

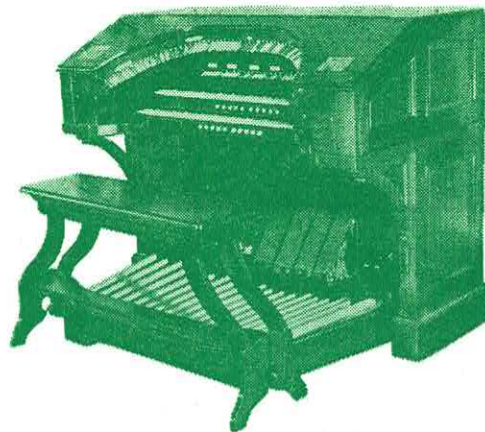
# T.O.S.A. NEWS

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH.

SEPTEMBER IS CONVENTION MONTH The Timetable for T.O.S.A.'s 1969 Convention was published in last month's TOSA News in full detail. For the benefit of those who may not have retained last month's issue, a brief 'run down' on the Convention is given hereunder. Full Convention tickets will cost \$5.50 per person with children of members being charged only for the Convention Dinner which will cost \$2.50 for each child. Full Convention tickets should have been ordered by members by 29th August, however, any member who has failed to order could telephone the Secretary to ascertain if any tickets are still available. Those not in possession of a Convention ticket may attend individual sessions for a charge of \$1 per person per session payable at the doors. Only those in possession of Full Convention tickets will be able to attend the Dinner. The "Jam Session" to be held at Marrickville on the Sunday morning will be free to all members.

FRIDAY 12th SEPT. GALA CONCERT - MARRICKVILLE TOWN HALL - CHARLES TUCKWELL  
SATURDAY 13th SEPT. 8am CAPITOL THEATRE - EARLY MORNING CONCERT BY IAN DAVIES

1.45pm ANZAC AUDITORIUM FILM AFTERNOON

5.45pm CONVENTION DINNER AT CAHILL'S VINTAGE BISTRO

7.30pm ANZAC AUDITORIUM PETER HELD IN CONCERT

SUNDAY 14th SEPT. 10am MARRICKVILLE TOWN HALL - MEMBERS "JAM" SESSION

2.30pm ODEON THEATRE CAMPSIE - REUBERT HAYES IN CONCERT.

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Members of the Committee please note the September meeting will be on Monday 1st of September and the October meeting Monday 6th October at 7.15pm

## COMING ATTRACTIONS.

In October, there will be a FREE Sunday afternoon concert on our Wurlitzer at the Marrickville Town Hall. Further details will be given next month in the News.

An evening is being arranged for October so that our member Col Tringham can show the colored slides taken during his American tour and also describe to us his impressions of the organ world in the USA. This is tentatively set down for Saturday 11th October. Further details in the next issue.

## DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER TOSA NEWS.

Would those having copy material for the October TOSA News please note that the closing date will be Friday September 19th. Please ensure that copy reaches here by then.

## BLACKBOARD TO BE USED AT JAM SESSION.

It is proposed to use a blackboard at the "Jam" session which will be part of our 1969 Convention. Those who wish to play TWO items on the Society Wurlitzer during the morning, will have their names written on the board, which will be placed near the console. Members will then be able to know exactly when they are due to play as well as knowing just whom they will follow. This is expected to eliminate the lost time that occurred at the "Meet Your Organ" night. Those wishing to play the organ should see that their names go on the board as soon as they arrive. The "Jam" session will end at noon sharp so that the Marrickville organ crew can shutter the organ and have sufficient time to attend the final item of the Convention, which will be the concert by REUBERT HAYES at the Odeon Theatre at Campsie scheduled for 2.30pm.



LOOKING BACK AT LAST MONTH.LES DENLEY'S FIRST CONCERT FOR SOCIETY.

Wintry weather conditions and the Sydney 'flu epidemic, very obviously deterred many of our members, as well as the general public, from attending the first concert by our member LES DENLEY on the Society WurliTzer at Marrickville Town Hall on Wednesday 20th August. However, despite the cold outside, the audience found the auditorium's temperature was much warmer than expected for such a night, and those who attended were rewarded by a most enjoyable concert from LES, who revealed a talent for pleasing and delightful registrations.

LES chose as his opening number, "Sentimental Mood" and it seemed to set the theme of his programme - it was both sentimental and nostalgic. The second number of his opening bracket was "Solitude". Then came a dream sequence with "The Impossible Dream" and "You Stepped Out Of A Dream" Guest artist, soprano, Shirley Dufty, then made her first appearance to sing, "I Could Have Danced All Night" after which LES presented a most enjoyable "Nola". The next offering was a bracket of five unrelated songs consisting of "More" "Exodus" "Blue Moon" "Slightly Out Of Tune" and "One Alone" from The Desert Song. The last named saw the return of Shirley Dufty who sang delightfully. Following the bracket, came an encore for Shirley, and this was "Blue Heaven" also from The Desert Song. Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" followed by "Temptation" concluded the first half of the concert.

