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VAUGHAN WILLIAMS FINISHES CAREER

### GREAT BRITISH COMPOSER

#### Excelled in Large Choral Works-Wrote Symphonies, Organ Pieces, Was Folk Music Expert - Would Have Reached 86 This Month

The very day after the press run for THE DIAPASON for September was com-pleted word was broadcast by radio, news-paper and television the world over that Dr. Ralph Vaughan Williams had died. The dean of English composers, consid-ered by many the greatest British maker of music since Purcell, this major crea-tor of music in all forms was of especial alience to our readers for his great consalience to our readers for his great con-tributions in choral and organ fields. Dr. Vaughan Williams' passing occurred Au-gust 26; he would have been 86 Oct. 12.

gust 26; he would have been 86 Oct. 12. Son of a Down Ampney, Gloucester, clergyman of independent means, Ralph Yaughan Williams showed early musical endowments and was encouraged in inten-sive study. He pursued academic work at Trinity College, Cambridge, at the same time engaging in music study at the Royal College of Music under Parry and Stan-ford. Later he studied at the Berlin Academy and had composition lessons with Max Bruch. He received his doc-torate in music at Cambridge in 1901. A few years later he did further study in Paris with Maurice Ravel. The general music public knows

Paris with Maurice Ravel. The general music public knows Vaughan Williams as Britain's greatest symphonist (the "London", "Pastoral" and "Sea" Symphonies) and for his life-long and invaluable research into British folk music. Readers of this publication know him also as one of the more prolific and eminent composers for organ England has known and a major composer of cho-ral works in large forms as well. It is particularly notable that this ex-

It is particularly notable that this ex-It is particularly notable that this ex-traordinary man was able to continue his active composition until the very time of his death. Within the last two years re-views have appeared in our columns of a large choral work "Vision of Aeroplanes" and of Two Preludes on Welsh Folk Tunes. His Symphony 9 had its first American performance Sept. 25 in Car-negie Hall, New York City, under the direction of Leopold Stokowsky. At his death he was at work on Ten Blake Songs for high voice and oboe. Many American and Canadian delegates

Many American and Canadian delegates the 1957 I.C.O. in London had a impse of the venerable composer as he to the glimpse of the venerable composer as he put in a single appearance at the impres-sive commemoration service July 30 at St. Sepulchre's Church. His anthem "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" was sung on this occasion. Although Dr. Vaughan Williams was officially the president of the congress his no longer robust health and a family bereavement prevented his further participation in the memorable meeting. meeting. Dr. Vaughan Williams made three pro-

Dr. Vaughan Williams made three pro-fessional visits to America. He conducted the first American performance of his "Pastoral" Symphony at a festival in Norfolk, Conn., in June 1922; he lectured at Bryn Mawr College in 1932 and he was a guest lecturer at Cornell Univer-sity in 1954.

Many of his hymn tunes are to be found in American hymnals, for Vaughan found in American hymnals, for Vaughan Williams found wide acceptance through-out the world as a composer in all forms. Perhaps his most widely sung hymn tune is "Sine Nomine" ("For All the Saints") but others he composed or arranged in-clude: "Forrest Green", "On Christmas Night", "King's Lynn", "Monk's Gate", "Antiphon", "The Call", "King's Wes-ton" and "Down Ampney" (his birth-place). The catalogue of his works is readily.

The catalogue of his works is readily available and so familiar that its inclusion



here would be superfluous. But mention should be made of such favorites as the Five Mystical Songs, the Fantasy on Christmas Carols and the "Dona Nobis Pacem"; and, of course, the popular set-ting of "Old 100th", performed at the opening cathedral service of the Houston A.G.O. convention.

## CHOIR AT CAPITAL CHURCH HONORS VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

The choir of the National Presbyterian The choir of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., will commem-orate the passing of Ralph Vaughan Williams in a choral vesper service Oct. 19. "The Shepherds of the Delectable Mountains" and the Benedicite for so-prano and chorus will be sung. The same choir will appear Nov. 11-12 with the National Symphony Orchestra on the regular concert series, singing Kodaly's "Psalmus Hungaricus" with Rudol Petrak as tenor soloit.

Rudol Petrak as tenor soloist. Theodore Schaefer played a recital at the American Cathedral in Paris Aug. 25 at the end of his recent European trip -0

## RICHTER MAKES A SECOND AMERICAN CONCERT TOUR

Karl Richter begins his second Karl Richter begins his second *t* can concert tour Oct. 1. He will play two C.B.S. broadcasts from New York City on the E. Power Biggs program and will play a harpsichord recital at the Goethe House in the same city. Richter, who has over fifty organ students at the Stat-hochschule in Munich, will hold a master class in Madison, Wis., where he will play a recital the previous night. He is also scheduled to play in Albany and James-town, N.Y.; Elyria, Ohio; Long Beach, Cal.; Methuen, Mass., and Brown Uni-versity, Providence, R. I.

## FLEISCHER, GORE SCHEDULED FOR CHICAGO "U" RECITALS

Two recitals are listed for the Rocke-feller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago, in the next few weeks. Hein-rich Fleischer, the university organist, will play Oct. 28, programming works of Bach, Mendelssohn, Sowerby and Vierne. Richard Gore, Wooster, Ohio, College, will be heard Nov. 9 in works of Sower-by, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Willan and Tournemire. by, Schuber Tournemire.

Photo by Ontario Dept. Travel & Publicity NAFOMM BOSTON MEETING ATTRACTS 400 MUSICIANS

ATTRACTS 400 MUSICIANS The third conference of the Nation-al Fellowship of Methodist Musicians (NAFOMM) met in Boston July 13-18 on the campus of Boston University. The program chairman was Dr. William Rice. Musical highlights included: hymnology, discussed by Phillip S. Watters, New York City; organ recitals by Austin Lovelace and George Faxon; the Bach Cantata 4, "Christ lag in Todesbanden," sung under the leadership of Allan Lan-nom, Boston University; the "great hymns" choir led by Daniel L. Ridout, Baltimore, Md., and informal singing led by James Houghton, Boston University. Discussions on the music of the church

Discussions on the music of the church in all its ramifications occupied the at-tention of numerous panels.

tention of numerous panels. All business sessions were under the leadership of the NAFOMM president, Cecil E. Lapo. New officers and council members elected for the next three years are: President, Dr. William C. Rice, Baker University, Baldwin, Kans.; vice-president, J. Edward Moyer, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.; secretary, Jean Watkins, First Meth-odist Church, Fairmont, W. Va.; council members: Robert F. Scoggin, Dallas, Texx; in.

C.; secretary, Jean Watkins, First Meth-odist Church, Fairmont, W. Va.; council members: Robert F Scoggin, Dallas, Tax.; In. Control Withe Burns, Maplevood, N. J.; Richard Tho asson, Nashville, Tenn., and Richard Lap Juscon, Ariz. California was named the site for the 960 meeting at a place to be named later. Southern Methodist University and Perks-ins School of Theology, Dallas, will be the site for a session in July, 1959. A tor of organs included: the Mas-sachusetts Institute of Technology, Holt-kamp organ played by Victor Mattfield; the Church of the Advent, Aeolian-Skin-ner organ described by Joseph Whiteford, played by Albert Russell; the Old North Church, Schlicker organ played by Donald Ingram; the Mother Church of Christ Scientist, Aeolian-Skinner organ described by Robert Culter, and Sym-phony Hall, Aeolian Skinner organ, Mattfield; Mr. Whiteford and Mr. Russel.

FRA VCIS LLEWELLYN HARRISON, emi-nent scholar in the field of medieval English music, has been appointed visiting professor at the 'aie University School of Music for the acatemic year 1958-59.

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#### DOMINION CAPITAL HOSTS C.C.O. CONCLAVE

#### THREE-DAY ANNUAL MEETING

Ottawa Centre Entertains 325-Donn ell. Hewitt, Mason, Sowerby, Cassels-Brown, Togni, Geoghegan and Wheeler Are Heard

The annual convention of the Canadian College of Organists was held Aug. 26-28 in the Dominion's capital city of Ottawa, Ont. The Ottawa Centre was host for the first time in a generation. A total of nearly 325 registered for the three-day conclave with a record-break-ing number of American guests totaling seventy-four. Delegates came from Van-

ing number of American guests totaling seventy-four. Delegates came from Van-couver to Halifax; the most distant guest from California. Carman H. Milligan served as general chairman with William France as vice-chairman. Gerald Wheeler headed the program committee. These, together with their cohorts working on various committees and as members of the host centre, worked long and hard to bring this convention to reality. The schedule of events was leisurely but plentiful; those in attendance had ample opportunity to take in all scheduled activities with time to spare for visiting, sightseeing, shopping, etc. Programs were punctual, interesting and diversified—obviously the result of careful planning.

interesting and diversified—obviously the result of careful planning. In the absence of a hotel as head-quarters, most delegates found housing at the Lord Elgin and the Chateau Laurier, only a few blocks from one an-other and at the edge of the central busi-ness district. Many of the churches where programs were scheduled were within walking distance of this area. We were impressed by the extensive

Walking distance of this area. We were impressed by the extensive and intelligent newspaper coverage given by the Ottawa Journal and the Ottawa Citizen. Organists are all too accustomed to the usual neglect in local newspapers. Not so here. The centre is to be con-gratulated on such good public relations.

#### Annual Meeting

Registration began Tuesday morning at St. Andrew's Church which served as headquarters for the convention. This headquarters for the convention. This exacting procedure was carried out with efficiency and comparative ease so that the annual meeting scheduled at 10:00 began almost on time. We would venture a guess that most of the delegates were in attendance at this meeting—the audi-torium was well filled. President Muriel Gidley Stafford was in the chair and pre-sided with authority. She kent things

Gidley Stafford was in the chair and pre-sided with authority. She kept things moving—not always an easy task. Re-ports were brief and to the point. The president's report paid special tribute to Mrs. P. Pirie, secretary, and Henry Rosevear, treasurer. These offi-cers followed with their respective year's summaries with T. M. Sargant, honorary vice-president, reading the statement from the building fund in the absence of D'Alton McLaughlin. Gordon D. Jeffery, registrar, reported a total of 1167 mem-bers and thirty-one centres, two of these being new. being new

Mrs. Stafford announced that the coun-Mrs. Stafford announced that the coun-cil had accepted an invitation for the 1959 convention, the golden jubilee, to be held in the headquarters city of Toronto. The possibility of going to Vancouver and Victoria, with stops at Calgary and Ed-monton, for 1960 was discussed with con-siderable enthusiasm.

#### Casavant Luncheon

Casadant Luncheon As happened at most succeeding events, the meeting adjourned ahead of schedule with luncheon following at the church. Casavant Freres was host for the fine repast. Mrs. L. S. Forsyth, chairman of the Ottawa Centre, welcomed all dele-gates and guests, introducing His Wor-ship, George H. Nelms, mayor of Ottawa,

IMPORTANT FACES AT OTTAWA CONVENTION



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GODFREY HEWITT, LEO SOWERBY and Majesty" following Dr. Sowerby's lec-WILLIAM FRANCE look in vain for Gra-ture at the Chalmers United Church Wed-ham George's hymn tune "The King's nesday, Aug. 27.

who brought official greetings. Carman H. Milligan, general chairman of the convention, introduced special guests. The death of Ralph Vaughan Williams was announced and the convention voted unanimously to send a message of con-dolence to his family in England.

#### Peace Tower Carillon Heard

Most conventioneers walked the few blocks to Parliament Hill and began to blocks to Parliament Hill and began to learn of the beauties of this great capital city. In the Peace Tower the Dominion carillonneur, Robert Donnell, played a special recital for the assemblage which was considerably augmented by the many visitors in the city for the Ottawa ex-hibition. The quadrangle formed by the magnificent Parliament buildings and admagnificent Parliament buildings and ad-joining structures makes a perfect place to hear a carillon recital—conditions all too rare. This reviewer, at least, can report an increased enthusiasm for bell music. As is usually the case, the pieces com-posed for the carillon were the most suc-cessful: Fantasia by J. A. Maassen and Fuga by B. J. Franssen. No doubt with the organists in mind, Mr. Donnell chose Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze" and a Frescobaldi Toccata. Two folk melodies were very effective: "The Skye Boat Song" and "La Belle Francoise." We hope it was for the exhibition visitors that he closed with Wagner's "O Star of Eve." Eve

Eve." Two hours were set aside for tours of the Parliament buildings, the nearby locks of the Rideau Canal, boat trips up the canal and the Ottawa River or shop-ping in the downtown business district. Others were seen enjoying the sunny but cool weather, which blessed the entire convention, on the great expanses of green grass. This leisurely afternoon set the pace for a friendly, almost intimate three days.

#### Cathedral Evensong

Cathedral Econsong Remarkable for an organists' conven-forgan was heard until 4:30 when Godfrey hewitt burst forth on the Casavant or-forgan was heard until 4:30 when Godfrey there is a forth on the Casavant or-forgan was heard until 4:30 when Godfrey there is a forth on the Casavant or-provide of what an Anglican service should be. One might wish for a brighter instrument in a more open position (the there is a form 1932), but Mr. Hewitt utilized its resources with taster in doubt abbreviated in the summer motion. The "heady" tone long associ-ted with this tradition was polished and the disciplined group sang the "Colleg-browneds, Bashop of Ottamis provide the final blessing. The dean of provide away in the lower octave 1. This with this tradition was polished and the date away in the lower octave 1. This with this tradition was polished and the date away in the lower octave 1. This with this tradition was polished the date the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the lower octave 1. This with the lower octave 1. This with this tradition was polished and the date away in the lower octave 1. This with this tradition was polished and the date away in the lower octave 1. This with this tradition was polished the date of the date away in the lower octave 1. This with this tradition was polished the date of the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the lower octave 1. This with this tradition was polished the date of the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the lower octave 1. This was been the date of the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower octave 1. This with the date away in the lower

cession around the church to the hymn-tune "Salve Festa Dies." The service closed with Bach's Fantasie and Fugue in G minor. Timing was perfect: the serv-ice lasted exactly one hour. Between the recital and Mr. Hewitt's playing of Fantasy Prelude by Macpher-son as the opening voluntary for the service, national officers, members of the council and distinguished guests pro-cessed down the cathedral aisle in their academic gowns and hoods to their special place at the front of the nave. Several organist-photographers were seen to leave for snapshots of the impressive group as it moved from a neighboring church.

#### Recital by Marilyn Mason

Recital by Marilyn Mason After some rather hurried dinners and the fighting of exhibition traffic, conven-tioneers reassembled at St. Matthew's Church to hear the featured recitalist— Marilyn Mason. The instrument here is a 1957 Hill, Norman & Beard incorpor-ating work of 1909 by Casavant. This reporter has never heard Miss Mason in better form. The artist, the instrument and the occasion seemed to be in perfect rapport—an impressive evening indeed. better form. The artist, the instrument and the occasion seemed to be in perfect rapport—an impressive evening indeed. Miss Mason's playing is constantly ma-turing. We doubt if a few seasons ago she could have given Sowerby's Prelude on "The King's Majesty" the overall breadth and stature which was displayed on this occasion. To us, at least, this was the highest point in a program consis-tently at a high level. "The Musical Clocks" by Haydn were delightfully played, incorporating the charming flutes of the positiv division. Miss Mason's registration in the Bach Prelude and Fugue in G major is a bit unorthodox: trio-like with no 16 ft. in the pedal; dif-ferent but effective. Trois Danses by Alain, Miss Mason has made peculiarly her own—program material exploited to the hilt. Langlais' Epilogue for Pedal Solo was a real piece of music, not only a display piere for a fantastic pelai tera display piece for a fantastic ped nique. Walther's Concerto del

a display piece for a fantastic pedal ter-nique. Walther's Concerto del Summ Torelli was the opener. The entire second half of the program was devoted to contemporary American composers, appropriate for one of Amer-ica's leading recitalists at a Canadian convention. We doubt, however, that Ca-nadians are very much in sympathy with much of this material. In addition to the Sowerby, Miss Mason included: "Flemish Prayer." Maekelberghe (first perform-ance): the already popular Two Folk Sowerby, Miss Mason included: "Flemish Prayer," Maekelberghe (first perform-ance): the already popular Two Folk Tune Preludes, Searle Wright, and Suite for Organ (1957), Creston. These works are uneven in quality, but Dr. Mason dis-played the characteristics of each with insight and good sense of style. The pro-gram had only one fault: it was too long. Convention recitalists should realize that

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The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Atlanta, Ga., has contracted for a new four-manual Möller organ to be installed by September, 1959. The specifications were designed by H. M. Ridgely of the M. P. Moller Co. in consultation with Mrs. William B. Griffith, organist, and David Woodall, Möller's Atlanta representative. Mrs. Griffith has served as organist for thirty years. The stoplist is as follows:

GREAT ORGAN. Quintaton, 16 ft., 61 pipes. Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Gemshorn, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Octave, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Octave, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Octave Quint, 2% ft., 61 pipes. Super Octave, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Fourniture, 3 ranks, 183 pipes. Tremulant.

