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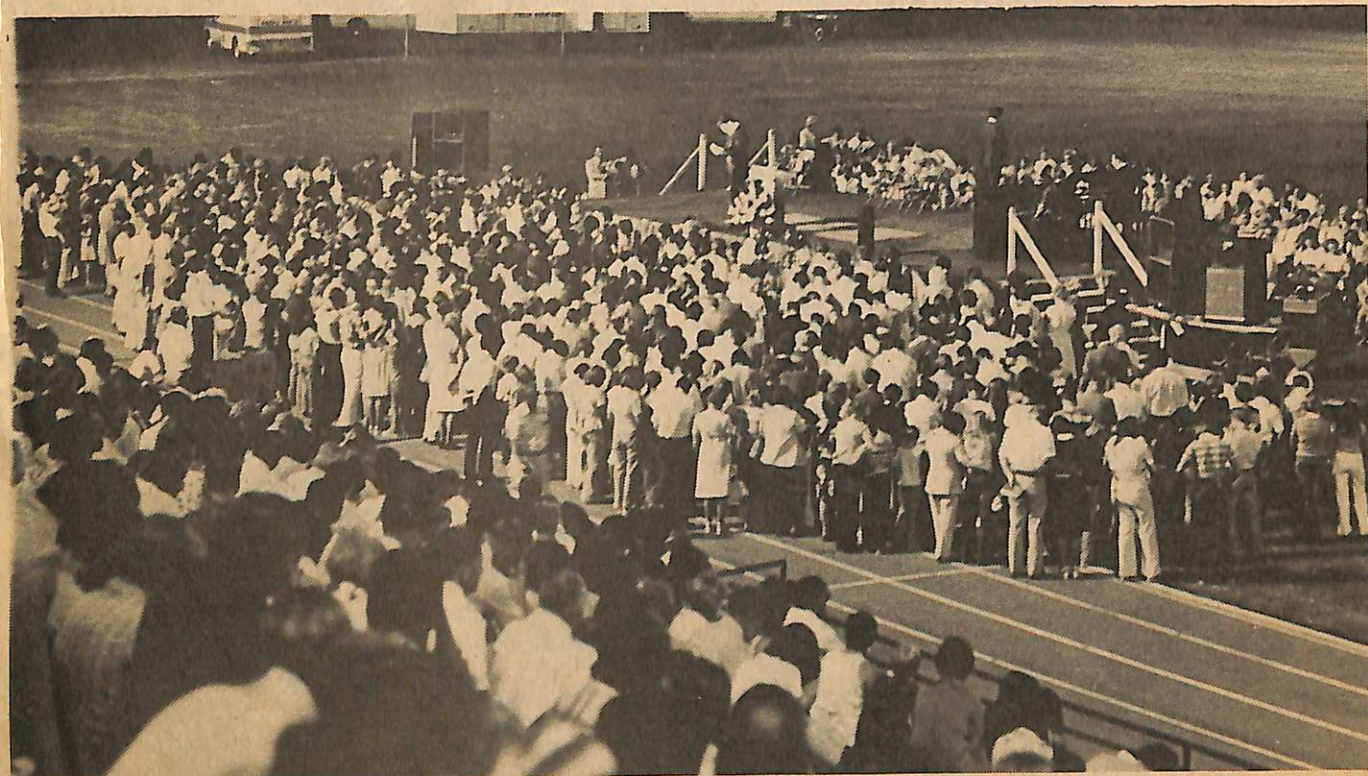
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### The Shelby Daily Star July 25, 1977 Crusade for Christ

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**ROBISON CRUSADE** — About 4,000 people turned out last night for the first service of the James Robison Cleveland County area crusade, being held at Blanton Stadium at

Shelby High School. The services continue through Sunday beginning at 7:30 p.m. each day. (Photo By Paul Lemmons)

## Crusade's Opening Night Draws 4,000

About 4,000 persons attended the first service last night in this week's James Robison Cleveland County area Crusade for Christ at Blanton Memorial Stadium at Shelby High School, according to the Rev. Alton Martin, crusade chairman.

The crusade — which starts at 7:30 each evening through next Sunday — is

being sponsored by churches in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

"We were very pleased" with the turnout, Martin said, adding that as the week progresses, he felt "you will have to hunt for a place to sit."

Response to evangelist Robison's message was also good, he continued.

"Everyone I talked to was exceptionally pleased with the message."

Leading the music is Robison's music coordinator John McKay. A 300-member choir, made up of singers from churches all over the county, sings at the crusade.

Martin described the services as "simple" and

"nothing elaborate."

Members of the Sheriff's Reserves handled the parking and did an "excellent job," Martin said.

Several baseball games are scheduled at Veteran's Field this week but Martin said they shouldn't interfere with services.

"We checked that out beforehand," he said.