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Geo. S. Hutchings, Opus 135 (1884)

January 2013

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		1 In 1929, a new, three-manual organ by the Estey Organ Co. built for Bethany Congregational Church in Montpelier was opened in recital by organist Henry F. Siebert. <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 In 1929, organist Henry F. Seibert wrote <i>Mr. Morrison at Estey</i> about the new organ in Bethany Church, Montpelier, stating that it was "sonorous, rich and smooth in ensemble."	3 In 1884, the <i>Bristol Herald</i> reported that a new organ built by Edward H. Smith for the Baptist Society was to be dedicated that evening.	4 In 1928, a new, three-manual organ built by the Frazee Organ Company was being set up in the Second Congregational Church of Bennington.	5 In 1950, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that the Estey Organ Corporation had initiated a new firm, the Old Londonderry Workshop, Inc. to produce wood products.
6 In 1956, Estey Organ Corporation's payroll checks bounced, and were not honored at local Brattleboro banks or businesses because of insufficient funds.	7 In 1911, Henry Wells died in Burlington; his widow donated a large, three-manual Austin organ to St. Paul's Church in Burlington to honor his memory.	8 In 1880, Samuel B. Whitney organized the First Episcopal Choir Festival in Vermont at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Vergennes, and it garnered considerable enthusiasm.	9 In 1868, the Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, died in Rock Point near Burlington. He was a strong advocate of church music and organs.	10 In 1956, after Estey's checks bounced, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> and <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that part of the funds necessary to cover those checks had been deposited in local banks.	11 In 1855, the <i>Bellows Falls Argus</i> reported that William Nutting, Jr. had installed a new organ in the local Congregational Church.	12 In 1892, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported that Ernest Desmarais, a Canadian organbuilder, had relocated to St. Albans to build an organ for Holy Guardian Angels Church.
13 In 1959, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that several disputed claims against the Estey Organ Corporation were being heard in court.	14 In 1936, Edgar A. Boadway, noted Vermont organist and historian, was born in Boston, Massachusetts.	15 In 1927, the <i>Burlington Free Press</i> reported favorably on the opening of the Welte-Mignon Philharmonic organ in the new Ira Allen Chapel at the University of Vermont.	16 In 1856, Deacon Israel Newton, a medical doctor who is thought to have built the first pipe organ in Vermont, died in Norwich.	17 In 1817, an issue of the <i>Raleigh Register</i> and <i>North Carolina Gazette</i> described the new Unitarian Church in Burlington, and mentioned that the gallery contained a small organ by William Goodrich of Boston.	18 In 1928, a new, three-manual organ built by the Frazee Organ Co. for the Second Congregational Church of Bennington was opened in recital by organist Gerald Foster Frazee.	19 In 1886, a new, two-manual organ built by Geo. S. Hutchings, Opus 152, for the Congregational Church in Morrisville was opened at a grand concert.
20 In 1901, Wm. A. Johnson died in Westfield, Massachusetts. His firm built twenty-one organs for the churches of Vermont. In 1950, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Minshall-Estey, Inc. had laid off 28 workers.	21 In 1886, the <i>St. Albans Weekly Messenger</i> reported that Edward H. Smith had dissolved his organbuilding partnership with Charles Allen. <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	22 In 1872, E. & G.G. Hook & Hastings was completing a two-manual organ for the First Congregational Church in Manchester.	23 In 1807, Joseph Casavant was born in Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec. During the twentieth century, Casavant Frères Limitée built a number of organs for churches in the Green Mountain State.	24 In 1903, the chancel of Christ Church, Montpelier, was gutted by fire, including a new Hutchings-Votey organ. In 2002, the Estey Organ Museum was incorporated by the Vermont Secretary of State.	25 In 1930, Vermont organist and Gregorian Chant expert William Tortolano was born in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1933, Barbara Owen, the founding president of the Organ Historical Society, was born in Utica, New York.	26 In 1889, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported that Edward H. Smith, an organbuilder in Montgomery, had been mortally injured by a falling smoke stack.
27 In 1847, Ira Maurice Jones of Randolph presented his bride, Emily A. Washburn, with a two-stop chamber organ built by William Nutting, Jr. on their wedding day.	28 In 1928, R.C. Clark wrote to Mr. Morrison at Estey, requesting the specifications and contract for an organ to replace the one destroyed in the 1927 flood at Bethany Church, Montpelier.	29 In 1810, the Unitarian Church of Burlington was founded. In 1845, the Congregational Church, later Bethany Church, was dedicated in Randolph.	30 In 1889, Vermont organbuilder Edward H. Smith died after being crushed by a falling smokestack. In 1792, John Henry Hopkins, later the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, was born in Dublin, Ireland.	31 In 1889, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported that Edward H. Smith, an organbuilder in Montgomery, had died the previous day.		

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St. Paul's Church, Episcopal ~ Vergennes
E. & G.G. Hook, Opus 306 (1862)

February 2013

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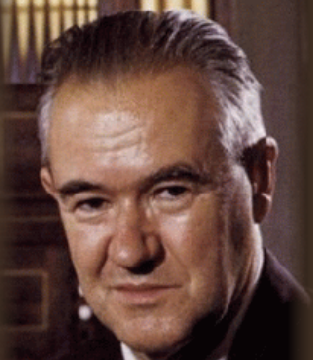
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					In 1961, the February issue of <i>The Diapason</i> lauded the remarkable service of Ethel Churchill, the organist of the First Congregational Church of Quechee, for sixty-four years.	In 1928, Jacob P. Estey wrote J.W. Morrison that "we want nothing left unturned which might jeopardize our chances" to secure two contracts in Montpelier.
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In 1825, the <i>American Repository</i> described a new organ built by Lemuel Hedge in 1824 for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windsor, that much later became the OHS emblem organ.	In 1886, the <i>St. Johnsbury Californian</i> reported that the membership of the Congregational Church in Morrisville were rejoicing over their new Hutchings, Plaisted & Co. organ.	In 1943, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Premo Ratti was appointed the general manager of the Estey plant in Brattleboro.	In 1903, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that J. Gray Estey and J. Harry Estey had bought out the stock of Mrs. Abby E. Fuller. In 1957, Vermont organbuilder Andrew T. Smith was born in Alliance, Ohio.	In 1920, J. Harry Estey, the son of Julius J. Estey, died of the flu at the end of the international Influenza Pandemic.	In 1946, Vermont organbuilder A. David Moore was born in Hanover, New Hampshire. He built a shop in North Pomfret in 1973, and has become one of the state's leading organbuilders.	In 1928, <i>The Montpelier Evening Argus</i> reported on the opening of a new, two-manual Estey organ at Christ Church, Montpelier, installed after the 1927 flood.
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In 1841, organbuilder Jesse Woodberry, of Woodberry & Harris, was born in England.	In 1976, Charles Fisk was at UVM in Burlington, completing the tonal finishing on the large, three-manual mechanical-action organ in the Recital Hall.	In 1817, Trinity Church, Episcopal, in Rutland was organized. They later had organs by Henry Erben, E. & G.G. Hook, and the Skinner Organ Co.	In 1894, the new, two-manual Geo. S. Hutchings organ at the Christian Church, Randolph, was being tuned for the opening recital on the following day.	In 1894, the splendid, two-manual Geo. S. Hutchings organ at the Christian Church in Randolph was opened in recital by organist E.V. Clarke of Boston. In 1906, the organ was moved across the street to Bethany Church. <i>Valentine's Day</i>	In 1971, St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, was destroyed by fire. The large and fine, three-manual 1913 Austin organ was lost.	In 1906, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the Estey Memorial Organ in the First Baptist Church, Brattleboro, would be opened by organist S. Archer Gibson.
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In 1974, organist James G. Chapman opened a new, two-manual mechanical-action organ by Karl Wilhelm at the new St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington.	In 1912, a new, two-manual organ by E.W. Lane was being installed in the Puffer Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church in Morrisville. <i>Presidents' Day</i>	In 1916, a second-hand, two-manual Johnson organ was being installed in the United Church of Christ in Greensboro.	In 1933, after the Estey Organ Company had declared bankruptcy, temporary receivers were named in Windham County Court of Chancery.	In 1865, the Wm. B.D. Simmons & Co. organ at the College Street Church in Burlington was opened by organists Mr. Proctor and Samuel B. Whitney.	In 1976, the front page of the July issue of <i>The Diapason</i> reported on the opening of the new C.B. Fisk, Inc. organ at the University of Vermont.	In 1906, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported on the opening of the large, three-manual Estey organ in the First Baptist Church in Brattleboro. S. Archer Gibson was the organist.
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In 1911, a new, two-manual J.H. & C.S. Odell organ, Opus 466, built for the Church of the Messiah, Universalist, was opened in recital.	In 1907, Katherine E. Dopp, long the organist on the 1864 Hook organ in the First Baptist Church, Burlington, was born in Proctor. In 1922, the Estey Organ Company was installing a new, two-manual organ in St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Brattleboro.	In 1964, the <i>Bennington Banner</i> reported that Hewitt & Wessel, pipe organ builders, had moved their shop to Guilford, just south of Brattleboro.	In 1910, the chapel of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, was gutted by fire. Last was a one-manual organ by Johnson & Son, Opus 575, 1882, built in Westfield, Massachusetts.	In 1959, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that the Estey Organ Corporation was seeking new money. <i>Biggs Fellowship Deadline</i>		

