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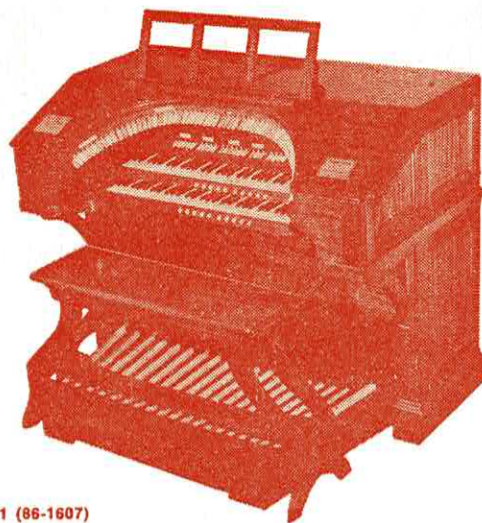
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## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

FEBRUARY 1972.

First I must thank those of you who voted me into office - in spite of the lack of opposition! I would make it clear at the outset that it is the function of the editor to edit submitted material and to determine the content of each issue with the active support of the committee. I welcome correspondence and hope to publish at least one "STAR" letter each issue. Also, to encourage potential writers I offer a prize for the best written organ anecdote submitted to me this year...so start scribbling!! Which brings me to another point - DON'T SCRIBBLE your contributions. Type them. Single spacing, with a minimum margin of 1½" on the left hand side of the page and 1" to the right.

Owing to the date of the AGM, the Bank Holiday on January 31st, and factors beyond my control at Chatswood Town Hall this issue of TOSA News has been delayed, but with your co-operation the March issue should appear on schedule.

Glancing through the back issues I am amazed at the output of the former editors. My style is apt to be concise and journalistic rather than the admirable chatty prose adopted by Frank Ellis and Ian Griggs, who have offered me much valuable advice.

As all members are by now aware a decision was made at the AGM to accept the invitation from Greater Union Cinemas to purchase the 3/15 WurliTzer in the Capitol cinema Sydney at the very special price of \$5,000. This transaction was only possible by borrowing money - some from other TOSA funds, interest free loans from members, a bank loan, and some generous donations. In addition to repaying these loans, which have made the purchase possible, we must also find money for the removal, storage, renovation, and eventual re-installation in a suitable home. Offers of financial and practical assistance are urgently needed. As the organ must be removed from the theatre before February 22nd storage space is vital. Mr. Barry Tooker will be responsible for the dismantling of the instrument but Jack Lawson is the man to see regarding manpower or storage, Oscar Moen of course is concerned with offers of financial assistance.

"The Man from London"



The A.G.M.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed the retiring Secretary, Mrs. P. Dunn, presented a resume of the years activities. We now have 369 memberships. A new branch was formed in 1971 at Ballina and interest has been shown in forming a branch at Coffs Harbour, which is very gratifying. Mrs. Dunn thanked all those who had worked so untiringly during their term of office.

The retiring President, Mr. Neville Wright, also thanked those who had helped him in his busy year.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

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| President:           | Tom Halloran  |
| Vice Presidents:     | Frank Ellis<br>Des Russell  |
| Secretary:           | (Mrs) Betty Randall   |
| Treasurer:           | Oscar Moen  |
| Minute Secretary:    | (Mrs) Shirley Nott  |
| Committee:           | Rod Blackmore<br>Ray Garrett<br>Peter Irwin<br>Bill Richards<br>Bill Schumacher<br>Barry Tooker |
| Patron:              | Ian Davies  |
| New Honorary Member: | David Parsons   |
| TOSA News Editor:    | Alan T. Kitley.   |

Mr. Halloran then took the chair, and Ian Davies made a short but forceful speech which served to indicate that he would be a very active patron indeed.

The chairman then introduced the matter of purchasing the Capitol organ. The meeting was overwhelmingly in favour of doing so and empowered Mr. Halloran to contact Greater Union the next day.

Several suggestions were made as to where the organ might be installed if it were to be removed from the Capitol although it was generally hoped that it could remain in situ.

At the conclusion of business our member Ray Thornely played a well prepared programme on his Lowrey Citation: "Tonight", "Intermezzo" from Cavalliere Rusticano", "El Camporaro" and "Mame".

Much to the surprise of the owner, Ian Griggs, Charlie Chaplin's silent film "The Rink" was shown, cleverly accompanied by Ray Thornley.

Ray wound up a busy evening with four more numbers: "Beer Barrel Polka", "Humoreske", "Ghost Riders in the Sky" and "Tea for Tea" for which he was warmly applauded. Many thanks, Ray.

