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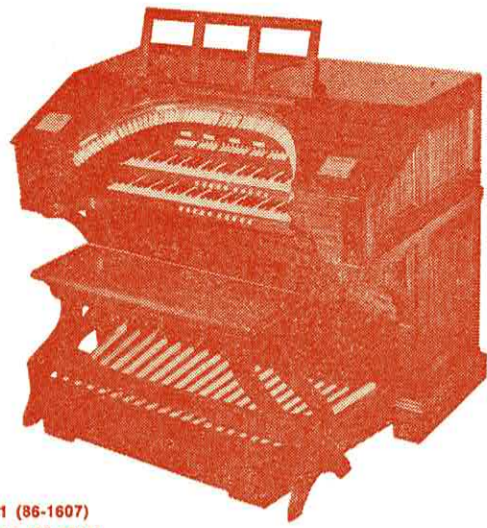
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPT. 2nd. Lawrence Dunk's Organ Party 8 p.m.
(Phone: 85.6376)

SEPT. 3rd. R.P-B. Dendy Crows Nest. 2.00 p.m.

SEPT. 11th. MONDAY - 8 p.m. - ORGAN CONCERT at
RYDE CIVIC CENTRE - TOP RYDE.

Featuring
GLEN DERRINGER

Visiting World Famous Young Organist Entertainer
who is employed by The WURLITZER Company - U.S.A.

Glen has appeared in the Jackie Gleason, Perry Como, Ed. Sullivan,
Bob Hope and other World Rated Radio & T.V. Shows.

Glen Derringer will demonstrate and entertain on the latest
Wurlitzer Organ range including the TOTAL TONE CONSOLE WURLITZER
4573 ORBIT III SYNTHESISOR ORGAN.

ADMISSION \$1 per Family - Plenty of Seats - No booking required.

Further information from any WADSWORTH-STAMFORD MUSIC CENTRE
PARRAMATTA, CHATSWOOD OR BANKSTOWN.

SEPT. 19th David Parsons, St. Columbs. West Ryde. 8 p.m.

SEPT. 27th. R.P-B. Top Ryde Civic Centre 8 p.m.
(TOSA Promotion)

OCT. 3rd. Organ Spectacular, Sydney Town Hall 8 p.m.
(NOT OCT. 4th. AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED)

OCT. 7th. David Parsons (STATE) 8 a.m.
R.P-B (Marrickville) 8 p.m.

OCT. 15th. Gaylord Carter (Mecca, Kogarah).

DEC. 5th. Christmas Party at
ELIM RECEPTION CENTRE, BURWOOD.

-\$4 per person -

DAVID PARSONS playing Christie Theatre Organ
at St. Columb's Church of England, West Ryde,
on Tuesday, 19th September, at 8 p.m.

Donation \$1.00 - Proceeds Chesalon Home, Eastwood.

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PORTER-BROWN RECITALS

METROPOLITAN AREA

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER - Dendy, Crow's Nest.

WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER - Top Ryde Civic
Centre (TOSA)

TASMANIA

SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER - Hobart Town Hall
(Pipe & Conn organs - with TOSA)

TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER - St. John's,
Launceston.

N.S.W. COUNTRY AREAS

Tuesday 5th September, Wollongong
Town Hall (Pipe & Hammond organs)
WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER - Goulburn
Lilac Time Hall.

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, Dendy Theatre,
Brighton.

THURSDAY 14th SEPT. Moorabbin Town
Hall. (TOSA)

WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER, Melbourne
Town Hall.

SUNDAY, 15th OCTOBER, Dendy Theatre,
Brighton.

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MUSIC FOR THE PEOPLE

On SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, Willoughby Municipal Council presented a free concert
starring our member, Cliff Bingham and local Chatswood organist Paul Edgar
on the Town Hall organ, with supporting artists.

As Paul explained to the audience he was playing straight but Cliff was playing
crooked.

Paul played two items by Bach - "Jesu joy of man's desiring" and the
"Toccatina and Fugue in D minor," then a sketch for the flutes contrasting the
flute and tibia ranks. His tour de force was a stirring performance of
"Crown Imperial" by Sir William Walton.