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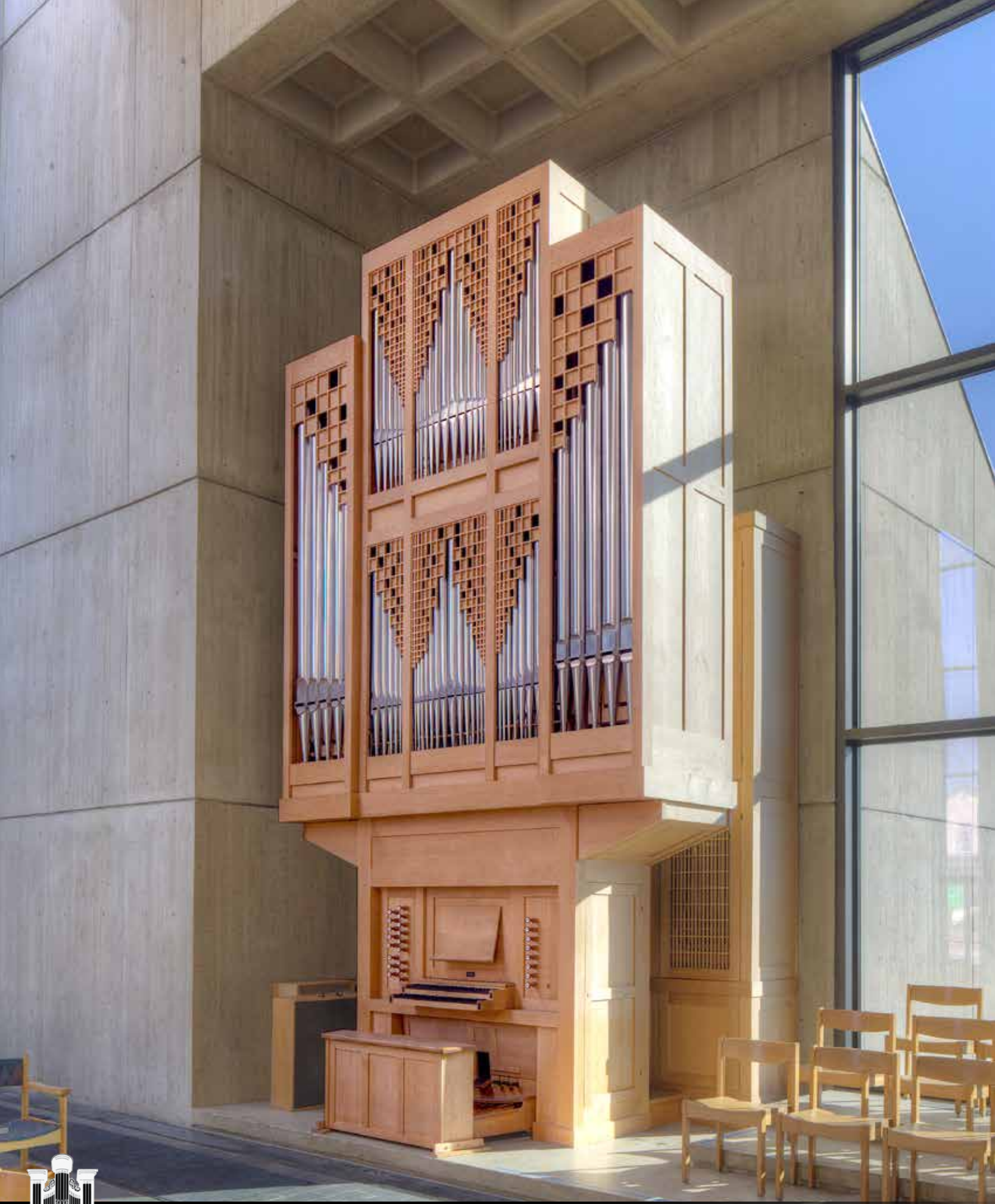
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Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Episcopal ~ Burlington
Karl Wilhelm, Opus 32 (1973)

March 2013

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In 1817, organbuilder Lemuel Hedge of Windsor patented a revolving ruling machine for paper.	In 1934, Laurence W. Leonard, noted Estey historian, was born in Randolph. In 1791, Vermont became the fourteenth state of the United States.	In 1960, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> announced that the real estate of the former Estey Organ Corporation was sold to Miss Joan M. Larkin.	In 1912, a new, two-manual organ was built by E.W. Lane for Puffer Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, and was opened at a concert of sacred music.	In 1902, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported the death of Julius J. Estey because of heart trouble.	In 1916, a reporter in the <i>St. Johnsbury Caledonian</i> announced that the "new" 1868 Johnson organ at the Greensboro United Church would be opened by an Estey representative.	In 1960, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> announced that the Estey Pipe Organ Department would close.
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In 1800, Henry Erben was born in New York City, the son of Peter Erben; he later built at least six organs for churches in the Green Mountain State.	In 1833, the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, authorized the purchase of an organ for the gallery. It was built by Henry Erben and was installed during the fall.	In 1827, John G. Marklove was born in Berkeley, Gloucester, England. In 1873, he built an organ for the First Baptist Church in Rutland.	In 1972, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, R.C., was destroyed by fire. The previous Estey organ was lost.	In 1907, a new, two-manual organ by the Estey Organ Co. built for the Congregational Church of Hardwick was opened in recital by organist "Loverin" from Boston.	In 1904, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported the death of Samuel W. Parker, who built an organ for the R.C. Church in Newport about 1900.	In 1857, a new, two-manual organ built by Geo. Jardine & Son of New York was exhibited at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral in Burlington by his son, the organist Edward Jardine.
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In 1916, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the Estey employees had sent a letter to Henry Ford, thanking him for his monetary gifts to every member of the staff. <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	In 1887, the <i>Burlington Free Press</i> announced that the Bradford Congregational Church would soon purchase a new pipe organ.	In 1903, John H. Paddock, a noted Vermont organist and sometime organbuilder, died in St. Johnsbury.	In 1964, the <i>Addison County Independent</i> announced that the rebuilt Johnson organ at the Congregational Church in Middlebury would be dedicated on the following Sunday.	In 1831, St. John's Church, Episcopal, in Highgate Falls was established. It houses an elegant, one-manual organ built in 1837 by Henry Erben of New York.	In 1932, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> announced that the Estey Organ Company had placed speakers on the roof of the factory to play organ music for the residents of the city.	In 1864, an issue of the <i>Lamoille Newsdealer</i> reported that the new Wm. B.D. Simmons & Co. organ at the Universalist Church in Stowe was opened successfully.
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In 1916, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that William E. Haskell had just been granted letters patent for a new Harp stop. <i>Easter Sunday</i>	In 1896, the (<i>Montpelier Argus and Patriot</i>) reported that the new Hook & Hastings organ for the Methodist Church in Cabot had arrived.	In 1943, the <i>Middlebury Register</i> announced that the Congregational pipe organ by Wm. A. Johnson would be rebuilt and electrified by Albert E. Carter of Springfield, Massachusetts.	In 1866, the <i>Northern Advocate</i> reported that a new organ was installed in the Methodist Church, Claremont, New Hampshire, by William Nutting, Jr.	In 1815, Vermont organbuilder William Nutting, Jr., was born in Randolph. In 1869, the 1833 Henry Erben organ acquired second-hand from St. Paul's Church, Burlington, was first used at Grace Church, Sheldon, on Easter Day.	In 1956, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer and Vermont Phoenix</i> reported a fire in the back of building no. 4 at the Estey Organ Corporation.	In 1902, the new, two-manual Hutchings-Votey & Co. organ was opened at Christ Church, Montpelier, on Easter Day.
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United Church of Randolph ~ Randolph
Estey Organ Company, Opus 1008 (1912)

