

January thru December, 1965

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

January-February Report

Dear H.O.A. Members:

"---THE OLD PROFESSOR HIMSELF FROM 'THE SCHOOL OF MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE'---KAY KISER!!!"
Stu...DENTS! Welcome to the "School of Musical Knowledge"....64 silver dollars for the answer to this one....what student can recite from memory the most recent report given to the horological students attending the first meeting of the current year of the fabulous Heart of America Chapter of that great American Association of Watch & Clock Collectors? (Student rises, gives his hane and begins....)

Caspar Wagner...Professor, and it goes as follows:

Dear Fellow Collectors:

As time draws near for our next meeting we are all anxious to see how our new meeting place will meet our needs. First I want to thank all the members that have done all the scouting work to locate the best place to meet, and who made all the arrangements for the next meeting. Everyone with whom we have discussed the change is enthusiastic about the location and the opportunity to have more time for visiting with other collectors. There will be sturdy tables to hold and show all clocks that are brought to the meeting. Quite some time ago a motion was passed that imposed a fine on a member not bringing something to show. Also the ladies can show their hobbies and it need not always be clocks. There will be a table that can be used for "For Sale" items. Pieces must be marked with a card by the seller.

If anyone has any problems, write us a note or card describing the trouble and we will turn it over to one of our seasoned repairmen (students Herman Tholen and Ernest Motley stand up--make a low bow to each other--and shake hands) and I am sure that the answer will be available by meeting time. If you write it out when you are having the trouble it is not forgotten. You know a 'hobby' man is always ready to show his prizes and why shouldn't we show our troublesome pieces and share our troubles with other members as well as getting other ideas on correcting the difficulties. We are always glad to help another collector wherever we can. Incidentally, the Program for the February Meeting will be a short discussion on clock verges.

Remember the next Meeting, Sunday, February 14th in the Southwest Room in the Veterans Memorial World War II Building located at the Northwest corner of Linwood and Paseo. The business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and then any changes that the members feel should be made can be discussed and tried at later meetings. This is your chapter (all the audience jump to their feet and cheer indicating their support to this fact) and we invite suggestions from all the members. See you Sunday, February 14th, anytime from 12 o'clock until--- (Student sits down)

Well done....STU...dents! And now...(a voice is hear booming from the background--- "Professor, I have a gentleman in the balcony!")....

.....AND TO THAT GENTLEMAN IN THE BALCONY....

Twelve silver dollars if you can name the man who successfully has carried out the work started by the first Secretary of the afore mentioned Chapter of that same wonderful organization known as the NAWCC. (Young man in balcony jumps to his feet knocking over a whole table of calendar clocks belonging to his older Brother and shouts:...)

Florent Wm. Wagner...the present Secretary-Treasurer!....and that's me!!! (A big round of applause is heard.)

(The Prof. of the "School of Musical Knowledge" raises his hands in salute and beckons the young man to continue)

Your Secretary-Treasurer wants to report that we are financially sound. There is not much for your Secretary to report at this time in the way of new and exciting matters. However, some of our Secretary's functions have been useful for the members. Mr. Zoner may obtain the movement for the kitchen clock which he requested

early last year through the patience and cooperative services of our Vice-President, John Mashburn. (John raises his fingers forming a large "V" for victory as our great U.S. Presidents have done in the past). One of our members is still looking for books on French clocks and Mr. Vandervort is still looking for his Early American movement. (Student Vandervort is seen on the stage dressed in a Sherlock Holmes cap and coat carrying an extra large magnifying glass and looking in boxes and crates stacked on the stage.)

Your Secretary has very little other news for you other than to inform the members of the NATIONAL CONVENTION around the 20th of May. Remember this Convention will be in Dallas, Texas. This is an ideal time for many of our members to take their vacation in the South. Dallas is only a day's drive from Kansas City and this is an ideal time of the year to be traveling. For this reason we are hoping to have a very large and fine group attend the National Convention in Dallas. (Students Carroll Thomas and his Wife grab their bags and head for the door at this point.)

