

Attention: The Editors

Gentlemen:

As one who has saved all ATOE publications from the first issue of *The Tibia* onward, I am pleased to note the many improvements in both quality and quantity of published material.

There is one area where we have slipped backwards, however, and that is in the present lack of index or table of contents. When searching for an article or subject in back issues, it is frustrating and time-consuming to have to go through several dozen magazines page by page. Features such as shipment lists, technical articles, and even record reviews are of lasting interest and are not being adequately headlined by the occasional blurbs on the cover. Surely a couple inches of space could be spared in some consistent location for a table of contents.

Keep up the good work, and here's for a bigger and better *indexed* magazine!

Very truly yours,
John C. Scott

See page 3 of this issue for the December 1968 Table of Contents (IN THIS ISSUE); this will be a regular feature in the future. A general INDEX to THEATRE ORGAN BOMBARDE, vol. 10, 1968 — compiled by Marilyn Schrum—appears on page 19.

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American Theatre Organ Enthusiasts
c/o The Editor

An item in "Nuggets from the Golden Days," August '68 issue of THEATRE ORGAN BOMBARDE, regarding a 1924 *Diapason* article about plans for a six-manual organ for the Kindt Theatre in Davenport, Iowa, prompted me to investigate further. The organ was being purchased by the son of the founder of chiropractic treatment, namely Dr. B. J. Palmer.

Dr. David D. Palmer, president of the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, was kind enough to inform me the outcome of these plans. The new auditorium his father planned to build in 1925 to serve the college and the city was to occupy a space 180 feet by 300 feet and have a seating capacity of 8,000, at a cost of about \$750,000.

It was to contain (at that time) the largest pipe organ in the world, which was the six-manual instrument being built by the Aeolian Co. at a cost of \$200,000. Because of a number of circumstances that occurred following this publicity and decision, the auditorium

plans were put aside, as well as the organ which had been contemplated.

To quote Dr. Palmer, "As I recall, the deposit on the organ was forfeited. More's the pity. Too bad his plans didn't materialize!" I would say that B. J. Palmer was an organ enthusiast who thought big. He also was a pioneer in broadcasting, having the first radio station west of the Mississippi, WOC ("Wonders Of Chiropractic"). WOC remains the second-oldest licensed station in the country, having been granted its call letters only three months after KDKA, Pittsburgh, received its assignment. Governor Ronald Reagan got his first job after graduation in 1932 as a radio sportscaster for WOC.

Looking back, we can conclude that they *chiro-practically* had an organ. . . .

—Dr. Edward J. Mullins
CATOE, Chicago Chapter

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Editor Theatre Organ

Dear George:

At last I have located a source that will reproduce the brass Wurlitzer name plates. These are engraved and have the black, red, and green paint in the engraved areas. They so closely match the originals as to be exact duplicates.

While in Kansas City, Missouri, lately, I saw a couple of the reproductions and was amazed. Interested members can secure the brass name plates for \$6 apiece from Dave Weaver and Bob Wilson, 5111 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri 64110. These are two of our members who have a beautiful style F in their living room which has been remodeled to look like a theater lobby. FANTASTIC!

Sincerely yours

JUDD WALTON

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FOR SALE—Two harp stops—Marimba (wood), Regular (tubes), each \$100; Tibia set \$150; 1 HP blower less motor \$60; Wurlitzer bass drum \$50; Unit Bourdon (97 pipes) \$225. Crating and shipping extra. REC, 3055-16th N.W., Apt. 102, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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FOR SALE: 4-20 Publix #1 Wurlitzer, featured in the 1967 Detroit Convention. Voxes replaced by Post Horns! Write: BILL HOLLEMAN, c/o ATOE, Box 2329 Livonia, Michigan 48150.

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