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Dick Kline and Lee Erwin in the solo chamber of the 4/28 Wurlitzer in the Kline residence. (See story on page five.)

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president's message...



Where do we go from here? ATOS has already enjoyed a growth over five times that expected by its founders and there appears to be no end in sight; but possibly we should pause just long enough to examine this progress. Are we growing on a good foundation and are we following the guide line of our stated purpose?

From a loosely organized hobby group we have progressed to a point where we are now in a small business category and as such, must be organized and operate in accordance with the laws that govern us. Over the period of the last several years we have successfully reorganized to comply with corporate laws that we had ignorantly violated previously. Our administration

has been changed to better distribute the work load and to keep our records up to date. Yes, our foundation for further growth appears to be quite solid.

Unfortunately, a sign of the times is the steady decline of the motion picture theatre and with it the loss of theatre organs in theatres. The great majority of these fine instruments have been saved to sound again in other locations. In this operation, in the many ways the theatre organ is presented to the public in programs and in information presented in THEATRE ORGAN and many other publications, we are indeed following our stated purpose.

The future of ATOS is in your hands. Service in the many administrative levels is not all fun and games but is most certainly the key ingredient in this or any organization and must be for the good of the entire organization, rather than for personal gain or glory. Even as a voluntary action, the acceptance of any office carries with it the responsibility of doing the job.

Your officers and directors are trying to do the job for the benefit of all guided by the decisions of the majority. Our annual meeting in Detroit in July will include the annual meeting of the ATOS Board of Directors. All chapters are urged to have a representative at this meeting and members who are not chapter affiliated are likewise invited. Your input at this meeting will guide the actions of the officers and directors during the coming term to build for the future.

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