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The Cover...

In the glow from one of the magnificent stage candelabrum, Horace Weber is shown seated at the console of the beautiful 3m/15r Wurlitzer in Melbourne's doomed Capitol Theatre. The scene, taken from the dress circle during the final recital last November 17th, serves to introduce the featured article in this issue, starting on page twelve. Written by Eric Wicks, a former pupil of Weber and now a newspaperman, the feature will be presented in two parts - this issue being devoted to the life of the organist; the next will describe the theatre, the organ and its removal by the Victorian Division of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia.

Already a nostalgic remembrance of a golden era, this photo also signals the termination of a long friendship, or, if you will, a devotion of an artist to an outstanding instrument. It is a fitting tribute by TOSA to a superb organist, a wonderful Wurlitzer, and a truly dramatic, theatrical closing of a great theatre.

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