Less familiar to your reviewer were the items featured by Cliff Bingham except
for two old war horses "Twelfth Street Rag" and "Blaze Away" by Holzmann.
Cliff proved his mastery of the instrument not only in his solo numbers but in
his tasteful accompanying. The warmth of the reception afforded to both
organists proved that the organ sounded fine, straight or crooked!

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COMPTON FOR BALLARAT (VIC)

A 3/7 Compton, formerly in the A.B.C. Cinema, Warrington, Lancs. England.
will soon be installed at the Memorial Theatre, Ballarat by local TOSA
members.

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GAYLORD CARTER'S FLICKER FINGERS SHOW FOR SYDNEY

World famous Gaylord Carter, brings his "Flicker Fingers" presentation to
the Mecca International Theatre at Kogarah on Sunday 15th October at 8 p.m.
Gaylord, acclaimed as the greatest at providing organ accompaniment to silent
movies has toured his show right across America to packed houses, and will
appear only once in Sydney. TOSA members who saw the film "My Wife Said That's
Enough", will remember Gaylord Carter playing a 4 manual organ as he accompanied
a Western epic on the screen. A library of silent full length films as well as

short comedies will travel with Gaylord Carter to Australia, and we could see shows starring either Harold Lloyd or Buster Keaton etc. or possibly "The Phantom of the Opera" or "The Mark of Zorro", etc. TOSA asked Mr. Phil Doyle, owner of the Kogarah Mecca Theatre to present this show as there seemed no chance of seeing and hearing Gaylord Carter otherwise due to the lack of suitable theatres available on a Sunday, and we appreciate Mr. Doyle's co-operation with the Society to make this function possible.

- A NOT TO BE MISSED AT ANY COST EVENT -

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ORGAN SPECTACULAR AT SYDNEY TOWN HALL

The 1972 Organ Spectacular, an important part of Sydney's Annual Waratah Festival, will take place on TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER at 8 p.m. Our usual full stage of electronic organs will be seen and heard and many fine organists will be featured. Our Honorary member, David Parsons, will also be heard at the grand organ as part of this year's Spectacular. Admission is free. Don't miss out on this Annual Organ Wing-ding. It's the biggest!!!

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RE-LEATHERING OF CAPITOL THEATRE ORGAN

Work is soon to commence on the restoration of our Capitol Theatre 3/15 Wurlitzer organ, and the Society appeals for helpers to come forward and help in this important project. We need the help of LADIES AS WELL as GENTS for this job - in fact it has been found in America that the girls are particularly adapt after being shown what to do and turn out a first class job at a very fast rate of production. It is proposed to carry out the work at various members homes on ONE night per week. What a great way to spend an evening - listening to recorded organ music, cup of tea, lots of chatter with other workers all whilst you perform a vital task on our Wurlitzer. You will be shown what to do and supervised until you get the hang of it, so come on girls AND boys - ring TOM HALLORAN, at 523.5077 and make your offer to help restore our might Wurlitzer. Do It Now??

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TOSA'S XMAS PARTY

The venue has been selected and arrangements are now well in hand for Annual Xmas Party to be held on TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER at 7 p.m. The function will take the form of a DINNER at 7 P.M. followed by planned entertainment which will offer something for everybody. The party will be held at ELIM RECEPTION CENTER in Shaftsbury Road, Burwood, and it will be necessary for all those attending to make a reservation well in advance. Full details of the entertainment to be provided will be given in the near future together with details of where and how you can make a reservation. Cost of the function (dinner and entertainment) will be \$4 per person.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION NOTES by Frank Ellis

Plans are in hand for the Second National Convention to be held in Sydney next Easter. There will be six concerts by top line artists plus a couple of surprise attractions quite different to anything presented at previous Conventions. All members who can accommodate interstate visitors for bed and breakfast only for the 2 day Convention, are asked to send the coupon in last months TOSA News to me at 16 Delhi Street, Lidcombe, without delay, so that I can estimate how many beds (and breakfasts) will be available. More Convention notes next month.