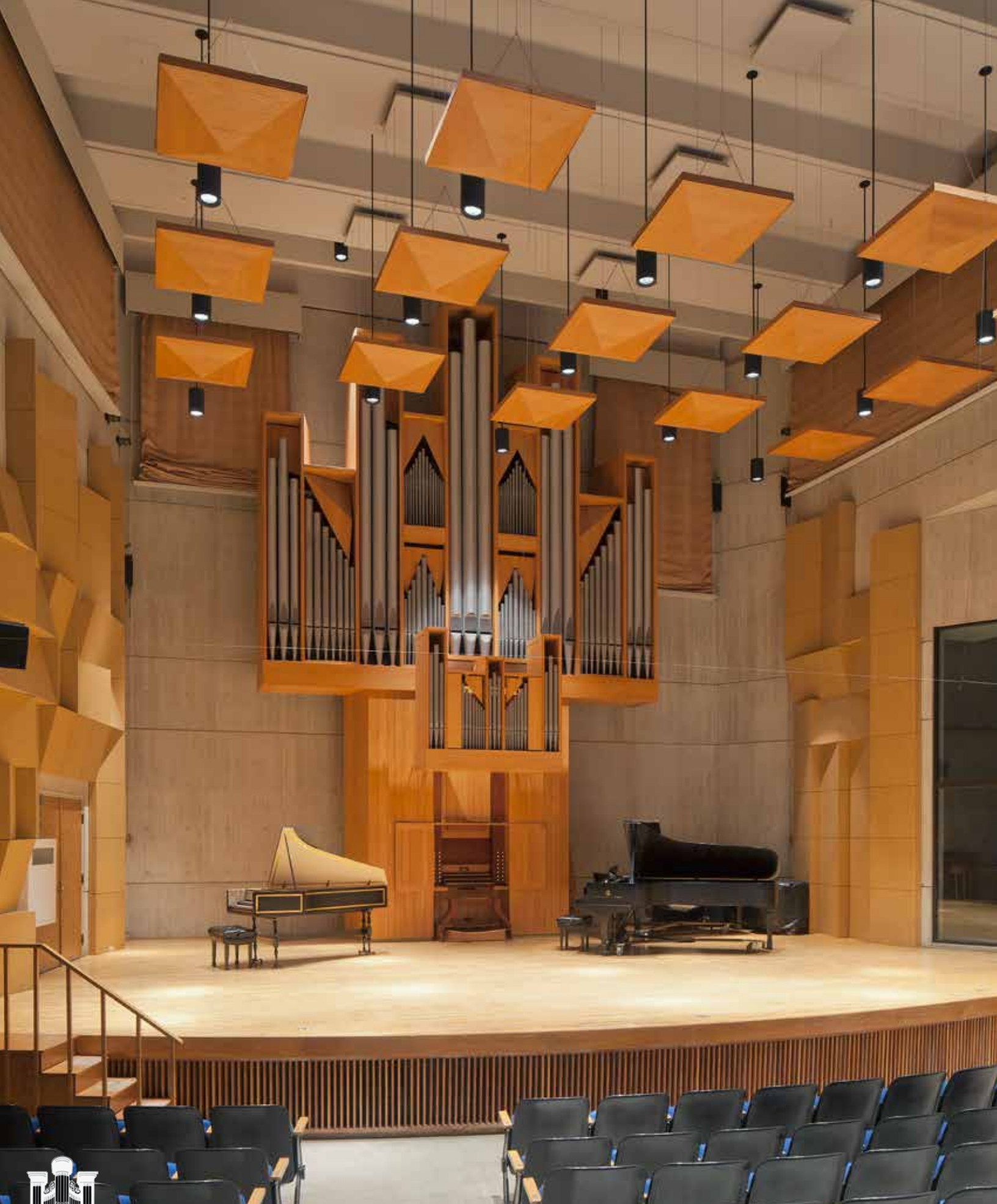
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	1 In 1955, <i>The Diapason</i> announced that "Builders of Organs Enjoy Prosperity."	2 In 1937, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Estey had shipped the largest console the firm ever built to Blessed Sacrament Church in New York City.	3 In 2000, Beth Crane accepted a proposal by Andrew Smith Pipe Organs of Cornish, New Hampshire, to restore the 1833 Henry Erben organ in Grace Church, Sheldon.	4 In 1859, Samuel Marie Casavant was born in Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec.	5 In 1956, following financial problems, the Estey Organ Corporation shut operations down for several weeks to reorganize.	6 In 1956, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer and Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Estey had sold their interest in Minshall Electronics to Donald Sammis, a Stratford, Connecticut industrialist.
7 In 1825, the North Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury was established. They later owned organs built by Harvey F. Parks, Wm. B.D. Simmons & Co., and Hutchings, Plaisted & Co.	8 In 1870, an issue of the <i>Burlington Daily Free Press & Times</i> described the new, two-manual Johnson organ at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Burlington.	9 In 1943, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Estey had begun an evening shift to complete war orders.	10 In 1959, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> announced that F. Roy Chilton had become the new president of the Estey Organ Corporation.	11 In 1900, a new, two-manual organ by Geo. H. Ryder was completed by Easter Day at the Bemis Memorial Universalist Church in Lyndonville.	12 In 1870, the large, two-manual organ by the Johnson Organ Co. was opened at the Methodist Church of Burlington by organists Samuel C. Moore, and S.B. Whitney.	13 In 1871, Wm. A. Johnson's organ factory in Westfield, Massachusetts, was destroyed by fire. In 1977, Vermont organist Lubbert Gnodde was born in Urk, Holland.
14 In 1842, the new Greek-Revival edifice of the First Congregational Church of Burlington was dedicated. Ten years later an organ was built for the congregation by Wm. B.D. Simmons & Co.	15 In 1890, Deacon Jacob Estey, the founder of the Estey Organ Co., died in Brattleboro, leaving the running of the firm to his son, Julius J. Estey.	16 In 1952, Edward B. Gammons opened a large three-manual Estey organ at the First Congregational Church in Burlington with works of Bach, Böellmann, Clérambault, Frank, and Whitlock.	17 In 1953, Edward C. Gammons repeated his opening recital of the previous evening on the new Estey organ at the First Congregational Church in Burlington.	18 In 1955, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that a fire in the Estey factory had damaged a motor.	19 In 1867, the large, three-manual Wm. A. Johnson organ was first used in St. Paul's Church, Burlington. Organist Samuel C. Moore played the opening.	20 In 1854, the <i>Bellows Falls Times</i> described a large two-manual organ built by William Nutting, Jr., for Immanuel Church, Episcopal.
21 In 1881, organist Samuel B. Whitney opened the "Thayer" organ built by Hutchings, Plaisted & Co. at the North Chapel Universalist Society in Woodstock.	22 In 1801, Geo. Stevens was born in Norway, Maine. He later built several organs for the churches of Vermont. In 1835, organbuilder Lemuel Hedge of Brattleboro patented the carpenter's folding rule.	23 In 1958, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that a certified public accountant in court was unable to verify sales at the Estey Organ Corporation.	24 In 1958, <i>The Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that Clayton Bradeen was told by Henry Hancock to burn incriminating evidence in the Estey trial.	25 In 1992, a 1931 Estey organ, completely renovated by Mark R. Resig & Associates, was opened at St. Francis de Sales R.C. Church in Bennington by organist Victor Hill.	26 In 1904, a two-manual Hutchings-Votey organ was opened at the Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church in Barre.	27 In 1823, Wm. B.D. Simmons was born in Boston. He later sent six important organs to the churches of Vermont. In 1937, Vermont organist John Weaver was born in Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania.
28 In 1926, members of the First Baptist Church of Manchester Center bought a second-hand, two-manual Johnson & Son organ from the Union Church in Proctor.	29 In 1958, the Estey Organ Corporation closed temporarily and 150 employees were shut out of work.	30 In 1958, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that Estey had filed for bankruptcy, and the doors of the firm were closed.				

