

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

LAND O'LAKES CHAPTER

On Monday, March 1, our chapter met at the River-Lake Tabernacle in Minneapolis. The organ installed there is a 2m 7r Wurlitzer which was originally installed in the Vitagraph Theatre in Chicago in 1924. This church purchased the organ in 1929 and has used it constantly since then.

The console has been refinished so many times it's nearly black. It has a single bolster of stop tabs in a very shallow "horse shoe." Many of the tabs are blank. The organ is installed in a single chamber to the right of the stage, and the console stands on stage near the chamber end. The building is a barn-like hall, laid out as though it may have been a theatre or meeting hall at one time. It has a very lively echo.

Several members played during the early part of the evening. We are fortunate in having so many good organists in our ranks. We then had a short business meeting at which time the



Land O'Lakes group around console at WCCO Studio.



S.H. (Sally) Cargil Land O'Lakes chairman and Bob Paige at Bob's Villa.

THEATRE ORGAN ENTHUSIASTS
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POTOMAC VALLEY CHAPTER ORGANIZED

On September 13, 1959, the first and organization meeting of the Potomac Valley Chapter of A.T.O.E. was held at the Alexandria Arena. A.T.O.E. members attending the meeting, and responsible for the welcome decision include Erwin A. Young, Jr., who was elected Chairman. Erwin is a Capitol Airlines pilot, and will soon complete installing a Style E Wurlitzer in a music room added to his home. Jim Boyce, has his 2 manual 7 rank Wurlitzer installed in the Alexandria Rink and plays daily. Lt. Col. Ted Brown is a former movie organist from the San Antonio Texas area. Also present were Dick Collins, also an airline pilot, Al Erling, manager of the Columbia Theatre in Wash., D.C., Cliff Carter who plays a Hammond at the National Arena in Washington, and Ray Jenkins who plays a Conn in the Willard Hotel, Bob Wyant, Allan Robey, Lillian Protheroe, and Bob Jones.

communications were reviewed. It was decided that our fiscal year would coincide with the national ATOE, i.e. January 1 through December 31. So, many dues were collected, both national and chapter, and more will be coming shortly.

Our refreshments were rather novel. Mrs. Donald Taft had brought along several boxes of doughnuts which had been frozen since our January meeting. She had thawed them out carefully that afternoon, but by evening they had hardened to concrete! The ladies baked them, steamed them, and kneaded them to no avail. Sal Cargill came to the rescue, however, with some trick involving a damp handkerchief which softened the doughnuts just long enough to eat. We hope they digest. (ED. NOTE -- We have heard nothing since -- we can only hope the refreshments were not fatal!)

In the transmittal for application for a Charter was included a statement to the A.T.O.E. Board of Directors, which is quoted in part as follows: The undersigned residents of the area of our Nation's Capitol have been drawn together because.... we share the enthusiasm aimed at expanding the purposes of A.T.O.E. To further this purpose, we feel that an organization of like-minded individuals is a necessary step to share our knowledge and efforts.....and that there is strength of action and purpose in unity among ourselves, and unity of our organization with corresponding groups around our country. With this in mind, we submit our application for a Charter for our group to be known as the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Association of Theatre Organ Enthusiasts.

Needless to say, the A.T.O.E. Board voted immediate approval of the Charter, and the Potomac Valley Chapter has become one of our most active Chapters with several interesting meetings and events taking place.

(Ed. note. This release was originally scheduled for the previous issue, but the original together with the excellent pictures submitted, were lost in the transfer of material to our new publisher. This is regretted more than we can say, but we extend our heartiest congratulations to the Officers and members of the Potomac Valley Chapter.)

KORLA PANDIT IN THEATRE ORGAN CONCERT

On Friday evening at midnite, June 24th, Korla Pandit of T-V and turban fame, presents "An Evening of Musical Enchantment", featuring the Mighty Stereo Wurlitzer Pipe Organ. Priced at one dollar, and showing off the gilded 4-20 Publix No. 1 Wurlitzer, such a concert is drawing more and more interested listeners.