SWELL ORGAN. Rohrfiöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Nohrfiöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Viole de Gambe, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Viole Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Viole Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Viole Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Cotavin, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Plein Jeu, 3 ranks, 183 pipes. Bassoon, 16 ft., 12 pipes. Trompette, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Clarion, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Tremulant.

CHOIR ORGAN. Gedeckt, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Erzahler, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Erzahler Celeste, 8 ft., 49 pipes. Nachthorn, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Nazard, 2% ft., 61 pipes. Blockflöte, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Schalmei, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Tremulant. ANTIPHONAL ORGAN. Rohrföte, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Viole Aetheria, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Vox Angelica, 8 ft., 49 pipes. Octave, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Grave Mixture, 2 ranks, 122 pipes. Trumpet, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Vox Humana, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Chimes, 27 bells. Tremulant.

PEDAL ORGAN. Bourdon, 32 ft., 12 pipes. Violone, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Quintaton, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Rohrgedeckt, 16 ft. Principal, 8 ft., 32 pipes. Bourdon, 8 ft., 12 pipes. Rohrflöte, 8 ft. Octave, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Bourdon, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Trumpet, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Bassoon, 16 ft. Trumpet, 8 ft., 12 pipes. Clarion, 4 ft., 12 pipes.

#### JETER PROGRAMS SUMMER SERIES AT TEXAS CHURCH

The ministry of music of the First Presbyterian Church, Tyler, Tex., under the leadership of John D. Jeter, offered a series of special programs this summer. The first was an organ recital by Mr. Jeter June 22 which appears on the recital page.

The combined choirs of the First Church and the Highland Presbyterian Church sang a "service in song" July 20. Directed by Mr. Jeter and Harold Hanson and accompanied by Frank Speller, III, organist, the sixty-five voice choir sang: "In Quiet Confidence", Darst; "Go Not Far from Me, O God", Zingarelli; "Happy and Blest Are They", Mendelssohn; "Long Hast Thou Stood, O Church", Lindeman; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", Bach; "Almighty God of Our Fathers", James; "Hallelujah Chorus", Handel, and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You", Lutkin. A large congregation was in attendance and stayed for an informal reception.

reception. The Aug. 24 program was a recital played by Mr. Speller which also appears on the recital page.



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Arthur Birkby was recitalist at two dedicatory programs played Sept. 28 on the new three-manual Casavant organ at the Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, Wis., Milwaukee suburb. Dr. Birkby played two entirely different recitals for this ceremonial occasion, both of which mere he found on the accital page of which may be found on the recital page.

The new instrument has further tonal resources prepared for, with two blank stopknobs provided on each of the man-uals and on the pedal division. A seven-rank antiphonal division is also included in the future plans.

The present stoplist of the organ, which is installed in chambers on either side of the gallery, is as follows:

GREAT ORGAN. Principal, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Bourdon, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Octave, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Twelfth, 2% ft., 61 pipes. Fifteenth, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Chimes (prepared for).

SWELL ORGAN.

Gedeckt, 8 ft., 68 pipes. Salicional, 8 ft., 68 pipes. Volx Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Principal, 4 ft., 68 pipes. Plauto Traverso, 4 ft., 68 pipes. Plauto Traverso, 4 ft., 68 pipes. Plauto traverso, 4 ft., 68 pipes. Trompette, 8 ft., 68 pipes. Tremulant.

CHOIR ORGAN. Cor de Nuit, 8 ft., 68 pipes. Erzähler, 8 ft., 68 pipes. Spitzflöte, 4 ft., 68 pipes. Rohrnazard, 2% ft., 61 pipes. Blockflöte, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Tierce, 1% ft., 61 pipes. Tremulant.

PEDAL ORGAN. Subbass, 16 ft., 32 pipes. Cor de Nuit, 16 ft., 12 pipes. Principal, 8 ft., 32 pipes. Bass Flute, 8 ft., 12 pipes. Choralbass, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Bombarde, 16 ft., 12 pipes.

MILES TO BROADCAST NEW SERIES ON COLLEGE RADIO Russell Hancock Miles, University of Illinois, will broadcast the first program Oct. 2 in a new series, "Organ Music of Bach and his Predecessors" over the ed-ucational non-commercial radio stations of the University of Ulinoi. These proof the University of Illinois. These pro-grams will be broadcast over WILL, AM at 2 o'clock each Thursday afternoon and rebroadcast over WILL, FM at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening. The service area of these stations includes Illinois, western Indiana and southern Wisconsin Indiana and southern Wisconsin.

Mr. Miles will illustrate his talks with high-fidelity recordings of organ music of the baroque and pre-baroque period. His first program will include music from the fourteenth century. In the course of the series, he will show the development of organ music through the development of organ music through the early years and demonstrate the artistic and technical foundations on which Johann Sebastian Bach based his organ music. In later programs, Mr. Miles will play a great deal of the music of Bach himself, showing the great baroque mas-ter's development of the forms which he found found.

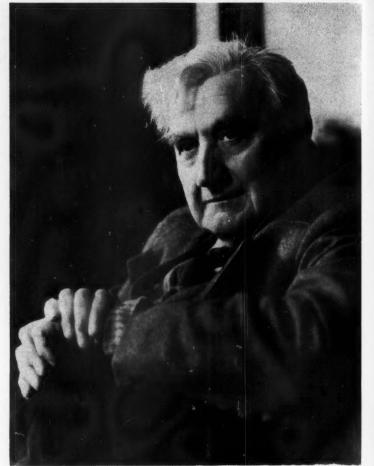
Two years ago Mr. Miles broadcast a survey of Bach's writings in all musical forms. This series was later rebroadcast on thirty-three stations of the tape net-work of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters.

In February, 1959, Mr. Miles will take sabbatical leave from the university to write a book on Bach.

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RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS WHOSE CAREER HAS CLOSED



## SURVEY BY PRESS SERVICE INDICATES AN ORGAN BOOM

Newspapers throughout the country Aug. 25 carried an encouraging summary of the boom in church building and in church organ installation. With the per-mission of United Press International which distributed the story THE DIAPA-SON reprints this bright picture of con-ditions which vitally affect our profes-sion sion.

#### The News Story

The organ industry is pulling out all the stops to try to meet record demands set off by the church building boom and

set off by the church building boom and a nation-wide revival of religious music. With nearly a billion dollars worth of churches going up across the country every year—and each of them needing an organ—pipe organ makers have fallen 2 to 3 years behind in their work. They have no idea when they will catch up. The electric organ business also is prospering. The biggest market for these is in the smaller churches that cannot afford huge pipe organs costing up to \$100,000, and in churches where modern-istic decor lends itself more to electronic

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music. The organ industry went almost entire-ly into defense production during World War II, after suffering depression dol-drums in the 1930s, largely as a result of the introduction of talking movies, which drowned out theater organ music. But not even in the booming 1920s did the industry see such sumy days as now the industry see such sunny days as now,

spokesmen say. There is no shortage of artisans to do There is no shortage of artisans to do the exacting work, because the organ makers train their own workmen. The art of organ making has changed little through the years, although the instru-ment itself has altered sharply. Churches and other institutions inter-ested in serious organ music are going back to "traditional" or "classical" in struments, in place of the "romantie" organs developed in the 1920s. Almost every movie theater then had a pipe organ designed to reproduce the

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sounds of an entire jazz band. The "romantic" pipe organs were sup-posed to reproduce the actual tones of individual instruments. The "classical" variety creates tones and chords that bear no resemblance to any other music.

Another change has come in the place-ment of the pipes. Organ makers now encourage church architects to make the pipes a part of the interior design instead of hiding them behind walls or in cabinets.

"You get more music from an organ if the pipes are exposed," an official of the Möller Organ Co., Hagerstown, Md., said.

To encourage this trend, Möller turns out organs with decorated pipes designed to enhance church interiors.

Percival Stark, vice-president of the Austin Organ Co., Hartford, Conn., said many long-established churches have been buying new pipe organs either to replace their old organs or electronic or-

gans. "There is a growing interest in good church music," he said. "It reflects the increased interest in music brought about

by records and good music education in public schools." "A great many people have awakened to the fact that the wind-blown pipe pro-duces music that can't be produced any other way"

duces music that can't be produced any other way." John Tyrrell, vice-president of Aco-lian-Skinner of Boston, said the religious music revival has encouraged the devel-opment of many fine organists. "There is no shortage of people to play the organ," he said. "The music today is of a much higher caliber than 25 years ago."

"Music budgets in churches are going up. People have come to realize that music is an important part of a church service."

service." Tyrrell said so many churches are being built that every organ company is limited to scarcely tapping the market. His firm, for instance, can make only 20 a year when going at top capacity. "Nobody can possibly build all the pipe organs that are needed," he said.

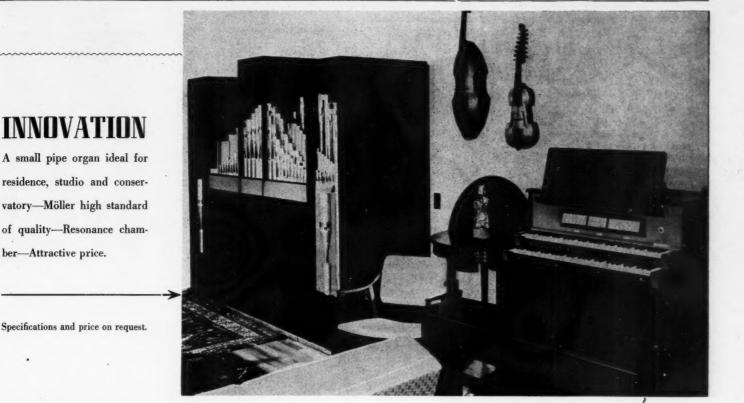
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#### SEMINARY IN CHICAGO **RECEIVES GIFT ORGAN**

M. P. MÖLLER INSTALLATION

Northern Baptist School in Chicago Will Have Three-manual in New Chapel in 1959-Selden Bernauer Is Organist.

Frank Nelson, prominent Baptist lay-man from Racine, Wis., has given a new three-manual Möller organ to the North-ern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chi-cago, in loving memory of his wife. The organ is being installed in the seminary's new chapel which was designed by Samuel Arthur Lightman, A.I.A., of Chicago. Dr. Charles Kohler is president of the semi-nary. Installation of the new organ will be made by September, 1959. The speci-fications were designed by the organist, Selden Bernauer, in consultation with Möller's representative, Henry Beard. The stoplist is as follows: The stoplist is as follows

GREAT ORGAN. Rohrbourdon, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Principal, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Blockföte, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Fourniture, 4 ranks, 244 pipes. Chimes, 21 bells. Tremulant.

SWELL ORGAN. SWELL ORGAN. Gedeckt, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Viola, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Voix Celeste, 8 ft., 66 pipes. Prestant, 4 ft., 73 pipes. Harmonic Piccolo, 2 ft., 61 notes. Plein Jeu, 3 ranks, 183 pipes. Trompette, 16 ft., 12 pipes. Rohrschalmei, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Tremulant.

CHOIR ORGAN. CHOIR ORGAN. Gedeckt, 16 ft., 12 pipes. Gedeckt, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Gemshorn, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Voix Celeste, 8 ft., 66 notes. Harmonic Flute, 4 ft., 73 pipes. Prinzipal, 2 ft., 61 notes. Sesquialtera, 2 ranks, 122 pipes. Rohrschalmei, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Tremulant.

PEDAL ORGAN. Bourdon, 16 ft., 12 pipes. Gedeckt, 16 ft., 32 notes. Geigen Principal, 8 ft., 32 pipes. Bourdon, 8 ft., 32 notes. Gedeckt, 8 ft., 32 notes. Octave, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Blockflöte, 4 ft., 12 pipes. Blockflöte, 2 ft., 32 notes. Trompette, 16 ft., 32 notes. Trompette, 8 ft., 32 notes.

### HAS SECOND FINE SUMMER

The Mayflower Hill campus of Colby The Mayflower Hill campus of Colby College, Waterville, Maine, was for the third time the setting of the Colby insti-tute of church music the week of Aug. 25-30. Students came from many states, mostly from the New England-New York area, but from the South and as far as California. As in 1957 the teaching staff was composed of Thomas Richner, New York City, organ; William C. Wood, Washington, D. C., conducting and voice, and Phyllis M. Cobb of Portland, Maine, problems of the smaller churches. All three gave recitals, carried a complete All three gave recitals, carried a complete load of group and seminar work and gave private instruction. Everett F. Strong, Colby College faculty, was the director. The intense five-and-a-half day pro-gram covered a wide range of practice

gram covered a wide range of practice and theory: service playing, organ and choir repertory and techniques of use of music in the church service. Practice and recital organs included the three-manual Walcker organ in Lorimer Chapel, a three-manual Austin and two electronic

Following faculty recitals on successive Following faculty recitals on successive evenings, a student program was heard Friday evening featuring fifteen players and a full choir. The social program in-cluded informal get-togethers, a sumptu-ous Maine lobster-and-clam-bake and a faculty party for the students.

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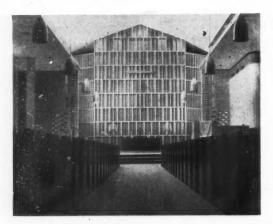
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## Big Organ, Brass Pieces in Month's New Music Issue

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ment. Seth Bingham's Concerto for Brass and Organ (also Gray) has had the good fortune of many fine manuscript per-formances by Marilyn Mason. Even those who will not have immediate opportunity to play such a work will want to become familiar with it; but we predict many performances before another summer rolls around.

