

DEAN: GILBERT H. LAY      SUB-DEAN: JOSEPH POLICELLI  
TREASURER: NANCY CHOUINARD      SECRETARY: DONNA MERRILL  
REGISTRAR: CAROLYN GRAHAM

"RAISE A STANDARD TO WHICH THE WISE AND HONEST WILL REPAIR."



# NEWSLETTER

WORCESTER CHAPTER - AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

## Dean's Message

FEBRUARY, 1982

To all of you, a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

Because of the number of important items that need to be listed, I shall be brief and to the point:

1. Welcome aboard, Nancy Chouinard! Nancy, a long-time member of our chapter, is replacing James Sterling as our treasurer until our next election. She is most adept at this type of endeavor and we welcome her.
2. EXAMINATION PREPARATION. You should have received by now a letter from Brenda Fraser, our exam prep chairman. Please give serious thought to these classes and to the Service Playing Certificate Examination. If the new by-laws are voted in, having this certificate (or any other) will place you in a new, special category of "certificated member". We will also list you in the Yearbook (when it finally comes out) with SPC following your name. It should also give you some leverage when asking for a raise!
3. YEARBOOK DELAY. Because of some unforeseen problems, our yearbook editor has been unable to keep to schedule. However, something is being done about this and you should be receiving word on how this will be handled soon. We may just update last year's yearbook (as we did the previous one in 1979) or we may delay doing a new one for September of 1982 (which is a better time for a yearbook to come out anyway!)
4. TWELFTH NIGHT THANK YOU'S. There are too many, but all of them important. Thanks Bob and Genie for your usual excellent job as hosts; Thanks to Higgins House and WPI for their consideration and use of their facilities; Thanks to Carolyn Hebert for the loan of her "props"; Thanks to Steve Kristan for tuning the piano; Thanks to all of you who attended and brought guests for a MOST enjoyable evening; and last, but not least thanks to James Sterling, Joyce Hokans, Judy Jepson, Darle Hand, Betty Jones, Rich Jones, Charles Davis, Bob Dickinson, Bea Hermes, Jane Allen, Marlissa Carrion, Donna Merrill, and Bonnie Gow who provided the most delightful entertainment we've had for quite a while. If I forgot anyone, I most humbly beg your forgiveness.
5. PROPOSED BY-LAWS. In your January issue of The American Organist you will find a copy of the proposed by-laws and a ballot for voting. I have been urged by National and after looking over the proposal am in agreement that it is most important that you VOTE on this. From my view as Dean, I find the new proposal (as compared with the ambiguous and non-specific old by-laws) most clear, precise and helpful in terms of helping us on a local and national level to get our act together. I would like to urge all of you to vote FOR adoption of the proposed By-Laws. Several issues of the TAO did not have the postcard ballot included for voting on the proposed By-Laws changes. Therefore anyone not receiving a ballot may vote by sending in a postcard with their name, address, chapter affiliation and signature with their YES or NO vote to Headquarters before March 2, 1982 and it will be validated and counted.

6. HOOK ORGAN BENEFIT CONCERT. The post-poned concert and film by Andre de la Varre is set again for March 24, 1982 (a Wednesday evening). The tickets have been reduced in price to \$4.00 and are available for distribution and sales from Steve Long, myself, or Mechanics Hall Office. Please call and arrange to have on consignment at least 10 tickets which are going quite quickly and easily. Do your part to help in the restoration of our famous Great Worcester Organ, scheduled for rededication on September 25, 1982. (Details of that event are forthcoming.)
7. PHONE TREE. Lois Hagberg has agreed to help in setting up and organizing a phone tree for the guild. Many organizations have such a tree and find it most useful for quick contact with their members. Please cooperate with Lois when you get your description and details on the phone tree. Thanks, Lois, for helping us in this way.
8. AGO EXECUTIVE BOARD. The next meeting of the Executive Board is February 8, 7:30 pm at Donna Merrill and Brenda Fraser's home (43 Tower St.). All members of the board are expected to attend this meeting, unless excused prior to the meeting. If you cannot come please let both the Dean and the host know.

Such board meetings are open to the entire membership. If you are interested in attending, let the host know (Donna Merrill 853-6588). We welcome you and your involvement.

9. AGO/OHS '83 CONVENTION. The next meeting of the Convention Committee will be on February 22, 1982, 7:30 pm. Place yet to be announced.