Mr. Pandit is to be complimented for turning to the medium of the Mighty Wurlitzer, and A.T.O.E. wishes him every success in his future endeavors.

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

A theatre organ concert was sponsored January 31 at the Roosevelt Theatre in Buffalo, N.Y. Artists were Harold Jolles of Cattaraugus, N.Y., who has studied both classical and popular at the Eastman School in Rochester, N.Y., and was organist on the RKO Theatre Circuit during the late 1920s and early 30s; and Dr. Edward Bebko of Olean, N.Y., theatre organist at Radio City, New York, in the late 1930s.

Jolles played *Jalousie*, *Blue Skies*, *Nesting Time*, *Always*, *Whatever Lola Wants*, *Ole South*, *Moon Over Miami*, *Liebesfreud*, and three original compositions. Dr. Bebko offered March time numbers; Gershwin including *Fascinatin' Rhythm*, *Clap Yo' Hands*, *Soon*, and *Strike Up the Band*; *Holiday*; a *Manhattan Medley*; a *Sentimental Sing-Along* of the 20s; and *Brazilian Sleighbells*.

The instrument used is a 4m 18r Marr & Colton pipe organ, originally installed in March 1927 at a cost of \$37,500. Unplayed for over 20 years, it has been restored to almost perfect condition by Harry Radloff (ATOE Chapter president) and Heino Olandt (fellow ATOE enthusiast).

NOR, CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

During 1959 we gathered for meetings at the:

Sequoia Theatre, Mill Valley, with organist Everett Nourse (Wurlitzer 2/6); Golden Gate Theatre, San Francisco, with organist Hal Shutz (Wurlitzer 3/13); Women's Club, Oakland, for a special recorded session; Gregory and Falk Loft, San Francisco, with organist Dave Quinlan (Wurlitzer-Smith 3/14).

We are looking forward to this year with much enthusiasm, with Fran Aebi as President and Dave Quinlan as Vice President and Chairman in charge of organizing our programs. We hope you will be at all our meetings. Notices are sent out prior to each meeting to all Northern California Chapter Members.

Several new members joined our organization in 1959 and many have stated they wish to join in 1960.

On Monday, February 15, a meeting was held at the 615 Club, Benicia, with Urbie Braijo hosting the chapter. The program was an informal jam session on the 2/6 Wurlitzer, regularly played by Dave Quinlan.

The refreshment committee, expecting 30 or 40 people, was swamped by a crowd numbering over 90. Everyone who wanted to, or could be persuaded to, played, and a good social time was enjoyed by all.

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DELEWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

At the last meeting on February 7, at the Nineteenth Street Theatre, Allentown, Pa., we had election of officers, and the following are our new selections;

Stanley Warzala, 1470 East Avenue, New York 62, N.Y., Chairman; H. Garrett Paul, 530 N. Center St., Pottsville, Pa., Vice-chairman and Chairman of the Program Committee; and Esther A. Sweet, 57 Lennox Ave., Rumson, N.J., Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon receipt of the list of people

THEATRE ORGAN NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The Theatre Organ Society of Australia has been recently formed with 50 members, according to the Secretary, John Clancy. John has contacted the staff of THEATRE ORGAN, and will submit news items and stories for publication. The club's several aims include securing a theatre organ for members use. Several organs are still being played in Australia, among them being the Wurlitzer 4-19 in Hoyt's Regent Theatre in Melbourne. We welcome the new group to our pages, and extend to them every help we can offer.

Be sure to send in your Chapter news.

who were members of the National, but not of the Chapter, an invitation was sent to each, and approximately half to three-quarters of those on the list joined the Chapter. We have about 140 members, with at least a dozen joining between or during each meeting.

At the past meeting, we had a heart-to-heart talk, and the matter was voted on. From now on, anyone joining the Chapter will join the National at the same time. As a result, we will be sure that each member is joining both.



Left to right: George Birknew, Fabian Theatre Manager; Wm. Floyd, organist; and Esther Sweet, secretary-treasurer; Stanley Warzala, chairman; and H. Garrett Paul, vice chairman, all of the Delaware Valley Chapter.

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