

Heart of America Chapter #36 of the N.A.W.C.C.

December Report, 1962

Dear Members:

First important information is that this coming Sunday, December 9, at 1:30 that afternoon, we will have our Christmas Meeting. It will be held in the special dining room of the Carousel Cafeteria, 5830 Troost, Kansas City, Mo. with the members gathering at 1:30 to go through the cafeteria line and then eat together in the dining room. It should be a gay festive time with all the hurry and bustle of Christmas about half done, and the Holiday Season in full swing. Plenty of parking is available around the Cafeteria, and if you enter the City from the south on 71 Highway, Troost Ave. is on 71 so just follow it right into Kansas City and north to 58th Street. If you come from the east or the west, follow whatever highway you are on to Troost Ave. (approximately eleven blocks east of Main Street) and south to 58th. Watch out for "no left turn" signs, as they are very popular spots for our industrious City Police!

One additional point we would like to make is that you are requested to arrive a little before 1:30 that Sunday afternoon to bring in your exhibits (bring along your new finds this past summer) and the items for the Silent Auction. If you will bring them right in with you, someone will meet you at the door and send you on back to the dining room where you can prepare your exhibit before we all go to eat. The Auxiliary Chairman asks that you be sure and mark on your door prize whether it is for a man or a women. Incidentally, big plans are being put into operation for this Dinner Meeting so it should be a grand Christmas Party. Come one and all and bring your guests.

Good Friends:

My message will be brief, since our Secretary is hoping to keep this Report to a minimum. Much could be said in recapitulating as we conclude the third year of H.O.A.'s existence. Through the combined efforts and interest of our 53 members, this Chapter has never known defeat or failure; only progress, improvement and a constantly growing Roster.

Our achievements will have to be matched with comparable effort on the part of all if we are to continue to improve and advance. Each individual must exert more effort and please don't expect your officers to do all the running for the team. This organization is a 53-facet combination. We need ideas and suggestions—we love criticism so pour it on.

Just recently, we were advised the conference room of the A.A.A. Bldg. will no longer be available to the public or to us. This means we are presently without a meeting place with the exception of the Carousel Cafeteria. We are hoping our December Meeting will attract the greatest attendance of any meeting this year. Don't forget the door prizes.

This will be the last Report of the year so to those of you who will be unable to attend the December Christmas Meeting, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your interest and cooperation and wish all a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous watch and clock collecting 1963.

Bill Bruer, President of H.O.A.

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE TO YOU-----

In the beginning of the November Report, we gave a tentative figure of the general number of clocks and watches that might be in this Chapter. We now have the official count of watches and clocks from the majority of our Chapter's members. Although there are still some who have not returned the self-addressed card we enclosed (we would appreciate it if those who have neglected to return their cards would please send them) we have tried to estimate approximately what the general count would be, and the astounding facts are that the 53 members of H.O.A. Chapter have a total of 6,380 clocks 636 uncased watches and 1,731 cased watches. We have a total of over 8,747 horological

timekeeping mechanisms in our Chapter. Down through the years, Old Saint Nicholas has been mighty good to our collectors.

We might add, tho, that there are a lot of collectors of these horological items that presently are not members of either the National Association or the Chapter. The interest and enthusiasm is what makes a collector, and finances determine the size of the collection.

LOOK WHO'S HERE---

Several new members have joined our Chapter to help us welcome this joyous Season:

Phillips, C. M.
209 S. Jackson, Kansas City 23, Mo.
Railroad Locomotive Engineer;
Antique Watches and Clocks.
Mrs. Phillips

Foley, Arnold F.
505 Court Street, Clay Center, Kansas
Shoe Retailer; Clocks.
Mrs. Foley---Painting and Fine Arts.

Anderson, C. O.
3219 Cleveland, Kansas City 4, Kan.
Jeweler and Clock Repairing; Watches.
Mrs. Anderson

IMPORTANT CORRECTION:

Smith, B. G. (This is their NEW address)
1819 E. Broadway, Sedalia, Missouri
NOTE: This is "B. G. Smith", not "Ervin J"
Ervin J. Smith still lives in Kansas City.

WHAT'S NEW---

We periodically receive correspondence from almost all of our members. Some we have never had the pleasure of meeting. Others, we have met but the opportunity has not as yet presented itself to visit with them and see their collections. You might say that we still have that delightful experience to look forward to---for visiting with and seeing another's collection is one of the most rewarding experiences a collector can enjoy.

Collectors (especially our Traveling Chapter) are always on the go, and always making additions and running across new "finds". Mr. Glenn Blair wrote recently of another new calendar clock he ran across. Mr. Motley is having pendulum trouble. It seems the pendulum of his grandfather's clock starts the weights swinging when they reach the level of the pendulum bob, and eventually stops the clock.

We have not heard recently from Mr. Tholen but are assuming he will be fully recovered from his eye operation and we'll see him Sunday at the Meeting. Unfortunately, Mr. Jack Brown of Wichita has been under the weather of late and as a result has missed the last few meetings. He is looking forward to the Christmas Season! Mr. C. W. Pelham has some of his watches displayed in the front window of the University Bank here in Kansas City in the Brookside Shopping Area at 63rd Main. This is another step forward for H.O.A. Chapter. Lets keep it up and let us know when and where you will be able to put selected items on display.

Our next few Reports will have articles in by various members. We are fortunate in that so many of our members have specialized in different fields and are willing to both write about their discoveries and easier-better ways of doing things, as well as talk about them. We are also looking forward to having more articles than have been appearing in the past and hope everyone will cooperate. The big thing is that at the coming December Meeting, Mr. Caspar Wagner will discuss Gilbert Calendar Clocks, and the discussion should be very interesting. Come early and stay late, and to all of you from all of us, especially from your H.O.A. Officers, have a very Merry Christmas, and a most prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Clement C. Wagner, Secy.