

January thru December, 1964

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

January and February Report, 1964

Dear Collectors:

Happy New Year to all of you. We of the Heart of America Chapter hope you all add substantially to your collections this year in quantity, quality and enjoyment.

1963 was a very successful year for us--individually and as a Chapter. We had thirteen write ups in local newspapers, nine write ups about out-of-town Members, and four Members collections given feature articles; also a dozen notices were received regarding Members attending various meetings, and four radio stations carried notices of our exhibits.

January of the "Old" Year--the latest report of preparations for the Chicago Convention, a short summary of Christmas additions, and an article by Ernest Motley of people and collections on our Eastern Seaboard.

February an unusual month--a Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dods, discussions as to use of Display Board, displays at local shopping centers, door prizes to '63 Convention, shop meetings, how to tell whether pinwheel escapements are real or fake, "Quick easy means of obtaining those fancy carved do-dads" by Dale Henry, an article by J. E. Slyker regarding Chauncey Jerome and some unusual Jerome Clocks, and an interesting talk on swinging grandfather weights by Mr. Motley.

March was a quiet month--probably due to the weather. It is noteworthy that the Traveling Chapter was not hibernating too much, for better than half the Members at the April Meeting showed up with reports of new acquisitions.

April saw the celebration of our Third Birthday with Dinner and Meeting at the Carousel Cafeteria--that was some Birthday celebration! The National Convention Planning Committee proposed large display cards containing pictures of our Member's rarer clocks; a list of Members planning on attending the Chicago Convention showed H.O.A. Chapter would be well represented. Due to the variety and interest of our Exhibit at this Meeting, our Chapter passed a motion that in order to insure the continuance of such interesting exhibits, our Members who attended would be voluntarily fined 25 cents for failing to bring an exhibit of some kind; and an open house was held at our Secretary's Home in Kansas City, Missouri.

May was Convention Month--twenty-three H.O.A. Members were present with six attending as delegates, a royal Convention Banquet found all our Members seated together.

June was another Traveling month--article in Kansas City Star about a woman who is finally getting a clock her great, great, grandfather built, repaired, and operating; members of the Cherokee Chapter attended our June Meeting and open house at Mr. and Mrs. Epp Blair's Home in Roger's, Arkansas; glowing Convention Reports, and reports of H.O.A. Members who are visiting collectors throughout the U.S.A.

July--we had some interesting quotes from our last Meeting; two H.O.A. Members appointed to National Committees of our Association; announcements made regarding coming exhibits; and an open house at Mr. and Mrs. Vandervort in Moberly, Missouri.

August was a long month--Meeting at Carousel Cafeteria in Kansas City; plans made for Heart of America Hobby Show; Don Greever brings a grandfather clock to Meeting on top of his car; guests visit Meeting from California; and talk by our Secretary on History of Patents regarding Calendar Clocks.

September was exhibit month--the C. A. Wagners are keeping two cabinets busy in City National Bank here in Kansas City; a big Hobby Show Exhibit at World War II Memorial Bldg.; an open house at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peterson in Smith Center, Kansas; and H.O.A. Chapter greets our fiftieth Member.

October, a month of pure enjoyment--Meeting and open house at C. A. Wagner residence in Kansas City; article by Caspar Wagner regarding "Two Days in Kansas"; guests present from two neighboring Chapters and representatives from all five of our Area States present; reports on the latest Tulsa, Oklahoma, adventure; as well as discussions regarding clock cleaning solutions and spray-can oiling; and talk by Carroll Thomas on several carvings he has made.

November was a historic month--month-long exhibit at Kansas City Library is one of the finest in Chapter #36's history (81 clocks, 66 watches, and 5 horological

books made an outstanding exhibit and Library Officials pleased with the interesting and educational aspects of our H.O.A. Exhibit). Had a real "cow-punching" Report by our President, and the November Supplement announced early December Meeting and a call for door prizes.

December was Christmas--party at Carousel Cafeteria, best attended Meeting to date; Members picked up their exhibits from Library; lots of door prizes received; demonstration on carving by Carroll Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powers celebrating their 51st Wedding Anniversary.

It has been a long, interesting and eventful year and now we are already enjoying the new adventures of the present year, 1964. This is election year--for both our Nation and our H.O.A. Chapter. Before we get too far from the subject, let's recap our last Meeting which was and will be the springboard for our meetings this year. Our Christmas Meeting followed a dinner at the Carousel Cafeteria and was opened at 2:40 by our President, Bill Bruer. The Minutes of our August Meeting were read as well as the Treasurer's Report and both approved. Fifty-five Members were present making this the best attended meeting to date, and the Members were complemented on the excellent Library Exhibit for which everyone had worked so hard. The interest shown by the public and the Library Officials made all the effort expended worthwhile.

The Auxiliary was thanked for the door prizes that were contributed, and then the discussions began. Bill Bruer announced that he had oil available for anyone who needed it to oil movements, and George Fox mentioned the advantages of using motor oil to do the same job. Ervin Smith volunteered to present the Program for the February Meeting as there are some new products on the market that make refinishing a little bit easier--if that is possible. The Auxiliary announced that arrangements should be made as early as possible for the coming summer months by Members desiring open houses or who wish to invite the Chapter for a meeting. The dates available are as follows:

February 9th at Carousel Cafeteria in Kansas City, Missouri.

April 12th at Carousel Cafeteria in Kansas City, Missouri

(H.O.A.'s 4th Birthday, and also election day for Chapter Officers)

May 10th (Mother's Day)--open

June 14th Meeting--open (N.A.W.C.C. Convention 18-20th Asheville, N.C.)

July 12th--open

August 9th Meeting--open

September 13th--open

October 11th Meeting--open

December 13th Meeting-- (possibly at Carousel Cafeteria)

It was announced that pictures would be available of the Library Exhibit by the next meeting. Following the conclusion of our Meeting, Carroll Thomas put on a demonstration for the Chapter in how to carve the fancy carvings that are missing from so many of our clock cases. He showed many of his homemade knives and demonstrated their use, and invited our Members to take a few cuts to see how easy it is. All it requires, per Mr. Thomas, is lots of patience.

Changes in addresses and new Member to be added to H.O.A. Roster--

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest I. Motley, 527 S. 9th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. McConnell, 6609 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. Tele: Hi. 4-0292

Mr. and Mrs. Oren P. Johnson, 1637 S. Drumm Ave., Independence, Mo. V.A. Hospital

Chef; likes early American Clocks.

HELP, HELP, HELP--your Secretary needs interesting articles for the next Reports--articles about clocks or watches you have read, or something you write yourself about your collection or some interesting facts you are acquainted with about items or makers. Please help us to keep your Reports interesting and educational.

Next Meeting is Sunday February 9th, Carousel Cafeteria, 5830 Troost, Kansas City, Mo. with dinner to start around 1:30 p.m. and Meeting about 2:30 with Ervin Smith presenting the Program regarding new items available for refinishing. Bring exhibits.

Very truly yours,
Clement C. Wagner, Secretary of H.O.A. #36