

In Sacramento . . .

BIG TOP PIZZA OPIENS

Roy and Larry Weid played host to their firends who had been assisting in getting The Big Top Pizza ready for opening on Sunday, February 9. Jeff Barker presented the yet to be completed, and slightly augmented, Wur-litzer Opus 681 to those present. Even in its incomplete state it spoke both with sweetness some of us knew we heard it years ago from Radio Station WLW in Cincinnati, Ohio, and with the authority of its added ranks and percussions.

February 13 did not deter the Weids from opening their doors to the public at 6 P.M. without benefit of advertising. Business was good and it continued good, still without advertising. There was only a large sign out front which announced "BIG TOP PIZZA — HOME OF THE WURLITZER PIPE ORGAN," which had only been erected two days before!

Members of Sierra Chapter have been assisting the Weids with the installation and will be holding their first meeting at The Big Top Pizza on Sunday, May 18 with Jeff Barker as featured artist.

The Big Top is located at Winding Way and Manzanita in the Sacramento suburb of Carmichael. Drop in and hear a fine instrument with a fine artist. □

Standing on the left is Larry Weid, Sierra Chapter member and owner (with his father) of BIG TOP PIZZA. Note the clown on the back wall. His nose is a large red light globe to mark an exit. Ray Anderson, another Sierra Chapter member, is the man with his arm in a sling — the result of a mishap while working on another pipe organ installation.



The Big Top Pizza console with the relay room directly behind it, flanked by two chambers. A circus decor is used. The wall is a bright red with gold trim around windows and swell shade panels.

Jeff Barker, house organist, and one of the fine organists to be heard during the 20th national convention when Sacramento and Sierra Chapter has its day on July 18. (The cameraman had to get up in the air for this one — notice the back is not in place on the console and neither is some of the wiring.) The piano can be seen directly behind the console.

