton 373; Jon Giles 108t; Fred Dexter 149; Chris Thorman 335; Hugh McGuire 332; Jeff Vanderwilt 419; Susan Turpin 288; Anne Friend 242; Carroll Lunsford 153; Janice Hecksel 515b; Carla Smith 198.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jerry Schreiber leading song on 425b.

Leaders: Rodney Willard 49b; Hugh McGuire 208; Laura Russell 209; Mike Hinton 340; Susan Turpin 328; Carolyn Deacy 196; Jon Giles 167; Carroll Lunsford 426t; Fred Dexter 513; Hugh McGuire 109; Betty Herman 86; Jeff Vanderwilt 31t; Beth Webb 64; Jerry Schreiber and Peggy Manuel 551; Anne Friend 99; Jon Giles 53; Carroll Lunsford 294; Carla Smith and Laura Russell 269; Chris Thorman 105.

Committee reports were called for.

The Resolution Committee submits the following: We express our thanks to God for Don and Marilou Jolly. It is a joy to gather and sing these wonderful

songs as a memorial to Don and Marilou. Sacred Harp singings don't happen without lots of work. We offer special thanks to:

- 1) Those who arranged this location to sing;
- 2) The City of Poway for letting us use this fine old building;
- 3) Those who publicized and promoted this singing;
- 4) Those who set up and to those who will help clean the building;
- 5) Those who prepared the wonderful food;
- 6) Those who came from far and near to sing and listen;
- 7) To the officers, new and old, of this singing.

We thank God for those who wrote the music we love to sing; for voices to sing; and for our appreciation of this Sacred Harp music.

Jon Giles and Janice Hecksel led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Susan Turpin.

Chairman - Jon Giles; Vice Chairman - Janice Hecksel; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber.

COTACO CONVENTION **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Gum Pond, Alabama** **July 24, 1999**

The one hundred-eleventh session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Chairman Dan Hopper leading song on page 138b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Dan Hopper then called a short business session for the election of officers. A motion and second was made to name Buckley Hopper as chairman, followed by a unanimous affirmative vote. Other officers include Dan Hopper as Vice Chairman and Judy Caudle as Secretary. Buckley Hopper led songs 489 and 56b. Leaders: Judy Caudle 180, 78; Arvid Holmes 171, 383; Irene Jordan 84, 480; Carmon Brothers 490, 340; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land", 39b; Hershell King 384, 426t; Eldagena Roberson 186, 81t.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by Buckley Hopper leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Jonathon Thompson 30b, 565; Seth Crocker 339, 61; Jennifer Allred 106, 460; Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Danielle Crocker 49t; Seth Allred 401, 457; Andrew Crocker 128, 127; Rachel Allred 166, 45t; William Allred 354b; Velton Chafin 149; Ron Crocker 276, 277.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Buckley Hopper leading song on page 268. He gave the opportunity for anyone desiring to host the next session of the Convention to make their request known. None were received, so the 112th session of the singing will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 2000.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 47t, 145b; Rhoda Norris 187; David Roberson 34t, 220; Buell Cobb 42, 440; Imogene Nelms 441, 312b; John Merritt 77t, "Tabitha-Cumi"; Nancy Thompson 101t, 40; Marie Guthrie 374, 389; Kenneth Fannin 33b, 313t; Athea Gibbs 569, 32t; Elvin Guthrie 213b, 225t; Susan Allred 112, 138t; Billy Williams 123t, 445; Carol Fannin 109, 68b; Daniel Hopper 287, 291; Glenda Hopper 120; J.L. Hopper 91, 198; Judy Caudle 358 (by request for Ben Bradford, Michigan).

Chairman Buckley Hopper led song on page 27 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Kenneth Fannin.

Chairman - Buckley Hopper; Vice Chairman - Daniel Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL
Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16)
July 24-25, 1999

Saturday, July 24

The one hundred-seventh session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July.

The class was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading songs on pages 75 and 81. B.J. Harris led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 274, 148; Charlene Wallace 63, 145; Hugh McGraw 156, 450; Earlis McGraw 132, 76b; Judy Henry 77, 74b; Carolyn Huckeba 40, 345; Cindy Cole 196, 358; Jimmie Denney 143, 153; Tokay Shumake 335, 35; Everette Denney 34b, 405; Evelyn Harris 155, 47; Bobby Jackson 32, 569b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Phillip Langley leading songs on pages 37b and 110. Leaders: Don Bowen 145b, 59; Lou Cotney 300, 218; S.T. Reed 388, 30; Mildred Patterson 87, 146; Andy Anderson 515, 45; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Charles Woods and Justin Gayne 269, 373 (for Bertha Woods); Mary F. Smith 289, 279 (for Mozelle Sheppard); Bryan Black 276, 340; John Plunkett 440, 312.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 61. Leaders: B.J. Harris 225, 503; Hester Edwards, Diane Smith, and Charlene Wallace 339, 137, 186; Felton Denney 523, 149; Mary Badarak 312b, 159; Evelyn Harris 89; Martha Ann Stegar 275, 268; Andy Anderson 31b, 49b.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging and Memorial Committee - Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckeba.

Leaders: Tokay Shumake 72b, 204; S.T. Reed 144; Bobby Jackson 535, 290; Everette Denney 489; Bryan Black 58, 220, 88b; Jimmie Denney 101t; Don Bowen 548 (for Syd Caldwell), 510 (for Judy Mincey).

Announcements were made. Carlene Griffin and Phillip Langley led song on page 209 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 25

The class was called to order by Carlene Griffin leading song on page 59. Hugh McGraw led the morning prayer. Carlene Griffin led song on page 40.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 81, 101; Charlene Wallace and Reby Stanford 36b, 37b, 97; Hugh McGraw 88b; Cindy Cole 268, 283; Earlis McGraw 271, 111, 145; Don Bowen 77b, 476, 420 (for Jap Walton); Elsie Brock 176, 171; Bobby Jackson 480, 388.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry leading songs on pages 33b and 117. Leaders: George Garner 47; Roy Nelson 87, 128; Mary F. Smith 329, 43; Louis Hughes, Sr. 149b, 152; Mimi Wright 39b, 312b; Bud Oliver 39b, 30; Martha Ann Stegar 276; John Plunkett 76, 52; Jeannette DePoy 475, 32 (for her dad); Raymond Hamrick 182, 445; Scott DePoy 497, 106; Carly McWhorter and Charlene Wallace 401; Richard DeLong 125, 132.

Memorial Lesson. Sheri Taylor led songs on pages 28b and 45 in memory of the deceased: Ruth Redding, Ruth Gammon, Elder Roy Avery, and Richard Allison. Earlis McGraw led song on page 122 for all the sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Phillip Langley leading song on page 203. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 137, 155; Sheri Taylor 222, 277; Milton Oliver 270, 314; Sharon Hamrick 236, 269; Scott DePoy 146, 112; Martha Ann Stegar 198, 147; Reba Norton 282, 208; Bobby Jackson 378; Mimi Wright 148; John Plunkett 168; Jeannette DePoy 410; Bud Oliver 42; Don Bowen 503, 225; Raymond Hamrick 77; Oscar McGuire 37, 573; Richard DeLong 134; Sheri Taylor 126.

Announcements were made. Carlene Griffin and Phillip Langley led song on page 62 as the closing song. Louis Hughes, Sr. dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE SINGING **Hamilton, Alabama** **July 25, 1999**

The eighty-fifth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at the Hamilton Courthouse was called to order by Estes Jackson leading songs on pages 32t and 34t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers retained: Chairman - Estes Jackson; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde and Wilton Donaldson.

Estes Jackson led song on page 36b. Harrison Creel led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Paul Frederick 224, 72b; Mae Conwill 78, 200; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137; Kermit Adams 77t, 120; Linton Ballinger 141, 144; Gene Wakefield 138t, 168; Brenda Merritt 354, 275; Ivalene Donaldson and Bernice Phillips 61, 81; Flarce Creel 475, 546; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 31b.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class back to order with song on page 379. Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 67; Edith Tate 93, 106; Amber Springfield 58, 391; Jayne Fulmer 454, 300; Clarence McCool 349, 328; Gladys Bonds 348b, 73t; Earl Ballinger 283; Juanita Whitman 480, 491; Lavaughn Ballinger 322; Lucy Marie Heidorn 40, 155.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 129 and 297. Leaders: Travis Keeton 98, 99; John Merritt 499, 358 (for his mother); Marie Aldridge 217, 192; Larry Ballinger 139; Gravis Ballinger 460, 222; Julietta Haynes 211, 430; Harrison Creel 89, 335; Julie Postum 421; Betty Baccus and Julie Postum 396, 392; Nellie Alexander 340, 30b; Loretta Whitman 490, 82; Josie Hyde 225t, 477; Erselle Jackson 277, 426t.

Estes Jackson and Bobby Pain led song on 45t as the closing song. Bobby Pain dismissed the class with prayer.

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

CHICKASAW COUNTY SACRED HARP **SINGING CONVENTION**

Enon Primitive Baptist Church, Chickasaw County, Mississippi
July 25, 1999

The Chickasaw County Sacred Harp Singing Convention convened at Enon Primitive Baptist Church, Chickasaw County, Mississippi on July 25, 1999 at

10:00 a.m. for its annual session for one day of worship in song service to our Lord and Savior, when and where the following proceedings were held. To wit: T.J. Funderburk opened with 30t. W.M. Allen offered the morning prayer. T.J. Funderburk welcomed the visitors and everyone else, then led songs on pages 33b and 72b; W.M. Allen 108t, 75, 569b.

The committees were then selected: Arranging Committee - Linda Funderburk and Esther Mann; Memorial Committee - George Easley and W.M. Allen; Hospitality Committee - Beth Porter and Mabelene Easley.

Leaders: John Lee Van Horn 111t, 73t, 64, 40; Robert Handel 34b, 49b, 348b; Regina Glass 48t, 122, 123t, 137; Fred Wilson 45t, 145b; George Easley 313b, 523b, 143; Adrian Doss 282, 439, 66; Esther Mann 426t, 32t, 171; Linda Funderburk 146. Prayer and blessing by T.J. Funderburk.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by T.J. Funderburk leading songs on pages 61, 63, and 147t. Leaders: Mrs. Katie Wilson 119, 335; Charles Porter 334, 155, 136, 460; Virginia Carter 147b, 46, 139; Linda Funderburk 39, 47t; W.M. Allen and family 490, 284 (CH), 82 (CH); Fred Wilson and family 45; John Lee Van Horn 236; W.M. Allen 274 (CH).

The election of officers for next year, 2000, was held. Those elected were: President - T.J. Funderburk; Vice President - W.M. Allen; Secretary - Mabelene Easley; Chaplain - Adrian Doss.

The following delegates were elected for the State Singing Convention: Charles Porter, George Easley, and W.M. Allen

Delegates to the Calhoun Musical Convention: Charles Porter, George Easley, and W.M. Allen.

Delegates to the Cooper Book Singing Convention in Scott County: Charles Porter, George Easley, and W.M. Allen.

The Chickasaw County Singing Convention will meet at Enon Primitive Church on the fourth Sunday in July, 2000.

RECESS

The class was called back by T.J. Funderburk leading song on page 33t. Leaders: Robert Handel 299, 384, 268, 290; Regina Glass 74b, 163t; Fred Wilson 100; John Lee Van Horn 478 (CH); George Easley 82 (CH); Adrian Doss 208; Esther Mann and Regina Glass 270; Linda Funderburk 36b; T.J. Funderburk 512.

The class was dismissed with prayer by Charles Porter.
Secretary - Josie Griggs.

WARRIOR RIVER-CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama July 31, 1999

The one hundred twenty-fifth session of the Warrior River Convention and the one hundredth session of the Clear Creek Convention was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. The Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 32t. Elder J.L. Hopper led the class in prayer.

Terry Hullett led song on page 48t. Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 30t, 317; Bud Oliver 332, 42; Milton Oliver 321, 314; Waylon Blakeley 216, 142; Linda Thomas 217, 345b; Velton Chafin 345t, 436b; Martha Woodard 274t; Lamar Smith 76b; Brenda Merritt 430, 542; John Merritt 168, 277.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 35 and 74b.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into a business meeting. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Secretary - Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee - Milton Oliver and Carmon Brothers; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore; Resolutions Committee - Chita Blakeley and Helen Lambert; Finance Committee - Carmon Brothers and Bud Oliver. Business session closed.

Leaders: Chita Blakeley 394, 380; Robert Handell 300, 384; Elene Stovall 171, 436; Roy Nelson 392, 145t; Jessica Davis 145b; Elder J.L. Hopper 304, 187; Billy Williams 299, 297; Eloise Watkins 480, 123t; S.T. Reed 379, 43; Judy Caudle 496, 311; Jeff Sheppard 224, 440; Sarah Harcrow and Jarrod George 354, 59; Hershell King 204, 222; Jackie Tanner 129, 61; Douglas Conn 495, 448.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett and Stephen Hullett leading songs on pages 354 and 87. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 162, 49b; Dennis George 56b, 137; Susan Harcrow 178, 126; Rodney Ivey 208, 144; Helen Lambert 490, 72; Steve Lambert 196, 120; Elder Philip Gilmore 220, 441 (for Roie Alexander for his birthday); Glenda Hopper 322, 84; Onette Watkins 143, 340; Jarrod George 300; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 323b, 147t; Carmon Brothers 225t (for Cecil Sanders).

The memorial lesson was given by Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore leading song on page 30b for the following deceased: Alice Brothers Washburn, Cecil Gilliland, Elder J.O. Handley, Elder Roy Avery, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Alton Lowe, J.L. Oden, Sara McCool, and Gaither Jones.

Rodney Ivey and Bud Oliver led song on page 475 for the following sick and shut-ins: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Mary Oden, Alpha Black, Ester Brown, Jap Walton, Herbert Phillips, Johnnie Blakeley, Vera Blakeley, Aubrey Reeves, Audrey Reeves, and Marie Hyatt. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

A business session was held. Mt. Moriah Church, near Sneads Cross Roads will host the Convention in the year 2000 on Saturday before the first Sunday in August.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Chita Blakeley. Be it resolved that we give thanks to our Creator and Savior for allowing us to meet once again at this convention. We pray our fellowship will be blessed from on high as we sing.

We thank Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church for hosting this convention. We thank those who support it, whether it be to sing, to listen, or to prepare the good food....God bless each of you. We thank the officers for rising to meet the challenge and serving us with your leadership. We pray that all who attend may go away with love in their hearts and sweet memories.

This we resolve the 31st day of July in the year of our Lord 1999.

Respectfully submitted by Helen Lambert and Chita Blakeley.

The Finance Committee reported a balance brought forward of \$114.45, a collection of \$68.00; an expenditure of \$30.00 for the minutes, gift to the church of \$50.00, leaving a balance of \$102.45. The business session was closed.

Terry Hullett led song on page 189. Terry Hullett, Waylon Blakeley, and Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 31t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore. We are happy to have Robert Handell from San Antonio, Texas visiting with us.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Secretary - Jewel Wootten.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION
Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia
July 31-August 1, 1999

Saturday, July 31

The one hundred forty-seventh session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held at Wilson's Chapel near Carrollton, Georgia on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Sheri Taylor leading songs on pages 73t and 77t. The morning prayer was led by Kenneth DeLong.

Leaders: Felton Denney 73b, 31t; Charlene Wallace 176, 177; Donna Duke 101, 100; Lori Goode 369, 171; Laura Frey 29t, 147t; Bobby Jackson 81, 569b; Jimmie Denney 313t, 312b; Tokay Shoemake 68b, 59; Everette Denney 138t, 138b; Carlene Griffin 144.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kenneth DeLong leading songs on pages 354t and 568. Leaders: Josephine Denney 32t, 145b; Gene Duke 129, 87; Helen Bryson 101b, 546.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Donna Duke; Chaplain - Rev. Lloyd Toney; Arranging Committee - Lori Goode and Laura Frey; Memorial Committee - Jeannette DePoy, Richard Mauldin, and D.J. Hatfield; Finance Committee - Diane Smith and Gene Duke; Resolutions Committee - Charlene Wallace, Hugh McGraw, and John Plunkett.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 37b, 72b; John Plunkett 96, 202; Lou Cotney 196, 222; D.J. Hatfield 123t, 430; Gene Wakefield 168, 102; Eric Tweedy 428, 442.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading song on page 192. Leaders: Phillip Langley 224, 498; Jeannette DePoy 216, 436; Kiri Miller 567, 454; Richard DeLong 545, 399; Andy Anderson 45, 30b; Dan Bailey 495, 515; Jack Smith 77, 299; Teenie Moody 34b, 50b; Joan Durdin 503, 114; Bernard Denney 164, 335; Andy Morse 86, 203; Rev. Lloyd Toney 127, 128; Earlis McGraw 181, 166; Jan House 137, 148; Janet Sheppard 384, 155.

Chairman Sheri Taylor closed the first day's session by leading song on page 323. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Sunday, August 1

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading songs on pages 32t and 67. Lonnie Rogers led the class in the morning prayer.

Leaders: Lori Goode 120, 358; Lou Nelson 179, 145; Henry Johnson 385t, 326; D.J. Hatfield 56b, 383; Kiri Miller 535, 455; Lee Rogers 528, 454; Scott DePoy 277, 114; Charlene Wallace 99, 192; Patricia Mauldin 63, 146; Lonnie Rogers 186, 222; Laura Ackerman 240, 290; B.J. Harris 503, 225t.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Phillip Langley called the class to order leading song on page 168. Leaders: Donna Duke 129, 200; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; John Plunkett 33t, 187; Bobby Jackson 147t, 480; Lisa Webb 124, 369; Laura Frey 178, 163b.

The Memorial Lesson was held at this time. Richard Mauldin read scripture from the Bible, and D.J. Hatfield read the following list of deceased: Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Richard Allison, Horace DeLong, David Shirey, Elder Roy Avery, and Ruth Redding. D.J. Hatfield led song on page 354, "Happy Land", for the deceased.

Jeannette DePoy read the list of sick and shut-ins: Tommye Denson Mauldin, Vivian Rogers, Charlotte Allison, Dollie Hudgins, Gertie DeLong, Andrew Snyder (Liz Bryant's son), and Allen Lambert. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 348 for the sick and shut-ins. Rev. Lloyd Toney closed the memorial session with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor, Lisa Webb, and Laura Frey leading song on page 84. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 47t, 159; Jeannette DePoy 306, 215; Everette Denney 335, 405; Frances Mary D'Andrea 142, 532; Amanda Denson 373, 273; Carlene Griffin 171; Linda Sides 475, 148; Gene Duke 390, 45; Richard DeLong 44, 521; Judy Mincey 489, 50b; Bonnie Flowers 542, 512; Don Bowen 37b, 34b; Jimmie Denney 68b; Rev. Lloyd Toney 135; Bernard Denney 299, 64; Laura Frey and Lisa Webb 451 (for their grandmother, Mary Wilson Hackney).

A business session was held to hear reports from the different committees.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given by John Plunkett.

"The Resolution Committee wishes to thank God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We are grateful for God's inspiration, past and present, for this music and its writers and singers. All the saints, past and present, who have preserved and carried this tradition to us today for our spiritual benefit. We especially thank the Wilson family and their descendants for establishing and preserving this place. To all those who have traveled from near and far to be a part of this convention; all the singers and all those who prepared food. To all the officers who have kept this convention running smoothly, especially Sheri Taylor for her efforts year in and year out. We resolve that, God willing, we will meet here again next year for the 148th Chattahoochee Convention." Respectfully submitted: Charlene Wallace, Hugh McGraw, and Richard Mauldin.

Announcements for future singings were announced. Sheri Taylor and Phillip Langley led song page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Red. Lloyd Toney.

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Donna Duke.

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Bevill State Junior College, Fayette, Alabama** **August 1, 1999**

The one hundredth session of the annual Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Bevill State Junior College on the first Sunday in August. The session was called together by Earl Ballinger leading song on page 59.

Lavaughn Ballinger led the morning prayer.

This singing was in memorial of those who had supported the convention over the past 100 years.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Johnny Humber; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger and Gravis Ballinger.

Leaders: Linton Ballinger 81t; Johnny Humber 200; Leslie Ballinger 78; Lomax Ballinger 565; Amanda Ballinger 186; Gravis Ballinger 144; Larry Wayne Humber 405; Emily Ballinger 477; Stuart Ivey 299; Buddy Ballinger 145t; Cecil Sanders 460; Dwain Ballinger 300; Jimmy Ballinger 45t; Annie Price 298; Richard Ivey 270; Amber Springfield 290.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Lavaughn Ballinger leading song on page 84. Leaders: Lisa Geist 532; Sumner Ellis 82t; Cindy Franklin 546; John Hyde 129; Amber Ballinger and Jill Ballinger 47t; Nate Green and Norma Green 42, 235; Killi Rane 354b; Travis Keeton 496; Clarissa Springfield 343; Wayne Baines 317; Brenda Merritt 336; Edwin Ballinger 148; Rachel Richards 490; Teresa Ballinger 87; Linton Ballinger 212.

RECESS

David Ballinger called the class together leading song on page 100. Leaders: Allison Ivey 189; Bickett Howton 373; Beatrice Brewer 123t; Velton Chafin 227; Etma Barton 441; Odie Horton 403; Beth O'Dell 288; Rodney Ivey 384; Paula Springfield 297; Julietta Haynes 280; Tim Cook 278t; Jayne Fulmer 36b.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Earl Ballinger leading song on page 204. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 139; Willodean Barton 416; Coy Ivey 318; Edith Tate 35; Clarence McCool 101t; Elene Stovall 316; Toney Smith 392; A.A. Malone 120; Karen Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Richard Ivey 153; Jackie Tanner 172; Josie Hyde 408; Leon Ballinger 137; Gladys Bonds 499; David Ivey 110; Margaret Keeton 276; Bud Oliver 73t; Joyce Hubbert 378t; John Merritt 358, 340; Elmer Conwill 31t, 99; Walter Hamilton 196; Faye Donaldson 40; Leon Ballinger 269; Cindy Franklin and Edith Tate 111b; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 475; Paula Springfield, Clarissa Springfield, and Amber Springfield 58; Travis Keeton 142; Brenda Merritt, John Merritt, and Velton Chafin 434; Johnny Humber 176b; Allison Ivey and Kelli Rane 178; Tim Cook 66; Elene Stovall 217; Toney Smith and Joyce Hubbert 225t; Clarence McCool and Annie Price 349.

Announcements were made. Linton Ballinger led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by John Merritt.

Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Johnny Humber; Secretary - Leslie Ballinger.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING **Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Kingston, New York** **August 7, 1999**

The New York State Regional Singing met at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Kingston, New York. Steven Bloyd led the morning prayer. Chairman Jim Ulrich welcomed everyone and called the singing to order by leading songs on pages 496 and 155.

Leaders: Katy Taylor 178, 497; Diane Mennella 45b, 208; Dennis Leipold 209, 150; Brenda Pena 123t, 341; Bradford West 542, 426b; Margaret Bornick 228, 152; Jean Seiler 142, 442; Ron Bornick 299, 454; Thom Metzger 48b, 198; Guy Bankes 65, 68b; Laura Densmore 29t, 415; Karen House 440, 153.

RECESS

Jim Ulrich called the class to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: George Seiler 306, 480; Barbara Swetman 335, 485; Katy Taylor 315, 47b; Diane Mennella 212, 272; Bradford West 95b, 550; Margaret Bornick 236; Brenda Pena 156, 77b; Cath Oss 470, 48t; Jim Ulrich 273, 34b.

LUNCH

Barbara Swetman called the class to order leading song on page 285t.

Steven Bloyd led a Memorial Service for those who have passed away in the last year.

Leaders: Jean Seiler 324; Dennis Leipold 63, 159; Ron Bornick 84, 117; Laura Densmore "Ten Thousand Charms", "Hester" (CB); Guy Bankes 444; Thom

Metzger "Incarnation" (own composition), 217; Jean Seiler 66, 269; Karen House 270, 419; George Seiler 183, 163b.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman called the class to order by leading songs on pages 148 and 45t. Leaders: Cath Oss 367, 146; Guy Bankes 28b; Thom Metzger 51; Diane Mennella "Sessions" (EH); Bradford West 384; Karen House 492; George Seiler 268; Brenda Pena 569t; Dennis Leipold 378b; Jean Seiler 200; Ron Bornick 87; Laura Densmore 504.

Announcements were made. Margaret Bornick led song on page 347 as the closing song. Thank yous were made to Jim and Sue Ulrich for overall organizing of the singing, and to Barbara Swetman for calling out the singers, for Internet support, and help with food and setup. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Steven Bloyd.

Chairman - Jim Ulrich; Secretary - Katy Taylor.

EUGENE SINGING

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Eugene, Oregon

August 7, 1999

The second annual Eugene Singing was scheduled to coincide with the Oregon Festival of American Music, which this year featured the spiritual roots of American Music. The Eugene Sacred Harp singers, and friends from throughout the region, had a significant role in the festival, performing in concerts on Thursday and Friday nights. Also, the afternoon portion of the singing was held in the Hult Center, Eugene's municipal performing arts center, and was billed as a festival event. Therefore, in the afternoon session approximately 200 members of the public participated either by observing or singing with us. Some traditions were adjusted because of the unique, public nature of the afternoon session. For example, some songs that were led in the morning were repeated in the afternoon.

The morning session of the second annual Eugene Singing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Jack Lofton leading song on page 82. Holly Cabell led the opening prayer.

Jane Grant led a short business session in which the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairpersons - Jean Marcotte and Jean Murphy; Treasurer - Karen Stingle; Secretary - Tom Payne; Arrangements Committee - Jane Grant; Chaplains - Holly Cabell and Dorothy Attneave.

Jean Marcotte welcomed everyone, and announcements were made.

Leaders: James Brock 31; Jane Grant 277; Karen Stingle 312b; Tom Payne 73; Bruce Rowland 282; Leigh Van Sickle 148; Joanne Hoover 171; Jean Murphy 189; Jinx McGuire 163b; Gerry Currens 191; Jack Lofton 183; Kathy Vlach 143; Fran Ross 254; Jean Marcotte 66; Shannon McGuire 163; Betty Jones 324; Martha Johnson 71.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jack Lofton leading song on page 327.

At this time the class was turned over to the memorial committee. Marcia Cutler then presented the memorial, in which she led us in remembering the following individuals: Kathy Ask, Evelyn Brasher, Ellis Way Bullock (1899-1999), Ruth Cox, Bill Hoffman, Stanley Kubrick, Anna Lander, Ray Lindeke, Wilhelmina Moye, Steve Rogers, and Jack Stedman.

The following sick and shut-ins were also remembered: Aikin Connor, Doris Hoffman, Annette Jones, Dario Landazuri, Ron Lang, Lucille Lembke, Melanie

Moser, and Rose Normand. Reed Schilbach of the Memorial Committee then led song on page 340. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Marcia Cutler 119; Karen Stingle 318; Mryka Hall-Beyer 454; David Landazuri 59; Jill Accetta 361; Anne Huckins 142; Reed Schilbach 122; James Brock 344; Tom Payne 455; Bruce Rowland 532; Leigh Van Sickle 35; Joanne Hoover 362; Jean Murphy 106; Shannon McGuire 180; Jinx McGuire 209; Gerry Currens 84; Jack Lofton 236. Announcements were then made and Dorothy Attneave led a singing grace.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order in the lobby of the Eugene Hult Center for the Performing Arts by Jack Lofton leading song on page 146.

Jean Murphy provided a brief introduction to the shape note tradition, and The Sacred Harp. She also introduced the group and invited the public to attend the bi-monthly singings.

Leaders: Dorothy Attneave 107; Kathy Vlach 145; Fran Ross 551; Jean Murphy 47; Mryka Hall-Beyer 504; David Landazuri 66; Anne Huckins 56; Karen Stingle 198; Martha Johnson 74; Jane Grant 569; Shannon McGuire 313b; Jean Marcotte 45; Betty Jones 27; James Brock 34; Jill Accetta 99; Tom Payne 457; Bruce Rowland 317; Leigh Van Sickle 128; Joanne Hoover 128; Jinx McGuire 501; Gerry Currens 63; Jack Lofton 276; Fran Ross 454.

Karen Stingle closed the day by leading song on page 155 with all standing.

Chairpersons - Jean Marcotte and Jean Murphy; Secretary - Tom Payne.

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas

August 7-8, 1999

Saturday, August 7

The one hundred thirty-second session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 335. Gaylon Powell led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Marion Grant 168; Emmie Morris 182; Sam Craig 57; Al Rogers 505; Doris Hanks 384; Frank Hataway 343b; Baron Powers 85; Aubrey Barfield 567; Charles Whitmer 575; John Kanode 571; Brenda Merritt 559; Sue Fairbanks 59; Kelly Beard 470; Vivian Rogan 507b; Kellon Campbell 345t; Victoria Aplin 360; John Merritt 240; Amanda Owen 142; Avon Miller 214; Charlene Wallace 99; Michele Rogan 522; Stanley Smith 513t; H.P. O'Mary 47b; Owen Ross 361; Leon Ballinger 335; Reed Coates 112; Velton Chafin 197; Robert Handel 268b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jeb Owen leading song on page 213. Leaders: John Etheridge 86; A.A. Smith, Jr. 383; Albano Alban 455b; Eva Padgett 220; John Beard 290; Tommie Spurlock 196; Tom Owen 395t; Ernestine Pipkin 497; Bill Aplin 222; Liz Rogan 203; Carlene Griffin 171; Olivia Powell 128; Nellie Alexander 82; Monnie Ross 49t; Ellen Strayhorn 36b; Gaylon Powell 450; Myrl Jones 183. Curtis Owen offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Morris leading song on page 174. Leaders: Edith Owen 410; Bruce Coates 312; Kevin Powell 193; Josh Rogan 216; Donald Ross 101b; David Rousseau 341; Cissy Moseley 299; Sarah Coates 192; Scott Curon 186; Pauline Willis 572; Catherine Rogan 393t; David

Moseley 198; Curtis Owen 313; Zack Rogan 280; Margaret Rounsavall 137; Diane Ross 200; Mary Bachmann 563; Katie Moseley 434; Gary Rogan 329.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Donald Ross leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; Jeb Owen 270; Myra Palmer 414b; Beverly Coates 442t; Mike Moseley 104; Aubrey Barfield 276; Brenda Merritt 217; John Etheridge 552; Eva Padgett 98; Velton Chafin 225t; Tommie Spurlock 574; Charlene Wallace 40; John Merritt 392; Brenda Merritt 69. We were honored to have Albano Alban from Ecuador visiting and singing with us. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Tom Owen.

Sunday, August 8

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by John Morris leading song on page 170. John Merritt offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Al Rogers 63; Frank Hataway 290; Bill Aplin 87; Velton Chafin 336b; Doris Hanks 422b; John Kanode 229; Nellie Alexander 571; Victoria Aplin 508; Jeb Owen 450; John Merritt 455t, 455b; Carlene Griffin 146; Kelly Beard 75; Charlene Wallace 106; Tommie Spurlock 402; Stanley Smith 364; Amanda Owen 411; John Etheridge 285t; Leon Ballinger 332.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Kevin Powell leading song on page 543. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 365; Myra Palmer 522; Donald Ross 284; Reed Coates 215; Aubrey Barfield 140; A.A. Smith, Jr. 67; Brenda Merritt 567; Albano Alban 72; Zach Rogan 128; Tom Owen 511b; Michele Rogan 235; Morris Helms 27; D.J. Hatfield 416t; Diane Ross 434; Josh Rogan 300; Edith Owen 47t; Cissy Moseley 276; Curtis Owen 283; Harold Hill 203.

The Memorial Committee: David Rousseau, Mary Craig, and Tommie Spurlock presented the memorial with Mary Craig giving the devotional, and John Etheridge leading song on page 145b for the following deceased: Joe Nelson, Craig Gilliland, Ralph Heath, Elizabeth Rousseau, Richard Daniels, Eva Mae Monk, Essie Leopard, and Gather Jones. John Morris and Tommie Spurlock led song on page 574. The memorial was closed with prayer led by Robert Vaughn.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with John Etheridge leading song on page 278. Leaders: Sarah Coates 395t; Bill Mansel 348t; Robert Handel 50t; Gary Rogan 54t; Mary Bachmann 478; Katie Moseley 192; Robert Vaughn 324; Vivian Rogan 159; Ernestine Pipkin 331b; Ellen Strayhorn 32t; Liz Rogan 150; Scott Curon 142; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507b; Olivia Powell 168; Monnie Ross 108b; David Rousseau 179; Catherine Rogan 293b; Sam Craig 395b; Mike Moseley 511b; Sue Fairbanks 232b.

RECESS

John Etheridge brought the class to order leading song on page 28t. Leaders: David Moseley 186; Terry Schill 536; Jeb Owen 559; Kevin Powell 532; Emmie Morris 186; D.J. Hatfield 218; Bill Aplin 376; Kelly Beard 398b; Ellen Strayhorn 40; Josh Rogan 110.

Donald Ross led song on page 49 as the closing song with the class taking the parting hand. Donald Ross dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - John Morris and Emmie Morris; Secretary - Marion Grant.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

August 8, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp Singing was held at Macedonia Baptist Church on the second Sunday in August, and was called to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 39b. Doyle Williams led the morning prayer. Dawson Adams led song on page 57.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton and John Hyde.

Leaders: Odie V. Horton 104, 48t (for Wilton Donaldson); Gene Wakefield 27, 56; Willodean Barton 82t, 290, 314; Cecil Wakefield 480, 339, 134; Beatrice Brewer 298, 460; Mae Conwill 270, 272, 300; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 294, 358; Clarence McCool 172, 112.

RECESS

Parnell Berry called the class to order leading songs on pages 36b and 285.

Leaders: Fayrene Wakefield and Debra Wakefield 546, 569b; Lorene Gray 47t, 48b, 45t; Gladys Bonds 44, 225t, 499; A.C. McGough 147t, 111b, 30t; Doyle Williams 29, 84, 85; Travis Keeton 88t, 126, 324.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dawson Adams with song on page 77t. Leaders: John Hyde 75, 73t, 63; Julie Postum 274t, 421; Elmer Conwill 179, 379, 498; Chris Rice 282, 144, 276; L.E. Hannah and granddaughter, Julie 124, 83t, 310; Josie Hyde 143, 568, 475; Pernie Pelfrey 68b, 74b, 147b; Larry Ballinger 425, 111t, 101t, 71 (for L.E. Hannah); Parnell Berry 306; Clarence McCool 349.

