

WE SUGGEST A LATE MAY TOURNEY IN CLARKSBURG

IF WEST VIRGINIA IS TO HAVE A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AT ALL THIS YEAR, IT MOST LIKELY WILL HAVE TO BE AT SOME CENTRALLY LOCATED POINT, AND CLARKSBURG IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH SPRINGS IMMEDIATELY TO MIND.

IT SHOULD BE SOMEWHAT EARLIER THAN OUR 1942 AND 1941 TOURNAMENTS; SOME OF THE MEMBERS HAVE SUGGESTED LATE IN MAY.

JUST TO SOUND OUT SENTIMENT ON THE IDEA, WE HAVE SENT CARDS AND LETTERS TO SOME OF THE MEMBERS, ASKING WHAT THEY THINK OF THE IDEA AND WHETHER THEY COULD ATTEND. NOT ALL THE REPLIES ARE IN YET, BUT THOSE RECEIVED WILL BE FOUND SPRINKLED THROUGH THE PAGES OF THIS BULLETIN.

WE ARE ASKING ALL OTHER MEMBERS TO GIVE US THEIR OPINIONS; ALSO ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS WHICH THEY MAY HAVE TO OFFER CONCERNING TOURNAMENT PLAY THIS YEAR.

MOST OF OUR MEN WHO ARE IN THE ARMED SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY HAVE ASKED ME AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER TO KEEP THE TOURNEY ALIVE. HOWEVER, WE SHALL BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM THEM AGAIN ON THIS POINT. DO THEY STILL BELIEVE THE TOURNEY CAN BE HELD WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH THE WAR EFFORT? DO THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CALL IT OFF FOR THE DURATION? WE'LL BE GLAD TO HEAR, PRO AND CON, AND WILL BE GUIDED BY WHAT WE HEAR.

THAT FIVE-DOLLAR MAN IS HERE AGAIN--THANKS!

EVERY MEMBER OF THE WVCA SHOULD WRITE A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT A. W. PAULL OF WHEELING. HE HAS DONE IT AGAIN! WE OPENED OUR MAIL THE OTHER DAY AND LO! AND BEHOLD! FROM A LETTER WITH A WHEELING POSTMARK DROPPED OUT A CHECK FOR \$5, MATCHING A SIMILAR DONATION FROM PRES. PAULL A FEW MONTHS AGO, BOTH DEDICATED TO SEEING THAT THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS BULLETIN CONTINUES PUBLICATION.

WE ARE SURE EVERY MEMBER APPRECIATES THE CONTRIBUTION, ESPECIALLY YOUR EDITOR WHO GETS A NICE WARM FEELING OUT OF KNOWING SOMEONE THINKS THE BULLETIN WORTHWHILE AND WANTS IT CONTINUED. THOUGH, OF COURSE, SOME OF THE OTHER BOYS HAVE GIVEN GENTLE HINTS OF THE SAME PURPORT!

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO QUIT PUBLISHING THE FINANCIAL REPORT IN THE BULLETIN. EVERY TIME PRES. PAULL SEES THE FUNDS ARE GETTING LOW, HE SHELLS OUT. IT'S NICE, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO BANKRUPT OUR PREY. ANYWAY, THANKS AGAIN AND AGAIN!

PRES. PAULL ALSO WRITES:

"IN REGARD TO THE MEETING AT CLARKSBURG, IT IS POSSIBLE MR. STOVER AND MYSELF COULD ARRANGE TO ATTEND. MR. CAMPBELL AND MR. Altmayer are NOT AT ALL WELL, AND JUDGE RUSSELL HAS RETIRED TO AN OLD MAN'S HOME. IT IS POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT ONE OR TWO OF THESE THREE MIGHT COME ALONG, BUT IN ANY CASE THE NUMBER WILL BE RATHER LIMITED. IF THE MEETING IS ARRANGED, WE WILL STOP AT THE HOTEL...AS YOU SAY, IN VIEW OF THE GASOLINE SITUATION, AUTOMOBILES ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION, SO WE COULD NO DOUBT ARRANGE TO COME BY RAIL, LEAVING FRIDAY NIGHT...THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, SO A LOT MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE INTERVAL."

