

# HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS

Mid-summer Report, 1964

Fellow Collectors:

## OH, FOR ONLY AN OUTLINE---

Our June Meeting did not have all the important business that our April Meeting had, but it proved to be a very colorful meeting. In the absence of our President and Secretary, two of our Vice-presidents, Glenn Blair and John Mashburn, conducted our meeting and our former Secretary again fulfilled that role. The thirty members and guests were treated to a talk prepared by Bill Bruer, that has enough flexibility in it that it can be used as a program for any group, giving the entire development of clocks and timetelling from the early "shadow" to the present day's most complicated mechanisms. Its flexibility lies in the fact that depending on the group, you can bring in far more details in different given segments of the talk, or you can limit yourself to merely the development of time mechanism, or to the men who tried to improve timekeeping, or merely to the books written on the subject--whichever meets the group you are talking to.

## THOUGHTFUL, AND PRACTICAL---

The nice thing about all this is that our member in St. Joseph, Mr. Motley, offered to have copies made and distribute these to any members that want them as an outline. The Auxiliary proposed a new plan for distributing Name Tags to all the members and guests which includes picking up your own Name Tag from the box at the door of the Meeting Room, dropping the slip of paper with your name into one of the two designated boxes for the doorprize drawing--one is marked "men" and other is marked "women"--and then returning the tags before leaving. If you gave a guest, there is paper and pins provided for making a small name tag for them also. The Auxiliary also encouraged its members to bring examples of their hobbies and collections for exhibit, and items for the "forsale" table. One other point, the Auxiliary seems to still be a bit short on doorprizes and requests the members to put forth a special effort to bring some to the coming meeting to guarantee there will be enough.

## USING YOUR HEAD---

One thing that did come out of this past meeting was the following; during the course of the conversations, various members told of items they had recently acquired for their collections. All of these items came right out of our own back yard so to speak. Never believe that old falacy that everything has already been picked up-- it is not true! If you are on the prowl and willing to get out and look a little, you'll see new things all the time. The members who were reporting these fines all had excellent collections and what they were picking up came under the topic of good, rare, and unusual clocks including the constantly sought calendar clocks.

## H.O.A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT---

Now that for many of us our vacations are a memory, we can get down to the serious business of getting our additions in order--that is, after we get rested up from the strains and stresses we endured while we were supposed to be vacationing. Even so, we all derived a lot of knowledge and saw many interesting things that will encourage us to continue our search for unusual items for our own collections. There might not be as large a choice of items that interest us as in the past, but there are still choice pieces to be had.

We want to thank faithful Bill Bruer for an interesting program at the June Meeting. Rumor has reached us that Professor Bill has been invited on a visiting lecture tour of some of the Eastern Universities. Chapter No. 36 is the origin of some of the best and most experienced clock and watch collectors and experts in the world. Another example of this will be available when Mr. McEowen will be the speaker for our next meeting, the SECOND SUNDAY IN AUGUST which is AUGUST 9TH. We can all learn from the experiences of our fellow members so be sure and be there for Mr. McEowen's talk. We are getting programs lined up for all our meetings that are held at the Carousel. When we meet at a member's house we generally dispense with any

program as there are so many things to see that a program other than a short business meeting is unnecessary and takes time from the members' opportunity to view our host's clocks and watches.

We are happy to announce that our member, Mr. Perotti, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Library Committee of the NAWCC. We are glad to see our members appointed to the committees of the National Association. We are also thrilled that so many of our members were able to attend the National Convention in ashville in June. NAWCC is very aware of Heart-of-America Chapter No. 36. (Editor's note--we received a report that the Epp Blairs, Glenn Blairs, Allens, Petersons, Hollands, and Nicholes were in attendance at this year's NAWCC Convention, and that there was a good display of clocks and watches. Also, that the Vanderbuilt's Estate Tour was "wonderful".)

Mark your calendars for the meeting, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, at 1:30 at the CAROUSEL CAFETERIA, Kansas City, Missouri. Plenty of parking, wonderful food of each member's choice, and the air-conditioned meeting room will contribute to the wonderful talk to be presented by Mr. McEwen.

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Caspar A. Wagner, President  
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WEIGHT OR SPRING, OR MAYBE AN ELECTRIC CORD???---

Mrs. Bruer received a letter the other day from a gentleman who wishes to sell the following clocks, both which are very near perfect:

One large Howard Banjo 37" high for \$150.

One 30-day New Haven Banjo 42" overall with Brass Eagle on top and brass side arms \$65.

Contact Mr. James A. Whittle, 11 Monticello Drive, Belleville, Illinois 4003, or telephone Me. 2-3040 O'Fallon, Illinois. That is all!!!

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AUXILIARY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT---

May it be my first official pleasure to welcome our new Officers and say "well-done" to our out-going ones. We women want all to know we, too, appreciate any and all efforts made in the organization. Now about meetings--the dates set up are August 9, October 11, and December 13th. That leaves September 13 and November 14th available for open houses. Of course, it is always possible to have an open house after any of the meetings. Just make it easy on yourself with only cake or cookies and coffee. Anyone who is interested please make it known to us.

At the last meeting, it was suggested that perhaps the ladies should conduct one of the future meetings. How about it ladies? Perhaps we can discuss it next time. In conclusion may I say that Dale and I are always happy to have any of you come see us who care to do so. Just give us a call beforehand as we are gone quite a bit. See you at our next Meeting.

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Betty Henry, Auxiliary Chairman  
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HOT NEWS DATELINE---

On June 28th, the Mid-Missouri Chapter of the N.A.W.C.C. was organized in Moberly Missouri at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Vandervort. Congradulations to this new Chapter and we wish you as much success and fun as we have had. Our next meeting is Sunday, August 9th, Carousal Cafeteria, 5830 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri. We hope to see all of you there.

Sincerely,

Clement C. Wagner, Editor H.O.A. Report