The
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Newsletter OLD HARP Number 17 pring 1996

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DATE	DAY	Тіме	DIN	NER? INFORMATION (CONTACT PEOPLE)		
March 10	Sunday (2)	11 AM	Yes	Epworth Old Harp Singing, Laurel Theatre, 16th & Laurel Ave., Knoxville (D) (H) (S)		
April 7	Sunday	5:30 рм	Yes	Easter Singing, Gooch-Mabbs Residence, 4401 Alta Vista Way, Knoxville (T)		
April 14	Sunday (2)	1 PM	No	Oldhams Creek Singing, just off the end of King Branch Rd., Sevier County (N) (P)		
April 28	Sunday (4)	2 PM	No	Tuckaleechee Methodist Singing, Townsend (C) (K)		
May 12	Sunday (2)	5:30 рм	Yes	Inn at Blackberry Farm Singing, Blount County (Map on page 4) (L)		
May 19	Sunday (3)	2:30 рм	No	Old College Singing, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, TN (U) (V)		
June 16	Sunday (3)	11 AM	Yes	Beech Grove Primitive Baptist Church Singing, Sevier County (G)		
July 7	Sunday	11 AM	Yes	200-Year Celebration, Middle Settlements United Methodist, Louisville, TN (Map on page 5)		
July 28	Sunday (4)	12 NOON	Yes	Little Greenbrier Singing, Great Smoky Mtns. Natl. Park. Bring lawn chairs. (M)		
August 18	Sunday (3)	2:30 рм	No	Cades Cove Missionary Baptist Church Singing, Great Smoky Mtns. Natl. Park (C) (K)		
September 8	Sunday (2)	2 PM	No	Wears Valley Methodist Church Singing, Hwy. 321 (Wears Valley Rd.), Sevier County (A) (J) (R)		
September 22	Sunday (4)	11 AM	Yes	Headrick Chapel Singing, Hwy. 321 (Wears Valley Rd.), Sevier County (B) (O)		
October 6	Sunday (1)	1:30 PM	No	Valley View Baptist Church Singing, Valley View Rd. off Hwy. 321 (Wears Valley Rd.), Sevier County (J) (L) (F)		
October 12	Saturday	10:30 am & 12 noon	No	Museum of Appalachia Homecoming Singing, Norris, TN (B) (O)		
October 13	Sunday	2 PM	No	Dollywood Singing (I) (E)		
October 27	Sunday (4)	2 PM	No	Maryville College Singing, Blount County (K)		
November 27	Wednesday		Yes	Thanksgiving Eve Pot Luck & Old Harp Singing, Laurel Theatre, 16th & Laurel Ave., Knoxville (D) (H) (S)		
December 7	Saturday	10 am	No	Sugarlands Singing, Sugarlands Visitor Center, Great Smoky Mtns. Natl. Park (I)		
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MONTHLY	SUNDAYS	7 PM	No	Old Harp, 2nd and 5th Sundays of each month, usually at Laurel Theatre (downstairs), 16th and Laurel Ave. (S) (D)		
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VARIOUS				Cordova (in West Tennessee) (Q)		
SINGING SCHOOL	OLS ARRANGED	):		Seminars, workshops, 3-day and 10-day classes for		
				basic and advanced music (both 4-note and 7-note notations) (O)		
FOR MOR	E INFORMATIO	N, PHONE THE A	PPROPRI	TATE CONTACT PERSON(S) — SEE LIST AT THE TOP OF PAGE 3.		

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### THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the contact people for their input in getting the schedule finalized. Also thank yous need to go out to Ann Strange for keying in the text and proofreading, to Sharon & Allan Hjerpe (who have not yet left East Tennessee) for layout, formatting and proofreading, and to Terry Faulkner for help with the cover and proofreading.

Our thanks to Jubilee Community Arts, Karan Dotson and Melody Reeves for the keeping and updating of our mailing list, for allowing us to use Jubilee Community Arts as our mailing address, and for publicity throughout East Tennessee.

Many people contributed last year toward the continuation of this newsletter. We now have enough funds to keep it going for about another two years. We would like to thank all of you who are helping to keep our tradition going through this *Old Harp Newsletter*.

### ON THE COVER

The cover photo was taken at the 1995 Headrick Chapel Singing. The key on page 9 identifies 37 of the people shown in the photo, and we have the names of an additional 16 people not shown, but who were in attendance that day.

If you were at the 1995 Headrick Chapel Singing and your name does not appear in the lists on page 9, please notify Larry Olszewski so that he can add your name to the archives.