A Sinfonia con Tromba by seventeenth century Giuseppe Torelli is issued by Robert King, Lucky organists with a real trumpet virtuoso available will find this

Robert King. Lucky organists with a real trumpet virtuoso available will find this a refreshing recital or festival piece. Nancy Plummer Faxon's Toccata, to which the composer's husband gave such brilliant treatment at the New York City convention in 1956, is now available from Gray; it is brilliant recital material. There are several recent additions to this firm's St. Cecilia series. A beautiful short "Invocation" by Richard Ross em-phasizes again the real loss to the organ world of his untimely death. Two Pieces: Adagio and Allegro by Corelli, arranged by John Lively, are useful; the Adagio has fine lyric flow; the Allegro is jig-like. Everett Titcomb's "Festive Flutes" is a charming recital item with bits of a Gregorian tune in the pedal. Not recent-ly written but warm, lush and romantic is Healey Willan's "Elegy," a piece with a big climax and a quiet dissolution. Seth Bingham's "Puritan Procession" has been re-issued with Hammond regis-tration. Gray's Standard series adds sin-gle copies of Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A major, "Sleepers Wake" and "Abide with Us". Paul Giasson's "A Christmas Offertory" (Galleon Press) is a pleasant little piece

with Us". Paul Giasson's "A Christmas Offertory" (Galleon Press) is a pleasant little piece with obvious functions. Fantasia in C, Handel-Allen, comes in time for the bi-

A Roundel by Stanford arranged for organ by A. G. Mathew (Galaxy) is rather inconsequential music.

rather inconsequential music. Three Chorale Fantasias on Pre-Ref-ormation Hymns by Ludwig Lenel (Con-cordia) are pieces by a man with some-thing to say; his idiom may not be easy for some to make their own. Novello has prepared for the impend-ing Handel year with an excellent new edition of the Opus 4 concertos. C. S. Lang and John Dykes Bower are the editors; the issue is for organ alone. The eleventh volume of Novello's Organ Music Club series is a very practical Music Club series is a very practical Chorale, Cantilena and Finale by Lloyd Webber, a well-wrought little suite in D minor. Three Introductory Voluntaries

#### **OCTOBER 1, 1958**

FRANK E. FULLER



FRANK E. FULLER, organist and choir-master of St. John's Episcopal Church, Youngstown, Ohio, since May, 1921, re-tired from this post July 31. The occasion brought many expressions of appreciation and recognition for the devoted service and the fine spirit that has marked all he has done

and the fine spirit that has marked all he has done. Mr. Fuller was born in New York City July 31, 1888, and received his early training in the New York schools. When he was eight years old he entered the choir of St. Michael's Episcopal Church under Robert J. Winterbottom, becoming soprano soloist there and then at Trinity Chappel under Felix L amond

inder Kobert J. Winterbotton, becoming soprano soloist there and then at Trinity Chapel under Felix Lamond. Mr. Fuller's first regular organ post was at Trinity Episcopal Church, Sau-gerties, N.Y., followed by a year at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Upper Montclair, N.J. Further study was pursued with Dr. George Edward Stubbs and with Edwin Arthur Kraft. He studied Gregorian chant at Sacred Heart College. Among churches Mr. Fuller served be-fore his Youngtown tenure were: St. John's Episcopal Church, Keokuk, Iowa, All Soul's Church, New York, Trinity Episcopal Church, Houghton, Mich., and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Akron, Ohio. Ohio.

In addition to his work at St. John's, Mr. Fuller has trained Roman Catholic choirs in Youngstown and Salem, Ohio, and Greek Orthodox choirs in Youngstown.

town. He was subdean of the Northern Ohio Chapter of the A. G. O. from 1930 to 1932 and was instrumental in launching the Youngstown Subchapter, of which he became regent. He is also active in civic affairs.

St. John's Church was filled for Mr. Fuller's last service July 27, 1958, with former choirboys, organ pupils and friends. A reception was held in the parish house auditorium after the service for Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, where they were presented with a large purse. The Fullers have been the parents of

three sons.

by Arthur Milner are for manuals only; the composer solves his challenge well, injecting considerable originality into his basic simplicity. In Novello's Early Organ Music series

In Novello's Early Organ Music series are two eighteenth century issues edited by Walter Emery. There are Four Chor-ale Preludes by J. C. Oley and Three Preludes by J. C. Kittel. These have much closer kinship in musical style and feeling to the work of Haydn and C. P. E. Bach than to that of old Sebastian: they are welcome pieces from a not too heavily represented period.—F. C.

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## The Baroque Mystery

By CHARLES PEAKER

"What sort of fee are you getting?" said my wife as we drove across Ontario

said my wife as we drove across ontains to London. "A hundred smackers," I said. She sniffed and I explained patiently that since Gordon was playing the Penthouse and Sauer Bei pieces with Wadding on the podium, and since he was conducting Bach's "Sleepers wake" with me on the bench, it was pretty good. As for "St. Anne's" at the end, not worth mentioning I thought. I thought.

At twenty to eight I found the Cosmo-

At twenty to eight I found the Cosmo-politan Church in confusion. Gordon had not arrived for the seven o'clock rehearsal. Wadding and his or-chestra were there, idle, and already the singers were drifting in for their practice, the final one. I couldn't touch the two modern works so we put in a couple of Handel Concertos from Gordon's ample library and soon we were all busy. When we were done, the Rev. George Gothic asked Wadding and me to come to his study. There we found the follow-ing awaiting us: Roderick Defries Q.C., the oldest of Gordon's brothers; Sir Mal-colm Pype-Pype, tall, saturnine and Eng-lish; Bert Keating, the organ-builder, and a police inspector whose name I cannot recall. As we sat down Gothic asked

a police inspector whose name I cannot recall. As we sat down Gothic asked Wadding if the concert would go on. That man nodded and the minister looked re-lieved; he murmured something about an anniversary, mayor and council, and so on, but tailed off as the inspector began. "Gentlemen", he paused, "Mr. Defries is afraid that his brother may have met with foul play or had an accident. The police are doing all possible on slender clues, and we are asked to keep things quiet. Can any of you tell us anything about the arrangements for this rehear-sal?" sali

Wadding shook his head and I said I had never known Gordon to break an engagement.

gagement. "Perhaps Sir Malcolm—", the inspec-tor sounded respectful. "One moment" said the eminent Q.C., "Sir Malcolm Pype-Pype is an old friend of mine. You have doubtless heard of the great English firm of architects, 'Pype and Key'; well, Sir Malcolm is the senior partner. You will not know that from time to time he has assisted Scotland Yard with his remarkable deductive pow-ers. I have retained him to look into this funny business of my missing brother. As funny business of my missing brother. As you are aware, Gordon is a 'conveyancer' you are aware, Gordon is a conveyancer in our company; in music, you know him far better than I do." The lawyer sat back and looked at Pype-Pype, as did we all. I confess to a little disappointment when the oracle said mildly "Could we have a lock at the orren?"

"Excuse me please" said Wadding, "a little tired." Sir Malcolm bowed. . ٠ .

I sat on the bench, with the rest around

I sat on the bench, with the rest around the console. "Anything odd about the console when you came in this evening?" "Nothing! Gordon's copy of the cantata and a metronome that's all." "Show us."

"Show us." I yawned and put "Sleepers" on the rack and the metronome on the left key-check. Silence ensued and I looked up at the Englishman. He was scanning the metronome and muttering something, I caught the words "one hundred and four, ridiculous!" At his suggestion I turned the power

ridiculous !" At his suggestion I turned the power on. He looked hard at me. "Dr. Pekin, you re-set the pistons I suppose? Anything curious?" "Gordon's set-up is always 'curious' to me" I said and paused abruptly. "One funny thing—quite irrelevant though." "Out with it," third degree, and no mis-take! take!

Somewhat stiffly I asked him what he

knew about organs. "F.R.C.O. Somewhere around 1930 I should think. Thalben-Ball in London and Heitman in Berlin."

I capitulated. Drawing two eight-foot diapasons on the great and an ugly resultant thirty-two-foot on the Pedal, I said, "Gordon's General 1." "Kidnapped!" said Sir Malcolm. There was a stunned silence for a mo-ment and then I think we all spoke at once. He held his hand up. "He left in a hurry but he left two messages, one this metromome speed I capitulated.

#### CHARLES PEAKER



DR. CHARLES PEAKER has been repre-sented in THE DIAPASON over the years with several articles and many witty let-ters but this is his first venture into the "who-dun-it" field. Many of our readers heard his recital at the Houston conven-tion; others will identify Canada's emi-nent recitalist and lecturer as the organist of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Toronto.

which is absurd for the first chorus of "Sleepers" and, second, this combination, silly for any of us and lunatic for him." He paused. "Do you hear anything?"

"Do you hear anything?" We stood there awkwardly enough with the remote murmur of the motor in our ears and once, the honk of a car outside. I thought then, and I think now, that we were hypnotised by the fellow's extra-ordinary intensity. Suddenly he strode to the back of the choir-loft and looked down at something. We joined him. Half concealed, still revolving its own secret thoughts lay Gordon's expensive tape-recorder.

secret thoughts lay Gordon's expensive tape-recorder. "Odd that you should have missed this." The inspector's face reddened. "Play it back!" I was hoarse. "Not now." He stopped it and looked at the inspector who nodded. "Now, Dr. Gothic, will you be so kind as to show us the most direct way to a car."

car." We moved slowly along behind the min-We moved slowly along behind the min-ister. I was last but one and Sir Malcolm was behind me. At the door I stood aside to let him precede me and there was this strange man on his knees. What a time for prayer, I thought—when I saw what he had retrieved from beneath a pew. A crumpled ball of paper, manuscript paper, I saw. Carefully, deliberately, he smoothed it out. He studied it. We studied him. There was a faint expres-sion of distaste as he passed it to me. "Penthouse," I said. "The third message." He turned to Defries with a bow. "Roderick," he said, "your brother thinks quickly." "Inconstruct heave a workle for the hinder

"your brother thinks quickly." "Inspector, keep a watch for the black Cadillac and phone me at Gordon Defries' place if you get any news. Put that machine in our car."

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I looked around Gordon's sumptuous place enviously. Clearly a bachelor, an affluent bachelor, and, I conceded reluc-tantly, a bachelor with some taste. A bright fire burned in the Regency fire-place and the light danced on pictures, tapestries and rugs. I suddenly felt very tired and sank into a chair by the Stein-way. Soon we were enjoined our obsent way. Soon we were enjoying our absent host's finest wines and cigars. I must have dozed but I dimly heard Sir Mal-

have dozed but a sherry !" "Pedro Domecq! What a sherry !" "Malcolm!" Defries sounded strained. "Ah yes. . to business." I awoke

"Malcolm!" Defries sounded strained. "Ah yes. . . to business." I awoke fully; Defries was pointing. "Set it going." "One moment! Now we have looked over the place, and by the way Defries, your brother does himself uncommonly well, now we have, as it were, 'cased the joint'" (he laughed, but he laughed alone) "we must talk to Pekin." "What d'ye want to know?" I asked. "Physical characteristics—Gordon's ap-pearance—I never met him." "Tallish and lean, no Cassius though." "Dress?"

"Carelessly casual. Deliberately so, I think Women?"

"No, I think not; too busy, too egotis-c." I glanced at the lawyer. Just then there was some confusion and tic

in came two more brothers, also lawyers and members of the firm. When they were introduced, seated and given drinks,

were introduced, seated and given drinks, I had a good idea. "Look here!" I said recklessly, "this gathering looks more and more like a meeting of the Bar Association. Why not cross-examine these lawyers? Be a nice change for them, I should think. Be-sides," I ended rather lamely, "they must know far more about Gordon than I do." Sir Malcolm shook his head. "Won't do, y'know. A man's own fam-ily rarely knows anything significant about him. Also, this crime is closely bound up with music, and I doubt—" he paused delicately, and looked at the lawyers.

lawyers. "Fire away!" I passed my glass for a re-fill. 'Drink. smoke?"

"Very moderate drinker, purely social sons, never smoked." 'Sensitive?" reasons,

"Sensitive?" "Not to criticism," I said grimly. "But let me add something in my own words. He had—has, I mean—a sardonic sort of humour. Charming manners when he chose. He was stubborn, he was lavish with his money on things like these, (I pointed to the pictures and furniture), he would spend a lot of money on an organ, a spinet or on lessons, but not a cent more than he had to. He really was 'cussed' sometimes. Take his organ-play-ing..."

ing...." "Good idea, we will," said Sir Malcolm Pype-Pype, cutting in on me. Someone turned the lights out and the

then three or four bars of "Sleepers", all twelfth, fifteenth and other vulgar frac-tions, together with a curious metallic

What's that?" blurted Keating.

Sir Malcolm was looking at the second hand of his watch. He pointed impatiently to the metronome on the piano. second

"Nothing wrong with his tempo now," I heard him mumble. The music stopped and we looked fur-tively at each other. There was a suden sharp crack from the fire and I think we all jumped, I know I did.

savage uproar broke from the ma-

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chine. "Good Lord," exclaimed the Q.C. "Penthouse," I explained. "Stop!--a man's voice, stern and per-emptory. I intercepted a glance between the brothers as the organ fell silent. "What do you want?"-Gordon at his most neevish

most peevish. "We want you." "You'll have to wait while I set this niston Stalling for time, I thought, no hint of

panic there.

panic there. A sudden sharp yipe and he said some-thing violent and then— "You'll pay up for this, you bearded old—" his voice tailed off into silence. "Hypo and a gag," said Sir Malcolm calmly. "Gave us some more information though. Must have been sleep-walking when he tore that page out and dropped it;" there was admiration in his voice. The phone rang sharply outside. It was my wife.

was my wife. "You and Mrs. Keating go to bed," I said, "interesting developments. Bert and I will get home as soon as we can." When I returned Gordon's man was passing coffee and sandwiches around.

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Next night the concert went well I think: certainly Wadding was in fine form.

form. On the platform with Dr. Gothic as I recall were the mayor, Mrs. Muriel Wex-ford our president, the A.G.O. chief Harold Herman, Dr. Willing, Henry But-tercup, the Toronto chairman, and of course the genial organist of the church, M. Tomas Chateau. The place was packed, indeed traffic outside was at a stand-still. Appalling rumours had got abroad and as Dr. Gothic rose to speak I was reminded of the um-

rose to speak I was reminded of the un-easy temper of the Roman populace when Mark Antony went into the pulpit. Af-ter thanking me for my extra labours "in the unavoidable absence of our generous friend, Mr. Gordon Defries," Dr. Gothic

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A new three-manual Schantz organ will be installed in the Presbyterian Church of Woodbury, N. J., this fall. Placed behind the reredos, it will speak directly forward into the colonial style sanctuary. The church was founded in 1721. Harold Henderson, who with mem-bers of the Schantz staff designed the stoplist, is organist-choirmaster. Nego-tiations for the sale were handled by Edgar H. Mangam, Schantz representa-tive. tive. The stoplist is as follows :

GREAT ORGAN Open Diapason, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Gemshorn, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Bourdon, 8 ft., 61 pip Octave, 4 ft., 61 pip Octave, 4 ft., 61 pipes. Gemshorn, 4 ft. Octave Quinte, 2% ft., 61 pipes. Super Octave, 2 ft., 61 pipes. Chimes. Tremulant.

SWELL ORGAN Swell OKGAN Rohrbourdon, 16 ft., 85 pipes. Rohrflöte, 8 ft. Salicional, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Voix Celeste, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Principal, 4 ft., 73 pipes. Hohlflöte 4 ft., 73 pipes. Octave, 2 ft. Blockflöte, 2 ft. Plein Jeu, 3 ranks, 183 pipes. Contra Hautbois, 16 ft., 85 pipes. Trompette, 8 ft., 85 pipes. Hautbois, 8 ft. Clarion, 4 ft. Tremulant.

CHOIR ORGAN Gedackt, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Dulciana, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Unda Maris, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Koppelflöte, 4 ft., 73 pipes.

Nazat, 2% ft., 61 pipes. Flute, 2 ft. Tierce, 1% ft., 61 pipes. Vox Humana, 8 ft., 61 pipes. Cromorne, 8 ft., 73 pipes. Tremulant.

PEDAL ORGAN

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PEDAL ORGAN Open Diapason, 16 ft., 56 pipes. Bourdon, 16 ft., 56 pipes. Rohrbourdon, 16 ft. Quinte, 10% ft. Octave, 8 ft. Flute, 8 ft. Gemshorn, 8 ft. Rohrflöte, 8 ft. Flute, 4 ft. Super Octave, 4 ft. Mixture, 2 ranks, 64 pipes. Hautbols, 16 ft. Trompette, 8 ft. Trompette, 8 ft. Clarion, 4 ft.

VETERAN CHICAGO BUILDER DIES IN OAK PARK CHURCH

Kenneth Butler, veteran organ builder and maintenance man well-known in the Chicago area, died at work Aug. 28 in the First Presbyterian Church in Oak Park. It was appropriate that a man who had a part in the installation and care of so many church instruments should have passed peacefully in familiar surround-inge.

passed peacetully in taminar surround-ings. Mr. Butler was born June 14, 1888. Be-fore coming west to Chicago he worked in New York and Boston with such well-known builders as Steere, Hook and Hastings and Haskell. He represented the Hall Company in the Chicago area until it ceased business. He also worked with A. R. Temple and was at one time Casavant representative at Indianapolis. His widow survives him.