REVISED MEMBERSHIP LIST

HEREWITH IS A REVISED LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION, WITH THE LATEST REPORTED ADDRESSES:

SAM ABRAHAMS, BOX 404, HUNTINGTON
 M. F. ALLISON, ROUTE 3, BOX 175-A, CLARKSBURG
 J. P. ALMEYER, FOURTEENTH AND EOFF STREETS, WHEELING
 GEORGE ANTHON, AMERICAN THERMOS BOTTLE COMPANY, HUNTINGTON
 ROBERT APGAR, 209 HALE STREET, CHARLESTON
 HARRY BERRY, JR., 316 MAIN STREET, OAK HILL
 DR. ALBRECHT BUSCHKE, 15 WEST 56TH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.
 JOHN E. CARVER, 508 GLOVER STREET, CHARLESTON
 WILLIAM CHALLINOR, BOX 1092, CLARKSBURG
 C. W. CHRISLIP, 2505 CHEROKEE AVENUE, CHARLESTON
 JESSE S. CHURCH, 1324 ODELL AVENUE, CHARLESTON
 GEORGE CLARK, 219 MAPLE AVENUE, CLARKSBURG
 TYSON E. COBB, 509 JEFFERSON AVENUE, HUNTINGTON
 GENE COLLETT, 304 WOOD STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA.
 WALT CREDE, ROUTE 5, BOX 274, CHARLESTON
 WILLIAM E. DAVIS, 1102 NORTH FOURTEENTH STREET, CLARKSBURG
 CAPT. B. W. DEVERICKS, C. E., SERVICE UNIT, S. O. S., ENGR. BRANCH,
 POST ENGR. PROP., FT. KNOX, KY.
 MRS. B. W. DEVERICKS, 315½ SOUTH CHESTNUT STREET, CLARKSBURG
 REV. WILLIAM M. ERHARD, 201 WEBSTER STREET, CLARKSBURG
 LAYNE H. FORD, BOX 534, GRAFTON
 ANTHONY FOY, 4 ARLINGTON COURT, CHARLESTON
 EDWARD M. FOY, SK30, DISBURSING OFFICE, 8TH NAVAL DISTRICT,
 ROOM 444, FEDERAL BUILDING, NEW ORLEANS, LA.
 MRS. LUDWIG FRANK, 1570 KANAWHA BOULEVARD, CHARLESTON
 THOMAS FRYE, 1304 PRINCETON AVENUE, TRENTON, N. J.
 A. B. GILLILAND, 1233 PARK AVENUE, CHARLESTON
 RAY H. GRIFFIN, GREANEY BUILDING, CLARKSBURG
 WILLIAM F. HARTLING, 716 SECOND AVENUE, CHARLESTON
 HAROLD C. HEISEY, 364 EAST NORTHERN AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, O.
 H. REID HOLT, 5 FRONT STREET, RICHWOOD.
 CAPT. ROBERT T. HUMPHRIES, M. C., BOX 92, LAWSON GENERAL HOSPITAL,
 ATLANTA, GA.
 JOHN F. HURT, JR., 3902 WASHINGTON AVENUE, S.E., CHARLESTON
 ROBERT JAMISON, 1207 VIRGINIA AVENUE, E., CHARLESTON
 A/C WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES, SAN ANTONIO AVIATION CADET CENTER, A.A.F.C.C.
 SQUAD 102, FLIGHT 1, SAN ANTONIO, TEX.
 GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI, 1809 EAST MARION AVENUE, MILWAUKEE, WISC.
 HAROLD W. LIGGETT, BOX 2175, CHARLESTON
 HYMAN LURIE, 401 ALEXANDER AVENUE, CLARKSBURG
 HAM LYON, 711 MAIN STREET, CHARLESTON
 H. LANDIS MARKS, C/O CENTURY RIBBON MILLS, FIRST AND BERKELEY
 STREETS, RADFORD, VA.
 RAY MARTIN, BOX 117, SOUTH CHARLESTON
 GEORGE LEWIS MORRISON, CARBIDE AND CARBON, CHARLESTON
 CLIFF MOSIER, C/O THE GAZETTE, HALE STREET, CHARLESTON
 MILFORD B. MOTT, ARTHURDALE
 RUDD NEEL, 1505 SIXTH AVENUE, HUNTINGTON
 A. W. PAULL, WHEELING STAMPING COMPANY, WHEELING
 H. O. PETERSON, GENERAL DELIVERY, CANTON, O.
 LEE ROGERS, 511 JOSEPH STREET, CLARKSBURG
 MAJ. HARRY W. RUPERT, D. C., DENTAL CLINIC NO. 1, FT. KNOX, KY.
 WILLIAM SCHAFFER, 651 WASHINGTON AVENUE, CLARKSBURG

REVISED MEMBERSHIP LIST (CONTINUED)

DR. O. E. SHEFRELAND, CARROLL COLLEGE, WAUKESHA, WISC.
 EVETT SHINKLE, 702 WASHINGTON AVENUE, HUNTINGTON
 MRS. MYRTLE SNYDER, 1547 PIEDMONT ROAD, CHARLESTON
 THOMAS SWEENEY, 70² HAWLEY BUILDING, WHEELING
 A. P. TAYLOR, BOX 483, RICHMOND, KY.
 DR. S. WERTHAMMER, 121 WILSON COURT, HUNTINGTON
 PVT. FRANK B. WISINSKI, CO. 1, BARRACKS NO. 6, 3RD FINANCIAL
 TR. BN., FT. HARRISON, IND.