Most sincerely,

*Gil*

Gilbert H. Lay, Dean

#### ANIMAL CRACKERS



## Minutes

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Worcester Chapter AGO held on Nov. 30, 1981, at Janeen Baker's house, was called to order at 7:35 pm by Dean Gilbert Lay.

Present were Dean Gilbert Lay, James Sterling, Carolyn Graham, Stephen Hermes, Janeen Baker, Richard Jones, Donna Merrill, Joseph Policelli, and Ronald Stalford.

The minutes of the September board meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report--James Sterling

September 1981	Previous Balance	\$ 999.30
112.07	Savings	
249.00	Scholarship Fund	
638.23	Available Funds	

Income	\$ 1691.50	Debit	75.00	New Balance	\$ 2615.80
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October Previous Balance \$ 2615.80  
112.07 Savings  
249.00 Scholarship Fund  
1330.73 Available Funds

Income \$ 1053.00 Debit 725.39 New Balance \$ 2943.41

November Previous Balance \$ 2943.41  
112.07 Savings  
249.00 Scholarship Fund  
2583.34 Available Funds

Income 1292.50 Debit 1246.96 New Balance \$ 2987.95

Program--Janeen Baker

The next program will be Twelfth Night at Higgins House, Jan. 3, entertainment to be provided by AGO members.

Registrar--Carolyn Graham

Fourteen members have not paid their dues. A reinstatement fee of \$5.00 will be charged.

Two new members have joined the guild since September.

Program--(1982-83) Joseph Policelli

The Executive Committee decided to combine the Pastor-Organist Banquet and the Guild Service. This event will be the program for May in 1982.

Newsletter--Richard Jones

Richard expressed concern over the lateness of the last newsletter issue. With several people being involved with the newsletter one missed deadline affects the whole process. Everyone must turn in material on time.

The deadline for the next newsletter is Jan. 15 and will be mailed Feb. 1. A \$15.00 fee will be charged for flyers advertising a non-musical event.

#### Old Business

Mechanics Hall

The Andre de la Varre concert has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 24. Tickets \$5.00.

#### New Business

Scholarship Fund--James Sterling

Jim suggests that people start thinking about ways to use proceeds from the '83 Convention. One possibility would be to build the Scholarship Fund.

The executive board voted to pay the registration fee of \$125.00 to send the dean or a representative from the Worcester Chapter to the National Convention in Washington. Exhibit space at the convention is given to the region which will host the upcoming regional.

Jim Sterling gave his resignation as treasurer. He is willing to stay on as treasurer until the position is filled.

The next executive committee meeting will be January 11 at Carolyn Graham's house.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm.

#### January Minutes

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Worcester Chapter AGO held on Jan. 11, 1982, at Carolyn Graham's house, was called to order at 7:45 pm by Dean Gilbert Lay.

Present were Dean Gilbert Lay, James Sterling, Janeen Baker, Nancy Chouinard, Donna Merrill, and Carolyn Graham.

The minutes of the November board meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report--Nancy Chouinard and James Sterling

September Report amended.  
112.07 Savings  
249.00 Scholarship Fund

Previous Balance 999.30 Income 1,691.50 Debit 752.10 New Balance 1,938.70

October Report Amended

Previous Balance 1,938.70 Income 1,053.00 Debit 746.47 New Balance 2,245.23

November Report Amended

Previous Balance 2,245.23 Income 1,321.15 Debit 1271.96 New Balance 2,294.42

December 1981

Previous Balance 2,294.42

<u>Item</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Cantata Sing	129.72	9.98
Dues	99.00	28.00
Initiation Fee	4.00	
Book	2.50	
Dean to '82 Convention		125.00
Postage		25.00
Bulk Rate Permit		40.70
Service Charge		1.00
12th Night		140.23
Supplies		54.60

227.72  
Previous Balance 2,294.42

2,522.14 424.51 2,097.63 New Balance

Registrar--Carolyn Graham

We welcome Anthony Crescenzi to the Worcester Chapter AGO.

Thirteen people have not renewed their membership. One more letter will be sent out as a reminder.

Program 81-82--Janeen Baker

The next program to be offered by the Worcester Chapter is exam preparation for the Service Playing Certificate. These exams begin on Feb. 2 at 7:30 pm at Central Church. A mailing will be sent out this week explaining the preparation in detail with a registration form to be returned to Brenda Fraser.