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Southwick Music Complex Recital Hall, University of Vermont ~ Burlington
C.B. Fisk, Inc., Opus 68 (1976)

May 2013

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 In 1912, <i>The Diapason</i> reported the one thousandth pipe organ built by the Pipe Organ Department at Estey.	2 In 1838, St. Mary Church, R.C., in Burlington was torched by an incendiary.	3 In 1867, the large, three-manual Wm. A. Johnson organ was opened at St. Paul's Church, Burlington. Organist Samuel C. Moore played works of Donizetti, Mendelssohn, and several pieces of his own arrangement.	4 In 1972, the <i>Times-Argus</i> announced that organist Bernard Legacé would open the new, two-manual Karl Wilhelm organ at Christ Church, Episcopal, Montpelier.
5 In 1902, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported that a new Estey building, designed for the construction of pipe organs, would be erected during the summer.	6 In 1998, Russell & Company of Cambridgeport, Vermont, was working on the installation of a large, four-manual organ at the First Congregational Church in Burlington.	7 In 1884, Henry Erben died in New York City; he built at least six organs for the churches of Vermont.	8 In 1876, the First Baptist Church of Randolph was founded. The church houses a small, two-manual tubular-pneumatic organ built in 1912 by the Estey Organ Co. of Brattleboro.	9 In 1933, following the fall of the American Stock Market and the beginning of The Depression, the Estey Organ Co. went bankrupt.	10 In 1861, a new, two-manual organ by E. & G.G. Hook, Opus 298, was built for the First Congregational Church, Woodstock, and opened in recital by organist William H. Clarke.	11 In 1953, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> announced that Henry Hancock had bought all the shares of the Estey Organ Corporation's stock.
12 In 2001, Andrew Smith Pipe Organs of Cornish, New Hampshire held an open house for the restored, 1833 Henry Erben organ in Grace Church, Sheldon. <i>Mother's Day</i>	13 In 1927, a lengthy obituary is published for William E. Haskell in the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> .	14 In 1923, a new, two-manual organ by the Estey Organ Company was being set-up in the Mount Anthony Masonic Lodge in Bennington.	15 In 1902, the <i>Burlington Free Press</i> reported that the demand for the new pipe organ was so great that it necessitated an enlargement to the Brattleboro factory.	16 In 1869, John T. Austin was born in Bedfordshire, England. His firm built a large, three-manual organ in 1913 for St. Paul's Church, Burlington.	17 In 1923, a new, two-manual organ by the Estey Organ Co. was opened at the Mount Anthony Masonic Lodge in Bennington for the lodge's centennial.	18 In 1953, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> announced that the company had been reorganized under its new owner, Henry Hancock.
19 In 1848, the noted journal, <i>Scientific American</i> , reported Lemuel Hedge's recent patent for the band saw.	20 In 1902, organist Samuel B. Whitney opened the new, two-manual Hutchings-Votey organ at Christ Church, Montpelier.	21 In 1889, a large, three-manual organ by Woodberry & Harris of Boston was opened by organist J. Frank Donahue in the First Congregational Church in Burlington.	22 In 1959, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that Henry Hancock, once the president of the Estey Organ Corporation, was subject to deportation.	23 In 1873, the <i>Plattsburgh (N.Y.) Republican</i> described a new Johnson organ at the Presbyterian Church; in 1909, this organ was moved to St. Charles's R.C. Church in Bellows Falls.	24 In 1910, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the Estey Organ Company had 300 employees.	25 In 1893, a new, two-manual Geo. S. Hutchings organ, Opus 311, was installed in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Middlebury.
26 In 1859, Bishop Carleton Chase reported to the diocesan convention that Trinity Church, Claremont, New Hampshire had bought an organ from William Nutting, Jr.	27 In 1887, the <i>Burlington Free Press</i> announced that services in the Congregational Church in Bradford would take place in the parlors because a new pipe organ was being installed. <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 In 1763, Israel Newton, later a medical doctor and thought to have built the first pipe organ in Vermont, was born in Colchester, Connecticut.	29 In 1826, organbuilder Giles Beach was born in Kingsboro, New York. In 1861, he built an organ for the Second Congregational Church, Bennington.	30 In 1832, the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont was erected from the Eastern Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins was the first Bishop.	31	



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United Methodist Church ~ Northfield
Wm. B.D. Simmons & Co. (1855)

June 2013

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						1 In 1892, the two-manual, Ernest Desmarais organ at <i>La Paroisse des Saints Agnes Gardiens</i> was opened in St. Albans. In 1913, Geo. S. Hutchings, the maker of many Vermont organs, died in Cambridge, Mass.
2 In 1831, the first service of the newly founded congregation of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, was held by the Rev. George T. Chapman.	3 In 1858, the Rev. W.C. Hopkins reported to the diocesan convention that the new organ in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Northfield, was built by William Nutting, Jr.	4 In 1842, Samuel B. Whitney was born in Woodstock. He attended the Episcopal Institute in Burlington, and later became noted as the organist of the Church of the Advent in Boston.	5 In 1903, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that three Estey veteran employees were written up in an issue of <i>The Music Trades</i> .	6 In 1876, the cornerstone for the second Grace Church, Sheldon, was laid.	7 In 1998, the new, four-manual organ built by Russell & Co. of Cambridgeport for the First Congregational Church in Burlington was dedicated in recital by organist David Higgs.	8 In 1906, the <i>Middlebury Register</i> reported the dedication of the Ilsley Baptist Church and described a new, two-manual Estey pipe organ.
9 In 1866, the <i>National Eagle</i> reported that a new organ had been built for the Union Church, West Claremont, New Hampshire, by William Nutting, Jr.	10 In 1905, the <i>Music Trade Review</i> reported that the Broad Avenue Presbyterian Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania, had just ordered a \$2,500 Estey pipe organ.	11 In 1856, the <i>Middlebury Register</i> reported that a Ladies' Fair was being held to raise money for a new pipe organ.	12 In 1882, the new, two-manual organ built by Johnson & Son of Westfield, Mass., was being completed at Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.	13 In 1893, Ernest Desmarais, an organbuilder who had lived in St. Albans, died in St. Cunégonde, Montréal.	14 In 1906, Lynnwood Farnam visited the 1862, two-manual Johnson organ at the Middlebury Congregational Church and recorded the stoplist.	15 In 1883, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> described the new Hook & Hastings organ at the Universalist Society in Brattleboro and published the stoplist.
16 In 1890, a new, two-manual organ built by Woodberry & Harris for the First Congregational Church, Newport, was opened in recital by organist Charles W. Davis of Burlington. <i>Father's Day</i>	17 In 1961, the <i>Springfield (Mass.) Union</i> reported the death of Florian L. Pike, a veteran pipe organ builder and former employee of Estey.	18 In 1835, St. Paul's Church, Episcopal, Vergennes, was consecrated by Bishop Hopkins. It contained a small, one-manual organ by Henry Erben of New York.	19 In 1868, the <i>Bellows Falls Times</i> reported that a new organ had been built for the Unitarian Church, Keene, New Hampshire, by William Nutting, Jr.	20 In 1926, the splendid, 1896 second-hand Johnson organ in the First Baptist Church of Manchester Center was first played.	21 In 1882, a new, two-manual organ built by Steere & Turner was being set up in the Centre Congregational Church in Brattleboro.	22 In 1934, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that there was an increase Estey's pipe organ business even though the Depression was continuing.
23 In 1841, Wm. H. Johnson was born in Westfield, Massachusetts.	24 In 2013, the <i>Fifty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Organ Historical Society</i> gathers at the Sheraton in the University District of Burlington. The chairperson is Marilyn Polson.	25 VERMONT JUNE 24-28 OHS 58TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION	26 In 1969, the new, three-manual organ built by the Gress-Miles Organ Co., Opus 41, for the Mead Memorial Chapel at Middlebury College, was opened by organist Dr. Emory Fanning.	27 In 1956, the Organ Historical Society was founded. In 1972, the Society gathered at the North Chapel Universalist Society in Woodstock to begin their Seventeenth Annual Convention.	28 In 2013, the closing of the <i>Fifty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Organ Historical Society</i> included an 1855 Wm. B.D. Simmons & Co organ thought by many to be the finest organ in Vermont.	29 In 1972, organist Brian Jones played the closing program for the OHS's Vermont convention on the splendid Wm. A. Johnson organ, his Opus 200, 1866, in West Rutland.
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Grace Church, Episcopal ~ Sheldon
Henry Erben (1833)