STATE TOURNAMENT IN CLARKSBURG?

WILLIAM CHALLINOR, CLARKSBURG: "YES, I THINK WE CAN HOLD THE STATE TOURNAMENT RIGHT HERE IN CLARKSBURG. WE SHOULD GET AT LEAST FOUR FROM CHARLESTON AND ONE EACH FROM HUNTINGTON AND SPRINGFIELD, O., AND I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED TWO FROM WHEELING. CLARKSBURG WILL HAVE AT LEAST THREE...THE LAST WEEK-END IN MAY OUGHT TO BE AS SATISFACTORY AS ANY OTHER DATE...YOUR IDEA OF A SINGLE ROUND ROBIN, WITHOUT THE SIDESHOWS OF CONSOLATION PRIZE TILTS, ETC., IS THE BETTER IDBA, AS YOU MEET, IN THAT CASE, EVERY PLAYER IN THE FRAY, WITHOUT ANY PUSSYFOOTING...WELL, LET'S KEEP ON THINKING ABOUT IT...I HOPE BILL DEVERICKS WILL MANAGE TO GET A TWO-DAY FURLOUGH FOR THE DATE WE DECIDE ON."

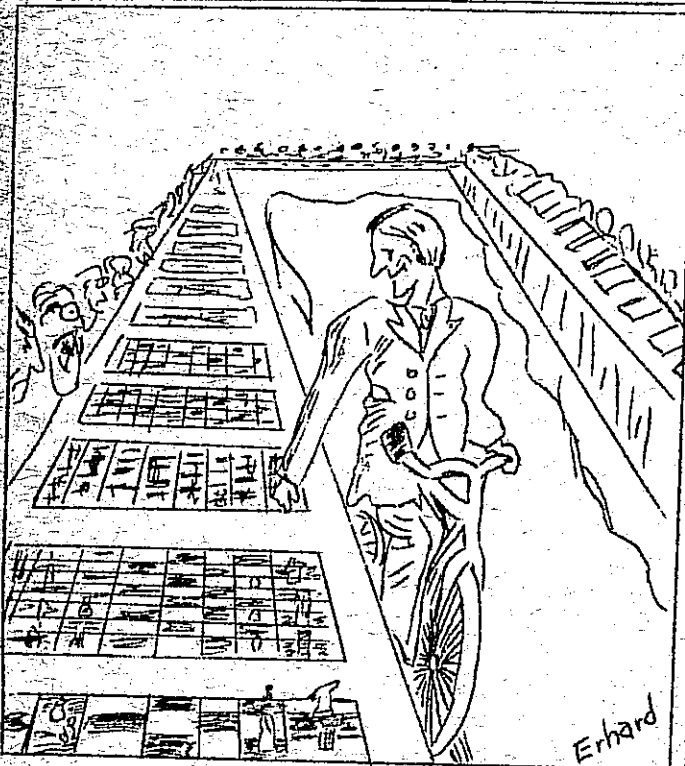
(BILL INQUIRES ABOUT LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT FEES. THEY WERE \$2 FOR VISITORS AND \$4 FOR LOCALS, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 50¢ MEMBERSHIP TACKED ON FOR THOSE NOT W/CA MEMBERS IN 1941.)

SAM ABRAHAMS, HUNTINGTON: "REGARDING THE HUNTINGTON CHESS PLAYERS ATTENDING A STATE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT CLARKSBURG SOMETIME IN MAY: OUR CHESS CLUB IS AT ITS LOWEST EBB, INSOFAR AS ATTENDANCE AT ITS MEETING NIGHTS IS CONCERNED, SINCE OUR CLUB WAS ORGANIZED, AND UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS I FEEL SURE THAT OUR LOCAL PLAYERS WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED...I SPOKE TO TY COBB BY TELEPHONE TODAY. HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED...WE DON'T KNOW HOW CONDITIONS ARE, ELSEWHERE, IN CHESS. BUT WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THEY ARE MORE FAVORABLE FOR YOUR STAGING A STATE TOURNAMENT, THAN THEY ARE HERE."

