

October Report, 1967

Welcome to all---

This is your friendly Editor with good words to all for all about all. A friend of mine once made the comment that anything worth saying could be said in one page--not three. Ernest Hemingway used to write in lines of around five words in length and he was considered the greatest, but I never cared for Hemingway.

Collecting is becoming a serious business. Items are becoming hard to find; many are now saving up their dollars and buying one or two rare items from other collectors with duplicates rather than accumulating a large collection of the commoner items still available from local antique dealers. The trend has been to drive three hundred miles to see and visit with another collector who has just a few desirable items and then to return and socialize telling of the items you saw rather than the items you have. Which means we are changing from the collection phase to the education phase where we spend more time learning about the various makers and the items made than we do collecting them. Is collecting becoming civilized??

At recent board meeting of H.O.A. Chapter Officers it was mentioned that we have 45 paid up members. This is a drop from previous, but we feel it represents the real collectors and not the member who had something to sell such as a jeweler or clock shop who was looking for an outlet thru the Association. With the interests of our collectors changing toward "learning" our Association must be flexible and fortunately H.O.A. is capable of stepping right in and accepting new ideas readily, and in addition, we have an invaluable wealth of knowledge right among our membership. We will revitalize the Program Committee whose function is will be to select various programs to be put on at different meetings. A list of over 13 different programs has already been suggested at the Board Meeting. These will range all the way from slides to complete demonstrations. All suggestions welcome.

To add to the learning, offers of open houses, work shops conducted at meetings, and meeting in the homes have been pouring in to the Auxiliary Chairman. Our October Meeting, to be this Sunday, October 8th, will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Richardson, 9 Normandy Lane, in (North) Kansas City, Missouri. The December Meeting will be at Mr. and Mrs. Caspar A. Wagner's home, 9312 Mohawk Lane, Leawood, Kansas, and our February Meeting 1968 will be at the home of Dr. Knauf, 6511 W. 49th St. Roeland Park, Kansas. If you would like to invite the Chapter to your home, please put your reservation in early for the 2nd Sundays of April, June, August, October or December. Contact our Auxiliary Chairman, Mrs. Caspar A. Wagner, 9312 Mohawk Lane, Leawood, Kansas at Du. 1-2113

In addition to a discussion of programs for our future meetings, some of the topics discussed at the last board meeting included the number of people who are now making grandfather clocks (also grandmother clocks); a new use of the Mart which we will be emphasizing this October Meeting; using a clearing house thru H.O.A. for needed materials and supplies for repairing; H.O.A. Members combining order to various suppliers to get reduced prices on parts and castings; the new source of supply the Government is providing us for European collectable items; and some unusual clocks one of our Chapter's Officer recently acquired. These will be expanded on at the meeting this Sunday so try to make it. Anyone interested in a picnic next year? It has been suggested we try it. We have several offers--shall we??

October 8th, (this Sunday) H.O.A. Chapter's Meeting to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Richardson, 9 Normandy Lane, Kansas City, Mo. Normandy Lane is 4600 Block north of the river on Oak St. Trafficway (the "Vivion Rd-South" Exit if on I-29 and go two blocks south to 4600) at entrance to Green Meadows Addition. Follow Normandy Lane west about two blocks around the curve to 9 Normandy Lane. The meeting will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon, and will feature a large Mart so bring all the items you feel you don't need and even those extra parts you want to get rid of. Ladies, bring something too--lets make this a real go. Dr Knauf will present program for October on History and Development of Time-Keeping Devices This is a very interesting topic and we are sure you will enjoy it. Incidentally, Mr. Wm. L. McClure needs dark Rosewood vaneer, thin (aprox. 32nd inch), 2" wide by enough for 6 feet. Your Editor needs a Lux movement key 3/32 inch for novelty clock--any help???

P.S. Made it in one page! Nuts!
Next time it will be 3 pages!

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Sincerely yours,
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