

IN ROSWELL . . .

Carter Raps It Up



SPC 6 Lou Hurvitz. From the West Point band to a 4/26 Moller. — (Sieglar Photo)

"Serenade". The highlight of the program was the sing-along. The audience raised the roof singing a selection of old songs as song slides along with color slides of various organ consoles, organ chambers and picture palaces flashed on the screen. General Francis J. Roberts, Superintendent of the Academy, expressing his appreciation on behalf of the cadets and the guests who filled the chapel, pointed out that Specialist Hurvitz is an example of the fine talent to be found among the enlisted men of the Armed Forces and particularly in the West Point Band. The cadets hope to have Lou return in the Fall to play another concert.



Colonel Harry. It's a long way from that Marr & Colton in Oneonta to a town-hopping circus Hammond in California. — (Stufoto)

Former theatre organist, Col. Harry J. Jenkins recently went through his files and noted a listing of Marr & Colton organs. One of these he played from July to December in 1926. It was a little two-manual job in the 1045-seat Palace Theatre in Oneonta, N.Y. Gus Lampe was the house manager. Jenkins, now 71, lives in San Diego, but he's on the road each summer with a small circus. His Hammond is the circus band. □

Down in the Land of Enchantment, the New Mexico Military Institute Cadet Activities Forum presented the final "Showtime on the Mighty Theatre Organ" series for the 73-74 season, featuring Gaylord Carter, who was able to come over on such a short notice after a long drawn out tour in the midwest. The season has ended for the current school year, but in a celebration, for the first year anniversary of the rennovated organ.

It was a true honor to have Gaylord Carter do the season finale! He presented a wide variety of music, which turned out to be an evening full of entertainment and enjoyment. Just under 500 music lovers came to hear Mr. Carter perform before three very funny movies consisting of a W.C. Fields chase scene, and a Harold Lloyd flick with the feature movie *The Navigator* starring Buster Keaton. As well as to the movies, the audience responded with their voices to a 15 minute sing-along, with the showing of old time song slides.

The New Mexico Military Institute has put on a total of five shows this past year, and has averaged over 660 in attendance per show. To some large cities that's just a small crowd, but to Roswell, it's practically the whole town. A special organ society is being proposed to the school in order to sponsor and plan future programs. May 18 was graduation for Bob MacNeur from New Mexico Military, but he is planning to stay in Roswell to help keep the organ alive, to assist in future concerts, and to make additions to the original 14 ranks.

The faculty at NMMI would like to thank ATOS and the Theatre Organ staff for their support. Also, a special thanks to Mr. Alva Wilson and Mr. Jesse Reed, whose devoted time and knowledge has been dedicated to the reconstruction tasks of getting the organ in shape for this past season. We look forward to this fall, when the Hillgreen pipes will vibrate again in late September. □

Pictured at the console of the 3/14 Hillgreen Lane are (l to r) Mr. Gaylord Carter, the featured artist at NMMI with Mr. Alva Wilson who opened this particular instrument in 1922 at the Sunshine Theatre in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Also Cadet Robert MacNeur responsible for the rennovation of the organ.