### **UPCOMING SINGINGS - 1996**

# EPWORTH OLD HARP SINGING — March 10, 11:00 A.M.

This annual singing at the Laurel Theatre, 16th and Laurel Ave. in Knoxville, starts with singing at 11:00 A.M., then a potluck at 12 NOON and singing again at 1:00 P.M. Come for the day of singing or just for part of it. For more information, call Gideon at (423) 577-2272; Kathy (423) 691-8678; or Terry at (423) 584-3659.

### EASTER SINGING — April 7, 5:30 P.M.

This singing, held at the home of Bill Gooch and Meg Mabbs, 4401 Alta Vista Way, Knoxville, starts with a potluck with the singing immediately after. Meg says she is going to prepare herself to lead "Easter Anthem" this year, so everyone at least look at your part. For more information, call (423) 522-0515 to talk to Bill or Meg.

# OLDHAMS CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING — April 14, 1:00 P.M.

This Sunday singing will be hosted by David Wilson, the preacher at Oldhams Creek. The church is located off Hwy. 441, south of Pigeon Forge. Turn east on King Branch Road and take it to the end. Turn right at Boogertown Road, go about 100 yards, and the church is on the left. For more information, call David at (423) 453-0241 or Veta at (423) 428-1375.

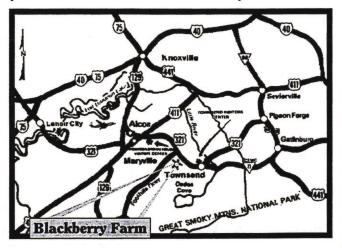
# Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church Singing — April 28, 2:00 p.m.

This singing is hosted by John Wright Dunn and Tom Taylor. It is the closing event for the Blount County Dogwood Arts Festival and Tom usually has dug up more information on this singing, going way back to the annual Odd Fellows Singing at Easter in the 1880s, on the second floor of their lodge in Maryville. Going into Townsend from Maryville on Hwy. 321, turn right where the sign indicates "to Tuckaleechee Caverns." Go about a mile; the church is on the left. For more information, call John at (423) 448-6445 or Tom at (423) 984-8585.

### BLACKBERRY FARM SINGING — May 12, 5:30 P.M.

From Maryville, take Hwy. 321-North for about 14 miles towards Townsend. When you

see the entrance to Foothills Pkwy. on your right, pass the entrance and the exit. Take the next right onto West Millers Cove Road, following it for about 3.5 miles. Blackberry Farm will be on your left. (See map, below, and look for enlarged maps at singings prior to May 12.) For more information, call Bruce Wheeler (weekdays) at (423) 974-5421. (For directions only, you can call The Inn At Blackberry Farm at



(423) 984-8166 or 984-9850.)

### OLD COLLEGE SINGING — May 19, 2:30 P.M.

This singing takes place in the Old College Center of Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, TN. Last year there were more than 60 singers including a devastating bass section. They moved the singing to the upstairs to be able to include the visitors comfortably (many of whom brought books). There was also time for social contact and refreshments after. For more information, call Carroll Ross at (423) 745-4505 or Sara Hamilton (days) (423) 745-7504.

# BEECH GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING — June 23, 11:00 A.M.

This is an all-day affair with a potluck. Shirley Henry turns the church over to the Old Harp singers, represented by Sharee Ann Rich, promptly at 11:00 A.M. There is a feed at 12 NOON and singing again at 1:00 P.M. Heading south out of Pigeon Forge on Hwy. 441, take the first right, onto Caney Creek Road. Go about 2 miles and the church is on the left. For more information, call Shirley at (423) 453-5983.

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING — June 30

### **Upcoming Singings (cont'd)**

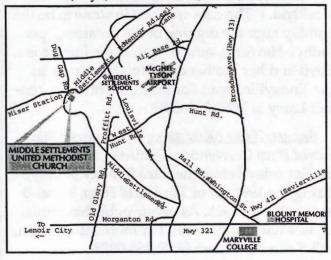
### time T.B.A. (after lunch)

To help celebrate their 100th Anniversary, we have been invited to give a presentation of Old Harp Singing after lunch. Time to be announced at singings prior to June 30. Address is 8622 Pickens Gap Rd., Seymour. From Chapman Hwy., go west on Highland View Rd.; go to end of street; turn right. Church is around the curve on the right. For more information, phone Jane Cody at (423) 573-9702.

# MIDDLE SETTLEMENTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BICENTENNIAL SINGING — July 7, Church, 11:00 A.M.; Afternoon singing, 1:30 P.M.