Dawson Adams and Parnell Berry led song on page 46 as the closing song.

Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

WE ARE SORRY TO ANNOUNCE THIS SINGING WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Parnell Berry; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

ELMORE-CENTER SINGING

Elmore-Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama

August 11, 1999

The one hundred fifty-fifth annual session of the Sacred Harp Singing at Elmore-Center United Methodist Church was called to order by Clarence McCool leading song on page 159. James Ballinger led the morning prayer. Clarence McCool led song on page 68b.

Leaders: George Cox 569b, 303; Levert Howell 58; Annie Lou Price 100, 143; Estes Jackson 426t, 499; Etma Barton 99, 298; Velton Chafin 295, 49b; Elmer Conwill 74b, 75; Gene Wakefield 56, 108b; James Ballinger 294, 358.

RECESS

Clarence McCool brought the class back to order leading song on page 45t.

Leaders: Mae Conwill 142, 172; Ercelle Jackson 145b, 277; Cecil Sanders 225t; Alonzo Malone 183, 127; Toney Smith 410, 69t; Earline Ellis 61, 63; Irma Hitt 235b, 290; Cecile Cox 119; Wayne Baines 89, 73t. James Baines offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman Clarence McCool brought the class together leading songs on pages 317 and 341. Leaders: George Cox 490; Annie Lou Price 300, 34b; Estes Jackson 387; Etma Barton 99, 298; Velton Chafin 144; Elmer Conwill 179; Cecil Sanders 475, 225t; Gene Wakefield 102; Earline Ellis 457; Cecile Cox 282; Toney Smith 57; Ercelle Jackson 387; Alonzo Malone 34t; Dessie Goodman 204; Erma Hitt 480.

Officers elected were: Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretaries - Earline Ellis and Martha Howell; Arranging Committee - Wayne Baines.

The singing will hold its one hundred fifty-sixth session one year from today, Wednesday, August 16, 2000 - Wednesday after the second Sunday in August. Estes Jackson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Secretaries - Earline Ellis and Martha B. Howell.

**ROCK CREEK-MOUNTAIN HOME AND
RYAN CREEK CONVENTION
Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Alabama
August 14, 1999**

The one hundred-third session of the Rock Creek-Mountain Home and the one hundred twenty-sixth session of the Ryan Creek Convention was convened at the Masonic Hall, Crane Hill, Cullman County, Alabama.

Billy Williams opened the convention leading song on page 33b. Elder J.L. Hopper, serving as Chaplain, gave a reading from Job 38th chapter, and spoke about mankind's use of music to worship throughout history. We gather here today to praise the Lord and to keep this type of singing alive.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams; Finance Committee - David Roberson; Locating Committee - Marie Guthrie and Everett Kilgore; Chaplain - Elder J.L. Hopper; Memorial Committee - Marie Guthrie and Elsie Moon. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Billy Williams 39b; Elvin Guthrie 73b, 129; Corene White 73t, 146; Elsie Moon 566, 283; Everett Kilgore 192; Gene Wakefield 100, 103; Velton Chafin 225t, 34b; Pernie Pelfrey 399, 74b; Edith Tate 76b, 212; John Hocutt 144; Elder J.L. Hopper 189, 162.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Odie Horton 81t, 37b; Marie Guthrie 35, 434; Flarce Creel 270, 475; David Roberson 340, 63; Reedie Powell 384, 369.

The Memorial Committee presented the memorial lesson. We the singers offer another memorial session to honor our friends and loved ones who have passed away since we last met. The list of deceased are: Essie Calvert, B.B. Mattox, Cecil Gilliland, Ralph Heath, J.L. Oden, Alta Self, Bertha Adams, and Sarah McCool. Velton Chafin led song on page 153 for the deceased.

The names of the sick and shut-ins are: Lela Crider, Callie Beasley, Nora Baker, Thurman Nall, Stella Stricklin, Minnie Stricklin, Mary Gardner, Hubert Cobb, Mary Oden, Runman Graves, and Ivalene Donaldson. Elsie Moon led song on page 454 for the sick and shut-ins. Elder J.L. Hopper led song on page 340 and closed the memorial session with prayer.

Euel Freeman led songs on pages 145t and 37t, followed by Eron White leading song on page 186.

LUNCH

John Merritt called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 104.

Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 349, 306; Ann Ballard 319; Brenda Pena 77b, 49; Brenda Merritt 176, 386; John Merritt 503 (for Thurman Nall who was unable to attend); John Hocutt 354; Everett Kilgore 40; John Calvert 335, 100; Elder J.L. Hopper 24b, 412; Harrison Creel 512; Velton Chafin 32; Brenda Pena 460; John Merritt 124.

The Locating Committee reported that there were no calls for the convention, so it will be held back at the Masonic Lodge, Crane Hill, Alabama next year.

Announcements were made. Billy Williams led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

CHATTANOOGA SINGING **Silverdale Baptist Church** **August 14, 1999**

The third annual Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing was held this year at the Silverdale Baptist Church. The singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Linda Sides leading song on page 276. Phil Summerlin led the opening prayer.

Linda Sides led song on page 314. Daryl Mayberry called the following leaders: Tim Reynolds 84, 312b; Judy Mincey 501, 475; Berkley Moore 378t, 152; Daryl Mayberry 441, 82t; Laura Akerman 317, 192; Dan Huger 417, 183; Allison Ivey 138t, 47t; Phil Summerlin 30t, 97; Pete Ellertsen 473, 35;

RECESS

Linda Sides brought the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Cora Sweatt 45t; Sharon Kellam 312t, 274t; Ottis Sides 146, 75; Richard Ivey 567, 145t; Henry Johnson 138b, 338; Duane Chesney 85; Elene Stovall 436, 222; Rodney Ivey 99, 270; Don Bowen 282, 384; Susan Harcrow 142, 300; Myra Dalton 56t, 332; Jeannette DePoy 318, 34t; David Carlton 86, 224; Betty Wright 454, 347; Jackie Tanner 123, 208. Phillip Layne said the blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Linda Sides leading song on page 480.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 123b, 158; Sarah Harcrow 159, 40; Charlene Wallace and Cheryl Forman 168, 460; Stuart Ivey 299, 189; John Plunkett 431, 98; Coy Ivey 137, 172; Floyd Peters 68, 100; Bill Thomas 47b; Hubert Anderson 119; Karen Ivey 215, 31t; Hugh McGraw 354b; Dennis George 28b, 112; David Ivey 212; Jarrod George 358, 59; John Lamb 442, 56b; Barb Hubbartt 133, 117.

After announcements, Linda Sides closed the singing with song on page 225, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Richard DeLong led a singing school the night before the singing at the Silverdale Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with over 40 students attending. The combined collection from both events was \$230, which is greatly appreciated.

Next year's singing will again be on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, August 19, 2000, at the Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church.

Chairperson - Linda Sides; Vice Chairperson - Daryl Mayberry; Secretary - Jane Freuler.

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION
Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama
August 15, 1999

The one hundred-tenth session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Heflin, Alabama on the third Sunday in August, and was called to order by Chairman Cecil Edwards leading song on page 159. Harvey Austin led the morning prayer. The Introductory Lesson was led by Cecil Edwards leading songs from a book that was given to the Convention in memory of the late J.W. Laminack. Songs on pages 39b and 112 were the selections.

Harvey Austin led songs on pages 36b and 144.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Harvey Austin; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Sammie Oliver; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Assistant Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith; Memorial Committee - Mary Lambert Smith.

Leaders: Cecil Edwards 146; Harvey Austin 335; Alice Edwards 73b, 104; Jeff Sheppard 97, 75; Betty Wright 40, 454; Jimmy Cates 168, 63; Bobby Jackson 312b, 290; Reba Norton 373, 208; Felton Denney 460, 155; Estelle Flowers 76b, 98; Jimmie Denney 72t, 276.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harvey Austin leading song on page 32t.

Leaders: Howard McGuire 186, 192; Eloise Watkins 35, 49b; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 225t, 318 (for Vivian Rogers); Bonnie Flowers 350, 47t; Roy Nelson 283, 316; Evelyn Harris 87, 30t; David Ivey 205, 319.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cecil Edwards leading song on page 196. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 29t, 148; Scot Oliver and Milton Oliver 176b, 165.

A memorial lesson was presented by Mary F. Smith. We not only remember those who have passed away in the past year, but also the founding fathers of this convention, and those who carried it on through the years.

Harvey Austin, Louise Owen, and Alice Edwards led songs on pages 73t and 45t for Lillie Owen, Harvey Austin's sister, and the following deceased: Margie Edwards, Randall Parker, Bernice Walker, Ruth Redding, Florence Williams, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Elmer Cordell, and Jim Teel.

Shelbie Sheppard led songs on pages 490 and 418 for the following sick and shut-ins: Reba Edwards, Vivian Rogers, Allene Stanford, I.V. McWhorter, Mozelle Sheppard, Lois Stanson, Erskine Norton, and many others remembered but not listed. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 348, and the memorial was closed with prayer led by Felton Denney.

LUNCH

Cecil Edwards called the afternoon session to order with songs on pages 274t and 217. Leaders: Sherrell Durand 127, 358; Billy J. Harris 303, 503; Karen Ivey 106, 300; Stuart Ivey 299, 475; Shelbie Sheppard 210, 61; Bud Oliver 145t, 345; Carlene Griffin 117; Everette Denney 34b, 119; Nellie Mae White 100, 378t; Lewis Norton 569b, 30b; Lou Cotney 212, 189; Milton Oliver 222; Corene Laminack 405, 459; Winfred Kerr 47b; Louise Owen 143, 332.

Cecil Edwards, Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, Alma Owen, Alonzo Edwards, and Louise Owen (all brothers and sisters) led song on page 146 for their family.

A business session was held to hear the request for hosting the convention in the year 2000. Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was chosen for the location of the singing.

Announcements were made. Cecil Edwards and Harvey Austin led song on page 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Cecil Edwards; Vice Chairman - Harvey Austin; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Assistant Secretary - Mary F. Smith.

**EMMA BEASLEY, JOHN BELTON BEASLEY, AND
PHILLIP LEE, III MEMORIAL
Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama
August 15, 1999**

The thirty-first session of the Emma Keeton Beasley, John Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial met at Concord Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August, and was called to order by Chairman Marlin Beasley leading songs on pages 32t and 33b. The morning prayer was led by Philip Gilmore.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Arranging Committee - Gary Smith and Travis Keeton; Secretary - Cora Sweatt.

Leaders: Tim Gilmore 48t, 142; Cora Sweatt 47b, 46; John Beasley 30t, 39b; Gene Wakefield 112, 168; Dr. Julietta Haynes 209, 211; John Beasley 101t, 100; Buell Cobb 207, 565; Sarah Smith 129, 108t.

RECESS

Gary Smith brought the class to order leading songs on pages 317 and 34b.

Leaders: John Merritt 300, 148; Beatrice Brewer 460, 298; Travis Keeton 299, 203; Becky Briggs 318, 319 (for Elsie Beasley); Larry Ballinger 321, 119; Josie Hyde 103, 88t; Ricky Beasley 348b, 30b; Frances Lee 59, 72b; Philip Gilmore 58, 159; Myrtle Ballard and Marlin Beasley 421 (in memory of Emma Beasley). Earl Ballinger led in prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Marlin Beasley leading song on page 317.

Leaders: Pernie Pelfrey 399b; Cecil Wakefield 282, 268; Velton Chafin 68b, 35; David Beasley 61, 73t; Brenda Pena 123t, 77b; Cecil Sanders 225t; Kelsey Wakefield 133, 111t; Earl Ballinger 76b, 187; Jayne Fulmer 186, 99; Gladys Bonds 74b, 77t; Margaret Keeton 327, 78; Kermit Adams 390, 391; Brenda Merritt 306b, 283; Marlin Beasley 340, 336; Brenda Pena 229; Marlin Beasley "Not Made With Hands" (in memory of Johnnie Sue Beasley).

Tim Gilmore and Marlin Beasley led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Tim Gilmore; Secretary - Cora Sweatt.

NOTE: The following minutes for the 1998 Beasley Memorial held on August 16, 1998 were submitted at the same time the 1999 minutes were sent in. The secretary, Cora Sweatt, asked that they be included in this publication.

The thirtieth annual singing held in memory of Emma Keeton Beasley, John Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III was convened at Concord Primitive Baptist Church on August 18, 1998. This singing was started in her memory by her husband, children, and grandchildren, and so many singing friends who had sung with her all her life, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Keeton, and with her many siblings and relatives. In 1977, after the death of her husband, John Belton

Beasley, his name was added to the Memorial. In 1982 their grandson, Phillip Lee, III, was added to the Memorial. Today we remember them but we also want to remember all of those singers and friends who helped us start their Memorial Singing, and thank those who continue to join us in song and help us keep it going.

The singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading song on page 32t and 33b. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton. The class then held the business session to elect officers: Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton; Secretary - Myrtle Ann Ballard.

Leaders: Elmer Conwill 39b; Ashley Keeton 142, 215; Chris Bell 358, 384; Cecil Sanders 512; Clarissa Springfield 166, 343; Gladys Bonds 68b, 235; Tommy Beasley 348b, 301; Dr. Julietta Haynes 211; Richard Schmeidler 66, 474; Ivalene Donaldson 274, 288; Brenda Pena 156, 57; David Beasley 317, 335.

RECESS

Lena Keeton brought the class to order leading songs on pages 475 and 122.

Leaders: Beatrice Brewer 123, 137; Amber Springfield 391, 204; Lisa Geist 272, 532; Joshua Keeton 408, 268; Billy Williams 309, 310; Mae Conwill 306; Christy Allen 270, 316; Gravis Ballinger 300; Josie Hyde 151, 220; Clarence McCool 569b, 73t. Prayer by Rickey Beasley.

LUNCH

John Hyde led songs on pages 129 and 313b to open the afternoon session.

Leaders: Earl Ballinger 222; Pam Keeton 392; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 83; Tim Gilmore 455; Ila Ingle 441; Gene Wakefield 168; Jayne Fulmer 498; Sarah Smith 290; Buell Cobb 467b, 565; Amanda Denson 373, 340; Gary Smith 31, 34; Bradley Allen 546; John Hocutt 225; Ann Ballard 153; Faye Donaldson 299; A.A. Malone 203; Margaret Keeton 402; Becky Briggs 192 (for Elsie Beasley who was sick and unable to attend); Dorothea McCowan 120, 361; Cora Sweatt 127; Johnny Humber 382; Travis Keeton 53; Ricky Beasley 101t, 111b; David Beasley 159; Larry Ballinger 282; Glenn Keeton 284, 117; John Beasley 72b; Joyce Hubbard 163; Alvin Beasley 354; Seth Holloway and Tara Morton 294; the children of John Belton Beasley and Emma Beasley (David Beasley, Sarah Smith, John Beasley, Marlin Beasley, Cora Sweatt, Alvin Beasley, Ann Ballard, and Rebecca Briggs) 146 (in memory of their parents, and nephew, and in honor of their sister, Frances Lee and her husband, Phillip, who were unable to be here because he is seriously ill.)

Marlin Beasley and Elmer Conwill led song on page 48 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Ricky Beasley.

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton; Secretary - Ann Ballard.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING Senior Citizen's Opportunities, Santa Cruz, California August 15, 1999

The class was called to order by Shelley Phillips leading song on page 312b. The morning prayer was offered by John Brunk.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Janet Herman; Secretaries - Shelley Phillips and Tammy Heinsohn; Treasurer - Barry Phillips; Arranging Committee - Celia Brown and Tammy Heinsohn.

Leaders: Janet Herman 276; Tammy Heinsohn 31; Barry Phillips 155; Arnold Zwicky 72b; Betty Herman 125; Barbara Saxton 40; David Rust 38b; Jerry

Schreiber 30b; Chris Thorman 84; Mark Forry 315; Shelley Phillips 124; Ginny Landgraf 86; David Landazuri 335; Rachel Magallanes 503; Mary Smith 68t.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Janet Herman leading song on page 106.

Leaders: Ruth McGurk 474; Michael Armstrong 173; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes 268; Aileen Vance 457; Dan Curtis 178; Peter Ross 159; John Brunk 122; Carla Smith 66; Betty Herman 203; Arnold Zwicky 497; Barbara Saxton 192; Jerry Schreiber 254; David Rust 480; Chris Thorman 297.

RECESS

The class was called together by Carla Smith leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Mark Forry 277; Paul Kostka 198; Greg Freeman 163t; Alice Sharp 102; Shelley Phillips 148; Tammy Heinsohn 479.

The Memorial Lesson was offered by Kathleen Eschen-Pipes. Shelley Phillips led song on page 402, and Mark Forry led song on page 107 for the deceased.

Leaders: Janet Herman 318; David Landazuri 47t; Barry Phillips 209; Chris Thorman 510; Ruth McGurk 188; Rachel Magallanes 39t; Ginny Landgraf 143.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Barry Phillips leading song on page 168. Leaders: Betty Herman 455; Carla Smith 352; Greg Freeman 444; Barbara Davis 547; Shelley Phillips 504; Phillip Garrison 210; Barry Phillips 196; John Brunk 28t; Alice Sharp 180; Arnold Zwicky 569b; Ginny Landgraf 383; Mark Forry 217; David Landazuri 47b; Patrick Teverbaugh 193; Dan Curtis 344; Rachael Magallanes 142; Jerry Schreiber 532; Michael Armstrong 56b; David Rust 123b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 120.

Leaders: Janet Herman 81t; Paul Kostka 200; Patrick Teverbaugh 73b; Barbara Saxton 442; Mark Forry 269; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes 45t; Chris Thorman 117; Baba Herrick 147; Jack Herbig 183; Patrick Teverbaugh 410; Ginny Landgraf 163b; Carla Smith 114.

Barry Phillips reported that the convention expenses had been met.

Barbara Davis of the Resolutions Committee thanked everyone.

Shelley Phillips led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by John Brunk.

Chairman - Janet Herman; Secretaries - Shelley Phillips and Tammy Heinsohn.

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION **Shady Grove Church, Winston County, Alabama** **August 21, 1999**

The one hundred-first session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 59. Gladys Bonds offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey; Arranging Committee - Roma Rice.

Gene Wakefield led song on page 57t. Leaders: Mae Conwill 206, 313, 73; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Emily Jones 65, 68b, 212; Billy Williams 299, 47b, 448b; Julie Postum 421, 274t, 145t; Elmer Conwill 74b, 44; John Hyde 37b, 39b, 30t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 275b. Leaders: Lorene Gray 143, 39t; Tim Gilmore 134, 48t, 49b; Azilee Adams 337, 317, 34t; Wilton Donaldson 32t, 31b, 108t; Josie Hyde 176t, 225t, 310; Cecil Wakefield 495, 349, 290.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 102. Leaders: Travis Keeton 45b, 141, 131t, 338; Chris Rice 480, 282, 144, 457; Kelsie Wakefield 128, 424, 111t; Dawson Adams 77, 147t, 47t; Kermit Adams 220, 192, 426t, 88; Pernie Pelfrey 82, 83, 67; Gladys Bonds 63, 57; Roma Rice 378t, 136, 475.

Gene Wakefield and John Hyde led song on page 62 as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION **Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama** **August 21-22, 1999**

Saturday, August 21

The ninety-sixth session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August at Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama.

The class was called to order by Randall Smith and Scot Oliver leading songs on pages 82t and 36b. Elder J.L. Hopper led the class in the opening prayer.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 42; Milton Oliver 354b; Lamar Smith 76b; Henry Johnson 201b; Boyd Scott 358; Everette Denney 285t; Coy Ivey and Don Bowen 350; Nate Green and Norma Green 276; Joan Aldridge 120; Joyce Brown 495; Mary Wright 290; Hershell King 426; Felton Denney 387; Wayne Reed 145t; Jackie Tanner 112; Bob Meek 441.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Randall Smith leading song on page 137.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - J.W. (Bud) Oliver; Vice Chairman - S.T. Reed; Secretary - Pauline Oliver; Arranging Committee - Milton Oliver; Memorial Committee - Wayne Reed, Henry Johnson, and Shelbie Sheppard; Finance Committee - Scot Oliver and Randall Smith; Chaplain - Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 73t; Elsie Moon 434; Louis Hughes, Sr. 403; Pauline Childers 475; Elene Stovall 99; Linton Ballinger 142; Cassie Franklin 186; Reba Windom 192; Wanda Capps 222; Bob Parr 270; B.M. Smith 384; Mattie Townsel 68b; Max Berueffy 328; Rodney Ivey 300; Tim Reynolds 564; Flarce Creel and Cassie Franklin 454; Shelbie Sheppard 455.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Bud Oliver leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 480; Betty Wright 235; Martha Henderson 57; Michelle Cull 53; Cindy Franklin 368; Charles Woods 338; Dennis George 198; Teresa Ballinger 371; Pam Nunn 220; William Shetter 171; Ann Jett 496; Ruth Garza 107; Charlene Wallace 225t (for Lonnie and Vivian Rogers); Pat Temple 85; Carol Fannin 47t; Karen Freund 282; Judy Caudle 460.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bud Oliver leading song on page 345t. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 189; Harvey Austin 335; Jeff Sheppard 556; John Etheridge 565b; Lisa Geist 269; James Ballinger 84; Johnny Humber 268; David Ballinger 340;

Mark Brown "Beulah Land"; Philip Gilmore 108t; J.C. Denney 155; Amanda Ballinger 59; Mary Ruth Stiefel 64; Jim Carnes 436; Gordon Wilkinson 217; Roy Nelson 456; Syble Adams 203; J.L. Hopper 149; Reba Norton 275; Jerry Enright 383; Merle Mateika 31t; Lynne deBenedette 448t; Hal Kunkel 558; Bob Cull 178; Sarah Harcrow 388; Kenneth Fannin 33b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Milton Oliver leading song on page 224. Leaders: David Carlton 327; Harrison Creel 111b; Larry Ballinger 425b; Brandon Borchman 485; Susan Harcrow 430; Judy Mincey 474; Andy Anderson 77b; Clayton Ezell 294; Linda Thomas and David Ivey 448b; Loyd Ivey and Eloise Wootten "Jesus Died For Me"; Melvin Stiefel 490; Margie Smith and Louise Nelson 373.

Bud Oliver led song on page 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Wayne Reed.

Sunday, August 22

The Sunday morning session was called to order by Bud Oliver leading song on page 32t. Louis Hughes, Sr. led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; S.T. Reed 48t; Milton Oliver and Alanna Blanks 496; Wayne Reed 108t; Henry Johnson 326; Allison Ivey 142; Louis Hughes, Jr. 201b; Judy Mincey 538; Loyd Ivey 378; Brandon Borchman and Ruth Garza 117; B.J. Harris 503; Hubert Nall 565; Dennis George 178; Cindy Franklin 546; Leola Smith 408; Rodney Ivey 29t; Max Berueffy 37b; Richard Ivey 270.

RECESS

The class was called to order by S.T. Reed leading song on page 123t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 284; Mattie Townsel 143; Bob Parr 218; Elene Stovall 441; Louis Hughes, Sr. 147b; Jackie Tanner 298; Nate Green and Norma Green 387; Boyd Scott 58; Hershell King 176b; Don Bowen 99; Coy Ivey and David Ivey 172; Bob Meek 454; Evelyn Harris 47t; Mary Wright 324; Joyce Brown 147t; Margie Smith 494; Karen Ivey 208; Michelle Cull 299.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading song on page 42. Leaders: William Shetter 195; Ruth Garza 63; Howard McGuire 192; Pam Nunn 236; Pat Temple 566; Karen Freund 56b; Estelle Flowers 475; Stuart Ivey 182; Bob Cull 312b; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Lynne deBenedette 542; Hal Kunkel 179; Sandra Jordan 73t; Jim Carnes 440; Jeff Sheppard 176t; Jewel Wootten 171; Martha Woodard 397; Jerry Enright 77t.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Chita Blakeley 428; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b; Rodney Ivey and Randall Smith 137; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 384; Jessica Davis 145b.

A memorial lesson was held by Wayne Reed and Henry Johnson. Wayne Reed read a passage of scripture and spoke of each one of us conducting our own memorial in our daily lives. S.T. Reed led song on page 418 in memory of Aunt Winnie Reeves. Bud Oliver led song on page 288 in memory of Troy "Boll Weevil" Cole. Karen Ivey sang "Beulah Land" for the following deceased: Richard Allison, Lindberg Lacy, Roxy Duffy, Phillip James, Alice Washburn, Cecil Gilliland, J.O. Handley, Roy Avery, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Sam McCool, Essie Calvert, Elmer Cordell, Horace DeLong, and Gaithe Jones from Mississippi.

Henry Johnson led song on page 68b for the following sick and shut-ins: Marie Aldridge, I.V. McWhorter, Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Lee Rogers, Thurman Nall,

Woodie Walker, Ruby Wilks, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Warren Mason, Lonnie West, Mary Oden, Alpha Black, Ester Brown, Herbert Phillips, Johnnie Blakeley, Vera Blakeley, Lydia Baswell, Aubrey Reeves, Audrey Reeves, Mary Stiefel, and Glenn Keeton.

The memorial was closed with prayer led by Louis Hughes, Sr.

Leaders: Melvin Stiefel 138; Reba Windom 196; Tony Ivey 378b; Bonnie Flowers 350; William Debose and Bob Meek 148; Brenda Waters 106; Ruth Garza and Brandon Borchman 49t; Shane Wooten and Donna Wooten 340, 155; Linda Thomas 515; Marlon Wooten 348b; Ron Crocker 31t; Scot Oliver, Alanna Blanks, Cheryl Beard, and Eric Blanks 100; Eloise Wooten 424; Charles Stiefel and Dennis George 445; Warren Meadows and David Ivey 569b; Sue Wills, Ardell Turnure, and S.T. Reed 332.

The Finance Committee reported a collection of \$295.00.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver, Wayne Reed, Milton Oliver, Scot Oliver, Randall Smith, Lamar Smith, S.T. Reed, and Henry Johnson led song on page 146 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer by Wayne Reed.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - S.T. Reed; Secretary - Pauline Oliver.

MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Antioch Primitive Baptist Church
Seven miles north of Forest, Mississippi
August 21-22, 1999

Saturday, August 21

The seventy-first session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Convention was held at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August for two days of worship in song services to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The class was called to order by President Mark Davis leading song on page 37b. W.M. Allen welcomed everyone and led the morning prayer.

President Mark Davis led song on page 36t.

Mark Davis welcomed everyone and thanked Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for hosting the convention. Nancy Van Den Akker was appointed as the Arranging Person.

Leaders: President Mark Davis 126; Vice President John Van Horn 448t, 384; Secretary Jean Gray 82t, 75; Jim Fields 58, 127; Mike McNeil 131, 204 (CH) (in memory of Bennie Rigdon); Ben Burroughs 178, 299; Darlene Reynolds 354, 145b; Dan Coit 162, 87 (CH); Elizabeth Muhleisen 503b, 475; Jeanie Fields 452b, 45t.

President Mark Davis welcomed everyone, and then appointed committees as follows: Business and Credentials - Tim Gray, Arlon Gardner, and Hugh McGuire, Jr.; Memorial Committee - Wilma Ann Mitchell and Wanda Gregg.
RECESS

President Mark Davis brought the class to order leading song on page 317b.

Leaders: Joe Cobb 28b, 38b; George Easley 34b, 438; Wanda Gregg 40, 63; John Kanode 507b (CB), 229 (CB); Robert Handel 28, 489b; Will Austin 571, 54t.

Arlon Gardner led in prayer and thanks for the food.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with President Mark Davis leading song on page 123t.

Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 186, 236; Junie McNeil 319; Wilma Mitchell 569b; W.M. Allen 108t, 490; Andrew Albers 195, 85b (CH); Hugh McGuire 455t (CB), 53 (CB); Ester Mann 171, 180; John Merritt, Kurt Davis, and Cayla

McGuire 392, 240 (for Durward Scarborough, a faithful singer who was in the hospital at Newton.)

At 2:00 p.m., President Mark Davis called for a motion to open the convention for business to elect officers. A motion was made and seconded to retain the same officers with the exception of the chaplain who was not present: President - Mark Davis; Vice President - John Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray. Arlon Gardner was elected Chaplain. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 442, 183; Charles Franklin 99; Brenda Merritt 111b; Arlon Gardner 166b, 39t.

President Davis paid tribute to Mr. Alfred Bailey and other members of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for the use of their facilities.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mark Davis leading song on page 163b. Leaders: Bobby Caldwell 46t (CH), 63t (CH); Nancy Van Den Akker 142, 81t (CH); Regina Glass 410, 269; Virginia Carter 49b; Hugh McGuire 289 (by request from Harry Beemon); Kari Lundgren 344; Tim Gray and daughter, Haley Gray 434, 220, 192; Rob Jahnce 46.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. Announcements were made.

President Mark Davis led the "Drone", and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 22

President Mark Davis opened the Sunday session, welcomed everyone, and led song on page 101. Chaplain Arlon Gardner led the morning prayer.

Leaders: President Mark Davis 87, 155; Vice President John Van Horn 77t, 168; Secretary Jean Gray 288, 418; Chaplain Arlon Gardner 388, 522 (CB); Mark Davis 117 (CH) (by request from Mr. Alfred Bailey with thanks to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church); Tim Cook 511, 480; Mako Cook and Tim Cook 301, 184 (CH); Ben Hogan 50, 49 (CH); Andy Davis 192, 217.

RECESS

President Mark Davis appointed Junie McNeil and Andrew Albers as the Hospitality and Resolutions Committee.

Leaders: Vice President John Van Horn 72b; Darlene Reynolds 145t, 64; Kurt Davis 354b, 274t; Elizabeth Muhleisen 515b, 159; L.B. Smith 58; Hannah Albers and Andrew Albers 239b (CH); Wanda Gregg 408, 146; John Kanode 563 (CB), 571 (CB).

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with President Mark Davis leading song on page 488b (CB). Leaders: Regina Glass 86, 215; Will Austin 508 (CB), 542 (CB); Robert Handel 536 (CB), 140 (CB); Junie McNeil 176t, 176b; Andrew Albers 378b (CB), 95 (CB), 393 (by request); Hugh McGuire 442b (CB), 515 (CB); Tim Gray 61, 172; Henry McGuire 405, 430.

A business session was held at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

Business and Credential Committee - Submitted by Tim Gray, Arlon Gardner, and Hugh McGuire, Jr.

We report that several counties and states are represented at the convention with delegates and visitors. We find a quorum present. We collected \$485.00, and added to the \$323.90 in Newton County Bank, for a total of \$808.90. A motion was carried to give Antioch Primitive Baptist Church \$100.00 for expenses with thanks.

Memorial Committee - Submitted by Wanda Gregg and Wilma Mitchell.

Wanda Gregg led "Pilgrims Farewell" (185) and "Long Sought Home" (235b) in memory of: Louise Hogan, Trudie Mayers, Johnny Porter, Bessie Rigdon Todd, Chester Hollingsworth, Inez McGuire, and Louise Probst.

Resolutions and Hospitality Committee - Submitted by Andrew Albers and Junie McNeil.

- 1) We resolve to thank our Creator for the opportunity to praise Him in song.
- 2) We thank all the members of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for the invitation, work, and use of their fine facility.
- 3) We thank all the singers and members of the community for a delicious dinner both days.
- 4) We thank the Chairperson and all officers for their labors to make the convention a success, and their willingness to serve another year.
- 5) We thank everyone who came to listen and sing both days.
- 6) We thank everyone who worked, including members of all committees.

All reports were read and approved. As thanks to Mrs. Alfred Bailey, President Mark Davis led song on page 117 (CH).

RECESS

The singing was called to order. Leaders: Charles Franklin 85b (CH), 68b (CH); Mark Davis 454 (by request from Ester Mann); Nancy Van Den Akker 303 (CH), 333 (CH); Mark Davis 358 (by request from Mrs. John Kanode); Andy Davis 254; Mark Davis 348b (for Mrs. John Kanode's brother in Henderson, Texas); Arlon Gardner 341 (for his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Guthrie), 45 (by request).

Announcements were called for followed by a motion to adjourn. President Mark Davis again thanked Antioch Primitive Baptist Church and to all for a fine dinner. The "Drone" was sung, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Chaplain Arlon Gardner.

The church invited the convention to meet again with them at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August, 2000.

President - Mark Davis; Vice President - John Van Horn; Secretary - Jean Gray.

CHERRY TREE SINGING
James Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Itawamba County, Mississippi
August 22, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi on the fourth Sunday in August was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading song on page 39b. The morning prayer was led by Linton Ballinger.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - John Hyde; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

Leaders: Elmer Conwill 129; Gene Wakefield 101t, 100; Julietta Haynes 46, 298, 172; Wilton Donaldson 47t, 48t, 317b; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 31b; Ivalene Donaldson 426t; Faye Donaldson 299, 430; David Ballinger 300, 340; Linton Ballinger 335, 334; Josie Hyde 280, 477 (for Ivalene Donaldson).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Hyde leading songs on pages 61 and 75.

Leaders: Jayne Fulmer 186, 187; Mae Conwill 314, 171, 74b; Lucy Marie Heidorn 30t, 123t; Wayne Baines 354b, 341; Clarence McCool 49b, 77t; Larry

Ballinger 83t, 89; Edwin Ballinger 90, 124; Gravis Ballinger 144, 138t; Lavaughn Ballinger 136, 45t; Earl Ballinger 40, 331.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 566, 482, and 235. Leaders: Marie Aldridge 155; Johnnie Humber 146, 389; Julie Postum 421, 274t; Etma Barton 460, 218; Ercelle Jackson 322; Ivalene Donaldson 56; Estes Jackson 275, 420b; Gene Wakefield and friend 284; David Ballinger and Lavaughn Ballinger 141; Linton Ballinger 142; Ila Ingle 434, 436; Ila Ingle's granddaughter 108t, 30t; Elmer Conwill 217, 44, 179.

Announcements were made. Elmer Conwill led song on page 137 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Mae Conwill.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION **Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee** **August 28, 1999**

The nineteenth annual Young People's Convention was held at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Seth Holloway leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Martha Lang.

