

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER NO. 33 OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

May Report, 1964

Dear Collectors:

When we started this report, we had no idea there was so much news. Our By-Laws have been amended, we have a new Member, an entire new slate of Officers including four Vice-presidents (sounds like we have almost as many Vice-presidents as a bank), lots of news about our Members, and some dandy reports. Let's hear from our new President first--President Caspar A. Wagner

Dear Fellow Members:

Word has just been received of the death of Ervin Smith's Mother. All our Members join in offering Ervin and Hilla our deepest sympathy in their loss.

Since our Chapter was organized about fifty of the most interesting collectors in the N.A.W.C.C. have joined our group. The pleasures of collecting anything are not only in acquiring the different items and objects but sharing what we have with anyone that is interested. Where a group such as ours has one main object in view we not only share what we collect but also our experiences and our knowledge as we progress in our particular field. Sharing our knowledge--what we learn--is what makes for the fullest enjoyment of our hobby. Each of us can learn something from our associations with our fellow collectors that can be invaluable as we go along.

We want to make our meetings as interesting as we can and I would like for every Member to work up in detail something that particularly interests them or how they conquered some problem that took some time and effort to solve. This will help everybody else and at the same time give the one sharing the experience the greatest enjoyment. The longer you collect the more satisfaction you derive from sharing with the other members. If we will write out these experiences while they are fresh in our mind, none of the interesting details will be lost.

Mr. Carroll Thomas has done such a wonderful job of taking pictures at our meetings that we now appoint him as the official photographer of our Chapter.

Vacation time is here and be sure and keep the N.A.W.C.C. Roster as your guide book on your journeys over the U.S.A. Collectors abound in almost every locality and if you give them a call when you arrive you will be invited to see some wonderful collections.

If it is possible try to make the N.A.W.C.C. Convention at Asheville, N.C. June 18, 19, and 20th. You will meet a lot of good collectors, see some wonderful timepieces and might be able to add something interesting to your collection. The Secretary has information and brochures on the Convention which he will be glad to pass on to you.

Remember the open house at Mr. and Mrs. Vandervorts' home at 308 Bertley Street in the east part of Moberly, Sunday, May 17th. There is always many interesting things to see in their lovely home.

Mr. E. J. Zohner, Penokee, Kansas, is trying to locate a Seth Thomas spring driven movement with 8-day strike and alarm for a "Kitchen Clock". It should be marked 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. The winding arbors are 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches apart and a 2 inch radius from center arbor. The distance from center arbor to bottom of case is 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches. He needs only the movement; has case, dial, alarm and pendulum. If you have this movement, correspond with Mr. Zohner or bring it to us and we will see that he gets it. This is another way our Members can help one another.

We are sorry but we will not be able to attend our June 14th Meeting at the Carousel Cafeteria. Uncle Sam pointed his finger at Florent and said he had some special work for him on the East Coast for two weeks so we are taking our vacation at the same time. That particular day we will be seeing some of the World's Fair in New York if everything goes as planned. I know our meeting will be well taken care of by our able Vice-presidents and our former Secretary who is now the official Reporter. We will see all of you at the Meeting in August.

Caspar A. Wagner, President H.O.A. Chapter

Interesting letter, isn't it. Lets all get together and keep H.O.A. Chapter on the map. Our past administration has done a great job and the new seems to be taking

over where they left off. Isn't it wonderful to be a member of such a great group of people. We were looking around for something to say about the last Meeting a month ago and ran across a report submitted by our new Secretary, Florent Wagner, that seems to say it rather nicely. There were so many motions and changes made at our April 12th that we are going to present the highlights in a condensed version and for those who missed it, well, the fun can never be recaptured, but we'll give it a try.

The Heart of America Chapter celebrated its fourth birthday at a dinner meeting in the private dining room in the Carousel Cafeteria in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 12, 1964. About fifty HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER and AUXILIARY Members, coming from Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, were present to celebrate the occasion. This was a most congenial Meeting and after some extended social delay, our President started the business meeting. Mr. Francis C. Riley was introduced as a new Member. One of the first orders of business was a motion to extend a lifetime honorary membership to Mr. Roy Powers of Paris, Missouri, which was enthusiastically supported and quickly passed. This motion was made by Mr. B. E. McEwen following a report by Mr. Vandervort that although Mr. Powers was completely handicapped now, he really appreciated hearing from his many friends by letter and appreciated every bit of correspondence he received.

Mr. Bruer thanked everyone who had in any way contributed to the success of our Chapter the past four years, and especially Mr. Dale Henry who had devoted unending hours to keeping records regarding the Silent Auction we have at each meeting. In view of the amount of time devoted to this particular phase, a motion was placed before the Chapter to dispense with the 10% donation contributed to our Chapter's Treasury on all sales made. The rules governing the Silent Auction were then amended to read that hereafter, anyone wishing to offer items for sale on the Silent Auction will properly identify their item by a small card with any description they feel necessary, their name, and the starting price of the item. When the Auction is closed, each person will make their own arrangements for settling their financial transactions and the seller will make his 10% donation to the Chapter's Treasurer direct rather than have a person directly responsible for keeping all these records and making all settlements. This 10% donation is strictly a contribution on the part of the seller and is not required hereafter, although we might add that these Reports do not come cheaply the donations the past two years have helped considerably to keep our Chapter's Treasury supplied.

