

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

September Report, 1962

Dear Members:

**THERE'S A BIG DAY COMING---**

A truly big day is coming Sunday, September 16th when all of us as well as all of St. Louis Chapter Members gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vandervort in Moberly, Mo. St. Louis Chapter and the Vandervorts are acting as hosts and that promises to be an excellent combination for one very entertaining afternoon---what with meeting and making new friends, and the collection of clocks the Vandervorts have assembled. The meeting will begin at 12 o'clock by our time (which is one p.m. St. Louis daylight-saving time) and be at their home at 308 Bertley Street in Moberly, Missouri. Bring a box lunch---drink and desert will be furnished. All are welcome!

**GABRIEL, COME BLOW YOUR HORN---**

At the last meeting, the Chapter was offered an opportunity to put examples of our collections on exhibit here in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. The event was the Annual Boat and Sports Show and was to last for six days. The Chapter felt that, although it was just the thing we needed, six days was a bit too long to have our possessions on public display and it would be too difficult having someone there with them all the time. But, this week, something new has developed, something which is much easier and lots more beneficial and fun.

Every year the Heart of America Hobby Association of Kansas City puts on an annual exhibit of the various member's hobbies. This is to be held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23rd from 12 Noon until 6 in the evening, and the Chapter has been extended an invitation to put on a clock and watch exhibit. After a hurried consultation with our President and others, it was decided to accept the invitation. The Bruers and the Wagners have been members of the Hobby Association here in Kansas City a long time and have annually showed their many and varied collections. There is much hard work involved but the fun and benefits far outway the actual work of organizing your own exhibit and setting it up, and anyway, a collection is no good unless others can enjoy it also.

**HELP, HELP, HELP, etc.---**

If you are one of the many members who have expressed a wish to put on a show or have an exhibit, or one who just wants to have a really good time that Sunday, drop me a quick postcard letting me know what you would like to exhibit. We have two 10-foot tables along an entire wall of the exhibit hall (that makes 20 feet plus) and we would like to have two or three various horological items from as many as wish to come. Novelty items go over big (especially clocks or watches that do things) as well as good rare or antique clocks. Please let me know by return mail approximately what and how many you would like to bring so that we can get some idea what to expect.

Enclosed find a card advertising the Hobby Association's Show. It will be at the World War II Memorial Bldg. here in Kansas City, Mo., which is located at the northwest corner of Linwood and Paseo (40 Highway goes right past the front door---the Street is marked "Linwood" and is actually 32nd Street running east and west, and Paseo is 71 Highway coming from the South or approximately 15 blocks east of Main). The exhibit room will be open anytime after 10 o'clock that morning, September 23rd, and the actual Show opens at 12 o'clock and runs until approximately 6 o'clock. The Chapter will provide the table cover and decorations and all you need bring is the exhibits. Thousands of people will flow through the hall seeing the various collections and believe me, you will be plenty tired visiting and showing off your favorite pieces. But it will be fun and you'll see collections the like of which you can't imagine. Even if you do not exhibit, come and visit and join in the fun.

**A RING-TAIL WHOPPER---**

That could easily have been the description assigned to our last Meeting August 5th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Blair in Stover, Mo. We had lots of guests including Dr. and Mrs. Coats (a N.A.W.C.C. Director) from Tyler, Texas, as well as four other guests from Texas. The Blairs proved to be excellent hosts and Mr. Blair's clock



collection became the object of many long and endearing admirers. In his clock room proudly displayed in the rough (he had not even had time to refinish some of them) were at least three very unusual calendar clocks the like of which have never entered this section of the Country before. In the Living Room hung a tremendously long Ithica Calendar Clock with carving that did this extra large case due justice.

The meeting itself was of the utmost interest. Our President thanked the Blairs for offering their home to the group (41 members and guests present), and introduced the guests. Dr. Coats commented on the work that our Chapter was doing and the progress we had made. Mrs. Hovey, from St. Louis, discussed the 1963 Convention in Chicago and the arrangements that were now being made to insure that the Mid-West really put on "One of the Biggest and Best yet" affairs. When she was finished, she could already have made hotel reservations for all present...we don't want to miss out on the fun.

Mr. Henry had brought with him a clock, beautifully carved with a French Carriage Case Movement, that had been brought back from the French Embassy in Korea and asked the Members to appraise it first and then look at the movement. A motion was made that we purchase the copies needed for a complete Edition of the Bulletin and give it to the Kansas City Library, and this matter was no sooner mentioned than Mr. Perotti announced that he had these extra copies and would be happy to donate them so that the Library would have a complete Edition for binding. That is the kind of Members we have in H.O.

**BUT THERE IS MORE---**

The Vandervorts invited the Chapter to Moberly, Mo., to their home September 16th and there was a discussion as to whether or not to exhibit at the Sports Show in Kansas City. As you already know, this was voted down due to difficulty involved. Mr. Bruer requested everyone to send in the count of watches and clocks they had as he was preparing to compile his statistics. At the last meeting in the A.A.A. Bldg. the newspaper reporter had asked him how many watches and clocks all the members had and Bill was at loss for words--5,000--50,000 or maybe only 500?? So, let him know your count!!

An article was read about the greatest number of pieces a clock spring has ever broken into. Mr. Tholen sent it in. Doorprizes were won by Mrs. Lough, Mrs. Vandervort, Mrs. Glenn Blair, Mr. B. G. Smith, your Secretary, and Mr. Perotti, and following the refreshments, everyone was taken on a tour of Mr. Blair's Gun Stock Factory where they take a board and produce in a matter of minutes the wooden gun stock that appears on various rifles, shotguns, and air rifles. They also manufacture other things, but that is the principle product.

**NEW MEMBER TO ADD TO YOUR NEW ROSTER---**

Byler, Gordon W.  
Route 2, Box 56, Liberty, Mo.  
Real Estate; Clocks and Antiques.  
Mrs. Byler--Glass and China Dishes.

**WANTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE---**

Mr. Vandervort requests that he needs a Waterbury 8-day clock with strike immediately as well as a Gilbert wall-clock with calendar. Will pay the best price and wishes you would contact him immediately.

**INDIANA CHAPTER INVITES---**

You to attend the Mid-American Conference of NAWCC Chapters to be held in Memorial Union Bldg. at Purdue University on October 6th. "This is a whirlwind affair of buying, selling, trading, auction and programs in the morning and afternoon and a nice banquet in the evening for a full day of horological activity." Make your plans now.

**FELLOW MEMBERS:** October 14th, the Second Sunday in October, is our next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn in Overland Park just at the edge of Kansas City. Remember Sept. 16th at Vandervort's and Sept. 23rd the Clock Exhibit here in Kansas City, Mo. Let me know what you'll be bringing.

Sincerely,  
Clement C. Wagner, Secy.