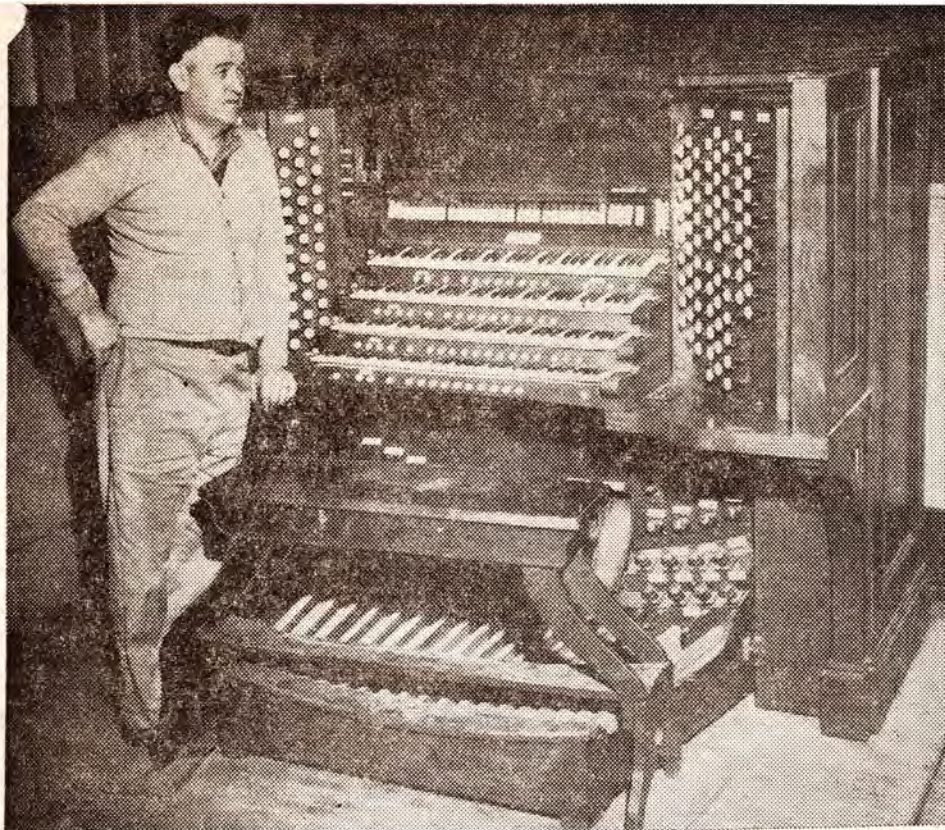


## INSPECTION

The generator which apparently caused two failures at an organ recital by Virgil Fox last night in the Auditorium is inspected (bottom) by George J. Vinton, a senior custodian. The organ console (left) refused to respond when the generator failed. Vincent J. Tivnan of the Auditorium maintenance staff is examining it.



# Generator Is Blamed For Organ's Failure

The failure of the organ in Worcester Auditorium at a concert last night has been laid to generator trouble.

The organ failed twice as Virgil Fox of New York City was giving a recital, the first time during Bach's "Now Thank We All Our God," the second during Bach's "Toccatina and Fugue in D minor."

Mr. Fox commented at the time, "This is one of the great organs of the world and as it is great, so has been its neglect."

The organ, which cost about \$50,000 when installed in 1933, is worth about \$150,000 today, according to Dr. T. Charles Lee, Worcester organist. He added that even at that price it couldn't be duplicated.

### Needs More Use

Mr. Fox explained that in order to function properly the organ should be played more often.

"It must be used in order to function. Unfortunately, it is very little played," he said.

Mr. Fox also explained to the audience that such things do happen, that it has happened to him at his home instrument in Riverside Church in New York City.

Frank G. Kronoff, auditorium manager, said this is the first time to his knowledge that the organ has ever failed. He added that it has worked in the auditorium since its dedication in 1933.

He said the cause of the breakdown was in the generator which supplies the electric power to operate the organ.

### Service Chief Present

Mr. Kronoff said Martin Becker of Waltham, who

charge of the organ's servicing, was present both during rehearsals and at the recital.

He said Mr. Becker is responsible for care of all parts of the organ with the exception of the generator, which is the auditorium's responsibility.

Commenting on Mr. Fox's statement that the organ is "very little played," Mr. Kronoff said it is normally used about a dozen times a year, not usually for such extensive programs as last night.

He said the generator would be removed and given an overhaul by an electrical contractor.