July 2013

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	1 In 1903, the <i>Springfield (Mass.) Daily Republican</i> reported the public exhibition of a large organ intended for the Methodist Episcopal Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado in the Estey factory.	2 In 1928, Hugh Jones received the Bill of Lading for a blower for the new Estey pipe organ at Bethany Church in Montpelier.	3 In 1920, Vermont organist Harriette Slack Richardson was born in Springfield.	4 In 1916, Miss Evelyn Kopusta Estey held an Independence Day cookout at her Brattleboro residence for veteran employees of the Estey Pipe Organ Department. <i>Independence Day</i>	5 In 1918, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that William E. Cushman, the foreman of the Estey Pipe Organ Department, was honored with the presentation of a leather suit case.	6 In 1966, Laurence W. Leonard of Randolph bought the Ira Maurice Jones chamber organ from Old Christ Church, Bethel, and placed it permanently on loan at the Randolph Historical Society.
7 In 1906, the 1891 J.W. Steere & Son organ built for the Congregational Church in Randolph, moved down the street to Cooper Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, was first heard.	8 In 1948, the Estey Organ Corporation announced that production of new pipe organs had commenced for the first time since the end of the Second World War.	9 In 1874, Julius Harry Estey, the son of Julius J. Estey, is born in Brattleboro.	10 In 1907, a new, two-manual organ was being set up by E.W. Lane at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in Bradford.	11 In 1872, organbuilder Thomas Appleton died in Reading, Massachusetts. A second-hand Appleton organ was later installed in the gallery of the R.C. Church in Vergennes.	12 In 1929, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the Pipe Organ Department at Estey had begun the manufacture of the Minnette.	13 In 1836, Francis H. Hastings, later of Hook & Hastings, was born in Weston, Mass. In 1954, noted organbuilder Scot L. Huntington, once an apprentice of A. David Moore in North Pomfret, was born in Bangor, Maine.
14 In 1891, the two-manual J.W. Steere & Sons organ at the Congregational Church in Randolph was opened in concert by organist John Hyatt Brewer of Brooklyn.	15 In 1915, a new, two-manual organ built by the Hall Organ Co. for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Swanton, was opened in recital by organist Ralph Watson of St. Albans.	16 In 1869, the <i>Bellows Falls Times</i> reported that a new organ had been built for the local Baptist Church by William Nutting, Jr.	17 In 1902, a new, two-manual organ built by the Ernest M. Skinner Co. of Boston, Opus 1, was first used in the Universalist Church, Ludlow.	18 In 1956, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> and <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that new money was sought for the Estey Organ Corporation.	19 In 1955, consultant John Van Varick Elsworth visited the 1864 Wm. B.D. Simmons & Co. organ at the Stowe Community Church and recorded the stoplist.	20 In 1931, the Estey Organ Company shipped a large, four-manual pipe organ to the Mabel Shaw Bridges Music Auditorium at Claremont College, in Claremont, California.
21 In 1950, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that orders were pouring in for the Minshall-Estey electronic organ, shown recently at a Chicago trade show.	22 In 1819, organbuilder Lemuel Hedge of Windsor patented a new method for dyeing and polishing leather.	23 In 1901, William E. Haskell was hard at work at the Estey factory in Brattleboro, designing a series of small, two-manual pipe organs.	24 In 1896, the Johnson & Son organ at the Proctor Union Church was opened in recital by organist J. Harry Engels of Rutland.	25 In 1877, a new, two-manual organ by Johnson & Son, Opus 498, built for the First Congregational Church, Newbury, was opened in recital by organist Samuel B. Whitney.	26 In 1971, Albert F. Robinson played a benefit recital on the Simmons at the Methodist Church of Northfield to help raise funds for the organ's restoration.	27 In 1927, Vermont organist Alan D. Walker was born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts.
28 In 1958, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that the operations at the Estey Organ Corporation were in the black for the first time in years.	29 In 1843, Grace Church, Episcopal, was established in Randolph Center. The church later housed two William Nutting, Jr. organs.	30 In 1945, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that PFC Jacob Estey, the only son of Jacob Poor and Edith (Tyler) Estey, was killed at sea.	31 In 1994, organist Glenn Kime returned to Bethany Congregational Church in Randolph to play a recital on the Geo. S. Hutchings organ, recently restored by Watersmith Pipe Organs.			




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Church of St. John the Baptist, Episcopal ~ Hardwick
Edward H. Smith (1888)

August 2013

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				In 1868, <i>The St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> announced that Samuel B. Whitney had been appointed the organist of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.	In 1956, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> and <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that a group of creditors were reviewing a plan to save the Estey Organ Corporation.	In 1973, Vermont organist Mark A. DeW. Howe was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He is currently organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington.
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In 1953, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> announced that a large organ for the Florida A & M College in Tallahassee was almost ready for delivery.	In 1941, Robert C. Newton was born in Barre, attended the Community Church in Stowe as a youth, and has done much work in Vermont for the Andover Organ Company.	In 1901, an issue of the <i>Brattleboro Reformer</i> reported that the Pipe Organ Department at Estey had completed their first pipe organ. In 1945, Vermont organist Marilyn Polson was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.	In 1896, the <i>Caledonian</i> reported that "the new organ [in Cabot] was expected but failed to appear by some misunderstanding."	In 2006, an obituary for respected Vermont organist Harriette Slack Richardson appeared in the October, 2007, issue of <i>The American Organist</i> .	In 1901, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that there was a gathering of sales people for the new Estey pipe organs at the Brattleboro factory.	In 1908, George Turner, formerly of Steere & Turner, of Westfield, Massachusetts, died in Buffalo, New York.
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In 2001, the restored, 1833 Henry Erben organ in Grace Church, Sheldon, was opened at an Evensong by organist Erik Kenyon.	In 1853, the <i>Vermont Journal</i> announced the death of organbuilder Lemuel Hedge on August 1 in Paterson, New Jersey. He was the maker of the OHS's emblem organ.	In 1954, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the Minshall-Estey Co., a maker of electronic organs, had given up the Estey name.	In 1958, organist John Weaver closed the regional convention of the American Guild of Organists in Burlington with a stellar performance of the Sonata on the 94th Psalm by Reubke.	In 1952, Jacob Poor Estey, the president of the Estey Organ Corporation, died after attending a Yankees - Red Sox game in Boston's Fenway Park.	In 1888, the <i>St. Albans Weekly Messenger</i> reported that a new organ built by Edward H. Smith was placed in the Congregational Church, Alburgh. In 1968, Vermont organbuilder Thomas Bowen was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire.	In 1816, Grace Church, Episcopal, Sheldon, was organized.
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In 1929, the <i>Springfield (Mass.) Republican</i> described the new Minuette, an Estey pipe organ creation for homes and theatres.	In 1909, the 1868, two-manual Nutting organ from the Unitarian Church in Keene, N.H., was set up the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bellows Falls.	In 1915, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> announced the signing of a contract for a new, two-manual Estey organ for Mead Memorial Chapel at Middlebury College.	In 1907, a new, two-manual organ built by J.W. Steere & Son was being set up in the Congregational Church in Brandon.	In 1882, a new, two-manual organ by Johnson & Son was opened at Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, by organist Frank T. Baird, of Chicago.	In 1952, William F. Czelusniak, of Messrs. Czelusniak et Dugal, Inc., was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts.	In 1834, Edward H. Smith, later an organbuilder in Montgomery, was born in St. Armand, Québec.
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In 1956, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> ran photographs of a huge organ built by Estey for the White Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Los Angeles.	In 1845, a contract was signed with Henry Erben of New York for a large, one-manual organ for the First Unitarian Church in Burlington.	In 1980, a new Casavant Frères Limitée organ, Opus 3361, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Burlington, was opened in recital by organist Jane Bergeron.	In 1914, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> described an Estey two-manual pipe organ installed in the Universalist Church in Brattleboro.	In 1884, a new, two-manual organ built by Geo. S. Hutchings for the Methodist Female Seminary in Montpelier was opened in a concert by Samuel B. Whitney.	In 1914, a two-manual instrument by the Estey Organ Co. was opened in recital at the Universalist Church, Brattleboro, and given in honor of Adeline S. and William H. Esterbrook.	In 1905, a new, two-manual organ by the Estey Organ Co. for the Congregational Church in Waterbury, was opened in recital by organists Reginald McCall and George H. Wilder.