Program 82-83--Gilbert Lay read a report from Joseph Policelli

The tentative program for the 82-83 season is as follows:

Sept. 26 Guild Service and Pastor Organist Banquet--Assumption College  
Oct. 11 Fall Crawl  
Nov. 14 Cantata Sing II  
Jan. 2 Twelfth Night  
Feb. and March Colleague Exam Preparation  
Apr. Workshop--possibly Hymn Society of America  
May Catch all for the Regional Convention

A motion passed to combine the Pastor-Organist Banquet and the Guild Service for September 1982.

A motion passed to cancel the Guild Service for May of this year due to the combination Pastor-Organist Banquet and Guild Service scheduled for next September. Another activity which will include the Annual Meeting will be substituted.

A motion passed to delay 12th Night next year until Jan. 9, as Jan. 2 was felt to be too close to the holidays.

Nominating Committee--Stephen Hermes report read by Gilbert Lay.

The nominating committee has almost completed a proposed slate of officers for next year. A completed slate will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

### Yearbook

Jim Sterling is willing to take over this responsibility along with one more person. The yearbook will be sent out in September.

### Phone Tree

Lois Hagberg volunteered to undertake this project.

### Mechanics Hall

March 24 is the Andre de la Varre concert. Tickets are \$4.00, not \$5.00 as appeared in the November minutes. This is a fund raising event for the Hook organ and all board members are expected to sell at least 10 tickets.

### Old Business--none.

### New Business

If a board member cannot attend a scheduled executive meeting it is his responsibility to call Gil and also the person hosting the meeting.

Over the past couple of years the board has felt a lack of commitment. The importance of following through with a responsibility cannot be stressed enough. If a person has accepted a responsibility and for any reason cannot fulfill that responsibility he or she should contact the dean, otherwise one assumes the responsibility is being carried out.

Recently several requests for the AGO mailing list have been made. Discussion of this topic prompted the following motion. Anyone requesting the mailing list who is not a member will be charged \$10.00, members \$5.00. This motion passed with one opposed.

The next executive committee meeting will be Feb. 8, at Donna Merrill's house, 43 Tower St.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Merrill*

Donna Merrill, Secretary



## the Art of the Organ

with Robert C. Dickenson

Sunday, February 7, 1982 5:00 pm WICN

Bradford Hendrickson, organist of Salem Covenant Church in Worcester and member of Worcester Chapter, AGO, recorded privately in All Saints Episcopal Church, Worcester, for Exclusive broadcast on this program.

Sunday, February 14, 1982 5:00 pm WICN

"The Organ of the Month Club"

The Henrich Niehoff organ at Luneburg, Germany, built in 1551, and much favored by Bach. Toccatas and Fugues of Bach, played by Michael Schneider.

Sunday, February 21, 1982 5:00 pm WICN

David Lasky, organist of St. Cecilia's Church in Leominster, and member of Worcester Chapter, recorded privately in St. Peter's Church, Worcester, for exclusive broadcast on this program.

Sunday, February 28, 1982 5:00 pm WICN

Broadcast of a recital by Stephen Long, organ (member of Worcester Chapter) and Alton Baggett, trumpet, at Old West Church, Boston.

# Placement

Worcester, Ma. St. John's Episcopal Church, organist/ director, one service (and extra Holy days) one sr. choir, and Jr. choir before Christmas and Eastor, contact Ginny or Jerry Brink at church - 166 Holden St.

Leominster, Ma. Pilgrim Congregational Church, one service, O/D needed soon as possible, contact Carol Bickford (537-4743) or D. Hand.

Oxford, Ma. United Methodist Church O/D as soon as possible, contact Dan Freitas 265 Main St. Oxford.

Dudley, Ma. First Congregational Church, O/D as soon as possible contact, Rev. Karen Brockney, (949-0500).

Shirley, Ma. First Church O/D as soon as possible, contact Betty Root, Peabody Rd. Box 167, Shirley.

Princeton, Ma. Community Church Organist only, small church just starting out 'anxious' to grow, good for student, contact D. Hand or Jette Howard (964-2745)

Framingham, Ma. Grace Church, O/D available as soon as possible, Choir and pipe organ, Rev. Thomas Dipko, call D. Hand for details.



The Worcester Chapter AGO in conjunction with Mechanics Hall will sponsor a national organ competition to determine the dedicatory recitalist for the great Hook organ. The competition is unique in that there are no age limits. It is open to everyone. The selected recitalist will play a 20 minute organ solo program as well as the Poulenc Concerto for Organ and Orchestra, with the Worcester Orchestra, Joseph Silverstein, conductor. The dedication is set for Sept. 25, 1982 and the competition to be held the previous week will be open to the public. This is the first of an annual national competition series planned by Worcester AGO and Mechanics Hall. The committee directing plans consists of Barclay Wood, Joyce Hokans, Gilbert Lay, and Julie Chase Fuller.