#### -0 FOX BEGINS FALL SEASON WITH BUSY RECITAL TOUR

Virgil Fox faces a busy concert season. His duties at the Riverside Church now give him more time to concertize. In October he will play in Allentown, Pa.; Macon, Ga. (Wesleyan College); St. Louis, Mo. (Washington University); Kansas City, Mo.; Evanston, Ill., and Canton, Ohio.

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#### N.Y City Chapter Making **Final Plans for Hosting** the Midwinter Conclave

The midwinter conclave to be held in ew York City Dec. 29-31 with the New New York City Dec. 29-31 with the New York City Chapter as host will open with York City Chapter as host will open with registration Monday morning in the Epis-copal Actors' Guild Hall of the Little Church Around the Corner. The opening recital will be held after lunch in the Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church. William MacGowan will play the Holt-kamp organ; Lee Steelman, flautist, will be assisting artist be assisting artist.

be assisting artist. Monday evening's event will center about the new Möller organ in St. George's Episcopal Church. Ernest White will give a lecture about this organ and E. Power Biggs will be the recitalist. The president's breakfast for deans and regents will be held Tuesday morning in the dining hall of Trinity Church. A tour of the financial district and Chinatown is planned for those not attending the break-

planned for those not attending the break-fast.

ROBERT ARNOLD, Registrar.

Classes Formed for Guild Exam Study Classes Formed for Guild Exam Study The Rockland County Chapter met Sept. 3 at the Reformed Church in Spring Valley, N.Y., whose pastor, the Rev. David Jenks, is the chaplain of the chap-ter. Dean Margaret Rednour presided. Among the important plans discussed were the classes being formed for the study of harmony, theory and music his-tory for preparation for Guild examina-tions.

tions Program plans for the season include youth and senior choir festivals; Ruth Churchill heads the program planning committee. Members brought organ and choral music to the meeting for compari-

son and discussions. KATHLEEN S. MARTINE, Registrar.

KATHLEEN S. MARTINE, Kegistrar. REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER—Dean Daniel Ruggles planned and executed a high-ly successful first meeting Sept. 2., a "pro-gressive polluck" picnic for members and clergy. Sixty-two participated in the walking tour of historic spots in the city of Sonoma. These included the old Bergstrom organ at First Congregational Church; the old Metho-dist church built in 1853; Blue Wing Inn— formerly a hotel and now the residence of Arthur Baken filled with lovely old furnish-ings and historic clerical vestments; the community center where an organ workshop class is rebuilding an eleven-rank Kimbal organ, and an exhibit of old paintings of hardness for dessert and gab-fest. An-nouncement was made of the recital by Gor-on Dixon, A.A.G.O. Sept. 19, at St. Luke's Luke's Luke's Luke's Luke's Lorgan d. St. St. Luke's Luke's Lorgan Method. Sept. 19, at St. Luke's Luke's Lorgan Method. Sept. 19, at St. Juke's Luke's Lorgan Method. Sept. 19, at St. Juke's Luke's Lorgan Method. Sept. 19, at St. Luke's Luke's

MOBILE, ALA., CHAPTER-The first fall meeting was held Sept. 5 at the Sage Avenue Baptist Church. At the short business meet-Baptist Church. At the short business meet-ing, which was presided over by Dr. Helen Allinger, the plans for the new year were discussed. Then the new officers were in-stalled by the Rev. Rex H. Dickey, chaplain. They are: Dean, Dr. Allinger; sub-dean, Esther Knudsen; secretary, Rosa Adair Brown; treasurer, Wallace McClanahan. The next part of the program was a lecture on American hymnody by Chaplain Dickey-Rosa Adair Brown, Secretary.

LUBBOCK, TEX., CHAPTER—In the first meeting of the fall season, twenty-four members and patrons of the Lubbock Chap-ter held a covered dish supper Sept. 8 at the Shepherd King Lutheran Church. The meet-ing welowed nine new members and user ing welcomed nine new members and year books were distributed. Programs for the coming year were discussed and reports on the national convention of the Guild held in the national convention of the Guild held in Houston were given by members who at-tended. Following the dinner and business meeting presided over by Dean Cecil Bolton a musical program was heard. A chorus, composed of members, sang the anthem, "Go Not Far from Me" by Zingarelli and the Choral Benediction. Mr. Bolton played organ solos and the accompaniment for vocal selections.--MRS. CLAUD H. DALTON, Corre-sponding Secretary. sponding Secretary.

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GALVESTON CHAPTER—The Galveston Chapter met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ben-son Aug. 25. Committee chairmen for 1958-59 were named as follows: patron chairman, Daisy Belle Walker; membership chairman, Julia Webster; social chairman, Mrs. W. H. Benson; year book, Michael Collerain; pro-gram committee, Niels Nilson.—URSULEE T. RAHE, Secretary.

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER—A meeting of officers and board members of the Contra Costa Chapter was called by John Rucker, new dean, Sept. 2, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Walnut Creek to discuss plans for the fall season. Many ideas of interest were offered. Much help was given by executive board member, Frederick Freeman, F.A.G.O., retiring dean, who worked diligently in the formation of this group in the early part of 1957 and throughout his term of office. Con-siderable interest is being shown in this siderable interest is being shown in this growing chapter. The other officers are: sub-dean, Alva Fontaine; secretary, Josephine Shoptaugh; treasurer, Phyllis School; registrar, Barbara Parsons; executive board members, Berenice Anderson and Barbara Kaed-ing.—BARBARA PARSONS, Registrar.

CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER—The Chesa-peake Chapter had its first meeting of the 1958-59 season at Baltimore's beautiful Christ English Lutheran Church Sept. 8th. Vernon Wolcott of Peabody Institute played the fol-lowing recital on the new four-manual Möller organ: Fantasy in G minor and Pas-torale, Bach; Sonata 3 in A major, Mendel-ssohn; Chorale 1, Sessions; "The Celestial Banquet," Messiaen, and Chorale 3 in A min-or, Franck. The new officers listed in June were installed. After the recital, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church.—MARGUERITE S. BLACKBURN.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., CHAPTER — The Springfield Chapter met for a picnic supper at Washington Park Sept. 8. The program was presented by Robert A. Stuart, attorney for the Springfield park board. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart have recently returned from Europe where they visited carillon foundries and in-spected numerous installations in connection with the proposed Rees Memorial Carillon with the proposed Rees Memorial Carillon tower to be built in Springfield. Dean Gladys Kaylor presided over the short busi-ness meeting which followed.—MRS. JOHN B. NOLAN, Secretary. CHARLETON, S. C., CHAPTER—The fail season opened auspiciously with a recital by William David Redd Sept. 3 at the Citadel Square Baptist Church, under the co-spon-sorship of the Charleston Chapter and the Music Department of the church. Mr. Redd has served the church for two years. He has just entered Furman University. Mr. Redd was assisted by the sanctuary choir of the church, under the direction of John H. Hutto, II, minister of music. The program included the following organ selections: Classical Variations, Joseph Wagner; "To Thee, Jehovah, Shall I Sing," Karg-Elert; "My Faithful Heart Rejoices." Brahms; Prel-ude and Fugue in E flat major (St. Anne's), Bach; Fantasia, Purvis, and "Alleluia," Bos-si. The Choir sang "Springs in the Desert," Jennings, and "Giorious Everlasting," Cous-ins.—MALLIE MCCRANIE, Reporter.

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ST. JOSEPH, MO., CHAPTER—The St. Joseph Chapter met Aug. 18 for a picnic supper at the home of Bob Grubbs; twenty-two were present. New officers are: Mrs. Evan Ehlers, dean; Mrs. J. M. Easterday, sub-dean; Barbara Borowski, secretary; Mrs. Russell Didlo, treasurer; Mrs. Dayton Jen-nings, DIAPASON reporter; board members Mrs. John Lefler, Mrs. Dward Moore, Mrs. Wayne Nicholas, Paul Neal, Elsie Durham and Mrs. E. A. Michael. Mrs. Paul Block and Mrs. Lefler reported on the Houston conven-tion emphasizing the inspiration and enthu-siasm derived and urging all members to at-tend the next such meeting. Special emphasis was put on the recital by the competition winner, Ray Pylant Ferguson.—Mss. DAYTON JENNING, Reporter. JENNINGS. Reporter.

BUFFALO CHAPTER—The Buffalo Chap-ter met for a picnic supper on the lawn of Trinity Evangelical United Brethern Church, Grand Island, N.Y., Aug. 15. The evening was sunny and cool and the delicious meal prepared by the women of the church was thoroughly enjoyed. Kathryn Slacer, organist of the church was chairman of the committee of the church, was chairman of the committee which also included Margaret Goodsole and which also included Margaret Goodsole and Gladys Howell. After supper a meeting was held in the parish house with Dean Clara Pankow presiding. Mrs. Pankow presented plans for the coming year which the board had previously discussed. There was a will-ing response by the group present to a re-quest by the dean that they write suggestions for program building. Informal discussions followed and all present felt that the meet-ing had been of particular value at the start of a new Guild year.—EDNA M. SHAW.

LONG BEACH, CAL., CHAPTER—An in-teresting year of activities for the Long Beach Chapter was launched Sept. 3 with a "chuck-wagon" garden party at the home of Mirlam Satterlee. Programs announced by Gene Driskill will be a member recital, a concert by Dr. Leslie Spelman and the Red-lands brass quartet, a recital by Charles Shaffer and Royal Stanton's 100-voice schola cantorum. At the meeting Dean Vera Gra-ham introduced Dr. Spelman who spoke on ham introduced Dr. Spelman who spoke on Netherlands organ programs. Marcia Hannah reviewed the Houston convention.—EDITH reviewed the Houston convention.—EDI MARTINA WYANT, Corresponding Secretary.

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HOPEWELL CHAPTER — The Hopewell Chapter sponsored its twelfth annual choir training school in August. The junior choirs of local churches met each afternoon Aug. 11-17 at the First Christian Church for re-hearsals. A concert was presented of the music learned during the week's training. There were 147 children enrolled represent-ing nineteen churches. The conductor for the school this year was the Rev. James R. Copeland of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Copeland was the organist. An English handbell choir was used with several of the anthems in the concert. The program was as follows: "The Angelus Bell Song." Winn-Curry: "Gentie Jesus." Shaffer; "Hosanna," Gregos; "Little Children Praise The Saviour." Handel-Bige-low; "Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord," Irish Melody-Reynolds; "What Shall We Children Bring ", Root-Willims; "Glad That I Live Am I," Shaw; "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing," McCutchan-Reynolds; "Jesus, Friend of Little Children," Faircloth. The annual adult choir training school will be held this fall Nov. 16-24. Mrs. LoRean Hodapp, Westminster Choir School, will be the conductor for the tenth year.—Dororny VALENTINE, Reporter.

AUGUSTA, GA., CHAPTER—The Augusta Chapter opened the 1958-59 season with a covered-dish supper Sept. 29 at the home of Emily Remington, with Mrs. R. E. Lott as chairman. After a delicious meal served buf-fet style on the lawn, a short business meet-ing was conducted by Dean A. B. Harley. Special guest of the evening was Dr. A. Elbert Adams, Greenwood, S. C., newly-appointed southeastern regional chairman. Following a brief address by Dr. Adams, members and their guests enjoyed an even-ing of fellowship and discussion of the activ-ities for the coming year. The Rev. Stanton H. Sizemore was introduced as chaplain for the year.—J. WILLIAM POPPLER, Sub-dean.

JACKSON, MISS., CHAPTER—The Jack-son Chapter met at Calvary Baptist Church Sept. 7, for a luncheon meeting. Dean Neal Smith presided at the short business meet-ing. Members were introduced and the offi-cers for the year were recognized. Mrs. Bernard Jones, sub-dean, gave a preview of the programs for the season. Two films were shown to the group, short recitals by Mari-lyn Mason and Robert Noehren.—Mrs. CECH ROPER, Registrar.

WESTERN MICHIGAN CHAPTER—Offi-cers of the Western Michigan Chapter for the 1958-59 season are as follows: Dean, Norman Greenwood; sub-dean, Matthew Walkotten; recording secretary, Mrs. Orren Bolt; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Thomas M. Muller; treasurer, William Holby; coun-cil members, Roger Rietberg, Helen Hawes and Joan Boucher.—MARJORIE M. MULLER,

AKRON, OHIO, CHAPTER—The Akron Chapter began its 1958-59 season with a din-ner meeting Sept. 8 at Kaase's Restaurant. The new officers for the coming year, listed in THE DIAPASON for June, were in charge. The speaker for the evening was Bennett Kroeck of Applecreek State Hospital who spoke on musical therapy.—ELEANOR L. WELLS, Registrar. spoke on musi WELLS, Registrar.

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V. EARLE COPES has withdrawn from the faculty of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, to edit the Methodist Church's forthcoming new music maga-zine. The first issue of this publication is to appear sometime after October, 1959. It will be prepared by the Metho-

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dist Board of Education and published by the Methodist Publishing House. At Mt. Vernon, Mr. Copes was also minister of music "at the Methodist church. For seven years previous to the Cornell College post, he was on the fac-ulty of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. A native of Norfolk, Va., he is a Metho-dist minister and a member of the North A native of Norfolk, Va., he is a Metho-dist minister and a member of the North Iowa Methodist Conference. He has a bachelor of arts degree from Davidson College, Davidson, N.C., and bachelor of divinity and master of sacred music de-grees from Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He is married and the father of two children.

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#### **Books for Organists**

Two little paperback books are of spe-cial interest to our readers. A New Dic-tionary of Music by Arthur Jacobs (a Penguin reference book) is a useful book to cart about in one's brief case or music satchel. It is comprehensive enough for average uses and incorposive enough for

satchel. It is comprehensive enough for average uses and inexpensive enough for anyone to own. Like most British refer-ences its emphasis seems to us to show some small British bias. "Music in the Town and Country Church" by William E. Soule, published by the National Council of the Episcopal Church, division of town and country work, is a handbook of suggestions rather than an exhaustive study; but many mu-sic committees could profit from studying it.

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### The Baroque Mystery

#### By CHARLES PEAKER [Continued from page 8]

icans in the gallery, Sauer Bei (most kind about the omission of his own fine work) Elmer Lewis, Southrup, Stover, a crowd from Buffalo and Detroit, and the editors of THE DIAPASON and The American Or-Ganist. As I watched, they were joined by Geoffrey Pesante of *The Canadian Music Journal*. Many will recall their ac-

Music Journal, Many will recall their ac-counts of the concert. Well back in the auditorium I dis-cerned the leonine head of Sir Edward McMillan almost surrounded by Cathe-dral men. There sat Peasant, Bold, Chewitt, Perhaps, Hopper, Baker and Horse. I whispered to Goldvester who was turning the concertos for me that only Gordon could have assembled an audience like this. The Defries were all there—in evening clothes—but I saw no sign of Pype-Pype. I learned later how-ever that there were at least a dozen detectives present, very bored I should think. think.

After the show there was a party. After the show there was a party. Many folk asked us about Gordon. We used Dr. Gothic's apt phrase, "called away"; I hoped its elegiac sound would not prove prophetic. "A very generous cheque," said my wife, struggling to decipher Roderick Defries' signature, as we drove back home pert morning

next morning.

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A week or so later I was practising at

A week or so later I was practising at the church when my telephone rang; it was Pype-Pype. Go away with him for a week? It was impossible! "Come, come," he said, "its urgent. Cancel everything, Pekin. Our friends in London will indemnify you liberally. It might be quite an exciting trip." That evening, in his lovely Rolls, we left Toronto by its eastern gates. All he would say in answer to my very natural questions was that we were going to at-tend some organ recitals, interesting ones questions was that we were going to at-tend some organ recitals, interesting ones too. I was piqued, but the man had such charm that he soon won me over again. I told him what I recalled about Gordon's studies with me so long ago and then tacitly we dropped the subject. He fas-cinated me. Art, Law, Crime, Literature, he knew them all. I was stunned by his knowledge of Shakespeare. Finally I asked him what he knew about the baro-que idea in organ-playing and whether, in his travels, he had heard many old Ger-man organs. man organs. "I was an angel for an hour," he said.

