

Old Theater Organ Moved to Portland for Use in Private Home

An old theater organ, the last of its kind in southern Oregon, has been moved to Portland, where it will be installed in a private home following renovation.

The Wurlitzer organ was shipped to the new Craterian theater in Medford Aug. 13, 1924. It remained there, providing the sound for silent films and for concerts, until February, 1963. In recent years it remained silent except for the occasional theater organ enthusiast who was allowed to play it when the theater wasn't in use.

According to Robert Corbin, general manager of the theater, there were between 15 and 20 organists who used it.

Purchased by Portlander

The pipe organ was removed after it was purchased by Robert J. Burke, a Portland insurance man. The Craterian theater recently underwent remodeling, and if it had not been sold, the organ would have been walled in, it was noted.

Burke, who described himself as a pipe organ "nut," was in Medford and with friends removed the five tons of pipes, organ and miscellaneous accessories in three days.

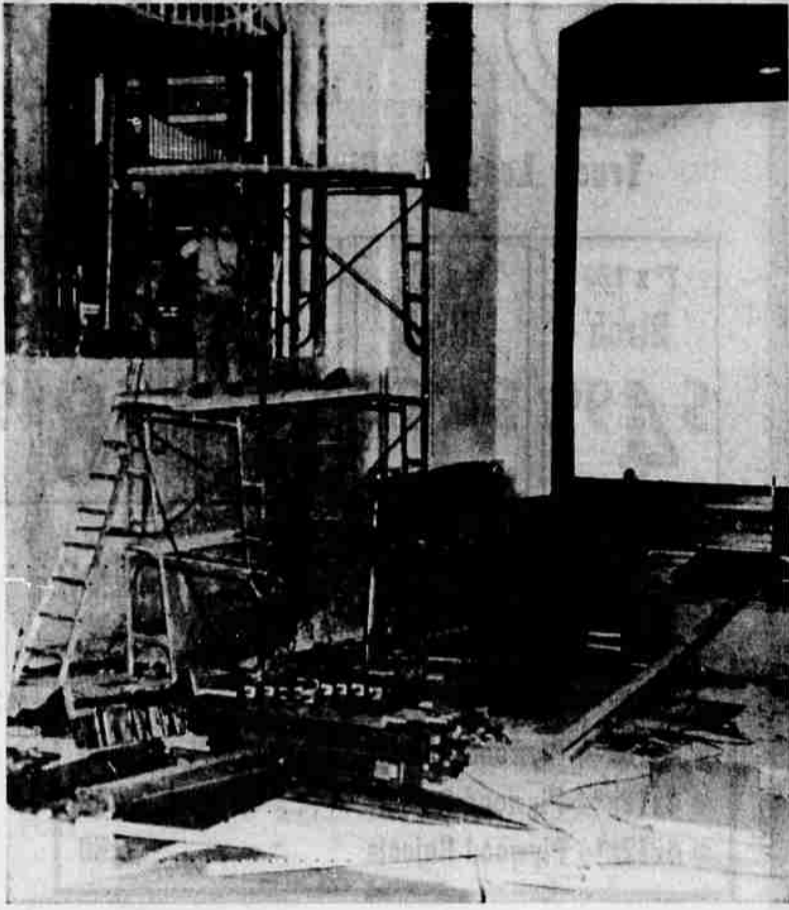
"It is in remarkable condition," Burke said.

"The Honduras mahogany console will have to be refinished and some of the leather straps have been chewed by mice," he said, "but as soon as it is renovated it will be installed in my home."

Original Pipes
The hundreds of pipes are the original ones which came with the organ in 1924. Some are of pure tin, so soft they presented a problem in packing, Burke noted. Others are of heavy lead, wood and zinc.

According to information received by Burke from the American Organ Enthusiasts association, the organ is Style D of Opus 878.

The three manual pipe organ has eight sets of tonal qualities including the trumpet, open diapason, tibia, oboe, kinura, flute, box humans, and strings.



PIPE ORGAN REMOVED—Five tons of pipes, organ and accessories were moved from the Craterian theater recently after the old theater pipe organ was sold to Robert J. Burke (above), Portland. Each article of the organ was carefully removed

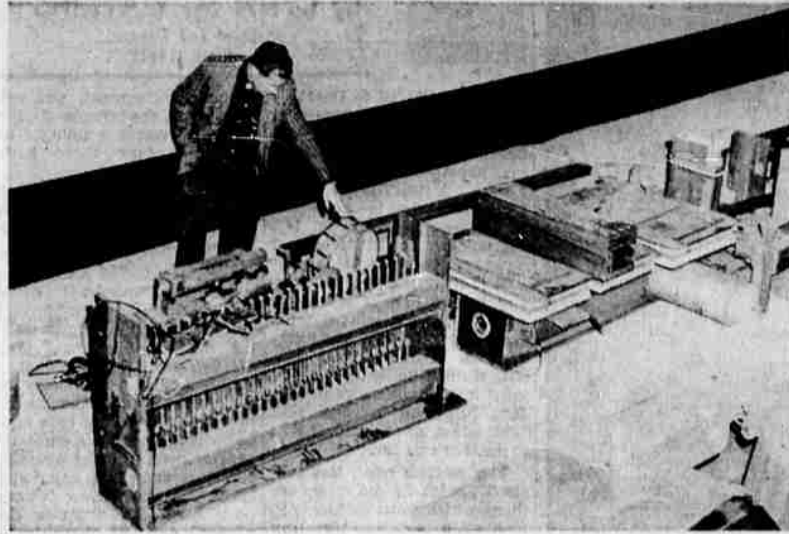
The unit also included a complete 49-note chysoglott bar celeste. Behind each bar is a tuned cylinder, which, when struck, produces a tinkling hollow tone, Burke explained. There is also a 27-note glockenspiel, a 37-note xylophone, and an 18-note set of chimes.

Other Instruments
Other instruments included in the unit are bass, kettle and snare drums, tom tom,

prior to packing for the trip north. The row of pipes, visibale above Burke's head, are the cylinders behind the 49-note chysoglott bar celeste. In the foreground on the theater floor are the flutes.

new stage draperies, carpeting, and the walls and ceiling have acoustical tile. The outer lobby has been changed with the walls paneled in walnut and the display sign outside has been revamped.

While many theater goers will not notice the absence of the pipe organ, many local organ enthusiasts expressed disappointment that it was leaving southern Oregon. The newly remodeled theater, opened March 15 and has new seats of rust color,



TOY COUNTER—This large object, part of the theater pipe organ recently removed from the Craterian theater, is part of the toy counter. The lower portion is a 37-note xylophone with the upper portion a 27-note glockenspiel. The man is pointing to the snare drum, one of four in the unit. To the right are part of the organ's regulators.

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1963

Jaycees Note Date For Award Banquet

The Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce has announced its annual distinguished service award banquet for April 15.

Two awards will be given again this year. One to the outstanding junior citizen, under 36 years of age, and the other to the senior citizen, judged outstanding in the community.

The banquet will be held at North's Chuck Wagon banquet room.

Last year's award winners were Dr. Douglas Phillips of the Rogue Animal hospital, and Dr. Elliott Becken, as-

stant superintendent of Medford schools.

Bill Southwith is chairman of the committee for this year's event and is being assisted by Dave Shaffer, Bob Burton, Bill Tope, Mike Waterman and Randy Warren.

Anyone wishing to enter a candidate for the awards is asked to contact Tope at 779-1321.

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