RECORDINGS OF REGINALD PORTER-BROWN NOW ON SALE

On sale now in major record stores are two new records by Reg Porter-Brown. The first, on the Astor label titled "Masters of The Organ Vol. 1 Reg Porter-Brown introduces the fabulous Rodgers Organ" , is a must for all electronic organ fans.

The second disc by Troubadour Records is titled "Reginald Porter-Brown in Australia" and is priced at \$3.98. It includes Reg on our Marrickville Wurlitzer (3 tracks) plus 1 track of the Christie organ at St. Columbs. Church, Ryde, 1 track on a Thomas electronic organ and 3 tracks on the Sydney Town Hall organ. This record is also available through Committee man, Peter Irwin (Phone 48.5030).

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TWO CONCERTS ON SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

We are pleased to be able to announce there will be two TOSA Concerts on Saturday 7th OCTOBER. Both are prestige functions every member will want to attend - we hope you will attend and bring your friends too. The first concert is at the State Theatre at 8 A.M. and will feature our Honorary member, DAVID PARSONS at the 4/21 mighty Wurlitzer. This function is for members and friends only. The second concert is at Marrickville Town Hall at 8 P.M. and will feature famous English organist, REGINALD PORTER-BROWN. TWO BIG CONCERTS ON THE SAME DAY - 8 A.M. and 8P.M.

* STATE THEATRE 8 A.M. DAVID PARSONS ADMISSION 50 cents
Children of members FREE. Please enter the theatre through the side entrance in the lane alongside the theatre. All members will be seated in the Dress Circle only. No admittance to the Stalls area can be permitted. Please observe this restriction.

*MARRICKVILLE TOWN HALL 8 P.M. - REGINALD PORTER-BROWN. This will be a public concert and TOSA members will be entitled to their usual special price of \$1.50.each. Children and pensioners will be 50¢ each.

Having heard Reg Porter-Brown on the Chatswood Wurlitzer it will be very interesting to hear him on the Marrickville installation. See you at Marrickville on the 7th at 8 P.M. and at the State Theatre at 8 a.m.

Remember also, Reginald Porter-Brown at Ryde Civic Centre on WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER, at 8 P.M. and at the Dendy Theatre, Crows Nest on SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER, at 2.00 p.m.

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DON BAKER AT CHATSWOOD

DON BAKER is a big man with a big reputation as one of America's foremost Theatre Organists. For the past ten years, he has been a demonstrator on the Staff of the Conn Organ Corporation - a job he did admirably well at Chatswood last month. The 3-M model he used was placed in an ideal acoustical setting - in mid-stage.

In spite of the petrol shortage a fair-sized audience gathered to hear his performance. Regretably only about 10% of the programme was played on the Wurlitzer, not 50% as TOSA had been led to believe. We are grateful to Elvy's for their co-operation, and especially, the proceeds of \$150 towards the Capitol Organ Fund.

RPB in Newcastle. Prior to his Hammond organ recital in Newcastle RPB appeared twice on television. The first occasion was in the 6 p.m. news, in which he was featured playing and talking at the organ of St. John's Church. Later in the evening he was in the programme "Here Today", playing a Lowrey organ and being interviewed. RPB on a Hammond is another remarkable experience.

RPB in the Churches. The recitals in St. John's, Parramatta, St. Columbs, West Ryde and St. Anne's, Strathfield, were very well received; the programmes must have surprised a lot of people as to content - once again carefully balanced programmes to suit many tastes.

RPB at the RSL Club, Bondi. A most popular recital on the Rodgers organ; the programme opened with RPB playing "A Summer Place" (the signature tune of Clark Brick Ltd.) with Ian Davies on the piano. The programme included "Finlandia" which showed off the organ's capabilities in the "straight" role. The evening finished with Ian and Reg playing duets for a "Singalong". Amongst many distinguished persons attending was the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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TRINGHAM ENJOYS U.S. HOSPITALITY

Col Tringham reports that his recent visit to the United States was made much more enjoyable due to the attention of the members of the American Theatre Organ Associations.