I gaped at him. "An angel," he repeated with evident enjoyment. "Intelligence work in Ger-many, Great War. I escaped detection and a sudden death by standing motionless in a niche high on an old organ-case. The organist, poor old Berger, was a con-tact of mine." He sighed heavily. "Poor old Berger! I was sorry to hear of his end. Very unfortunate indeed."

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He said no more till we had negotiated some awkward traffic. I noticed that we were doing upwards of eighty miles an hour, but no police car made any effort to check our head-long race. He resumed bit tale his tale

"That night Berger was playing some Bach for two German generals and their staffs. I had come down from my perch, pretty stiff, I can tell you, and had a good look over the old organ. When the crowd started to come in, I roosted near the great prinzipal and wondered how to tell Paerger that L had come to Hamburg as great prinzipal and wondered how to tell Berger that I had come to Hamburg as promised. How that man could play! What mutations! What an admirable pre-cision! I nearly clapped after the C minor. There was a long pause after the sixth trio-sonata and I began to think they were coming for me; but, craning my neck I could see the organist bowing to the generals—they were thanking him. Then he came back to the organ and be-gan the great G minor, at their request I have back to the organ and be-gan the great G minor, at their request I later learned. Man, o man, I never hear the G minor without recalling my rapture in the middle of that great organ."

rapture in the middle of that great organ." He stopped, lost in memories. "What did you do?" He chuckled. "During the Fantasia, I found middle D on the prinzipal and when he gave out the fugue subject I lifted it, but had it back four beats later when the counter-subject came in. He came back for me later."

counter-subject came in. He came back for me later." The great car swept on and I got sleepy, finally curling up in the back seat while that man of iron drove on. I awoke to broad daylight in the province of Quebec. I complimented him on his stamina. "Sailing in a week for England," he caid said.

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We settled in a fine old inn and I could We settled in a fine old inn and I could not but admire my companion's command of the language. That night we went to our first organ recital together. Fine crowd! The priest made a short speech thanking the organist and urging his flock to give liberally. Couperin, Titelouze, Du Mage and some Carly German music I think, and all very dull. The phrasing was good but the registration heavy and un-inspired too much eight-foot for even my good but the registration heavy and un-inspired, too much eight-foot for even my tastes. I craned my neck to see what I could of the west gallery but beyond noting that one figure sat beside the play-er, turning pages. I learned nothing. After the recital was over we tried to see the odd pair but they had given us the slip, and we talked to the parish priest in-stead. He invited us in and gave us some

stead. He invited us in and gave us some wine: I could not follow the conversation, but later at the inn Pype-Pype gave me a comical resumé.

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I laughed. "Ah, but that is not all. The church of An, but that is not all. The church of St. Benedict thirty miles away is in need of new frontals and they are getting them too. They have a fine old Casavant, being tuned today. I think our friends will be doing some practice there tomorrow night. We will be there too."

A wonderful little church, St. Bene-dict's! It was late evening when we saun-tered in and everything was bathed in that dim religious light of which Milton speaks. The organ gallery, however, was empty. We were admiring a side-altar, after Murillo I believe, when we were aware that someone was at the organ. We overheard an odd colloquy. "How will I set this beastly old thing up? Ernest would..."

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would Dr. Pekin do?" Presently we heard the F minor, thick and heavy--intolerable! I quite forgot myself with rage. "Pype-Pype," I hissed above the din, "It's libel, I could sue-" At that moment the player stopped, presumably to add more sixteen-foot. "Who's there?" Heavy feet clattered down the stoire

down the stairs. "In here," said Pype-Pype calmly push-ing me into a confessional.

They did not find us but there was no nore practice that night. Some minutes later Sir Malcolm said, "You can come out now Father Pekin."

I did so and we were alone in the moonlit church.

lit church. Next night Gordon did very well in-deed. The tutti was a happy blend of tone, neither too ascetic nor too rich. There was almost no sixteen-foot on the manuals, some four; and even two-foot and when a plein jeu crept into the scheme I looked expressively at my companion. "Drug's wearing off. Uncle knows it's all up," he muttered. We were a quaint quartette in the tav-ern that night after the recital. Uncle

Uncle ern that night after the recital. Unc Ebenezer, a man of about eighty-five, would say, but still vigorous, Gordon pa and listless, Sir Malcolm suave and a bit bored now, and me inquisitive.

The old man put his third glass of Scotch down. "What now?" "Back to London to face the music," said Sir Malcolm affably. "What if I don't want to come?"

Sir Malcolm whistled and the door opened; two policemen! We left the Rolls to be put on a liner

and flew to London.

## . . Gordon's house again but not quite the same group. Dr. Gothic and the police-man were absent and in their places sat Gordon and the old man I their places sat Gordon and the old man I thought of as Uncle Eby. What a giant he was! Clearly some sort of family conclave had taken place, but it only needed a glance at the four lawyers to know that it had not been a happy one. It seemed to me that the famous Defries tempers were almost at breaking point.

"You might introduce me," said Uncle

Eby pettishly. "Gentlemen," said the Q. C. stiffly," this is Dr. Ebenezer Defries, my father's eldest

brother." "Roddy," said the old man," you might add that I am one of the Oxford press delegates, and that I have a seat in the Canadian Senate, which I rarely occupy." He cackled, and I thought I understood where Gordon's own odd neighing came from. But Uncle Eby wasn't finished.

"Also, you might as well know that you wouldn't have witnessed this loving fam-ily reunion unless I had insisted on it. We are a fine old family as well We are a fine old family as well as a wealthy one, ain't we boys?"

I began to see a lot of embarrassment for us all. Gordon spoke. "I've a mind to sue you, Uncle! In a criminal action you'd stand no chance with us you know." with us, you know." Uncle Eby laughed, a loud discordant

"Family pride," he hooted, ther 'ed, "must be denied"; he poured hims... an-other liberal drink.

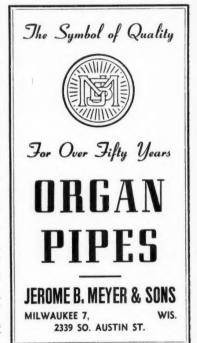
There was a hideous silence; it was a relief when the old man turned to our

Sherlock. "How did you get on to us?" Sir Malcolm took a pinch of snuff, one of his few affectations. "I had an im-pression that your nephews recognised the voice on the tape-recorder. Then too, I heard your broadcast from the Basilica in Quebec—Herr Josef Rheinberger, was it not? A little, ever so little upper work and I might have nassed it over, but, my

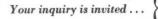
and I might have passed it over, but, my dear sir, Pachelbel Froberger, Couperin, all as if they were Karg-Elert! The old man looked at him dangerously and turned very red. "I don't like all this—" (here Uncle Eby used an unfor-ured a direction) "ministre work donfor

and turned very red. "I don't *like* all this—" (here Uncle Eby used an unfor-tunate adjective) 'mixture work, deafen-ing a fellow, it's, it's . . ." Uncle Eby pawed the air and searched in his rich vocabulary for a word. Roderick Defries rose to his feet. "That's enough" he said coldly. "Gentle-men, I have taken the liberty of ordering dinner for you at the Hotel London. We shall, I hope, join you a little later." "One thing first," —Uncle Eby was dangerously quiet now—" you had better know why I did it." His nephews faced him with stony res-ignation. After all, none knew the family tenacity better than they. Uncle Eby suddenly smiled, a wistful smile it was. "A bet" he said cosily, "ten thousand pounds with me old pal Lord Denver that he should hear my nephew use a few diapasons in recital. We made the bet after Gordon had used about three of the ranks on the organ in Denver Castle. Paid up handsomely too, but got a bit frightened and did a bunk. Queen Elizabeth from New York." We hardly heard this, we were in such

but got a bit frightened and did a bunk. Queen Elizabeth from New York." We hardly heard this, we were in such a hurry to get out of that dreadful room. Sir Malcolm was ahead of me and I could see his shoulders shaking. Being the last, I could hardly miss the final interchange, since it was fortissimo-Gordon: "What's this for?" Uncle: "For four fine recitals, and an extra five hundred for your broadcast Herr Rheinberger."



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#### **Convention Brevities**

DOMINION carillonneur Robert Donnell had quite a time directing traffic in his small clavier room in the Peace Tower after his recital. The many organists plus the exhibi-tion visitors were almost too much for the elevator operator making stops at different levels for different tourists.

ARNDT LOA was responsible for the very attracti tive p

CANADA'S new prime minister, John Diefenbaker, was seen debarking from his car at a side entrance as some of the dele-gates approached the Parliament buildings after the carillon recital.

ORGANISTS looked just like the other tourists as some attended sessions of the House of Commons and the Senate. It was noted that few sat long for the solemn deliberations

THE PROCESSION of C.C.O. national of-ficers, members of the council and dis-tinguished guests was televised over a local station as it moved from a neighboring church into Christ Church Cathedral preceding evensong.

DR. SOWERBY chided his audience that the fine hymn tune "The King's Majesty" by Canadian composer Graham George does not appear in any Canadian hymnal.

not appear in any Canadian nymnal. ARE THE BUSES still waiting for the pas-sengers who weren't there at the Mackay United Church? The conventioneers finished tea ahead of schedule and were seen "hitch-ing rides" by various means back downtown.

AND THEN there was the missing "coach" on the city tour which seemed to think it could improve on the itinerary and got completely lost.

## SINZHEIMER HEADS OPERA SEMINAR AT "U" OF CHICAGO

Max Sinzheimer, of the faculty of the American Conservatory of Music in Chi-cago, III., has been appointed by the Um-versity of Chicago, University College, to conduct a seminar in opera which will be given by special arrangement with the Chicago Lyric Opera and will be based on this season's performances there. Dr. Sinzheimer is the immediate past-dean of the Chicago Chapter of the

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CHICAGO, OCTOBER 1, 1958

#### A Comparison

Conventioneers have had their last fling of the summer and now must be back in harness for the new season at hand. The last fling, of course, was in Canada's capital city of Ottawa—the an-nual convention of the Canadian College of Organists.

This organization of just under 1200 members always has a remarkable per-centage of attendance: this year 250 (the nembers always has a remarkable per-centage of attendance: this year 250 (the other seventy-five were visiting Ameri-cans, an all-time record). An institution which can attract twenty per cent of its membership from all parts of a country as large as Canada offers an enviable record. It must be remembered at this point that last year the C.C.O. sent ten per cent of its total to the international congress in England. Americans, who are inveterate convention goers, must take a back seat to their northern neigh-bors. The 1958 A.G.O. meeting had some 600 out of a total of 17,000. The highest number in history at New York two years ago was only 1,600. We won't fig-ure the percentages; it's too embarras-sing.

What impressed your publisher the most was the friendliness and informality of the affair. We are inclined to think of our Canadian brethren as being more for-mal and reserved. We suggest to our U. S. readers that they make a pilgrimage next year to Toronto for the golden jubi-lee and see for themselves. The threeand see for themselves. The three-day schedule instead of a full week has much to commend it. For three nights it seems possible to go without sleep or nearly co. nearly so.

It was a pleasant surprise to find such good newspaper coverage. The Ottawa Journal devoted nearly three columns and a four-column picture the first day plus another photograph and space the second. In American cities we have to fight for a two-inch notice and far more often no space at all.

To the Ottawa Centre and to the entire C.C.O., congratulations on a job well done.

#### **Glad Tidings**

To the staff of THE DIAPASON it is like Christmas when we can bring our readers a piece of really good news. And it feels like Thanksgiving combined with

Christmas when we can support the bare frame of that news with the measured statements of leaders in one of our main

statements of leaders in one of our main areas of interest. We refer, of course, to a story carried by a major press service a few weeks ago about the boom in church building and organ installation. The wire service has kindly allowed us to reprint its en-couraging report in its entirety on an-other page of this issue. Every reader should read it carefully and gratefully, for the least of us has a stake not just in the organ and church music but in Amerthe organ and church music but in America

Let us give thanks that our field of American life can be in the vanguard of economic recovery.

#### **Fall Housecleaning**

Time was, especially in larger cities, when Oct. 1 was moving day. Annual leases began that day and families found it a good time to move into better or cheaper quarters, depending on the whims

cheaper quarters, depending on the whims of their particular fortunes. The day before the van came was sorting and throwing away day. No one wanted to move useless junk into new quarters. Most of us could emulate those last generation families this October. Those tattered dog-eared copies of an anthem which has been sung too often; that can-tata the choir never liked (and you had to admit was a mistake); those organ pieces you are always a little ashamed to play: You may be surprised to find that they make a sizable bundle of waste paper for the Boy Scouts.

And you? You will feel a lot better to know that you have, as Austin Lovelace suggested, weeded out your garden. Now you will have space to plant some "an-them flowers" in their place.

#### Letters to the Editor

A Gripe about Music Publishers Chicago, Sept. 4, 1958-Dear Sir:

Why oh why is it that publishers begin sending choirmasters Christmas material in September and continue on through Dec. 15? Few of us, possibly too few, plan our com-plete programs through June before Sept. 1. but most of us have light summers with a good deal of sparetime, and come September begin the regular ninety-hour-a-week ratrace. I for one would appreciate receiving material at least some earlier. ra

J. BERT CARLSON

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Sincerely.

No Good Old Days for Pashley! Oakland, Cal., Sept. 5, 1958

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fingers upon the keys. A lifetime may be consumed by the flautist in perfecting a beautiful and perfect tone, whereas the pres-sing of the keys with precision may be learned by anyone capable of becoming a good typist. I hope that those who would duly realize this. If they do, I'm sure they will agree the ancient art of organ blowing must be revived, and at once, lest we lose forever the true glory of pipe organ tone properly produced. Surely, if there is greater intimacy achieved by the use of a mechanical connec-tion between the player's finger and the valve admitting air into the pipe, as set forth in Mr. Byers' article, is there not a still greater degree of intimacy achieved (Mr. Byers says the psychological aspect is im-portant) if the player knows that beyond that valve is a fellow artist laboring, even as he himself is laboring, to reproduce the works of the baroque period as they were originally conceived? If you will pardon a personal allusion, I

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works of the baroque period as they were originally conceived? If you will pardon a personal allusion, I began my career as an organist on a tracker action organ, fully equipped with a human blower at ten cents an hour. We had always thought of this individual as the village half-wit, but perhaps we did him an injustice. It is sometimes so hard to tell the difference between real genius and feeblemindedness, especially of late, that we might well have been mistaken. I do not believe he was a genius, however, because his heart was def-initely not in his work. During my practice sessions, should the organ fall silent even for a moment, he would desert his lonesome stall at the pump handle for a comfortable chair in the choir-loft with every intention of engaging me in conversation for as long as possible. I finally learned to circumvent this situation by holding a chord with one hand while I sought out the next piece of music with the other. Well do I remember the longing and yearning I experienced in those days for the time to come when I might preside over an instrument with a modern electric action. Frankly, when that day finally arrived, I left behind me that clumsy, archaic system of levers by which I had "inimate" contact with the pipe valve with the fervent hope I might never again be faced with playing upon such an instrument as long as I should live! Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

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#### Who Is Allowed at Console? Aiken, S.C., Sept. 7, 1958-

Dear Sir:

I recently had occasion to take part in a wedding in a distant city and found a most disturbing custom still existing at the church where the wedding was held. I wonder just where the wedding was held. I wonder just what views other organists have concerning this custom. Specifically I found that nobody is welcome to sit down at the console of the organ at this particular church except the organist, this was a rule which was in exist-ence before he came to the church; however, he appeared to be quite satisfied with it. Few of us, even those who only substitute as I do, have many chances to visit other churches to see and play their organs; how-ever, when I do visit other churches I like to feel that invariably both organist and church officials will be agreeable to letting me sit down for a brief session at the con-sole. What do other Guild members think about this?

about this?

short what so to be of the denter memory mining about this? I have several other questions for readers of The Diapason to answer. These are: (1) What is the advantage of establishing an arbitrary rule concerning who may use the organ in a church? (2) If an arbitrary rule be established, why should it be more than the usual re-sponsibility of the organist of the church to oversee the organ and its use; that is, why not allow the organist himself to judge the fitness of any person who comes to him to use the instrument? use the instrument?