Charles McKinney has requested that the Old Harp singers become a part of the 200 year celebration. It was agreed at Headrick Chapel that we would be glad to participate in a traditional-style Singing. What is proposed is that the Old Harp singers that show up at the Morning Service would sing 2–3 songs. A potluck will follow, with singing again at 1:30 P.M. The afternoon singing would be in the Fellowship Hall and in a traditional singing square.

The general location is 5–6 miles behind McGhee-Tyson Airport in Louisville, TN. (See map, below, and look for enlarged maps at singings prior to July 7.) The church is at 2729 Middle Settlements Rd. at the intersection of Miser Station Rd. The cemetery is next to the road. To reach the church, drive 50–75 yards downhill, either around or through the cemetery. For more information, call Charles McKinney (423) 982-4799 (days) or 984-1467 (home).



# LITTLE GREENBRIAR SCHOOLHOUSE REUNION SINGING — July 28, 12 NOON.

This is an annual singing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The schoolhouse is located off Little River Road, between Gatlinburg and the "Y" just outside Townsend. A potluck is at 12 NOON, with singing thereafter. Brother Clyde Abbott has asked us back for many years now. It would please him to no end if we could make it back again. For information, call Art Godfrey at (423) 525.9640.

# <u>CADES COVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</u> <u>SINGING</u> — August 18, 2:30 P.M.

This is the third church on the Cades Cove Loop Road in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This singing is being hosted by John Wright Dunn. Please give yourself an extra hour of travel time to cope with the camera-toting tourists on safari shooting the wildlife in Cades Cove. For more information, call John at (423) 448-6445.

# WEARS VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SINGING — September 8, 2:00 P.M.

This church is located on the north side of Wears Valley Road, about 2/3 of the way from Pigeon Forge to Townsend. Henry Lawson will host with John O. Clabo assisting. For more information, call Henry at (423) 453-7638 or John at (423) 453-8930.

# <u>HEADRICK CHAPEL SINGING</u> — September 22, 11:00 A.M.

Located just across the Blount County line in Sevier County on Hwy. 321. Morning singing starts at 11:00 A.M., potluck dinner at 12 NOON, with singing afterwards until about 3:30 or 4:00 P.M. For more information, call Lois at (423) 693-9292 or Larry at (423) 584-6633.

# VALLEY VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING — October 6, 1:30 P.M.

This church is located about 10 minutes east of Wearwood Schoolhouse. There is a large sign on Hwy. 321, indicating the turn for the church. Turn south at the sign; the church is at the fork in the road. Bruce Wheeler, Henry Lawson and Luke Headrick are the hosts. For more information, call Henry at (423) 453-7638 or Luke at (423) 453-2407 or Bruce (weekdays) at (423) 974-5421. (Last year, their treasury do-

### **Upcoming Singings (cont'd)**

nated almost \$100 to the Old Harp Newsletter.)

# Museum of Appalachia Homecoming Singing — October 12, 10:30 a.m & 12 NOON

First singing usually starts sometime around 10:30 A.M, the second a little after 12 NOON. We sing at the old log church, sharing time with the do-re-me singers from Kentucky. Sara Baskins has agreed to do the organizing for this one. For more information and tickets, call Sara at (423) 573-1587. (We usually have tickets available at the Headrick Chapel Singing.)

### DOLLYWOOD SINGING — October 13, 2:00 P.M.

This Singing is held at the Chapel in Dollywood. Reford Lamons and Martha Graham are the hosts. Please bring your harp book as it is your free pass into Dollywood. Allow extra time to take the tram from the parking area to the front gate and to walk to the Chapel. For more information, call Reford at (423) 453-4581 or Martha at (423) 453-3276. We need to thank Bill Cody for this yearly invitation.

## <u>MARYVILLE COLLEGE SINGING</u> — October 27, 2:00 P.M.

This singing is hosted by Tom Taylor. We sing in the Old Post Office located in the center of the Maryville College campus. For more information, call Tom at (423) 984-8585.

# <u>EPWORTH THANKSGIVING EVE SINGING</u> — November 27, 6:30 P.M.

This annual event is held Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving at the Laurel Theatre, located at 16th and Laurel in Knoxville. Turkey is provided. The desserts last year were more than outstanding. (I always love your creamed corn, Velma!) Gideon Fryer is the Elder for this singing. For more information, call Kathy at (423) 691-8687 or Gideon at (423) 577-2272. I would like to thank Chris Barrett of *MetroPulse* for his article including Old Harp Singing. (Martha Graham and grandson Cody are in the picture in the January 1996 issue.)

