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Heart of America Chapter

September Report

Dear Member:

Since our July 10th Meeting, our Chapter has received recognition by many of our surrounding Chapters as well as by the National Association, and I am happy to say that we now have direct contact with both the St. Louis and the Indiana Chapters and from sharing of ideas between Chapters, we are hoping to be able to provide interests and have opportunities to learn, which will extend beyond our own section, and Chapter. The St. Louis Chapter has invited us to attend their September meeting to be held at Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Vandervort's home on September 13th. The meeting will start sometime around two o'clock that Sunday afternoon, and will give us the opportunity to visit with the members of the St. Louis Chapter, as well as see Mr. Vandervort's collection and the clocks and watches that will be on display there. Mrs. Vandervort is recognized as an expert when it comes to repainting and repairing dials and door designs. This recognition extends across the Country, not just in our area. For those of you who are not acquainted with that area, Moberly, Missouri, is approximately 138 miles east-by-north-east of Kansas City located just off the junction of Highways 24 (east and west) and 63 (north and south). It is 36 miles north of Columbia and Highway 40. The Vandervort's address is 308 Bertley Street. One other point should be mentioned. Mrs. Vandervort says "to come early and stay late".

The next invitation was extended to our Chapter by the President of the Indiana Chapter, Mr. Fred Smith. The Fourth Annual Mid-American Conference is to be held at the Student Union Building at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, on Saturday, October 1, 1960. This is a special conference put on by the Indiana Chapter of the National Watch and Clock Collectors in which all Association Members are invited to exhibit their priceless watches and clocks, with showcases for the watches and student assistants to help move those heavier clocks. There will be a Mart and an auction, and a special program for the ladies, as well as a banquet, and of course, various discussion on collecting. Those who wish to attend are advised to write to Mr. Bert Herman, 315 West Stadium, West Lafayette, Indiana, and if any of you are planning on a short vacation at that time and would like to attend, I certainly hope you do go as we need representatives there to represent our Chapter. Our own Chapter Meeting is Sunday, October 2nd, here in Kansas City, and we will definitely miss you, but do not pass up the opportunity to go to the Mid-American Conference if you have the opportunity. Of course, there is one hitch to it. If you go, you will be expected to make a full report to our Chapter the following meeting so that we will at least have some opportunity to benefit from your experience and learnings. For more details, please write to Mr. Herman, or to me, and I will pass on all the information I can.

In less than a month, we will gather again for our October Meeting of the Heart of America Chapter. The meeting will be at the American Automobile Association Building, 2525 Gillham Road, here in Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday, October 2nd. The AAA Building is approximately six blocks due east of the Liberty Memorial Mall which is located at 25th Main above the Union Station. The AAA Building is on the east side of Gillham Road between 25th and 26th streets, approximately in the middle of the block. It is the

only building in that block on that side of the street, and is a low two story building, with a parking lot to the north. You are requested to park in the north parking lot and enter through the center door located on that side of the building as that is where the meeting will be held. Plan to come early, anytime after one, as the meeting will start at two o'clock. Following the Meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Henry will have an open house. Their home is just west of the Plaza on 50 Highway, at 5444 Neosho. Follow 50 Highway (Ward Parkway) through the Plaza and west past State Line into Kansas. Go approximately one and one-eighth miles past State line and Neosho is the third street on the right (north) after you pass Mission Road. Turn north at Neosho and their home is on the north-west corner of 50 Highway and Neosho.

Starting with the next Report, I hope to have articles contributed by the different members regarding various topics pertaining to Watch and Clock Collecting ranging from "repairing" to "history", and back again. All articles are welcome, so do not be bashful. I will publish them just as you write them, including drawings, but please limit the drawing to simple drawings that I can trace or reproduce. This is YOUR report. Lets all get behind and make it a report to be proud of. Incidentally, the National Association and the Easteners (especially those eastern chapters) are watching us very carefully and the comments I have heard from back there are that "for a new 'baby' in the Association, we are sure making those 'old timers' pick up their ears and pay attention". I have been told that we are starting something which will serve to bring life to some dead chapters back there. Come October 2nd, lets see all of you here (except those attending the Mid-American Conference) and show the other Chapters that we do have collectors here and people who are just as much authorities as they have.

The new Roster should be ready by the next meeting, and it is surprising how many varied interests and occupations we have among our members. Of course, only your name, occupation, address and particular collection will be listed; your "wants" will be mentioned in a special section of the Report each time, so as you acquire those especially desired clocks or watches as the case may be, send me new "wants" to be listed.

"Wants" Column

-Antique Cuckoo Clock, condition not specified; Ben Crowley, Box 214, Industrial City, Mo.
-Tall Case Clock, Banjo, or Pillar and Scroll, condition not specified; L. H. McConnell, 2223 Poplar Ave., K. C., Mo.
-Repeaters and Enamel Watches, any condition; Sol Williams, 3016 Brighton, K. C., Mo.
-Grandfather Clock, need not be old but must have glass doors and panels as well as chimes; Glenn Blair, Stover, Mo.
-Unusual Grandfather Clock and all types of China Clocks, prefer in good condition; George Fox, 616 S. Kentucky, Sedalia, Mo.
-Any type of clock movements that can be repaired and fixed up; H. Hudson, RFD 1, Galena, Kan.
-Clockmaker's Tools, all kinds; Jack Brown, 440 Turquoise Lane, Wichita, Kan.