(3) How can an organ be damaged by someone playing it unless he deliberately

(4) Do we expect to encourage young people to become organists by such a restrictive approach to use of church organs? Sincerely yours,

JACK W. FOSTER

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## RUSSELL PLANS HARTFORD SEASON OF MASTERPIECES

SEASON OF MASTERPIECES A season-long schedule of musical services featuring choral masterpieces has been announced for the Asylum Hill Con-gregational Church, Hartford, Conn. Albert Russell, organist-choirmaster has planned the following: Oct. 6, "Hora Novissima", Parker; Nov. 24, Mass in G, Schubert; and "Canticle of the Sun". Beach; Dec. 7, Magnificat, Bach, and "Mystery of Bethlehem", Willan; Feb. 2, "For unto Us a Child Is Born", Bach, and Gloria, Vivaldi; March 27, Requiem, Mozart, and May 11, "Elijah", Mendels-sohn.

#### Looking Back into the Past

Forty-five years ago the following news was reported in the issue of Oct. 1, 1913—

Lynnwood Farnam left Montreal after

Lynnwood Farnam left Montreal atter a holiday trip to France to take up his new duties as organist and choirmaster of Emmanuel Church, Boston. Hugo P. Goodwin returned to Chicago after a year of study with Widor in Paris. Herbert E. Hyde at the same time re-turned from Europe and resumed his post at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Chicago. The battle over movable and immova-ble combinations continued in the columns

ble combinations continued in the columns of THE DIAPASON and those who took part in the October issue included the Rev. J. H. Burn of Scotland, Clifford Demarest and Ernest M. Skinner.

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Twenty-five years ago these occurrences were recorded in the Oct. 1, 1933, issue-

The Canadian College of Organists held its annual convention in Toronto Aug. 28 to 31. Healey Willan was elected president.

The Westminster Choir School broke ground in Princeton, N. J., for a group of three buildings to be erected at a cost of \$300,000.

of \$300,000. The thirtieth anniversary of Dr. War-ren F. Acker as organist of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., was celebrated with a three-day music festi-val beginning Oct. 2. The Harrison M. Wild Organ Club was organized at a meeting and dinner in the Fine Arts Building, Chicago, Sept.

26 by a group of his former pupils whose purpose was to cherish his memory.

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NEWTON H. PABILEY Ten years ago the following events were recorded in the issue of Oct. 1, 1948-

John T. Austin, founder of the Austin Organ Company died Sept. 17 in Hart-ford, Conn., at the age of 79. The C.C.O. met Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at Kitchener, Ont. Eric Dowling was re-elected president. Paul Calloway and Kenneth Meek played recitals; Sir Ernest MacMillan lectured

MacMillan lectured. A four-manual Möller organ was or-dered for Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

Marcel Dupré played before 3,500 at Indiana University Aug. 1.

#### New Biggs Album

E. Power Biggs comes forth this month with another of his very attractive albums on Columbia. This release con-tains only one disc but thirty-nine pages of profusely illustrated reading material. This may seem like the tail wagging the dog, but actually it is a very persua-sive argument in Mr. Biggs' campaign for the principles in which he believes. Brief but remarkably thorough articles are by Emanuel Winternitz on the early history of the organ, D. A. Flentrop on designing and building the modern or-gan, John McClure on the organ in America and Mr. Biggs, an explanation. The record itself is a lecture by the distinguished organist with 125 musical examples on thirty-five notable organs dating from 1521 to 1958. There are some particularly interesting passages played on contrasting instruments. The whole, which is titled simply "The Organ" (DL 5288), does not seem aimed particularly at organists, although every organist could profit from a hearing and reading. It seems, to this reviewer at least, pointed to the concert-goer and

reading. It seems, to this reviewer at least, pointed to the concert-goer and record-buying public of serious music. Nevertheless, we venture the guess that it would be a most welcome item in or-ganists' Christmas stockings.—B. H.

## LIST MIDWEST RECITALS BY ELLSASSER IN OCTOBER

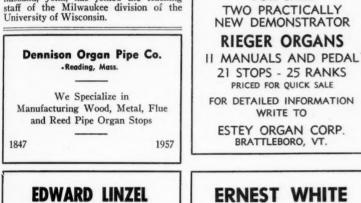
Richard Ellsasser opened his tour sea-son Sept. 25 with a recital at Fort Wayne, Ind. October dates include: Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 5; Middletown, Ohio, Oct. 9; Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 11; Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 16 and 17, and Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 26.

## O'DANIELS STARTS AUTUMN WITH A PROGRAM OF MUSIC

Harold C. O'Daniels, M.S.M., Christ Church, Binghamton, N. Y. arranged a recital of sacred music Sept. 7; he was assisted by Brian and Alan Crabb, tenors. The program was as follows: Solo Can-tata: "My Jesus is my lasting joy" and Chaconne in E minor, Buxtehude; Aria, Cantata 142, "Jesus, hear my thanks," Bach; Five Chorale Preludes, Opus 135a, Reger: Duet, "Give ear unto me." Mar-Reger; Duet, "Give ear unto me," Mar-cello; Arias from "Elijah," Mendelssohn; "By the Waters of Babylon," John Hus-ton; Two Psalms, "King David," Honeg-gar; Introitus and Corale, Karg-Elert.

## MRS. STILLMAN GOES TO NEW MILWAUKEE TEACHING POST

MILWAUKEE TEACHING FOST Gertrude Stillman, member of the fac-ulty of the University of Wisconsin col-lege of music and widely known in musical circles in the Madison area for her weekly organ recitals over radio sta-tion WHA, has resigned her post to be-come a member of the faculty of the Wis-consin College of Music, Milwaukee. Her husband, John, has joined the teaching staff of the Milwaukee division of the University of Wisconsin.



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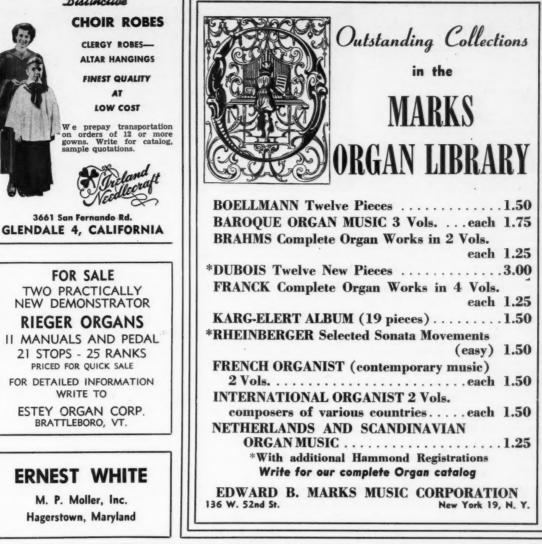
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## Acoustic Adviser Discusses Sound Absorber Problem

By DAVID L. KLEPPER [Of Boli, Beranek and Neuman, Inc., acoustical consultants]

consultants] In the January, 1957, issue of the A.G.O. Quarterly a report, "Acoustics in Churches", was published that defined the basic requirements of good hearing con-ditions in churches. That report appeared comprehensive and definitive; however, since its publication we have heard many organists raise questions or make state-ments indicating lack of understanding of the problems confronting a church archithe problems confronting a church archi-tect or his acoustical consultant.

tect or his acoustical consultant. Although there are a number of factors that influence hearing conditions within a church it has been the factor of reverber-ation that has always most interested or-ganists. Since there have been so many confused statements as well as intelli-gent questions raised concerning this single factor, it appears useful to present briefly an acoustician's view of this aspect of the problem.

#### Reverberation

The reverberation time of a room is governed by the ratio of its volume to the total sound absorption present. The the total sound absorption present. The equations enabling an architect or acous-tician to predict the revesberation time of a space are available in textbooks and will not be discussed here. However, we believe it is most important to indicate qualitatively what the equations tell us about the sound absorbing materials in a typical church building and how they af-fect reverberation time.

typical church building and how they af-fect reverberation time. When a musician speaks of sound-absorbing materials he usually thinks only of the *applied* "acoustical" materials, such as glass fiber or acoustic tile. Often for-gotten is the fact that the most efficient sound absorber in any music listening space is the audience or congregation. In every important concert hall, in most churches and particularly in the auditor-iums most often recently critized for lack of reverberation, the amount of *applied* 

churches and particularly in the auditor-iums most often recently critized for lack of reverberation, the amount of *applied* sound absorbing treatment is nearly neg-ligible when compared with the absorp-tion furnished by a full audience. This fact cannot be overemphasized. Once the seating area of a church and its volume are fixed, the maximum reverber-ation time is automatically determined. Most churches being built today are designed for tight budgets, as are most concert halls and auditoriums. Structural forms spanning a maximum of area with the minimum of enclosed volume are pop-ular with architects. It is not surprising, therefore, that so many of these buildings appear too "dead" for a proper environ-ment for liturgical music. Happily, there are exceptions, and acoustic il consultants have occasionally influenced the design of auditoriums and churches to provide ade-quate volume for the seating area. quate volume for the seating area.

#### Sound Absorbing Treatment

Once the volume and seating area of a Once the volume and seating area of a church is fixed, the reverberation time may be lowered by use of sound absorbing materials. A competent acoustical con-sultant would in this day never recom-mend completely covering a church ceiling with acoustic tile although a great num-ber of new churches are so treated. (We are not speaking of meditation chapels, crying rooms, etc. These usually should be deadened.) The evils of such treat-ment extend to more than a lowering of the reverberation time. Often the ceiling

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resident faculty; Carl Weinrich, the featured guest teacher and recitalist; Kenneth Fiske, director of the institute, and William G. Blanchard of the resident faculty. Attendance at Organ Week this year was forty-five, the largest class in the seven-year history of this important west coast summer meeting. Organists in attendance at Organ Week of the Claremont, Cal., Summer Institute of Music July 7-11 met for a group picture as the session drew to a close. Faculty members are grouped in close. Faculty members are grouped in the center of the picture. A practiced eye can detect: Dr. Leslie Spelman, who dealt with organ teaching materials and procedures; Dr. Joseph Clokey of the

provides natural reinforcement for the speaker's voice and treating the ceiling may force the purchase of a sound amp-lification system where one would other-wise be unnecessary. Again, a hard sound reflecting ceiling acts as a natural "dis-tributor" of sound energy for speech, the choir, the organ, and for congregational singing. With a hard sound-reflecting ceiling, members of the congregation hear each other and sing together as part of a tolerable limits under such circumstances

as well as to remove a predicted "resid-ual" focusing effect not completely re-moved by the wall undulations. The amount of treatment is very small when 'residamount of treatment is very small when compared with the absorption provided by fifty listeners at an organ recital. If the Chapel had been truly circular, without undulating walls, far more sound-absorb-ing treatment would have been essential to each other and sing together as part of a congregation, not alone. The competent acoustical consultant to-

ing treatment would have been essential to make it usable. The ceiling of the M.I.T. Chapel has an inverted conical shape and is not par-allel with the floor. This shaping con-trols "flutter", a rapidly repeating echo resulting from sound energy being alter-natively reflected off of two sound-reflect-ing parallel surfaces. Thus the ceiling and floor can both be "hard" and sound reflecting.

and floor can both be "hard" and sound reflecting. A discrete echo is usually inaudible in a small building, such as the M.I.T. Chapel; the time delay is not long enough. Nevertheless, the wall undulations and the location of the organ with its balcony prevent a simultaneous return of energy to the altar area, providing a better envi-ronment for a person speaking.

#### Organ and Choir Location

Organ and Choir Location An organ absorbs sound energy, not as effectively as the more efficient sound-absorbing treatments but as effectively as many; furthermore it is an excellent "dif-fuser", scattering sound. The choir, of course, is an efficient sound-absorber. Even the "break-up" introduced by a rear gallery projection provides further scat-tering of sound energy to remove the traces of echo. Rear gallery locations were recom-

traces of echo. Rear gallery locations were recom-mended for Pietro Belluschi's new First Lutheran Church, Boston, Mass., and for St. Johns' Episcopal Church, Waterbury, Conn., before a new organ was installed. Application of large amounts of sound absorbing materials for echo control were avoided in both cases. Usually the church's liturgy governs such placement, however, and it would be unwise for the acoustical consultant to "take the credit" for the organ placement. for the organ placement.

#### **Pew Cushions and Carpeting**

A number of us in acoustical consulting A number of us in acoustical consulting work have been somewhat puzzled to find organists and organ builders decrying the use of pew cushions. We can understand that many organists enjoy playing in empty, very reverberant churches with a few listeners clustered around the console

close enough to the pipes that contrapun-tal music may still be intelligible while they enjoy the long reverberation decay. However, we consider the organists' in-terest best served when the acoustical environment of his church is nearly the same whether empty or full; certainly environment of his church is nearly the same whether empty or full; certainly, this will best aid in practicing. More and more we are convinced that pew cushions are an acoustical necessity. If a church is reverberant enough when used with a reasonably full congregation, it is likely to be too reverberant for good speech in-telligibility when only a few people are present during weddings, funerals and baptisms. It should be remembered that the pew cushions are covered and absorb on sound energy when the full congregano sound energy when the full congrega-

no sound energy when the full congrega-tion is present. Another device for maintaining control of reverberation time when a church is empty is carpeting underneath the pews. (Aisle carpeting in itself will not accom-plish this.) Before carpeting was instal-led at the First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Conn., (Harrison and Abram-ovitz, architects) complaints indicated that some applied sound absorbing treat-ment might be required. When carpeting was installed beneath the pews the rever-beration-with-reduced-congregation probment might be required. When carpeting was installed beneath the pews the rever-beration-with-reduced-congregation prob-lem was solved without affecting the full church reverberation; and the entire ceil-ing and wall area could be retained en-tirely hard and sound-reflecting. No "applied" sound absorbing materials are used in this church. Individuals who have heard only recitals and concerts in this building have been amazed to learn the speech intelligibility is high at church services. The combination of ministers who are expert speakers, good interior shaping and a pulpit canopy that acts as a natural sound amplifier allows a full church reverberation characteristic aver-aging above two seconds without notice-able sacrifice of speech intelligibility. An organist who wishes to help insure an adequate reverberation time in a new church should encourage his 'building committee to raise sufficient money to build a building having an adequate volume for the seating area, advise that an architect be chosen who is not so firm-ly wedded to pure forms that he will not modify them to assure good hearing con-ditions and have answers ready for those who argue that acoustic tile or acoustic plaster, everywhere and anywhere, assures "good" acoustics. A low background

who argue that acoustic tile of acoustic plaster, everywhere and anywhere, assures "good" acoustics. A low background noise level, proper balance between choir and organ and high speech intelligibility are also important; and we also hope that the organist may be interested in the sereral other requirements for good hearing conditions in addition to reverberation.

## WEEK-LONG SEMINAR HELD AT LYON-HEALY IN CHICAGO

An interdenominational church music seminar for pastors, organists, directors and music committee chairmen was held Sept. 8-12 at the Lyon and Healy store in Chicago. The course was under the direction of Dr. Francis S. Moore and the other faculty included: Virginia Leonard Munson, junior and high school choirs; Rene Desogne, Catholic music, and Walter E. Gossette, the choir in the Negro church. Negro church.