JOHN F. HURT, JR., CHARLESTON: "BELIEVE I COULD ATTEND IN CLARKSBURG. SUGGEST 28TH AND 29TH OF MAY. THE EXPENSE MIGHT MAKE ME HESITATE. BUT I WOULD ENJOY IT."

LAYNE H. FORD, GRAFTON: "YOUR CARD CAME FORWARDED TO ME HERE AT MONTGOMERY, W. VA. I CAN'T HELP YOU MUCH ON THE TOURNAMENT, FOR THE WAR HAS ME, TOO. I ENLISTED IN U. S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS IN OCTOBER, 1942, TO FOLLOW MY OLD HOBBY OF RADIO. I AM NOW A STUDENT IN WEST VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HERE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY DON'T GRANT LEAVE TO SIGNAL CORPS MEN TO PARTICIPATE IN TOURNAMENTS, UNLESS I SHOULD HAPPEN TO BE AT HOME BETWEEN THE TIME MY COURSE ENDS AND THE RECEIPT OF ORDERS TO DUTY SOMEWHERE...I HAVE NO TIME TO PLAY NOW, BUT IF THE TOURNAMENT CAN BE HELD, IT HAS MY SYMPATHETIC SUPPORT. YOU SHOULD HAVE ABOUT HALF THE USUAL NUMBER FOR I CAN THINK OF MANY WHO ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE PREVENTED FROM TAKING PART ALTHOUGH THE CHARLESTON CLUB IS SUSPENDED NOW...CONTINUE TO ADDRESS ME AT GRAFTON, FOR I NEVER KNOW WHERE I'LL BE, AND MY PARENTS WILL FORWARD MY MAIL. THANKS FOR REMEMBERING ME."

(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)



ONCE MORE WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO REPRODUCE A PAIR OF BILL ERHARD'S ELEGANT CARTOONS, THE FIRST ONE FROM THE CLARKSBURG CHESS CLUB BULLETIN, THE OTHER SENT TO US IN A LETTER...WE DON'T HOW THEY'LL LOOK BY THE TIME YOU GET THEM BUT IF THEY DON'T MAKE SENSE, JUST DISREGARD 'EM. THE SECOND IS SUPPOSED TO SHOW THAT DISTINGUISHED CLARKSBURGER, RAY GRIFFIN, SURROUNDED BY THE WORK WHICH KEEPS HIM FROM CHESS CLUB MEETINGS BETWEEN DEC. 15 AND MAR. 15. THOSE PILED-UP THINGS LOOK LIKE INCOME TAX REPORTS AND CLIENTS' BUSINESS RECORDS, WITH MAYBE A FEW LAW BOOKS...BUT WHO TOLD REV. ERHARD THAT RAY SMOKED LA PALINAS? WE'LL BET THAT SMOKE IS FROM A GOOD OLD WHEELING STOGIE. EH, RAY?

STATE TOURNAMENT IN CLARKSBURG? (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

WALT CREDE, CHARLESTON: "I THINK WITH JOHNNY HURT AND MYSELF LEADING THE WAY FROM CHARLESTON AND PAULL GIVING THE WHEELING OKEH, PLUS THE BOYS IN CLARKSBURG, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRODUCE A SATISFACTORY WARTIME TOURNAMENT. TOO, I THINK YOU SHOULD CONTACT HAROLD HEISEY; HE'LL PROBABLY PLAY. AND WHAT ABOUT LANDIS MARKS--ANY WORD FROM HIM? IT'S A LITTLE SOON TO SAY HOW MANY MAY BE EXPECTED FROM CHARLESTON, BUT I DOUBT IF THE NUMBER SHOULD FALL BELOW FOUR...GO AHEAD, GET THE BALL ROLLING. I'LL HANDLE THIS END. MAY 28-29 OKEH BY ME."

HAROLD C. HEISEY, SPRINGFIELD, D.: "WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE A SPRING TOURNAMENT HELD IN WEST VIRGINIA ALTHOUGH I CAN'T PROMISE THAT I'LL PARTICIPATE. I THINK THAT YOU ARE PERFECTLY JUSTIFIED IN GOING AHEAD WITH IT."

NEW MEMBER

- JOHN E. CARVER, 608 GLOVER STREET, CHARLESTON
- THOMAS RYE, 1304 PRINCETON AVENUE, TRENTON, N. J.

