

Chuckwagon Gang To Give Concert

LINCOLNTON - Should history repeat itself, there will be standing room only in the Lincolnnton Citizens Center Saturday night when the famous Chuck Wagon Gang of Fort Worth Texas make their fourth annual appearance at 8 p.m.

In three previous performances at the 1,500 seat facility the 1988 Gospel Music Group of the Year winner attracted standing room only crowds.

Their unique simple melodies blending in perfect harmony have been a trademark for over 52 years. The group has sold over 50 million records and performed at the prestigious facilities the Hollywood Bowl and Carnegie Hall.

Their music cheers the discouraged, has brought hope to the hopeless and renewed spiritual strength to those who have drifted away from God. They are as American as "Mom and apple pie."

Founded in the early 1930's by the late D.P. Carter, the group was called the Carter Quartet.

Performing on radio station KFYO in Lubbock, Texas, they were paid \$15 per week. At the time the show was the most popular on the station and received thousands of letters each week.

Later they moved to WBAP in Fort Worth, one of the nation's most powerful radio stations.

Three months after joining the station, a group known as the Chuck Wagon Gang decided to leave the station. The Carters were asked to assume the name and fill the gap left by the other groups' departure.

At first, the Carters used only western songs, but they soon began throwing in a gospel number. Soon over 90 percent of the fan mail requested gospel numbers and they dropped the western tunes for 100 percent gospel. They were so popular that they remained with the station for 15 years.

Their first recording was made in a hotel in San Antonio in 1936. This was the beginning of a 40 year association with the Columbia label.

The Chuck Wagon Gang didn't travel for personal appearances until Wally Fowler invited them to an all-night singing in Atlanta.

The groups had always used hymn books when broadcasting. They thought that they were being booked to sing their western songs but upon arrival learned that the event was gospel only. They took their song books on stage with them and sang an all-gospel concert entirely unrehearsed.

Current members of the Chuck Wagon Gang are Roy Carter, Ruth Ellen Carter, Pat McKeehan, Harold Timmons and Debbie Trusty.

The Lincolnnton Citizens Center will open at 5 p.m. Saturday for ticket sales prior to the 8 p.m. concert.



TO SING IN KM - The Singing Cookes, along with the Cook Brothers, will sing Fri., Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trinity Church of the Living God on Highway 216 North, behind the Ole Country Store. The pastor, Rev. Doug Painter, invites the public.

Revival To Be Held At Cherryville Church

First Baptist Church of Cherryville, will have an exciting three-day revival Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 2, with Christian magician and evangelist, Felix Snipes. Having recently appeared on CBS television, he will offer "a galaxy of fun, magic, and comedy" for the entire family.

Services will begin Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church, 301 East First Street, Cherryville. Mr. Snipes will also be ministering in both the morning and evening services on Sunday, October 2.

Pastor Mike Minnix and the staff and congregation of First Baptist Church invite and encourage you to attend these wonder-full, exciting, and unique services.

REVIVAL SET

Revival services will be held at Revivals for Jesus Christ, corner of F and Carolina Sts., Bessemer City, Sept. 11-16.

Rev. Jones White, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church of Blacksburg, S.C., will lead the 4 p.m. service on Sept. 11.

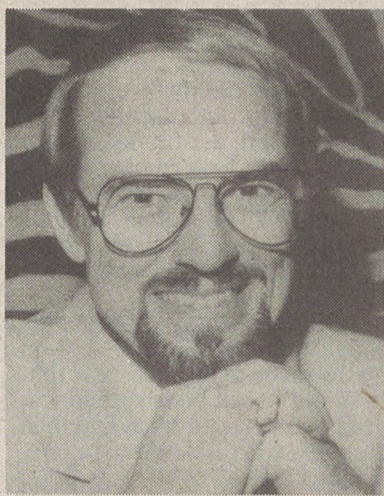
The speaker of the week will be Rev. Nathaniel Crosby and services are at 7:30 p.m. each evening Monday through Friday.

The public is invited, said Rev. R. M. Hines, pastor.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming Day will be celebrated Sept. 18 at Second Baptist Church.

The congregation will celebrate 73 years of ministry.



REV. FELIX SNIPES Dinner on the grounds will be served after the homecoming message and a song service will be held in the afternoon. The public is invited.

GOSPEL SING

An outdoor gospel singing will be held Sunday, Sept. 11, from 2 until 5 p.m. at Biggerstaff Park in Dallas.

The songfest will feature Holly Robinson of Bessemer City, The Messengers of Lincolnnton, The King James Singers of Charlotte, The Johnson Family of Monroe and the Singing Redeems of Charlotte.

