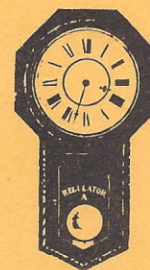


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Hi, there, fellow collectors:

This is your little old Editor sitting down in his little bit of everything office writing to tell you of the not so new news (scandle too, if there is any) and to invite all of you to one of our great big get togethers which is coming up soon. We just might have something new in here as well as something borrowed if you read carefully. Shall we begin or would you rather have one of those famous orations I am so well noted for?

THE MUSIC WAS SOFT, THE HOUR WAS LATE, AND---

We were just sitting here wondering how to tell you--YOUR DUES ARE DUE! Well, we've made up our mind to tell you NOW. Your 1969 H.O.A. dues are due as of the April meeting. For the small fee of \$2.00 and a paid up membership in the National Association (this is required for membership in a local chapter) you will receive all of the wonderful issues of this H.O.A. REPORT, an opportunity to visit in homes with people you know who are just as interesting as you, a chance to get together once every two months with old friends to discuss the latest on the collecting field, contacts where hard to find repair parts can be located, assistance to solving the knottiest of problems, exclusive information regarding the background of your latest acquisition, and an opportunity to have a lot of fun.

We suggest you do not wait until.....Mail your check now to Norman H. Karl, 10815 West 96th Place, Overland Park, Kansas 66214, and be sure!

MEMORIES OF YESTERYEAR ARE ONE OF OUR GREATEST ASSETS---

As we get older, we think not of the bad or sad times, but of the good times, the interesting times, the marks we and others have made on the sands of time. The Chapter wishes to extend its sincerest condolence to Mr. Herman Tholen whose sister, Mrs. Margaret M. Sahli passed away on February 21st. Mr. Tholen and his sister both are from Hays, Kansas. Mrs. Sahli had one of the largest collections of Religious Dolls in the United States. Her collection has been written about in several doll books. They have been on exhibit many times in different cities to help raise funds for different charities--twice here in Kansas City alone.

We also received word that Mr. Roy Post, a collector and repairer of some renown in the St. Louis area, recently passed away. We have had the opportunity to visit with the old gentlemen on several occasions and no more colorful character could be found. Over the years our own Chapter has lost several of its members...Mr. Motley with his experience in repairing 400 Day Clocks and Mr. Powers with his repair business to name only a few...and in each case, we felt the void

each person has left, but new members step in and fill their places as time takes its course. That is the wonderful thing about an active living chapter--it is always growing and changing and adapting to the times.

WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL IF OUR COLLECTIONS COULD TALK AND TELL US OF THE 'OLD DAYS--
Dear fellow collectors,

Our H.O.A. Editor requested a contribution for the next newsletter so here is a few thoughts from our pen.

As we speed down the road toward the home of the Clement Wagner's for the February meeting in the comfort of a thermostatically heated car, I could not help but reminisce on the difference in the type of our pleasure now and forty years ago. Forty years ago, because our children are planning our 40th Anniversary Celebration March 16th, which also happens to be my Birthday. (Editor's note: This is written by Mrs. Peterson of Smith Center)

As a bride and groom, we set up housekeeping on a farm 16 miles north of Smith Center after a short honeymoon trip (short in time, distance and expenditures). At that time our main source of entertainment was producing home talent plays which we exchanged for plays from neighboring school districts. (Ed. note: How many of us remember these?)

As time progressed and the stork paid us two visits, our most vivid memories are of trudging across the fields to the neighbors for a game of cards with Leonard carrying Vaughn and me toting Phyllis. In the dirty Thirties our budget did not permit gasoline for the car or even a license tag for it. We didn't even realize how poor we were because everyone else was in the same boat.

In the summer of 1932 was probably one of our most memorable trips--almost as exciting as the one to Europe 20 years later. The Rock Island offered a round trip to Topeka for \$1 each. In a splurge of extravagance Leonard hauled a load of eats to the elevator 9 miles away and returned with the handsome sum of \$7.

The weekend trip cost us the grand total of \$5 with the remaining \$2 being spent for gasoline for his cousin's car and food for picnic lunches on an outing to Togonosis Lake, with nothing left for sunburn lotion needed by his cousin and I and the two babies after riding in the rumble seat of their Ford coupe. (Ed note: Times haven't changed because we can remember a short vacation last August---1968---with exactly the same experience only the expenses were 7 times those Mrs. Peterson is telling about.)

As as I realized again the warmth of our car, I pondered on the times I broke the ice on the water bucket before starting breakfast preparations. (As Karen Wagner proudly displayed her kitchen cabinet, my mind's eye could visualize the similar one in our farm kitchen). I also thought of the numerous times I sat in the car with the children bundled in blankets while Leonard braved the winter chill to get a fire roaring in the heating stove before taking the youngsters inside.