The only other thing your Secretary would like to do at this time is to remind the members that the Secretary-Treasurer will be happy to accept dues for 1965. (He quickly produces a miniature cash register). It may be convenient for you to pay these dues at our February Meeting. (Professor Kaiser credits \$12 silver dollars to Florent Wagner's grade and makes a notation that \$2.00 are ~~to~~ to be deducted for 1965 H.O.A. Dues and the rest paid in travelers checks cashed only on Dallas Banks.)

WELL....STU...dents, now LET'S TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE----

Sixteen silver dollars to the gentleman from Roger's, Arkansas, on the excellent article that appeared in their local paper regarding WHY the Epp Blair's have so many fine specimens of antiquity. I've just been handed a note that the entire article will appear on a Bulletin Board at the coming February Meeting so all of you "Collecting Nuts" make it a point to see it. It is entitled "The Way I Heard It."

AND NOW....STU...dents, nine silver dollars for the student who can give a recap of the reports on various meeting spots. Will the gentleman standing in the second row please identify himself...John Mashburn...and nine silver dollars to you, Sir.

Bill Bruer reported that World War II Memorial Building would rent us the Southwest Room which has display tables, plenty of room, and all on the first floor, for \$8.00 a meeting. This Building is located at Linwood (32nd) and Paseo in Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Mashburn and myself had investigated and found that the American Legion in Overland Park did have a room for \$15.00 per meeting. The Ranch Inn at 91st and 50 Highway also had a room available but we would have to have dinner there and this started at 12 noon.

At the suggestion of Dale Henry, the discussion turned to whether to eat and then meet, or just to meet and eliminate eating. Carroll Thomas chimed in for just meeting, and the consensus of the group followed this trend.

B. E. McEowen made a motion to form a committee to investigate possibilities as to meeting place in conformity to the time-element, availability, rental charges, etc. Our President immediately appointed a standing committee composed of B. E. McEowen, Glenn Blair, Dale Henry, and Bill Bruer. The Committee immediately accepted Bill Bruer's proposal of the World War II Memorial for our February 14th Meeting.

NINE SILVER DOLLARS TO YOU, SIR!STUDENT...GUESS WHAT.....

We have the gentleman here with us today who attended that last Clock & Watch Collectors Meeting held last year. Student Tholen....64 silver dollars for a quick recap of what you said that put the Christmas spirit into these cats.

A procession of "nows" from the Past to the Future is what is called "time", and the measurement of these of these "nows" is accurately accomplished by timekeepers, of which we are all so vitally interested in preserving.....The time and effort spent in preserving these timekeepers is far more than the actual worth of the various items in our collections; but not the satisfaction, the knowledge and skill that is acquired that goes along with collecting. Still, there are some of us who do tend to specialize--those who can repair cases, and those who can repair movements. Sharing ideas and experiences is what makes collecting fun.

STU...dents, TIME IS RUNNING SHORT---

We have some announcements that our sponsors have asked us to make....Mrs. R. H. Lough slipped on ice New Years and received some nasty bruises, but she is recovering nicely and the sponsor hopes she'll be at our next program on February 14th. Mrs. Dale Henry is presently taking her meals in Menorah Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. She admired Mrs. Lough's bruises so much she also went out and slipped several Sundays ago. She has the distinction of having a broken hip and wrist and we are afraid our Auxiliary President is out of action for a time being. Mrs. Henry, our sponsors promise to keep you in their memories and see to it that you get regular reports and we all hope you mend quickly as we need your active support attain.

Students of the horological SCHOOL OF MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE, this is your Old PROFESSOR KAY KISER, saying I'll see you Sunday, February 14th, and expect you to all be there with your exhibits, questions, and trades, in the same seats at Linwood & Paseo, at one o'clock. Ladies, bring all the various exhibits you have....you are all wonderful and we want to see your exhibit table overflowing with examples of your hobbies. This will be Valentine's Day and Mr. and Mrs. Dods will be celebrating their wedding anniversary, so lets have a good clock and watch exhibit, and you ladies of the Auxiliary bring your exhibits of needlework, art craft, receipts, etc. and all of us will put on one really grand show.

STU...dents, until next time...."Keep your eye on that clock!!"

Sincerely,

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