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## THE COVER PHOTO

This 3-10 Barton with a rare waterfall console was installed in the Paramount Theatre in Newport News, Va. in 1931. Purchased by Woody Wise in 1968, it was increased to eleven ranks and is now installed in the Virginia Theatre in Alexandria. Story on Page 5.

Photo by Ray Brubacher



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## EDITORIAL

Next month we are headed for our annual convention as the main feature of the theatre organ year. This is a good time to think of what the National is — the few people who try to 'tie together' the entire country as there is strength in numbers — whether it is chapters or isolated members who express their love for and interest in theatre organ; the sponsoring of the convention hosted by a chapter with the cooperation of the Theatre Organ-Bombarde and an allowance of 25c per current member, and the devoted workers who gather the news, organize it and print it.

This is the time to say that we do need an increase in dues as many things have had to slide for lack of money. We must expect the cost of paper will be going up and of course the printing will have to follow. The post office is talking of raising mail costs and that will really hurt.

There have been malicious rumors of large spending by officials. First of all, there isn't any money and the only official that has any expenses paid is the president and very little of that. Postage, telephone, printing, and the election costs all come out of dues the same as any organization. We get two dollars worth out of every dollar since the labor is free. We need and should have a regular official reporter from every chapter at the same price.

Our organization has been a success because it has filled a need. We do require some changes to bring our By-Laws in line with the progress we have made. Our founders planned well, we have grown accordingly, but time has opened up more opportunities that were not apparent when we were founded and we should consider changing to an educational and charitable status if the internal revenue will admit the National ATOE in this category as well as some chapters that have already been granted this change.

Maybe we need a special fun group also. Any ideas? Let the cards and letters come.



*Al Mason*

— Al Mason, President