Officers were appointed prior to the singing: Chairman - Seth Holloway; Vice Chairperson - Kiri Miller; Secretary - Mark Miller; Finance Committee - Duncan Vinson; Arranging Committee - Kelly House and Mark Miller; Chaplain - Martha Lang; Locating Committee - Kelly House.

Leaders: Seth Holloway 388; Kiri Miller 229; Mark Miller 422; Martha Lang 107; Kelly House 131b; Ginnie Ely 54b; Virginia Douglas 49b; David Carlton 100; Karen Arnett 147t; Marilyn Burchett 81t; Gordon Wilkinson 112; Paula McGray 48t; John Bealle 192; Eloise Clark 89; Hibbard Thatcher 268; Sarah Smith 129.

RECESS

Duncan Vinson reconvened the class leading song on page 421. Leaders: Bob Meek 452b; Sandie Scott 40 with Wongshu Chun 117; Gary Smith and Tycho de Boer 569b; Tim Reynolds 200 (for Linda Sides); Lewis Frost 73b; Nathan Kast 236; Kurtis Heacox 59; Laurens Blankers 515; Paula McGray 411; David Carlton 86; Karen Arnett 198.

RECESS

Seth Holloway called the class together leading song on page 354b. Ginnie Ely led song on page 215; Clayton Ezell 300.

The chair then introduced the Memorial Committee. Considering the large number of new singers in attendance, Paula McGray began the lesson with a description of the lesson, its form and purpose, saying that in the Memorial Lesson, we remember those people who have passed on for a whole year to help us to deal with their deaths.

Kiri Miller read the names of the sick and shut-in and led song on page 340 for them. She remarked that she had hoped that it would have been a few more years before she would have to lead a memorial lesson which memorialized a close friend of hers, and exhorted the class to contact those they knew on the list before they pass on to the "other list." The sick and shut-in included: Francis Lymbad - Tennessee; Patsy Linker - Kentucky; Elsie Beasley, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; John Bailey - Illinois; Dorothy Garber and Susan Garber - Connecticut.

Paula McGray read the names of the deceased and led song on page 285t in memory of: Margaret Wright, Harold Fair, Leon Ed Denson, Lila Hamilton, and Joe R. Moore - Tennessee; Tom Perry - Rhode Island. Martha Lang closed the Memorial Lesson with prayer. Leaders: John Bealle 507; Steven Lambert 196; Kerene Box 405; Amber Springfield 58; Kelly House 442.

After announcements and directions regarding dinner, Martha Lang gave the blessing.

LUNCH

Kiri Miller called the class together by leading song on page 270.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds and Christi List 313b; Bob Meek, Veronica Heacox, Audrey Kast, and Cara Kast 63; Seth Holloway, Anna Kast, and Sherry Kast 394; Jon Gregg 29b; Martha Lang 455; Gordon Wilkinson 434; Mark Miller 39t; Lewis Frost 178; Duncan Vinson 207; Eloise Clark 64; Hibbard Thatcher 479; Nathan Kast 148; Kurtis Heacox 45t; Laurens Blankers 334; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Sarah Smith 108; Gary Smith 31t.

RECESS

Kiri Miller called the class together for the final session with song on page 56b.

Leaders: Ginnie Ely 328; Clayton Ezell 358; Steven Lambert 47b; Kerene Box 28b; Amber Springfield 391; Jon Gregg 347; Karen Arnett 276; Paula McGray 188; Duncan Vinson 326; Eloise Clark 189; Louis Frost 147b; John Bealle 217. Announcements of upcoming singings were made.

The location of next year's Young People's Singing was discussed. An invitation was read by Chairman Seth Holloway which was submitted by the Western Massachusetts Shape Note community to hold next year's singing in Northampton, Massachusetts. In the absence of other proposals, the Chairman moved that the next year's singing be held in Northampton, Massachusetts. The motion was seconded by Kiri Miller and chosen by unanimous consent.

By a similar method, Tim Eriksen was elected Chairman.

Chairman Seth Holloway proceeded to thank numerous individuals for their contributions to the singing, including but not limited to the various officers and committee members, Tim Reynolds, and David Carlton, as well as their respective churches, for help with facilities, and especially the local singers who prepared the wonderful dinner.

David Carlton then thanked the individuals who traveled far to participate in the singing, and Kiri Miller motioned that the minutes reflect the class's appreciation for the efforts of the Chairman, Seth Holloway. The motion was quickly seconded and unanimously assented.

The Arranging Committee reported that the singing had seen 53 registrants, including 31 leaders leading 70 songs. The following states were represented: Tennessee - 29; Alabama - 3; Kentucky - 7; Indiana - 5; Ohio - 3; Illinois - 2; Rhode Island - 2; and Massachusetts - 2.

Seth Holloway and Gary Smith led "Happy Birthday" for Sarah Smith, whose birthday was the following day.

Seth Holloway led "Not Made with Hands" as the closing song, and Martha Lang closed the singing with prayer at 3:15 p.m.

Next year's singing date will be July 29, 2000.

Chairman - Seth Holloway; Vice Chairperson - Kiri Miller; Secretary - Mark Miller.

UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
August 28-29, 1999

Saturday, August 28

The one hundred thirty-first session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp singing convention was called to order by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 138t and 104. The morning prayer was offered by Eric Tweedy. Chairman Richard DeLong led song on page 177; Secretary/Treasurer Helen Bryson 138b, 205, 102. Kenneth DeLong led the following songs for the introductory lesson: 80b, 81t, 87, 171, 282, 283, 318, 303, 316, and 530.

Leaders: Loy Garrison 441, 498, 99; Bobby Cagle 34b, 405.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back to order leading song on page 437b.

On orderly motion, the convention entered into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson; Chaplain - Bobby Cagle; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and Lee Rogers; Memorial Committee - Jack Smith and Judy Mincey; Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong and Faye Pettis; Locating Committee - Kenneth DeLong; Resolutions Committee - Eric Tweedy.

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 84, 183, 348t; Jack Corley 168, 336, 430; Loy Garrison 317; Lee Rogers 35, 163b, 270; Ray Richards 339, 490, 119.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order by leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Otis Hester 383, 434, 195; Polly Hester 137, 145t, 480; Don Bowen 40, 46, 155; Hugh McGraw 111b, 531, 53; Jack Smith 147t, 515, 299; Laura Akerman 338, 70b, 113.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Loy Garrison leading song on page 510. Leaders: John Plunkett 511, 50t, 499; Judy Mincey 34t, 368, 538; Faye Pettis 67, 105, 343 (for Violet Thomason and Herman Thomason); Andy Anderson 50b, 31b, 31t; Charles Deering 178.

Announcements were made. Loy Garrison led song on page 62 as the closing song. Bobby Cagle dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 29

The day of singing began with Chairman Loy Garrison leading songs on pages 59 and 75. Bobby Cagle led the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 539; Ray Richards 73b, 45t; Mary Lou Cagle 460, 340, 139; Dollie Hudgins 82t, 61; Vaudie Shearer 343, 143, 294; Bobby Cagle 381b, 43, 566; Lee Rogers 164, 73t, 475 (for Scott and Jeannette DePoy).

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading song on page 78. Leaders: Judy Mincey 365, 474; Eric Tweedy 358, 217, 300; Faye Pettis 383, 30, 549b; Jack Corley 123b, 421.

The Memorial Lesson was led by Judy Mincey. Judy shared from her heart how much Sacred Harp has come to mean to her, in part, as a result of having known and sung with these deceased that we remember at this time. Those remembered this year include: Horace DeLong, Richard Allison, and Elder Roy Avery. Judy Mincey led song on page 510 for the deceased.

Dianne Walls led song on page 50b for the sick and shut-ins which included: John Bailey - Illinois; Vivian Rogers, Euna DeLong, Gert DeLong, Regina Cagle,

Mozelle Sheppard, Violet Thomason, Herman Thomason, and Elder Roy Davis - Georgia; Charlotte Allison, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama. The memorial was closed with prayer by Bobby Cagle.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Loy Garrison leading song on page 74b. Leaders: Richard DeLong 482, 395, 362; Charles Deering 524; Susan Posey 66, 497, 503; Hugh McGraw and Brady DeLong 36b, 423, 317; Helen Bryson 131b, 163t, 456; Charlene Wallace 192, 201; Don Bowen 231, 229, 228 (for Syd Caldwell); Laura Akerman 543, 200, 499.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Loy Garrison leading song on page 410. Leaders: Bonnie Flowers 347 (for her sister, June Smith), 47t; Otis Hester 542, 498, 203, 269; Dianne Walls 159, 483, 100; Frances Mary D'Andrea 326, 551, 290; Kenneth DeLong 568, 548.

The class was called into business session to hear the following reports.

Locating Committee - Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church has been granted to host the convention to be held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in July, 2000.

Finance Committee - The collection for both days was \$126.50. Before expenses, the total on account was \$3,133.34. After expenses the total on account is \$3,099.84.

Resolutions Committee - The One Hundred Thirty First Meeting of the Union Musical Convention in convention these 28th and 29th days of August, A.D., 1999, WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS: The tradition of shape note singing has survived on this continent for more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS: During those two centuries, countless thousands of souls have been supported, strengthened, and inspired by the divine poetry of the Christian faith set with music suitable for the uplifting of the heart and the human spirit; and

WHEREAS: The Sacred Harp has for 155 of those years comprised a collection of the finest specimens of the tune writers art representing all that is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and praiseworthy; and

WHEREAS: The fellowship, kindness, and camaraderie of Sacred Harp singing are openly available to all who would partake regardless of age, race, gender, or experience; and

WHEREAS: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses of those who have gone before, who sought the old paths and walked therein, who through a community that transcends the bounds of time and place continue to teach us how to walk even today; and

WHEREAS: The Union Musical Convention has propagated the Sacred Harp tradition through annual conventions for the past 130 years; and

WHEREAS: The loving memory of those Sacred Harp singers that have been members of this convention but who now wait for us to join them forms in us a sacred obligation to celebrate their memory by continuing in their means of expression of faith;

THEREFORE be it resolved by this Convention and all present:

That the Union Musical Convention continue to carry forward the tradition of Sacred Harp singing by meeting annually for that purpose; That all present and associated with the Convention strive to perpetuate not only the tradition of Sacred Harp singing but also the spirit of goodwill and faith that attends it; That we honor those who delivered this heritage to us by passing the tradition down to succeeding generations;

That we honor our Creator, not only through our singing, but also through our care and love for each other;

RESOLVED this 29th day of August, A.D. 1999;

To GOD be the praise and the honor and the glory forever. Amen.

Submitted by: Eric Tweedy.

The reports were accepted into the minutes. Announcements were made.

Loy Garrison and John Plunkett led the closing song on page 56t. The class was dismissed with prayer by Charles Cagle.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Helen Bryson.

LACY'S CHAPEL **Henagar, Alabama** **August 29, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Lacy's Chapel on the first fifth Sunday after July 4th was called to order by Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 90. Pastor Joe Owens led the morning prayer.

Singing continued with David Ivey leading song on 124. Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 101t, 208; Reba Dell Windom 144, 145t; Secretary Norma Green 405; Shane Wootten 42; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 106; Karen Ivey 31t, 142; Tony Ivey 385b.

Reba Dell Windom and Stuart Ivey were appointed as the Arranging Committee. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 97, 438; S.T. Reed 337, 99; Nate Green and Norma Green 34b, 164; Bud Oliver 159, 312b; Coy Ivey and Joe Owens 59, 45t; Roy Nelson 179, 439.

RECESS

David Ivey called the class together leading song on page 138t. Leaders: Maxine Lacy 108t, 76b; Lamar Smith 36b; Jarrod George 300, 145b; Jimmy Cates 63, 112; Betty Wright 454, 317; Floyd Peters 75, 68b; Linton Ballinger 280; Shelbie Sheppard 484, 278t; Stuart Ivey 299, 155; John Henry Busby and Coy Ivey "Jesus Died For Me" (WB), 401; Sarah Harcrow 551; Sarah Harcrow and Jarrod George 354b. Pastor Joe Owens asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 40. Leaders: Randall Smith and Richard Ivey 137, 270; Elene Stovall and Betty Shepherd 222 (in memory of Lindberg Lacy), 186; Betty Shepherd 196; Scott Ivey 48t; Jessica Ivey and Stuart Ivey 388; Henry Johnson 390, 288; Kelly House 442, 282; Rachel Ivey and Jordan Shepherd 39t; Phil Summerlin 348b, 277; Dennis George 448t, 373; Susan Harcrow 216, 396; Jeff Sheppard 214, 121; Joyce Walton 432, 30t; Milton Oliver 403; Eloise Wootten 441; Linda Sides 475, 480; Hobert Ivey and Marian Biddle 410t, 490; Eloise Watkins 225t, 35; Charles Stiefel 39b; Melvin Stiefel 147b. The class sang "Happy Birthday" to Marie Ivey.

Following announcements, David Ivey led "Trusting" (WB), and the class was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Joe Owens.

We invite you to sing with us at Lacy's Chapel next on Sunday, July 30, 2000.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Green.

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL
Liberty Church (McCormack), Jefferson County, Alabama
August 29, 1999

The eighteenth session of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 33b. The morning prayer was offered by John Merritt.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Leaders: Gene Wakefield 101t, 100; Ozella Blackmon 217, 460; Willodean Barton 391, 290; Thurman Nall 569b; Willie Mae Moon 568, 441; Brenda Merritt 321b, 58; Mae Conwill 59, 63; Dessie Goodwin 332, 204.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back to order leading song on page 197 in memory of Harlie Guthrie. Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 276, 523; Larry Ballinger 300, 349; Margaret Keeton 517, 572; Christeen Gandy 323, 345; Eldagene Roberson 358 (in memory of Vivialene Moon), 175 (in memory of Harlie Guthrie); Elmer Conwill 129, 44; Travis Keeton 521, 418; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Ruby Bowen 340, 269; Faye Donaldson 279, 371; Wilton Donaldson 317, 31b; Cecil Sanders 503.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 50b. Leaders: Clarence McCool 77b, 73; Ivalene Donaldson 61; Cindy Franklin 76b, 186, 497; Marie Guthrie and children (Eldagene Roberson, Elvin Guthrie, and Edis Guthrie) 192, 349; Edith Tate 292, 446; Gladys Bonds 34b, 32t; Ann Jett 546, 327; L.H. Gilmore 35, 376, 48; David Roberson 268, 274t; Amanda Denson 421, 29t; Wanda Capps 53; Edis Guthrie 172, 171; Josie Hyde 496; Julia Postman 145t, 343.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 475 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

OBERLIN SACRED HARP SINGING
Oberlin, Ohio
September 4, 1999

The second annual Sacred Harp singing in Oberlin, Ohio was held at Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. Joe Todd called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 34b. Charles Wells led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Charles Wells 46b; Virginia Benade 49b; Henry Schuman 290; Beth Todd 89; Naomi Morse 454; Tom Ivey 66; Martha Beverly 59; Chandler York 198; Lois Hurt 49t; David Wright 186; Steve Postellon 448; Pat Forsburg-Smith 497; Bill Beverly 272; Charlotte Wolfe 47t; Matt Wells 299; Brad Oglesby 32t.

RECESS

Joe Todd called the class back to order leading song on page 124. Leaders: Stephen Holland 350; Ann Miczulski 551; Chandler York 56b; Martha Beverly 284; Steve Postellon 344; Lois Hurt 358; David Wright 126; Virginia Benade 52t; Beth Todd 270; Bill Beverly 523; Pat Forsburg-Smith 535b; Henry Schuman 282; Naomi Morse 86; Charles Wells 504.

RECESS

Joe Todd called the class to order leading song on page 35. Leaders: Tom Ivey 510; Charlotte Wolfe 229; Brad Oglesby 192; Ann Miczulski 361; Matt Wells 481; David Wright 440; Eloise Clark 276; Chandler York 99; Naomi Morse 410; Tom Ivey 547; Martha Beverly 334. Charles Wells dismissed the class for lunch with a prayer.

LUNCH

Joe Todd called the class to order leading song on page 373. Leaders: Virginia Benade 313b; John Bealle 217; Trese Kasperick 178; Steve Holland 133; Ann Miczulski 63; Steve Postellon 318; Charlotte Wolfe 31t; Henry Schuman 532; Beth Todd 82t; Brad Oglesby 87; Beth Huener 200; Bill Beverly 25; Jean Squires 278; Charles Wells 84; Eloise Clark 84; Lois Hurt 81t; Matt Wells 196.

RECESS

Joe Todd called the class to order leading song on page 112. Leaders: Naomi Morse 455; Jordan Balagot 95; Jean Squires 189; Phil Conrad 106; John Bealle 543; Beth Huener 183; Tom Ivey 300; Ann Miczulski 480; Brad Oglesby 68; Beth Todd 335; Steve Holland 155; Martha Beverly 430; David Wrioughtown "Every Grace" (own composition); Eloise Clark 28; Chandler York 306; Lois Hurt 130; Bill Beverly 501; Henry Schuman 588; Matt Wells 29t; Charles Wells 39t. A total of 83 songs were led by singers from 6 different states.

Announcements of conventions and local singings in the region were made, and Beth Huener gave a closing prayer. The singing ended with the class singing song on page 503.

Chairman - Joe Todd; Secretary - Charles Wells.

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION **Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama** **September 4, 1999**

The ninety-fourth session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Velton Chafin leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Ormand Rick. Velton Chafin led songs on pages 32t and 35.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

Leaders: Billy Williams 84, 299; Ruby Bowen 312b, 64; Wilton Donaldson 37b, 39b; Bud Oliver 42, 145b; Travis Keeton 276, 273 (in memory of Cecil Gilliland); S.T. Reed 134, 135; Milton Oliver 321, 314; Pauline Childers 166b, 89, 269; Furn Kitchens 378b (in memory of Charlie Creel), 345t, 343 (in memory of Annie Creel); Flarce Creel 389 (in memory of Vernice and Essie Calvert), 475.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class to order leading song on page 78. Leaders: Edith Tate 333 (in memory of Hadyn Creel), 73t; David Roberson 340, 220; Eldagene Roberson 399, 81t; Jerry Ryan 145t, 354b, 146; Wanda Capps 503, 212; Charles Kitchens 326, 179, 385b (for sister, Mary Gardner); Cecil Sanders 294 (in memory of his dad), 225t; Harrison Creel 317, 512; Velton Chafin 45t.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin opened the afternoon session leading song on page 141. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 136, 403 (for all the deceased), 155; Jewel Wootten 76b, 87; Elvin Guthrie 200, 201, 477; Marie Aldridge 217; Eldagene Roberson 144, 277; Marie Guthrie 222, 434, 192; Furn Kitchens 216; Milton Oliver 206; S.T. Reed 213,

313b; Bud Oliver 47b; Ruby Bowen 318; Charles Kitchens 90; Pauline Childers 234; Velton Chafin 123 (in memory of Lamana Bice who was burried today). Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song. Charles Kitchens dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Edith Tate.

MAIDENCREEK ALL DAY SINGING
Maidencreek Meeting House, near Leesport, Pennsylvania
September 4, 1999

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singers hosted the fourth annual all day singing on Saturday before Labor Day at Maidencreek Meeting House near Leesport, Pennsylvania. This date can be in either August or September, depending on the calendar.

The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Guy Bankes leading song on page 49t. Ginny Landgraf led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 50b; Dennis Leipold 150; Susan Bingham 510; Gerry Hoffman 270; Gina Balestracci 173; Diane Mennella 434; Molly Sayvetz 551; Donna Abrahams 384; Roland Hutchinson 515; Ellie Soler 496; Kelly House 430; Rosemary Greenaway 203; Ted Stokes 335; Bradford West 426b; Barbara Swetman 391.

RECESS

Guy Bankes called the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Karen House 192; Peter Pate 302; Tom Tucker 385b; Gabriel Kastelle 567; Cathy Tucker 144; Claire Simon 66; Mary Ann Daly 38b; Guy Bankes 68b; John Hewes 342; Betty Hanf 63; Hal Kunkel 176b; Tim Wheeler 504; Joanne Devoe 178; Laura Densmore 29t; Ginny Landgraf 82t.

RECESS

Charles Deering opened the class for songs from other sources by leading two songs from Harmonia Sacra 88t and 159. Leaders: Ruth Shaffer "Pottsville" and "Reading" (both in German); Gerry Hoffman "India" (own composition); Roland Hutchinson "Liberty's Trumpet" (own composition); Doron Henkin 217. Ginny Landgraf offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Dennis Leipold called the class to order leading song on page 87. Leaders: Mary Ann Daly "Kentucky" (own composition); Dennis Leipold 376; John Hewes 410; Bob Todd 268; Gina Balestracci 455; Karen House 51; Daniel Henkin, Gilead Henkin, and Ben Wheeler (children's lesson) 354b; Diane Mennella 218; Molly Sayvetz 297.

The memorial lesson was given by Susan Bingham for the following deceased: Antoinette Swetman - Alabama; Chris Randgaard - Minnesota; Don Jolly, Harry Mullikan, and Gary Parker - California; Phyllis Antos and Akram Scott - New York; Jo Durbin - Pennsylvania. Susan Bingham led song on page 454 for the deceased.

Gabriel Kastelle led song on page 34t for the following sick and shut-ins: Susan Garber and Dorothy Garber - Connecticut; Mary Middlekauf, Kristina Middlekauf, Earl Banks, and Kenny Shennard - Pennsylvania; Mia Durso and Tauheedah Scott - New York; Roland Venier - France. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Ginny Landgraf.

Leaders: Doron Henkin 100; Ellie Soler 277; Donna Abrahams 475; Cath Oss 477; Kelly House 362; Rosemary Greenaway 361; Bradford West 282; Hal Kunkel 372.

RECESS

Ted Stokes called the class to order leading song on page 444. Leaders: Laura Densmore 542; Linda Delfs 358; Betty Hanf 49b; Joanne DeVoe 47t; Ginny Landgraf 131t; Charles Deering 524; Susan Bingham 107.

A short business session was held, during which the Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. In addition to the officers, thanks were expressed to: Guy Banks, Convener; Ginny Landgraf, Chaplain and Pitching; Susan Bingham, Memorial for the deceased; Gabriel Kastle, Co-secretary and Memorial for the sick and shut-ins; Susan Munch, Registration; Doron Henkin, Barbara Swetman, and Diane Mennella, Arranging Committee; Doron Henkin and Bob Todd, publicity; Betty Hanf, site selection and preparation; Pat Pingel, set-up; Ted Stokes, hospitality and after singing social. Announcements were made of upcoming singings.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 33b; Doron Henkin 446; Gerry Hoffman 236; Roland Hutchinson 473; Tom Tucker 400; Gabriel Kastle 500; Cathy Tucker 106; Tim Wheeler 70; Claire Simon 276; Mary Ann Daly 545; Dennis Leipold 32b; John Hewes 260; Bob Todd 163b; Gina Balestracci 518; Karen House 448b. Guy Banks led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Ginny Landgraf.

Chairman - Betty Hanf; Treasurer - Ruth Shaffer; Secretary - Molly Sayvetz.

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Near Bremen, Georgia September 5, 1999

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 70 and 31. The morning prayer was led by Billy Joe Harris. Richard DeLong led song on page 160b; Charles Woods 42, 38b, 349; Charlene Wallace 28b (for Revy Williamson), 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard), 428. The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Charles Woods; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong and Jeannette DePoy; Memorial Committee - Mary F. Smith; Chaplain - Billy Joe Harris. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 569b, 290, 81; Carlene Griffin 144, 146; Evelyn Harris 155, 47, 87; Felton Denney 33b, 32, 149; Roy Nelson 33, 436.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charles Woods leading song on page 283.

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 446, 372, 29b; Earlis McGraw 483, 132; Kelly Morris 147, 159; Alice Edwards 104, 73b; Lonnie Rogers 389, 298; Mironel Swafford and Belinda Stansbery 84, 137; Everette Denney 63, 335, 405; Mary F. Smith 61.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Charles Woods leading song on page 77; Richard DeLong 295.

The memorial lesson was given by Mary F. Smith who led song on page 293 for the following deceased: Ruth Redding, Florence Williams, Horace DeLong, and Mary Frances Danek.

Mary F. Smith led song on page 421 for all the sick and shut-ins, and the memorial was closed with prayer led by Felton Denney.

Leaders: Scott DePoy 192, 179; Jimmie Denney 30, 46, 101; Hugh McGraw 484; Jeannette DePoy 75, 411; Jeff Sheppard 392, 288; Billy Joe Harris 225, 503; Judy Henry 128, 184; Teenie Moody 40, 317; Virginia Dyer 546, 193, 91; Laura

Akerman 517, 37b, 38; Karleen Williams 143; Charles Woods 490 (for Reba Edwards' birthday on Monday).

Announcements were made. Charles Woods led song on page 213 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Billy Joe Harris.

Chairman - Charles Woods; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST
Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House), Fayette County,
Alabama
September 5, 1999

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp Singing met at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) on the first Sunday in September, and was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading song on page 34b. The morning prayer was led by Harrison Creel.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Johnny Humber.

Travis Keeton led songs on pages 64 and 48t. Leaders: Johnny Humber 87, 452b; Gravis Ballinger 124, 78; Mae Conwill 313, 68b; Leon Ballinger 35, 36b; Willodean Barton 63, 112; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 31b; Velton Chafin 42, 70b; Flarce Creel 270, 39b; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 137.

RECESS

Elmer Conwill called the class to order leading songs on pages 74 and 44.

Leaders: Pauline Childers 224, 384, 318; Wanda Capps 144, 146; Amber Springfield 30b, 204; Toney Smith 150, 229; Edith Tate 37b, 75; Larry Ballinger 98, 101b; Joyce Hubbard 155, 163t; Travis Keeton 400, 127; Clearcy Rutledge 42.

LUNCH

Elmer Conwill called the class together for the afternoon session leading songs on page 205 and 217. Leaders: Amber Springfield 58, 290; A.C. McGough 274t, 460; Amanda Denson 142, 183; Velton Chafin 115; Pauline Childers 475, 480, 234; Leon Ballinger 410, 339; Wanda Capps 178, 222; Edith Tate 37t; Willodean Barton 418; Gravis Ballinger 99; Mae Conwill 498, 500; Beatrice Brewer 298; Larry Ballinger 448b.

Travis Keeton led song on page 471b as the closing song. Charles Tittle dismissed the class with prayer. We wish to thank Willa Rush for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elmer Conwill; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING
Island Park, Geneva, Illinois
September 5, 1999

The class was called together at 11:00 a.m. by Marcia Johnson leading song on page 32t. In the absence of any outgoing officers, Marcia Johnson organized the class by appointing Mark Miller as Arranging Committee and Jim Swanson as Secretary.

Leaders: Mark Miller 350; Jim Swanson 40; Jim Page 272; Doug Stapleton 127; Herb Schroeder 36b; Al Frank 159; Valerie Dunagan 475; Marcia Johnson 340; Karen Freund 171; Jim Caldwell 143; Lissa Blood 123b; David Barford 85; Debbie Barford 368; Lisa Grayson 278; Nathan Barford 346; Julie Vea 31t;

Orwin Youngquist 107; Johanna Fabke 273; Helen Thomas 49t; Ted Johnson 269; Melanie Hauff 216.

Immediately preceding lunch, Jerry Enright gave a short introduction to the tradition.

LUNCH

Marcia Johnson reconvened the class at 12:45 p.m. leading song on page 97. A short business meeting ensued in which Jerry Enright was elected Chairman and Lissa Blood as Vice Chairperson.

Jerry Enright led song on page 30. Leaders: Kate Lingley 327; Connie Karduck 218; Sue Kessel 455; Kris Richardson 155 (in memory of Gerry Armstrong); Jim Lowry 200; Kiri Miller 146 (by request); Dean Slaton 192; Ted Mercer 142; Suzanne Flandreau 45t (by request); Judy Hauff 528; Bruce Holmes 47t; Cathryn Baker 128; Dick Dunagan 335; May 172b; Jim Page 193; Julie Vea 378b; "Happy Birthday" to Julie Vea; Johanna Fabke 441; Mark Miller and Bill Cargill 56b; Jim Swanson 384; Herb Schroeder 183; Al Frank 362; David Barford 209; Jim Caldwell 299; Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, and Helen Thomas 448t; Karen Freund 42; Sue Kessel 260 (in memory of Gerry Armstrong); Lissa Blood 480.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Jerry Enright and Lissa Blood led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chairman - Jerry Enright; Vice Chairperson - Lissa Blood; Secretary - Mark Miller.

LABOR DAY SINGING **Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama** **September 6, 1999**

The annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama on Monday, September 6, 1999.

The singing was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 32t. Elder J.L. Hopper led the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 87.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith; Arranging Committee - Josephine Denney and Hester Edwards. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 120; Roy Nelson 101t, 145t; Mary Lambert Smith 171, 274t; Josephine Denney 127, 100; Bobby Jackson 480, 290; Betty Wright 499; Billy Joe Harris 303; Sonja Randall 335; Everette Denney 34b; Estelle Flowers 176b; Earlis McGraw 148; Leola Smith 43; Jimmie Denney 123t; Charlene Wallace 186; Henry Johnson 38b; Corene Laminack 401; Bud Oliver 90; Evelyn Harris 378t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 155. Leaders: Howard McGuire 192; Jeannette DePoy 456; George Garner 162; Judy Caudle 234; Kenneth DeLong 568; Glenda Hopper 310; C.W. Garner 285t; Flora Skinner 434, 358; Coy Ivey 137; Liz Bryant 306; John Plunkett 229; Bonnie Flowers 528.

Joe Jones gave a report on repairs that will be made to the church in the upcoming months, and commented that the funds were given mostly by the Sacred Harp singers at this singing each year.

LUNCH

Roy Nelson opened the afternoon session leading song on page 318. Leaders: Frances Jones 294; Scott DePoy 282; Judy Mincey 540; Les Scott 117; Susan

Posey 178; J.L. Hopper 543; Teenie Moody 430; Don Bowen and Coy Ivey 99, 384; Daphene Causey 170; Richard DeLong 385; Lee Rogers 475; Nate Green and Norma Green 515b; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Felton Denney 503; Reba Norton 373; Lonnie Rogers 97; Virginia Dyer 340; Dennis George 224; Lewis Norton 208, 45t; Eric Tweedy 68t; Chris Tweedy 535b; Estelle Flowers and Jeff Sheppard 39b.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Roy Nelson led song on page 46 as the closing song. Lewis Norton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Mary Lambert Smith.

UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

September 11-12, 1999

Saturday, September 11

The ninety-sixth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading song on page 81t. Tom Owens led the morning prayer. The officers were called to lead as follows: B.M. Smith 82t; Nora Parker 36b; Bud Oliver and Connie Karduck 171; Shelbie Sheppard 269; David Ivey 112; Harrison Creel 498; Don Bowen and Louis Hughes, Sr. 347; Syble Adams 99.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Rodney Ivey and daughter, Cheyenne Ivey, leading song on page 47t.

A business session was held to elect officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Nora Parker (Permanent); Chaplain - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Arranging Committee - Henry Johnson, Jackie Tanner, and Max Berueffy; Memorial Committee - Elene Stovall, Marcia Johnson, and Kelly House; Resolutions Committee - Mike Hinton and Melanie Hauff; Locating Committee - Terry Wooten and Linton Ballinger; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, B.M. Smith, and Linda Sides.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 267; Max Berueffy 39b; Jackie Tanner 222; Charlene Wallace 277; Betty Wright 569b; Virginia Douglas 49b; Julie Vea 192; Bonnie Flowers 528; Rebecca Johnson 288; Bobby Jackson 480; Kelly House 456; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 76b; Daryl Mayberry 454; Earl Ballinger and Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Tim Reynolds 163b; John Plunkett 571; Judy Caudle 180; David Carlton 114; Sandie Scott 551; Janet Herman 216; Mike Hinton 373; Lynne deBenedette 224; Wanda Capps, Ann Jett, and Cindy Franklin 327; Jimmy Ballinger and Teresa Ballinger 300.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 325. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 380; Jon Giles 250; Coy Ivey and Charles Bell 59.

Charles Bell, Chairman of the DeKalb County Commission, welcomed the United Convention and its attendees to Henagar and Dekalb County, Alabama.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 240; Lee Rogers 220; Hershell King 80b; Elsie Moon 394; Polly Spears, Pauline Shippley, and Sara Kilgore 147b; Amanda Denson 186; Larry Ballinger 151; Kate Langley 200; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Sarah Harcrow 159; Jerry Schreiber 35; Ginnie Ely 196; Reba Windom 172; Edward Howton 436; Pam Nunn 218; Mark Miller 442.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was reassembled with David Ivey leading song on page 448b. Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t; Louis Hughes, Sr. 565; Tennie Moody 365; Flora Skinner 434; S.T. Reed 345b; Laura Densmore 74b; Jon Gregg 358; Rosemary Greenaway 361; Richard Ivey and Stuart Ivey 270; Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff 163t; Mark Carroll 37b; Myra Dalton 278b; Kelly Beard 460; Cassie Franklin, Rodney Ivey, and Elene Stovall 384; Marcia Johnson 448t; Tim Swanson 274t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Linda Sides leading song on page 148. Leaders: Linda Thomas 475; Flarce Creel, Harrison Creel, Cindy Franklin, and Cassie Franklin 342; Carla Smith 124; Judy Mincey 540; Ted Mercer 302; Willie Mae Moon 568; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Lisa Grayson 201; Ted Johnson 142; Karen House 496; Tom Owens 532; Estelle Flowers 401; Terry Wootten 542; Pauline Childers 318; Jane Hancock 106; Curtis Owen 137; Mary Florence Smith 441; Edith Tate 73t; Leola Smith 340; Martha Henderson 53.

The Saturday session was closed with David Ivey leading song on page 34t, followed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr.