AGO members are needed to sell tickets to the Andre de la Varre concert at all Community Concerts events and Mechanics Hall events at Mechanics Hall. For these volunteers, free admission to the concert or program taking place on whatever day they volunteer will be given. Call Dean Gilbert Lay if you are interested or want more information.

On Sunday, November 7, 1982, there will be a benefit concert at Mechanics Hall to raise money for the organ maintenance fund. The program will be a variety show performed by a variety of very talented members of our own AGO chapter. And after Mechanics Hall-----its on to Broadway!?!

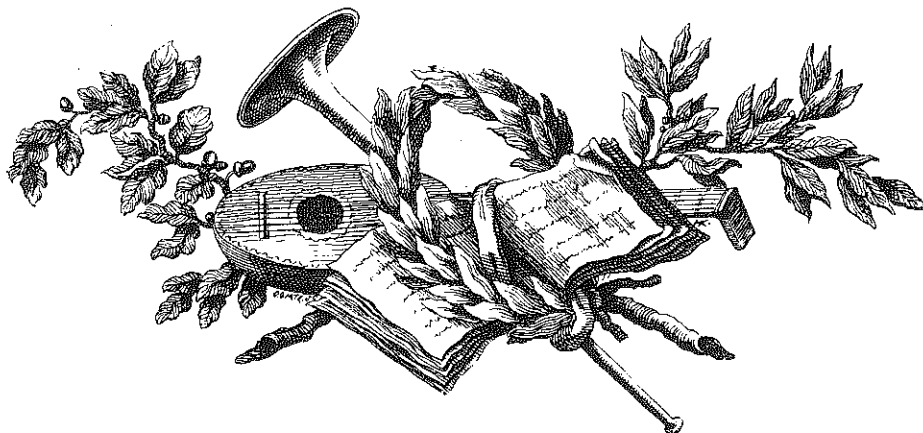
The next newsletter deadline is February 18. Your editor can no longer be reached at business phone. Please direct all calls to his home phone.

# Misc.

Gene Wright, a bass-baritone soloist, is seeking regular or occasional church or concert solo opportunities (preferably occasional work). He received training at Fredonia College, New York, Cornell University, Julliard, and Indiana University. Major church literature includes Elijah, Messiah, Verdi Requiem, Brahms Requiem, Faure Requiem, numerous Bach Cantatas, and numerous incidental soli-Mozart and other classic sacred. Available for audition on request.

Gene Wright  
North Road  
P.O. Box 350  
Walpole, N.H. 03608  
Telephone # 603-352-0310

For Sale: Baldwin Model 12, three manual, tube-type speakers. Make an offer to Faith Newark, 366-7043.



