

September Report, 1963

Dear Fellow Members of H.O.A. Chapter:

If you were to play the new quiz game, "Password", what would you associate with the word "Grandfather"? Most of us would automatically say "clock" and that is one of the topics we will be covering. Various words were given to one of our Auxiliary Members and the replies paralleled exactly the topics we will cover. You try them and check your reactions: interest, collection, display, building, hobby, relaxing, working, clock, car, people, tools, weight, and pendulum.

The "interests" of our H.O.A. Members are "varied" as was demonstrated at our August Chapter Meeting. Everyone seemed interested in bringing something and the results were very outstanding in regard to the Exhibit and everyone made several tours in order to absorb all that was displayed. A "collection" includes "many" things and H.O.A. is indeed fortunate that so many of our Members really take an interest in their collections. Just as we are all individuals, so our tastes are different. No Member in our Chapter has a collection just like another Members'....we recently returned from a trip through Central Missouri and saw four collections reflect this individuality. That's what makes our Chapter so great and interesting.

"People" means "gathering" and our August Meeting at the Carousel Cafeteria was no exception. We had guests from as far away as California....Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cooper....and his comments regarding our Chapter were very much appreciated. He entered into the discussion regarding making movements as that is his line, and he displayed a giant size pocket watch he had made to exemplify what he meant. One of the humorous aftermaths of our recently held National Convention in Chicago was a story Mr. Cooper told....while the rest of the collectors were busy buying and dealing for hot bargains at the Mart upstairs, he purchased an unusual clock from one of the janitors at the Hotel in the Men's Room.

Still talking about people, we were very happy to see Mr. Tholen at our last Meeting. He was in good spirits and looking fine. It was hard to tell who was having the most fun....Mr. Tholen who was out for the first time since he had his heart attack, or Mr. Munroe who was celebrating his Birthday and really having a ball. But anyway, we are sure both men did have a good time and we are looking forward to seeing them again. Speaking of having a good time, Mr. Greever from Hutchinson, Kansas, brought the largest item for Exhibit---a large grandfather's clock. It even ran! He, Glenn Blair and Dale Henry worked up quite a sweat moving this large clock into and out of our Dining Room that day, but everyone enjoyed it. The carving on this clock was beautiful, and the "weights" were "heavy", Dale added. The sides of the tall case were not enclosed, and some of the Members speculated that air currents would not permit this clock to run as the "pendulum" would "swing" to much, but Don Greever guaranteed them it would, and it did, so I guess that answered that question right quick.

AND NOW, AN UNUSUAL TOPIC-----

Someone mentioned the word "car" and the immediate response was "distance". To the Traveling Chapter, this is nothing. Our most interested Members come hundreds of miles each meeting to add to and gain from the enjoyments and interests of others. September 8th will be an Open House at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peterson in Smith Center, Kansas. When you think of the amount of correspondence that crosses your Secretary's desk, it is tremendous, but very interesting as is illustrated by the following letter:

Dear Fellow Members:

We await with eager anticipation your visit to our Open House on September 8th.

We urge you to contact us upon your arrival in town. We plan to have sleeping facilities for all who wish, (with no time schedule for arising). Due to distance, we are sure some prefer to arrive one day and depart the next.

Buffet lunch will be served at 12:30 noon, we hope there will be leftovers for any late arrivals.

Our ten churches will welcome your presence at their services if you desire. Mass is at 10:00, Sunday school at 10:00 at all others, with preaching at 11:00. We plan to be absent that Sunday to welcome you upon your arrival.

Arriving from East on #36, turn South at "caution light" and west at "4-way stop" at our bank corner. We live in modern brick house on the southeast corner of the third block--302 West Court St. The Highway from the South will bring you to the "4-way" stop sign and proceed west three blocks. Coming in on #35 from the West, you proceed to "caution light" or come in on old Highway where the sign points to Smith Center before swinging north around town. Court Street is the first street north of New York, this will be a mile closer.

We would appreciate a card stating your plans but do not stay home if you haven't written and find you can attend at the last minute. The more the merrier.