Sunday, September 12

The Sunday session was brought to order by David Ivey leading song on page 82t. Louis Hughes, Sr. led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 101t; Loyd Ivey 426t; Margie Smith 225t; Mary Wright 337; Marlon Wootten 445; Eloise Watkins 426b; B.M. Smith 273; Jessica Davis 30t; Jenny Willard 422; Mattie Townsel and Patsy Gentle 313t; Kiri Miller 282; Barbara Swetman 383; Karen Freund 77b; Eloise Wootten 454; Carroll Lunsford 162; Laura Clawson 95; Tony Ivey 312t; Edith Owen and Curtis Owen 490; Pat Temple 183.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Bud Oliver leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Mike Dunn 186; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Jarrod George 300; Susan Harcrow 436; Sam Jones 126; Brenda Carroll 384; Joyce Walton 57; Roy Nelson 318; Rene Greene 171; Shane Wootten 270; Lomax Ballinger 299; Virginia Douglas 49b; Sarah Smith 406; Joan Aldridge 198; Allison Ivey 192; Jim Carnes 218.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jackie Tanner leading song on page 208. Leaders: Gary Smith 569b; Allison Stovall 441; Dennis George and M.B. Daniel 45t; B.J. Harris 503; Floyd Peters 335; Laura Akerman 220; Evelyn Harris 47t; Dewayne Wootten 283; Melvin Stiefel 338.

A memorial lesson was held at this time. Elene Stovall made an introductory talk, and Kelly House read the names of the deceased. Those remembered were: David Shirey, Antoinette Swetman, Ralph Heath, Sherry Thomas, Phillip James, Lindberg Lacy, Alice Washburn, Cecil Gilliland, Elder J.O. Handley, Elder Roy Avery, J.L. Oden, Vester Jones, Flossie Jones, Jim Freyder, Essie Calvert, and J.V. Gilbert - Alabama; Roxy Duffy and Horace DeLong - Georgia; Ethel Klein - Florida; Gerry Armstrong - Illinois; Richard Allison - Indiana; Don Jolly - California; Chris Randa and Karen Wiard - Minnesota; Akram Scott - New York; Richard Daniels - Texas; and Helen Salowey - New Jersey. Marcia Johnson made a talk and then led song on page 547 for the deceased.

Kelly House read the names of the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: John Bailey, Dorothy Garber, Susan Garber, Tommye Denson Mauldin, M.S. Mimms, Tauchcedah Scott, Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Carol Hancock, Noell Hancock, Lois Stanson, Woodie Walker, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Elsie Beasley, Mozelle Sheppard,

Allene Stanford, Warren Mason, Van Mize, Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Maxine Lacy, Marie Aldridge, and Ruby Wilks. Elene Stovall and Kelly House led song on page 68b for those names that were read and for those whom we remember and wish were able to attend.

Mark Brown sang "Beulah Land". Tony Ivey read the words from the song on 138b with comments about their meaning, and closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Henry Johnson 285t; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 31t; Marty Wootten 99. Roy Nelson asked the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Max Berueffy reassembled the class with song on 319. Leaders: Nora Parker 276; Connie Karduck 498; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Harrison Creel 530; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; Don Bowen and Coy Ivey "Trusting"; Loyd Ivey, Marian Biddle, Adam Biddle, Ivey Biddle, Teresa Bethune, Lindsey Bethune, Martha Underwood, and Jessica Ivey "That Beautiful Land"; Tom Owen 47b; Eschol Hughes 27; Mildred McElroy and Terry Wootten 38b; Flora Skinner 426b; Cindy Franklin and Cassie Franklin 76b; Betty Wright 323b; Curtis Owen and Edith Owen 34b; Julie Vea 39t; Betty Shepherd 216.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rex Wilks and Karen Travis leading song on page 155. Leaders: Bonnie Flowers 217; Kelly House 430; Lavon Wootten 176t; Howard McGuire 392; Jeffrey Wootten 148; Jerry Schreiber and Louis Hughes, Sr. 344; Lynne deBenedette and Karen Freund 56b; Mike Hinton 543; Kelly Beard 170; Cassie Franklin, Allison Ivey, and Richard Ivey 559 (CB); Jeff Sheppard 293; Myra Dalton and Misty Gilbert 542; Reba Windom 196; Richard Ivey and Stuart Ivey 567; Linda Thomas, Syble Adams, and Eloise Wootten 500 (CB); Samuel Sommers 24b; Jon Giles 404; Jerry Enright, Reba Windom, and Betty Shepherd 378t (for Woodie Walker).

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

Resolutions Committee - A successful convention requires lots of work by lots of people. This 96th meeting of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association resolves the following: We sing praises to God and offer our eternal gratitude for permitting us to gather here to sing and share fellowship and songship.

We thank the members of Liberty Church for permitting us to gather here for the Convention, and to the local families for your hospitality.

We thank the immediate past and present officers for organizing, publicizing, and all the coordination required to make this Convention happen. We also recognize the committees for this smooth-running Convention.

We thank everyone who prepared the food and wonderful things we have eaten.

What a labor of love! A special thanks to:

- 1) Coy and Marie Ivey for the barbeque, chicken livers, and dressing which was superb!
- 2) The Olivers and Reeds for the refreshing lemonade.
- 3) Willard and Betty Wright for the delicious ice cream. You made Baskin Robbins look small. The seven flavors of ice cream were delicious.
- 4) Karen Ivey for the sweet potato pie. My, my, I haven't tasted pie like that in 35 years!
- 5) To everyone who took a part in providing the bounteous spread over the past two days.

We praise God for the singers who came from all over the country to join together in worship, fellowship, and song. This has been a mountain top experience! Give us all a safe journey home.

We resolve to continue to preserve this heritage and tradition by attending Sacred Harp singings wherever and whenever we can. May we sing again next September for the 97th meeting of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Hinton and Melanie Hauff.

Locating Committee - Terry Wootten reported that the United Convention will be hosted by Old County Line Church for the 97th session in September, 2000. Old County Line Church is located ten miles west of Warrior, Alabama near Corner in Jefferson County.

Finance Committee - Nora Parker reported that the total expenses of this year's Convention were \$674.33; a collection of \$550.65 was received; balance on hand is \$1,245.03.

The business session was closed.

David Ivey and Rodney Ivey led song on 62 as the closing song, and B.J. Harris dismissed the Convention with prayer.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Nora Parker.

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Beeston Youth and Community Centre
Beeston, Nottingham, United Kingdom
September 11-12, 1999

Saturday, September 11

Matt Wojick of Boston, Massachusetts held a singing school at 10:00 a.m. for beginners and improvers at The Beech Tree during which he led songs on pages 31t, 65, and 155.

At 10:00 a.m. in the main hall, the class was called to order by Helen Brown leading song on page 49t. The morning prayer was led by Paul Sanderson. Ian West led song on page 99.

Steve Marini of Massachusetts gave a workshop tracing the development of tunes, tune books and camp meetings in the United States, during which he led songs on pages 66, 178, 297, 344, 102, 128, 428, and 318.

RECESS

Judy Whiting called the class to order leading song on page 569b. Leaders: Ruth Cooper 36b; Bernard Collard 68b; David Atkin 303; Dafydd Charles 159; Jill Thompson 31t; Paul Sanderson 107; Rachel Jordan 39t; Sheila Girling Smith 28t; Edwin Macadam 189; Paul Gailiunas 271t; Dave Townsend 146; Ros Clements 339; Alan Weeks 315; Steve Fletcher 163b; Roz Argyle 33b; Steve Marini 198.

LUNCH

The workshop participants joined the class, which was brought to order by Dave Richardson leading song on page 335.

Leaders: Ba Wheeler 268; Matt Wojick 65; Ruth Cooper 155; David Stow 354b; Mandy Townsend 383; Paul Setford 34b; Judy Whiting 515; David Atkin 40; Rachel Jordan 455; Paul Gailiunas 163t; Bernard Collard 454; Dafydd Charles 474; Sheila Girling Smith 210; Paul Sanderson 183; Jill Thompson 49b; Edwin Macadam 236; Ros Clements 573; Dave Townsend 378b; Steve Fletcher 148; Alan Weeks 31b; Roz Argyle 457; Ba Wheeler 299; Dave Richardson 473; Mandy Townsend 48t; Paul Setford 127; Margaret Gillanders 452; Steve Marini 280.

RECESS

Ian West called the class back leading song on page 182. Leaders: David Stow 350; Jackie Patten 143; Ruth Cooper 38t; David Atkin and Arwen Lockley 47t;

Judy Whiting 490; Rachel Jordan 300; Dafydd Charles 209; Bernard Collard 362; Shelia Girling Smith 186; Paul Gailiunas 211; Jill Thompson 276; Paul Sanderson 228; Steve Fletcher 117; Edwin Macadam 216; Helen Brown 475; Ros Clements 340; Dave Townsend 85; Mandy Townsend 448t; Alan Weeks 68t; Matt Wojick 528; Margaret Gillanders 324; Dave Richardson 496; Jackie Patten 277; Steve Marini 192. Helen Brown closed the day's singing at 5:00 p.m. with song on page 147.

Sunday, September 12

Ian West opened the day of singing at 10:00 a.m. with song on page 84. Paul Sanderson led the morning prayer. Helen Brown led song on page 171.

Steve Marini gave a workshop focusing on leading styles and pitching, during which he led songs on pages 105, 28b, 31t, 117, and 142.

RECESS

Bernard Collard called the class to order leading song on page 503. Leaders: Sophie McDougall 86; Rosie Setford 440; Paul Gailiunas 538; Sheila Girling Smith 33t; Paul Sanderson 159; Rachel Jordan 163b.

Bernard Collard gave the address for the memorial lesson, during which he told a parable touching on nomadic tribesmen, grizzly bears, and the true worth of mortality.

Matt Wojick led song on page 418 in memory of the following deceased: Mel Williams, Sylvia Whiting, Pat Carter, John Thick, Mary Caruthers, Anne Mitson, Phillip Poole, and Edesher Gavikanidze.

Paul Sanderson gave a reading and Steve Marini led song on page 429 for the following sick and housebound: Evelyn Meakin, Roy Bryan, Sonia Argyle, Rosemary Allsop, Jennie Paine, Renee Loas, Edmund Wojick, Billie Old, and Wynne Girling Cussen.

Paul Sanderson gave another reading in celebration of fellowship, after which Dave Richardson led song on page 473.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Helen Brown leading song on page 542. Leaders: Dave Townsend 434; Ros Clement 122; Jill Thompson 128; Edwin Macadam 556; Mandy Townsend 186; Ruth Cooper 497; Ian West 268; Margaret Gillanders 474; Matt Wojick 269; Roise Setford 95; Steve Marini 189; Alan Weeks 479; Steve Fletcher 217; Dafydd Charles 168; Sophie McDougall 40; Bernard Collard 287; Judy Whiting 546; Sheila Girling Smith 183; Paul Gailiunas 273; Rachel Jordan 504; Dave Richardson, Victoria Elliot, and Carmel Wood 467; Dave Townsend 276; Ros Clements 466; Jill Thompson 454; Edwin Macadam 47b; Mandy Townsend 163; Ruth Cooper 200; Alan Weeks 73b; Roise Setford 272; Steve Fletcher 85; Dafydd Charles 155; Sophie McDougall 178; Bernard Collard 480; Judy Whiting 318; Dave Richardson 439; Helen Brown 484; Sheila Girling Smith 267; Dave Townsend 324; Matt Wojick 198, 547; Steve Marini 63, 236.

Announcements of forthcoming singings were made. Thanks were offered to the convention committees, who led the closing song on page 323t. The class was dismissed at 4:00 p.m.

Next year's convention will be held at the same location on the second Sunday in September and the Saturday before.

Chairman - David Cooper; Secretary - Ian West; Arranging Committee - Helen Brown.

MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH
Near Bear Creek, Alabama
September 12, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mountain Home Church on the second Sunday in September was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 39b and 37b. Juanita Whitman led the morning prayer. John Hyde led song on page 63.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: John Hyde 30t; Paul Frederick 182; Gene Wakefield 101t, 108b; L.E. Hannah and granddaughter, Julie Creel 109, 187; Jayne Fulmer 155, 300; Doyle Williams 29t, 36b; Hubert Hood 454, 569; Amber Springfield 58, 391; Larry Wakefield 400, 153; Gladys Bonds 277, 373; Larry Ballinger 119, 121.

RECESS

Gravis Ballinger brought the class to order leading songs on pages 34b and 78. Leaders: Kermit Adams 456, 28b; Kenny Creel 124, 343; Travis Keeton 460, 348b; Pernie Pelfrey 145b; Wilton Donaldson 317, 56t; Bernice Phillips 112; Julietta Haynes 216, 430; Anne Steel 31t, 39t; Parnell Berry 298, 99; Twylia Pickard 294 (for Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pickard); Fayrene Pickard 129, "Not Made With Hands".

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 498 and 432. Leaders: Jim Ballinger 475, 405; Warren Steel 229, 442; Juanita Whitman 34t, 137; Julie Postum 274t, 421; Josie Hyde 434; Dawson Adams 68b, 328; Paul Frederick 224, 499; Margaret Keeton 517, 566; Warren Steel 408, 418; Anne Steel 318; Parnell Berry 306; Jayne Fulmer 273; Amber Springfield 290; Josie Hyde 77t (for Ivalene Donaldson); Twylia Pickard and son, John 457.

Travis Keeton and John Hyde led song on page 73t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Jim Ballinger. We thank Fayrene Pickard and Twylia Pickard for paying for the printing of the minutes.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION

**Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, between Anniston and
Jacksonville, Alabama**
September 18-19, 1999

Saturday, September 18

The eighty-fifth session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Convention met at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama on the third Sunday and Saturday before in September.

The class was called to order by Roy Nelson leading songs on pages 101t and 87. Felton Denney led the opening prayer.

Ruth Brown welcomed everyone and expressed her appreciation for all who came to support this singing.

Roy Nelson led song on page 145; Billy Joe Harris 303, 225t; Evelyn Harris 155, 89; Mary Lambert Smith 72b, 104; Pearl Guier 59, 127;

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - Billy Joe Harris; Secretary - Evelyn

Harris; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Lambert Smith.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 143, 124; S.T. Reed 125, 318 (by request for Eula Johnson); Reba Norton 334, 208; Everette Denney 490, 489b; Hilda Morrison 378t, 285t; John Plunkett 468, 52t.

RECESS

Roy Nelson brought the class to order leading song on page 128. Leaders: Jessica Davis 68b, 166b; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; Rebecca Johnson 388, 340; Kenneth DeLong 316, 568; Floy Wilder 224, 63; Dennis George and son, Tommy 354b, 117; Jimmy Cates 112, 137; Louise Nelson 350; Charles Woods 203, 294.

LUNCH

Roy Nelson brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 434. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 56, 61; Lou Cotney 172, 189; Henry Johnson 30b, 462; Nate Green and Norma Green 126, 46; Felton Denney 460, 31t; Shelbie Sheppard 45t, 556; Bud Oliver 29t, 201b; Leola Smith 234, 217; Hershell King 176b, 426t; Jewel Wootten 569b, 441; Milton Oliver 314, 222; Charlene Wallace 270, 283; Don Bowen 171, 276; Judy Mincey 492, 124; Ora Martin 168, 426b; Joan Aldridge 88t; Tonya George 268; Charles Creel 216, 428; Jeff Sheppard 300, 172 (for Shelton Williamson who was present, but not able to lead); Coy Ivey 405, 30t; Ruth Brown and Hester Edwards 335, 73b.

Announcements were made. Roy Nelson and B.J. Harris led song on page 277 as the closing song. Everette Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, September 19

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Lamar Smith.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 452, 503; Mary Lambert Smith 31b, 30b; Pearl Guier 448b, 49t; Bobby Jackson 569b, 290; Joan Aldridge 298; Jimmy Cates 63, 37b; Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin 99, 155; Richard Ivey 343, 270; Lou Cotney 300, 218; Jackie Tanner 144, 47t; Elene Stovall 454, 217; Lonnie Rogers 318, 348b; Willie Mae Moon 441, 460.

RECESS

B.J. Harris called the class together leading song on page 515b. Leaders: Coy Ivey 196; Cassie Franklin and Coy Ivey 222; Eloise Watkins 340, 171; Louis Hughes 57, 67; Daphene Causey 170, 291; Buell Cobb 26, 33b.

Buell Cobb, on behalf of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, made a presentation of a plaque to the family of Lessie Cates for her contribution and dedication to Sacred Harp singings and their traditions. Family members present: Jimmy Cates, Doris Cates, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard.

Evelyn Harris led songs on pages 101t and 225t.

A memorial service was held by Mary Lambert Smith who spoke of memories of Lessie Cates as well as her mother, Luddie Lambert. She spoke of how much her mother looked forward to coming to this convention every year, and her preparation, and riding the Greyhound bus to get here.

Mary Lambert Smith led song on page 339 for all the deceased, those who have passed away this past year as well as those in years passed.

The sick and shut-ins were remembered. Mary Lambert Smith led song on page 403 for a long list of those ill and not able to attend. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Billy Joe Harris began the afternoon session leading song on page 337. Leaders: Estelle Flowers 76b, 208; Lamar Smith 36b, 46; Cindy Franklin 139, 137 (for

Virgil Phillips); Cindy Franklin and Karen Ivey 475 (for Virgil Phillips, by request); Stuart Ivey 299, 182; Jessica Davis 124, 145b; Howard McGuire 45t, 392; Linda Thomas 391, 209; Bud Oliver 215, 384; Karen Ivey 112, 207; Henry Johnson 565b, 288; Leola Smith 349, 36t; Earlis McGraw 148, 389; Cassie Franklin 224, 95b; Don Bowen 178, 66; Bonnie Flowers 345b, 172; Rodney Ivey 373, 551; Dennis George 390, 480; Milton Oliver 328, 430; David Ivey 329; Shelbie Sheppard and David Ivey 186, 282; Jeff Sheppard 34b (for Virgil Phillips and Lonnie Rogers), 322; Ruth Brown and Hester Edwards 142, 104 (for Alice Edwards).

Announcements were made. Roy Nelson and B.J. Harris led song on page 97 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN (BENNIE) KEETON MEMORIAL Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama September 19, 1999

The twenty-eight session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove Church (Keeton Cemetery) on the third Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton who welcomed everyone and led song on page 48t. The morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton. Travis Keeton led songs on pages 201 and 345.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A.C. McGough; Secretaries - Pam Keeton and Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Ashley Keeton 196, 300; Cecil Sanders 498; Brenda Merritt 142, 168; Kermit Adams 78, 288; Amber Springfield 203, 30b; Parnell Berry 283, 177; Wilton Donaldson 317, 31b; Elmer Conwill 379, 129; Annie Lou Price 434, 454; Dr. Julietta Haynes 439, 280; Chris Rice 282, 480; Becky Briggs and Elsie Beasley 460, 384; Joshua Keeton 268, 108t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by A.C. McGough leading songs on pages 390 and 161. Leaders: Lisa Giest 377, 95b; Clarence McCool 349, 228; Roma Rice 499, 31t; John Merritt 393, 276; Pernie Pelfrey 45t; Gravis Ballinger 99; Faye Donaldson 40; Christy Allen 321 (in memory of Uncle Howard Godsey), 426t.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 176. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 275b; Gene Wakefield 284, 138t; Jayne Fulmer 186, 63; Ken Tate 343, 124; John Hocutt 225; Willodean Barton 101, 100; Lena Keeton 146, 546; Johnny Humber 172, 448; Velton Chafin 273, 425; Francis Lee 30t, 159; Clarissa Springfield 445, 166; Pam Keeton 216; John Hyde 123t, 61; Larry Ballinger 206; Paula Springfield 340, 224; Tim Gilmore 402, 272; Glenn Keeton 366, 346; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Vernie Phillips 112; L.H. Gilmore 34t; Julie Postum 421; Marie Aldridge 436; Edith Tate 532, 446; Gwen Cornelius, Lena Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 143.

Travis Keeton and A.C. McGough led song on page 209 as the closing song. A.C. McGough dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - A.C. McGough; Secretaries - Pam Keeton and Glenn Keeton.

SPECIAL SOUTHERN BUS SINGING
Grace Episcopal Church, Oak Park, Illinois
September 22, 1999

A special evening singing was held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to welcome a tour bus full of singers from the South on their way to the Minnesota Convention. After a potluck dinner, Chairman Mark Miller called the class to order with song on page 276. The opening prayer was offered by Louis Hughes.

Leaders: Jerry Enright 197; Suzanne Flandreau 32t; Kiri Miller 454; Jim Helke 496; Jeff Sheppard 403; B.M. Smith 475; Ted Mercer 332; Judy Hauff 182; Pearl Guier 303b; Josephine Denney 503; Roy Nelson 127; Everett Denney 405; Louis Hughes 108t; Don Bowen 77b; Steve Warner with visitors Fred and Michael Kniss 107; Herb Schroeder 28b; Felton Denney 73t; B.J. Harris 225t; Seamus Enright 49b.

Chairman Mark Miller welcomed the Southern visitors and called a brief recess.

RECESS

The class was called back by David Barford leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Nathan Barford 274t; Jim Swanson 300; Al Frank 163b; Daphne Causey 203; Lisa Grayson 112; Debbie Barford 313b; Evelyn Harris 155; Ted Johnson 224; Kate Lingley 117; Dean Slaton 368; Melanie Hauff 212; Kristin Richardson 217; John Seaton 63; Sue Kessell 361; Shelbie Sheppard and Ruth Brown 142. Ruth Brown thanked the Chicago singers for their hospitality. Mark Miller acknowledged the help of John Seaton in obtaining the use of the church and led the closing song on page 347. The singing and fellowship was closed with prayer led by Louis Hughes.

Chairman - Mark Miller; Vice Chairman and Arranging - Jerry Enright;
Secretary - Suzanne Flandreau.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 23, 1999

Two singings are organized each year at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary by Harry Eskew: one in the fall and one in the spring of the year. This singing was originally scheduled on September 21, but had to be changed to avoid conflicts with events at the Seminary.

The proceedings began at 6:00 p.m. with supper, followed by singing at 7:00 p.m. The class was called to order by Harry Eskew leading song on page 49t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman - Harry Eskew; Vice Chairperson - Wanda Gregg; Secretary - Wallace McKenzie.

The singing was preceded by a short singing school, taught by Harry Eskew.

Leaders: Wanda Gregg 63; Wallace McKenzie 45t; Nancy Van Den Akker 503; Ben Caston 128; Clint Nichols 336; Kari Lundgren 479; Wes Burrell 159; John Johnson 59; Michael Sharp 229; Rebecca Caston 35; Judd Greer 51; Matt Stowe 457; Adaryll D. Jordan 135; Reggie Houze 282; Rolanda Vargas 73b; Jung-Hea Baik and Yong Jim Park 34b; Sarah Durdan and Annie Rivera 40.

Harry Eskew led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Michael Sharp.

Chairman - Harry Eskew; Vice Chairperson - Wanda Gregg; Secretary - Wallace McKenzie.

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Toledo, Illinois

September 25-26, 1999

Saturday, September 25

The fifteenth annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Cottonwood United Methodist Church, north of Toledo, Illinois. Chairperson Karen Hojnacki called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 31b. The following committees were recognized: Arranging - Molly Evans and Janet Fraembs on Saturday and Terry Hogg, Peggy Brayfield, JoAn Baker, and Janet Fraembs on Sunday; Food - Sue Miller and Don Baker; Publicity - Terry Hogg; Signs - Don Bardsley; Registration - Frank Fraembs; Finance - Mike Veech; Memorials - Berkley Moore and Lee Steinmetz; Social - Janet Fraembs; Chaplains - Lee Steinmetz on Saturday and Don Bardsley on Sunday; Pitching - Peggy Brayfield, David Rust, and Jim Page. Chaplain Lee Steinmetz led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 565b; Molly Evans 142; Janet Fraembs 475; Peggy Brayfield 87; John Bailey 340; Doris Steinmetz 148; Don Bardsley 171; Don Baker 133; Mike Veech 40; Terry Hogg and Val Dunagan 474; Luke Barker 324; David Rust 77t; Berkley Moore 417; Gwendolyn King 354b.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 145b; Bill Shetter 99; Penny Kujawinski 34b; Jim Page 505; Dick Dunagan 74b; Martha Lang 48t; Presley Barker 84; Pete Ellertsen 473; Lee Steinmetz 250; Marlen Rust 66; Don Bardsley 86; John Bailey 318; Peggy Brayfield 335; David Rust 200.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki brought the class to order leading song on page 35. Leaders: Molly Evans 515; Mike Veech 313b; Val Dunagan 383; Luke Barker 45t; Bill Shetter 373; Martha Lang 551; Pete Ellertsen 101t; Penny Kujawinski 28b; Presley Barker 122; Dick Dunagan 178; Jim Page 216; Berkley Moore 71; Janet Fraembs 68b.

Chaplain Lee Steinmetz asked the blessing on the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Karen Hojnacki brought the afternoon session together leading song on page 480. Leaders: Terry Hogg 155; Joan Aldridge 300; Don Baker 154; Don Bardsley 277; David Rust 276; Penny Kujawinski 566; Luke Barker 79; Lee Steinmetz 163b; Bill Shetter 350; Jim Page 411; Martha Lang 455; Presley Barker 224; Peggy Brayfield 344; Dick Dunagan 303; Berkley Moore 215; Val Dunagan 441.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki brought the class back to order leading song on page 198. Leaders: Molly Evans and Jerome Colburn 338; Pete Ellertsen 89; Mike Veech 150; Marlen Rust 28t; Terry Hogg 168; Janet Fraembs 421; Luke Barker 333; Presley Barker 352; Dick Dunagan 201; Val Dunagan 145t; Lee Steinmetz 436 (for Gwen King); Penny Kujawinski 107; Lee Steinmetz 163t. Following announcements, Karen Hojnacki led song on page 347 as the closing song to end the Saturday session. Chaplain Lee Steinmetz offered the benediction.

Sunday, September 27

The Sunday session of the convention was held at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in Lerna, Illinois, and was called to order by Chairperson Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 171. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Don Bardsley.

Leaders: Don Bardsley 48t; Terry Hogg 49t; Peggy Brayfield 270; Mike Veech 228; Janet Fraembs 91; Lee Steinmetz 287; Penny Kujawinski 547; Darlene Dalton 147; David Rust 52t; Bill Shetter 59; Dick Dunagan 128; James Page 162; Conrad Wetzel 350; Val Dunagan 146; Don Baker 312b.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki called the class together leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Berkley Moore 85; Lou Kujawinski 535; Pete Ellertsen 72b; Lori Graber 142; Don Bardsley 369; Peggy Brayfield 313b; Mike Veech 147b; Janet Fraembs 546; Lee Steinmetz 149; Penny Kujawinski 39t; Darlene Dalton 454; David Rust 532; Bill Shetter 26; Dick Dunagan 378b; James Page 193; Val Dunagan 114.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki called the class to order leading song on page 145t. The Memorial Lesson followed. Berkley Moore spoke for the deceased and led 229 for these honored friends: Winston Bates - Massachusetts; Jerry Harner and Luther Shelton - Illinois; Ethel Klein - Florida; Jeff Shikles, Thomas Perry, and Edward Gallagher - state not given.

Lee Steinmetz led song on page 452 for the following sick and shut-ins: Bob Scorgie and Nick Fabke - Wisconsin; John Janney - Virginia; Jim Zehm, Amy Zehm, and Lorene Fraembs - Kentucky; Ardella Plank and Gary Lee - Illinois; Carol Belt - state unknown. Terry Hogg led song on page 87, and the memorial was closed.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Karen Hojnacki leading song on page 217. Leaders: John Bailey 448b; Lou Kujawinski 569b; Ted Johnson 127; Martha Tyner 479; Terry Hogg 112; Jerome Colburn 42; Pete Ellertsen 267; Lori Graber 361; Conrad Wetzel 277; Don Baker 81t; Berkley Moore 473; Darlene Dalton 49b (with words dedicated to her aunt); Don Bardsley 313t; Penny Kujawinski 31t; Mike Veech 58; Val Dunagan 186.

RECESS

Karen Hojnacki brought the class to order leading song on page 200. Leaders: Marlen Rust 203; Dick Dunagan 117; Bill Shetter 496; Lori Graber 178; David Rust 267; Ted Johnson 368; Martha Tyner 335; Jim Page 272; Jerome Colburn 143; Conrad Wetzel 35; Peggy Brayfield 385t.

Mike Veech gave the Financial Report.

Announcements of future singings were made. Chairperson Karen Hojnacki led song on page 62, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Don Bardsley.

Chairperson - Karen Hojnacki; Secretary - Janet Fraembs.

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

**St. Paul's On the Hill Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota and
Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota**

September 25-26, 1999

Saturday, September 25

Co-Chairs Martha Henderson and Keith Willard called the convention to order leading song on page 82t. B.J. Harris offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Midge Olsen 171; Paul Wyatt 49b; Jim Pfau 29t; Matt Wells 28b; Jeff Bell 340; Eleanor Haase 184; Gordon Olsen 163b; Meg Parsons 384; Robin Fox 304; Scott Schroeder 155; Kathy Wallace 147t; Paul Landskroener 440; Denise

Kania 40; Walter Graff 39b; Pierre Gingerich 312b; Joanne Hoover 501; James Brock 344.

RECESS

Keith Willard brought the class to order leading song on page 254. Leaders: Richard Popp “Seeley” (new song); Richard Green 99; Patricia Butterfield 270; Tony Reeves 300; Tony Park 34; Charlie Obert and Stephen Parker “Boundary Waters” (new song); Julie Vea 564; Louis Hughes 492; Gary Gronau 192; Steven Levine 350; Everette Denney 426; Lynne deBenedette 430; Reba Dell Windom 224; James Gingerich 455; Shelbie Sheppard 211.

RECESS

Gordon Olson called the class to order leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Kit Pfau 137; Rodney Ivey 186; Max Berueffy 282; Kathy Lee 59; Ted Mercer 416; David Ivey 83b; Pauline Childers 234.

Co-Chairman Keith Willard gave a short commemorative speech. He acknowledged our tenth convention by asking those present at the first all day convention to stand. He also called attention to those who have sung in Minnesota since the early 1970s under the leadership of Robin Fox and Mark Ellenberger.

Finally, Keith asked those present who had been singing all their lives to stand and be recognized. Because of their contribution to Sacred Harp, it has survived and come down to us, so that we can sing it today.

The class went into business session. Matt Wells moved, and the class seconded the motion, to elect next year’s Co-Chairs. Kit Pfau and Christine Stevens were elected by acclamation.

Co-Chair Martha Henderson then announced the members of the committees. Co-Chairs - Martha Henderson and Keith Willard; Secretaries - Stephen Parker, Paul Landskroener, Paul Wyatt, Stephanie Digby, and David Bowen; Treasurer - Matt Wells; Finance Committee - Walter Graff and Tom Mitchell; Arranging Committee - Jenny Willard, Christine Stevens, Kathy Wallace, Matt Wells, and Kit Pfau; Resolutions Committee - Midge Olsen, Joanne Hoover, and Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee - Johnny Lee, Rodney Ivey, Walter Graff, and Jim Pfau.

Louis Hughes said grace, and the class was dismissed.

LUNCH

Keith Willard called the class back into session leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Karen Freund 76b; David Ressler 215; Johnny Lee 503; Coy Ivey 222; Elene Stovall 436; Jeff Sheppard 236; B.M. Smith 225t; Daphene Causey 140; Jerry Enright 42; David Lee 274t; Tim Eriksen 448t; Catherine Oss 318; Roy Nelson 522; Christine Stevens 68b.

RECESS

Keith Willard called the class back together leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Shelley Robbins 218; Becky Browne 362; Evelyn Harris 47t; Jim Solheim “New Song” (Missouri Harp); Lisa Grayson 419; Cynthia Kisse 68t; Pearl Guier 143; Susan Green 57; B.J. Harris 303; Kshama Ananthapura 33b; Dick Levine 228; Don Bowen 475; Alice Love 551; Mirjana Lausevic 378b; Allison Schofield 542; Martha Beverly 497; Henry Schuman 480; Val Eng 280; Jim Parsons 474; Carol Crawford 122; Wendy Popp 391.

Keith Willard and Martha Henderson made closing announcements. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by David Lee.

Sunday, September 26

The Sunday session of the convention was held at Murphy’s Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota.

Co-Chairs Martha Henderson and Keith Willard called the convention to order leading song on page 145t. Steve Schmidgall offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Collette Miller 436; Shelley Robbins 178; Richard Popp 277; Gordon Olsen 117; Cathy Lutz 66; Karen Buche and Carol Buche 421; Sarah Davie 384; Wendy Popp "Pomerania" (new song); Francis Gurtz 454; Kshama Ananthapura 410; Henry Schuman 532; Christine Stevens 411; James Gingerich 34t; Everette Denney 405; Mirjana Lausevic 142; Anthony Reeves 107; Alice Love 535; Scott Schroeder 163b; Dick Levine 203.

RECESS

Keith Willard brought the class to order leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Paul Landskroener 268; Jim Solheim 352; Charles Scudder 30t; Joanne Hoover 56b; Anna Pfau 133; Thomas Jefferson Willard 36b; Robin Fox 212; Josephine Denney 145b; Allison Schofield 70b; B.J. Harris 503; Eleanor Haase 48t; Karen Freund and Lynne deBenedette 383; Jim Parsons 216; C.W. Garner 45t; Val Eng 504; James Brock 479; Jenny Willard 302.

RECESS

Keith Willard called the class to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Tony Park 299; Midge Olson 198; Lisa Grayson 434.

Keith Willard turned the class over to the Memorial Committee: Johnny Lee, Rodney Ivey, and Walter Graff.

Johnny Lee noted that the committee was incapable of fully conveying the solemnity that the occasion requires. We were requested to ask ourselves, why are we here as Sacred Harp singers? And, why are there other true Sacred Harp singers not here? Hold this thought in mind. We were reminded of two women singers who, if they were here in the body and the spirit, would be here today, in this place, and raise their voices. These were the mothers of Johnny and Delorese Lee, who died sixteen years ago. Johnny Lee's mother is buried in front of a headstone reading, "Give me the roses while I live...." Was she seeking a handful of flowers? No. She was seeking, as another song says, the Rose of Sharon, that special rose. Those of us here today also want the Rose of Sharon. Let us try to remember the sick and shut-ins by visiting or writing them, telling them of attending the Minnesota singing, and sharing with them who were here, and which songs touched our bosom.

Johnny Lee read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 340. He then called for Rodney Ivey to lead 376.

The Memorial Lesson followed. Walter Graff reminded us that we are part of a wonderfully varied community of men and women of all sorts and conditions. Why do we remember those whom we have never met? Because we are part of a great river of community, and the dead are simply those who have left at an earlier upstream port, but who have left their legacy of this singing tradition to us, for which our gratitude is profound. A song from Missouri Harmony was quoted: "My lips shall teach it to my sons and daughters, that generations yet unborn may teach it yet to theirs."