# Calendar

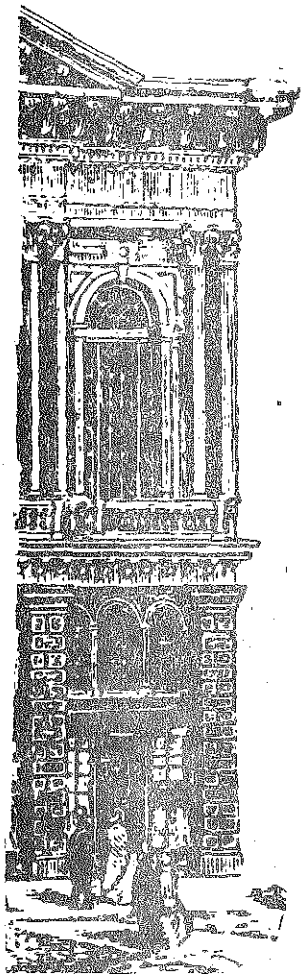
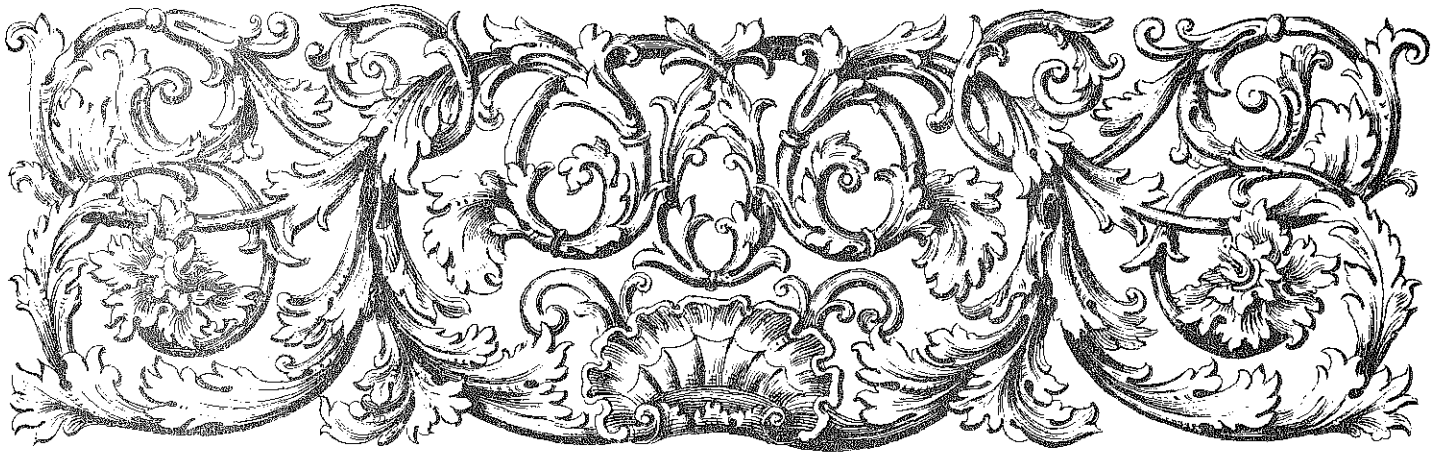
On Friday, February 12, 1982, at 8 pm, at the First Baptist Church in Worcester, Barclay Wood will play the famous "Mendelssohn Recital" of J. S. Bach organ works, originally performed at the Thomaskirche, Leipzig in August, 1840, by Felix Mendelssohn. The program includes: Fugue in E-flat, Great Eighteen Leipzig Chorales--Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele, Prelude and Fugue in A minor, Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, Pastorale, and Toccata in F. This program is free and open to the public.

And across town at 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 14 at St. Paul's Cathedral, there will be a concert for organ and brass with Joseph Policelli, organist and the WPI Brass Choir, Doug Weeks directing.

The splendor of Bach with the incomparable Barry Wood and First Baptist's fiery organ--the glory of organ and brass in the glory of St. Paul's with that wonderful gushy Casavant and its undoubted master, Joe Policelli--what more could one ask for to really make a weekend? Only the thought that a week later there is yet more wondrous music in store when Christ Church, Fitchburg presents Music of Benjamin Britten. The choirs of Christ Church, Henry Hokans director and Brenda Fraser organ will perform the Festival Te Deum, Friday Afternoons, Choral Dances from Gloriana, and Rejoice in the Lamb. It is open to the public without charge. Sunday, February, 21, at 7:00 pm.

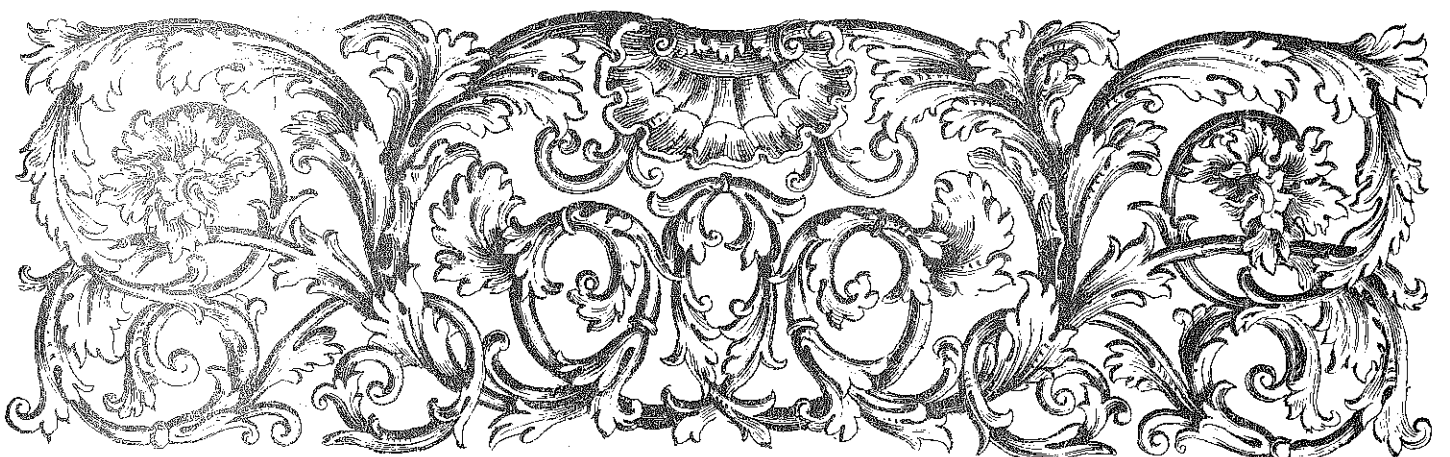
Thank you Barry, Joe, and Hank for bringing brightness to these sullen wintry days!