In Boston Col managed to hear Tom Hazelton (of San Francisco) play a very enjoyable concert on the Two manual, fourteen rank, WurliTzer installed in the Stoneham Town Hall.

Later Colin heard Robert MacDonald play a three manual Rodgers at the Triton Regional High School and reported that the audience was the most appreciative he has ever seen anywhere.

Later Colin met Robert MacDonald at his usual home - the superb Riverside Church in New York City. This Organ has five manuals and 222 Ranks and sounds magnificent. The entire instrument is kept fully maintained by Mr. A. Bufano who completely rebuilt the instrument in 1967. Mr. Bufano showed Colin around the entire instrument and gave him a very interesting demonstration of the use of "Perflex" a very thin, mouldable rubber compound which seems to be the answer to most Organ maintenance problems.

Mr. MacDonald would be pleased to show Australian visitors' around the Church and the Organ PROVIDING they phone or write beforehand to ensure a suitable time. Mr. MacDonald also knows famous New York Organist Billy Nalle and when he heard of Colin's interest in this Organists work, he arranged for a dinner at the top of a New York sky scraper with Colin, & Billy Nalle and Bob MacDonald. Colin reports that this was a very enjoyable highlight of the whole tour.

Later Colin made the trip to Baltimore where friends drove him to see the fabulous Dick Kline's WurliTzer which must be one of the most magnificent home installations in the world. Dick is also a fine Organist and really showed the Organ at its best. Later, at the home of Jean and Marvin Lautzenheiser, Colin saw a three manual, fifteen rank Wurli which is hooked up to a Computer. Marvin is a Computer programmer and he has organised the programmes to enable the organ to be played via an I.B.M. punch card machine. It is also possible to play a piece

on the Organ and then have the Computer analyse the playing to a very fine degree. Jean also plays Organ professionally at the Richmond Theatre in Virginia.

Colin says he is anxious to go again and next time will make sure he does not miss the annual convention.

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WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:-

Mr. and Mrs. C. McRae, Balgowlah.
Mr. L. MacBeth, Campbelltown.
Mrs. E. Hogg, Dulwich Hill.
Mr. C. Wallington, Hillsdale.
Mr. and Mrs. Max Murphy, Mudgee.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Steff, Tahmoor.
Mr. K. Collien, Wagga Wagga.
Mr. T. Barber, Five Dock.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Bryant, Ermington.

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CAPITOL ORGAN FUND DONATIONS

\$21.00 John Roberts (House Party).
\$150 Don Baker's Concert proceeds.

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THE TROUBLE SHOOTERS

The well known firm of ERIC ANDERSONS, who began nearly fifty years ago as a retailer of Musical Instruments and sheet music and who later moved into the Radio and T.V. field, have started to reverse the swing by becoming interested in the servicing of Electronic Organs.

With several amateur organists on their staff at the Alexandria workshops and their background of electronics they realized three years ago that here was a field in which an organized same-day service on a large number of brands was completely missing. After much research an Organ Service Department was set up a year ago and after negotiations with various retailers of organs, the department is now well under way with several hundred service jobs completed on various brands to its credit.

To date service is being carried out on ACE-TONE, BALDWIN, CONN, KAWAI and TOSHIBA ORGANS, and others. They have, over the last year, built up a comprehensive stock of genuine spare parts for the more popular brands of organs so that they are now in a position to invite inquiries from the trade on a buy or exchange basis.

Phone 69.6622 for Prompt Service or genuine spare parts.

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FOR SALE:-

Pipe organ parts (all in first class order), 2 Manual 61 note all electric console, 32 note pedal board, chests for 6 ranks, blower and cabling, relays but no pipes. \$950 - Mr. Cliff Bingham.
Phone: 798.3127 Bus. Hours.

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ORGAN FOR SALE: YAMAHA E3 in Mint Condition, not yet 2 years old, \$2,300 .This is \$1,000 below current list price. Phone - Gordon Thompson, 528.6295.