# <u>SUGARLANDS VISITORS CENTER SINGING</u> — December 7, 10 A.M.

Sugarlands Visitors Center is in the Great

Smoky Mountains National Park on Hwy. 441, just outside of Gatlinburg. Reford Lamons will host with Carl Whaley bringing out the shaped-noted hymnals for Christmas carols in the last half hour. We will have two full hours this year. (There was a misunderstanding last year as to the time allowed for our singing.) For more information, call Reford at (423) 453-4581.

### SINGINGS HERE & THERE

OLD HARP / NASHVILLE — Drew Foster of Nashville purchased more than 20 copies of The New Harp of Columbia from me, to get singers interested in the Old Harp tradition. If you are interested in joining a group such as this, please contact Drew at 709 Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37211.

SACRED HARP AND SOUTHERN HARMONY / TENNESSEE — Please write to Tim Reynolds, 704 Harpeth Parkway West, Nashville, TN 37221-3505. (615) 646-6485 (I would suggest \$1 to help with mailing costs.)

SOUTHERN HARMONY / KENTUCKY — 113th Annual "Big Singing," Benton, KY, (about 30 miles S.E. of Paducah, or 3 hrs. drive N.W. of Nashville), Sunday, May 26. Tune-book used is William Walker's Southern Harmony, mostly in three parts, using four-shape notation. Singing begins at 10:30 A.M. at the Marshall County Courthouse in Benton, with a break for lunch, followed by more singing at the Courthouse from 1:25 P.M. until about 3:30 P.M.

Always held the fourth Sunday in May, usually (but not always) falling on Memorial Day weekend. ("The date was cast in stone to be the Sunday after the digging of the potatoes," per Jonnye Haworth, now of Knoxville. Jonnye is a Boyd and her mother and friends are now in the Knoxville area.) For more information, contact Larry at (423) 584-6633.

SACRED HARP / KENTUCKY — Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention, Saturday, May 18 (on the Saturday before the third Sunday in May). Using the 1991 ed. of The Sacred Harp, 9 A.M.—3 P.M. with a potluck. As of our publishing time, a place had not been set. For more information, call Keith MacAdam (606) 268-0998.

### CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGINGS

To subscribe to the *Christian Harmony* newsletter, phone Willie Israel at (704) 254-1330.

March 23 Saturday, at Brevard College,

Brevard, NC, in College Dining

Hall, 10:00 A.M.

Susan Schmidt (704) 883-8292

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May 1st Sunday, Etowah, NC.

Jim Cantrell, Rt. 13, Box 297, Hendersonville, NC 28739

July 2nd Saturday, John C. Campbell

Folk School, Brasstown, NC,

10:30 A.M., potluck

Bob Dalsemer, Rt. 1, Box 14-A,

Brasstown NC, 28902

August 1st Saturday, Blue Ridge

Primitive Baptist Church,

Chatsworth, GA

Ed Smith, Rt. 1, Box 31, Crandell,

GA 30711

August 1st Sunday, Folk Art Center,

Asheville, NC, 10:30 A.M.,

potluck

Zack Allen, 21 Miller Rd.,

Asheville, NC 28805

August 4th Sunday, Tickanetly Primitive

Baptist Church, Ellijay, GA J. B. Parker, Rt. 2, Box 994,

Ellijay, GA 30540

September 1st Sunday, Etowah, NC

Jim Cantrell, Rt. 13, Box 297,

Hendersonville, NC 28739

September 2nd Sunday, Morning Star

Methodist Church, Canton, NC Quay Smathers, 306 Dutch Cove

Rd., Canton, NC 28716

September Last Saturday, Mountain

Heritage Day, Western Carolina

University, Cullowhee, NC Mike Nichols, P.O. Box 506,

Sylva, NC 28723

November 1st Sunday, Swannanoa Valley

Singing, Warren Wilson College,

dinner on the grounds Willie Israel (704) 254-1330

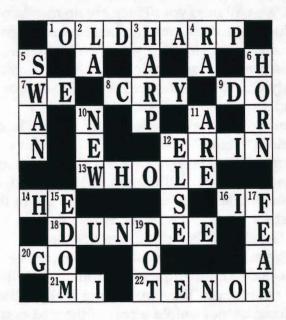
### A Puzzle of Words Found in The New Harp of Columbia

"Seek and ye shall find"

-Matthew 7:7

The last issue of *Old Harp Newsletter* contained a crossword puzzle whose solution was made up of words found in *The New Harp of Columbia*. The completed crossword is shown below.

Our appreciation goes to Doris DeSpain for designing this puzzle. Clues devised by Doris DeSpain and Larry Olszewski.



