

Heart of America Chapter No. 36, N.A.W.C.C.

October Report, 1961

Dear Members:

The Fall Season is now upon us and we are happy to report that for a Chapter that will be celebrating its first year-and-a-half anniversary this coming week, we have done remarkably well both for the Chapter (as a body of dedicated individuals) and for the members themselves who make up our Chapter. Your Secretary can list at least fifty new friends he has acquired since its beginning, not to say the countless number of collections I have seen that previously were not available to me, primarily because I didn't know they existed. If for no other reason, the past year and a half has been well worth it.

Now, another opportunity has come our way. Mr. McConnell called our attention to the fact that Jaccard's Jewelry Store here in Kansas City, Missouri, has on display in their store at 1017 Walnut Street, The Cavalcade of Time. "See the most complete display of the development of timekeeping ever shown in the Mid-West," to quote the Kansas City Star. "Included are replicas of primitive devices antiques and museum pieces, historic pieces, a watch made in Otay, a striking watch, watches belonging to Pope Pius, Czar Nicholas of Russia, Louis Philippe & Louis XVI, plus fabulous rare diamond watches from European collections including Galileo's pendulum clock from 17th Century." The Display will be at Jaccard's 1017 Walnut, from Sept. 25 thru Oct. 7th and is open to the public.

We recently received in the mail advance notice that the Mid-American Conference (a get-to-gether of all the local chapters in the Mid-America area) will be held Oct. 21st at the Purdue University Memorial Union Building, in West Lafayette, Indiana. Complete program details will be forwarded to your Secretary in a short time. Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Thomas attended last year and if you recall, came back with books full of pictures and glowing talk of the buys, opportunities, good-times, interesting educational things that can be learned, and what have you, about the Meeting. Anyone interested in attending note the date, October 21st, Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, and inquire of your Secretary regarding more details. St. Louis, Iowa-Illinois, Indiana, Heart of America---all the chapters will be represented. Here's hoping we have as good a representation as last year.

Mr. Bruer has returned home from vacationing in Colorado, and besides acquiring some unusual beauties as usual, brought the following report by that he wants all of us to consider and discuss at the coming Meeting this Sunday, Oct. 8th:

Soon we will be meeting at the home of the Bryants just a couple miles south of Regal, Mo. (north of Hardin about 15 miles). We hope all of you are planning on being present. These nice people are planning a dinner, so the least we can do is make our best effort and be there, and on time. Our Secretary will furnish directions, and the time for the dinner (buffet) will be twelve noon with the Meeting to start at one o'clock. I understand the driving time from Kansas City is about two hours. Maybe this information will help you judge your driving schedule. Be sure and bring something for display.

Inclement weather will probably be keeping some of us off the highways this Fall and Winter and we will be doing all that repair work which has been put aside during the Summer while we were out chasing down some gems. Remember, if you have any problems you think I might help solve, stop by---stop by anyway! Probably, I will have some of my own to share with you.

Our Secretary informs me articles written by our members would be more than welcome, as he likes to include them in his Reports. So lets help him out. Keep them reasonably short and concerning horology in some respect. Also, a recent

note from Mr. Earl Strickler reminds me of the Convention to be held in Richmond, Va., next May 25-26th. He suggests as a chapter project we send a delegation to this Convention. With this much advanced notice maybe some of you can make plans to attend as representatives of H.O.A. No. 36

We are all happy to hear of the rapid recovery of Mr. Blair of Stover, Mo.

Any members wishing to attend the October Meeting who haven't transportation, or members who have extra space, please notify me and maybe we can get everyone together. If your collections are moving you out of your homes, maybe you will find some consolidation in this little item Mrs. Bruer found in Wood's "Curiosities of Clock and Watches" on page 220: "A magazine writer in 1856 referring to a Parisian Home says--The strange little rooms looked even stranger by day; nothing abounded but looking-glasses, and clocks, which were hung on every vacant place." Sounds like our place!

In conclusion, please make every effort to attend the October Meeting and do your share to make it a success.

Bill Bruer, President

In line with what our President has said, the next meeting will be October 8th approximately sixty miles east by northeast of Kansas City, just outside Regal, Mo., which is seventeen miles north of Hardin (Hardin is on Highway 10 twenty-four miles east of Excelsior Springs). Look at a Missouri Map. Do you have it located--approximately? Well, then, here are the exact specific detailed directions: Anyone coming from the northwest (or northeast) take Highway 36 to Highway A between Hamilton and Chillicothe; turn south passing through Regal and going two miles farther; then follow the directions as given below for reaching their country place.

Leaving Kansas City go to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, picking up Highway 10 just inside the City Limits of Excelsior Springs. Follow Highway 10 east to Richmond, and six more miles beyond Richmond toward Hardin where you will come across Highway A just this side of Hardin. There will be a Filling Station and a Package Liquor Store (no ~~liquor~~ liquor sold in Missouri on Sunday!) on the corner at the Junction of Highway 10 and Highway A. Turn north on Highway A (all is good blacktop so do not worry about the roads--the roads are good--but crooked), and go north 14 miles straight on to the empty log cabin on the left and a Filling Station on the right. Then continue on one more mile to the first crossroad which is two miles south of Regal. At this crossroad, turn left going past two big white houses set somewhat back from the road (one on each side of the road), and then you will come to a small road on the right just past the second house (the road is sorta in the valley), and here turn right and follow it up over the hill and the first house you come to on the left, the one nestled among the peach trees setting back off the road, is the Bryant's Home. Welcome!

Remember, this Sunday, the Second Sunday in October, Oct. 8th; bring exhibits and plan on coming early and looking around. Mrs. Bryant will have a buffet lunch prepared for everyone at 12:00 Noon which will include sandwiches, salad, desert, and coffee. NOTE: Following the buffet lunch, the Meeting will begin promptly at one o'clock so we can return to Kansas City early. Allow about two hours to drive, and make an all-day picnic of it as the Missouri rolling hills will be beautiful by this time. Arrive anytime before Noon to visit, with lunch being served at Noon and the Meeting beginning at one o'clock.

Don't forget the idea suggested by Mr. Sol Williams that we have a centrally located registration of our valuable pieces such as our rarer clocks and watches. Lets bring it up at our next meeting October 8th and hear your ideas on the subject

Hoping to see you,

Clement C. Wagner, Secy.