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Information received from Randy Manuel, Penticton Historian.

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I checked my archives and thanks to Harvie Gay, former editor of the Penticton Herald and writer of the church history for its '100th anniversary in 1992, I found the following:

**A TOTAL OF 450 PIPES BRING SWEET MUSIC FROM ORGAN.**

The organ which provides the music for services at St. Saviour' originally provided the music in Kitsilano United Church.

Stanley Haddon of Vancouver, who installed it, says it replaced a tracker organ that had become obsolete and was difficult for woman organists to play because of the pressure required on the keys.

When the change over was made in early 1960, two ranks of pipes from the former organ were retained and were incorporated in the current one, giving it six ranks and a total 450 pipes, including a pedal set of 32.

St. Saviour's is a two-manual Robert Morton organ. Most of the pipes are metal but some are wooden.

The cost of the organ, which Kitsilano United was replacing with a larger one, was \$5,425.00, including installation.

It was 35 years old then, and is believed to have originally been a theatre organ, but at that price, it "was a terrific buy", says Mr. Haddon who was also responsible for installing the pipe organ in Penticton United Church.

The organ was originally on the south side, but moved to the north side to give the organist a better view of the choir. This meant the removal of the ministers office.

Rod Butler gave a report to a parish meeting in 1961 that he liked the new organ very much. The new organ gave a new lease on life for the choir. Butler was organist from 1958 to 1973.

The console was badly damaged in the fire of April 20th 1963. The Installation List for Balcom and Vaughan organ builders in Seattle indicates that they also provided a replacement 4-rank windchest for 'SEH' after the fire.

So the story that it came from a movie house theatre is correct, but it most likely came from a Vancouver movie house.