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Bethany Congregational Church ~ Randolph

Geo. S. Hutchings, Opus 344 (1894)

September 2013

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<p>1</p> <p>In 1909, <i>The Caledonian-Record</i> reported that St. Michael's R.C. Church in Brattleboro was to have a new \$3,500 Estey pipe organ.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>In 1914, the Estey Organ Company was completing the installation of a two-manual organ in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, R.C., in Burlington.</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>In 1964, the <i>Vermont Standard</i> in Woodstock reported that A. David Moore and Nick Atwood held an open house at the Sherburne Farm for a rebuilt organ by Geo. Stevens.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>In 1843, the Rev. William H. Hoyt wrote to Geo. Jardine in New York, and ordered a two-manual organ for Union Church, Episcopal, in St. Albans.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>In 1952, <i>The Vermont Phoenix</i> announced that Robert Cochrane had become the new president of the Estey Organ Corporation.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>In 1956, Miss Elizabeth S. Mackay, the former vice president of the Estey Organ Corporation, was arrested when fleeing from a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Brooks Hotel in Brattleboro.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>In 1986, noted organist Yuko Hayashi opened A. David Moore's splendid new, two-manual organ at St. James's Church, Woodstock.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>In 1914, the new Estey organ in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, R.C., in Burlington was opened by organist P.J. Shea of Montréal.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>In 1823, the first boat came through the Champlain Canal from St. Albans to New York City, carrying potash. It was the beginning of a lucrative trade with western Vermont.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>In 2003, an obituary for sometime organbuilder Frederick H. Johnson appeared in the <i>Valley News</i>, published in White River Junction.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>In 1911, Mary E. Wells signed a contract with the Austin Organ Co. to build a large, three-manual organ for St. Paul's Church, Burlington, in memory of her husband.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>In 1956, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that the Securities and Exchange Commission had stepped into the affairs of Estey to investigate possible fraud.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>In 1944, the entire staff at the Estey Organ Corporation in Brattleboro was working on the war effort.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>In 1887, the ninth Episcopal Choir Festival was held at St. Paul's Church, Windsor.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>In 1880, George G. Hook died in Boston. The firm he founded with his brother Elias ultimately built thirty organs for patrons in the Green Mountain State.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>In 1901, the Estey Organ Company in Brattleboro had completed their first pipe organ.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>In 1945, Burton Minshall told a meeting of the Kiwanis Club at the Brooks Hotel in Brattleboro, that the first Minshall electronic organs would be finished in ten days.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>In 1863, the cornerstone was laid for a new R.C. Cathedral in Burlington, designed by famed architect Patrick C. Keely.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>In 2004, the November issue of <i>The Estey Organ</i>, the newsletter of the Estey Organ Museum, reported on a reception in honor of John and Sophia Wessel.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>In 1911, the Hinners Organ Co. of Pekin, Illinois, began the installation of a new, two-manual organ in the First Baptist Church of Barre.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>In 1945, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the first new organs would be produced in a little over a week after Estey had concentrated on the war effort.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>In 1933, Alphonse O. Brungardt purchased the assets of the bankrupt Estey Organ Co., and reincorporated the firm as the Estey Organ Corporation.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>In 2007, following the restoration of the "Thayer" organ at the North Chapel Universalist Society, Woodstock, by A. David Moore, the organ was opened by organist William Porter.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>In 1951, Vermont organist Lynette Combs was born in Ayr, Kentucky.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>In 1915, Henry Ford visited the Estey Organ Co. to inspect an organ he had ordered for his Dearborn, Michigan, residence.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>In 1883, the fifth Episcopal Choir Festival was led by organist Samuel B. Whitney at Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>In 1891, the Proctor Union Church, a gift of Redfield Proctor, Sr., was dedicated. It later housed an elegant, two-manual Johnson & Son organ.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>In 2002, former OHS National Councilor, Peter Sykes, opened the rebuilt Wm. B.D. Simmons organ at the Community Church in Stowe.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>In 1880, the second Episcopal Choir Festival in Vermont was led by organist Samuel B. Whitney at St. Paul's Church, Burlington.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>In 1814, Deacon Jacob Estey was born in Hinsdale, New Hampshire. His son, Julius J. Estey, established the Pipe Organ Department in 1901.</p>					



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St. John's Church, Episcopal ~ Highgate Falls
Henry Erben (1837)

