

## WESTERN RESERVE

The Western Reserve newsmakers, printless too long, now bring you up to date direct from the Gray's Armory in Cleveland, Ohio — where our 3/15 "Mighty Wurlitzer" resides. It was originally installed in the Stanley Warner Theatre in Erie, Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1969 when it was being readied to move to Cleveland, the original custodian of this theatre was there to see our instrument on its way!

Presented to WRTOS, Inc. by the Cleveland Grays who received it as a donation from the RKO Warner Theatres, Inc., it has been memorialized in honor of the late General Paul B. Roesch, past commander of the Cleveland Grays.

Outstanding are the two 32-foot diaphones weighing in excess of a ton. These were procured from the Loew's State Theatre in Cleveland, Ohio. They are standing with the two 16-footers on the south wall of the Armory drill hall floor and are magnificent to behold.

P.S. The Gray's Armory has been recently designated by the United States Government as an historical building.

Our Western Reservers are making history, too, with our "Mighty Wurlitzer" every first Sunday of the month. That day provides for chapter members' playing time, based on a random drawing, depending on the number of write-in requests and time available.

Appreciation wasn't reserved when our 3/15 had its premiere concert March 25, 1972, with Keith Chapman, organist for Philadelphia's John Wanamaker Grand Court Organ. Outstanding was Keith's special arrangement of the "1812 Overture" complete with sound effects by a real cannon and a combo of wires, bells and dynamite caps! And believe it or not, "Bach was beautiful" on the same instrument!

Great publicity preceded this event by way of TV coverage rebroadcast for the public "Eye" with Lou Hegybeli rendering that sweet, nostalgic sound of the theatre pipe organ. Also flyers were sent to all the schools in Cleveland and surrounding areas inviting the students to a special performance. This is well in keeping with our attitude of encouraging teaching and playing music in true theatre organ style, on either the restored theatre pipe or-

gans or on an electronic plug-in. To that end, our members are privileged to have open console at our Tuesday evening weekly meetings at the Gray's Armory and at our monthly meetings which are held in the homes of chapter members who have operating theatre pipe organs and also in various public facilities where there is an operating pipe organ. At such sessions we have theatre organists on hand to assist students with setting the desired registrations and combinations. We especially encourage youngsters who are learning organ to join us. We also actively promote technical education in the form of restoring, rebuilding, and reinstalling theatre pipe organs in suitable locations. Chapter members are currently helping each other with several home installations.

Since the March, 1972 performance, we've had three other paid lively and successful concerts, one a "return" concert with our very gracious and talented friend, Keith Chapman... and two featuring the "Silents" on our new 15-foot by 22-foot screen, presided over by outstanding Clevelanders, Virgil Bartz and effervescent Eddie Weaver from the Byrd Theatre in Richmond, Virginia both of whom presented us with some really delightful comedies, one a Laurel & Hardy feature.

As of this writing, during the past year seven new organs have been acquired by Western Reserve members, eventually totalling twenty-five in our area. Please look forward to more about some of these in another article.

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