

June Report, 1962

Distinguished Members and "Specialists":

That is correct! "Specialists" is the very word our National President used at the grand banquet of the National Convention of the N.A.W.C.C. To quote Mr. Gibbs, "We who have the fascinating pastime of collecting and studying clocks and watches are often referred to as 'experts', but in reality, this is a misleading term. The word 'ex' comes from the Latin and means 'out of' and the term 'pert' probably had its derivation from the word 'spert' which means 'a small drip under pressure! Does this sound like us? Hereafter, let us be known as 'specialists', a far more appropriate term"

But enough of this for now. There will be a "Convention Special" Report coming up soon. Our Chapter was adequately represented by the Nichol's from Springfield, the Olsen's from Lincoln, Nebraska, and the Wagner's from Kansas City, so keep your peepers peeled for the next Report---it will be a dilly. Knowing your Secretary the way I do, it's highly possible he may even throw in a few personal opinions of just what a convention is like. Incidentally, there will also be comments about the higher officials of our National Association and their discovery that the H.O.A. Chapter really is a booming Chapter and one to watch! You never know what direction we are liable to move in!

In the rush to get this present Report to press, we just had a hot call from our own President. His request of last month that the members make a rough count of their watches and clocks and forward the statistics to him (see the May Report, Page Two, Paragraph Three) has met with catastrophic results and he requests that if you have not forwarded the results of your count, that you do so immediately as he is now preparing graphs, charts, and all kinds of statistics as to what parts of our far-flung area has what and how much of what, and just between you and me, it is becoming very interesting to see how much is where geographically. As a sideline, it would just serve to prove to the Easterners that the Mid-West definitely is to be recorded with. So make your own survey and send the hot facts on to Mr. Bruer, 3703 Woodland, Kansas City, Mo.

BUT, this still is not all of the big news---the really BIG NEWS is this. The Traveling Chapter will hit the highways again, and this time it is to invade Southwest Missouri for the forthcoming meeting June 10th, this coming Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardie in Schell City, Missouri. We must admit that we were pleasantly surprised at what Mr. and Mrs. Hardie have collected to share with others and we are sure the members of our Chapter will enjoy visiting with them for the June Meeting of H.O.A. Chapter beginning at one o'clock in their home. Please go direct to the house for the meeting and after the meeting, all are invited to the Hardie Clock Museum located on the Main Street of Schell City. Regardless of what you are interested in, they have something for everyone including an old pad lock collection.

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Good Friends:

We hope all eyes are scanning the road maps and the various routes that will lead all of us to Schell City, Mo. to the home of the Hardies. We expect a good turnout, and hope that everyone who can possibly attend will make every effort. We now claim membership in five states--another first we hope! With the receipt of dues from Mr. Donald W. Olsen of Lincoln, Nebraska, we add another State. Welcome, Mr. & Mrs. Olsen. You are associating yourself with some of the nicest people found in the Middle West where the Sun shines brighter and the grass grows greener, and etc.

After all the pleading and begging no one as yet has sent in an article for either the National Bulletins or H.O.A. Reports. This lack of response must be met with drastic action. Girls, I am depending on you to prod these reluctant collectors into action. Sometimes, when kind and gentle persuasion fail, harsh tactics bring immediate results, such as burning the gravy three nights a week, adding rubber bands to the kraut, live worms to the chocolate pudding, etc.

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Well, the situation being what it is suppose I will have to dream a little. Anticipated articles by local authors are the following-----

"Don't be envious of the man with clock problems---create some of your own", by Dick Camden.

"The mystery of clock movements that vanish in cleaning solution", by Dale Henry.

"Hair springs for hair brains", by G. E. Vandervort.

"Screendoor springs versus weights", by C. A. Wagner.

"Ice picks versus cold chisels for hole closing", by Thomas Bryant.

"I'll get them all", by George Fox.

"That's what you think!" by Glenn Blair.

"Grease your path to repairing success", by Ronald Dickinson.

"Rubber slide rules and rusty main springs", by Clem Wagner.

"My CooCoo has larngitius", by Peg Hovey.

"Large ego and small hair springs", by H. Tholen.

"My calendar didn't leap, leap year", by Lawrence McConnell.

"Government subsidation of watch and clock collectors---a MUST", by R. Perotti.

"Grandfather should have taken his clock with him", by E. Motley.

The above mentioned material was intended to be slightly humorous and not a reflection on anyone's knowledge or ability whether they be horizontal or vertical.

A typical letter received by Prof. End Shake---

Dear Great White Father Professor End Shake:

Me, Big Chief Throbing Charley Charley Horse, Student No. 13, want to make talk. Braves say Big Chief heap big clock fixing flop---cann't read time; tuition wampum down drain. Big Chief say time reading not necessary for good clock fixing. Say that good time on radio. What you say?

(signed) Big Chief Throbing Charley Charley Horse

And an equally typical reply from Prof. End Shake---

Dear Big Charley Horse, Student No. 13:

Me say braves to big for buckskin rompers!

(signed) Prof. End Shake

One final word.....We'll see all of you this Sunday, June 10th, in Schell City, Mo. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at Mr. and Mrs. Hardie's home so come early.

Bill Bruer, President

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AND HERE IT IS---

Thanks to Mrs. Hardie and her excellent map, to Ronald Dickinson and the Wagner's, the Traveling Chapter cann't help but find Schell City come Sunday. If you come across on Highway 54, there is no problem. Turn north at Dederick, between Nevada and Eldorado Springs, on Highway AA and follow it direct to Schell City. If you come from the north, you can follow Highway 71 to Nevada and then go east to Dederick and Highway AA and north. Avoid Highway C from the south as it is a bit rough. Of course, if you are coming from the north on Highway 71, there is a better and far more shorter route that is only a little over 80 miles distant from Kansas City. Take Highway 71 to Rich Hill. Highway B crosses 71 there. Go east on Highway B approximately 13 miles. After you have come about 10 miles, you'll see a small sign on the right which says to Schell City, but don't take it yet as it goes first to Prairie City and Papinsville. Continue on down Highway B (which is a good blacktop road) about 3 miles more to a great big sign advertising Schell City. Turn south here, go one mile and turn east for a half mile or to the first road going south, and then go south on what is Highway C (you probably will not see any markers as such) and you'll cross the Osage River and then almost immediately you are in Schell City. Go on to the Junction where AA crosses C and turn left past the school house. The second street is the Hardie Home right on the northwest corner. Meeting starts at one o'clock.

Sincerely, Clement G. Wagner, Secy. of H.O.A.