October 2013

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		In 1910, an issue of <i>The Diapason</i> described a two-manual Estey organ built for Christ Church, Episcopal, in Greenwich, Connecticut.	In 2005, organist Peter Sykes played the second recital in the Samuel B. Whitney Organ Recital Series at the North Chapel Universalist Society, Woodstock.	In 1894, the sixteenth Episcopal Choir Festival was led by organist Samuel B. Whitney at St. Luke's Church, St. Albans.	In 1901, a report in the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> , published in Brattleboro, announced the order for Opus 1, the first pipe organ built by the Estey Organ Co.	In 1968, a new, two-manual organ built by the Berkshire Organ Co. for the South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury was opened in recital by organist Charles Page.
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In 1909, composer Dudley Buck, an occasional Vermont organist, died in West Orange, New Jersey.	In 1933, after being closed for several months, a number of employees at the Estey Organ Corporation were called back to work.	In 1901, the Estey Organ Company was installing its first pipe organ at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Brattleboro.	In 1954, passenger lists, now in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., reported that John Wessel and his family had arrived from Holland at the Port of New York.	In 1888, the tenth Episcopal Choir Festival led by organist Samuel B. Whitney was held at St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.	In 1882, the fourth Episcopal Choir Festival in Vermont was held by organist Samuel B. Whitney at St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro.	In 1841, the <i>Vermont Gazette</i> , published in Bennington, reported that a fire in the Erben organ factory in New York City caused \$40,000 in damage.
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In 2007, the Vermont Chapter of the A.G.O. sponsored an organ tour that visited the White Church in Grafton and an organ built by William Nutting, Jr. in 1860.	In 1870, the <i>Burlington Weekly Free Press</i> announced that Samuel B. Whitney would be leaving St. Paul's in Burlington to continue his studies with John Knowles Paine in Boston. <i>Columbus Day</i>	In 1958, the <i>Rutland Herald</i> reported that Estey's accounts were bared in court at the retrial of Henry Hancock.	In 1851, the South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury was organized. The elegant building later housed a large, two-manual organ built in 1856 by Geo. Jardine & Son of New York.	In 1946, the Vermont Chapter of the American Guild of Organists received its charter.	In 1882, Grace Church, Sheldon, was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. William H. Bissell, the Episcopal Bishop of Vermont.	In 1875, the <i>Middlebury Register</i> announced that the new Johnson & Son organ for St. Stephen's had arrived.
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In 1901, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the Estey Organ Co. Benefit Program had 300 members, and there were 35 accidents during the year.	In 1868, a new, two-manual organ designed by Samuel B. Whitney and built by Wm. Jackson & Co. of Albany, New York, was opened in recital at St. James's Church, Woodstock.	In 1958, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that the Estey Mail Fraud case had gone to the jury.	In 1924, the <i>St. Albans Weekly Messenger</i> reported that William E. Haskell was critically ill in a Brattleboro hospital. In 1958, former Estey president Henry Hancock was found guilty in the Estey Mail Fraud case.	In 1862, the <i>Bellows Falls Times</i> reported that William Nutting, Jr. was building a new residence for his family, described as "one of the best in our village."	In 1956, the merger of the Estey Organ Corporation, of Brattleboro, and the Estey Organ Corporation, of Delaware, into one corporation was effected, fending off bankruptcy.	In 1951, the <i>Springfield (Mass.) Union</i> reported the death of Ernest H. Winchester, a thirty-year veteran of the Estey Pipe Organ Department in Brattleboro.
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In 1867, organist William Henry Hoyt played the 1857 Geo. Jardine & Son organ in the new Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, R.C., in Burlington, for the first time.	In 1909, the <i>Burlington Free Press</i> announced that St. Charles's R.C. Church in Bellows Falls had installed an 1873 Johnson organ costing \$4,500, and of the "most modern design!"	In 1950, a two-manual organ by the Estey Organ Corporation was opened in the Universalist Church in Barre by organist Gladys Gale Hutchinson.	In 2011, Lubbert Gnodde played the eighth recital in the Samuel B. Whitney Recital Series at the North Chapel Universalist Society, Woodstock.	In 1876, Wm. B.D. Simmons died in Boston; he had built at least six organs for congregations in Vermont. <i>Halloween</i>		



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St. Luke's Church, Episcopal ~ St. Albans
Geo. Jardine & Son (1889)


November 2013

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In 1933, the Vermont Phoenix reported that the Estey Organ Corporation had filed new articles of incorporation with the Vermont Secretary of State.	In 1864, the Hook organ at the Baptist Church in Burlington was opened. In 1896, the <i>(Montpelier) Argus and Patriot</i> reported that the new pipe organ in the Methodist Church of Cabot was being set up.	In 1875, a new, two-manual organ by Geo. H. Ryder & Co. was built for Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Montpelier, and was opened in recital by organists Geo. H. Ryder, W.A. Briggs, and H. Clarence Eddy.	In 1942, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported the story of an Estey Chaplain's organ being rerouted to its rightful owner.	In 1893, the fifteenth Episcopal Choir Festival led by organist Samuel B. Whitney was held at Trinity Church, Rutland.	In 1929, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported a group of magazine editors had visited the Estey factory in Brattleboro, and were enthusiastic about the new Minnette.	In 2008, Mireille Lagacé played the fifth recital in the Samuel B. Whitney Recital Series at the North Chapel Universalist Society, Woodstock.
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In 1922, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the Pipe Organ Department at Estey had built the largest organ in their history for the National Cash Register Co. in Dayton, Ohio.	In 1973, St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, was consecrated, housing a new organ by Karl Wilhelm. <i>Veterans Day</i>	In 1862, the <i>Daily Free Press</i> in Burlington described the new Wm. A. Johnson organ at the First Unitarian Church of Burlington.	In 2004, organist Mark Brombough opened the Samuel B. Whitney Organ Recital Series at the North Chapel Universalist Society, Woodstock.	In 1862, the large, two-manual Wm. A. Johnson organ at the First Unitarian Church in Burlington was opened by organist and organbuilder Wm. H. Johnson.	In 1922, renowned Vermont organbuilder John Wessel was born in Zoeterwoude, Holland.	In 1881, the third Episcopal Choir Festival in Vermont was led by organist Samuel B. Whitney in Christ Church, Montpelier.
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In 1843, Geo. Jardine arrived in St. Albans to begin the installation of a two-manual organ in the Union Church, Episcopal.	In 1887, a new \$700 organ built by Edward H. Smith was opened at the Congregational Church in Swanton by organist Charles W. Davis of Burlington.	In 1943, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Estey had begun a four-year apprentice program.	In 1885, the Berean Baptist Church in Burlington was dedicated, housing a new organ by Edward H. Smith of Montgomery.	In 1949, Vermont organbuilder Robert N. Waters, of Watersmith Pipe Organs, Inc., was born in Springfield, Illinois.	In 1925, a small, one-manual Hinners organ was opened at the Congregational Church in Barnet.	In 1931, organist Palmer Christian opened the huge, four-manual Estey pipe organ at Pomona College, in Claremont, California.
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In 1985, a two-manual organ built by John Wessel for Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Church, R.C., in Springfield was opened in recital by organist Harriette Slack Richardson.	In 1832, St. Paul's Church, Burlington was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, and less than a year later, a new, one-manual organ by Henry Erben of New York was installed in the rear gallery.	In 1891, a two-manual, 1862 Stevens & Jewett organ installed in the First Congregational Church, St. Albans, was destroyed by fire.	In 1854, W. Lynnwood Farnam noted in his notebook that William Nutting, Jr. had set up an organ in All Saints' Church, Dunham, Québec.	In 1999, Erik Kenyon, a twenty-year-old college student at the University of Vermont, organized a concert by <i>Musica propria</i> as a benefit to help restore the unplayable 1833 Erben organ in Grace Church, Sheldon. <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	In 1865, William S. Haskell, later the foreman of the Pipe Organ Department at Estey, was born in Chicago.	In 1946, Vermont organbuilder John T. Atwood was born in Randolph.



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Hook & Hastings, Opus 1699 (1896)