#### McDONALD ADDS RECITALS TO HIS CROWDED SCHEDULE

Donald McDonald adds a recital tour this season to his teaching duties at the Westminster Choir College and at the First Congregational Church, Montclair, N. J. He will play the first organ recital of the season at Duke University Nov. 2 and prior to that for the A. G. O. chapter in Altoona, Pa.

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The competent acoustical consultant to-day rarely recommends applied sound-absorbing materials simply to "control re-verberation". Usually he is happy to obtain whatever reverberation time he can and it is usually the church's basic geometry that forces the application of sound-absorbing materials to control echoes, flutter and focusing. These ef-fects are harmful to both speech and music.

We have recently been engaged as con-sultants to an architect planning a large circular church in the midwest. In our letter report to him, we stated the follow-

The most important problem in any basic-ally circular worship space is the prevention of focusing of sound by the curved interior surface. The results of such focusing would be the occurrence of "hot spots" (having high-er than normal sound levels) and "dead spots" within the congregational seating area.

Two methods are available to solve the fo-cusing problem: a) the use of sound-absorbing materials, and b) undulating or breaking up the curved interior walls. The first method, use of sound-absorbing materials, must be used only sparingly; otherwise, the large amount of sound absorbing material will pro-vide an acoustical environment too "dead" for proper hearing conditions for choir and organ music, as well as for congregational singing.

Before plans for the new M.I.T. Chapel were completed our firm made similar recommendations to the architect. We consider the acoustical result successful

consider the acoustical result successful and a review of the particular acoustic recommendations may be of interest. Visitors to the M.I.T. Chapel (Eero Saarinen and Associates, architects) have doubtless guessed that the "open" brick on the lower walls hides sound-absorbing treatment. The guess is cor-rect. The seats in the chapel are remov-able; and the chapel has frequent casual visitors when empty. A small amount of sound-absorbing treatment was necessary to keep the reverberation time within

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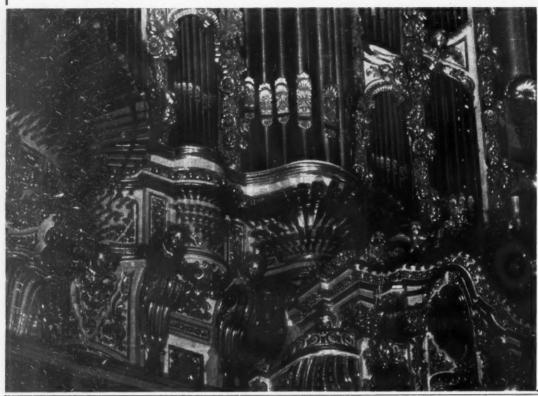




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on these occasions hour-long programs on these occasions nour-long programs are sufficient. In this case, however, we can find an excuse in that it was the opening day and at a conclave with com-paratively few recitals. The evening con-cluded with coffee and tea in the church's Jefferson hall.

#### Sowerby Lectures

Sowerby Lectures Another noted American opened Wed-nesday's activities: Chicago's eminent Leo Sowerby gave a lecture at the Chal-mers United Church entitled "Notes on the duties of church musicians." Dr. Sowerby pinpointed the special require-ments needed by those in our field of endeavor and the particular problems of the day. From anyone of lesser stature, it would have been too broad a field for such a short paper. With Dr. Sowerby, however, he made his listeners analyze their shortcomings and their strong points and inspired them to make the most of their opportunities and to correct their deficiencies. These words of wis-dom will appear in THE DIAPASON.

#### Dr. Elmer Brings Greetings

Dr. Etmer Brings Greetings Luncheon was again a part of the of-ficial program, only this time at St. Luke's Church. The food again was ex-cellent—not the usual church dinner fare. Convention chairman Carman Milligan presided as toastmaster and introduced the distinguished guest, Dr. S. Lewis Elmer, retired president of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Elmer brought greetings from the A.G.O., stressing the close ties between the neighboring organ-izations. izations.

Buses met delegates outside St. Luke's Buses met delegates outside St. Luke's for an extensive tour of the city. Those who had been impressed at Parliament Hill were even more enthusiastic by the great natural beauties of the capital city's outskirts. Gatineau Park at the foot of the Laurentians and Rockcliffe Park high over the Ottawa River are sights of which any city would be proud. The attractive embassies, the homes of the governor general and the prime minithe governor general and the prime mini-ster, the new city hall, the Rideau canal— all added to an interesting afternoon.

#### Hear Cassels-Brown

The buses deposited their passengers at the Mackay United Church for a short recital by Alastair Cassels-Brown. This event had been planned as a demonstra-tion of what can be done on a small organ in a small church. The instrument is a Casavant two-manual dating from 1955. Let it he solid at the outset that Mr. Lest it be said at the outset that Mr. Cassels-Brown proved that a small organ need not be a hindrance. To a man who recently left the staff of the largest Goth-ic cathedral in the world, the problems must have been a bit different to what he was accustomed; however, he solved these problems well.

was accustomed; however, he solved these problems well. He opened with Lento Maestoso from Rheinberger's Sonata 20. This listener was still not convinced that Rheinberger is good recital material, but Mr. Cassels-Brown handled it with conviction. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D was a bit un-bending. Phrase endings were a trifle clipped at times. The fugue was taken at a deliberate tempo, but steady. More Bach was the Trio-sonata 4 in E minor. Mr. Cassels-Brown's idea of the middle movement was a surprise. He played it much faster than is usually heard and with a quite staccato touch. He made it "come off," but we doubt that he con-vinced many that this is what Bach had in mind. The first movement of Hinde-mith's Sonata 1 held together well; Bossi's Scherzo was an unhackneyed close from a player who bears watching. Afterfrom a player who bears watching. After-noon tea followed in the church house.

#### Convention Singers and Togni

The evening program at St. Matthias' Church offered a good contrast to the

straight organ recitals. Three groups on the organ were by Victor Togni with the the organ were by Victor Togni with the Convention Singers in two larger choral works between. The hit of the evening was quite definitely Britten's cantata "Rejoice in the Lamb" conducted by Gerald Wheeler. Although the chorus was a summer "pick-up" group, there was little evidence here to support the fact. Mr. Wheeler was obviously enam-ored of the music and transferred his enthusiasm to his singers with good tone, diction, polished phrases and real style. He was ably supported at the organ by Lilian Forsyth who played a most color-ful accompaniment. ful accompaniment.

Earlier Carman Milligan directed the singers in Bach's motet for double choir "Come, Jesus, Come." This conductor too was in complete command of his forces, and except for a moment or two the two choruses moment at the two the two was in complete command of mis forces, and except for a moment or two the two choruses managed their antiphonating with aplomb. Not all listeners would agree with the early English-like style, but it was a musical and refined rendition. Mr. Togni's first group was of old Italian masters: Gabrieli, Frescobaldi, Zipoli and Pasquini. Many were sur-prised at the celeste in the Frescobaldi. The pieces had movement but lacked rhythmic definition. Mr. Togni likes a very brilliant sound and sometimes made the mixtures scream with his use of su-per couplers; the instrument is a 1957 Casavant and is a bright sounding one. His Bach included "Jesu, meine Freude" on foundation stops, a colorful display of "Gottes Sohn ist kommen," "In Dulci Jubilo" and Prelude and Fugue in C ma-jor (pedal cadenza). The closing set of Jubilo" and Prelude and Fugue in C ma-jor (pedal cadenza). The closing set of contemporary works listed: Toccata Pri-mi Toni, E. T. Sark (we wonder if he wrote this with tongue in cheek); Sicili-ana, Togni (his rhythm was much better here), and the familiar Langlais "Te Deum." Since Mr. Togni studied with M. Langlais, we presume this was an authoritative version. It seemed to us, however, that the sudden spurts of fast tempi made the piece lacking in grandeur. Mr. Togni is young and has a great deal tempi made the piece lacking in grandeur. Mr. Togni is young and has a great deal of facility. As he becomes more familiar with instruments on this side of the At-lantic and if he develops a more solid rhythmic foundation, he should emerge as a brilliant recitalist.

Organ and Strings

The morning of the closing day began with another concert with good contrast: this time with organ and orchestra at St. Patricks' Church. Frederick Geog-hegan was organist with the New Chamber Music Ensemble, Pierre Rol-land, director. The instrument is a Warren of 1887 rebuilt by Casavant in 1898 and 1930. The resonant acoustics of the church were the best of any used for the convention. In memory of the late Ralph Vaughan Williams, Mr. Geoghegan opened with the great composer's "Rho-symedre" with a rather surprising full The morning of the closing day began of the convention. In memory of the late Ralph Vaughan Williams, Mr. Geoghegan opened with the great composer's "Rho-symedre" with a rather surprising full organ buildup in the middle section. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C major followed in a straightforward manner on a full ensemble. "Les Cloches" by le Begue was bright and sparkling followed by a dreamy Prelude in E minor by Gerald Bales. Mr. Geoghegan displayed a good Vierne style in Scherzetto, "Lied" and Toccata in B flat minor. The orches-tra joined the recitalist in the Handel Concerto 2 in B flat. Although the strings played accurately and in tune, they were not up to the organist; this is probably why Mr. Geoghegan's registra-tion was bit heavy in the ensemble—this combined with the rather heavy sound typical of the period from which the in-strument dates. The general effect was good, however, and it was an excellent choice at this spot. The strings were then heard alone in Purcell's Fantasia upon One Note and Adagio and Fugue in C minor, K. 546, by Mozart. To us it seemed that Mr. Rolland had polished his forces before they had quite realized the breadth of the music. The refinements of phrase and nuance were there, but the music as such was not. Mr. Geoghegan closed with the first performance in Can-ada of Peter Racine Fricker's Fantasie. With this title, the composer can be as free as he wishes, but in this example he seems to wander aimlessly with very little secure to head alone in bur the ord free as he wishes, but in this example he seems to wander aimlessly with very little point. The performer did his best to hold it together; the effect on the audience, however, was not very favorable.

#### **Organ** Demonstration

For those who were interested and could arrange the time, a special event

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C.C.O. AND A.G.O. MEET AT CONVENTION



LEADERS of the convention greet Amer-ican guests. From left to right are: Car-man Milligan, general chairman; Muriel Gidley Stafford, National president; Dr. S. Lewis Elmer, retired president of the

was added just after lunch. Mark Fair-head of Hill, Norman & Beard demon-strated a small instrument he was instal-ling in St. Barnabas' Church. This reporter had made previous plans and was unfortunately unable to attend. Remarks made by those who were there were ex-tremely favorable.

#### **Examination** Pieces

At all College conventions the exami-nation pieces are played in a recital. The recitalist is chosen by headquarters in Toronto and this year was Gerald Wheeler. It is not an easy task to make up a program from a list of pieces chosen for an entirely different purpose and the instrument in All Saints' Church is not especially distinguished (1901 Casavant electrified in 1955 by Raymond L. Barnes). Mr. Wheeler had a real chal-lenge. That he came through as well as he did is a great credit to this versatile musician. We should like to hear him, though, when he might have more of an opportunity to be himself. Graham George must have spent some sleepless hours, for after hearing of the death of Dr. Vaughan Williams, he com-posed a special piece in his memory—an Elegy played by Mr. Wheeler on this program. Chairman Milligan asked the audience to stand in silent tribute and then to listen to the memorial composi-tion and the great Vaughan Williams hymntune "Sine Nomine." The Elegy shows the influence of Mr. George's men-tor Paul Hindemith but has an individual flavor of its own. Mr. Wheeler's only few hours acquaintance with it proved little obstacle in its performace. The scheduled program opened with Bach's Prelude and Fugue in G minor, well worked out with clean lines. Hindemith's Sonata 2 had vitality, a gracious slow movement and was nicely registered. The first movement of Mendelssohn's Sonata a in A was played with vigor and a sense of proportion. Howells' Psalm Prelude 2 (first set), so popular with frights organists, received a sympathetic reading and was followed by a first per-formance of a piece commissioned for the convention : Divertimento for Flute Stop by Frederick Karam, now a resident of Ottawa. An attractive number which might prove as popular as his "Modal Trumpet," it needs much brighter flutes than this organ offered. Willan's "O Filli Fugue in D minor by Bach were the last organ numbers to be heard at the con-vention. Mr. Wheeler used quite a stac-tot touch for the toccat with a well-th

Canada. Many delegates took advantage of the close proximity to visit this charm-ing home which is now a revered national shrine. The furnishings are exactly as they were when Mr. King was residing

A.G.O.; Marilyn Mason, featured Amer-ican recitalist; Dr. Richard Brown, Dr. Mason's husband, and Gerald Wheeler, program chairman.

there, unpretentious but filled with the memories of the two great leaders and their many world-famous guests.

Chauteau Laurier Banquet

Chauteau Laurier Banquet The closing banquet was held at the famous Chateau Laurier, a magnificent structure with a great deal of Old World atmosphere. The pomp and ceremony in the British tradition offer great contrast to an American banquet, for instance. The U. S. visitors were no doubt a bit startled at the trumpet fanfare which heralded the procession of notables who sat at the speakers' table. President Stafford presided and proposed the toast to the Queen. James Hopkirk toasted the guests and Georges Lindsay followed with a toast "to the ladies". Mrs. G. K. Drynan proposed a toast to the men, particularly the husbands who had ac-companied organist-wives. Merrill Staf-ford, husband of the president, responded in a most charming and amusing fashion.

#### Honorary F.C.C.O.'s Bestowed

In the solemnity of her office, Mrs. Stafford awarded Fellowships in the Ca-

In the solemnity of her office, Mrs. Stafford awarded Fellowships in the Ca-nadian College of Organists honoris causa to Dr. S. Lewis Elmer and Reg-inald Geen, former president of the Col-lege who has been responsible for the formation of many new centres. William France and Henry Rosevear assisted, with Eric Dowling speaking briefly on the examinations. The diploma of F.C. C.O. (by examination) was awarded to Keith L. Hopkins and the A.C.C.O. to the five winning candidates. The featured speaker was the editor of the *Kingston Whig-Standard*, Arnold Edinborough. It is seldom that an after-dinner speaker can in such a brief time offer so much scholarship, humor, artis-tic understanding and a real challenge to the profession, particularly to the mem-bers of the College and their part in the whole of Canadian culture. It was an inspiration to all in attendance. Folk songs by tenor Thomas Kines provided the musical part of the gala affair and the evening closed with a warm tribute to the Ottawa Centre by Mr. Geen. It had been a rewarding three days. After an absence of thirty years the Col-lege had returned to the Dominion's cap-ital city to be treated royally in a place accustomed to Royalty and distinguished personages and gatherings from all over the world. The centre had proved itself

the world. The centre had proved itself well able to manage a convention which could combine fine music, a vacation at-mosphere and real comradeship. It made one look forward with anticipation to the golden jubilee next year in Toronto.—

SOLON ALBERTI has started his twenty-seventh year as organist and director of mu-sic at the Park Avenue Christian Church, New York City. His summer schedule in-cluded nineteen days of teaching in Houston, Tex., a workshop at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, and two weeks at Santa Barbara, Cal.

NATHAN I. REINHART, First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, N.J., gave an illus-trated lecture Aug. 7 on "The Art of Hymn Playing."

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and will play a weekly radio organ pro-gram. A summary of Mr. White's musical background and training was printed in THE DIAPASON for October, 1956, on the occasion of his appointment to the Cent-tral Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, Wash. His interim appoint-ment to fill Arthur Carkeek's leave at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., was reported in January, 1958.

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towers will be located on each side of the gallery. The builder is currently engaged in installing a three-manual pipe organ in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, Mich. A similar organ was in-stalled recently for Calvary Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich.