The goodness of today compared to the good old days and then here we are at our destination 280 miles from home greeting our clock collector friends--what a change of pace--but then our old neighbors weren't clock collectors, merely possessors of one or more old kitchen or mantel clocks and the necessary big alarm. Aren't we thankful in these bounteous times to have a license tag on our cars, gas in our tanks, and change in our pockets to make these wonderful visits to the homes of our collector friends.

We hope we may see you all at the next meeting at the McLaughlin's home. The latched string is always open to any of you who would care to enjoy with us our collection of 700 clocks, 200 antique dolls and cupboards full of beautiful old dishes. We would also be happy to conduct a personal tour thru our camper and trailer factory. We are small but growing--hoping to reach an output of 6 units daily this season.

Happy clock and watch collecting.

Leonard & Blanche Peterson
Smith Center, Kansas

THE TRAVELING CHAPTER TRAVELS IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD---

Our H.O.A. Secretary has just completed a major move going all the way from the eastern edge of the City to the very western edge clear out in Johnson County. His new address for your revised Roster is Norman H. Karl, 10815 W. 96th Place, Overland Park, Kansas, 66214 and his telephone number is 888-1032. Welcome, Norman, to the land of the buffalo grass.

Speaking of traveling, as you are all aware, the National Association Convention is just around the corner and reservations by a good many of our Chapter members are already confirmed. The place is the Jung Hotel, New Orleans, La., and the dates are May 22, 23, and 24th. We always send a goodly number of our members so lets make this no exception. The Exhibits and Mart are worth the cost of the reservation, not to mention the ride on the old Mississippi River Steamer Friday night. Of course, the highlight is always the Saturday night annual Banquet followed by the granddaddy of all Auctions that usually lasts until sometime early Sunday morning.

As for traveling, our Chapter will be on the move April 13 when we hold our bi-monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McLaughlin, 3209 Shady Bend Drive, Independence, Missouri. Arrival time is 1 p.m. with the meeting to start 1:30 that Sunday afternoon. The program will be presented by Bob Williams from Warrensburg, Mo. and will be on how to make verges, adjusting verges, and repairing them. Bring along any verges you have that have been giving you trouble. As a matter of fact, as our Secretary will remind you in the report on the minutes, the clock of the day for exhibit will be interesting school clocks--walnut, oak, rosewood, calendars, non-calendars, drop octagon, anything in this line.

One other point while on this topic of the next meeting--everyone please bring some little thing to sell--clocks (ha, ha) tools, books, anything. Lets make this a big for sale treat. Also bring along your troublesome works as we'll have some experts there to make some suggestions. As Mr. Richardson put it (he is our Program Chairman) lets make this a really interesting and informative meeting.

Mr. McLaughlin has been the leading Probate Lawyer in the State of Missouri since before I was born and has to his esteemed credit the writing of the Missouri Small Estate Law and recently completed a two year term as chairman of the Probate Committee for Mo. His "small" collection of 108 clocks includes French clocks, French statute clocks, many European-American clocks, hand painted china, cut glass, and a collection of museum pieces obtained by trading a gun collection for selected items from the original collection of the Parents of Calvin Coolidge.

BEAR RIGHT, THEN LEFT, THEN DOWN THRU THE HOLLAR OVER THE HILL----

To reach the McLaughlin's home on Sunday, April 13th, take I-70 east getting off at the Blue Ridge Mall Exit (not at the Blue Ridge Cut-off Exit which comes

first). You come off the Exit on to Highway 40 going east. At the 1st stop light turn left on to Chrysler, and proceed north to 32nd and Chrysler. At 32nd and Chrysler turn west (left if you came off the I-70) to Shady Bend and turn left again and it will be the second house on the left after turning onto Shady Bend....3209 Shady Bend Drive. This will be the Sunday after Easter so lets have a big turn out as they have lots to see and its been a long sickly winter.

AND SINCE THE WEATHER IS GETTING NICER---

Our Auxiliary Chairman, Mrs. Casper A. Wagner, 9312 Mohawk Lane, Leawood, Kansas, has requested that you get your reservations in early for the summer open houses. We have had several already turned in and the members really go for these. Our meetings are not long and the Chapter is not so large that todays' homes will not hold them so lets see if we can't see as many of the different collections as possible this summer.

We know that by now all of you have noticed our new stationary--it is really unique. Anyone wishing to purchase a packet can do so by enclosing a dollar per packet desired along with your check to our Secretary, Mr. Norman H. Karl, when you send in your dues. Order several (we will soon have to have the second printing made as supply is going faster than anticipated) and be sure to enclose a \$1 per packet desired (approx. 100 sheets). See all of you Sunday, April 13th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin and bring along those exhibits and for sale items.

Sincerely yours,
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