

JULY REPORT, 1963 to December, 1963

Fellow Collectors:

AND THEN THERE WERE MANY-----

The last Meeting of the Traveling Chapter was held in Roger's, Arkansas, on June 9th, and although the day proved to be a hot one, there were 36 Members and guests in attendance. We were especially proud of our neighbor Chapter, the Cherokee Chapter #30 who was so well represented by their President, Mr. McVey, his wife and sons, Mr. Walton, and Mr. Alexander and others who came to see and enjoy. In the absence of our own President, Bill Bruer, Carroll Thomas, our Vice President, presided at the Meeting and he did a very capable job of conducting the Meeting. Thomas Dods, our oldest Member, was unable to make the trip, but he called long distance that day to send his greetings and to express his regrets to Mr. and Mrs. Epp Blair that he and Mrs. Dods could not be there, and it was a call that was very much appreciated. The thoughtfulness of people is somehow always appreciated and this act in itself left all of us feeling as if the Dods were sitting right there enjoying all that took place.

It was not until the week after our June Meeting that we learned our other Vice President, Mr. Tholen, had just suffered a stroke. We do not have a full report on his condition at this time, but we suggest that every Member drop him and Mrs. Tholen a short card, and remember him in our prayers. We also learned at the Meeting that Mrs. B. G. Smith of Sedalia was on the recovery list after a set-back that put her in the hospital for a short stay. Mr. Powers of Paris is likewise recovering from his heart attack of several months ago, and although it is questionable whether he will be able to attend Vandervort's Open House and Work Shop this coming July 14th, we will look forward to having a later report on his recovery. Incidentally, how come everyone is getting sick now? This is the season for traveling and seeing how "the other half" lives and seeing their collections. Lets hope that all the other Members, as well as our ailing Members, will feel so good that everyone will drop in on the Vandervorts that Sunday and take the afternoon off to see some really unusual clocks--Van has some prime examples you can be sure.

COME VISIT US-----

During the last Meeting, our Chapter was invited by the Cherokee Chapter to attend their meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this coming October 5th and 6th at the Tradewinds Motel. They plan on getting together about ten o'clock Saturday morning, the 5th, having a big dinner together Saturday night, and then more fun all the next day with exhibits, a real live auction, a tour of the larger collections in the homes around Tulsa, and for a finale, they plan a "fabulous" door prize, to quote the President, Mr. McVey. But, as he put it, they need our help in the exhibit line and request that "we all" come and bring along a few peices for their exhibit.

The "Rack and Snail", Iowa-Illinois Chapter's Newsletter, reports that their next meeting will be July 7 at the Old Colony School in Bishop Hill, Illinois, with the "clan" gathering at 10:30 A.M. (Central Daylight Saving Time) and dinner at 12:30 with an old-fashioned "covered dish" picnic, and lots of displays, mart, and auction.

FAMOUS SAYING, QUOTED FROM OUR MEETING-----

"Our group (all 23 of us) enjoyed that 1963 National Convention in Chicago probably more than anyone or any other group in attendance"--Carroll Thomas.

"Officers amount to nothing. Each and every member is what makes our Organization (The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors) outstanding"--James Gibbs, retiring President of National Association, at this year's Convention Banquet.

"Our thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Epp Blair--this was the most wonderful thing to attend"--Carroll Thomas in extending our Chapter's thanks to the Blairs for the nice open house and arrangements for the Meeting, and to the ladies who cooperated in assisting Mrs. Blair.

"Most of the cooks (our wives) like to eat at the Carousel Cafeteria"--Epp Blair in commenting on the coming August Meeting at the Carousel Cafeteria.

"A peice of junk is just what some of us are looking for"--said President McVey of the Cherokee Chapter in suggesting we dig deep and bring many items for their auction in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Thomas for the fine pictures he took at the 1963 Convention"--Florent Wagner.

These quotes were taken direct from the Meeting and summarize the various discussions and points that were discussed at this Meeting. Since most of us had a long drive, our Meeting only lasted approximately forty-five minutes so that everyone would have an opportunity see the Blair's new home, and his special constructed building for his many clocks, as well as get in on the auction. Everyone did enjoy themselves, and we might add that many "oohs and ahhs" were appreciatively expressed by the Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, in reference to the newly remodeled home of the Epp Blairs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO H.O.A.'S NEW NATIONAL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEEMEN-----

R. F. Perotti has been named to serve on the Library Committee of the National Association, and Clement C. Wagner has been named to the Publicity Committee. These two gentlemen lost no time in getting together, and you can expect big happenings to take place this coming year. Mr. Perotti immediately requested that we look into the question of slides which can be made of our finer collections and perhaps study the possibility to giving a duplicate set to the National Association's Library for purposes of loaning to others in their quest of good program material. Also, the Library appreciates as many duplicate books as they can get as they seem to be having a large number of requests from Association members who are looking for about the same information (isn't that always the way it is--when you want to know something, someone else is already looking at the book?) As for the Publicity Committee, well several new areas of research are presently being undertaken under the Chairmanship of George E. Shaw, and we hope to have more to report on this in later Reports.

H.O.A. HAS BIG EXHIBITS PLANNED FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER-----

The Heart of America Hobby Association is having their Fall Hobby Show on Sunday, September 22nd, from noon till approximately 6:00 P.M.. It has been suggested we might like to exhibit again. Do we have enough people willing to exhibit their clocks and watches or other horological items of interest?

Also, the Kansas City Library has requested that we take over all the exhibit cabinets in the Library during the month of October. This will include five big cabinets on the first floor, and at least that many plus five large flat exhibit cases on the third floor. That means that every Member could display at least five or more of his unusual clocks and dozens of watches. Unusual clock movements could also be placed on display if you don't have cases but do have unusual movements. How about this. Mr. Perotti has been working on this for months and final arrangements have been made. Can we do it? Are enough of us willing to bring in our favorite items for the Hobby Show, and also put them for a month in the Library? Since it is our first really big exhibit, we need lots of things and little written comments about each. We will need the comments and information in advance so if you can, please get busy on this

now.  
REMEMBER THE DATES-----

July 14th, Vandervorts Open House, 308 Bertley, Moberly, Mo.--anytime one to five.  
August 11th, Meeting and Dinner, Carousel Cafeteria, 5830 Troost, Kansas City,

Mo. with Dinner Line forming at 1:30 and Meeting shortly after 2:00 P.M.

September 8th, Open House at Leonard Peterson, 302 West Court, Smith Center, Kan.

September 22nd, Hobby Show Exhibit in World War II Memorial Bldg. Linwood and Pa-  
seo, Kansas City, Mo., from noon until around six o'clock.

October--Exhibit at Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Mo.

October 13th--Meeting and Open House, Caspar A. Wagner, 5802 Garfield, Kansas  
City, Mo. with Meeting to be at 1:30 that afternoon.

ENJOY YOUR COLLECTION! AND OTHER'S COLLECTIONS!

- Sincerely,  
Clement C. Wagner, Secretary