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Dear H.O.A. Members:

Every Editor knows that not all he prints is read by everyone and only one fourth of what is read is remembered. Good Editors know that everyone likes to see their name in print and that if there is a good chance that this will happen, the printed word is read from end to end in hopes that somewhere the importance of each reader will be noticed and mention made. What's that have to do with you? Well, read on and see.

Vision yourself attending the Missouri Regional Meeting a short time ago. Things happened there that bear sharing, and some things happened that we hope can be improved upon. There were exhibits and meetings (lets call them Lectures) and open houses. If none of these caught your fancy, there were lots of antique shops and dealers (as well as a goodly number of collectors) who had things to sell and all you had to do was go sightseeing and round up items you wanted. There were also a few hard workers who tried to set up the entire operation with almost no outside help, and that is bad because everyone must pitch in and be willing to serve on committees to make any large undertaking a success. Our cheer goes to those few who struggled so hard.

But the net outcome was unfavorable—Participators spread themselves to thin. The Regional Committee made up of Presidents, past Presidents, and Secretaries of all the participating Chapters expressed views of their respective members when they voted to take the meeting next year back to Columbia, Mo., a more central location. The Ramada Inn (a new Motel opening in Columbia) is the tentative host.

A more recent outing for many of our members was attending a Mid- Mo. Chapter Meeting and Open House held at Stover, Mo., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Blair. Since many of you enjoyed this outing, we'll not go into details except to mention that it is probably a safe bet to say that Glenn has the largest and most unique Calendar Clock Collection in the nation. Our Chapter members attended as guests but we certainly participated in the benefits of what was offered. Color yourself "wise" if you attended.

Your Editor will certainly be one of the first to admit he is of the old conservative school. You might go so far as to say he is ALMOST opposed to "change" of any kind. But if you read deeply into the following, you might notice a very slight trend to bend. The Heart of America Chapter has always been one of "collectors" and members who were interesting in acquiring, restoring, and studying. Unfortunately, this limits our Chapter. First, because one can only acquire so much of any given item--be it items or knowledge. Secondly, because eventually

finances run out and we are forced to stop acquiring. Thirdly, because in our society today, some want to collect and some want to swap and trade (we might add that the latter is what seems to stimulate the most interest and rightly so because it creates interest). The right mixture of all three points is a perfect combination, and unfortunately we have had a lopsided combination down through the years.

But the swing is there. Your Editor has always had the desire to learn and to acquire. The last few years has seen the second point mentioned above holding predominance. But with the times there must come an awaking and change. Facing realities, one suddenly discovers that the cherished old movement he bought five years ago has long been untouched and doing no one any good—but maybe a new member in this collecting field might just need this item to help his collection grow. Seeing no immediate change in time available to do what one hopes to do, and desiring to improve the already existing collection with items that are presently beyond means, why not dispose of a few items one really will never get around to working on in hopes of acquiring some of the more desirable items. This is a "new" change in thinking, and it seems to have infested a lot of our members.

So, what's on the agenda? Our first meeting for the fall season will be at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Karl. The exhibit and discussed clock of the day is to be Calendar Clocks—all sizes, types, and kinds with a prize for the most outstanding. The Karl's have a unique collection of their own so plan on spending some time examining Norman's oddities as well as the attractive way of displaying clocks which their new home affords them.

But, on the other hand, the stress is going to be on the "for sale" items and you have the option of either a flat price or using the silent auction method. Norman is going to put at least five clocks on the "for sale" table and we hope that all the members do likewise. But, we must remember that if a thing is to be a success, it must be undertaken with the idea of moving the item. Be reasonable—you probably bought yours at a bargain, and there are new members who want to get started so lets put that opening bid at a reasonable price and get the fun started. Someone at a recent H.O.A. Director's meeting said to just cut what you were going to ask in half and see what happens. Sounds interesting.

One of the items that will be open for discussion is a kitchen style Steeple Clock highly ornate that Mr. McLaughlin recently acquired. He wants information about it so bring along those books and lets see if we can put our heads together. Our Program Chairman, Mr. Richardson, is presently out of town, but recent report is that there is a program lined up. You will note by the new Roster that is accompanying this Report that we have a goodly number of new members. Check your recent issues of the Bulletin and if there is a new National Member in our area whose not presently a H.O.A. Member, contact him and invite him to our coming meeting. To keep our Chapter growing, we all must contribute so make that your contribution. You might be surprised at the results.

This month's meeting will be October 12th, at the Karl's Residence, 10815 W. 96th Place, Overland Park, Kansas, and will begin at 2 o'clock so come early. To reach the Karl's, go west on 95th St. about 3 miles west of Metcalf (or if you are on I-35 take 95th St. Exit and go approx. 1 mile east). At the Oak Park Housing Decelopment turn south on Blue Jacket St. and go 4 blocks to 96th Place and their Home is on the corner—10815 W. 96th Place.

The December 14th Meeting will be at the Home of Dr. Harry Knauff in Roeland Park, Kansas; and the 10 th Anniversary of H.O.A. Meeting will be April 14th at the Home of our President, Florent Wagner in Leawood, Kansas so make plans NOW.

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