### ADVERTISEMENT

### SINGING SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED

JOHN McKee, 15 Kusa Circle, Cherokee Village, Arkansas 72529, (501) 257-4844, has been in correspondence with the *Old Harp Newsletter* for a Singing School Teacher to come into their community and teach them about harp singing and possibly to get them going on their own.

### ON OLD HARP

I had two people tell me one Saturday this January that they were listening to National Public Radio, when they heard Peter Schickele on his program wondering aloud if he would be invited to participate at the Harp Singing he had just played of a singing in Alabama. I wrote to Peter and invited him to our singings and also called the Harp Singers in Minnesota to do a follow up on that comment.

The question is: who belongs at a Harp Singing? My personal belief is that if you show up, we are glad to have you. If you don't show up, we will miss you. There are no membership drives, dues, or attendance requirements. No one checks to see if you are a Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Catholic, or Democrat. Only male or females are allowed to sing or lead a song of their choice. Usually only "young" people are asked to get up and lead a "lesson" before the "class." (Definition of a young person is anyone under 90 years of age, says Otha Henry, although this is not fixed, as John O. Clabo has led songs on and off for the past six years and he is 96, as I recall.)

The singing belongs to the traditional singers! This tradition is of the spirit. If one puts harp singing to the forefront of their life for the moment they are singing with us, they belong, as they enfold a part of the tradition around themselves.

Comes let us use the grace divine, And all with one accord, In a perpetual covenant Join ourselves to Christ the Lord.

It is said that "The first shall be last, and the last shall be first." The bottom line is that the person walking in the door for the first time is as important to the tradition as those who have been to the singings since before they were born.

Bates Elliot, the last president of the Knox County Old Harp Singers, claimed that he only knew of good people that went to Old Harp Singings, and hoped he would meet them all again in Heaven ("but if there was those in Hell, it was those who sang too low and too slow").

—Larry Olszewski

### AN ESSAY CONTEST

A Harp Singer is:

- Vocal
- Giving
- Inspirational
- Supportive
- Gracious
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Spiritual

I would like to offer a prize to the person who best describes what makes up a Harp Singer. The above words reflect some ideas, but are not pulled together. If you would like to try to do so, the deadline is New Year's Day 1997. The prize winner will be announced in the Spring 1997 issue and the prize will be presented by the Elders at that person's home, singing after reading of the essay.

Please send all items in care of this Newsletter to "Attn: Old Harp." Include your name, address, and group or harp singing tradition you identify with. All essays without a self-addressed stamped envelope will become property of the Old Harp Newsletter (Public Domain/author credit). (Note that the Old Harp Newsletter is archived in the National Archives.)

-Larry Olszewski

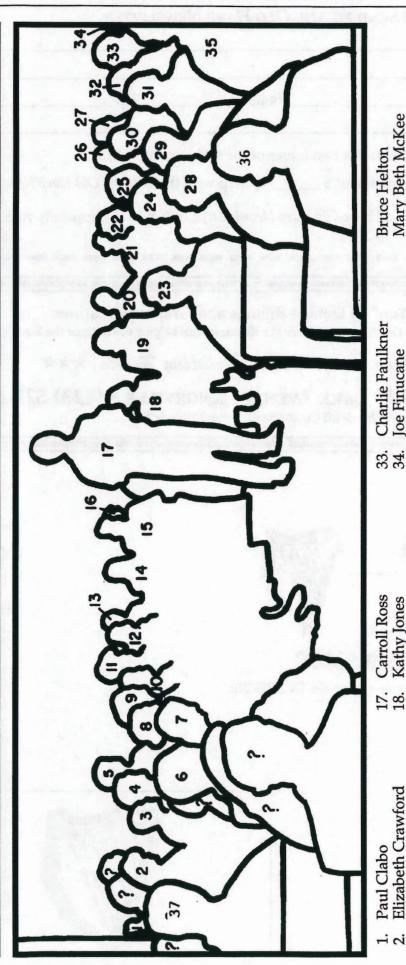
### HARP & JUBILEE COMMUNITY ARTS

Does the Old Harp community want to officially become an affiliate of Jubilee Community Arts (JCA)?

For a number of years, JCA has allowed us to share their mailing address, has maintained our mailing list for us, and has given us some extra publicity throughout East Tennessee. But our relationship with JCA has remained an informal one. We have recently been asked if we would like to become an official affiliate of JCA.

If you are interested in finding out more, ask Larry or another JCA member about the benefits of affiliating with Jubilee Community Arts.

# ON THE COVER - HEADRICK CHAPEL SINGING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1995



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