After intermission LES opened with "Sophisticated Lady" followed by Shirley singing, "Love Is A Many Splendoured Thing" after which LES presented "The Minute Waltz" - it was splendidly played and delicately registered and a highlight of the concert. The theme from Dr Zhivago was Shirley's next offering after which came another bracket of five unrelated songs consisting of "Laura", "Lady Be Good", "Deep Purple", "Love Everlasting" and "He" in which LES was joined by Shirley, whose encore was "I Believe". LES then resumed his programme with a soft and expressive rendition of "A Perfect Day", followed by "The Shadow Of Your Smile" and "Mae". He conclude with a selection of well known numbers including "Dianne", "Caravan", "Goodnight Lovely Little Lady", "The Last Waltz", "Tea For Two" etc. And so concluded a very enjoyable concert by LES DENLEY who revealed a traditional theatre styling allied to a flair for pleasing registrations. Mr & Mrs Tom Rousseau, an American couple now resident in Sydney, were attending their first Society concert and were loud in their praises of both organist and instrument. Tom Rousseau was active in helping a friend of his install a large WurliTzer in his home in U.S.A.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined us last month and hope that they will find friendship and musical enjoyment in the Society.

NSW DIVISION R.J. Morsillo - Mr & Mrs A.G. Taylor - Frank Day - Mr & Mrs H.J. Russell - Mr & Mrs C. Strachan . and Mr Norman L. Ray (an overseas member)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION Mr & Mrs S.J. Davey - Dr M.W. House.

QUEENSLAND DIVISION D. Hand - Mr & Mrs A. Gear - Mr M. Gillies - Mr & Mrs R.M. Edmeades - Mr & Mrs A. J. Bell - Mrs M Theodore - Mr M Stevens - Mr R. McFarlane - Mr K. Reedman - Mrs E. Knopp - Mr J. Donaldson - Mr K Kelly - Mr D. Sacre - Mr D. P. Sellars - Mr & Mrs A. Heaton - Mr F. White - and Mrs O. Clelland

MEMBERS PRACTISE SESSIONS AT MARRICKVILLE.

The September Practise session times will be as follows:- Group 1. Saturday 27th Sept.. and Group 2 on Tuesday 23rd September. Members should attend at their appointed times.

RECORD NEWS.

John Clancy advises that there will be no release from Concert Recording's "Organ Of The Month" Club for September. The big news however, is that next month the release will be BILLY NALLE, the famous and popular American organist, who is also a member of TOSA.

FOR SALE.

Antique piano (French) of 1830 vintage. In reasonable condition, but requires some attention. Price \$10 to anyone who can promise a good home to this old-timer. Ring Wadsworth's Music Store, Parramatta. Telephone 631-7589. Mr Wadsworth is a member of TOSA . Any antique collectors around these days???



1001 TUNES MUSIC BOOK.

Two interstate members of TOSA have advised us that they can obtain copies of this quite elusive music book. One member says he can get them freely, the other has a few reservations and points out that it is not easy to come by. The member who has advised the Secretary that they are reasonably easy to secure, offers them to TOSA members at \$8 per copy including registered postage. Delivery takes about four weeks. Enquiries to either the Secretary John Clancy or TOSA News Editor Frank Ellis.

WURLITZER WIDOWS CLUB.

We were not inundated with mail on the subject of Wurlitzer Widows, however we did receive the following from an anonymous "Conn" Widow, which we publish as received.

One day, while playing on my Conn, The organ stopped and wouldn't go on,  
Up came hubby and said with a smirk, "If you would like, I'll make it work"

True to his word he made a start, And began to pull the organ apart,  
Transistors, panels and wires too, The piles of parts just grew and GREW.

Some organ friends dropped in for tea, My hubby soon had some company,  
Next thing, they too, were on the floor, Unscrewing, testing parts galore.

I looked across the lounge room floor, And found I couldn't reach the door,  
The parts were scattered everywhere, The organ was now beyond repair.

Sadly I glance over heaps of rubble, I think that I have found the trouble,  
When I was playing my little son Paul, Had pulled the plug from out of the wall.

(Composed by a "Conn" Widow and her family)

MRS LESLIE SPEAKER

SOME "CONN" SOLATION FOR "CONN WIDOW".

Mrs Leslie Speaker, we sympathise, Shed no more tears - come dry your eyes,  
This 'organised' tinkering is part of the fun,

Despite your protests it will still go on,  
He probably knew Paul had removed the plug,

But needed an excuse to cover your rug,  
With transistors, panels and wires too,

Just to show he could fix it as good as new. (I hope).?

QUESTION...? Did he really fix the 'Conn'founded thing, or was it all a 'Conn'fidence trick???? Enough of these puns, lest irate and humourless Society officials have my typewriter 'conn'fiscated. 'Conn'fidentially Yours - The Editor.

TOSA COMMITTEE MAN SUFFERS HEART ATTACK.