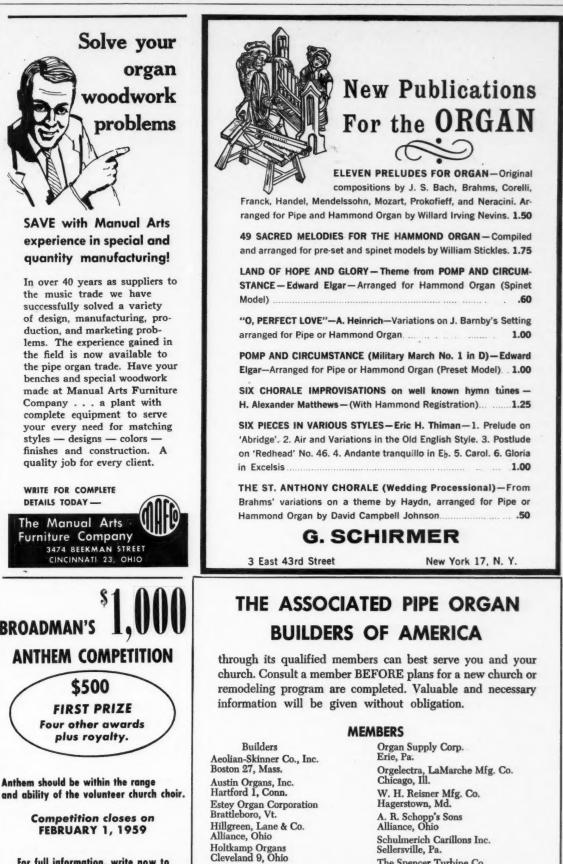
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F.C.C.O., London, Ont. ST. CATHARINES CENTRE-Members of St. Catharines Centre gathered May 11 at the home of R. Douglas Hunter. Guest speaker Larry Smith, managing editor of the "St. Catharines Standard," pictured for his hear-ers some of the problems and rewards of publishing a daily newspaper. He pointed out the importance of our free press in keep-ing the public informed and dealt humorous-ly with some of the mistakes that creep into print. This was the annual meeting of the centre and the new executive for 1958-59 is as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Kenneth L. Cust; vice-chairman, Eric Dowling, F.C.C.O.; sec-retary, Gordon Kay: treasurer, Kenneth E. Stevens; executive committee, Mrs. J. A. Joyce, Lewis Jones, A.C.C.O., and Geo. Han-nahson, A.A.G.O., CH.M. Douglas Campbell, a valued member of the centre, who is leav-ing St. Catharines, was presented with a handsome desk set.-GORDON KAY. Secretary.



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## **Programs of Recitals**

Arthur Birkby, Mus. D., Kalamazoo, Mich. —Dr. Birkby played two separate recitals to open the new Casavant organ in Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, Wauwautosa, Wis., Sept. 28. The first recital included: Toccata in E minor, Pachelbel; Prelude in D major, Elias; Sonata in F minor, Viola; Prelude and Fugue in E minor, "Come Now, Saviour of the Gentiles" and "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star," Bach; Chorale 1, Andriessen; "The Sun's Evensong," Karg-Elert; "The Word" and "The Children of God," Messiaen; Fugue 6 on "B-A-C-H," Schumann. The second program listed: Prelude in A major, Seixas; "O Lamb of God" and Fugue on the Credo, Bach; Chorale in E major, Franck; Siciliano, Bossi; "Seelenbräutigam," Karg-Elert; "Vision," Baumgartner; "Ein' feste Burg", Waleha.

Myron G. Leet, Buffalo, N.Y.-Mr. Leet played a recital Aug. 12 at Rollins Chapel, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., including: Introduction and Toccata, Walond; "Nun bitten wir den Heil'gen Geist," Burtehude; Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Bach; Concerto 2 in B flat, Handel; "O Welt" and "Schmücke dich," Brahms; Toccata, Reger; Fantaisie in A, Franck; Two Chorales, Pepping; "Now Praise We Christ the Holy One," Lenel; Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Dupré.

Ronald Burmeister, Madison, Wis.—Mr. Burmeister, student of Mrs. J. Russell Paxton, played this recital Aug. 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church: Prelude and Fugue in C major, "O Hail This Brightest Day of Days" and "In Thee Is Gladness." Bach; Prelude and Sarabande, Corelli; Air in G, Tartini; "The Fifers." Dandrieu; "St. Flavian" and "Aberystwyth," Willan; "Rhosymedre" and "Hyfrydol," Vaughan Williams; "Wake, Awake," "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" and "A Mighty Fortress," Peeters.

James M. Leland, Minneapolis, Minn.—Mr. Leland played a recital Aug. 27 at the First Congregational Church. His program was: Concerto in B minor, Walther; Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne and "Jig" Fugue in C, Buxtehude; "Sheep May Safely Graze," "Sleepers Awake" and Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bach; Voluntary in C, Purceli; "My Spirit Be Joyful," Bach; Sonata in C minor, Mendelssohn; Pastorale, Franck; Gloria and "I Am Black but Comely," Dupré; Toccata, Symphony 5, Widor.

Wilbur Held, Columbus, Ohio-Mr. Held played this Ohio State University faculty recital July 30 at Mershon Auditorium: Prelude and Fugue in D major and Arloso, Bach; Concerto 3, Handel; Sketch in D flat, Schumann; Prelude and F ugue on "B-A-C-H," Liszt; Fantaisie in C, Franck; "You Raise the Flute to Your Lips," DeLamarter; "Carnival" Suite, Crandell.

John D. Jeter, Tyler, Tex.—Mr. Jeter played this program June 22 at the First Presbyterian Church: Voluntary on the Doxology, Purcell: Introduction and Toccata in G, Walond; Largo and Allegretto, Bach-Nevins; Chorale in B minor, Franck; Divertissement, Vierne; "Cathedral" Prelude, Clokey; Aria, Peeters; "St. Anne" Fugue, Bach.

Mary Cheyney Nelson, Hampton, Va.—Mrs. Nelson played a recital July 23 in the series in the Portland, Maine, City Hall including: Prelude and Fugue in F sharp minor, Buxtehude; "O Gott, du frommer Gott," Peeters; Fugue in G (Gigue), Bach; Chorale in B minor, Franck; "Lied" Symphony, Peeters.

James Engel, Milwaukee, Wis.—Mr. Engel played an organ recital Sept. 7 for the dedication of the new music rooms at Concordia College. His program was as follows: Prelude, Fugue and Chacome, Buxtehude; "Wake, Awake," "O Whither Shall I Flee," "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee." "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord," "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" and "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," Bach; Concerto 2, Handel; Sonata 3, Mendelssohn; Prelude and Fugue on "O Darkest Woe," Brahms; "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," Peeters.

Vernon de Tar, New York City—Mr. de Tar played this recital July 16 at the Alfred Hertz Memorial Hall, University of California, Berkeley: Adagio and Allegro, K.594, Mozart: Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Buxtehude; Two Couplets, Mass for Parishes, Couperin; "Veni Creator," Durufié: Chorale 1, Sessions; Sonata 2, Hindemith; "Bide with Us, Lord Jesus," "Comest Thou Now, Jesus, to Earth?" and Prelude and Fugue in A minor, Bach.

Charlotte Key, Rome, Ga.—Miss Key played this program June 29 on the new Reuter organ in the First Baptist Church described in The DIAPASON for May: Prelude and Fugue in A minor, Bach; Flute Solo, Arme; Aria with Variations, Martini; Cantabile in B major, Franck; Sonata 3, Hindemith; Prelude, Schroeder; "Reverle," van Hulse; Prelude and Fugue on "B-A-C-H," Liszt.

Thomas J. Tonneberger, Toledo, Ohio-Mr. Tonneberger played the following dedicatory recital Sept. 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Temperance, Mich.: "Water Music," Handel; "O Mensch, bewein dein Sunde gross", Bach; Two Trumpet Tunes, Purcell; "Trees," Rasbach; Psalm 19, Marcello; "Chinese Boy and Bamboo Flute," Spencer; "Invocation" Rowley; "Now Thank We All Our God," Karg-Elert; Toccata, Farnam.

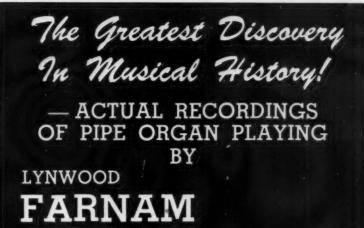
Herbert White, Cedar Falls, Iowa—Mr. White played a recital Aug. 22 in St. Matthew's Church, Hallowell, Maine, including: Psalm 19, Marcello; Basse et Dessus de Trompette, Clerambault; Toccata in C minor, Muffat; "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" and Prelude in A minor, Bach; Adagio, Sonata 1, Mendelssohn; Chorale in A minor, Franck; Andante Cantabile, Symphony 4, Widor; "Litanies," Alain.

Richard M. Peek, S.M.D., Charlotte, N.C. —Dr. Peek played this recital Aug. 25 at the school of church music, Lutheridge, N.C.: Introduction and Toccata, Walond; "Erbarm' dich" and Concerto 1 in G major, Bach; "A Lesson," Selby; Sketch in F minor, Schumann; Prelude on "Malabar," Sowerby; "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," Read; "Greensleeves," Wright; Allegro, Symphony 2, Vierne.

Frank Speller, III, Boulder, Colo.—Mr. Speller, student of Everett J. Hilty, played a recital Aug. 24 at the First Presbyterian Church, Tyler, Tex., using this program: Prelude 1, Dupré; Capriccio, Froberger; Concerto 2, Vivaldi-Bach; Allegro and Scherzo, Symphony 2; "Litanies," Alain; Prelude 3, Dupré; Fugue in G minor, Bach.

C. Griffith Bratt, Bolse, Idaho—Mr. Bratt played the following recital at the University of Idaho July 31 for the Inland Empire music festival: Passacaglia and Fugue, Bach; Concerto 5 in F major, Handel; "Jesu, meine Freude," Walther; Chorale in A minor, Franck.





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most likely readers to be concerned with these two. "St. Mary's Carol" by Whitaker-Wil-son (Galaxy) is nice but rather British for most American uses. William Pear-son's "There Comes a Ship a-Sailing" is good SSA writing.

son's "There Comes a Ship a-Sailing" is good SSA writing. Shawnee Press has now issued its two sets of "Alfred Burt Carols" for SA and TTBB as well as the original SATE. Four new Roy Ringwald arrangements are also just off the press. "Christmas" by Humperdinck is charming music, beautifully arranged for SSA. Ring-wald's rendering of Gounod's "Noel" will probably be very popular for it is skill-fully arranged with a satisfactory trans-lation; the belief that more and more choirs are outgrowing the Gounod war-horses and their ilk will probably be proved too optimistic by this arrange-ment. The Ringwald touch and a big style with lots of divisi does not quite disguise the fact that "God Save the People," Booth-Ringwald, is a thoroughly commonplace piece of music. "Carol, Brother, Carol" (also Ringwald) is a very useful TTBB. Richard Warner's "Praise to God, Immortal Praise" is a dialog-style Thanksgiving anthem of some merit. Ron Nelson's "To God All Praise and Glory" is a kind of hymn-anthem for general use.

These and body is a kind of hymn anthem for general use. The specimen pages of Roger C. Han-nahs' "Cantata for the Nativity" sent us by Elkan-Vogel gave us too little idea of its worth for any review; the few pages indicate a full-fledged organ part and dis-ciplined choral writing. Glen Darst's "O Little One" is a tender setting of a familiar text for adult and junior choirs; his "To the Name of Our Salvation" is a straightforward rouser. Robert Gra-ham's "All My Heart This Night Re-joices" is a pleasing original carol. Rich-ard Winslow's "The Oxen" is a setting of a descriptive Thomas Hardy poem; it would be destroyed by less than impec-cable diction. A sixteenth century "The Spirit of the Lord" by Blasius Amon will have its specialized appeal. Philip Gor-don's "Prayer of Moses' Mother" seems to us for program rather than service don's "Prayer of Moses' Mother" seems to us for program rather than service use. Jerome Neff's SSA "My Master Hath a Garden," full of loo-loos and tri-angle beats seems to us a good example of an anthem weed. A considerable stack of Elkan-Vogel secular music is beyond the province of this column.

the province of this column. From Robert King comes a stimulat-ing Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham for chorus and brass choir (or brass quartet and organ). With Latin and English text and with score and parts available, we forsee considerable interest in it. A Josquin des Pres motet, "Abso-lom, Fili Mi," is arranged to be sung or to be played by a brass quartet; take your choice.

lom, Fill Mi, is arranged to be sung of to be played by a brass quartet; take your choice. Novello's vast carol list grows with every season. Among additions to the familiar little hymn-like leaflets—one of several categories of carol issues—are two by Desmond Ratcliffe ("The Babe in Bethlems' Manger Laid" and "Christ Is Born") and two by Lloyd Webber ("My Saviour Was Born" and "Shepherd of Bethlehem"). Also a leaflet is Arthur Hutchings' "Victim Divine, Thy Grace We Claim" for Lent. Herbert Howells' "God Is Gone Up," one of three motets, is a large scale work for a festival oc-casion, especially Ascension. A short in-troit, "Vouchsafe, O Lord," arranged from Handel by Herbert Harrocks, is not an indispensible addition to any choir library. Lloyd Webber's "Just As I Am" is a combined-forces hymn-anthem. Leonard Blake's "The Maker of the Sun and Moon" is a carol with solos and des-cant. Mary Hicks' "O Give Thanks" is pretty naive but has obvious uses. Arthur Milner's SAB "O Praise God in His Holiness" is a better than average use of this voicing. Alex Rowley's "My Spirit Longs for Thee" is a small, quiet anthem for Lent. An eight-part "O Lord God of Hosts" by Purcell will have specialized appeal. Service music from Novello in-cludes a Te Deum Laudamus in F by J. F. Nourse and a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G by Richard Drakeford, both well-adapted to their uses. The most worthy issue included in a packet from Lorenz seems to us a volume

The most worthy issue included in a packet from Lorenz seems to us a volume of anthems by Van Denman Thompson; these anthems are hardly the respected De Pauw composer at his best but they are certainly a few pegs above the other material received from this publisher. "Night of the Star" is a cantata by Bruce Carlton consisting of a group of time-tested carols divided between stanzas or



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phrases by other material; various solo-ists are indicated. "The Herald Angels Sing" by Lois Myers Emig is a rather elementary conception and extends too long for its material but it is a more original and a more workman-like job than the Carlton. Among short works are three by Roger C. Wilson ("O Lov-ing Saviour," "Rejoice in the Lord" and "Take Up Thy Cross"), two by Editor Rob Roy Peery ("O God of Light" and "Esus Is a Rock") and these singles: "The Firm Foundation" by Miss Lorenz; "Carol of the Neighbors" by Leah Hef-ner, and "The Tabernacle of God" by Percy MacDonald. "God of Years" by Phyllis Hermanson (Presser) is a straightforward large scale anthem with some divis. "A group of anthems from Canyon Press includes a very short "Who Is This Boy" by Allan Gordon which may well be widely used; an extended chorale, "God of All Love and Pity" by Frederick Swann, divides phrases of the tume with an agreeable organ ritornello. Austin lovelace's "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" is a simple arrangement of "For-was not identified, especially since Jean

borelates I Sing the Aninghty Fower of God" is a simple arrangement of "For-rest Green"; we were surprised the tune was not identified, especially since Jean Slater's "O God, Stretch Forth Thy Might Hand" lists its "Rhosymedre" source. (Both tunes, of course, are close-ly associated with Dr. Ralph Vaughan Williams.) Robert Roth's Psalm 100 is a useful unison setting. Mangham Lehr's "Poem and Alleluia for the Christ Child" for five-voiced choir would be effective in a good group. Russell Field's setting of the Venite Adoremus text is an interest-ing carol arrangement with soprano solo. Jean Reynolds Davis "Sing Christmas Alleluia" is skillful; perhaps it overworks its motive. Harriet Ilse's (or is it Isle?) "A Child This Day Is Born" has some interesting ideas but also some complex-ities. Two carol arrangements by Mary Caldwall "Come Let Us Sing" and ities. Two carol arrangements by Mary Caldwell, "Come Let Us Sing" and "Sleep, My Saviour, Sleep," are good versions of fine tunes.

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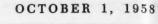
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