Walter Graff read the names of the deceased, and called for Jim Pfau to lead 285t in their memory.

Walter then said that, despite disturbing images from popular media nowadays, we know from the Bible that we are assured in the after-life of three things: that we will enjoy God's presence, that we will recognize each other, and that we will sing. Walter Graff gave the prayer to close the memorial lesson.

The names of the deceased were: Flossie Jones, Vester Jones, Lindberg Lacy, Phillip James, and J.V. Gilbert - Alabama; Maurice Faubion - Arizona; Scott Carlson - California; Horace Delong, Roxy Duffy, and Roy Wyatt Jr. - Georgia;

Dolores Doss - Illinois; Richard Allison - Indiana; Eunice Bostwick - Maine; Karen Wiard, Dan Walsh, Florence Becker (101 years of age), Janet White, and Emily Gross - Minnesota; Judith Greenwald - New Jersey; Spencer Nelson - Pennsylvania; Gerrit van Eysden - The Netherlands.

The names on the sick and shut-in list were: Woodie Walker, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, and Ruby Phillips - Alabama; Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, and Mozelle Sheppard - Georgia; Sarah Curry, Scott Strong, and Janet Twombly - California; Hazel Schofield - Florida; John Bailey, Hunter Legitt - Illinois; Charlotte Allison - Indiana; Linda Lowe Morris - Maryland; Delle Jacobs, Don Calliez, Bob Maschka, Eleanor Strait, Maggie Dowse - Minnesota; Gabriel Spector - New Jersey; Nick Fabke, Johanna Fabke, Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin.

Gordon Olsen offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

After lunch, the class assembled on the front steps of the Town Hall at Murphy's Landing for a group photo, taken by Tom Mitchell, to commemorate our Tenth Annual Minnesota State Sacred Harp all-day convention.

Martha Henderson brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 31t.

Leaders: Richard Green and Susan Green 217; Julie Vea 528; Steven Levine 49b; Max Berueffy 112; Rod Ivey, Steven Schmidgall, and Bud Oliver 270; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Ted Mercer 278b; Reba Dell Windom 196; Don Bowen and Coy Ivey 282; Becky Browne 304; Jim Pfau 396; Pauline Childers 475; David Lee 47b; Gary Gronau 385t; Kathy Lee and Kit Pfau 218; Bud Oliver 39b; Jeff Sheppard

322; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 84; Ruth Brown 335; Daphene Causey 189; Paul Wyatt 551; Louis Hughes 496; Elene Stovall 99; Tim Eriksen 236; Felton Denny 73t; Patricia Butterfield 419; B.M. Smith 313t; Jerry Enright 77t; Catherine Oss 477; Dave Ressler 377; Myles Alexander, Meg Parsons, Stephen Parker, Kathy Wallace, Matt Wells, Craig Wright, and Mark Ellenberger 29t; Roy Nelson 318; Denise Kania and Michael Shewmaker 63.

The class then attended to final business.

Ms. Eloise Jerome conducted the raffle for the afghan she had made once again this year. The raffle was won by Maggie Thurmes of Benson, Minnesota. Co-Chairs Keith Willard and Martha Henderson then asked for committee reports. Treasurer Matt Wells reported that collections exceeded expenses by \$119.

The Arranging Committee announced that 80 songs were led on Saturday and 73 songs on Sunday.

Joanne Hoover and Pearl Guier read resolutions of thanks to all who had a hand in organizing this year's convention.

Jeff Sheppard and Ruth Brown thanked the Minnesota folks for hospitality and a good singing.

Co-Chairs Martha Henderson and Keith Willard recognized the twenty-two states that were represented at this singing: Alabama, California, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Announcements were made of upcoming singings.

The class heard a full-hearted parting prayer from our brother David Lee, and took the parting hand singing song on page 347.

Co-Chairs - Martha Henderson and Keith Willard; Secretaries - Stephen Parker, Paul Landskroener, Paul Wyatt, Stephanie Digby, and David Bowen.

GUM POND CHURCH
Morgan County, Alabama
September 26, 1999

The September Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 75 and 127. Milford Cobbs welcomed everyone and offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 37b, 78, 460 (for Arvid Holmes); Carmon Brothers 59, 87; Christine Leeth 319, 340; Linton Ballinger 335, 339; Betty Wright 454, 323b; David Light 300, 192; Nancy Thompson 405, 126; David Roberson 36b, 63; Eunice Kimbrell 421, 406.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 426t by request from Herbert Cobbs. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger 168, 299; Eldagene Roberson 313t, 175; Gordon Wilkinson 217, 112; Anna Lou Price 318, 480; Harrison Creel 30t, 111b; Jarrod George 358, 145b; Tommy George 354b; Jonathon Thompson 565, 84; Flarce Creel 270, 475; Dennis George 288, 290; Rhoda Norris 317, 448t. Prayer was offered by Hershell King.

LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 441. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 294, 390; Marie Guthrie 222, 389; Brandon Thompson 47t, 274t; Ann Jett 269, 327; Hershell King 176b, 80b; Carol Newman 373, 220; Susan Holmes 384, 49b; Lessie Grant 111t; Danielle Crocker 401, 49t; Ron Crocker 159, 40; Glenda Hopper 496, 495; Buckley Hopper 163t, 268; Dan Hopper 171, 385b; J.L. Hopper 444, 178, 569b (by request, in memory of Elvin Holcomb); J.L. Hopper and G.C. Childers 321. Milford Cobbs led 381 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Dan Hopper.

Cdhairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION
Shady Grove Primitive Church, north of Double Springs, Alabama
September 26, 1999

The Winston County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in September, and was called to order by Kermit Adams leading songs on pages 31b and 31t. Margaret Keeton offered the morning prayer. Kermit Adams led song on page 390.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 48t, 111b; Azilee Adams 337, 317b; Hubert Hood 454, 569b; Eron White 146; Gene Wakefield 27, 40, 42; Gladys Bonds 74b, 63, 47t; Corene White 37b, 379; Wilton Donaldson 566, 56t; John Hyde 61, 544b, 73t; Frances Lee 30t, 72b; Chris Rice 384, 276, 408; L.E. Hannah 498, 511; Cecil Wakefield 480, 208, 209; Vernice Phillips 300; Mae Conwill 314, 206, 349 (for Rose Altha Taylor); John Merritt 269, 445b; Ethel Williams 240; Julie Postum 274t.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading song on page 371. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 38, 335; Becky Briggs 336, 234; Amber Springfield 58, 170, 49b; Willodean Barton 82t, 482; Faye Donaldson 270, 299, 298; Margaret Keeton 301, 154 (in memory of Ada Godsey); Elmer Conwill 411, 430, 179; Loretta Whitman 176b, 59; Brenda Merritt 187, 217, 192; Emily Jones 75, 176t; Nellie Alexander 108b, 81t, 490; Pernie Pelfrey and Edna Pace 426t, 83t, 67 (for Ora Lee Fannin, Rose Altha Taylor, and in memory of Ralph Adams); John Beasley 32t, 290; Dawson Adams 77t, 68b; Kelsie Wakefield 133, 111t; Josie Hyde 43.

Announcements were made. Travis Keeton led song on page 129 as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Pernie Pelfrey.

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, Massachusetts** **October 1-2, 1999**

Friday, October 1

The twenty-fourth annual New England Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Noyes Hall on the campus of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, Massachusetts.

Chair Ginnie Ely brought Friday's session to order by leading song on page 34b. Robert Dove offered the opening prayer.

Officers of the Convention: Chair - Ginnie Ely; Vice Chairman - Bob Parr; Treasurer - Dennis O'Brien; Secretary - Gretchen Eckhardt; Arranging Committee Chair - Bill Holt; Memorial Committee Chair - Jessica Holland; Resolutions Committee Chair - Sue Turbak.

The officers led as follows: Ginnie Ely 59; Arranging Committee Chair Bill Holt 52; Secretary Gretchen Eckhardt 178; Treasurer Dennis O'Brien 339; Vice Chairman Bob Parr 528.

Leaders: Jane Zanichkowsky 442; Michael Kaye 163b; Mary Neville 504; Roland Hutchinson 553; Margaret Clark 314; Hugh McGraw 369; Susan Jaster 501; Larry Gordon 546; Laura Densmore 74b; Jim Bean 146; Laura Timmerman 68b; John Redman 551; Diane Mennella 353; Howard Katz 212.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ginnie Ely leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Katie Shimizu 155; Gary Smith 569b (Gary graciously commented that he was glad to have "come home" to New England where Sacred Harp singing began); Lyra O'Brien 94; Leonard Spencer 320; Cindy Bean 300; Aaron Girard 378b; Bobbie Goodell 72b; Dan Hertzler 47; Paula McGray 492; Francis Bliss 84; Charlene Wallace 365; Bruce Randall 276; Cheryl Stroud 455; June Matthews 198; George Seiler 347; Jessica Holland 168; Patty Cuyler 47b; Martin Broekhuysen 162; Ginnie Ely 373.

The class was dismissed with a prayer by George Seiler.

Saturday, October 2

Saturday's session was brought to order by Chair Ginnie Ely leading song on page 52t. Sharona Nelson offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Ginnie Ely 228; Bob Parr 377; Gina Balestracci 28t; Guy Banks 441; Sue Turbak 335; Barbara Swetman 417; Scott Luscombe 39t; Sarah Beasley Smith 318; Eric Hildebrant 236; Eleanor Soler 277; Anne Kazlauskas 173; David Bliss 117; Jean Seiler 299; Seth Holloway 388; Karen House 492; Ed White 497; Juanita Boardman 107; Jeff Colby 496.

RECESS

Ginnie Ely called the class back leading song on page 63. Leaders: Dennis O'Brien 304; Claudia Harris 56b; James Ulrich 40; Duncan Vinson 224; Gary Plouff 567; Kelly House 384; Allison Schofield 542; Peter Amidon 47t; Vera Broekhuysen 504; Barbara Smith 285t; Paul Gauthier 344; Susan Mampre 280; Tony Barrand 95.

RECESS

The class was brought back by Ginnie Ely leading song on page 313t. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 532; Michal Truelsen 474; Maura Burns 203.

Jessica Holland began the Memorial Lesson with words of reflection on the bond between past and present singers, near and far.

Lyra O'Brien read the list of the deceased: Antoinette Swetman - Alabama; Bill Murray - Connecticut; John Colt, Frank Hurst, and Elaine Smith - Massachusetts; Chris Randgaard - Minnesota; Nichole Shnar - New Jersey; Janice Glanzrock, Mae Keane, Dorothy Kelly, and Akram Scott - New York; Bob Cuyler - Oregon; Charles Lichtenwalner, Jr. and Stanley Wyatt Metz - Pennsylvania; Marjorie Hollorhan and Paul Trainor - Rhode Island; Petra Bushell and Santiago Triveo - Texas; Ken Hildick - Vermont; Evadne McNeil - Wisconsin. Jessica Holland led song on 72b in memory of the deceased.

Lyra O'Brien continued the Memorial Lesson by remembering those who could not join us because of illness. Jessica Holland read the list of the sick and shut-ins: Ethel Goodell - Colorado; Dorothy Garber and Susan Garber - Connecticut; Margery Hanson - Kansas; George Myers - Kentucky; Joan Brack, Peg Brown, Mary Gilfus, Priscilla Hertzler, Rob Martin, Muriel Plouff, Cindy Smith, and Leonard R. Spencer - Massachusetts; Ben Hertzler - New Mexico; Harriett Henry and Tauheedah Scott - New York; Bob Todd - Pennsylvania; David Terry Davis - Virginia. Lyra O'Brien led song on 457 for the sick and shut-in. George Seiler concluded the Memorial Lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Glen Wright and Anayis Wright 48t; Leigh Tintle 217; Catherine Oss 67; Richard Schmeidler 254.

Sharona Nelson offered a prayer in thanks for the food which members of the Convention were about to enjoy.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Ginnie Ely leading song on 146. Leaders: Neely Bruce 362; Kshama Ananthapura 33b; Karen McArthur and Drew McArthur 142; Bill Holt 148; George Seiler 480; Kaiti Carpenter 31t; Stephen Rogge, Angel Maynard, and Ginnie Ely 454; Laura Claussen 112; Colin Kinlund 131; Charlene Wallace 267; Hugh McGraw 413 (Hugh offered a few words about the first time he visited the north to sing from the Sacred Harp and expressed gratitude that the tradition is being kept alive here); Kara Morin 178; Lila Farrar 268; Larry Gordon 383.

RECESS

Ginnie Ely brought the class back by leading song on 87. Leaders: Chris Noren 128; Sharona Nelson 66; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 513; David Paton 260; Ken Mattson 163b; Gretchen Eckhardt 390; Mary Neville 547; Laura Densmore 361; Gary Smith 34b; Laura Timmerman 387; John Redman 143; Diane Mennella 208.

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

Secretary Gretchen Eckhardt reported that 220 people from 17 states and Canada came into the singing and registered; 85 leaders were called and 115 songs were led. Those registered came from the following states: Alabama - 2; Arizona - 1; Connecticut - 5; Georgia - 3; Maine - 6; Maryland - 1; Massachusetts - 124;

New Jersey - 3; New Hampshire - 9; New York - 2; Oregon - 2; Pennsylvania - 1; Rhode Island - 8; Tennessee - 1; Texas - 1; Vermont - 23; Washington - 1; Canada - 6.

Treasurer Dennis O'Brien reported that financial contributions from attendees exceeded the costs of the convention, and therefore funds can be forwarded for use by next year's convention.

The Resolutions Committee gave thanks to the officers and committees, to those who brought food for all to share, and to all those who traveled from near and far to join us in song.

Neely Bruce invited all to next year's New England Convention, which will be held at Wesleyan University in Connecticut on September 29 and September 30, 2000, and he offered a few comments on the history of the New England Convention.

Announcements of upcoming conventions were made by many attendees from locations all over the United States and Canada.

Leaders: Dan Hertzler 448t; Cheryl Stroud 183; Bob Parr 200.

Ginnie Ely concluded the day of singing by leading song on page 62 as the closing song while members of the Convention took the parting hand. Sharona Nelson offered a closing prayer.

Chair -Ginnie Ely; Vice Chairman - Bob Parr; Secretary - Gretchen Eckhardt.

LOUISIANA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana October 2, 1999

The tenth annual singing was called to order with an opening prayer led by Harry Eskew. Jim Fields gave a short singing lesson and led songs on pages 63 and 267. Nancy Van Den Akker led songs on pages 445 and 105; Harry Eskew 31t, 146.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

Leaders: Kari Lundgren 147t, 155; Elizabeth Muhleisen 350, 168; Ginnie Fields 354b, 45t.

RECESS

The singing resumed with the following leaders called: John Kanode 128, 358; Annie Rivera 49t; John J. Johnson 59, 33; Bill Hogan 183, 198; Wanda Gregg 40, 34b; Regina Glass 495; Jessica McMillan 145t. John Merritt asked the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with the following leaders called: Ed Steele 159; A.E. Probst 178, 66; Yong Jin Park 312b; Jan Herlinger 49b, 35; Christopher Reed 81t; Charles Franklin 480, 348b; John Merritt 426t.

John J. Johnson opened the memorial lesson with prayer. The deceased, along with the sick and shut-ins, were remembered. Harry Eskew led song on page 85 for the deceased, and the memorial was closed.

Leaders: Brenda Merritt 76b, 269; Judd Greer 156, 475; Neal Castleberry 30t, 503; Brad Pope 236, 417; Jim Fields and Rolando Vargas 482; Bill Hogan and Junghea Baik 46; Regina Glass and Hyun Jyung Kim 47t, 47b; Robert Jahncke 143; Brad Pope 89; John Merritt 268; Wanda Gregg 408; Harry Eskew 155; Bill Hogan 171; John Kanode 105; Brenda Merritt 203; John J. Johnson 26.

Announcements were made. John Merritt led the "drone" as the closing song. Elder Randall Myers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jim Fields; Vice Chairman - Wallace McKenzie; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL SINGING
Santa Barbara, California
October 2, 1999

On a beautiful Saturday, October 2, 1999, the third annual Santa Barbara Regional convened at 11:00 a.m. For the first time, we met in the living room of John and Nancy Snyder, who generously provided their house since our past singing room was recently carpeted.

The class was called to order by Tom Ostwald leading song on page 59. Leaders: Betty Herman 542; Laura Boyd Russell 540; Rick Russell 423; Duncan Macleod 288; Jan Suzukawa 122; Carla Smith 57; Janice Hecksel 354b; Mary Bess Grimes 342; Carroll Lunsford 123t; Annie Reeves 267; Mary Rose O'Leary 142; Jerry Schreiber 510; Stephen O'Leary 81t; Norma Ruptier 148; Jean Olson 154; Catherine Callahan 159.

RECESS

Betty Herman brought the class to order leading song on page 71. Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 240; Rick Russell 99; Duncan Macleod 100; Jan Suzukawa 155; Carla Smith 153; Janice Hecksel 515b; Mary Bess Grimes 72b; Carroll Lunsford 204; Mary Rose O'Leary 37b; Jerry Schreiber 182; Stephen O'Leary 324; Norma Ruptier 66; Jean Olson 106; Catherine Callahan 209.

LUNCH

Tom Ostwald called the class to order leading songs on pages 52 and 268. Leaders: Betty Herman 216; Laura Boyd Russell 272; Rick Russell 270; Duncan Macleod 286; Jan Suzukawa 457; Carla Smith 217; Janice Hecksel 344; Mary Bess Grimes 254; Carroll Lunsford 89; Mary Rose O'Leary 440; Jerry Schreiber 373; Stephen O'Leary 260; Norma Ruptier 313b; Jean Olson 126; Catherine Callahan 128; Ginnie Mickelson 147t.

RECESS

Tom Ostwald brought the class to order leading song on page 269. Leaders: Betty Herman 455; Laura Boyd Russell 101t; Rick Russell 448t; Duncan Macleod 93; Jan Suzukawa 178; Carla Smith 79b; Janice Hecksel 276; Mary Bess Grimes 390; Carroll Lunsford 338; Stephen O'Leary 260; Norma Ruptier 313b; Jean Olson 126; Catherine Callahan 128; Ginnie Mickelson 454; Catherine Callahan 312t; Carroll Lunsford 75.

Tom Ostwald led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.
Chairman - Tom Ostwald.

ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, AND
HYATT MEMORIAL
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
October 3, 1999

The thirty-third 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, Arvill Hyatt, J.B. Lowe, and Alton Lowe was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. Lamar Smith offered the morning prayer. Terry Hullett led song on page 63.

Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 203, 317; Roy Nelson 283; Martha Woodard 303; Lamar Smith 36b; Buddy Davis 565, 384; Henry Johnson 569;

Margie Smith 494, 393; Milton Oliver 403, 325; Jackie Tanner 89, 39b; Leola Smith 109, 136; Willie Mae Moon 434 (in memory of Mae Seymour), 225t; B.M. Smith 389 (for Lonnie and Vivian Rogers), 475 (for Virgil Phillips); Shelbie Sheppard 290 (for Ruby Phillips), 137 (for Virgil Phillips).

RECESS

Terry Hullett called the class to order leading song on page 222. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 144, 300; Elene Stovall 298, 299; B.J. Harris 503, 452; Joshua Keeton 327, 30t; Evelyn Harris 101t, 47t; Dennis George 84, 30b; Max Berueffy 349, 37t; Jeff Sheppard 34b, 34t; Brenda Merritt 440, 442; Carmon Brothers 318, 402; Ashley Keeton 455, 196; Shane Wootten 345b, 270; Ann Jett 217, 546; Karen Ivey 445, 208; Lora Cargo 498, 454; Terry Hullett 45t (in memory of Alton Lowe).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Terry Hullett leading song on page 166. Leaders: John Merritt 71, 268; Marlon Wootten 74b, 147t; Stuart Ivey 189, 112; Cassie Franklin 182, 192; Sarah Harcrow 75, 178; David Ivey 90, 319; Glenn Keeton 117, 47b; Eloise Watkins 108t, 35; Cindy Franklin 335, 76b; Harrison Creel 348b, 512; Linda Thomas 556; Dennis George "Beulah Land"; Ernest Phillips 74t, 376; Deborah Ritch 286; Freeman Wootten 33b, 277, 97; David Ivey 441 (for Roie Alexander); David Ivey and Rodney Ivey "Trusting"; Harrison Creel 342 (by request).

Sandra Alexander Thames presented Terry Hullett with her father's (Alvin Alexander) Sacred Harp, 1911 edition, book. Alvin Alexander was the oldest son of John and Della Alexander.

Terry Hullett led song on page 285 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Elder Philip Gilmore; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

OLD SARDIS CHURCH **Near Lynn, Alabama (County Road 17)** **October 3, 1999**

The forty-first session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Sardis Church on the first Sunday in October, and was called to order by Steve Miles leading songs on pages 39b and 145b. Homer Miles led the morning prayer.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 48t, 73t; Ila Ingle 498, 146; Amber Springfield 72b, 313t; Cecil Sanders 225t, 145t; Gladys Bonds 39t, 285t; Earl Ballinger 111b, 144; Willodean Barton 290, 391; Wilton Donaldson 86b, 317; Mae Conwill 288, 434; Gene Wakefield "Not Made With Hands", 284; Ivalene Donaldson 31b, 77t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steve Miles leading song on page 59. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 40, 430; Magel Miles 143, 569b; Sandy Mobley 445, 62; Elmer Conwill 179, 129; Karen Wiggins 294 (in memory of her grandfather, Tom Harper), 358 (in memory of her uncle, Marvin Farris); Josie Hyde 442, 477; Cecil Wakefield 282, 480; Larry Ballinger 56t, 101t, 139; Allen Barnett 63; David Berry 45t (to the tune of 146).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Steve Miles leading song on page 46. Leaders: Genettie Tidwell 163, 222; Julie Postum 274, 343; Joyce Hubbit 81, 84;

Bernice Phillips 203, 112; Dwight Ingle 530, 159; Clara Stults 332, 388; Mary Alice Crisco 68b; Kermit Adams 85, 167; Juanita Whitman 141, 235; Homer Miles 373, 454; Steve Miles, Daniel Miles, Amanda Miles, and David Berry "Our God Is An Awesome God" (a special); John Hyde 297, 75; Steve Miles 385 (by request); Travis Keeton 275b; Genettie Tidwell 457; Amber Springfield 378b; Faye Donaldson 168; Ila Ingle 436; Josie Hyde 426t (by request), 408. Steve Miles and Josie Hyde led song on page 61 as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by James Bennet. Everyone is invited back in the year 2000. Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

YELLOW SPRINGS **Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio** **October 9, 1999**

The nineteenth semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October by Eloise Clark leading song on page 84.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Eric Conrad; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Fred Todt. Leaders: Eric Conrad 155; Fred Todt 406, 47t; Penny Kujawinski 31t, 47b; David Wright 207, 73t; Christine Cox 163b, 515 (led by John Bealle); Rich Overturf 479, 457; Laura Weber 327, 344 (led by Eric Conrad); Debbie Hall 497, 200.

RECESS

Eric Conrad brought the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Charles Wells 551, "Paradise" (from New Harp of Columbia); Lou Kujawinski 535, 68; Emily Hague 31, 193; Karen Arnett 503, 485; Pauline Childers 269, 475; Shawn Fenton 192, "Chesterfield" (by William Billings); Claire Outten 335, 334; Joseph Pimentel 133, 178; Eloise Clark 38b, 300. Christine Cox led the class in prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Eric Conrad called the class to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Dee Dee Heeter 128, 59; Martha Lang 455, 504; Phil Jensen 372, 569; Laura Russell 275, 107; Henry Schuman 532; John Bealle led 543 (at the request of Stephanie Hysmith who could not attend. Stephanie made the request in loving memory of her aunt, Stephanie Scherb, who passed away Thursday); John Bealle 240; Barbara Bowers 312b, 313b; John Bayer 312t, 53.

RECESS

Eric Conrad brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Marissa Heeter 159 (assisted by Fred Todt); Penny Kujawinski 547; David Wright 546; Christine Cox 491 (led by Eloise Clark); Rich Overturf 373; Laura Weber 34; Eric Conrad 56 (in memory of his father who passed away on Friday); Anna Marie Bullock 84; Charles Wells 402; Debbie Hall "Captain Kid" (from Missouri Harmony); Lou Kujawinski 86; Emily Hague 222. John Bealle led 347 for Eric Conrad with condolences from the class for the loss of Eric's father.

RECESS

Fred Todt brought the class to order leading song on page 361. Leaders: Karen Arnett 99; Martha Lang 48t; Pauline Childers 318; Shawn Fenton 66; Claire Outten 112; Joseph Pimentel 276; Eloise Clark 64; Dee Dee Heeter 523; Phil Jensen 81; Cleve Callison 61; Henry Schuman 111t; Barbara Bowers 480; John Bayer 85; John Bealle 217; Penny Kujawinski and Lou Kujawinski 28t; Pauline Childers 384.

Announcements were made. Singers from four states were present: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Missouri. The officers led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Christine Cox dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman - Eric Conrad; Secretary - Fred Todt.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION
Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
October 9-10, 1999

Saturday, October 9

Saturday night singing is from the Cooper Book.

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order at 6:00 p.m. leading song on page 47t.

Bob Meek offered the opening prayer. Tim Reynolds led song on page 449.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett; Arranging Committee - Clayton Ezell and Cindy Franklin.

Leaders: Gordon Wilkinson 137, 144; Clayton Ezell 501, 112; Marilyn Burchett 518, 488; Bob Meek 393, 571; David Carlton 572, 505; Flarce Creel 39, 292b; Wanda Capps 507b, 54t; David Roberson 100, 63. A light supper was served with Harrison Creel asking the blessing on the food.

SUPPER

The class resumed singing with Tim Reynolds leading song on page 58. Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 404, 522; Sandie Scott 500, 128; Henry Cobb and David Carlton 126, 340; Marie Guthrie 192, 515; Ann Jett 503, 559; Eldagene Roberson 300; Cassie Franklin 416t, 436b; Cindy Franklin 516, 410; Harrison Creel 355; Clayton Ezell 225t (for Thurman Nall).

Tim Reynolds led songs on pages 38t and 132 for the closing songs. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Harrison Creel.

Sunday, October 10

Sunday singing is in The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.

The singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 73b. Lavaughn Ballinger gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 81t; Gordon Wilkinson 475, 498; Clayton Ezell 119, 124; Marilyn Burchett 231, 29t; Henry Cobb 63, 388; Thelma Elliott, Karene Box, and Clayton Ezell 460, 147b; Sandie Scott 147, 442; Elvin Guthrie 365, 479; David Roberson 389, 340; Larry Ballinger 135, 139.

RECESS

Gordon Wilkinson brought the class to order leading song on page 112. Leaders: Julietta Haynes 200, 216; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 401; Arlene Richardson 168, 405; Eldagene Roberson 215, 203; Teresa Ballinger 276, 300; Jimmy Ballinger 108, 111b; Jayne Fulmer 299, 99; Clay Mattox 335; Amanda Ballinger 454, 30t.

RECESS

Clayton Ezell brought the class to order leading song on page 457. Leaders: Bob Meek 452b, 441; Clyde Ham 155; Lisa Geist 273, 546; Flarce Creel 39b, 270; Linton Ballinger 208, 217; Anita Shaddix 143. Tim Reynolds offered the blessing for the food.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 34b.

Leaders: Cecil Sanders 512; Cindy Franklin 327, 269; Ann Jett 141, 448b, 503 (for Thurman Nall); Marie Guthrie 280, 380, 411; Judy Caudle 540, 489b, 120.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Bob Meek and Sandie Scott led song on page 28b in memory of: Margaret Wright, Harold Fair, Leon Ed Denson, Leila Hamilton, and Spencer Hand, all of Tennessee.

The sick and shut-ins were remembered, and song on page 68b was sung for: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Mavis Price, Shelia Moon, and Clay Mattox's grandson. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Page Williams 143; Wanda Capps 142, 225t; Cassie Franklin 74b, 349, 250; Anita Shaddix, Emily Shaddix, and Anna Shaddix 235b; Clayton Ezell 268; Clayton Ezell, Karene Box, Thelma Elliott, Minabelle Gellespie, and Laris Ezell 294, 358 (in memory of Beatrice Ezell); Clayton Ezell 340.

Tim Reynolds led song on page 551, arranged by Margaret in 1959, as the closing song in memory of Margaret Wright. Gordon Wilkinson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama October 10, 1999

The annual Walker Cates and Herbert Brown Memorial was held at Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 61. Roy Nelson offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led song on page 111t; B.M. Smith 82, 101t; Shelbie Sheppard 202, 203; Margie Smith 32t, 313t; and Mary Florence Smith 53, 274t.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 208 (for Estelle Flowers and Lois Stanson); Nancy Allen 146; Allison Dodson 335, 45t; Earlis McGraw 271t, 312b; Leola Smith 185, 318; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 389; Teenie Moody 34b, 47t.

RECESS

B. M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 270. Leaders: Jimmy Cates 144, 37b; Pearl Guier 358, 59; Roy Nelson 153 (for Jap Walton), 498; Mildred McElroy 186, 436; Richard DeLong 177, 395; Henry Johnson 267, 326; Charlene Wallace 84 (for I.V. McWhorter), 289 (for Revy Williamson and Reba Stanford); George Garner 222; Phillip Langley 110, 480; Louis Hughes 481, 147b; Evelyn Harris 155, 39b.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 97.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 143, 30t; Jeannette DePoy 112, 278b; Howard McGuire 354b, 192; Lou Cotney 196, 172; Bobby Jackson 317, 290; Pam Nunn 269, 528; Milton Oliver 224, 314; Eloise Watkins 348b, 138b; B.J. Harris 303, 225t; Bonnie Flowers 48t, 299; Eschol Hughes 460, 111b; Reba Norton 282, 136; Corene Laminack 108t, 147t (by request, for Louise Brown Allen).

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by the pastor of the church, Donald Payne.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

CHESNUT GROVE CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

October 10, 1999

The seventy-third 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 Mark Brown and Shawn Carroll. Pastor Steve Lea welcomed the congregation, led the class in prayer, and led song on page 75. Co-Chairmen Mark Brown and Shawn Carroll led songs on 45t and 59.

Leaders: Lamar Smith 76b; Billy Thompson 448b, 47b; Coy Ivey 47t, 63; Randall Smith 36b, "That Beautiful Land" (CB); Phil Townson and Heath Townson 56b, 48t; S.T. Reed 27, 44; Jarrod George 300, 358; Floyd Peters 285t; Aaron Wootten 201.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Mark Brown and Shawn Carroll leading songs on pages 128 and 155. Leaders: Betty Wright 84, 347; Dean Daniel and Dennis George 68b; Dennis George 475, 30b; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 551; Buddy Davis 565, 480; Jessica Davis 30t, 124; Eddie Brown 312b, 67; Myra Dalton 448t, 147t; Brenda Carroll 28b, 299; Marty Wootten 101t.

Mark Brown introduced the memorial lesson, and David Ivey led song on page 421 for the deceased and shut-ins.

LUNCH

Mark Brown and Shawn Carroll brought the afternoon session together leading songs on pages 108t and 143. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 109, 319; John Merritt 138t (CB), 436b (CB); Karen Ivey "Willie" (WB), 142; Elene Stovall 192, 441; Joan Aldridge 573 (CB); Richard Ivey 182, 138t; Terry Wootten 345b, 278b; Phil Summerlin 278t, 90; Rodney Ivey "Jesus Died for Me" (WB), "Trusting" (WB); Ralph Heard 503b; Charles Stiefel 39b, 378b; Lavon Wootten 426t; Jenny Wootten 99, 559 (CB); Stuart Ivey 222, 189; Shane Wootten 274t; Susan Harcrow 313t; Christy Blevins 270; Nate Green and Norma Green 403; Pauline Spears 82t, 285t; Mark Brown and Shawn Carroll 551 (by request).

Announcements were made. Jenny Wootten and Chris Carroll were selected as Co-Chairmen for the 2000 session.

Mark Brown and Shawn Carroll led song on page 146 as the closing song. The singing was dismissed with prayer by Brother Ralph Heard.

Co-Chairmen - Mark Brown and Shawn Carroll; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING

Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama

October 10, 1999

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Glenn Keeton and Pamela Keeton leading songs on pages 32t and 30b. The morning prayer was offered by Arthur Gilmore.

Leaders: A.C. McGough 30t, 111b; Clarence McCool 111t, 101t; Mae Conwill 274t, 270; Gene Wakefield 102, 103; Annie Lou Price 45t, 454; Wilton Donaldson 566, 317; Amber Springfield 123t, 49b; Elmer Conwill 31t, 358; Ivalene Donaldson 288; John Hyde 129, 73t.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Pamela Keeton leading songs on pages 144 and 436. Leaders: Jimmie Gilmore 378t, 68b; Joshua Keeton 235 (for Estelle Gilmore

who is in the hospital), 503; Margaret Keeton 327, 161; Dwight Ingle 345t, 345b; Gladys Bonds 74b, 499.

The memorial lesson was held. Jimmie Gilmore, Pamela Keeton, Elder Philip Gilmore, Ila Ingle, Dwight Ingle, and Josie Hyde led song on page 61 for Jimmie Gilmore's father and mother, Elder Garnsey and Ethel McGough (who are in the nursing home), and for the other sick and shut-ins. Jimmie Gilmore, Elder Philip Gilmore, and Pam Keeton led song on page 30b for Paula Gilmore and Grace Gilmore who are at home sick, and for Elsie Beasley and Estelle Gilmore. Elder Philip Gilmore closed the memorial and offered prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Glenn Keeton leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Josie Hyde 310; Philip Gilmore 75, 39t, 39b; Ashley Keeton 384, "Cleansing Fountain" (for and with her grandmother, Jimmie Gilmore); Arthur Gilmore 569, "Jesus Died For Me"; Edith Tate 35, 37b; Faye Donaldson 40, 146; Billy Williams 297, 299; Willodean Barton 460, 475; Lena Keeton 112, 88t; Bernice Phillips 168, 300; Ila Ingle 434, 330; Travis Keeton 400, 490, 203; Mary Alice Crisco 133; Glenn Keeton and Dwight Ingle 294 (for Agnes McGough, by request); Glenn Keeton "Not Made With Hands"; Glenn Keeton and Philip Gilmore 566.

