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A dream comes true . . .

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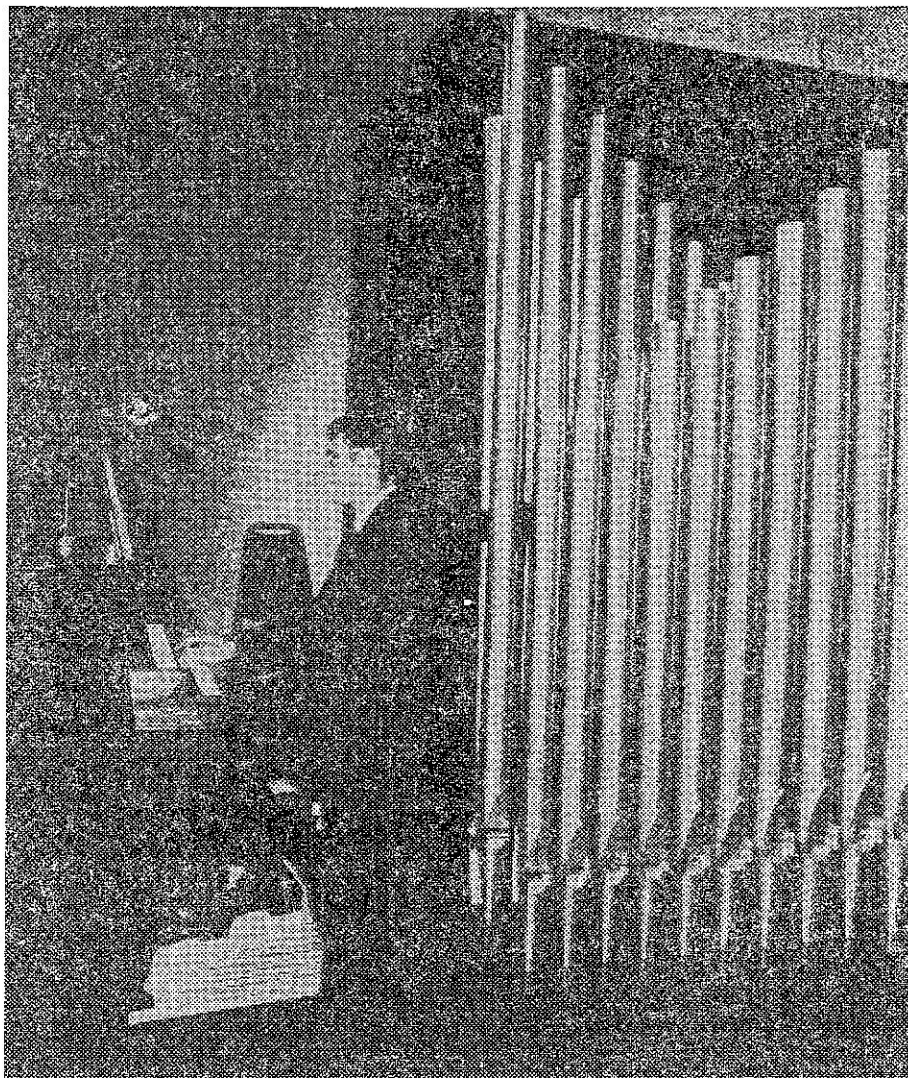
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during the purchase of the organ, is organist/choir director of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church. He has played concerts in Germany and in France and across the United States and he is a music teacher at Long Beach Community and Occidental colleges.

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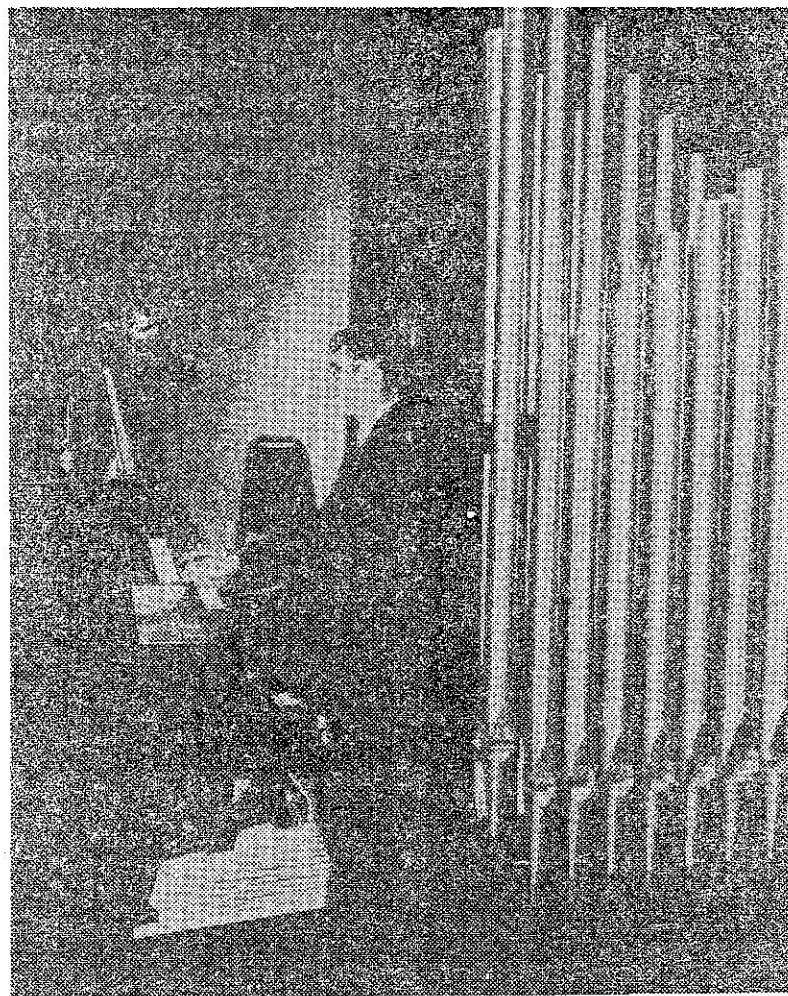
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Doyle said there are 494 pipes in the organ, ranging from 3/4-inch to 8-feet high. Various pipes are made of different materials including tin, lead, zinc and oak. A special accessory is a zimbelstern which includes six small bells.