The gospel singing will be held at Shelter 2 and those attending should furnish their own lawn chairs. A freewill offering will be taken and the public is invited.

CHURCH BOWLING

A new church bowling league is being organized at Major League Lanes, Shelby. This league is for churches only. Arrangements have been made for a free bowling party to be held at Major League Lanes, 1234 East Dixon Boulevard, on Thursday evening, September 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

The invitation is open to both men and women of any denomination. However, you must be 18 years or older to join. Included in this evening of fun will be bowling, use of shoes, instruction and light refreshments.

Since this is to be a fun group activity, it is a good opportunity for those who have never bowled and for those who have to join in the fun of group bowling. You do not have to be a pro to bowl in this league. You only need the desire to engage in Christian fellowship. Each church does not have to form a complete team. Churches will be put together to form teams, if necessary. If you or anyone at your church is interested, just come to the party and bowl a few games September 8, at 7:00. If you have any questions call Gene Penner at 739-1515, or Major League Lanes, Shelby 482-1442.

LEAGUE MOVING

The Mountaineer Church Bowling League, going into its sixth season, is moving to Liberty Lanes in Gastonia this winter. The league will have its first meeting Monday, September 12 at Western Sizzlin Steak House on Highway 321 South, beside Liberty Lanes. The meeting will begin at 7:30 and will begin bowling around 8:30. Light refreshments will be provided.

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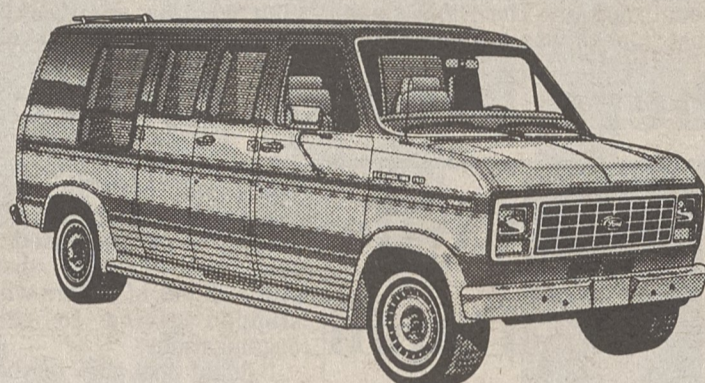
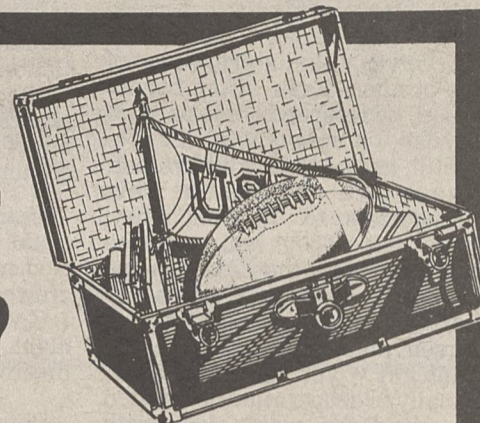
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Bob Trotman of Casar, has received a \$15,000 grant from the National Endowment for The Arts, Congressman Cass Ballenger announced today.

The grant is part of the Visual Artists Fellowship program designed to promote the development of the visual arts. Funds will be used to assist Trotman in the production of sculptures and crafts.

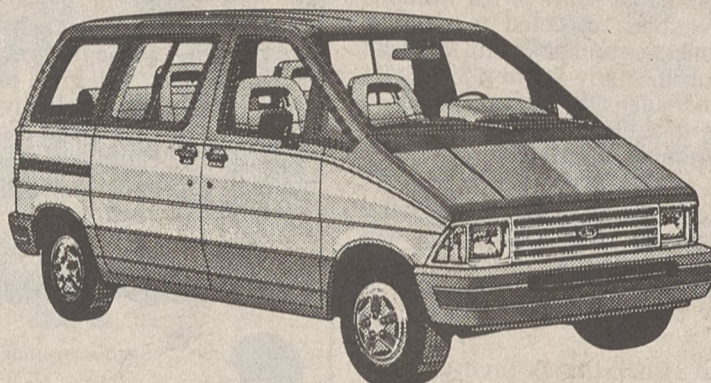
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| 8/20/88 | 40 | 2 | 0 | 46 | |
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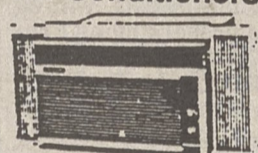


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