

THE COVER PHOTO



The Mont Clair Theatre houses a 3/10 Barton organ. This was the scene of a sold out CATOE production of an authentic theatre organ show. The instrument was installed in 1929, maintained by organ buff Wally Rathman until the summer of 1968 at which time CATOE members took over and completed the restoration of the organ. The Theatre was also the setting for the John Muri Show on November 7, 1968.

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With This Issue

With this issue, the changes in the magazine are now in force. Our new publications director, Don Lockwood, pledges that the delays of the past will remain there. With the entire cooperation of chapters and individuals supplying material, the editors and the printer, we plan to have every issue mailed in the month it should be. You will know when it arrives that each following copy should be at the same time. I say it that way as the post office has ways of its own in delivering second class mail.

John Muri, well known as an organist, an expert in English, will be a regular contributor with often pungent comments on the organ world of the past, present and future. If you have any reaction to John's articles, write in. I'm sorry that in the December issue John's name was omitted from his column titled "Getting the Facts."

Remember — we have no paid staff of reporters charging madly around the country gathering material for our magazine. You are there and you must send the articles and pictures in and in plenty of time or we won't have them to print. This is your only official Journal.

The farewell to the Columbus, Ohio Loewes Theatre will be February 16th. The building is scheduled to be replaced by a State office building. Thus another mighty musicmaker loses its original home. We hope the Central Ohio Chapter can find a new home for the instrument.

It is time to nominate members for the National Board of Directors to serve a two year term. If you are interested in serving your organization in this capacity, please make this known to your chapter chairman. Also if you know of someone who would do a good job, please let this be known.

Plan to attend the National Convention in Chicago this summer. This is the last year in the 60's. Let's make it an action year.



Al Mason

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