CONTRACTUM BRIDGITIS ~ By William Challinor

(OR NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET—WITHOUT CASUALTIES)

I DIDN'T HAVE SPACE IN LAST MONTH'S CLARKSBURG CHESS CLUB BULLETIN TO EXPLAIN THE REAL CAUSE THE OLD PITTSBURGH CHESS CLUB'S DEMISE. IT WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RABID GERM KNOWN TO SCIENTISTS AS THE "CONTRACTUM BRIDGITIS." IT IS AKIN TO THE FAMILY OF TERMITIDAE.

THIS FOUL BUG WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECAY AND OBLIVION OF THE ONCE FAMOUS BROOKLYN CHESS CLUB. IT IS NOW SAPPING THE LIFE-BLOOD FROM THE OLDEST CHESS CLUB IN WASHINGTON, D. C., THE CAPITOL CITY CHESS CLUB.

DURING MY VISIT TO LONDON IN 1933, I JOINED THE EMPIRE CHESS CLUB, WHICH HAD THEN A MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 5,000 (SOME CLUB!). DURING MY EIGHT WEEKS STAY IN LONDON, SOME WICKED AGENT OF THE DEVIL WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE CLUB MANAGEMENT TO TRY "A FEW TABLES OF CONTRACT BRIDGE." SOME OF THE FEMININE SPECIES WERE, OF COURSE, BEHIND THE SUGGESTION. JUST MERELY TO HELP BRIDGE, NOT IN ANY WAY DESIRING TO INTERFERE WITH THE CHESS PART OF IT, SEEING, OF COURSE, THAT THE CLUB WAS A CHESS CLUB FIRST. IT BEGAN AS A CHESS CLUB, AND ITS ORIGINAL PROMOTERS EXPECTED IT TO STAY A CHESS CLUB.

BUT THESE DAMES WANTED A LITTLE CHANGE--THE COLD CASH KIND WHICH THEY COULD PICK UP FROM THE LAMBKINS AMONG THE CHESS CLUB MEMBERS.

TWO YEARS LATER, I RECEIVED THE CLUB'S FINAL QUARTERLY BULLETIN, INFORMING THE MEMBERS THAT THE CLUB WAS NOW DEFUNCT, AND ADVERTISING FOR SALE 50 INLAID CHESS BOARDS AND 50 BOXWOOD AND EBONY CHESS SETS.

THE CLUB WAS KICKED OUT BY THE GREAT WHITELEY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, WHICH HAD PROVIDED A BEAUTIFUL BIG ROOM FOR THE CLUB FREE OF ANY CHARGE WHATSOEVER. WHITELEY'S WOULD NOT STAND FOR THE GAMBLING GAME OR THE GAMBLING DISEASE KNOWN AS CONTRACTUM BRIDGITIS!

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS: SHOULD THE PITTSBURGH DOWNTOWN Y.M.C.A. CHESS CLUB (OR ANY OTHER CHESS CLUB) EVER LEAVE ITS PRESENT HOME AND OPEN UP AS AN INDEPENDENT CLUB, YOU MUST WATCH OUT FOR THE SNIVELING GENUS TERWITE--THEY'LL SURELY SUCK THEIR WAY IN.

FOURTEEN YEARS AGO ON CHRISTMAS EVE, I LEFT CLARKSBURG FOR PITTSBURGH FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF GETTING A GAME OR TWO OF CHESS. I ARRIVED IN PITTSBURGH AT 8:30 P. M. I WENT STRAIGHT DOWN TO THE CHESS CLUB, SITUATED THEN IN OR NEAR THE OLD APOLLO BUILDING, CORNER OF WOOD AND DIAMOND STREETS, I THINK.

THERE WERE ONLY TWO MEN PLAYING CHESS; THE REST OF THE CROWD, ABOUT 25, I IMAGINE, WERE DEEP IN CONTRACT BRIDGE. THE TWO CHESS PLAYERS WERE PLAYING FOR 25 CENTS A GAME. I TRIED BY EVERY MEANS I COULD TO GET A CHANCE TO PLAY WITH THEM OR, IN FACT, WITH ANY OF THE CROWD BUT IT WAS NO USE.

I LEFT THE CLUB AT 11:30 P. M., THOROUGHLY DISGUSTED. I WENT TO A HOTEL FOR THE NIGHT, LEAVING BY THE MORNING TRAIN FOR CLARKSBURG, Sadder and wiser. I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN A PITTSBURGH CHESS CLUB SINCE THAT TIME.

