

Grace Methodist antique organ

The resonant sounds of a pipe organ that had been silenced for 10 years filled the air, once again, at Grace United Methodist Church at Jamestown, Sunday, July 30. The congregation appreciated the music for its own worth and in recognition as well of the work that went into the restoration.

Members of the church responded greatly to a need for funds to restore the antique Hinners tracker pipe organ, which has been a part of the church since 1902. It had not been used since the purchase of an electric

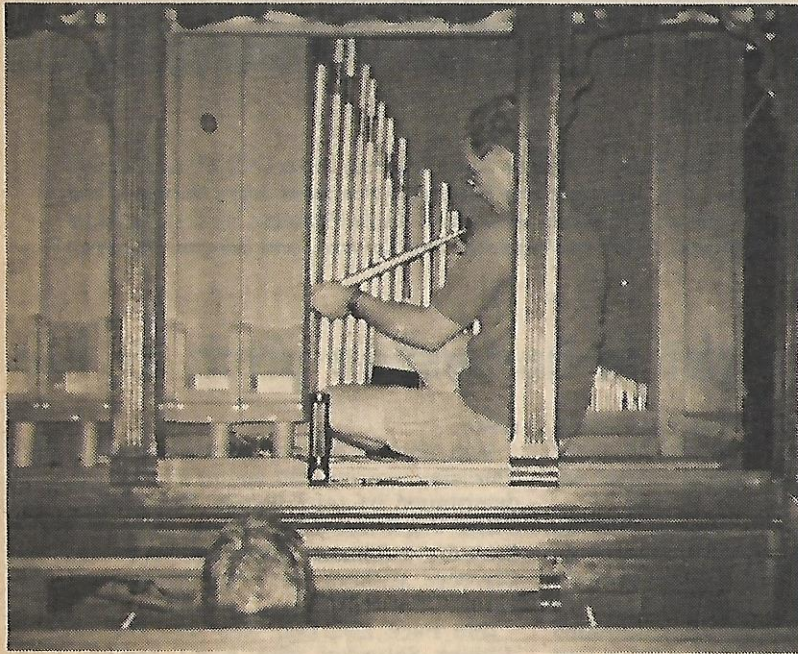
organ 10 years ago.

A new member of the congregation, Sam Lucas, who is church organist, became interested in the pipe organ and its history. A 1977 graduate of Central Methodist College and the music teacher at Jamestown High School, he dusted the keys off and started playing it at some of the worship services. The congregation was quick to realize that even in its unrepaired state, it had a tone and quality that could not be replaced, not to mention the memories it

held for many of the long time members.

The young music teacher's interest soon sparked others in the congregation. In initiating action for restoration, he requested bids from several companies. In addition, letters were sent out to all members of the church. The vote was unanimous to have the organ restored.

Immediately contributions started to pour in, not only from members of the church but from others in the community as



Michael Quimby places metal pipes into position next to large wooden pipes at the left. The pipes actually visible from the exterior of an organ usually represent only a small portion of those needed to produce the multitude of sounds associated with an organ.



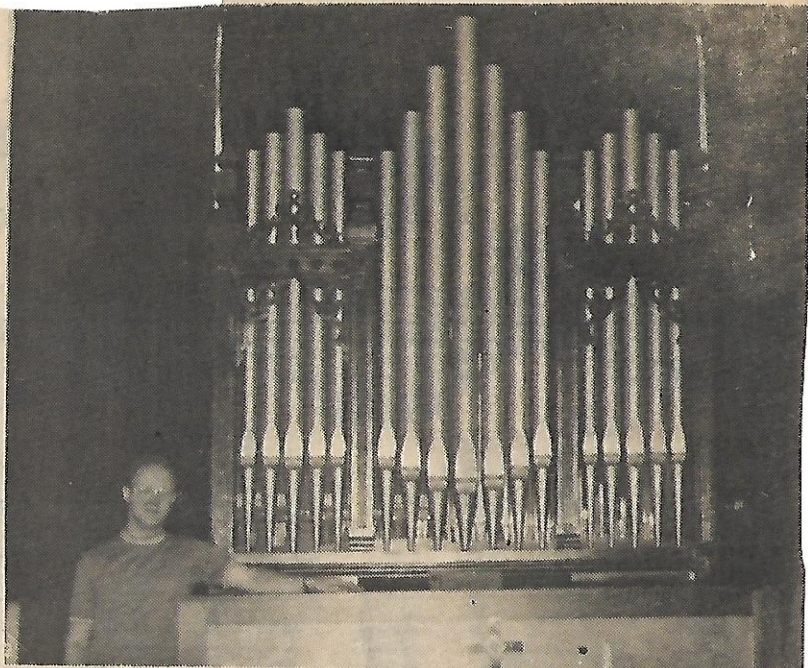
Everyone pitches in on pipe cleaning. From left to right are: Mrs. Martha Cottrell, Mrs. Nancy Quimby, Mrs. Lacy Dusenberg and children, Chris and Stacy.

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well. The church women held a food and bake sale and the young people held a car wash - all to raise funds for the organ restoration.

The happy day came on July 26 when workers from the Quimby Pipe Organ Co. of Warrensburg arrived to begin the restoration which took less than a week.

The pastor at Grace UMC is the Rev. Troy Garner who also serves the Prairie Home and Splice Creek churches.



