

Heart of America Chapter #36 of the N.A.W.C.C.

April Report

Hi, Fellow Members:

Christopher's first word was "Clock!" Now I just wonder where he learned that word? We'll bet that that will be the first word we'll hear this Sunday. We are late in the news but a good report is usually our product. With the clearance in the weather we hope to have one of the biggest turn outs yet.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, Mr. and Mrs. Lough and Mr. and Mrs. Henry will not attend. Please take it easy, both of you ladies. We heard that you, Mrs. Lough, overexerted your bounds this week. We were very happy to hear from both of you and feel certain that the members are all anxiously awaiting your recovery. Incidentally, Fellow Members, both of these members are very appreciative of the many cards, letters, and visits that they have been receiving and called to personally thank all their wonderful friends who remembered them. Lets continue the good work in this regard.

Our February 14th Meeting ran something like this:

New Members introduced to the 46 members in attendance at the Veteran Memorial Bldg. Dues are now due (see Secretary's Report for more details on this and the above item.) All H.O.A. Members urged to cast votes whenever N.A.W.C.C. has elections as our Midwest vote has been very small in past elections and we certainly have enough members here. We will be electing National Officers and directors at the '65 Convention for four year terms so be sure your vote is counted!

Cook Paint and Varnish will have varnish in a spray can and our members were asked to express opinion whether or not they would find this new product useful.

15% discount to all members on Cook Paint and Varnish products—courtesy Ervin Smith. Fashion Clocks were discussed—they usually do have "days of week" and "month" in the bottom dial but the clock Mr. Holland had on display only had "day of month".

Mr. Holland had four clocks on display at Ashville's Convention last year. Ideas were discussed for clock exhibit such as clocks associated with important Missouri people or with prominent landmarks. (See the President's Report for more details)

May 20th, 21st, and 22nd (Thur., Fri., Sat.) is Convention Dates.....will have series of lectures on clocks and watches and besides having lots of fun, one can learn something at these Conventions. Holiday Inn Motel has rooms besides what will be available at the convention hotel. (Come to April 11th Meeting for full details.)

Mrs. Dods made short speech since it was their Anniversary: "52 years ago we were young and active. Now we are old and feeble!" Mr. Dods chimed in: "I may look old, but I feel just as young as any person here." What a team. If we all could have only half as much fun and share only half as many experiences as these two wonderful "young" people have, we would feel our life well worth it. They are really workers and are assets to any organization. They make this life worthwhile and it is a pleasure just to know them.

Announcements were made regarding future meetings of nearby chapters and our open houses, and following a program on escapements presented by our President, the drawings for the door prizes were held. (See excerpts of this talk at end of Report)

Verge Benders—a block with pegs so that these pegs can be adjusted for smaller or larger verges—who has one? Mr. Vandervort wants to buy one.

HOT NEWS—Bill Bruer will present program on soldering for this meeting and asks anyone with a problem or anyone with something that needs to be soldered that just will not stick together to bring it along. WHAT A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!!

Don't forget—Mrs. Lough, Mrs. Henry, Exhibits for Meeting, and YOUR 1965 H.O.A. DUES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Your Secretary is happy to report that we already have 22 members who are paid-up or have been paid-up for 1965. In this vein, the 1965 dues are due as of April. Your Secretary-Treasurer will be at the April 11th Meeting ready to collect the dues.

Incidentally, we have received notice of several new members of the National Association as follows:

Mr. J. P. McNealy
Batesville, Arkansas

Mr. Leo Swift
Thayer, Kansas

Mr. Bernie Ray Nichell
200 N. Hardy St.
Independence, Mo.

Mr. O. H. Shrum
1431 Chess
Parsons, Kansas

Anyone in the vicinity of these members or who sponsored them in the Association try to drop in on these new folks and urge them to come to our Chapter meeting in April. We certainly want to welcome them to the National Association and invite them to join our Chapter.

Your President and Family have enjoyed visiting some of the members and attending the Mid-America Chapter Meeting March 14th, Marshall, Mo. Just in passing, it should be noted that good clocks are becoming very hard to find. We just do not see clocks for sale now, let-alone any that are reasonably priced.

Our Chapter has a new member: Dr. Harry Knauff, 8614 Highland, Kansas City, Mo. Dr. Knauff is interested in American Clocks. Incidentally, he has an Ives wagon-spring that needs the wagon-spring. If anyone has one, please contact Dr. Knauff.

Apparently all those attending the meeting at the American Legion Building in February enjoyed the meeting place and the advantages of this location. We collected \$6.50 in quarters to help defray the cost of the meeting place, but everyone felt it was well worth the small contribution.

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PRESIDENT OF H.O.A. CHAPTER REPORTS

Dear Fellow Members:

We have a number of things coming up at our next meeting, Sunday, April 11th. There is a committee working to get the first three volumes of the Bulletins republished in a hard cover book. This includes the first 5 years of the NAWCC, 30 Bulletins and the cost will be between \$12.00 and \$15.00, which will average less than 50 cents per Bulletin. The early Bulletins are practically unobtainable and many of us have paid \$2.00 or more per Bulletin to get the ones we wanted. In order to get this price it will be necessary to have the order in before the book goes to the printers. We will have an order form to sign at the Meeting for anyone wanting this book. Now if you will not get to the Meeting and want the book, write us a note when you send in your chapter dues, which are now due, and we will add your name to the order list.

I hope you will all have some ideas about a display for the Dallas Convention. This will be our last meeting before the Convention. We will have slides of some of the clocks displayed at the Convention in Asheville last year which we will show at this Meeting. This will give members who have never attended a convention an idea of the wonderful things seen at a convention and let me add, Texas has some of the leading clock collections in the NAWCC.

The next three meetings, the second Sundays in June, August and October are open dates for open houses and meetings in any location in our district. Our members outside of Kansas City have been very good attending the meetings and we will be glad to hold a meeting anywhere that the members wish. We want to get to all our members if possible.

Our main program at the April Meeting will be on soldering by Wm. Bruer. Bill is an expert with the soldering iron and torch and no doubt we can all learn from his technique.

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Remember, if you want the bound volume of the first 50 Bulletins be sure and get your name on the first round list one way or another. Hope you will be here to sign the list but we do not want anyone disappointed and will help all we can if you write us that you want to be included.

See you Sunday, April 11th, Veterans Memorial Building, Linwood and Paseo at 1:00 p'clock--door open at twelve noon.

Caspar A. Wagner, President

EXERPTS FROM A TALK GIVEN BY OUR H.O.A. PRESIDENT ON "ESCAPEMENTS"

All clocks have escapements of some sort and these basically include the escape wheel, the verge, cruch and pendulum or some sort of balance.....the idea is to control the forward movement of the time train! Perseverence is the prime virtue in this type of work, as it takes a keen eye, patience, a lucky bend, and lots of preplanning.

The fussee equalizes the power of the spring and keeps the pressure on the escapement at anequal tension throughout the entire running period.....The first and earliest type of escapement was the crown wheel. The early clock makers considered anything within two hours a day accuracy as a good timekeeper.....

When the pendulum came in, they went to the anchor escapement.....Today, the finest clocks use the gravity escapement. (These are only exerpts--come to the full meeting if you really want to hear some of our entertaining programs.)

So long, and we'll see you Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

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