SOLVING THE WARTIME CHESS PROBLEMS By Walt Crede
 (FROM "THE CHESSBOARD" IN THE CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL)

I MENTIONED BRIEFLY LAST WEEK THE PROBABILITY OF GETTING SOME SORT OF CHESS ACTIVITY STARTED IN CHARLESTON DURING THE SPRING MONTHS. SINCE, I'VE QUESTIONED SEVERAL CLUB MEMBERS. SOME WERE IN FAVOR OF THE IDEA, OTHERS WEREN'T. CLIFF MOSIER SAID, "IF YOU CAN GET AROUND THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, IT WOULD BE EASY TO GET A SMALL TOURNEY GOING. BUT THE WAY THINGS STAND NOW, I DON'T KNOW."

WELL, HERE'S THE WAY I HAVE IT DOPED OUT--HOLD THE MEETINGS IN A CENTRALLY LOCATED AREA, WITH THE GROUP GATHERING, SAY, ONE NIGHT EACH WEEK. THOSE PLAYERS LIVING IN SOUTH CHARLESTON AND KANAWHA COULD READILY USE THE BUSES. THE CHESSERS RESIDING EITHER ON THE EAST OR WEST SIDE COULD TAKE IT ON THE HEEL-AND-TOE METHOD. THERE'S NO TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM IF THE MEMBERS REALLY WANT TO PLAY CHESS.

I BELIEVE THEY DO. TAKE JOHN CARVER, FOR INSTANCE. HE GRABS AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK CHESS. OR ALAN GILLILAND. HE'S ASKED ME SEVERAL TIMES, "WHY DON'T YOU ROUND UP A FEW CHESSERS AND COME TO MY HOUSE?" OR ANOTHER EXAMPLE: WHEN I SET OUT TO GET A TEAM TO OPPOSE ALLOY IN THE CORRESPONDENCE TILT NOW UNDER WAY I EXPECTED A REAL JOB. BUT I HAD A TEAM IN NO TIME.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT
 (BY W.C.)

- JOHN CARVER
- JESSE CHURCH
- BOB APGAR
- ARTY MALOY
- HAROLD LIGGETT
- FRED WHITE
- FRED OSTRANDER
- JOHN HURT
- EDDY FOY
- OTTO LANG

- CHARLES CHRISLIP
- BILL HARTLING
- A. A. SELETZ
- CLIFF MOSIER
- TOM SNYDER

- SID ASHCRAFT
- JOHN WILES
- BILL TRUSLOW
- BOB JAMISON

-O- -O- -O-

THESE EXAMPLES ARE BUT A FEW AMONG MANY. INTEREST IS NOT LACKING. AT CARBIDE A STEADY TOURNAMENT IS UNDER WAY DURING LUNCH HOUR. CORRESPONDENCE GAMES ARE FLOURISHING. I'LL VENTURE TO SAY AS MANY AS 50 PLAYERS ARE INVOLVED.

A POLL WILL BE TAKEN. IF A LARGE ENOUGH NUMBER SAY "YES" IT'LL BE NO TIME AT ALL UNTIL THE CITY WILL BE HAVING THREE MORE MONTHS OF THE GAME DU ROYALE.

-O- -O- -O-

I LIVE ABOUT 4½ MILES OUT ELK RIVER AT A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS CREDE. RECENTLY BYRON MITCHELL MOVED INTO THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD AND PUT ME TO SHAME. AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN LIVING OUT THERE I'VE NEVER SUCCEEDED IN GETTING CHESS INTEREST AROUND HOME, NOW THERE ARE FOUR PLAYERS BESIDES MYSELF AND THE PROSPECT OF FOUR MORE. MR. AND MRS. MITCHELL AND MR. AND MRS. TOM BOLAND ARE HARD-BITTEN BY THE BUG. THE FOUR PROSPECTIVE CHESSERS ARE MR. AND MRS. REX CROUSER AND MR. AND MRS. HAROLD E. SAMPLES.

ANYTIME AT ALL IT SHOULD BE FAIRLY SIMPLE TO GET A "REGIONAL" BEGINNERS' MATCH OUR THERE. THEN PERHAPS OTHERS WILL BECOME INTERESTED, DEVELOPING A "CHESS VILLAGE."

IT'S CUTE, ISN'T IT?

ISN'T WALT'S LITTLE DOO-DINKUS ABOVE, ACROSTICIZING THE NAMES OF THE CHARLESTON PLAYERS, A CUTE THINGAMABOB? THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE SEE TO COMPLAIN OF--NINE OF THOSE LISTED AREN'T WCA MEMBERS? HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU BOYS GETTING TO WORK ON 'EM AND SIGNING 'EM UP?

 VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

JOHN E. CARVER, CHARLESTON: "INCLOSED IS \$1 FOR TWO YEARS' MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE YEAR-BOOKS LEFT, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE...ALTHOUGH I AM A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CHARLESTON CHESS CLUB, I HAVEN'T PLAYED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT AM STILL INTERESTED IN CHESS AND AM PLAYING MY FIRST CORRESPONDENCE GAME. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF A PERSON EVER LEARNS ANYTHING OF CHESS, HE NEVER LOSES HIS LIKING FOR IT, AND THEN, TOO, YOU MEET A FINE CLASS OF FELLOWS AT CHESS CLUB GATHERINGS."

(WELCOME TO OUR MIDST, JOHN! YEARBOOK HAS BEEN FORWARDED, AS WELL AS CURRENT AND SOME BACK ISSUES OF THE BULLETIN.)

JESSE CHURCH, CHARLESTON: "I THINK YOU ARE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB KEEPING THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS MEMBERS INFORMED AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON EVERY STATE COULD USE MORE PLAYERS LIKE YOU. GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND DO NOT LET THEM CITY SLICKERS TRIM YOU TOO MUCH."

(THEM CITY SLICKERS SO FAR HAVE TAKEN ME FOR EVERYTHING BUT THE FILLING IN MY BACK TEETH. I'M ONLY PLAYING IN THE CLASS A SECTION OF THE PITTSBURGH "Y" TOURNEY AND MY SCORE IS A MISERABLE TWO WINS, TWO LOSSES, ONE DRAW, BUT I'M STILL HOPEFUL OF BEATING SOMEBODY SOME DAY SOMEHOW. MAYBE I CAN GO BILL CHALLINOR IN A WEAK MOMENT WHEN HE COMES TO PITTSBURGH FOR THAT TWO-WEEK VACATION. ANYWAY, THANKS FOR THE POSIES, EVEN IF UNDESERVED, THEY COVER ME WITH BLUSHES AND MAKE ME HAPPY WITH MY LOT.)

REV. WILLIAM ERHARD, CLARKSBURG: "I FEEL HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED THAT YOU SHOULD REPRODUCE MY ROUGH DRAWINGS IN YOUR ESTEEMED PUBLICATION, THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS BULLETIN. FEEL FREE TO USE ANY OF THEM WHICH YOU MAY THINK SUITABLE, BUT BEWARE OF POOR QUALITY IN THEM!"

(BUT WE THINK THE QUALITY EXCELLENT, BILL. WHAT SAY YOU OTHER MEMBERS?)

WILLIAM CHALLINOR, CLARKSBURG: "I HOPE YOU'RE GETTING TOUGHER AND TOUGHER IN A CHESS-PLAYING WAY. I MIGHT MANAGE TO TAKE A COUPLE WEEKS VACATION IN PITTSBURGH, SEEING THAT ENGRAVING IS SLOWING UP HERE... THANKS FOR THE STATE BULLETIN. IT WAS QUITE INTERESTING."

(HUZZAHS! THE PITTSBURGH DOWNTOWN YMCA CC AWAITS YOU WITH OUTSTRETCHED PAWNS, BILL! SHALL I ENGAGE A ROOM AT THE Y SO YOU'LL BE CLOSE TO BUSINESS?)

HAROLD C. HEISEY, SPRINGFIELD, O.: "IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUERY, I TIED FOR SECOND WITH LAST YEAR'S WINNER IN OUR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP. FINAL SCORE: 5 WINS, 2 LOSSES."

(NOT BAD, NOT BAD AT ALL. WE'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET NEARER THAN A TIE FOR FIFTH IN ANY CHAMPIONSHIP WE EVER PLAYED IN. AND LUCKED THAT!)

SAM ABRAHAMS, HUNTINGTON (P.O. BOX 404), WRITES THAT THE "Y" CLUB OF WHICH HE IS SECRETARY HAS LOST A NUMBER OF PIECES FROM ITS CHESS SETS AND WOULD REPLACE THEM IF IT COULD FIND PIECES SOMEWHERE. WE'VE BEEN WRITING AROUND BUT MOST OF THE FIRMS MAKING CHESSMEN SEEM TO HAVE WAIVED FOR THE QUANTITY AND SUPPLIES ARE EXHAUSTED. (SEE NEXT PAGE.)

