



## PUGET SOUND CHAPTER ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC WEEKEND

Sunny Indian Summer weather, approximately 75 enthusiastic Puget Sound Chapter members and friends, young Jonas Nordwall from Portland, and seven of the area's home organs joined forces to make the Chapter's Annual Labor Day week-end omnibus marathon a huge success.

Jonas Nordwall opened the festivities shortly after midnight on Saturday evening September 3rd, playing his Seattle debut concert on the Paramount Theater Wurlitzer 4/20. From his opener, a brisk "Burning of Rome" through to "Lover," his final encore, Jonas played a nicely paced, technically brilliant program. His command of the instrument's tonal and mechanical resources was complete.

Sunday activities for the Chapter commenced at noon at the home of Bill and Barbara Morrison, north of Seattle. A picnic dinner on the patio was followed by sessions on the Morrison Robert Morton 3/14. This organ is beautifully installed in a large two story basement studio off the patio. National ATOE president Dick Schrum, Puget Sound Chapter Chairman Don French, and veteran Seattle theatre organist Eddie Zollman took their turns at the console. They were followed by other Chapter members. A brief business meeting was held at the Morrison's by Chairman French. Dick Schrum reported briefly on the S. W. Regional ATOE Meeting in Richmond, Va.

During the late afternoon and early evening hours, visitations were made in caravan to the following home installations: Harold Shawver's 2 (going on 11) Kimball, Bob Jones 4/24, Dan Adamson's 2/7 Wurlitzer, Harold Musolof's 3/11 Wurlitzer, Lee Bauscher's 3/11 Wurlitzer (now under construction). By ten PM survivors of the trek gathered at the Burien home of Lou and Woody Presho for food, dancing and

assorted revelry. The Presho's trim 2/6 Wurlitzer, augmented by Tom Hobbs on vibes, plus banjo, violin, drums provided music throughout the evening. The last gasp from a handful of hard-core holdouts was heard at 3:30 AM Monday morning when the session was officially adjourned until next year.

## A. T. O. E. POTOMAC VALLEY CHAPTER

On Sunday afternoon, June 26th, the Potomac Valley Chapter held its annual election of officers at the home of Erwin A. Young in Alexandria, Va. Approximately one hundred members were present to hear the excellent 2 manual 7 rank Wurlitzer installation in a specially designed studio. The surprise guest artist for the afternoon was none other than the renowned master theatre organist Eddie Weaver. After a concert typical of Weaver's complete mastery of the organ and his mastery of superb showmanship, the annual business meeting took place. Plans for the second annual regional convention to be held at Richmond, Virginia during the latter part of August were discussed by chairman Richard O. Haffer and secretary Michael Dreyer. The nominating committee selected two slates of officers for approval: Chairman — Richard Haffer, Vice Chairman — Richard Myers, and Secretary-Treasurer — Michael Dreyer. The other slate of officers consisted of Chairman — Ray Brubacher, Vice Chairman — Tommy Tandrum, and Secretary-Treasurer — Elbert Marlowe. A written ballot elected the latter slate of officers. Appreciation was then extended to Chairman Haffer for the work done in the past year to improve the chapter. After the meeting, many members returned to try their

hand at the Wurlitzer console. We are indeed indebted to Eddie Weaver for the fine entertainment provided to make this meeting a most successful one in the chapter's history.

The Eastern Regional Convention sponsored by the Potomac Valley Chapter ATOE, was held in Richmond, Virginia, August 27th and 28th, and in the Washington D. C. area on the 29th. The convention was attended by more than three hundred and fifty members and a full report will be forthcoming in this magazine. We are pleased to report that at the convention, all officers of ATOE National were in attendance. Nineteen out of twenty-six chapters were represented.

Ray Brubacher  
Chapter Chairman

## North - South to Present Midway Concert in California

Bethards and Carson Mastermind  
Fresno Return Engagement

Jack Bethards, acting chairman for the Northern California ATOE Chapter has announced a joint concert weekend meeting of his chapter with the Los Angeles Chapter at Fresno on October 15 and 16 (Saturday and Sunday). Headquarters will be the Hacienda Hotel in Fresno. Activity will center around the 4-16 Robert Morton organ in the Warner's theatre and the 3-11 Wurlitzer in the Wilson theatre, both maintained in top shape. Organists scheduled for concerts to date are Larry Vannucci and Lyn Larsen, with Jim Roseveare standing by. As an added attraction Bill McCoy has been set for a concert demonstration plugging a new model Thomas electronic organ. Registration fees are \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family. Bob Carson is making arrangements at the Los Angeles end. A similar North-South concert meeting, held two years ago, starred Ann Leaf and Jim Murray. It was an unqualified success and the wishes of members in both chapters for a repeat performance resulted in the present plan.

## Al White to Kansas City

Oakland, Calif. — Allen White, organist-manager of the Oakland Paramount and later assistant director of promotion for West Coast 20th-Century Fox pictures, has been promoted to Director of Promotion for the organization's mid-West area and has moved to Kansas City to take up his new duties. The promotion forced White to resign his Chairmanship of the Northern California ATOE Chapter, leaving Vice Chairman Jack Bethards in the driver's seat.

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