Jimmie Gilmore led song on page 348 for the deceased Harper family and others: Lavada Gilmore (sister of Jimmie Gilmore), Joe Harper, Martha Harper, Grady Harper, Robert Harper, Wallace Harper, Tom Harper, Annie Harper, Rewoan Harper, Mack Harper, Bud Ingle, and Maude Keeton.

Pam Keeton and Glenn Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Joshua Keeton.

Co-Chairpersons - Glenn Keeton and Pamela Keeton; Secretary - Ashley Keeton; Arranging Committee - Josh Keeton; Memorial Committee - Jimmie Gilmore; Chaplain - Elder Philip Gilmore.

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

Unity Hall, Barneveld, New York

October 16-17, 1999

Saturday, October 16

The eleventh annual New York State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 34. Dennis Leipold offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 59; Allen Fannin 159; Ron Bornick 84; Margaret Bornick 28b; Eric Bean 285; Dennis Leipold 85; Laura Timmerman 319; Diane Mennella 434; Guy Bankes 182; Claire Simon 66; Hal Kunkel 530; Janet Shipman 474; Tom Metzger 70b; Anne Kazlauskas 327; Roland Hutchinson 473; Ellie Solar 551; Blake Morris 501b; Donna Abrahams 373; Bill Holt 550; Nancy Crawford 344.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Margaret Bornick leading song on page 40. Leaders: Paula McGray 300; Charles Deering 569; Susan Henglesberg 354; George Seiler 217; Gina Balestracci 543; Bob Parr 362; Susan Bingham 446; Paul Gauthier 565; Walter Hartley 146; Ginny Ely 436; John Redman 532; Wendy Gilchrist 47t; Scott Luscombe 148; Mary Ann Morrison 38t; Dan Hertzler 200; Jean Seiler 273; Adrian Mariano 183; Tim Wheeler 77t; Linda Delfs 442; Richard Schmeidler 254; Joni Seidenstein 496; Ginny Huszagh 474; High Anderson 268; Juanita Heyerman 347; Michael Ryan 38b; Laura Densmore 408.

The blessing before lunch was given by Donna Abrahams reminding us that the singing is nourishment for our souls as the food of which we are about to partake is for our bodies.

LUNCH

The convention was called back to order by Allen Fannin leading song on page 343. Leaders: Eric Bean 504; Dennis Leipold 478; Laura Timmerman 274; Margaret Bornick 236; Bruce Kokerno 276; Diane Mennella 114; Guy Bankes 350; Claire Simon 299; Barbara Swetman 125; Hal Kunkel 298; Janet Shipman 190; Tom Metzger 56b; Ron Bornick 228; Anne Kazlauskas 201; Roland Hutchinson 245; Ellie Solar 358; Blake Morris 378.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ron Bornick leading song on page 117. Leaders: Bill Holt 352; Donna Abrahams 313b; Nancy Crawford 335; members of the St. James Episcopal Church choir, Clinton, New York 178; Paula McGray 328; Charles Deering 524; Susan Henglesberg 175t; George Seiler 269; Gina Balestracci 430; Nicola Collett 131t; Bob Parr 304; Susan Bingham 454; Walter Hartley 155.

RECESS

The convention was called back to order by Laura Densmore leading 49t. Leaders: Ginnie Ely 349; John Redman 143; Wendy Gilchrist 68b; Scott Luscombe 195; Mary Ann Morrison 479; Dan Hertzler 452; Allen Fannin 448t; Jean Seiler 472; Adrian Mariano 196; Tim Wheeler 428; Linda Delfs 351; Richard Schmeidler 334; Joni Seidenstein 278; Ginny Huszagh 181; Hugh Anderson 45t; Juanita Heyerman 457; Michael Ryan 53; Laura Densmore 29t. The closing prayer was given by Guy Bankes. The convention was dismissed for the day by Barbara Swetman.

Sunday, October 17

The second day of the Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 31b. The opening prayer was given by Eileen Metzger.

Leaders: Gina Balestracci "Sessions" (45 EH, 38 CB); Roland Hutchinson "Liberty's Trumpet"; Blake Morris "Northminster", "Templewright"; Eric Bean "Mount Hope"; Tom Metzger "Wild Ride to Heaven"; Roland Hutchinson "Ussher"; Scott Luscombe "Suffield".

RECESS

The convention was called back to order by Barbara Swetman leading 148. Leaders: Bill Holt 547; Donna Abrahams 173; Nancy Crawford 497; Paula McGray 27; Susan Henglesberg 127; George Seiler 168; Charles Collett 31; Gina Balestracci 163; Patricia Geritz 523b; Bob Parr 546; Scott Luscombe 39t; Susan Bingham 455; Allen Fannin 513; Ginnie Ely 215; Paul Gauthier 162; Mary Ann Morrison 122; Jean Seiler 475.

Several visitors arrived who were unable to climb the stairs to the room where the singing was held. The class decided that it would move downstairs to sing 178 and 277 for the visitors.

RECESS

The convention was called back to order by Paula McGray leading 82t. Leaders: Ginnie Huszagh 373; Walter Hartley 47b; John Redman 361; Adrian Mariano 481; Laura Densmore 74b.

The Memorial Lesson was led by Gina Balestracci and Blake Morris who gave the prayer for the following deceased: Hugh Aiken - Pennsylvania; Franklin Burkhart - Florida; Kathy Benforado - Massachusetts; Nicol Schnarr and Lucille Hershbiner - New Jersey; Mrs. Ebert, Akram Scott, Eileen Metzger's Aunt Millie,

Janice Glanzrock, Tom Schuman, Abraham Press, and Mary Vivian Kemp - New York; Mary Hulbert - Virginia; Ed Wright - New Hampshire; Antoinette Swetman - Alabama; Chris Randgaard - Minnesota; Peggy Neal - West Virginia. Blake Morris led 30b for the deceased. Gina Balestracci offered prayer for the following sick and shut-ins: Davis Balestracci - Massachusetts; Allyn Ford, Tauheedah Scott, Jordan Glover, and Harriet Henry - New York; Dorothy Garber - Connecticut; Katie Ebert - Vermont; William Groat - Arizona; Ben Hertzler - New Mexico; David Terry Davis - Virginia; Bob Widmer - New Jersey. Gina Balestracci led 52b for the sick and shut-ins. The Memorial Lesson was closed with prayer given by Blake Morris. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 536; Juanita Heyerman 159; Dan Hertzler 106; Richard Schmeidler 120; Joni Seidenstein 99; Dennis Leipold 297; Hugh Anderson 551.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ron Bornick leading 186. Leaders: Laura Timmerman 171; Margaret Bornick 280; Guy Bankes 287; Diane Mennella 212; Eric Bean 553; Janet Shipman 306; Ernest Blake 268; Tom Metzger 133; Claire Simon 147t; Blake Morris 415; Anne Kazlauskas 95; Ellie Solar 277; Ron Bornick 87; Roland Hutchinson 66; Barbara Swetman 203; Deanna Anderson 117.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Allen Fannin leading 445b and Hal Kunkel leading song on page 381.

A motion was made and seconded to convene a business meeting. There were 70 singers registered with 52 leaders and 173 tunes led. States represented: Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, D.C., and Connecticut.

The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met in excess, and it was moved to make a donation above the cost of the hall to the Unity Hall Foundation.

The Resolutions Committee thanked all those responsible for the success of the convention including the organizers from the Clinton, New York area: Ron and Margaret Bornick, Barbara Swetman, and Diane Stebbins.

A special thanks was extended to central New York public radio station WCNY in Syracuse, New York and their program hosts, Bonnie Beth Derby and Bill Knowlton, for their help in publicizing the convention.

Cris Densmore, though he does not sing, devoted the entire two days to food management duties.

Announcements were made of regular singings and upcoming conventions. A motion was made and seconded to close the business meeting.

Leaders: Nancy Crawford 46; Kathy Forrest 228; Bill Holt 376; Donna Abrahams 192; Walter Hartley 388; Laura Densmore 496; Paula McGray 528.

The convention was brought to a close by Chairperson Barbara Swetman leading song on page 62 while all took the parting hand. The class was dismissed.

Chairperson - Barbara Swetman; Vice Chairman - Ron Bornick; Finance - Bill Holt; Secretary - Allen Fannin.

REID MEMORIAL **Old County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **October 17, 1999**

The eightieth session of the Reid Memorial singing was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Gordon Wilkinson.

The singing is permanently organized. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 87, 75; Velton Chafin 355; S.T. Reed 129, 64; Wilton Donaldson 32; Tyler Newman 30; Larry Ballinger 89; Gene Wakefield 284; Ivalene Donaldson 81; Sarah Harcrow 127, 37b; Elmer Conwill 460; Richard Ivey 222, 270; Ashley Keeton 196; Clayton Ezell 182; Willodean Barton 416; Milton Oliver 318, 314; Linton Ballinger 208; Joan Aldridge 192; Leola Smith 358, 43.

RECESS

John Hyde brought the class to order leading songs on pages 73t and 61. Leaders: Julianna Jett 88; Elene Stovall 528; Gravis Ballinger 300; Judy Caudle 322; Nathan Green and Norma Green 108b, 104; Stuart Ivey 189, 475; Daphene Causey 203; Shelbie Sheppard 142; Madison Jett and Julianna Jett 146; Tommy George 354b.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 111b; Elsie Moon 98; Juanita Newman 166b; Karen Ivey 217; Travis Keeton 566; Ann Jett, Derrick Jett, Heath Jett, Yancey Jett, and Michael Jett 42; Ruby Bowling 434; Henry Schuman 532; Dennis George 128, 288; Lena Keeton 225t; Flarce Creel and Yancey Jett 44; John Merritt 48t; Harrison Creel and Flarce Creel 342.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 317. Leaders: Coy Ivey 212; Lomax Ballinger 168; Pauline Childers 384; Josie Hyde 507; Betty Wright 454; David Ivey 70b; Marie Aldridge 216; Mary Alice Crisco 45t; Susan Harcrow 186; Buell Cobb 33b; Rodney Ivey 512; Cassie Franklin 383; Kenneth Tate 343; Clarissa Springfield 445; Allison Ivey 31t; Philip Gilmore 378b; Gordon Wilkinson 436; Jackie Tanner 172; Brenda Merritt 336, 137.

RECESS

Coy Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 56t. Leaders: David Ivey 273 (by request for L.E. Hannah); Bernice Phillips 112; Edith Tate 333; Paula Springfield 297; Ila Ingle 442; Wanda Capps 546; Billy Williams 78; Lucy Heidorn 155; Amber Springfield 30b; Shelley Davis 405; Amanda Denson 373, 276; Cindy Franklin 198, 269.

Chairman Harrison Creel led song on page 498 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by David Ivey.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Marie Creel Aldridge; Arranging Committee - Cindy Franklin.

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama October 17, 1999

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 Secretary Mary Florence Smith, in the absence of Chairman Lonnie Rogers and Vice Chairman Johnny Wright, leading song on page 59. Roy Nelson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 37b, 268; Walter Hamrick 74t, 335; Earlis McGraw 42, 56.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Johnny Wright; Secretary - Mary F. Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 101t, 75; George Garner 47t; Johnny Wright 46, 145t; Teenie Moody 126, 317b; Marvin McElroy 155, 112; Roy Nelson 179, 498.

RECESS

Johnny Wright brought the class to order leading songs on pages 35 and 63. Leaders: Lovella Kerr Campbell 127, 161; Henry Johnson 390, 569b; Ora Johnson 349, 215; Howard McGuire 45t, 392; Floy Wilder 224, 432; Ruth Daniels 178t, 294; Burnese Harper 426, 391 (in memory of Homer Lambert who died 40 years ago today); Mildred McElroy 318, 61; Flora Skinner 434, 318; Joe Jones 147t, 164.

Joe Jones of Huntsville, Alabama gave a short talk on the life of his grandfather, M.F. McWhorter, his family, and his love of Sacred Harp music. M.F. McWhorter sang, taught singing schools, and wrote music, and was on the committee appointed in 1906 by the Sacred Harp Association that revised the present "Original Sacred Harp" that we use today. Mr. Jones spoke of some of the eleven children of M.F. McWhorter who were singers and their children and grandchildren who are now singers.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Johnny Wright leading songs on pages 87 and 40. Leaders: Mildred Patterson 146, 119; Katherine Benefield 72, 75; Corene Laminack 334, 445b; McWhorter family 317b; Kerr family 79; Henry Johnson 235; Roy Nelson 436; Walter Hamrick 111t; Lewis Norton 77t, 208, 30b; Celia Sanders 54b, 239; Earlis McGraw 358, 425b.

A short business session was held, and it was voted to have this singing on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 2000, and thereafter.

Lonnie Rogers led song on page 348b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Lewis Norton.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Johnny Wright; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama October 23, 1999

The annual Coy Putnam Memorial Singing was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

The class was organized, and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - Jack Jordan; Arranging Committee - Carmon Brothers and Eunice Kimbrell; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

Leaders: Hershell King 101, 87; Carmon Brothers 187, 58; Judy Caudle 150, 403, 78; Elder Dan Hopper 98, 147b, 287; Seth Allred 401, 59; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Will Allred 274, 354; Jennifer Allred 183, 196.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 112. Leaders: Eunice Kimbrell 129, 42; Ramona Light 138, 28; Susan Allred 480, 182; Irene Jordan 84, 405, 438; Rachel Allred 421, 159; Marilyn Burchett 335, 81; J.C. Rutledge 569, 490. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Elder Dan Hopper.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Hershell King leading song on page 97. Leaders: Mary Alice Crisco 30b, 37b; Elder J.L. Hopper 26, 352; Judy Caudle 322, 460; Gene Wakefield 136, 138t, 168; Savannah Kelly 235b, 45; Caleb Allred 87, 166; Glenda Hopper 81b, 207; Wilda Holmes "That Beautiful Land"; Carmon Brothers 340, 137; Jennifer Allred 290; Rachel Allred 68b; Marilyn Burchett 551.

Hershell King led song on page 80b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Dan Hopper.

Note: Seth Allred - age 12; Will Allred - age 4; Jennifer Allred - age 15; Rachel Allred - age 8; Savannah Kelly - age 10; and Caleb Allred - age 6 were all leaders who had attended singing school.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - Jack Jordan; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING
Embry Hills Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
October 23, 1999

The twenty-third annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at Embry Hills Methodist Church in Atlanta. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Bryan Black leading song on page 47t. The morning prayer was led by Eric Tweedy.

Leaders: John Plunkett 78; Laura Akerman 82t; Doug Allison 421, 277; Kelly Morris 147t.

The class went into business session, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Plunkett; Vice Chairlady - Helen Bryson; Secretary - Laura Akerman; Chaplain - Eric Tweedy; Arranging Committee - Kelly Morris and Doug Allison; Finance Committee - Don Bowen.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52; Helen Bryson 299, 213; Eric Tweed 347, 311; Jeannette DePoy 475, 542; Andy Anderson 49b, 49t; Margie Dietz 168, 457; Roy Nelson 145, 318; Malinda Snow 68b, 551; Reuben Ball 497, 460.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class back to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Emma Allison and Lori Allison 335; Bill Scott 85, 71; Diane Wall 120, 182; Martha Ann Stegar 479, 198; Lee Rogers 217, 350; Jack Corley 332, 300; Faye Pettis 67, 380.

Eric Tweedy asked the blessing on the noon meal.**LUNCH**

The afternoon of singing began with John Plunkett leading song on page 112. Leaders: Joan Durden 29t, 114; Karen Morris 503, 454; Don Bowen 117, 163b; Cathy White 268, 84; Larry Woodring 143, 63; Susan Scott 480, 532; Judy Mincey 501, 540; Charlene Wallace 276, 441; Elizabeth Carroll 47b, 294; Liz Bryant 142, 384; Laura Akerman 518; Roy Nelson 434; Helen Bryson 178; Kelly Morris 535b; Fran Adams 159; John Murrill 70, 216; Lee Roberts 373 (in memory of Glen Swaber).

John Plunkett led song on page 62 as the closing song. Eric Tweedy led the closing prayer.

Chairman - John Plunkett; Vice Chairlady - Helen Bryson; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

MISSISSIPPI COOPER BOOK CONVENTION
Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Morton, Mississippi
October 23, 1999

The annual Mississippi Cooper Book Convention was held at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Chairman John Merritt leading song on page 36b. The morning prayer was led by Dr. Jim Fields.

The class held a business meeting with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Merritt; Vice Chairman - Andrew Albers; Secretary - Jean Gray; Arranging Committee - Nancy Van den Akker.

Leaders: Andrew Albers 166b; Regina Glass 536; Jean Gray 154b, 108t; Jim Fields 58, 75; Don Clark 171, 186; John Etheridge 545, 300; Brenda Merritt 142; Nancy Van den Akker 440b, 319; Tommy George 348t; Bill Hogan 184b (for Bill Green), 445b; Kari Lundgren 268t, 40.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jarrod George and John Merritt leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Dennis George and Jarrod George 137, 392; Ginnie Fields 45t, 63; Charles Franklin 176t, 146; John Lee Van Horn 140, 263; Kate Merritt 168, 543b; Tim Gray 559, 192; A.E. Probst 575, 239; Warren Steel 489, "Pilgrim" (by Lazarus Jones); John Kanode 507b, 571.

A memorial lesson was conducted by John Merritt. The deceased remembered were: Gaither Jones, Louise Probst, Louise Hogan, and Durward Scarborough. "Christian Song" was led by Tim Gray in memory of his uncle, Durward Scarborough. Don Clark led "Nettie" (by Bill Green) for Robert Todd and others who were sick and shut-in. Hilton Jones (by request) led 103t from the Old School Hymnal in memory of his father, Gaither Jones. Dennis George led "Beulah Land". Elder Walter Blair closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Jarrod George leading songs on pages 358 and 145b. Leaders: Arlon Gardener 422b, 522; Theresa Hood 199, 572 (in memory of her mother); Dan Coit 128; John Merritt "Delusion"; Mark Davis 54 and 497; John L. Van Horn 378t, 45b; Walter Blair 174 (Old School Hymnal); Jim Fields 372 (Old School Hymnal); Bill Hogan 499; Haley Gray and Tim Gray 388; Warren Steel 395b, 422t; John Merritt 263 (Old School Hymnal); A.E. Probst 270.

Andrew Albers led song on page 500 as the closing song. Arlon Gardener dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Merritt; Vice Chairman - Andrew Albers; Secretary - Jean Gray.

JORDAN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH **Newell, Randolph County, Alabama** **October 24, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan's Chapel Methodist Church was held the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 101t and 75. The morning prayer was offered by the pastor of the church, Rev. Julian Murphy. B.J. Harris led songs on pages 503 and 225t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Shelbie Sheppard.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 145t, 145b, 143; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155, 108t; Roy Nelson 283, 176t, 282; Bobby Jackson 59, 81, "Mercy Seat"; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 100, 164; Everette Denney 68b, 426t, 119, 405.

RECESS

B.J. Harris called the class to order leading songs on pages 452 and 358. Leaders: Henry Johnson 47b, 48b, 77t; Lewis Norton 457, 30b, 32t.

The memorial lesson was given by Shelbie Sheppard and songs on pages 204 and 294 were sung for the following deceased: Dura Johnson, Rena Mae Henson, and Velma Richardson. Rosa Hughes had requested 204 be sung in memory of her niece, Velma Richardson. The family of Rena Mae Henson had requested that 294 be sung in her memory.

Roy Nelson was requested to lead song on page 349 for the sick and shut-ins. Elder Lewis Norton closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Lonnie Rogers leading song on page 112. Leaders: Celia Sanders 339, 354; Cecil Edwards 341, 314, 490 (for his wife, Reba Edwards); Frank Bell Reeves and Pam Brown 274; Frank Bell Reeves and Billy Mitchell 45t; Tabitha Murphy and Evelyn Harris 87, 49b, 72b; Celia Sanders 452, 146; Roy Nelson 61; Lewis Norton 410t; B.J. Harris 340; Bobby Jackson 290; Jimmie Denney 30t; Everette Denney 169; Cecil Edwards 37b; Jeff Sheppard 313t, 222 (for Vivian Rogers); class (by request) 358; Henry Johnson 295.

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers and B.J. Harris led song on page 348 as the closing song. Rev. Julian Murphy dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING Friends' Meeting House, Chicago, Illinois October 30, 1999

The second session of the University of Chicago Anniversary Singing was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by outgoing Chairman Mark Miller leading song on page 99. After welcoming remarks were given, Jim Swanson led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Kiri Miller 270; Kate Lingley 59; Jim Swanson "Sessions" (CB); Marcia Johnson 440; Jim Page "South Dakota" (by Jim Page); Bill Beverly 52.

A short business meeting was conducted with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair - Kiri Miller; Vice Chair - Kate Lingley; Secretary - Mark Miller; Chaplain - Jim Swanson; Arranging Committee - Mark Miller; Memorial Committee - Suzanne Flandreau and Jim Swanson; Resolutions Committee - Cathryn Baker; Finance Committee - Dean Slaton.

Leaders: John Seaton 47t; Berkley Moore "Lingham" (ACH); Cathryn Baker "Boulder" (by Ted Johnson); Dave Stockwell 63; Doug Stapleton 66; Pete Ellertsen "Devizes" (NHC).

RECESS

Kate Lingley brought the class to order leading song on page 178. Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau 274; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Martha Beverly "Palmetto" (CB); Dean Slaton 110; Ann Meczulski 378; Randy Neufeld 128.

Jim Swanson began the memorial lesson noting the importance in the Jewish tradition of sanctifying a space to be used for an important purpose, and its similarity to the manner in which singers are careful always to take time out of a singing, when they'd be happy to sing straight through, to sanctify time with the memorial lesson. He then expanded and inverted this relation between time, considered in human terms, measured in lives and deaths, and sanctification of it through the cessation of singing, saying that in a larger sense (i.e. not within the temporal confines of a singing), singing is an effective way to sanctify time, and with that, the passing of loved ones. He went on to recount music's relation to the final moments of several of his friends and family members' lives, and remarked on the value of that relationship and on the binding force of music on

those who celebrated the deaths. Lastly, he read the list and led song on page 159 for the deceased: Lawrence Steger, Ted Storlie, Gerry Armstrong, Gladys Johanan - Illinois; Cleo Hawkins - Mississippi; Ethel Klein - Florida.

Suzanne Flandreau continued the lesson on behalf of the sick and shut in, emotionally recounting the wonderfulness and terribleness of her thirty years of singing, meeting singers, watching them pass away or into less active phases of their lives having gone from thinking the memorial lesson a somewhat mundane and not entirely welcome adjunct to the Sacred Harp tradition to considering it to be at the core. The extent to which she has been transformed was exemplified, she believed, by the fact that in her earlier years of singing she knew no one who was on the memorial lists, but at this day's singing alone, she added five names herself, in addition to knowing a great many others. Sick and shut-ins: Linda Morris - Maryland; John Flandreau - New York; Bernice Embry, Hugh Bill McGuire, and Madeline Steel - Mississippi; Bob Scorgie and Nick Fabke - Wisconsin; John Bailey and Melanie Hauff - Illinois; Virgil Phillips and Ruby Philips - Alabama; Vivian Rogers - Georgia.

The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jim Helke 186; Susan Geil 81; Bruce Holmes 147; Sue Kessel 146; Steve Warner 89; Ted Johnson 84.

LUNCH

Kiri Miller brought the class to order leading song on page 454. Leaders: Berkley Moore 179; Judy Hauff 332; Patrick McGuire 59; Steve Warner 203; Rosemary Greenaway 384; Kelly Brest van Kempen 312; Pete Ellertsen 89; Randy Neufeld 80; Dave Stockwell 155; Martha Beverly 212; Mark Miller 183; Marcia Johnson 436; Doug Stapleton 344; Jim Page 216; Jim Helke 501; Melanie Hauff 215; Bill Beverly 86; Ted Johnson 269; Ann Meczulski 339; Dean Slaton 348b; Jim Swanson 133; Susan Geil 410.

RECESS

Mark Miller brought the class to order leading song on page 267. Leaders: Martin Pergler 455; Ariel Weinburger 47b; Violet Stark 358; Rosemary Greenaway 163; Sue Kessel 236; Cathryn Baker 472; Ann Meczulski 361; Melanie Hauff 542; Bill Beverly 503; Martin Pergler 268.

RECESS

Kate Lingley brought the class to order leading song on page 196. Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau 148; Jim Page 550; Martha Beverly 430; Pete Ellertsen 473; Kelly Brest van Kempen 335; Berkley Moore 85; Judy Hauff 528; Patrick McGuire 49.

Chair Kiri Miller called for committee reports.

The finance committee reported that expenses for the singing had been met.

The Arranging Committee reported that 33 leaders had led 69 songs for 47 registries and approximately 55 attendees, some coming from Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, and Ontario.

The Resolutions Committee gave the following report:

"Let us first resolve to be thankful to God for providing us with the gift of song with which to sing His praise... And whereas we could not enjoy such company or carry on the tradition and love of this music without dedicated people, let us resolve to be thankful for all those who have helped this fledgling Hyde Park group come to existence and carry on for these past two years. We would like to make a special resolution for Suzanne Flandreau who has tirelessly listened to our ideas and helped to shape them even more surely than we sometime named our notes... The weekly singings have also benefited greatly from the presence of Doug Stapleton and Bruce Holmes... The undergrads, especially the first year

students, should be thanked...They have shown great persistence in coming each week to the singings in the neighborhood and even getting us to sing songs we don't know, because they don't know what we have sung a hundred times...Let's be resolute in thanking the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers for all their assistance to us, morally, emotionally, and in actual task assistance... Which brings us to thankfulness and appreciation for all those who brought food, and those who enjoyed it...There are people who do lots of work to pull these singings off. To that end, let's resolve to thank all the officers and committees. You who have come from downstate Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ontario are part of what helps maintain the links of our fellowship, much as circuit preachers once did for the singing schools in earlier times. So we much appreciate the time you have taken to join us in song and fellowship and hope to join you in your singings. We are mindful that the music is primarily for the praise of God and joy in the creation and that we are only here a short while, so we need to be mindful of how we live..."

The resolutions were approved for addition to the minutes of the singing by unanimous consent.

Announcements were made. Kiri Miller led song on page 347 as the closing song. Chaplin Jim Swanson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Kiri Miller; Vice Chairman - Kate Lingley; Chaplain - Jim Swanson; Secretary - Mark Miller.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas

October 30-31, 1999

Saturday, October 30

The fall session of the ninety-ninth annual session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas beginning on Saturday, October 30. Chairman John Baker opened at 9:30 a.m. leading songs on pages 41 and 335. Elder Billy Moseley offered the morning prayer. Vice Chairman Leon Ballinger led songs on pages 330t and 300; Secretary Pat Blundell 136, 159.

Leaders: Al Rogers 63, 505; Sarah Coates 331t, 198; Kevin Powell 200, 240; Cissy Moseley 573, 276; Dick Steil 72, 268t; Olivia Powell 132, 168; Doris Hanks 355, 450; B.E. Matthews 522, 578 ("Love At Home"); Robert Handel 410, 50t.

RECESS

John Baker brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Owen Ross 489, 230; Paul Wyatt 453b, 488b; Cindy Kissee 33, 47b; D.J. Hatfield 201, 98; Ophelia Matthews 507b, 511b; H.P. O'Mary 71t, 31t; Ernestine Pipkin 497, 186; Johnny Lee 53, 500; Kelly Beard 402, 403; Sue Hanson 137, 46; Ronald Baker 148, 128; Charlie Obert 184b, 216. B.E. Matthews offered prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Leon Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 384. Leaders: Jeb Owen 442t, 559; Liz Rogan 371, 543b; Frank Price 323b, 571; Josh Rogan 383, 365; David Moseley 196, 112; Beverly Coates 106, 392; David Polacheck 324, 38b; Nathan Morgan 76b, 558b; Myrl Jones 183, 189; Reed Coates 358, 99; Gary Rogan 541, 411; Gaylon Powell 192, 434; Catherine Rogan 293b, 146; Johnny Lee gave a demonstration of "walking time" as is the

custom in Hoboken, Georgia; Bruce Coates 395b, 39; Morris Nelms 27, 28t; Robert Vaughn 49t, 49b; Mary Bachmann 78, 568; Mike Moseley 376, 163t; Vivian Rogan 32t, 508; D.J. Hatfield 225, 122; H.P. O'Mary 61, 275b; Ernestine Pipkin 110 (December 1799, President George Washington died and this song was written), 203; Kelly Beard 288, 290.

Chairman John Baker led song on page 69 as the closing song. Bruce Coates dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, October 31

The convention was called together at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman John Baker leading songs on pages 61 and 268t. Tom Owen offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Vice Chairman Leon Ballinger 212, 217; Secretary Pat Blundell 164, 168; Nathan Morgan 270, 142; Curtis Owen 198, 204; Katie Moseley 186, 137; Liz Rogan 215, 522; B.E. Matthews 414, 434; Mary Bachmann 562, 393t; Paul Wyatt 199, 129; Cindy Kissee 53b, 42; Charlie Obert 38t, 299; Amanda Owen 192, 411; Myrl Jones 300, 572.

RECESS

John Baker brought the class to order leading song on page 408. Leaders: Vivian Rogan 49, 283t; Frank Price 127, 135; Jennifer Obeidin 196, 112; Robert Vaughn 71, 36t; Josh Rogan 182, 220; Cheryl Foreman 324, 470; Zach Rogan 280, 282; Johnny Lee 515, 569; Olivia Powell 274t, 128; Robert Handel 140, 268b; Edith Owen 489, 511b.

Leon Ballinger and Jeb Owen led song on page 122 for the memorial lesson to remember those who have passed away in the past year. Those remembered were: Carl Paris, Larry Schutz, Richard Daniels, Willia Cole, Bob Evans, Buddy Fowler, Annie D. Frank, and Frank Taylor.

Bruce Coates led song on page 147t for the sick and shut-ins: Verna Powell, Mildred Edmonds, Ed Craig, Alcie Craig, Myra Palmer, Lawson Smith, Junior Smith, Don Petries, and Charles Whitmer. Elder Robert Vaughn offered prayer to close the memorial.

LUNCH

John Baker called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 239. Leaders: Morris Nelms 422t, 505; Catherine Rogan 358, 290; Gaylon Powell 232, 235; Terre Schill 337, 383; David Polacheck 159, 484b; Sarah Coates 123b, 29t; Tom Owen 507t, 450; Al Rogers 45t, 575; Cissy Moseley 507b; Dick Steil 143, 451; Reed Coates 222, 559; Doris Hanks 411b, 444t; Judy Nieta 571, 277; George Jones 236b, 558; Beverly Coates 425b, 460; Gary Rogan 155, 304; Bruce Coates 133, 336t; Jeb Owen 381, 36b; Kevin Powell 216, 331b; Mike Moseley 285t, 40.

Chairman John Baker led song on page 62 as the closing song. Johnny Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Baker; Vice Chairman - Leon Ballinger; Secretary - Patricia Blundell.

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Heard County, Georgia** **November 6, 1999**

The singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, and was called to order by Everette Denney leading songs on pages 59 and 63. Felton Denney led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Felton Denney 72b, 73b; Josephine Denney 50b, 31b; Mary Florence Smith 27, 225t; Bernard Denney 335, 155; Margie Smith 101t, 512; Jimmie

Denney 143, 30t; Allen Fannin 73t, 142; Teenie Moody 78, 171; Lonnie Rogers 318, 222; John Plunkett 38t, 271b; Henry Johnson 285t, 388.

RECESS

Everette Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 405.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 36b (for Rosa Hughes who is in the hospital), 434 (for Dan Brittain); Howard McGuire 45t, 192; Bobby Jackson 81t, 569b; Hugh McGraw 569t, 510; B.M. Smith 475, 384, 284; Charlene Wallace 79, 85; Shelbie Sheppard 105, 484. Hugh McGraw asked the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with song on page 87. Leaders: Don Bowen 283, 548; Jeff Sheppard 540, 91; Judy Mincey 497, 287; Allen Fannin 196, 186; Syd Caldwell 150, 383; Henry Johnson 135; John Plunkett 407; Bobby Jackson 290; Lonnie Rogers 112 (for Vivian Rogers), 348b; Lonnie Rogers and Elaine McLain 358; Jimmie Denney 313t; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 167, 503; class 57, 460; Don Bowen and Syd Caldwell 77b and 34b; Teenie Moody and daughter, Alecia Green 268.

Everette Denney and Felton Denney led song on page 46 as the closing song. Howard McGuire dismissed the class with prayer.

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

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING Near Double Springs, Alabama November 7, 1999

The ninety-fourth session of the annual Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in November and was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 39b and 37b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde.

Leaders: John Hyde 61; Kenneth Tate 124, 343; Corene White 73t, 379; Vernice Phillips 112, 300; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Gladys Bonds 499, 77t; Wilton Donaldson 30, 31b; Marie Guthrie 166, 189; Earl Ballinger 187, 292; L.E. Hannah 498, 83t; Travis Keeton 348, 179; Mae Conwill 314, 298; Bobby Robbins and Lavaughn Ballinger 445, 45.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Elmer Conwill leading songs on pages 129 and 74b.

Leaders: Roma Rice 448, 49; Donald Roberson 340, 274t; Edith Tate 212, 446; Pastor Joel Hutchenson and Lavaughn Ballinger 294, 79; Eldagene Roberson 215, 203; Margaret Keeton 577, 495; Harrison Creel 111b, 512.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Larry Ballinger leading song on page 78.

Leaders: Flarce Creel 270; Elvin Guthrie 373, 398; Amber Springfield 391, 58; Willodean Barton 418, 101; Kenneth Shaddix and Jayne Fulmer 454, 358; Faye Donaldson 431, 40; Christopher Rice 384, 276; Joyce Norris 327; Betty Baccus, Ashley Cook, Julie Ann Cook, and Matthew Cook 59, 388; Dawson Adams 68; Kenneth Tate 37, 275; Josie Hyde 507; Edith Tate 532; Josie Hyde 220, 236. John Hyde and Travis Keeton led song on page 63 as the closing song. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
South of Bremen, Georgia, off Highway 27 and I-20
November 7, 1999

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Homer Benefield.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 81; Carlene Griffin 37b; Cindy Cole 222; Mildred Patterson 111b; Cathy White and Joel Goodman 178; Don Bowen 99; Jan House 155; Roy Nelson 132; Myron House 131; Mary Florence Smith 383 (in memory of her parents and grandparents, and for Rosa Hughes who is sick); Bobby Jackson 282; Teenie Moody and Micheline Beluse 430; Charles Woods 373 (in memory of the McGraw and Denson families); Andy Anderson 535; Karen Morris 485; John Whittemore 168; Jeannette DePoy 566 (for her mother and godmother); Henry Johnson 385.