- Feb. 13 Sat. 2-5 pm, 8 pm. Unitarian Memorial Church, Fairhaven, Ma., ROBERT MACDONALD, masterclass and concert. Masterclass \$12 for AGO members and free ticket to evening concert. Additional concert tickets \$5.00. Tickets required.
- Feb. 27 Sat. 8 pm First Congregational Church, Westfield, Ma. EDWARD PARMENTIER, harpsichord. \$4.00.
- Mar. 14 Sun. 3 pm Worcester Art Museum. JOYCE HOKANS and GILBERT LAY. Duos for Organ and Piano.



Guild Service & Banquet  
Mechanics Hall  
Sun. Sept. 26 1982 4p.m.

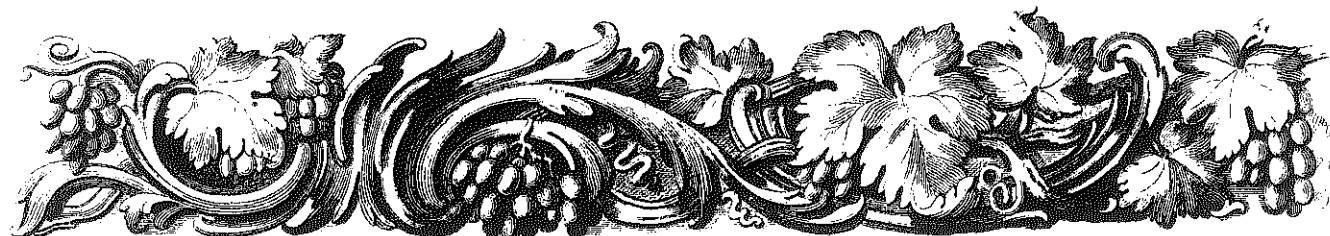
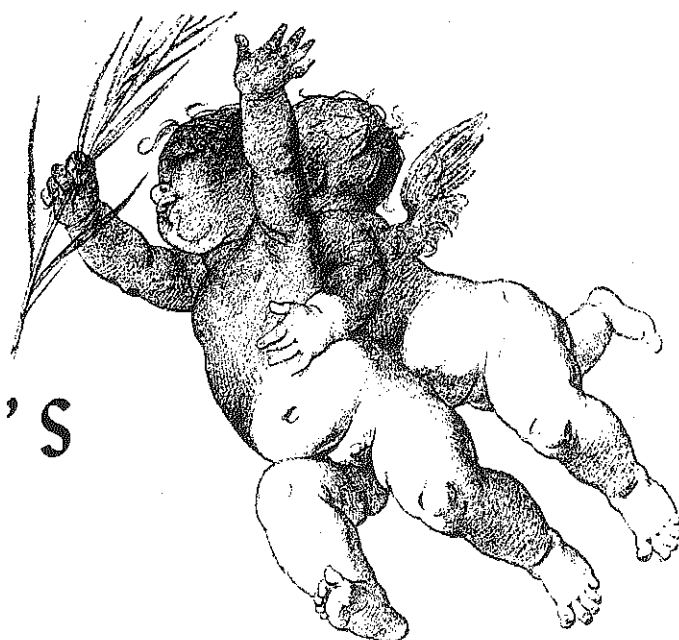
Wallace Robbins  
the Salisbury Singers







HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY



IMPORTANT CORRECTION:

Since we have gone to press, plans for the Organ Competition have been rethought and are yet to be finalized. The notice on Page 6 (under EXTRA) is correct in announcing that there will be an international organ competition, but all other details are still to be completed. RFJ