

Heart of America Chapter Report

August, 1960

Dear Chapter Member:

This is to bring the news of our last meeting. It was a very good one and everyone at the meeting seemed to feel the same way for everyone talked and visited with everyone else as though we were long lost friends who only saw one another four times a year and had lots of collecting-talk to make up. Because of this friendly atmosphere and the wonderful congeniality of our Hosts, the Browns and the Blanchats, the many guests who attended were not considered guests at all, and I might add that several of them join our Chapter that day.

There was considerable discussion as to different solutions or formulas that members have found successful in cleaning clocks. One of the formulas everyone seem to express interest in was the formula used by Mr. Weeks, a guest from St. Louis. His formula consisted of 2 ounces of Oleic Acid, 4 ounces Acetone, and 8 ounces of Aqua Amonia, and enough water to bring the total to one gallon. All of this should be heated, and results are guaranteed. Mr. Carroll Thomas gave a very interesting report of the National Convention he and Mrs. Thomas attended as representatives of the Heart of America Chapter. It seems we have stirred up a great deal of interest being the "Newest Baby" to the ever-growing family of the National Association. One other topic was regarding places where we could put our clocks on display, and Mr. Croan of Wellington, Kansas, told of the clocks that the National Bank of Commerce has on display there in Wellington.

But aside from this, two very important points were brought up which should be of interest to all and be very beneficial. I quote from the Minutes of that Meeting: "Mr. Blanchat then mentioned that he regreted that our National Roster no longer contained what each member collected or his occupation, as he had previously used this information to seek out desired knowledge and assistance in problems that arose in the line of collecting and repairing. He suggested that if, in our Chapter, such an idea could be incorporated into our Roster, it would be a great help to all concerned." "Mr. Tholen suggested that we have a central clearing house of 'For Sales' and 'Wants' and that members interested in acquiring some special type of clock or wishing to sell some of their duplicates might send such information to the Secretary, and by use of this Clearing House Idea, all the members would be helped."

Both suggestions appealed readily to the members present and in line with the ideas expressed, your Secretary asks all members: First, to write stating whatever line or type of clocks or watches they are especially interested in and collect; Second, as well as what you would desire to add to your collection. Third, I need the National Number of each member for permanent records; and Fourth, what your occupation is so that the Chapter Roster can be brought up to date in compliance with the members wishes.

In addition, a motion was made and agreed to, that hereafter, all meetings be at Kansas City at someplace suitable to all if no one invites us to their homes for the coming future meetings. Therefore, the next meeting will be here in Kansas City, Mo., at the A.A.A. Building, Sunday, October 2nd, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Henry will have Open House afterwards. More about this in the next Report.

I need the information requested above as soon as possible, and please remember that October 2nd is our next meeting day.

Sincerely yours,