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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS
Dear Collectors:

OUR FACES SURE ARE RED—

It has been a long long time since your Editor has sat down to this typewriter and tried to compose his thoughts to you on paper. Circumstances have prevented this but with the arrival of the new year, and a new home, prospects have improved to the point where we are anxious to get a-going. We definitely want to thank you, the Chapter Members, who have put up with our negligence the past half year, and our Officers Norman Karl and Florent Wagner who have been working their own secretaries and families crazy trying to cover up for us putting the Reports together and getting them out. They have done a tremendous job.

We have become very excited about the new image that our Chapter is taking on. Oh, we recognize that there are some of us who are not pleased with things—maybe we all need a rest away from these things. I started this Report last week and then stop to take my turn at the flu, and then for the past six months it has been one madhouse trying to write a new math program and prepare text for publishers, moving, and the million and one other things we have been doing around here. But it all served its purpose well. We were able to get around a bit and visit with others, and we were forced to spend some time resting. We sort of took an overall look at things.

AND JUST WHAT DID THE "GREAT THINKER" THINK ABOUT—

Our Chapter is not the biggest chapter in the Association—one might say it is middlesize. We have collectors from almost every walk of life, and every age. Our collections will rival the biggest, the best, and the most unusual with any offered by other chapters. We have among our collectors leaders, followers, and independents. And we even have collectors who collect only knowledge regarding rare items and makers. Being in the middle of our great Nation, we travel to great distances to visit other collectors in order to see and learn.

From the beginning of our Charter (1960), this Report has been dedicated to two things which seemed to explimfy our Chapter's mood—that of keeping the members informed regarding other collectors and collections (the social aspect) and the passing on of any valuable information regarding clocks, watches, or makers (the educational aspect). ~~This will continue to be the policy of this Report, but we are noting a new change in the make up of our Chapter's members and likewise a change in the Chapter's mode of operating. Although in the past we have put on an occasional exhibit with the Heart of America Hobby Assoc. and with some organization such as a library or a bank, today we find our Chapter pursuing this exhibit policy with more vigor. There recent have been several prominent exhibits planned, several of our members have been asked to exhibit and speak at local meetings, and many more prospects are coming up in the future that are now under investigation.~~

What makes this change noticeable? Maybe it is the aggressiveness of our Exhibit Chairman, Mr. W. E. Richardson. Maybe our Chapter members are becoming better known and more organizations want to take advantage of a good program or interesting eye-catching exhibit. Maybe it is due to our members' willingness to want to help others to learn and appreciate what we "collector nuts" have already learned regarding early

timekeepers. Open houses for meetings have become more frequent and since our Chapter is not exceedingly large, it is possible to have basement meetings easier. Maybe it is the leadership of our Officers who seem to have made an attempt to draw all of us into the central picture either by visiting with each of us or by assigning us new committees to work on or new projects to investigate.

FELLOW MEMBERS, BEWARE—

In light of this last mentioned idea, think about it a minute. Is there any member who in the past three months has not visited or been visited by another member who had not been there before? Our members are becoming more eager in their quest to learn and to share their experiences. We have had our ups and downs in the past, but there seems to be an honest attempt by all to get together now to promote new learning, seek avenues that before were not open to us for more knowledge, and to share their ideas, discoveries and opinions.

We mentioned that there has been a change in our Chapter's members. More of our members are now trading or selling than we have ever had in the past. In the past we devoted much of our time to building our collections and renovating the unusual items we had acquired, and to learning about our collections. As our knowledge increased, so did our tastes. Now, the members seem to desire to upgrade their collections by acquiring better and rarer items, and naturally, to do that most of us must dispose of some previously treasured items in order to obtain one still more treasured item.

We have seen a noted increase in trading. For sale items have been more numerous at recent meetings, and the items offered for sale have been reasonably priced and of comparable value. New members of our Chapter have turned to older members as a very good source for items to improve their young collections. Trading is going on at a much larger scale as members seek to improve their hobby—if it can be called that. What is your view of H.O.A.'s image? Whatever view you have, or whatever you are seeking in joining our Chapter, keep in there and show your officers you are all for them by supporting their programs, or that you want a change by bringing up your views at the meetings and by letters. It is our Chapter and will only do for us and be as good as we want it to.

TELL US, OH GREAT EXALTED LEADER—

President's Report

Heart of America Chapter members were really treated well by Santa Claus from the reports that your President hears. Even though clocks are getting hard to find, our collectors always manage to find something to add to their collection. Not only were many additions placed in collections at Christmas Time, but 1969 has started off with a run. We are looking forward to the February Meeting of our Chapter at the new residence of Clement C. Wagner, 6942 Barkley, Overland Park, Kansas. This will be the first opportunity for some of you folks to see his clocks in their new setting.

Our Chapter's Secretary, Norman Karl, has been very busy since the December Meeting. He has completed the designing and printing of our Chapter Letterhead. We hope you like the colorful appearance of our Bulletings in the future. When discussing this Letterhead, many of the members indicated that they would like to have some of the Letterhead Stationary for their own use. For this purpose we have had this Letterhead printed on fine white bond paper. We have made up packets of this white stationary for the members who are interested. Each packet of the white stationary

sells for \$1.00 All of the members wanted this stationary are urged to attend the February Meeting where the packets will be available.

If you are interested in obtaining some of this Letterhead Stationary, but will not be able to attend the next Meeting, send your requests accompanied by your check covering the cost plus 10 cents for postage. The address is: Mr. Norman Karl, 15394 E. 45th Place, Independence, Mo. 64050. Please place your orders early as we may not have prepared sufficient packets to cover all requests and there might be a delay in having more printed.