The Leonard Peterson's
Smith Center, Kansas

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL

"Display" could mean "drawing visitors", and that is what happened one year ago. We accidently mentioned something about "hobbies" and the immediate response was "club", and surprising enough, all these words just happen to be synomous. Every year, the Hobby Club here in Kansas City puts on its annual exhibit and everyone displays various items from his or her collection. There are lots of things people collect and you'll see every collection immagionable there. Last year we had over three thousand visitors and everyone involved had a good time. It was a "relaxing" time for us collectors. Inately, we are all "lazy", and after all the time we spend fixing up and learning about our own interests and hobbies, it's kind of nice to take an afternoon off and share our fun with others.

We have been invited to participate in this annual event and since last year's was such a success, we are planning on making this year's display even bigger and better. The "building" in which this exhibit is "set" will be the World War Two Memorial Building here in Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday, September 22nd, which is this month. The Show will be open to the public from twelve noon to six p.m., and the exhibitors will be able to bring their exhibits in for display anytime after ten o'clock Sunday morning. We will have twenty feet of exhibit space all along the north wall of the exhibit hall. The tables are solid and all along the wall and the display boards will be present for those of us who have hanging clocks we want to show. We want a nice exhibit this time, so let's all get together and make this a success. It will be advertised on the radio and in all the local papers, and due to the grand attendance that resulted last year from advertisements that the clock exhibit was there, we really want to help them make this a big one, as everyone is looking forward to it.

BUT EVEN BIGGER

The Kansas City Public Library has requested that our Chapter take over the entire third floor where the Fine Arts Department is located and put on one big exhibit. At the last Meeting, our Members voted to put on this exhibit the month of November. The Library Directors are going all out to help us and have offered to open the Library the first Sunday of November so that our out-of-town Members could bring in their exhibits. There will be publicity associated with this, and the Library would like some good pictures. Also, the Members are requested to have a temporary list prepared of the items they will display--horological books, clocks, movements, watches, cases, repair tools, etc. with the name of the item i.e. Seth Thomas Weight Calendar Clock, the maker if known, the approximate dates, and any other pertinent information about your exhibit. Mr. Perotti and your Secretary will prepare 3 X 5 cards with this information on. This should be an interesting as well as educational exhibit.

Make your plans now and let your Secretary know so that we can determine just how many cases we can fill. All cases have good sturdy locks on them, glass shalves, indirect lighting, and there are Librarians on the floor at all time as well as guards at night. The cases we have available are listed on the next page:

- 5 flat built-in cases 45" wide, 45" long, and 8" high at front and 10" high at back.
- 2 built-in wall cases 45" wide, 38" high, and 15" deep.
- 3 flat table cases with glass on all sides 26" long, 48" wide, and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high.
- 5 wall cases 40" wide, 55" high, and 14" deep, with four adjustable shelves.
- 6 cases in Lobby of Public Library built around two main posts with three display cases on each post--two measure 39" wide, 14" deep and 51" high and the third case is 51" wide, 51" high and 14" deep, all with sliding doors.

The Library is very anxious for us to put on this exhibit and will cooperate with us to the fullest. The Library is located at 12th McGee here in Kansas City, Missouri, and we hope to have a full report of who and what will be exhibited following the coming Chapter Meeting October 13th. This Meeting will be at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar A. Wagner at 5802 Garfield, Kansas City, Mo. and should be a real ball as there will not only be an interesting Meeting, but also a fabulous collection to see. Plan your Library Exhibit now and bring the information with you to our October Meeting. The Library Exhibit will be only for one month, the Month of November and it will take everyone's cooperation to put this one over.

NEW MEMBER---Mr. Robert E. Allmon, Rt. 4, Box 147, Neosho, Missouri. He is an electrician who works on rocket engines, and his interest is clocks and watches. Mrs. Allmon likes all antiques.

WELL, DON'T FORGET---

The Open House September 8th at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peterson in Smith Center, Kansas. Then comes the annual Hobby Club Exhibit at the World War II Memorial Building, 32nd Paseo, Kansas City, Mo., anytime after ten o'clock. The next important event is October 13th, our October Meeting at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar A. Wagner, here in Kansas City, Mo., and last but not least is the Library Exhibit the Month of November. Make your plans NOW. See you in Smith Center, Kansas, this Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

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