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The dedication of the organ will begin with the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services. The church choir and Doyle will play and sing the music of J.S. Bach, Walther and Buxtehude.

The former Pastor, Rev. Alvin P. Young of Trinity Lutheran Church, Simi Valley, will preach in both services.

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CHURCH HOLDS DEDICATION SERVICE — Nearly 800 attended the three worship services and evening drama presentation at the dedication of Messiah Lutheran Church's newly remodeled facilities, 10711 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Six clergymen participated in the dedication: Rev. Lawrence Rudolph, who established the

church in 1942; Rev. John Hohengarten, second pastor, who served for 26 years; Rev. C. Rodger Meyer, third pastor; Rev. Alvin P. Young, present pastor of the congregation; Rev. O.A. Waech; and Rev. Tobias H. Joeckel. Estimated cost of the new structure has been set at between \$110,000 and \$115,000.

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on McGrew which is published by the Lowell Press and features 44 color plates and 52 black and whites. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of the book will go into the Thunderbird Foundation. This is a nonprofit group that promotes Indian welfare and gives scholarships to children of the Hopi and Navajo Nations.

McGrew and his wife Ann are working Christians and lifelong Lutherans. They now live on a horse and cattle ranch in New Mexico, but McGrew was raised in California. While living in Palm Springs, he began making trips into the desert country and began doing desert landscapes. Because of his treks with Jimmy Swinnerton, the Hearst cartoonist, he became interested in meeting the legendary Shine Smith. Smith, the friend of the Indians, eventually introduced McGrew to Navajos and Hopis. This association led him to becoming one of the most poignant spokesmen for the heritage of the tribes.

When he goes on his trips now, he usually uses his four-wheel vehicle and takes along sketch pads and cameras. Out in the camps he visits his old friends. On some of these trips he'll meet a large truck driven by Danny Davey of Santa Ana, whose truck is filled with supplies for the Indians. The supplies are then loaded into McGrew's



"The Dinneh" portrays three generations of Navajos.

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 material, clothes, and even sewing ma-
 chines.



McGrew prefers the natural way of painting and is fond of working different methods in the same canvas.

Dedicate Organ at Downey

✓ Messiah Church of Downey recently dedicated a Schlicker pipe organ during its Sunday morning services. The former pastor, Rev. Alvin P. Young, of Trinity Church, Simi Valley, was the guest speaker. The church choir and organist, Michael Doyle, participated in the service.

A special dedicatory choral vesper service was also held, at which time Robert Prichard, well-known Southland organist and instructor at Long Beach Community College and Occidental College, presided at the console of the new organ. The service included congregational singing with Mr. Prichard playing a prelude on the hymns by the great composers of the Lutheran Church.

Music Stand

A music stand in the shape of a lyre was recently dedicated during the worship service at Faith Church in Tujunga by Rev. Claude Baker.

The stand was a special gift by members of the congregation's Dorcas Society in memory of all former members now departed.

Plan Sermon Banners

The Worship Committee of First Lutheran church of Culver City and Palms plans to have a banner on the sermon theme for each Sunday.

"Banners are one way to involve a total community of Christians — acting and reacting upon one another with symbols and color and motion and joy," states Sandra Hente, one of the committee members. She further comments: "They should make you delightful and joyful as you look at them and bring together a feeling of community in the church. Perhaps with such assurance we can clarify the significance of the individual to the total body of Christ."

The committee is asking each family unit to make at least one banner.

Church Receives Worms

The recent work days at Faith Church in Huntington Beach were well attended. A special thank you, however, was given Ed and Evelyn Reimer, who not only helped with the planting in the parking lot but contributed 10,000 worms to keep the soil and the plants happy.

Christ Does Not Condemn the Fallen

Christ does not condemn the fallen,
 But He comforts them as Me,
 With His grace enfolds their spirits;
 Past misdeeds will never be
 Held against them; far exceeding
 Their transgressions is that grace
 Which compelled the Lord of heaven
 On the cross to take our place.

He will pay no heed to people
 Whose self-righteousness evokes
 Open scorn of those whose weakness
 They observe, for pride provokes
 This great God, without whose power
 May no man a life possess;
 Man, although created holy,
 Fell from God and righteousness.

It is human, on occasion,
 To desert the holy will
 Of our Maker; God our spirits
 Would with understanding fill,
 That we not condemn, but comfort
 Those beset by guilt and shame,
 Showing them their everlasting
 Peace and worth within His name

(Based on John 8:11 and 1 Cor. 10:12:
 "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more" and "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.")

Christina Lea Anne Rhodes