Committee man Don McDonald suffered a heart attack on July 28th and another one two days later. He was rushed to hospital where he remained for two weeks. He is now home again in the capable care of Mrs Mac, and when your Editor spoke to him today, said he was feeling much better though still very weak. He thanks all those members who have sent him cards and greetings, and the Society sends its greetings to Don with a sincere wish for a speedy recovery. Get well soon Don - from all of us.

THANK YOU. The Society has received a donation of a large Zildjian crash cymbal from our Honorary member ERIC SMITH. This has been donated by ERIC for installation on our Wurlitzer at Marrickville, which will be very much enhanced by the addition of this useful percussion. To you ERIC, our sincere thanks for your gift.

We would also like to thank our member Ted Heath for the donation of a large number of "Reserved" seat cards for use at Society functions. Thank you Ted for this gift, it will prove invaluable at functions where seats are being kept for Society use.

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Member Wal Cook rang TOSA News to let us know that the record made by DENIS PALMISTRA on the Clancy Wurlitzer is proving very popular among Wal's friends. On several occasions lately, Wal was playing DENIS'S record whilst waiting for friends to arrive. The guests came inside the house asking for more of the music they could hear as they entered the gate. Result was, the record got a couple of playings during the night and the friends were asking where they could get the disc. Nice work Wal - keep it up and we'll have some more members joining the Society.



LOCAL NEWS (Cont). It was reported by member John Castray that he had attended the Organ Talent Quest on Friday 22nd August, and that our member DAVID PARSONS would be one of the two who will be appearing in the NSW State Finals to be held at Wesley Center on September 15th, together with winners of other NSW heats. TOSA News wishes DAVID the best of luck.

QUEENSLAND DIVISION NEWS. (Brief excerpts only - Reported by Nev Seymour)

The July meeting was held at Alderley with a large Theatre model organ plus a smaller Theatrette. The main guest being WILBUR KENTWELL, who played music from Judy Garland's many past successes. A musical tribute in memory of a great and popular star. September 23rd sees the BIG ORGAN SPECTACULAR at the Brisbane City Hall with six electronic organs on stage, plus the City Hall Pipe Organ. Proceeds in aid of the Qld. Division's Pipe Organ Fund. A member of the Qld. Division who has just returned from overseas, met our Patron from Blackpool, REGINALD DIXON, who asked her to extend his deep appreciation at being elected Patron once again this year. He regretted he was unable to accept the invitation to visit Australia this year, but promises to visit us as soon as his commitments will permit. He is to visit Holland about March next year to do a number of recordings.

WEST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION NEWS. (Excerpts only - Reported by Ray Clements)

The August meeting was held at the home of members, Mr & Mrs Twells on Aug. 7th. This was a special day for the West. Aust. Division, as it was twelve months exactly since the Division was formed, and so the meeting was treated somewhat like a birthday party, including a birthday cake with a TOSA emblem and one candle.

Sad news was given to us from our President, Jim Thompson, who told us he was resigning from this office, due to his leaving Perth for distant parts in the Northern Territory.

Next meeting will be at Don Webster's, 59 Victoria Avenue, Claremont on Wednesday 17th September, and the organ for that meeting will be a Conn Theatrette.

IMPORTANT. Any ladies who can assist on the cake stall on September 20th please contact Marion Kidd at 64-2117. Please note that the Secretary's new phone number is now 31-4854. It is also reported that the adjudicators for the Yamaha Organ playing contest in Perth, will be TOSA members, JOHN FUHRMAN and RAY CLEMENTS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION NEWS. (Excerpts only - Reported by Fran Searle)

The eagerly awaited organ weekend at Pulteney Grammar School Auditorium, with TONY FENELON and CLIFF BINGHAM lived up to all expectations, and their performances, even to the most discriminating ear, was outstanding. At a guess I should say about 250 were present on the Saturday night and about 100 only on the Sunday afternoon.

The concerts were a delight to the audiences, and also to the Committee, as it proved quite conclusively, that the acoustics of this hall were excellent, and indeed ideal for our own WurliTzer Pipe Organ, and we hope that the next time TONY and CLIFF come to Adelaide they will be playing our own organ in its new home and environment.

The South Australian Division found both concerts by TONY and CLIFF were in excellent taste and very entertaining - they surely had something for everyone.

EDITORS APOLOGIES.

Your Editor apologizes to all our interstate Editors, for the rather drastic pruning of their copy this month. The reason for this thusness, has nothing whatsoever to do with the appeal I made last month for a voluntary pruning of your own copy, but is due to other circumstances beyond my control, however a lack of time this month is the main reason. The pruning knife was also drastically used on the local NSW copy in order to reduce this month's issue to a maximum of four pages. So far this year TOSA News has run to a total of 72 pages in the nine months - an average of 8 pages per issue.

LYCEUM THEATRE CONCERT - SUNDAY 24th AUGUST.

A review of this concert to be played by our member HOWARD RUSSELL will appear in next month's TOSA News.

Until the next issue,  
Organically yours,  
THE EDITOR.