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-Clarke Fairy Lamp Clock made by Standard Novelty Co. with a milk glass globe, preferably in good condition; Caspar A. Wagner, 5802 Garfield, K. C., Mo.
-Timby Solar Clock, condition not specified; Wm. Bruer, 3783 Woodland, K. C., Mo.
-Perpetual ~~Latin~~ Calendar Clock in good condition; B. G. Smith 608 S. Kentucky, Sedalia, Mo.
-Pillar and Scroll with outside escapement; Thomas Bryant, 604 W. 10th Street, K. C., Mo.
-Grandfather Clock, the more massive and wood carving the better; Calvin Peck, 2046 S. 49th, K. C., Kan.
-Three dial (one behind the other) Gilbert Calendar Clock, not octagon shape; G. E. Vandervort, 308 Bertley, Moberly, Mo.
-Perpetual Calendar Clock, in fair condition; Clement Wagner, 5802 Garfield, K. C., Mo.
-Weight Clocks and Calendar Clocks, any condition; Carroll Thomas, 415 S. Locust, Sweet Springs, Mo.
-American Watches and movements with low movement numbers, except Elgin, Waltham, Illinois, Rockford, Hamilton, and Hampden; Will trade! R. F. Perotti, 214 Brush Creek Blvd., K. C., Mo.

More will be included in next Report, but please do not fail to write letting me know your desires.

"Forsales" Column

-Brass French Clock handmade by Cison in 1806, standing on two pillars on each side of clock with small lions at top of pillars. "Beautiful piece of craftsmanship, all hand made and keeps very good time. The clock has an open face, key wind; date and name of man who made it is carved into metal under the bell...runs for about 32 days on one winding." Was appraised by jeweler who attended the 1944 Jewellery Convention in Sioux City, Iowa. "If you are interested in purchasing the clock...my asking price is \$6,000.00"

(Your Secretary received the above letter and will be glad to forward it on, along with picture, to any and all who might be interested. But PLEASE do not all of you sit right down and write!!)

Reminding you again that the next meeting of the Heart of America Chapter of the NAWCC will be Sunday, October 2nd, at the AAA Building, 2525 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, and hoping to see you and the interesting things you bring to exhibit, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Clement C. Wagner

Clement C. Wagner, Secretary

Heart of America Chapter
Supplement to September Report

IN MEMORIAM--Mrs. R. F. Perotti died September 9th here in Kansas City. She was born in Cambridge, Neb., and was a graduate of the University of Nebraska where she earned Phi Beta Kappa honors, and of the Louisiana State University School of Library Sciences. She was curator of the Snyder Collection of the Univ. of Kansas City Library, a position she has held since 1946. She had promoted several new historical research programs, and has contributed many articles on the history of the West. Her husband is a long time member of the N.A.W.C.C. and a Charter Member of the Heart of America Chapter. We wish to extend our condolences to Mr. Perotti at this time, and hope he will join us on October 2nd.

One other note--Mr. Jack Brown of Wichita, Kansas, recently suffered a heart attack, and has spent the past three weeks in the hospital convalescing. We sincerely hope he will be able to travel by October 2nd and join us at the October Meeting.

As for that October Meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Henry will have Open House after the Meeting. Mr. Henry collects all types of clocks, preferring Welsh and French Clocks, and is an artist when it comes to refinishing whether it be clocks or furniture. The Henry's Home is beautifully furnished with interesting antiques, and many other unusual things. We are sure that the ladies as well as the men will enjoy visiting in the Henry's Home. Their home is just west of the Plaza on 50 Highway, at 5444 Neosho. Follow 50 Highway (Ward Parkway) through the Plaza and west past State Line into Kansas. Go approximately one and one-eighth miles past State Line, and Neosho is the third street on the right (north) after you pass Mission Road. Turn north at Neosho and their home is on the northwest corner of 50 Highway and Neosho.

As for the Meeting which will start at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, it is one which I am sure even the ladies will enjoy. Naturally, there will be clocks and watches on exhibit and the discussion will be a constant changing one. There will be some discussion of different things we can do at coming meetings such as dinner meetings, auction, speakers, etc., and all members are urged to come prepared with different projects and ideas the Chapter could work on. The meeting will be at the American Automobile Association Building, 2525 Gillham Road, here in Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday, October 2nd. The AAA Bldg. is approximately six blocks due east of the Liberty Memorial Mall which is located at 25th Main above the Union Station. The AAA Bldg. is on the east side of Gillham Road between 25th and 26th Streets, approximately in the middle of the block. It is the only building in that block on that side of the street, and is a low two story building, with a parking lot to the north. You are requested to park in the north parking lot and enter through the center door located on that side. It is suggested that you plan on arriving shortly after one o'clock if you are planning on seeing all the exhibits, as the meeting will begin at two o'clock at the sound of the bell. Hoping to see you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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