

PAST PRESIDENTS

- Richard Simonton
Feb. 1955 – Oct. 1958
- Judd Walton
Oct. 1958 – July 1961
- Tiny James
July 1961 – July 1964
- Carl Norvell
July 1964 – July 1966
- Dick Schrum
July 1966 – July 1968
- Al Mason
July 1968 – July 1970
- Stillman Rice
July 1970 – July 1972
- Erwin A. Young
July 1972 – July 1974
- Paul M. Abernethy
July 1974 – July 1976
- Ray F. Snitil
July 1976 – July 1978
- Preston M. Fleet
July 1978 – Nov. 1978
- Tommy Landrum
Nov. 1978 – July 1980

HONORARY MEMBERS

- 1959 – Jesse Crawford
- 1960 – Fanny Wurlitzer
- 1961 – Mel Doner
- 1962 – Leonard MacClain
- 1963 – Eddie Dunstedter
- 1964 – Reginald Foort
- 1965 – Dan Barton
- 1966 – W. "Tiny" James
- 1967 – Erwin A. Young
- 1968 – Richard C. Simonton
- 1969 – Judd Walton
- 1970 – Bill Lamb
- 1971 – George and Vi Thompson
- 1972 – Stu Green
- 1973 – Al and Betty Mason
- 1974 – Lloyd E. Klos
- 1975 – Joe Patten
- 1976 – Floyd and Doris Mumm
- 1977 – Les and Edith Rawle
- 1978 – Len Clarke
- 1979 – J. B. Nethercutt
- 1980 – Sidney Torch

President's Message

"The Last Issue?"



This issue of THEATRE ORGAN magazine may be the last one for some time because of the resignations of the entire production and administrative staff of ATOS who have been producing and distributing this fine magazine for many years. The resignations of Erwin "Cap" Young, W. "Tiny" James, George Thompson, Betty Mason, and Lee Prater are a severe blow to the continuation of the American Theatre Organ Society as we have known it. Between them ATOS has lost about 100 years of combined experience. All of us who have enjoyed the theatre pipe organ through ATOS owe them a debt of gratitude. I hope many of you will express this to them in writing. The reasons for these resignations were published in the April/May 1981, issue of THEATRE ORGAN.

The importance of our national magazine in keeping our organization together cannot be underestimated. We must find dedicated, and capable individuals to fill the vacant positions of editor, publisher, membership manager, and business manager as soon as possible. In addition, we will need a computer service to handle the membership records as the present computer service will be unavailable because of the resignation process. In an organization as large as ours there should be a number of people that could fill these posts, and who would be willing to do so. If you are one of those people please come forth and volunteer your services.

"The Spirit of ATOS" is very much alive, and I think it is very well illustrated by ATOS member Lexie Palmore's cartoon printed below. Lexie sent her cartoon to me during my request for "Yes" postcards asking for support for the goals of the Society last December.

The problem individuals and the problem chapters who caused the troubles which have brought the Society to the crossroads which we face today are still in our midst. Only you, the individual member, in whom the ultimate power of the Society rests, can correct this situation. Let your Board of Directors know that you want these people dealt with so that never again can they cause problems for ATOS.

Richard R. Haight

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National President
ATOS



Lexie Palmore
LEXIE PALMORE
(my vote)