The Ways and Means Committee of the National Association is conducting a survey to determine if the members are interested in the republication of Volumes IV and V of the National Bulletins. I am sure some of you remember the republication of Volumes I through III in the Blue hardback cover. These are certainly wonderful for all members who do not have the early Volumes of the National Bulletin. Even those of us who have many of the early issues available find these bound volumes extremely worthwhile, interesting and convenient. Please let us hear from all of the members who possibly can on this matter. If you are writing to the Secretary for the Letterhead, mention this to him; if not, please drop the President a note at 9312 Mohawk Lane, Leawood, Kansas, 66206. We know price is important and do not know this now, but the first bound volume was reasonably priced and we are sure this one will be also. But, regardless, let us know if you are interested or not.

The exhibit of your favorite clock this Meeting will be Victorian Walnut Kitchen Shelf Clocks. Certainly every member has one of these and each member is urged to bring his or her favorite. A prize of Norman's Clock Dials will be given to the person bringing the nicest example of the Victorian Walnut Kitchen Shelf Clock.

Speaking of Norman's Clock Dials, the Chapter will again provide a man's door prize of a package of these dials. All of you know how truly nice these dials are and how useful and valuable. As before we will again have a very nice and useful lady's door prize. (Editor's note: These are being supplied by the Chapter Officers and even though it was voted that the members would not need to bring door prizes to the meetings, each set of officers have the privilege of providing any stimulus they desire within reason and if our present officers are willing to donate the door prizes, unless we wish to express our views to the contrary, this would seem to be their privilege.)

We are all looking forward to the February Meeting at Clement Wagner's Home on Sunday, February 9th. Please gather for the Meeting at 1:30 p.m. Our Program Chairman, W. E. Richardson, is working on an excellent program. We hope to visit with the rest of our members to hear about your new clock additions and swap problems and solutions. See you all, Sunday, February 8th at 1:30 at 6942 Barkley with your Walnut Victorian Kitchen Shelf Clocks.

Florent Wm. Wagner,
President of H.O.A. Chapter #36

OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS REALLY EXPRESSED THEIR VIEW---

The December Meeting was held at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar A. Wagner in Leawood, Kansas, and our members definitely took sides when the proposal was made by letter from the St. Louis Chapter that the Missouri Regional Meeting be held hereafter in St. Louis one year and in Kansas City the next year instead of other smaller locations in Missouri as has been in the past. Our Chapter voted in favor of these two principal locations and recommended that the Missouri Regional Committee explore this suggestion. Well, Gentlemen, have you? We will be anxiously awaiting your reply.

Our Chairman in charge of wood finishing, Mr. Mashburn, provided the humor that day when he reported on a large quantity of walnut lumber available if any members

happen to have a few walnut clock cases that needed repairing. The general view was that we could each use a board or two, but who needed a whole church made of walnut. Thanks anyway, Mr. Mashburn. We are glad to have the reports you and other chairmen make regarding the availability of new refinishing products, wood, veneer, brass, and what have you that are here in our area. By the way--it was mentioned sometime past of a clearing house whereby members could contact these men for some particular item you needed. One gentlemen even suggested ordering often purchased clock and watch repair parts in quantity and then offering them to the Chapter Members at the quantity price. Anyone have any extra cuckoo bellows? I need 14--all different sizes.

THE WIND ALWAYS BLOWS IN KANSAS---

Hot or cold, there is always a wind blowing in Kansas, and right now, it is COLD! February 9th, next Sunday, the Meeting will be at the Home of your Editor, Clement and Karen Wagner, 6942 Barkley, Overland Park, Kansas. EVERYONE is welcome. The house will be clean, the refreshments will be delicious (as they always are), and the clocks will all be hung (we hope) or sitting in their new home. BUT they will not all be running nor will they be in the best of repair as I haven't had a minute to touch them and we discovered that when they were moved, half of them fell apart. Our speciality is the now extinct calendar clocks, cookie cutters, math books, and children's broken toys (and we have a lot of all categories mentioned)

Come anytime after 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon (Meeting to start at 1:30) and bring all the Walnut Victorian Kitchen Shelf Clocks you can find for exhibit (ladies, you bring exhibits from your collections to as Karen says she'll make me take down all her cookie cutters if you don't bring something also to exhibit). Throw in the trunk any items you have for sale (I would like first choice on all calendar clocks) and we'll have one of the biggest old time for sale parties you ever attended. To reach our Home follow directions below OR call 262-5893 and a friendly operator will help you get lost.

Coming west out of Kansas City, Missouri, use Gregory Blvd. (which is 71st St.) Cross State Line and continue west on 71st St. all the way to 6900 West which is Barkley. Turn right (north) just a block and a half to 6942 Barkley--this is a dead-end street and must be entered from 71st St. only. If you come out 50 Highway, get off at Highway 69 Exit South and proceed south on Highway 69 (which is Metcalf) to 71st St., turn east two blocks (Barkley is just two blocks east of Metcalf) and then north on Barkley to 6942. Better still, call 262-5893 and we promise we'll help you get lost.

Well, that's it for this time. Sorry we bent your ear so far, but we hope you enjoyed it. Let's hear some grips or comments from our members about anything. Also please furnish us with some more interesting articles about clocks, watches, makers, trips you have taken, collections you have seen, repairing tricks you have discovered, or the latest tips on moon travel; we'll be glad to publish them for you. Just think, you can get your latest manuscripts published free and then everyone can refer to you as an "ex pert".

Sincerely yours,

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

P.S. H.O.A.'s annual \$2.00 dues will be due in April--how about mailing your check NOW!!! Share your fun with a friend. Bring a new member into the National Association and then suggest calmly he join H.O.A. Chapter and have a ball.