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EDITORIALS

Spirit In Old Music

What would you say if I remarked that an old hymn is reaching for the top in country music? Some of you might already know this, but those who didn't would accuse me of having lost my mind, gone sacrilegious or something.

But such is indeed the case. The song is "Amazing Grace" and the times I have heard it sung with a spirited beat brought this old hymn alive as nothing else could possibly have. For generations the hymn has been sung either

with a nasal twang not the least attractive or in a mournful manner reminiscent of a funeral dirge.

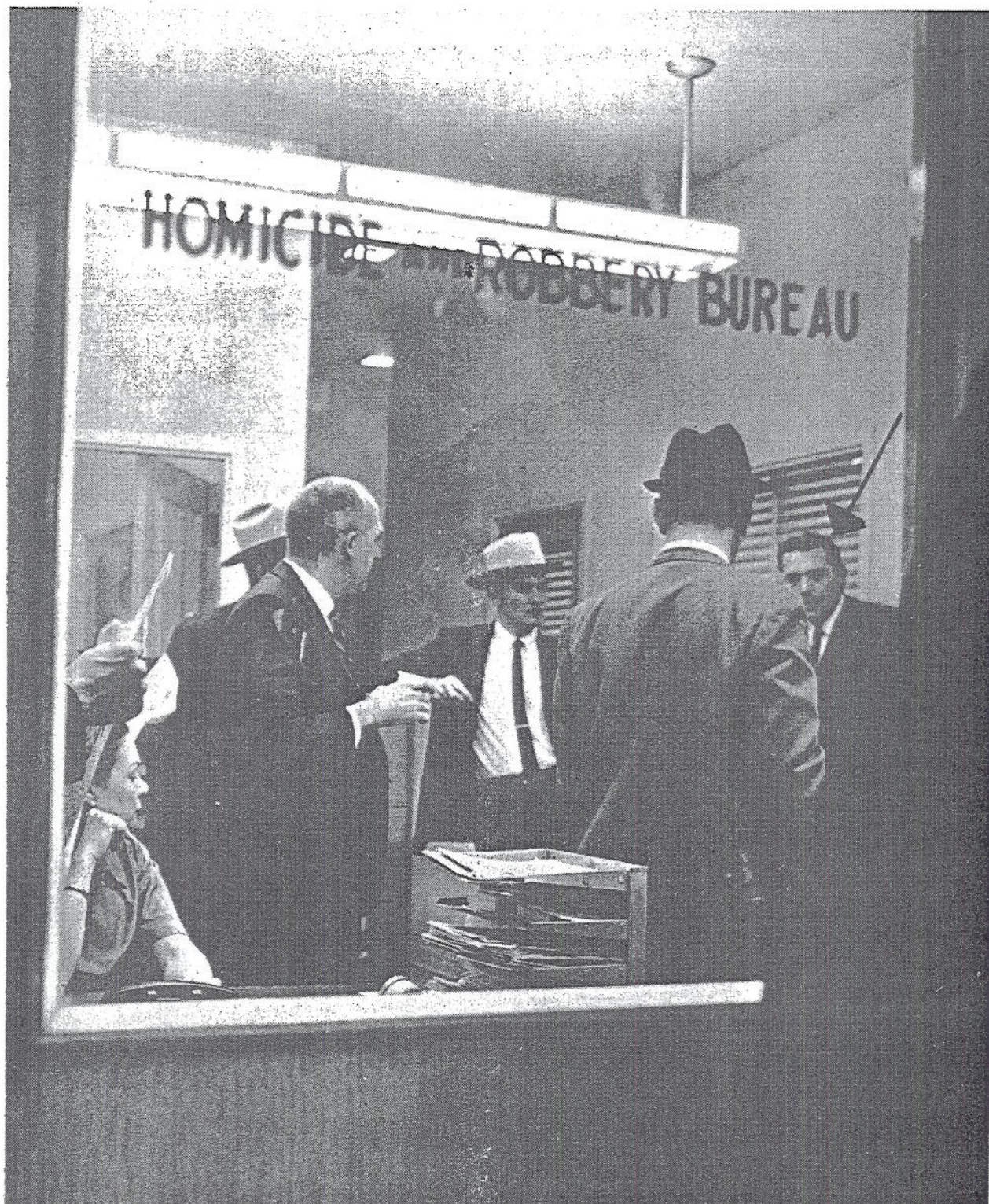
Too many songs of faith have no "beat" that really tells the joyful news. Too many of their lyrics are mouthed with no attention to what they imply.

It has evolved upon a country style, song happy generation to take old music and really transmit it as a message of joy.

Young people are bringing about a revolutionary change in many fields. If encouraged they will bring about such change in our churches, its music, the preaching. If frowned upon this effort will cease and the energies of the young will be directed towards other and less worthwhile activities.

And will someone please tell me what is Gospel music. Some of it isn't found in the Gospels in style or content. —Chatham County News

Craig Pictured In Will Fritz Office





Above are two pictures of Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig standing in the office of Captain Will Fritz of the Dallas Police Department shortly after Lee Harvey Oswald was brought to the Fritz office. Fritz denied to the Warren Commission that Craig ever came to his office.

These are the first pictures The Midlothian Mirror has had a chance to print of Craig at the Fritz office. Similar pictures by a Times Herald Photographer which were loaned to Jesse Curry for his book could not be made available to The Mirror.

See "Forgive My Grief III" for a recent picture of Roger Craig. P. 87