The business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry; Secretary - Judy Henry.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 224.

Leaders: Evelyn Harris 84; Richard DeLong 336; Judy Mincey 538; Robbie Rivers 212; Amanda Denson-Brady 385b; Eric Tweedy 315; Reba Windom 171; Johnny Wright 455; Shelbie Sheppard 263; Syd Caldwell and Hugh McGraw 548; Al Grindon 313; Allen Fannin 378b; Toney Smith 524; Louis Hughes, Sr. 347;

Jeff Sheppard 362; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Carri Grindon 229; Kelly Morris 159; Kenneth DeLong 568; Edmund Golloday and Hugh McGraw 489b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Phillip Langley leading songs on pages 456 and 218. Leaders: Faye Pettis 532; Charles Franklin 480; Felton Denney 31; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 501; Sheri Taylor 300 (in memory of Henry Wilson); G.P. McClendon 49b; Laura Akerman 192; Rev. Loyd Toney 100; Eloise Watkins 35; Martha Ann Stegar 268; Everette Denney 426; J.W. "Bud" Oliver 42; B.M. Smith 448b; B.J. Harris 503; Lisa Webb 542; Charles Franklin 176; Amanda Denson-Brady 280; Syd Caldwell 216.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 79.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace and Richard DeLong 410 (for Jap and Joyce Walton); Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckeba 144, 84 (by request); Allen Fannin 528; Don Bowen and Jeannette DePoy 146; Josephine Denney 143; Myron House 545 (in memory of Garfield Rainwater and Henry Wilson); Judy Mincey 50b; Louis Hughes, Sr. 147; Laura Akerman 518 (in memory of Bob Hart); Henry Johnson 47b; Carri Grindon 122; Kenneth DeLong 279; Eric Tweedy 454; John Whittemore 75; Al Grindon 327; Reba Windom and Kathy James 76b.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by B.J. Harris.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

**ALVIS BROTHERS AND B.I. WOOD MEMORIAL SINGING
Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama
November 7, 1999**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Ron Crocker leading song on page 47t. Othie Chamblee led the morning prayer. Carmon Brothers led songs on pages 74t, 172, and 512 in memory of Alvis Brothers.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Ron Crocker; Vice Chairman - Lamar Smith; Secretary - Hazel Brothers; Arranging Committee - Ella Ruth Chamblee and Ruby Brothers. Leaders: Ron Crocker 146; Seth Crocker 452b; Andrew Crocker 128, 127; Danielle Crocker 49t, 401, 36b; John Merritt 358, 68b; Amy Crocker 48t, 354b; Brenda Merritt 129, 124; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 76b, 343b, "That Beautiful Land".

RECESS

Ron Crocker brought the class to order leading song on page 147t. Leaders: Carmon Brothers and Ruby Brothers 569b, 112, 340; Billie Dean Waid, Gloria Hutchens, Avie Blackwood, and Doris Brown "What A Day That Will Be" (OSH), "A Light At The River" (OSH), 490, 119; Phil Brothers 274t, 361; Hazel Brothers, Kathy Brothers, and Sherry Tanner 460, "Brown", 141, 373; Linda Thomas 345b, 39t, 73b; Milton Oliver 335, 321.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ron Crocker leading song on page 38b. Leaders: Coleman Crocker 75, 138b; Deborah Ritch 385b; Chita Blakeley 57, 123t; Joycie Wooten and Ovada Carr 122, 40; Ella Ruth Raines and Billie Dean Waid 39b, 77, 495; Andrew Crocker 294, 388; Danielle Crocker 159, 84, 87, 143; Amy Crocker 410t, 45t, 235b; Andrew Crocker 58, 59, 31t, 445b; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 448b, 448t; Deborah Ritch 490.

Ron Crocker led song on page 285t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Cook.

Chairman - Ron Crocker; Vice Chairman - Lamar Smith; Secretary - Hazel Brothers.

**SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Near Cordele, Georgia
November 7, 1999**

The eightieth session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order by Chairman Timothy Meeks leading song on page 59. Chaplain Jon Robinson offered the opening prayer.

Chairman Timothy Meeks appointed the following committees: Arranging Committee - Jon Robinson; Nominating Committee - Richard Johnson and Wesley Haley; Memorial Committee - Joyce Harrison and Bonnie Flowers. Leaders: Timothy Meeks 318; Rita Haley 63, 268; Joyce Harrison 461, 328; Jon Robinson 196, 354b; David Grant 494, 546; David Ivey 410t, 503; Karen Ivey 31t, 155; Richard Ivey 567, 480; Rodney Ivey 225t, 39b; Sarah Harcrow 40, 101t.

RECESS

Timothy Meeks brought the class to order leading song on page 452. Leaders: Elene Stovall 171, 186; Coy Ivey 176b, 145; Richard Johnson 273, 454; Bonnie Flowers 475, 172; Raymond Hamrick 350, 354t; Mary Brownlee 47b, 501; Estelle Flowers 270, 216; Patty Collins 209, 490.

A business session was held for the purpose of presenting a slate of officers for the coming year. Those nominated were: President - Timothy Meeks; Vice President - David Grant; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Joyce Harrison; Chaplain - Jon Robinson. These officers were duly elected. The new officers' terms begin at the close of this convention. Next in business, the singings for the coming year were reviewed and changes made. The convention called for correspondence from other singing associations. There was none. In general business, a motion was made and seconded to explore acquiring a portable facility for the singing at Andrew's Chapel/Schoolhouse. A committee consisting of Mary Brownlee and Rita Haley was formed to research this and spend the money to rent such a facility, if needed. In other business, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to give Secretary/Treasurer, Rita Haley and her husband, Wesley, \$100 for the printing of the 1998 minutes. Bobby and Barbara Sizemore came before the convention to ask for a new singing to be held at Westville the second Saturday in October. A motion was made, seconded, and discussion ensued concerning this proposal. The convention did not pass this new singing, but the parties were asked to research the national singing calendar and come back next year with a proposal for the singing date. Lebanon Church informed the convention that the church membership invites the convention back as long as it wishes to meet here. President Timothy Meeks thanked the membership for their continued hospitality. Delegate Pam Timms asked the convention to hold a singing school to help increase participation in South Georgia. A motion was made and seconded to provide information to anyone interested in organizing a singing school in the area. The motion carried unanimously. The Treasurer's report was duly accepted. The business session was closed with a prayer led by Chaplain Jon Robinson.

LUNCH

Timothy Meeks opened the afternoon session with songs on pages 314 and 94. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 290, 291; Stuart Ivey 299, 189; Worth Ellis and Sumner Ellis 82t, 87; Sarah Harcrow and Ivey Ellis 45t; Zach Ellis and Richard Ivey 146; Myrtice Meeks and Brittany Rewis 129, 206; George Corbin 473, 164; Marjorie Robinson 373, 491.

A memorial service was held at this time. Joyce Harrison announced the following deceased: Michael Pate. Bonnie Flowers led song on pages 340 and 347. Joyce Harrison led songs on pages 120 and 122 for the sick and shut-ins: Mildred Dumas, Sara Akin, and Doris Haley. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Timothy Meeks 236; Wesley Haley 479, 198; Bonnie Rewis 441, 513; Doris Sills 147t, 147b; Sandra Wilkinson 384, 282; Lamar Robinson 358, 34t; Sharon Hamrick 460, 276, 47t; Luanne Turner 515, 523; Otis Hester 383, 498, 542; Opal Holloway 335, 334; Kay Robinson 81t, 312b; Bonnie Flowers 178. President Meeks closed the convention by asking for announcements of other singings and led song on page 62 as the closing song. Chaplain Jon Robinson offered the closing prayer.

President - Timothy Meeks; Vice President - David Grant; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING
Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm,
Dodgeville, Wisconsin
November 13, 1999

The thirteenth annual Southern Wisconsin Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. Brad Hunnicutt called the class to order at 10:30 a.m. leading song on page 148. John Seaton led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Virginia Warren 159; John Seaton 47t; Eleanor Haase 84; Dick Dunagan 271; Janet Fraembs 186; Paul Wyatt 129; Lisa Grayson 278b; Gary Gronau 270; Peggy Brayfield 195; James Page "South Dakota"; Midge Olsen 66; Myles Alexander 53; Karen Hojnacki 208.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Jim Page; Chaplain - John Seaton; Secretary - Val Dunagan; Arranging Committee - Paula Goode and Johanna Fabke; Memorial Committee - Janet Fraembs and Johanna Fabke.

RECESS

Jim Page called the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Suzanne Flandreau 163t; Matt Wells 196; Joyce Anderson 68b; John Bailey 318; Becky Browne 474; Jim Helke 496; Jan Ketelle 168; Mark Miller 480; Denise Kania 350; Ted Mercer 444; Carol Crawford 250; Mike Veech 547; Martha Henderson 383; Terry Hogg 473; Kiri Miller 282; Gordon Olsen 503; Shelley Robbins 143; Lee Steinmetz 163b. John Seaton led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Brad Hunnicutt called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 34b, 35, and 294. Leaders: Jenny Willard 299; Val Dunagan 128; Johanna Fabke "Boulder" (composition by Ted Johnson); Donald Baker 133; Kit Pfau 32t.

The memorial lesson was held with Janet Fraembs leading song on page 472 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered: Bob Scorgie and Nick Fabke - Wisconsin; John Flandreau - New York; Hugh Bill McGuire, Madeleine Steele, and Bernice Embry - Mississippi. Johanna Fabke led song on page 236 for the deceased: Ursula Woodfield - New York; Janice Yokeum - Wisconsin; Ethel Klein - Florida; Maurice Faubion - Arizona. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Ted Johnson 89; Kathy Kaiser 37b; Doug Stapleton 280; Christine Stevens 146; Jim Crawford 268; Melanie Hauff 215; Keith Willard 144.

RECESS

Jim Page called the class to order leading song on page 65. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 436; Dean Slaton 536; Karen Hojnacki 155; Gary Gronau 137; LaVerne Walsh 254; Julie Ve a 564; Bruce Holmes 147t; Becky Browne 142; Mark Miller 320; Jan Ketelle 220; Gordon Olsen 497; Melanie Hauff 203.

RECESS

Julie Ve a brought the final session to order leading song on page 209. Leaders: Dick Dunagan 284; Denise Kania 99; John Bailey 145b; John Seaton 269; Jenny Willard 422; Lee Steinmetz 565; Kiri Miller 542; Ted Mercer 448b; Keith Willard 74b.

Announcements were made. Jim Page led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Seaton led the closing prayer.

Chairman - Jim Page; Secretary - Val Dunagan.

DALLAS COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION
First Primitive Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
November 13, 1999

The annual Dallas County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Beverly Coates leading songs on pages 34b and 56t. Owen Ross offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Owen Ross 454; Marcelene Hardy 112; Monnie Ross 49t; Edith Owen 480; Michael Moseley 318; Nancy Powell 47t; Robert Handal 440; Zach Rogan 280; Myra Palmer 273; Jeb Owen 328; Ernestine Pipkin 218; Curtis Owen 66; Liz Rogan 216; Reed Coates 504; Robert Vaughn 491; Cheryl Foreman 350; H.P. O'Mary 341; Myrl Jones 302.

RECESS

Bruce Coates brought the class together leading song on page 63. Leaders: Donald Ross 481; Catherine Rogan 127; Dr. William Reynolds 128; Ellen Strayhorn 36b; Leon Ballinger 405; Cissy Moseley 532; Tom Owen 528; Sarah Coates 183; Avon Miller 550; Diane Ross 503; Scott Curran 142; Mary Bachmann "Glory Land" (own composition); Michele Rogan 455; Elder Clifford Gowens 35. The blessing on the food was offered by Elder Clifford Gowens.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bruce Coates. Leaders: Kay Pruitt 58; Vivian Rogan 163b; Esther Huckaby 270; Beverly Coates 524; Owen Ross 220; Marcelene Hardy 172; Monnie Ross 286; Edith Owen 441; Michael Moseley 76b; Nancy Powell 85; Robert Handal 153; Zach Rogan 186; Myra Palmer 208; Jeb Owen 548; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Curtis Owen 490; Liz Rogan 178; Reed Coates 212; Robert Vaughn 347.

A Memorial Lesson was held with Bruce Coates reading the list of names of those singers and friends who had died in the past year, and Tom Owen led song on page 499b. Those remembered: Ollie Reed, Leedell Pepper, Joe Nelson, and Richard Daniels.

Bruce Coates read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 39b to honor singers and friends: Mildred Edmonds, Nora Fowler, Lawson Smith, and Junior Smith. The Memorial was closed.

Announcements were made of upcoming singings.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 515; H.P. O'Mary 335; Myrl Jones 189; Donald Ross 152; Catherine Rogan 551; Catherine Rogan 551; Ellen Strayhorn 48t; Cissy Moseley 566; Tom Owen 498; Sarah Coates 442; Avon Miller 453; Diane Ross 497; Scott Curran 171; Mary Bachmann 489; Michele Rogan 198; Kelly Beard 134, 475; Katie Moseley 222.

Bruce Coates led song on page 549b as the closing song. Donald Ross dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Bruce Coates; Arranging Committee - Vivian Rogan and Reed Coates; Secretary - Beverly Coates.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Nashville, Tennessee
November 13, 1999

The fifteenth annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Immanuel Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, and was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 59. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds led song on page 159.

Leaders: Clayton Ezell 300, 182; Gordon Wilkinson 475, 318; David Carlton 102, 89; Sandie Scott 40, 128; Fay Thompson 53, 64; Hibbard Thatcher 49b, 84; Seth Holloway 354b, 388; Bob Simmons 361, 143.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading songs on pages 144 and 335.

Leaders: David Hamrick 146, 45t; Mack Kettem 81t, 48t; Pam Beziat 147t, 133; Brenda Merritt 142, 168; John Merritt 268, 110, 358 (for Thelma Ezell Elliott); Gary Smith 68b, 34b.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class to order leading songs on pages 73t and 66.

Leaders: Glenda Hopper 104, 81b; Judy Caudle 360, 150; J.L. Hopper 71, 174, 543; Jon Mandeville 31b, 49t; Clair Sayles 178, 107; Marilyn Burchett 551 (for Alice Gant), 29t; Sarah Smith 129, 108; Darrell Holley 324, 73b; Tim Reynolds 42, 130 (by request).

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 566 as the closing song. Clayton Ezell dismissed the class with prayer.

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

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION

Richmond, Virginia

November 13-14, 1999

Saturday, November 13

The eighth annual James River Convention was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November. The Saturday session was held in Spence Hall, Second Baptist Church. The Sunday session was held at the Dorey Recreation Center.

The class was called to order by Blake Morris leading song on page 335. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Sandra Polaski. Stephen McMaster, outgoing Chairman, greeted everyone and led song on page 77b.

Leaders: Gail Doss 29t; Don Polaski 73b; Mary Wright 82t; Kathy Manning 128; Craig Baughan 178; Sandra Polaski 217; Blake Morris 378t; Kelly Macklin 53; Homer Rudolph 47b; Guy Bankes 565; Mary DeNys 72b; Jim Wantland 318; Paula McGray 216; Chris Sepic 86; Marty DeNys 133; John Daniel delRe 49b; Evan Duncan 224.

RECESS

The class was called together with Tom Tucker leading song on page 35. Leaders: Cathy Tucker 34b; John delRe 399; Stephen Holland 155; Mary Ann Daly 372; Doron Henkin 270; Hal Kunkel 36b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Gail Doss; Vice Chairman - Pat Temple; Secretary - Mary Wright; Treasurer - Blake Morris. Leaders: Tom Tucker 42; Frank Evans 501; Gail Doss 99; Mary Wright 290; Don Polaski 339; Kathy Manning 222; Craig Baughan 117; Sandra Polaski 495; Fred Beardsley 454; Blake Morris 73t; Cathy Tucker 148; Homer Rudolph 354b; Evan Duncan 513; Doron Henkin 236 (requested by George Tutwiler); Jim Wantland 198; Kelly Macklin 218; Mary Ann Daly 481; Tom Tucker 369; Guy Bankes 515; Leyland delRe 326; Kelsey Taylor 278b; Chris Sepic 68t; Stephen Holland 455; Mary DeNys 274t; Pat Temple 49t. Chaplain Don Polaski gave the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order with Chris Sepic leading song on page 40. Leaders: Paula McGray 377; Marty DeNys 287; Doron Henkin 288; Hal Kunkel 162; Frank Evans 200; Mary Wright 58; Don Polaski 228; Kathy

Manning 528; Craig Baughan 229; Cathy Tucker 144; Stephen McMaster 446; Jim Wantland 232; Blake Morris 291; Fred Beardsley 110; Homer Rudolph 315; Blake Morris 475; Evan Duncan 84; John delRe 32t; Sandra Polaski 344; Gail Doss 504; Pat Temple 556b.

RECESS

Stephen McMaster brought the class to order leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Mary Ann Daly 415; Tom Tucker 282; Kelly Macklin 428; Stephen Holland 350; Chris Sepic 351; Jim Wantland 159; Guy Banks 68b; Evan Duncan 45t; Mary DeNys 547; Paula McGray 546; Marty DeNys 566; Doron Henkin 380; Hal Kunkel 436; Frank Evans 209; Mary Wright 433; Don Polaski 352; Cathy Tucker 480; Craig Baughan 347; Kathy Manning 32b; Gail Doss 293.

Announcements were made. Sandra Polaski dismissed the class with prayer.

A late afternoon session organized by Blake Morris featured new music and music from sources other than "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition".

Sunday, November 14

The Sunday session was called to order by John delRe leading song on page 312b. Sandra Polaski led the opening prayer. Gail Doss greeted the convention and led song on page 59.

Leaders: Sandra Polaski 551; Blake Morris 535 (requested by George Tutwiler), 297; Mary Wright 108t; Homer Rudolph 556; Pat Temple 168; John Fedderson 378b; Kelly Macklin 206; Lynda Hambourger 171; Kathy Manning 167; Susan Kelley 159; Art Broadus 515; Clare Chapin 130; John delRe 376; Guy Banks 441; Don Polaski 102; Craig Baughan 569; Doron Henkin 53; Frank Evans 284.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Anna Taylor leading song on page 274t.

Leaders: Stephen McMaster 540; Hal Kunkel 362; Leyland delRe 127; Mary DeNys 313b; Paula McGray 572; Marty DeNys 232; Leslie Alperin 268; Lynda Hambourger 143 (requested by Judy North); Pat Temple 85 (requested by Floyd and Margaret Patterson); Fred Beardsley 532; John Fedderson 192; Kelly Macklin 260; Lynda Hambourger 300; Kathy Manning 417; Don Polaski 361; Clare Chapin 86; Art Broadus 178; John delRe 333; Guy Banks 120; Craig Baughan 390; Hal Kunkel 342. Hal Kunkel led song on page 49t, and Chaplain Don Polaski led the grace for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Mary DeNys leading song on page 148. Leaders: Doron Henkin 193; Stephen McMaster 215; Paula McGray 214; Marty DeNys 547; Leslie Alperin 155; Blake Morris 496; Leyland delRe 497.

Kelly Macklin introduced the memorial lesson. Fred Beardsley led song on page 515 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Hedy Wantland - Oklahoma; Bob Todd - Pennsylvania; Henry Bizzel - North Carolina; and Dorothy Garber - Connecticut.

Kelly Macklin read a passage from the book of Gilgamesh on the meaning of grief and led song on page 33t for the following deceased: Irma Burgess - Pennsylvania; Anne McCook and Elizabeth Peterson - North Carolina; George Lippl and Pat Lippl - Wisconsin; Jim McCarty - Massachusetts; and Sharon McLeod - Connecticut. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Gail Doss 82t, 217; Mary DeNys 34b; Sandra Polaski 146; Mary Wright 58; John Fedderson 378b; Lynda Hambourger 334.

Hal Kunkel of the Resolutions Committee recognized those without whom the convention would not have been a success:

- 1) The slate of officers;

- 2) Norma Morris at the registration desk;
- 3) Pitching by Blake Morris, Paula McGray and John Feddersen;
- 4) Jim and Judy North for the forms and bookmarks;
- 5) Housing by Blake Morris, George Tutwiler, Homer Rudolph, and Stephen McMaster for their exceptional efforts in the kitchen and the contributors to the alternative singing.

Blake Morris gave the Treasurer report.

Leaders: Blake Morris 195; Clare Chapin 162; John delRe 486; Brian Sears 481; Guy Bankes 384; Craig Baughan 277; Doron Henkin 224; Paula McGray 74b; John Daniel delRe 101; Hal Kunkel 521; Stephen McMaster 56b; Marty DeNys 347; Leyland delRe 101b; Leslie Alperin 228; Don Polaski 269; Mary DeNys 81t; Blake Morris 179.

Chaplain Sandra Polaski gave the benediction. Gail Doss led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

The James River Convention will meet next year on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November, November 11-12, 2000.

Chairman - Gail Doss; Vice Chairman - Pat Temple; Secretary - Mary Wright.

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Oxford, Alabama

November 14, 1999

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November, and was called to order by Billy Joe Harris leading songs on pages 32t and 34b. The morning prayer was led by Felton Denney. Roy Nelson led song on page 82t; B.M. Smith 475, 182; Pearl Guier 127, 40.

The business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Billy J. Harris 452; Harvey Austin 335, 108t; Margie Smith 499; Randall Smith and Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Charlene Wallace 99, 283; John Plunkett 98, 279; Betty Wright 89, 405; Everette Denney 161, 137; Daphene Causey 225b; Jewel Wootten 176t, 186.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 318. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 29t, 42; Mary Florence Smith 324, 325; Jim Solheim 148, 192; Cindy Franklin 177, 507; Dennis George 568, 112; Elene Stovall 436, 222; Harrison Creel 498, 530; B.M. Smith 358, 294 (by request).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Roy Nelson leading song on page 145. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 435, 278t; Shelbie Sheppard 296, 418; Bud Oliver 406, 383; Cassie Franklin 277, 57; Henry Johnson 565, 288; Louise Nelson 350; Jimmie Denney 101t, 30t; Lou Cotney 212, 189; Jackie Tanner 138t, 299; Edith Tate 532, 73t; Felton Denney 225t (for Lonnie and Vivian Rogers), 566; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Bobby Jackson 569, 290; Laura Akerman 404, 304; George Garner 454; Ora Martin 426b, 208; Jeff Sheppard 336, 129 (for Mozelle Sheppard); Ruth Brown 63, 73b (for Alice Edwards); Jim Solheim 142. Announcements were made. Billy J. Harris and Roy Nelson led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Louis Hughes, Sr. Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Roy Nelson; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia
November 20, 1999

The annual Cross Roads Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by George Garner leading song on page 59. Lonnie Rogers led the opening prayer. George Garner led song on page 47t; Miranel Swafford 32t, 348b; Mary Florence Smith 72b, 45t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Miranel Swafford; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith. Leaders: B.M. Smith 284, 441; Philip Langley 456; Eric Morgan 401, 274t; Bradford West 378b; Karen House 30t, 373; Denny Rogers 318; Jeff Colby 146, 67; Mirjana Lausevic 455; Eliza Cavanaugh 299, 203; Tim Eriksen 68b, 34t; Bernice Harper 358, 354b; Shelbie Sheppard 81b, 186.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 222. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 268, 37b; Peter Irvine 288, 112; Cath Oss 276, 448b; Lonnie Rogers 101t, 225t; Laura Clawson 95; Allison Schofield 457, 163b; Kshama Ananthapura 178, 294; Kate Richardson 335, 148.

George Garner and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by C.W. Garner.

Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Miranel Swafford.

SACRED HARP MEMORIAL SINGING
Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center, Cullman, Alabama
November 21, 1999

The annual Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Elvin Guthrie leading song on page 48t. Velton Chafin offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 58t (in memory of his father, Harlie Guthrie); Mae Conwill 274t, 206; Gene Wakefield 136, 101t; Mary Alice Crisco 344b; Julie Postum 421, 145b; Pernie Pelfrey 129, 83t; Faye Donaldson 138t, 371; Amber Springfield 528, 49b; Billy Williams 231 (in memory of Charles Grant), 28b; Marie Guthrie 389, 280; Gennie Nelms 391, 441 (in memory of her father, Harlie Guthrie); Travis Keeton 432, 146 (in memory of Charles Grant).

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Velton Chafin 130, 324 (in memory of Preston Crider); Corene White 216, 403; Larry Ballinger 123t, 119; Brenda Merritt 430, 542 (in memory of Ava Crider); Elmer Conwill 44b, 179; Josie Hyde 182, 434; John Merritt 118, 77t (in memory of Lindsey Crider); John Hyde 297, 63; Imogene Barton 290, 498; Leon Ballinger 84, 405; Eldagene Roberson 29t, 306. Glenn Keeton offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Elvin Guthrie called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 460 (in memory of Essie Calvert). Leaders: David Roberson 100, 155, 220; Odie

Horton 97, 200; Josie Hyde 234; Corene White 37b (in memory of Una B. Howard); Faye Donaldson 270; Brenda Merritt 300; Mary Jane Crisco 82; Eldagene Roberson 144; Imogene Barton 145t; Larry Ballinger 107; John Hyde 159; Velton Chafin 456 (in memory of Preston Crider); Eron White 384 (in memory of Una B. Howard and Douglas Howard); Velton Chafin 451. Announcements were made. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Calhoun, Georgia** **November 21, 1999**

The annual all day singing on the third Sunday in November was called to order by Chairman Judy Mincey leading song on page 59. Ed Smith led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 31t; Ed Smith 288, 222; Lee Rogers 52t, 273; Jeannette DePoy 565, 277; Laura Clawson 171, 345b; Allison Schofield 106, 142; Andy Anderson 49b, 515b; Eric Morgan 89, 58; Kathy White 155, 84; Don Bowen 228, 474; Karen House 440, 503.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading song on page 168.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers:

Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Arranging Committee - Jeannette DePoy; Memorial Committee - Judy Mincey.

Leaders: Jeff Colby 131b; Kate Richardson 73t; Bradford West 179, 383; Cath Oss 48t; Tim Eriksen 83b; Mirjana Lausevic 217; Peter Irvine 270, 68b; Richard DeLong 134, 39b; Kshama Ananthapura 33b; Eliza Cavanaugh 30t; Bonnie Flowers 456.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Ted Mercer 209, 185; Louis Hughes, Sr. 63, 540; Coy Ivey 566, 120; Faye Pettis 67, 380; Hugh McGraw 567; Charlene Wallace 314; Henry Johnson 570, 77b; Bud Oliver 345t, 145b; Jeff Sheppard 121, 313t; Loy Garrison 34b, 70b; Linda Sides 415, 225t; B.M. Smith 28b, 99; John Hollingsworth 36t.

Judy Mincey presented the memorial lesson and led song on page 235 for the deceased, and song on page 50b for the sick and shut-ins. Louis Hughes, Sr. closed the memorial with prayer.

RECESS

Phillip Langley brought the class to order leading song on page 200. Leaders: Margie Dietz 189 (in memory of Horace DeLong), 108b; Eric Tweedy 163b, 454; Nancy Allen 45t; Marty Smith 383, 77t; Chris Tweedy 147t; Liz Bryant 542, 475; Betty Wright 358; Betty Wright and Don Bowen 347; Kenneth Smith and Rory Smith 44, 341; Estelle Flowers 345b, 176b; Floyd Peters and Kenneth Smith 70 (EH).

Judy Mincey and Ed Smith led song on page 348b as the closing song. Marty Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION
Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama
November 27-28, 1999

Saturday, November 27

The one hundredth session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 37b. Elder Edwin Farris offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Jeff Sheppard 65; Vice Chairman Henry Johnson 48t; Secretaries Jewel Wootten and Linda Thomas 56t; Harrison Creel 348; Connie Karduck 441; Louis Hughes, Sr. 403; Don Bowen 350; Willie Mae Moon 402; Rodney Ivey 99; Cassie Franklin 475; Jeannette DePoy and Bud Oliver 39b; Buell Cobb 138b; Elder Edwin Farris 285t; Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger 299; Erskine Vandegrift 63; Beth Todd 101t; Tim Cook 448t; Bonnie Flowers 229; Kelly House 362; David Hough 33b; Seth Holloway 388.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class together leading song on page 56b. Leaders: Judy Mincey 538; Everette Denney 405; Carol Buche 143; Terry Hogg 212; Beverly Coates 150; Jenny Willard 434; Jon Gregg 84; Karen Hojnacki 480; Jerry Enright 300; Laura Akerman 224; Matt Wells 503; Lee Rogers 211; Samuel Sommers 386; Lynne deBenedette 442; Bob Meek 454; Karen House 306; Joe Todd 383; Michele Cull 36b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 146. Leaders: Laura Clawson 282; Berkley Moore 473; Christine Stevens 277; Jim Solheim 218; Katharine Hough 496; Jeff Bell 34t; Karen Buche 421; John Redman 236; Amber Springfield 391; Leon Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 110; Brenda Waters 68b; Earlis McGraw 414; Martha Henderson 57; Gary Gronau 137 (for Virgil Phillips). Elder Edwin Farris welcomed everyone. Harrison Creel offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dennis George leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Thomas Willard 155; Felicia Stevens 421; Reba Dell Windom 192; Elder Ricky Harcrow 145t.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers with the following elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretaries - Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall; Chaplain - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Max Berueffy, Jackie Tanner, and Cindy Franklin; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown, Becky Browne, and Charlene Wallace; Finance Committee - Don Bowen, Willie Mae Moon, and Rodney Ivey; Resolutions Committee - Sarah Harcrow, Bud Oliver, and Jim Carnes. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 326; Bob Cull 178; Denise Morris 528; Sarah Harcrow 159; Ted Mercer 564; Roberta Goodell 547; Louis Hughes, Jr. 411; Richard DeLong 320; Charlene Wallace 347; Reed Coates 220; B.M. Smith 73t; Bruce Coates 535; John Etheridge 74b; Karen Freund 378b; Keith Willard 80t; Charles Franklin 117; Daryl Mayberry Chesney and Richard Chesney 87; Estelle Flowers 345b; Dennis George "Beulah Land" (by request of Virgil Phillips).

RECESS

Cindy Franklin and Shelbie Sheppard called the class together leading song on page 269. Leaders: Travis Keeton 482; Jarrod George 274; Josie Hyde 240; John

Hyde 275b; Jenni Wallace-Grate 515; Dewayne Hawthorne 426t; Elder J.L. Hopper 225b; Syble Adams 171; Duane Chesney 45t; Myra Dalton 47t; Glenn Keeton 572; Ann Jett 327; Tim Gilmore 189; Judy Caudle 180; Jim Carnes 162; Mary Holcombe, Emily Holcombe, Ryan Hale, Adam Hale, Jennifer Allred, Rachel Allred, and Will Allred 354b.

Henry Johnson and Glenn Keeton led song on page 290 for Ruby Phillips who is in the hospital. Elder Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, November 28

The Sunday morning session began with Chairman Henry Johnson leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Elder Charles Farris.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Glenn Keeton 411; Secretaries Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 217; Chaplain Harrison Creel 498; Cindy Franklin, Jackie Tanner, Max Berueffy, and Bud Oliver 270; Rodney Ivey and Don Bowen 186; Willie Mae Moon 402; Felicia Stevens 146; Eloise Watkins 426b; Gary Smith 31t; Daphene Causey 200; David Ivey 394; Becky Browne 304 (for Marie Aldridge); Sarah Smith 129; Nate Green and Norma Green 135; Betty Wright 454; Mattie Townsel 313t; Terry Hullett 37b; Darlene Dalton 503.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class to order leading song on page 201. Leaders: Mary Smith 383; Duncan Vinson 296; Sarah Harcrow and Jim Carnes 436; Milton Oliver and Alanna Blanks 496; Allison Ivey 546; Thomas Willard 36b; Jarrod George 300; Stuart Ivey 189; Reed Coates 492; Tim Dalton 33b; Richard Ivey 222; April Hall 30t; Cassie Franklin 224; Gavin Blakeley 30b; Amber Springfield 34b; Shane Wootten 29t; Teenie Moody and Tom McGraw 268.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading song on page 475. Leaders: Hershell King 176b; Thurman Nall 523b; Eloise Clark and Joyce Cauthen 276; John Bealle and Jim Cauthen 522; B.J. Harris 303; Leola Smith 318; Marlon Wootten 441; Charles Woods 210; Cecile Cox 282; Chita Blakeley 362; Toney Smith 69t; Lora Cargo 490.

The memorial lesson was presented by Ruth Brown and Becky Browne. Becky Browne invited each of us to remember those who have passed on before us and what they meant to Sacred Harp singings, and then read the list of names of the deceased: Flossie Jones, Vester Jones, Lindberg Lacy, Cecil Gilliland, and Dr. Clyde Terrell - Alabama; Florence Williams, Horace DeLong, Mary Francis Dannals, and Roxy Duffy - Georgia; Joe Nelson - Texas; Bob Moran - Illinois; Howard Rush and Richard Allison - Indiana; Sara Barnes - Kentucky; Gerrit Van Eysden - Holland. Becky Browne and Ruth Brown led song on page 195 for the deceased.

Ruth Brown stated that Sacred Harp singers are a unique group in that Sacred Harp music touches all of our lives in different ways, and it brings us together to fellowship with one another. Ruth Brown read the names of the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered: Dollie Hudgins, Mozelle Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Felton Denney, Vivian Rogers, and Lonnie Rogers - Georgia; Verla Ross - Florida; Dot Garber and Susan Garber - Connecticut; Charles Scudder - Nebraska; Martha Lang - Indiana; Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Rebecca Johnson, Woodie Walker, Elsie Beasley, Annette Flippo, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Warren Mason, Arnell Henry, and Ms. Mimms - Alabama.