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<p>1</p> <p>In 1850, the enlarged St. Mary's Church, R.C., in Burlington was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. John Bernard Fitzpatrick, the Bishop of Boston.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>In 1845, Christian F. Polster, an employee of Henry Erben, completed the installation of a new organ at the First Unitarian Church, Burlington.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>In 1863, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that a new organ built by William Nutting, Jr. had been installed in the Unitarian Church, Brattleboro.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>In 1928, the new Estey pipe organ built for Bethany Congregational Church in Montpelier was shipped from Brattleboro.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>In 1900, the rebuilt, 1856 Geo. Jardine & Son organ at the South Congregational Church was opened in recital by organist Sydney F. Smith. The renovation was done by E.W. Lane of Waltham, Massachusetts.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>In 1909, the Estey Organ Company was installing a new, two-manual organ at St. Michael's R.C. Church in Brattleboro.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>In 1883, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported that a new industry had been organized in Enosburg as Edward H. Smith began the manufacture of organs.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>In 1911, Martin Austin, Jr., speaking in Brattleboro, noted that the Estey Organ Company had 350 employees.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>In 1843, Geo. Jardine published a testimonial from the Vestry of the Union Church, Episcopal, in St. Albans, after he had installed a two-manual organ there during November.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>In 1904, <i>The Music Trade Review</i> reported that a "magnificent new Estey pipe organ" was installed in St. Paul's R.C. Church, Baltimore.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>In 1980, A. David Moore incorporated his organ business with the Vermont Secretary of State.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>In 1930, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that the Estey Organ Company had signed a major contract for six pipe organs for New York City schools.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>In 1907, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that a large "electric" organ had just been completed at the Estey factory for the Benedictine Abbey of St. Meinrad in southern Indiana. In 1953, Stephen J. Russell, of Russell & Co., Organ Builders, in Cambridgeport, was born.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>In 1928, Jacob P. Estey wrote Roy Livingstone, who was installing a new Estey at Bethany Church, Montpelier, that he was disturbed by "all sorts of trouble" in the console.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>In 1889, a second-hand 1865 Wm. A. Johnson organ was installed in the Congregational Church, South Royalton, and was opened in recital on December 15.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>In 1931, Miss Frances Hardin played the opening on a large, three-manual Estey pipe organ at the Munger Place Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>In 1883, Edward H. Smith was completing a new, two-manual organ for the Baptist Church in Bristol.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>In 1918, Henry Hancock (Hans Heinz Hanco), later the president of the Estey Organ Corporation, was born in "Gettysburg, Pennsylvania."</p>	<p>19</p> <p>In 1903, <i>The Music Trade Review</i> noted the installation of a number of new Estey pipe organs in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>In 1882, the <i>Argus and Patriot</i> reported that organbuilder William H. Johnson was in town last Saturday.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>In 1850, Hilborne Roosevelt was born in New York City. His firm later built an organ for Trinity Church, Shelburne, Vermont.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>In 1955, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> noted that the Estey Organ Corporation had paid \$122,121 in back taxes.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>In 1921, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Estey had just completed a \$10,000 organ for the Century Theatre in Methuen, Massachusetts.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>In 1942, Alphonse O. Brungardt, the owner of the Estey Organ Corporation, died suddenly in Brattleboro of a heart attack. <i>Christmas Eve</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>In 1878, the first service in the new Grace Church, Sheldon, was held on Christmas Day. <i>Christmas Day</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>In 1918, an article in the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> announced that Estey was building one of the largest organs in the world for the Capitol Theatre in New York City.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>In 1942, the funeral was held in Brattleboro for Alphonse O. Brungardt, the treasurer and general manager of the Estey Organ Corporation.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>In 1927, Prof. H.D. Sleeper opened a new, two-manual Estey organ at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Vergennes with works by Dubois, Gounod, Guilman, and Lemmens.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>In 1944, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Estey Organ Corporation would train war veterans.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>In 1848, <i>The Churchman</i> reported of the dedication of Grace Church, Randolph, and a new, one-manual organ by William Nutting, Jr.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>In 1890, a new, two-manual organ built by Geo. S. Hutchings, Opus 226, was dedicated in the Congregational Church, New Haven. <i>New Year's Eve</i></p>				



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Holy Guardian Angels Church, R.C. ~ St. Albans
Ernest Desmarais, Facteur, 1892

January 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">1</p> <p>In 1929, a new, three-manual organ by the Estey Organ Co. built for Bethany Congregational Church in Montpelier was opened in recital by organist Henry F. Siebert.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e67e22;">New Year's Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">2</p> <p>In 1929, organist Henry F. Siebert wrote Mr. Morrison at Estey about the new organ in Bethany Church, Montpelier, stating that it is "sonorous, rich and smooth in ensemble."</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">3</p> <p>In 1884, the <i>Bristol Herald</i> reported that a new organ built by Edward H. Smith for the Baptist Society was to be dedicated that evening.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">4</p> <p>In 1928, a new, three-manual organ built by the Frazee Organ Company was being set up in the Second Congregational Church of Bennington.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">5</p> <p>In 1950, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that the Estey Organ Corporation had initiated a new firm, the Old Londonderry Workshop, Inc. to produce wood products.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">6</p> <p>In 1956, Estey Organ Corporation's payroll checks bounced, and were not honored at local Brattleboro banks or businesses because of insufficient funds.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">7</p> <p>In 1911, Henry Wells died in Burlington; his widow donated a large, three-manual Austin organ to St. Paul's Church in Burlington to honor his memory.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">8</p> <p>In 1880, Samuel B. Whitney organized the First Episcopal Choir Festival in Vermont at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Vergennes, and it garnered considerable enthusiasm.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">9</p> <p>In 1868, the Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, died in Rock Point near Burlington. He was a strong advocate of church music and organs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">10</p> <p>In 1956, after Estey's checks bounced, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> and <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that part of the funds necessary to cover those checks had been deposited in local banks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">11</p> <p>In 1855, the <i>Bellows Falls Argus</i> reported that William Nutting, Jr. had installed a new organ in the local Congregational Church.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">12</p> <p>In 1892, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported that Ernest Desmarais, a Canadian organbuilder, had relocated to St. Albans to build an organ for Holy Guardian Angels Church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">13</p> <p>In 1959, the <i>Brattleboro Daily Reformer</i> reported that several disputed claims against the Estey Organ Corporation were being heard in court.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">14</p> <p>In 1936, Edgar A. Boodway, noted Vermont organist and historian, was born in Boston, Massachusetts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">15</p> <p>In 1927, the <i>Burlington Free Press</i> reported favorably on the opening of the Welte-Mignon Philharmonic organ in the new Ira Allen Chapel at the University of Vermont.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">16</p> <p>In 1856, Deacon Israel Newton, a medical doctor who is thought to have built the first pipe organ in Vermont, died in Norwich.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">17</p> <p>In 1817, an issue of the <i>Raleigh Register</i> and <i>North Carolina Gazette</i> described the new Unitarian Church in Burlington, and mentioned that the gallery contained a small organ by William Goodrich of Boston.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">18</p> <p>In 1928, a new, three-manual organ built by the Frazee Organ Co. for the Second Congregational Church of Bennington was opened in recital by organist Gerald Foster Frazee.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">19</p> <p>In 1886, a new, two-manual organ built by Geo. S. Hutchings, Opus 152, for the Congregational Church in Morrisville was opened at a grand concert.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">20</p> <p>In 1950, the <i>Vermont Phoenix</i> reported that Minshall-Estey, Inc. had laid off 28 workers.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e67e22;">Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">21</p> <p>In 1886, the <i>St. Albans Weekly Messenger</i> reported that Edward H. Smith had dissolved his organbuilding partnership with Charles Allen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">22</p> <p>In 1872, E. & G.G. Hook & Hastings was completing a large, two-manual organ for First Congregational Church in Manchester.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">23</p> <p>In 1807, Joseph Casavant was born in Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec. During the twentieth century, Casavant Frères Limitée built a number of organs for churches in the Green Mountain State.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">24</p> <p>In 1903, the chancel of Christ Church, Montpelier, was gutted by fire, including a new Hutchings-Votey organ.</p> <p>In 2002, the Estey Organ Museum was incorporated by the Vermont Secretary of State.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">25</p> <p>In 1930, Vermont organist and Gregorian Chant expert William Tortolano was born in Providence, Rhode Island.</p> <p>In 1933, Barbara Owen, the founding president of the Organ Historical Society, was born in Utica, New York.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">26</p> <p>In 1889, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported that Edward H. Smith, an organbuilder in Montgomery, had been mortally injured by a falling smoke stack.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">27</p> <p>In 1847, Ira Maurice Jones of Randolph presented his bride, Emily A. Washburn, with a two-stop chamber organ built by William Nutting, Jr. on their wedding day.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">28</p> <p>In 1928, R.C. Clark wrote to Mr. Morrison at Estey, requesting the specifications and contract for an organ to replace the one destroyed in the 1927 flood at Bethany Church, Montpelier.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">29</p> <p>In 1810, the Unitarian Church of Burlington was founded.</p> <p>In 1845, the Congregational Church, later Bethany Church, was dedicated in Randolph.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">30</p> <p>In 1889, Vermont organbuilder Edward H. Smith died after being crushed by a falling smokestack.</p> <p>In 1792, John Henry Hopkins, later the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, was born in Dublin, Ireland.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">31</p> <p>In 1889, the <i>St. Albans Daily Messenger</i> reported that Edward H. Smith, an organbuilder in Montgomery, had died the previous day.</p>	



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First Church Baptist - Ferrisburgh
Henry Ebert (1837)



The Church of the Holy Spirit - Ferrisburgh
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The Church of the Holy Spirit - Ferrisburgh
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The Church of the Holy Spirit - Ferrisburgh
Ernest Desmarais, Fauteux, 1892

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