FEBRUARY DIARY

5th. Final recital on the Capitol WurliTzer - details on special newsletter.

19th. Organ and Movie Evening at the home of our new Honorary Member, DAVID PARSONS, 104 Hannah Street, Beecroft at 7.30 p.m.

From 7.30 until 8.00 DAVID PARSONS will be performing on his 2m Conn Theatre Organ.

At 8 p.m. our member NORMAN READ will present his own colour movie film "New Zealand Holiday" Admission \$1 per person. As seating is limited you are advised to phone David Parsons (84 4007) to reserve yourself a seat.

Proceeds will be devoted to the CAPITOL organ Purchase Fund.

27th. FREE Sunday afternoon concert by PETER HELD at Marrickville Town Hall. Non-members welcome - why not make it a recruiting drive? Do a little arm-twisting (though that shouldn't be necessary) and ensure a full house. The concert commences at 2.30 p.m..... don't be late!

COMMITTEE MEETING:- February 7th at 7.15 in St. Anne's Church of England Hall, Strathfield.

The programme planned by Eric Smith for March 10th at Parramatta Town Hall has been postponed. More news of Eric elsewhere in this issue.

Remember Wilbur Kentwell is booked for Chatswood Town Hall on March 18th. Details next month.

COPY for inclusion in the March issue of TOSA News must be submitted to ALAN T. KITLEY (TOSA NEWS Editor) P.O. Box 447, Chatswood 2067, no later than FEB. 25th.

A NEW RADIO SERIES

As from January 29th Station 2KY will be broadcasting "Organ Showtime" each Saturday morning from 11.30 till 12 noon. The programme is sponsored by Wadsworth-Stamford the well-known retailers of electronic organs.



A TRIP WEST

Our member ERIC SMITH has been invited to play a recital on the 2/12 WurliTzer in the Metro Theatre Perth on March 19th. While in Perth he will also give a Yamaha demonstration on March 16th. As far as I know Eric is the first Sydney organist to be asked to play at the Metro. Congratulations.

Eric is also playing the Gershwin Piano Concerto in F Major with Willoughby Symphony Orchestra on Sunday FEB 27th in the new Chatswood Town Hall.

More news next month about Eric - a proposed Request Programme (possibly broadcast?) on the Lyceum Christie!!

GET IN QUICK

Mrs. M. Goodliff has for sale a Model C 3 Hammond in mint condition. Complete with PR 40 Tone Cabinet this is a bargain at only \$3,000. Phone Mrs. Goodliff on 452652. Her address is 26 Brooks Parade, Belmont via Newcastle.

RECORDS FOR SALE

Proceeds to Capitol organ Purchase Fund. Contact Rod Blackmore on 42.2421. All are 12" L.P.'s.

NEW: Dick Schrum at 4/20 Seattle Paramount WurliTzer (only \$3); Noreen Hennessy, 2/10 Wurli. Prince Edward Theatre final recital \$4.50; John Ledwon, 3/15 Wurli. Plaza Theatre, El Paso, Texas "Theatre Organ Overtures" \$4; John Ledwon 4/13 Wurli. residence organ "Organist at Play" \$4; John Ledwon, "Hey, Look me Over" Hammond Organ & Piano \$4; Al Bollington, 4/27 residence Wurli. "This is a Lovely Way to Spend an Evening" \$5; Jim Melander, 2/8 studio Wurli. "Once in a Dream" \$5.

NOT GUARANTEED UNPLAYED BUT IN GOOD CONDITION: Jim Melander (as above) \$3; Buddy Nolan, 4/15 Page organ, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, Indiana "The Embassy at Midnight" \$3; Don Knights, 3/10 Compton, Abbey Hall, Abingdon, England, "Viennese Knights" \$3; Jesse Crawford, Hammond organ, "Deep Purple" \$2.50; Jesse Crawford, Hammond Organ, "The Poet of the Organ" \$1.90; "The ROY-CLIFFS" Baldwin Orgasonic & Piano "Dreamy Afternoon" \$2.50; John Gart, Conn organ "The Songs South of the Border" \$2; Chris Christian, electronic, "Organ Encores \$2.50

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Albert Browne (Roseville) Bruce Powell (Sydney Uni.)  
Mr. & Mrs. McDougall, Keith Shakespere (Nth. Lambton) J.D. Williams (Stanmore) Lilian Mauktelow (Liverpool) Mr. & Mrs. James Patrick Brian and Wendy Bull and Lachlan Guymer (Wentworthville).