Jeff Sheppard led song on page 455 for Jap and Joyce Walton. Ruth Brown and Becky Browne led songs on pages 340 and 285t to honor the sick and shut-ins. Louis Hughes, Sr. closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Bruce Coates, Beverly Coates, and Reed Coates 66.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Matt Wells leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Wanda Capps 142; George Cox 569b; Evelyn Harris 47t; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 384; J.A. Mosley 365; Susan Harcrow 269.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports.

Sarah Harcrow gave the Resolutions Committee report.

On behalf of the entire class of the one hundredth annual Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention, we offer hearty thanks to all those who have made this convention possible:

- 1) To Almighty God, for the gift of life, health, music, and fellowship;
- 2) Our forbears who have preserved this tradition through the generations;
- 3) The members and pastors of Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church for opening their doors to us;
- 4) Everyone who had a hand in preparing the bountiful meals and refreshments;
- 5) The officers and committees of the convention for their able leadership;
- 6) Those who came from far and near, and to those who arranged or provided for their accommodations;
- 7) The local singers who once again have made us all feel at home.

Respectfully submitted: Bud Oliver, Jim Carnes, and Sarah Harcrow.

Shelbie Sheppard gave the report for the "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings". Balance on hand as of November 20, 1998, \$11,708.26; deposit of \$551.50; balance on hand as of January 20, 1998 was \$12,259.76. Printing of book for 1998-1999 - \$4,858.45; postage/ mailing supplies for books \$796.01. Balance (after expenses) on hand as of January 28, 1999 - \$6,605.30; deposits for 1999 - \$7,841.00. Balance on hand as of November 24, 1999 - \$14,446.30. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept this report.

Jeff Sheppard discussed the new organization which had been formed to promote Sacred Harp music, the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association. A proposal was made to the Convention to place the handling of the "Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings" under this organization. A discussion was held. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the proposal.

Linda Thomas gave the Convention Financial Report. Balance brought forward \$1,740.61; collection \$917.00; total \$2,657.61. Supplies \$124.37; chicken \$77.72; B-B-Q \$100.00; gift to church \$250.00; cleaning of church \$75.00; minutes \$60.00. Total expenses \$687.09. Balance (after expenses) \$1,970.52. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the report as given.

Elene Stovall reported that over the two-day period: 188 songs were led; 245 leaders led; and 21 states were represented.

The business session was closed.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn 448t; Jerry Enright 77t; Samuel Sommers 112; Joe Todd and Beth Todd 373; Charles Franklin 480; Karen Buche and Carol Buche 99; Linton Ballinger and Leon Ballinger 208; Karen Freund and Lynne deBenedette 42.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 448b. Leaders: David Hough and Katharine Hough 128; Laura Clawson, Kelly House, and Karen House 61; Freeman Wootten and Marlon Wootten 48b; Roberta Goodell 228; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 460; Robert Cull, Michelle Cull, Bob Meek, Denise Morris, and Brenda Waites 312b; Estelle Flowers and Bonnie Flowers

172; Louis Hughes, Sr. and Reba Dell Windom 196; John Redman 358; Connie Karduck 456; Judy Mincey, Lee Rogers, and Laura Akerman 540; Shelley Davis, Flarce Creel, Cindy Franklin, Wanda Capps, Cassie Franklin, and Harrison Creel 39b; Jeff Bell, Martha Henderson, and Christine Stevens 497; Berkley Moore 215; Jim Solheim, Jim Wood, and Jenni Wallace-Grate 532; Ruth Brown and Rodney Ivey 182; Edith Tate and Bud Oliver 73t; Joan Aldridge and Elene Stovall 198; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 512.

Henry Johnson, Glenn Keeton, and Harrison Creel led song on page 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretaries - Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall.

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL (GANUS, WILFORD, AND CLIFFORD)

Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama November 28, 1999

The twenty-ninth session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 48t. Mary Alice Wakefield offered the morning prayer.

The class organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - John Hyde.

Leaders: Gene Wakefield 101t, 100; Debra Wakefield 37b, 421; Willodean Barton 119, 290, 454; Ivalene Donaldson 61, 81t; Faye Donaldson 124, 270; Mary Alice Wakefield 145b, 145t; Wilton Donaldson 31b, 111b; Betty Baccus and her grandchildren (Julie Cook, Ashley Cook, Mathew Cook, Gordon Baccus, and Joseph Baccus) 59, 388, 358.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 499 and 288.

Leaders: John Merritt 278b, 268, 240; Anne Steel 171, 110, 47t; Brenda Merritt 142, 434; Lavaughn Ballinger 38b, 313; Gravis Ballinger 78, 34b; Earl Ballinger 319, 177; Helen Langsford 480 (in memory of her brothers, Wilford Wakefield and Clifford Wakefield), 391; family of the late S.L. and Catherine Wakefield (Cecil Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Helen Langsford, Julie Postum, Fayrene Wakefield, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, Betty Baccus, Kathy McKannon, and Mary Alice Wakefield) 159, 333, 408.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Gene Wakefield leading song on page 284. Leaders: Warren Steel 150, 74t, 411; Jayne Fulmer 99, 147, 210; Pernie Pelfrey 147b, 371; Larry Wakefield 569b, 339; Larry Ballinger 321, 148; Josie Hyde 298, 426t (for Hazel Wakefield), 310 (for L.E. Hannah); Julie Postum 278b, 421; Cecil Wakefield 134, 153, 146; Elmer Conwill 300, 460; Joyce Hubbit 209, 327; Roma Rice 390, 104; L.E. Hannah and Julie Creel 187, 44; Clara Stults 322, 79; John Hyde 544, 73t, 297; Willodean Barton and Travis Keeton 475; Travis Keeton 424; Gene Wakefield 225b.

Travis Keeton and Gene Wakefield led song on page 452 as the closing song.

Cecil Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Gene Wakefield; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Panama City, Florida

December 4-5, 1999

Saturday, December 4

The thirty-second session of the Florida State Convention was held at the Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December, 1999, and was called to order by President Leon Ballinger leading songs on pages 49t and 212. The morning prayer was offered by Jim Ballinger. Leaders: First Vice President John Etheridge 422b; Secretary Victoria Aplin 88b; Secretary Aubrey Barfield 497; John Schaffer 332; B.M. Smith 559; David Roberson 98; Bob Bonnell 511b; Carol Selleck 282; Velton Chafin 86; Ann Jett 515; Kennon Smith 239; Eloise Watkins 478.

RECESS

John Etheridge brought the class to order leading song on page 148. Leaders: Robert Handel 536; Daphene Causey 229; M.H. Creel 54; Elsie Moon 404; Chris Valez 263; Kathy Lee 63; Eva Padgett 156; Linton Ballinger 81; Judy Mincey 411; Jerry Schreiber 203; Winston Jones 47b; Cassie Franklin 292; Frank Hataway 58; Mattie Townsel 87; Johnny Lee 47t; Regina Glass 416t; Kelly Beard 196.

RECESS

Tommie Spurlock brought the class to order leading song on page 512. Leaders: Bud Oliver 563; Jeanne Schaffer 300; Flarce Creel 571; George Cox 108t; Edith Tate 491; Joe Nall 211; Sharon Kellam 312; David Lee 38t; Carla Smith 505; Don Bowen 336t; Betty Wright 410; Hershell King 535t; Susanne Bunch 488b; Laura Akerman 224; Ernest Cockcraft 225t; Milton Oliver 503; Marie Guthrie 220; Lee Rogers 501. The class sang song on page 369 as the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Leon Ballinger leading song on page 277. Leaders: S.T. Reed 569; Ernestine Pipkin 78; Jim Ballinger 508; Cecile Cox 500; Wanda Capps 193; Bobby Jackson 199; Liz Bryant 392; Katharine Manning 393t; Danny Creel 76b; Sarah Smith 49b; Morgan Bunch 186; Willie Mae Moon 383; Dewayne Hawthorne 436b; Reba Dell Windom 572; Bill Aplin 444; Brenda Merritt 450; Stanley Smith 522.

RECESS

John Etheridge brought the class to order leading song on page 133. Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 217; Alice Williams 395b; Earl Ballinger 75; Linda Thomas 573; Juanita Hill 84; Larry Ballinger 418; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 507; John Merritt 455; Bill Farris 401; Carla Smith 400; Jerry Schreiber 39; Aubrey Barfield and Victoria Aplin 124; Johnny Lee and David Lee 138t (walked time); Lane Albritton 204, 100.

President Leon Ballinger led song on page 384 as the closing song. Bill Aplin dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 5

The Sunday morning session was called to order by President Leon Ballinger leading songs on pages 32t and 75. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Second Vice President John Etheridge 278b; Secretary Victoria Aplin 508; Secretary Aubrey Barfield 140; Stanley Smith 35; John Schaffer 314; B.M. Smith 404; David Roberson 220; Bob Bonnell 285t; Carol Selleck 540; Velton Chafin 373; Ann Jett 503; Kennon Smith 189; Eloise Watkins 515; Robert Handel 516; Daphene Causey 500; M.H. Creel 381.

RECESS

John Etheridge brought the class to order leading song on page 292b. Leaders: Johnny Lee 31b; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Linton Ballinger 511b; Sharon Kellam 137; Larry Ballinger 135; Kathy Lee 30b.

A memorial lesson was held for the deceased with Ann Jett leading song on page 339, and Linton Ballinger leading song on page 146 for the sick and shut-ins. Jim Ballinger closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Jim Ballinger 186; Jeanne Schaffer 143; Kelly Beard 29; Regina Glass 41; Don Bowen 478; Liz Bryant 447t; Lane Albritton 331t; Lee Rogers 54t; Bud Oliver 440; Betty Wright 89; Danny Creel 182. Announcements were made. The class sang song on page 369 as the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Leon Ballinger and John Etheridge leading song on page 288.

Leaders: David Lee 382; Eva Padgett 168; Judy Mincey 376; Frank Hataway 290; Laura Akerman 408; Mammie Reloy 198; George Cox 395b; Marie Guthrie 192; Katharine Manning 218; Hershell King 343b; Rachel Lee and Ashley Rowell 505, 40; Eldagene Roberson 142; Elizabeth Labota 196; Stanley Smith and Matt Hutt 235.

RECESS

Leon Ballinger brought the class to order leading song on page 217. Leaders: Reba Dell Windom 559; Agnes Farris 418; Dewayne Hawthorne 264b; Bill Aplin 68b; Tommie Spurlock 553b; Bill Farris 74t; Margaret Spurlock 108b; Leon Ballinger 222; Leon Ballinger and Graceville College students 45t; Tommie Spurlock and Stanley Smith 179 (for Don Clark).

The officers for next year: President - Don Clark; First Vice President - John Etheridge; Second Vice President - Bud Oliver; Secretary - Jewell Rowland. Announcements were made. The officers led song on page 62 as the closing song. Bill Aplin dismissed the class with prayer.

The Florida State Convention will again be held at the Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida on the first Sunday and Saturday before in December 2000.

Holiday Inn number: 1-850-769-0000.

President - Leon Ballinger; First Vice President - Don Clark; Second Vice President - John Etheridge; Secretaries - Victoria Aplin and Aubrey Barfield.

JOSEPH JACKSON BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING

Winfield, Alabama

December 11 and 12, 1999

In the absence of Chairman John Beasley, the fifth Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial Singing at Concord Primitive Baptist Church in Winfield, Alabama, was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 82t, 104. Leaders: Chaplain George Seiler 569t, 68b; Chairman John Beasley 290, 37b; Tommy Tucker 48t, 42; Tim Reynolds 73b, 159. The invocation was then given by Chaplain George Seiler. Chairman John Beasley 100; Vice-Chairman Richard Schmeidler 34b, 84, 66; Nancy Scott 128, 40; Kathy Tucker 144, 63; Becky Briggs 343, 340.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Brenda Pena leading 77b, 229. Leaders: Jean Seiler 65, 70b; Elsie Beasley 192, 63; Cora Sweatt 30t, 145b; Seth Holloway 388, 354b; Freddie and Becky Briggs 141, 45t; Frances Lee 274, 59; Juanita and Marlin Beasley 36b; Gary Smith 47t, 49b; Charlie Ballard 512, 72b; Sarah Smith 129, 108t.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Chairman John Beasley leading 67. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 155; Marlin Beasley 480; George Seiler 168; Cora Sweatt 127; Seth Holloway 79; Gary Smith 565; Tim Reynolds 186; Tommy Tucker 385b; Sandy Stone 452; Kathy Tucker 148; Becky Briggs 498; Brenda Pena 147t; Jean Seiler 146; Elsie Beasley 318, 58; Sarah Smith 384; John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler 46. Adjourned with prayer by Chaplain George Seiler.

Sunday, December 12

The class was called to order by Chairman John Beasley leading 285 and 33b. Vice-Chairman Richard Schmeidler led 120. The invocation was offered by Chaplain George Seiler. The class was then organized as follows: Chairman John Beasley, Vice-chairman Richard Schmeidler, Secretary Gary Smith, Arranging Lena Keeton, and Memorial Committee Brenda Pena and Becky Briggs. Chaplain George Seiler then led 31t and 268. Leaders: Johnny Humber 389, 340; Fay Donaldson 284, 168; Tom Tucker 30b, 110; Cora Sweatt 73t, 64; Elmer Conwill 296, 179; Beatrice Brewer 137, 112; John Merritt 358, 76b; David Beasley 68b, 317; Sandy Scott 73b, 117; Lavon Ballinger 84, 405.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Lena Keeton leading 482. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 223, 39t; Brenda Merritt 142, 215; Marilyn Burchette 335, 133; Warren Steel 214, 150; Elsie Beasley 192, 182; Larry Ballinger 119, 98; Edith Tate 157; David “Chug” Beasley 457, 33b.

The Memorial Lesson was led by Brenda Pena and Becky Briggs. Brenda led 47t for the deceased Dr. Clyde Terrell of Alabama. Becky led 460 for the sick and shut-ins: Gene Wakefield, Mae Conwill, Cassie Franklin, Marie Aldridge and Virgil and Ruby Phillips. Becky Briggs and Elsie Beasley led 336. Grace was returned by Ricky Beasley.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Chairman John Beasley leading 56 and 67. Leaders: Ricky Beasley 47b, 159; Josie Hyde 151, 361; Buell Cobb 138t, 138b; Dorothea McCowan 235, 384; Kathy Tucker 144, 106; Julietta Haynes 216, 340; Amber Springfield 378b, 391; Gary Smith 565, 569b; John Hyde 297, 63; Julia Posten 421; Travis Keeton 426, 270.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 111b, 31b. Leaders: Frances Lee 30t, 59; Jean Seiler 217, 273; Sarah Smith 35; Kermit Adams 78; Amanda Denson and Warren Steel 165, 306; Glenn Keeton 231; Ann Ballard 207; Earl Ballinger 80b; Becky Briggs 530; Brenda Pena 77b, 229. Chairman John Beasley and Vice-Chairman Richard Schmeidler led 62. The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain George Seiler. Chairman—John Beasley; Vice-Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Gary Smith.

1998 AND 1999 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 1998 and 1999 minutes. We have listed the date of death when known. It is not our intention to omit any name or date. If you can supply these dates, we would appreciate it if you would share them with us. We realize that some names may be spelled wrong or listed in the wrong state, but this was not intentional.

DEATHS 1998

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 1998 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-01-98	John Forman	Alabama
01-11-98	Vernice Calvert	Alabama
01-17-98	Ila McGhee	Alabama
01-18-98	Margaret Brinkman	Missouri
01-31-98	Frances F. Kilmer	Virginia
01-00-98	Roland Brown	Georgia
01-00-98	Michael Ditson	Oregon
02-07-98	Mamie Creel	Alabama
02-08-98	Jerry Hucheba	Alabama
02-21-98	Mariam Hoobler	Alabama
02-00-98	W. M. Atkins	Alabama
02-00-98	Gene Phillips	Alabama
02-00-98	Isabelle Carrion	California
02-00-98	Terry Sahler	Georgia
03-06-98	Hadyn Creel	Alabama
03-09-98	David L. MacAdam	New York
03-12-98	Keterina Sanders	Alabama
03-12-98	Claude Moon	Alabama
03-20-98	Anne Block	Georgia
03-27-98	Kim Cagle	Alabama
03-31-98	Catherine Cessna	Pennsylvania
04-20-98	Ozetta Gilliland	Alabama
04-26-98	Clifford Wakefield	Alabama
04-00-98	Hoyt Pope	Georgia
04-00-98	Betty Chamberlain	Oregon
05-15-98	Hollis Sizemore	Alabama
05-26-98	Louie Smith	Texas
05-00-98	Vennie Faith	Georgia
05-00-98	Ruby Lahr	Pennsylvania
06-09-98	Mae Seymour	Alabama
06-19-98	Jerry Sheppard	Alabama
06-25-98	Herbert Leopard	Texas
06-26-98	Newman Miles	Georgia
06-27-98	Myretta Hardin	Georgia
06-29-98	Alvin Stanson	Alabama
06-29-98	Herman Smith	Alabama
06-00-98	Jody Proctor	Oregon
06-00-98	Ken Sowards	Oregon
06-00-98	Mary R Berueffy	Alabama

07-29-98	Janet Borman	Illinois
07-00-98	Samule Lynch	New York
08-01-98	Sharon Miller	Oregon
08-06-98	Russell Murphree	Mississippi
08-11-98	Dale Mack	Alabama
08-12-98	Luke Allen	Alabama
08-21-98	Cleo C.Hawkins	Mississippi
09-04-98	Ben Robinson	Georgia
09-09-98	Elmer Cordell	Alabama
09-16-98	Ada Godsey	Alabama
10-00-98	Mary Hulburt	Virginia
10-06-98	Jim Freyder	Alabama
10-00-98	Alta Mae Self	Alabama
10-31-98	Hugh Aiken	Pennsylvania
11-15-98	John Brown	Alabama
11-19-98	Margaret Wright	Tennessee
11-20-98	Luke Gallant	Florida
11-00-98	Elsie Hopkins	Oregon
12-14-98	Ethel Klein	Florida
12-17-98	Velma Richardson	Georgia
12-20-98	Margie Edwards	Alabama
12-00-98	Edward Ozbolt	Alabama

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

*Luke Allen

Arlie Ashley

J. B. Ashley

*W.M. Atkins

Clyde Atkinson

Lois Lambert Austin

Shane Austin

*Mary Berueffy

Eva Brady

Dempsy Brothers

Arvid Brown

*John Brown

Mrs. Grady (Ruth)

Brown

Roy Brown

*Kim Cagle

*Vernice Calvert

Lula Bynum Canady

Cleo Clay

Hascal Cobbs

Juanita Coffee

*Elmer Cordell

*Hadyn Creel

Betha Cospser

*Mamie Creel

Nettie Austin Davis

W. Tom Doss

Willie Mae Driskill

*Margie Edwards

*Jim Freyder

*John Forman

*Ozetta Gilliland

*Ada Godsey

Edward Godsey

Willie Pearl Goskin

Gertie Graham

Ruby Graham

Mrs. Elbert Green

Richard Green

Elder J.O. Handley

Vera Harbison

Lillie Phillips Hartley

Nadine Hendricks

Dola Hiatt

*Mariam Hoobler

Hazel Howell

*Jerry Huckeba

Phillip James

Eula Denson Johnson

Ada Kerr

Nellie Brown Lee

*Dale Mack

Charley McCoy

*Ila McGhee

*Claude Moon

Eva Edwards O'Kelly

*Edward Ozbolt

*Gene Phillips

Norma Dean Phillips

Toma Preston

Maudie Putman

Bob Sanders

*Keterina Sanders

*Alta Mae Self

*Mae Seymour

*Jerry Sheppard

J. D. Shelton

David Shirey

*Hollis Sizemore

*Herman Smith

*Alvin Stanson

K.K. Stevenson

Q.E. Taylor

Ed Wade

*Clifford Wakefield

Emma Earl Walker

Jessie Walker

Clyde Watkins

Annie B. Wyatt

Arkansas

Jimmy Driftwoor

California

Thomas Berry Boyd

*Isabelle Carrion

Mark Chatfield

Georgine Dornan

Alysoun Ford

Helmut Goldschmidt

S. Rodman Irvine

Gabriel Jackson

Dean Theodos

Connecticut

Sharon McLeod

Colorado

Susannah Chase

Marian May

Sally McCamant

Robert J. Smith

D.C.

Duane Cavanaugh

Marion Hill

Florida

Libby Dukes

*Ethel Klein

Floyd Klein

Andre Floyd

*Luke Gallant

Winifred W. Landis

Lois Smiley

Georgia

Barney Akin

Reynold Akin

Dwayne Alred

Clyde Atkinson

*Anne Block

*Ronald Brown

Clarence Butler

Clara Cliett

Gregory Cole

Robert Culpepper

Mary Nell Davis

Velma Denney

*Vennie Faith

Audrey Floyd

*Myreeta Hardin

Inez Harmon

Bob Hart

Albert Hester

Velma Johnson

Jackie Langley

Ferrell League

*Newman Miles

Bobby Moore

Lila O'Hearn

Jean Phillips

*Hoyt Pope

*Velma Richardson

Shirley Roberts

*Ben Robinson

Leon Rogers

Mae Rogers

Bill Scott

Louise Shadlinger

*Terry Sahler

Lewis Smith

Bobby Ward

Michael Wilde

Barry Wilkinson

Larry Wilkinson

Harmon Wilson

Russell Word

Illinois

Natale Ambrogi

Marge O. Anderson

Martha Bickley

*Janet Borman

Diane Cagle

Roberta Friend

Chub Gerard

Robert Goode

Helen Grove

Gerald Harner

Ingeborg Hoover

Grace Kawane

Joseph Kelly

Mary Norris

Catherine De Nys

John De Nys

Frances Giunchedi

Joe Portman

Vi Portman

Lisa Schlaggar

Frieda Storment

Donna Summerfield

Sylvia Tantille

Ruth Tipton

Wilma Vernon

Brian Walter

Alice Winkler

Indiana

John Oyer

Iowa

Joan Hamre

Angela Muncie

Monique Wilson

Kentucky

Anne Lyman

Chancellor

Travis Combs

John Ramsey

Julie Ramsey

Paul Sharp

Eva Waters

Maryland

Marvin Byrd

Bill Froeschner

Joan Gordon

Phil Goulding

Tom Harding

Harriet Parker

John Seeley

Massachusetts

Daniel Cahill

Raoul Desy

Martin Diskin

Jack Foran

Cameron Forbes

Robert Goode

Joe Hollyday

Billie Taylor

Anna Timmerman

Stella Ward

Michigan

Raymond Burkett

Jean Ritter

Usha Helweg

Minnesota

Michael Kilmer

Carol Kirchner

William Whitelaw

Karen Wiard

Ruth Wyatt

Mississippi

Ray Davis
*Cleo Cook Hawkins
J.C. Miles
*Russell Murphree

Missouri

Joseph Brooks
*Margaret Brinkman
Bill Froeschner
Shannon Gunn
Rush Pumphrey
John Seeley
Meda Wilson White

Neveda

Craig Gudmundson

New Jersey

Howard Critchlow
Judy Greenwald
Morris Lee
John McNeilly
Neal Sanford
Norman Wersan

New Mexico

Leland Beckus
Kevin Blood

New York

Gene Augilera
Charles Danquer
Mae Keane
Harriet Kresch
*Samuel Lynch
*David L. MacAdam
Irene Remery
Dion Stams
Bill Wakefield

North Carolina

Grace Bizzell
Billy Johnson
Anne McCook
Ruth Reid
Nellie Segars
Minnie Brown
Whitehurst
Virginia Whitehurst

Ohio

Mary Louise Bates
Alta Short

Mary Wise

Oregon

*Betty Chamberlain
*Michael Ditson
*Elsie Hopkins
Anita Jacob
*Sharon Miller
*Jody Proctor
*Ken Sowards

Pennsylvania

*Hugh Aiken
*Catherine Cessna
Rita Gorman
June Hiltner
*Ruby Lahr
Edna Lundgren
Bruce Martin
Carol Shaffer

Rhode Island

John Butler

South Dakota

Ruth Christensen
Art Lee
Robert Mason
Ester Thingelstad

Tennessee

Dorothy Black
Noal Mattox
Clifford Parsons
*Margaret Wright

Texas

Mrs. Herman Alders
Ann Arrington
Ann Barnett
Leroy Bell
Raymond Bement
Opal Boyd
Wayne Chambers
Barbara Cooper
Arthur Dungan
Henry Griffith
Addie Hawkins
Gladys Hill
Lewis Jarrell
*Herbert Leopard
Joyce Maples
Gertrude Mondrief
Carl Cecil Paris

John Pate
Joseph Slattery
Billy Joe Smith
*Louis Smith
Eva Sparkman
Louis Spivey
Mark Timpani
Dorothy Welch
Lloyd Welch
Elmer White

Vermont

Margery Hanson
Lib Harrington
Luke Kearns
Martha Pellerin
Barbara Robinson
Howard Stearns

Virginia

Shirley Green
*Mary Hulburt
*Frances F. Kilmer
Monica Mulrooney
James Rhea
Joy Seale
Robert Toone
John Watford

Washington

Irving Lundquist

Wisconsin

Frances Gvinchedi
Joe Henderson
Nancy Holt
Evadne McNeil
Douglas Nagler
Roberta Opedahl
Hillary Shewmaker
Frances Isobel Thorman
Grace Vandenburg
Lucille Vea
Gertrude Wetherington

Canada

Allison Younger

England

Roland Seaton
Evelyn Thomas
Jane Thomas

France

Edith Aujaime

Nova Scotia

Faye Armsworthy

Netherlands

Gerrit van Eysden

North Wales

Sian Nefyn-Pwllheli

Iaan Nefyn-Pwllheli

Jos Nefyn-Pwllheli

State Unknown

Paul Aucoine

Rosie Blackwell

Shirley W. Bowen

Julia Buckman

Gerry Burakoff

Graham Campbell

Richi Charlotte

Diana Cloud

M.L. Gallaway

Dorothy Goodell

Frances Goulet

Elizabeth Lord Hall

Jeral Dean Haney

Paul Kent

Tom Koetting

Fred Lloyd

William Mackintosh

Lee Martin

Marian Matters

Dorothy McCandless

Earl Moore

Dan Poling

Michael Redwine

Bill Rhoden

Linda Rupert

Eugene Schaumacher

Cansada Weatherford

John Wild

Cathy Winter

DEATHS 1999

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 1999 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-10-99	Horace DeLong	Georgia
01-18-99	Roxy Haney Duffy	Georgia
01-25-99	Alice Washburn	Alabama
01-00-99	Ray Lindeke	Washington
01-00-99	B.B. Mattox	Alabama
02-25-99	Lela Hamilton	Tennessee
02-26-99	Annie Sanders	Alabama
02-00-99	Bill Johnson	North Carolina
03-02-99	Maude Keeton	Alabama
03-05-99	Essie Calvert	Alabama
03-08-99	Harold Fair	Tennessee
03-08-99	Leon Ed Denson	Tennessee
03-27-99	Flossie Jones	Alabama
03-27-99	Cecil Gilland	Alabama
04-01-99	Ellis Ward	Alabama
04-07-99	Florence Williams	Georgia
04-29-99	Richard Allison	Indiana
05-00-99	Micole Schnarr	New Jersey
05-00-99	Lucille Hershbine	New Jersey
05-00-99	Tom Schuman	New York
05-17-99	Mrs. Ebert	New York
06-05-99	Elder Roy Avery	Alabama
06-12-99	Vester Jones	Alabama
06-17-99	Antoinette Swetman	Alabama
06-19-99	Ralph Heath	Alabama
06-21-99	Chris Randgaard	Minnesota
06-00-99	Abraham Press	New York
07-09-99	Lindberg Lacy	Alabama
07-13-99	Ruth Redding	Georgia
07-29-99	J. L. Oden	Alabama
07-29-99	Mary Vivian Kemp	New York

08-07-99	Trudie Jenkins Mayers	Mississippi
08-18-99	Elaine Smith	Massachusetts
08-29-99	Gerry Armstrong	Illinois
08-00-99	Akram Scott	New York
09-02-99	Lamana Bice	Alabama
09-30-99	Durward Scarborough	Mississippi
10-09-99	Franklin Burkhart	Florida
10-12-99	Ed Wright	New Hampshire
10-14-99	Kathy Benforado	Massachusetts
10-00-99	Janice Glanzrock	New York
10-00-99	Peggy Neal	West Virginia
11-28-99	Dollie Hudgins	Georgia

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Alabama

Bertha Adams
 *Elder Roy Avery
 *Lamana Bice
 Clara Black
 Mildred Burton
 *Essie Calvert
 Ellen Charles
 Troy Cole
 Kim Dixon
 Francine Evans
 Jim Freyder
 Joycie Green
 Fortenberry
 J.V. Gilbert
 *Cecil Gilliland
 Bobby Hale
 *Ralph Heath
 Rena Mae Henson
 Bernice Johns
 Dura Johnson
 *Flossie Jones
 *Vester Jones
 *Maude Keeton
 Jim Keel
 Fairy Kerr
 George Lacey
 *Lindberg Lacy
 Alton Lowe
 *B.B. Mattox
 Athel McCain
 Sudie McCain
 Sara McCool
 Thelma Murphree
 *J.L. Oden
 Lillie Owen
 Rosa Lee Owens
 Randall Parker

John Phillips
 Mrs. Rufus (Lydia)
 Phillips
 Weldon Redman
 Winnie Reeves
 *Annie Sanders
 Eloise Sellers
 Alberta Skinner
 *Antoinette
 Swetman
 Jim Teel
 Dr. Clyde Terrell
 Sherry Thomas
 Bernice Walker
 *Ellis Ward
 *Alice Washburn
 Adrian Watson
 Gerald Watson
 Arizona
 Maurice Faubion

California

Scott Carlson
 Mei Chang
 Don Jolly
 Harry Mullikan
 Gary Parker
 Robert Shaw

Connecticut

Sharon McLeod
 Bill Murray

Florida

*Franklin Burkhart
 Helen Cruz
 Phillip H. Lee, Jr.
 Gertrude Teusink

Georgia

Grady Abney
 Gerila Atkinson
 Hulett Cole
 Mary Frances
 Dannals
 *Horace DeLong
 *Roxy Duffy
 Ruth Gammon
 *Dollie Hudgins
 Jessie Janney
 Mae King
 Frank Lee
 Lois Parmer
 Michael Pate
 Laura Poove
 *Ruth Redding
 Becky Rogers
 M.F. Smith
 Ruby Starr
 *Florence Williams
 Bobby Williamson
 Bonnie Wood
 Roy Wyatt, Jr.
 Willard Yated

Illinois

*Gerry Armstrong
 Andrew Thomas
 Berry
 Tony Colon
 Dolores Doss
 Henry Knepler
 Bob Moran
 Elaine Rast
 Mary Salzer
 Luther Shelton

Lawrence J. Steger
Cherie Stephans

Indiana

*Richard Allison
Howard Rush
Ray Valliant

Kentucky

Sara Barnes
George Noe
Robert Noe

Maine

Eunice Bostwick

Maryland

Henry Romanowski

Massachusetts

Ada Arkanase
Winston Bates
Kathy Benforado
Ken Benforado
John Colt
John Fleagle
Frank Hurst
John Marinelli
Elaine Smith
William Von Arx

Minnesota

Florence Becker
Emily Gross
Ernie Mishler
Thomas Perry
Chris Randa
*Chris Randgaard
Dan Walsh
Janet White

Mississippi

Louise Hogan
Chester
Hollingsworth
Gaither Jones
*Trudie Jenkins
Mayers
Inez McGuire
Johnny Porter
Louise Probst
*Durward
Scarborough
Bessie Rigdon Todd

Missouri

John A. Fries

Nevada

Harris Nitsky

New Hampshire

*Ed Wright

New Jersey

*Lucille Hershbiner
Peter Husick
Helen Salowey
Nicole Schnarr

New York

Phyllis Antos
Louis Cosen
Elizabeth Crocker
Jim Dease
Mrs. Ebert
*Janice Glanzrock
Dorothy Kelly
*Mary Vivian Kemp
David McCall
Penny McCall
*Abraham Press
Barbara
Prudhomme
*Tom Schuman
*Akran Scott
Ursula Woodfield

North Carolina

*Bill Johnson
Elizabeth Peterson

Ohio

Bob Bergman
Bill Judd
Aleene Poole
F. Sawyer

Oregon

Bob Cuyler

Pennsylvania

Irma Burgess
Jo Durbin
Anna Jacob
Charles
Lichtenwalner
Spencer Nelson
Stanley W. Metz

Rhode Island

Marjorie Hollorhan
Tom Perry
Paul Trainor

South Dakota

Mabel Baloun
Bertha Christensen
Leonard Schlenker

Tennessee

*Leon Ed Denson
*Harold Fair
*Lela Hamilton
Spencer Hand
Joe R. Moore

Texas

Gerald D. Arthur
Luna Batson
Dorothy G. Blake
Petra Bushell
Willia Cole
Richard Daniels
Johnny Deason
Bob Evans
Annie D. Frank
Buddy Fowler
Lawrence W.
George
Craig Gilliland
Lillie Griffith
Leland Harris
Marjorie E. Jones
Essie Leopard
Eva Mae Monk
Emma Jean Moore
Joe Nelson
Leedell Pepper
Ollie Reed
Lizzie Rousseau
Larry Schutz
Frank Taylor
Lum Toungeate
Santiago Triveo
Mary Welch
Vermont
Ken Hildick
Virginia
Pat Burkholder
Jim McCarty

George Moore
Suzita Cecil Myers
Joan Ruben

Washington

*Ray Lindeke
Ruth Noel

West Virginia

*Peggy Neal

Wisconsin

George Lippl
Pat Lippl
Ellen C. Nussbaum
Janice Yokeum

Canada

Winston Bissessar
Andy Cappon

Judith Haines
Nila Madgidoff

England

Pat Carter
Mary Caruthers
Edesher Gavikanidze
Anne Mitson
Phillip Poole
John Thick
Sylvia Whiting
Mel Williams

Ireland

Jarlath Concanno

State Unknown

Kathy Ask
Shirley Boskey
Evelyn Brasher
Ellis W. Bullock
(1899-1999)
Ruth Cox
Edward Gallagher
Bill Hoffman
Jim Kell
Stanley Kubrick
Anna Lander
Wilhelmina Moyer
Ted Pankey
Tom Parounek
Steve Rogers
Jeff Shikles
Jack Stedman