After the necessary business was disposed of, our President announced that this was an election year and nominations were in order. Three Members were nominated for the Office of President; and, when the ballots were recorded, Caspar A. Wagner received a majority of the votes. A motion was then made that instead of just two Vice-presidents we elect a Vice-president from each state from which we have Members. This motion was immediately passed by all the Members present and again our By-Laws were amended to read that hereafter, our Chapter will have one Vice-president elected for a two year term of office from each state from which H.O.A. Chapter draws its membership. Four Vice-presidents were then elected--Glenn Blair from Missouri, John Mashburn from Kansas, Donald Olsen from Nebraska, and Epp Blair from Arkansas.

Florent Wm. Wagner was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and after some discussion regarding the size of the Chapter and the necessary resulting work handled by our Secretary Mr. McEwen made another motion that we amend our By-Laws to create the Office of "Official Reporter" and that he would have all the rights and privileges of an Officer. Your Editor of this Report was unanimously elected to this position. The ladies of the Auxiliary then had an extended political caucus and elected Mrs. Dale Henry as Auxiliary Chairman. The ladies have done a wonderful job of taking care of the details of our meetings and providing the wonderful door prizes.

Mr. Gordon Byler suggested that the outgoing Officers be given a rising vote of thanks for the untiring effort in getting our Chapter organized and also publishing and carrying out our various programs and exhibits. This suggestion was immediately and enthusiastically supported by all the Members present that day. (Editor's note: how's this for reporting? Sounds like we have a mighty good man as Secretary now. He can write for us anytime.)

One of the first official acts of the New President was to name Mrs. Marcia Bruer as "Horilological Information Expert". Mr. Ronald Dickerson was designated to continue to provide the name tags for the Members and guests at the Meetings and open houses, or anytime our Chapter is gathered together.

Mr. Paul Holland of Springfield, Missouri, gave an very interesting talk on the different clocks made and sold by the Terrys. He covered the early American History of clock making very thoroughly and displayed a number of fine examples of Terry Clocks. We ~~hope~~ hope to have equally informative talks at our future meetings. Mr. Oren P. Johnson lended physical assistance to Mr. Holland by helping him transport the many fine examples of the Terry Clocks which were displayed.

Before the door prizes were given out, Mr. Thomas Dods explained a spring-hole-maker which he had devised to the Chapter Members and gave one of his fine devices as a door prize. Before the Meeting was closed, Mr. Donald Munroe called attention to the one-year clock he had on display. The Members noted with interest Bill Bruer's large Auztralian watches and Mr. C. W. Pelham's watch tree. All of the Members missed Mr. Carroll Thomas who was unavoidedly absent as they were preparing to exhibit at the Sedalia Antique Show. Mr. Mashburn reported that there was a possibility of another library exhibit at the Antioch Area, and Mr. Vandervort advised the Chapter that in regard to the recent passing of Professor Nance, his clocks were definitely not for sale at this time. Our new President immediately appointed Mr. Carroll Thomas as Chapter Photographer. Mr. R. F. Penotti had several of his fine duplicate watches on our auction table. We are looking forward to some excellent programs from our experts in the clock and watch repairing line, such as Mr. Ernest Motley and Mr. Herman Tholen. All in all, this was a most interesting and informative Chapter Meeting.

Our new Secretary really does a bang-up job; We placed a quick call to Mrs. Henry, our Auxiliary Chairman, but the notice was to short to receive a written report from her, so we'll have it next report. One thing that was mentioned was that the next Meeting will be Sunday, June 14, at the Carousel Cafeteria here in Kansas City, Mo. at 5830 Frost Ave., and Dinner will begin at 1:30 followed by our Meeting at 2:30 in their special dinning room. Mr. and Mrs. Vandervort will have an open house this coming Sunday, May 17, at their home on 308 Bertley Street in Moberly, Mo. Come anytime after 12 o'clock and see a REAL collection. At present, we have no other invitations so we have Meetings tentivily scheduled for August 9th and October 11th here in Kansas City at the Carousel Cafeteria unless something better comes up.

QUICK NOTE---Dues are past due. If you have not paid up, send them in now! Your name will be removed from the Roster before the next Report is published. Send them to Florent Wn. Wagner, Secy.-Treasurer, 5802 Garfield, Kansas City 30, Missouri

NEW MEMBER to be added to your H.O.A. Roster:

Mr. Francis C. Riley, 10331 Manor Rd., Leewood, Kansas
Automotive Engineer; Clocks--their repair and history.

Forsale--we received a letter from Mr. J. E. Slyker, 602 So. Evergreen, Chanute, Kan., a Member of H.O.A., that he has been sick for well over a year and is now planning on traveling to aid his recovery. He collects Chauncy Jeromes and now feels that he would like to dispose of his entire collection plus a roll-top jeweler's desk. He enclosed pictures of his collection which our Secretary has, and as far as we can tell, lists the following: three Chauncy Jeromes (weight or spring--we can't tell which), 2 Seth Thomas, and a New Haven 8-Day Kitchen Alarm--these are all shelf clocks varying from 24" to 28" in height. One German 8-Day Plate Clock (cracked) dated 1872, three works for 8-Day clocks with new faces, door glasses, springs and other replacement parts, and several movement frams he had made to hold works. He wants to sell them to a Chapter Member who will take the whole lot for \$180.00 or else wants our Chapter to come get them and sell them at auction for him. From his letter, we derive that he wants a quick sale as he has spent his life gathering these and is sacrificing them now because he has to. Can anyone help Mr. Slyker?

Must close for now. Remember the Meeting June 14th and lets pay those dues now!

Sincerely yours,

Clement C. Wagner, Editor of H.O.A. Reporter