PERHAPS SOME WVCA MEMBER CAN HELP OUT. THE HUNTINGTON MEN ARE WOOD-EN, STANDARD CLUB SIZE, WITH A KING $4\frac{3}{4}$ INCHES TALL. THE CLUB NEEDS 3 WHITE KINGS AND A WHITE QUEEN, AND THE FOLLOWING BLACK PIECES: 3 KINGS, 2 QUEENS, 1 BISHOP, 1 KNIGHT AND 1 ROOK. WILL ANYONE WITH AN IDEA WRITE TO SAM AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS?

TOM FRYE, TRENTON, N. J. (WE MAY BE A LITTLE LATE IN REPORTING), GOT A FINE SET OF PLASTIC MEN AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM THE WIFE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT--FEBRUARY 10 to MARCH 10

	<u>REC'D.</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>BAL.</u>
BALANCE ON HAND FEB. 10 (SEE BULL. 9)			\$ 5.47
BULL. 9 (80 COPIES, 4 PP.) MIMED WORK			
\$1.04, POSTAGE 88c, ENVELOPES 28c		\$2.20	3.27
A.W. PAULL, CONTRIBUTION TO BULLETIN EXPENSES	\$5.00		8.27
JOHN E. CARVER, TWO YEARS' MEMBERSHIP FEES	1.00		9.27
COMMISSIONS FROM SALE OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	3.37		12.64
YEARBOOK MAILED TO CARVER		.06	12.58
CORRESPONDENCE WITH MEMBERS		.34	12.24

BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND MARCH 10, \$12.24. BALANCE IN CORRESPONDENCE
TOURNEY FUND MARCH 10, \$2.50.

WANTA READ A GOOD BOOK?

WE'VE JUST FINISHED READING DR. EMANUEL LASKER'S LAST BOOK, "THE COMMUNITY OF THE FUTURE." IT IS STRICTLY NON-CHESS, EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL ALLUSIONS, ALTHOUGH IN IT THE LATE DOCTOR OFFERS A CHESS PLAYER'S ATTACK UPON AND SOLUTION TO A WORLD PROBLEM. THE BOOK WAS WRITTEN BEFORE THE WAR BUT LOSES NONE OF ITS TIMELINESS FOR THAT REASON, BECAUSE THE PROBLEM IT DEALS WITH IS UNEMPLOYMENT--WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE JUST AS MUCH OF A TRIAL AFTER THE WAR AS BEFORE. DR. LASKER SAYS IT NEED NOT BE IF HIS PLAN IS ADOPTED--AND PROCEEDS TO PROVE HIS POINT IN SOME 300 HIGHLY ENJOYABLE PAGES. THE BOOK WAS SENT US BY HONORARY MEMBER GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI, WHO SAYS HE WILL PROVIDE A COPY FOR ANY MEMBER WHO WANTS ONE (AUTOGRAPHED BY KOLTI), TOGETHER WITH A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO THE AMERICAN CHESS BULLETIN, ALL FOR THE SUM OF \$2. COULD YOU ASK A BIGGER BARGAIN? ADDRESS: G. KOLTANOWSKI, C/O H. HELMS, 150 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

WHO IS THIS MYSTERY MAN?

IN THE JANUARY CHESS REVIEW IS A LETTER SIGNED BY "S.A., HUNTINGTON, W.VA.," DEALING WITH THE CURRENT ALEKHINE CONTROVERSY. IN A LETTER TO SAM ABRAHAMS, WE ASKED IF HE KNEW ANYONE IN HIS CITY WITH THOSE INITIALS, BUT IN HIS REPLY, HE DID NOT REFER TO THE MATTER, SO HE HAS APPARENTLY HAS NO INFORMATION. THE LETTER SAID:

"TO REPROACHFULLY BAN ALEKHINE'S GAMES FROM THE COLUMNS OF YOUR ESSEMED PUBLICATION IS TO PLAY THE NAZI'S GAME. IN THE CONQUERED COUNTRIES OF EUROPE THE PEOPLE LIVE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FEAR AND MANY OF THEM ARE SHAMMING THEIR ACQUIESCENCE TO THE 'NEW ORDER.'...ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT ALEKHINE'S CONVERSION IS JUST MERETRICIOUS?...I THINK THAT PUBLIC OPINION IS AGAINST ADOPTING THE SUGGESTION OF YOUR CORRESPONDENT. NEXT, WE'LL BE HEARING ABOUT BURNING ALEKHINE'S BOOKS. SUCH THINGS ARE NOT DONE OVER HERE."

EDITOR: GENE COLLETT, 304 WOOD STREET, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.