Michael Quimby stands to the right of the organ after all of the exterior pipes have been installed in the front of the organ



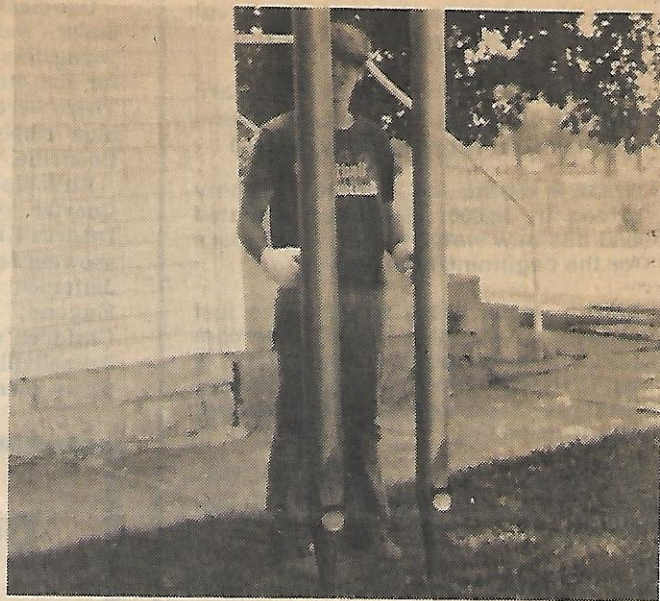
Mrs. Nancy Quimby and Leo Endel are shown putting in mostly wooden parts under the keyboard at the front of the organ.



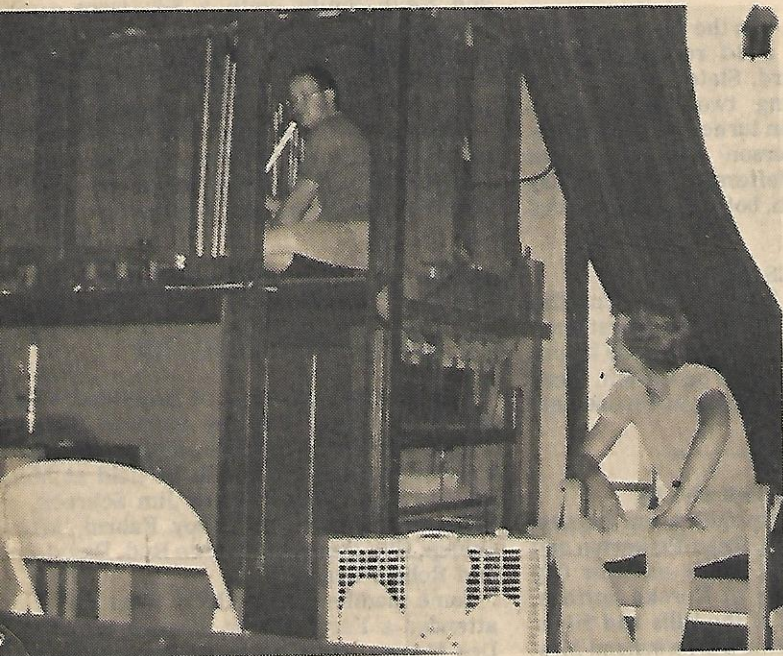
Adjustments to the stops are being made by Leo Endel



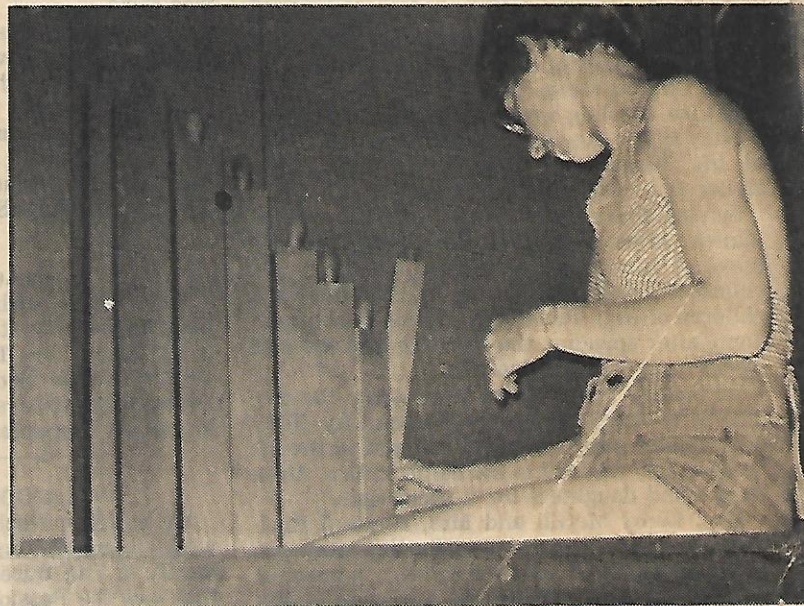
Michel Quimby is shown slipping a metal sleeve over the end of a metal pipe. After the pipe is placed in the organ it is necessary to adjust each sleeve on each pipe to reach the desired note. A pipe organ has an advantage over a stringed instrument, such as a piano, in that, once properly adjusted, it holds a tone for a prolonged length of time.



Leo Endel, who was assisting the Quimby company with the installation, holds two pipes to give a comparison of size. The pipes are more than six feet long.



Michael Qimby, of the Qimby Pipe Organ Company, Warrensburg, is shown installing pipes in the interior of the organ while Jerry Klatt observes.



Mrs. Nancy Qimby is assembling some of the wooden pipes that are hidden in the interior of the organ. All of the pipes of various sizes and both wood and metal are individually tuned and activated by air forced through them when keys on the organ are depressed.