Merry Christmas

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS BULLETIN

Happy New Year

NUMBER 122

DECEMBER 1957

TWELFTH ANNUAL TRI-STATE CONGRESS

The Tri-State was held at Huntington, W. Va., on Nov. 9-10 at the Governor Cabell Hotel. George Koltanowski directed.

Donald Burdick, West Virginia coch a mpion, won the championship tournament with a score of 4-1. He tripped on one game of 14 moves, won by Richard Noel, Jr., Ohio Junior Champion. Second was Young Ross Sprague of Cleveland with 3-2. Sprague, the runner-up in the Ohio State Championship, was declared the Tri-State Junior Champion. Two leading players from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia competed in the round robin.

Held concurrently was the 19 player Ohio Valley Open, a 5-round Swiss won by Jerry Hanken of Covington, Ky., with 4½-½. Second place was a triple tie with Edward Foy and John Hurt, Jr., both of Charleston, and Tom (Bergquist of Huntington, ranking in that order after the tie-break.

Huntington merchants donating prizes were M. D. Angel, Collins and Childers, Dunhill's, and Scandia Glass. The Hobby Shop was helpful, and Rogers and Co. engraved a trophy gratis, assisting greatly our none-toorobust treasury.

A word of praise for the Hotel's courteous treatment of their player guests is in order. The local newspapers and radio gave good coverage.

Of the twenty-five players, nine live in Huntington. Others often attending these events were unable to play because of illness and other good and sufficient reasons.

Correcting an error given to our

local press, Burdick is not the first Tri-State champion from this state. He was preceded years ago by Landis Marks and Dr. Werthammer.

KOLTANOWSKI AT THE TRI-STATE

On Friday, Nov. 8, George Koltanowski gave his celebrated Knight's Tour, which must be seen to be appreciated. Afterward he played a 12-board simultaneous, and was held to draws by Morgan and Sayre. His two feats were all the more remarkable, considering that he also competed "simultaneously" with a noisy football pep rally, a banquet of jolly good fellows, and a demonstration of electric organs.

His tournament direction the next two days was a model of quiet efficiency. He forestalled trouble. He did not have to be informed who was in time pressure. He knew it without being told. He also spotted faulty clocks and cautioned their owners. Loud talkers he quietly waved outside.

A kind-hearted person, his disappointment over the small "house" was as keen as anyone else's.

A REMINDER

Your president and former Editor at this moment is particularly pleased to address the WVCA and emphasize that the workers in this chosen field need every helping hand that can be offered.

Payment of annual dues is but part of what may be called a duty and a privilege of membership.

TOUR BY HOROWITZ

Mr. I. A. Horowitz, Editor of Chess Review, and well known personally to many readers, will make an exhibition tour after the first of the year. If you are interested in meeting him one night in Charleston, please let Dr. Hayward know. m

MR. A. W. PAULL

It is with deepest regret that we nnounce the passing on Dec. 2 of fr. A. W. Paull of Wheeling, our rst President and the honored dean West Virginia chess.

nd unflagging. In the Association's me of financial need, in fact at all mes, his support and cooperation Although he was advanced in years, s interest in our game was constant ere always to be depended upon.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Werthammer played in this nts in the 7-round Swiss. Stephan is schedule undefeated, winning one ame and drawing six-two against ng weekend. There were 93 contest-Jonald Byrne, Charles Kalme, and reat annual midwestern tournament, eld in Milaukee over the Thanksgivopel of Detroit, a former champion f Paris, and of France, won ahead of obert Fisher. Dr. Werthammer disnguished himself by going through [. S. musters and four against experts. TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

4-1 1 Donald Burdick, Huntington, Ross Sprague, Cleveland x, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0

3-5 David Spiro, Pittsburgh, Pa. 0, x, ½, ½, 1, 1 ...

2%-2% Salvador Reyes, Pittsburgh, Pa. 0, ½, x, 1, ½, ½

0, 0, ½, 0, x, 1 1½-3½ Richard Noel, Jr., Chagrin Falls, O.

OHIO VALLEY OPEN

1, 0, 1/2, 0, 0, x 11/4-31/2

V12, W3, W8, W4, D2, 41/2-1/5, 191/5 1 Jerry Hanken, Covington, Ky. 2 E. M. Foy, Charleston

V7, D10, W17, W6, D1, 4-1, 141/2 V16, L1, W9, W12, W6, 4-1, 14 3 J. F. Hurt, Jr., Charleston

V13, bye, W11, L1, W8, 4-1, 11½ 5 C. T. Morgan, Philippi 4 T. Bergquist, Huntington

L2, W18, L5, W13, W15, W15, W5, W10, L2, L3, 7 H. McClung, Huntington 6 P. A. Sayre, Huntington

Bye, W16, L1, W11, L4, 3-2,

9 R. Lee, Morgantown

L4 W14 L12 L7 W19 2-3

L6, L12, Bye, W14, L7, 16 J. Ballard, Huntington

2-53 5-53 L3, L8, L14, W18, Bye, 17 J. Mechem, Morgantown

18 Eleanor Canonge, Pittsburgh, Pa.

L11, L7, W19, L16, L14, 1-4, 19 Derek Linton, Huntington

L10, L9, L18, Bye, L13,

repeaters in first place, and only one ment it is -- much tougher than its Following our list of state chamshould bring back old memories. No perfect score, -- Hartleb's 5-0 in 1950. Serves to show what a tough tournapions last issue, here is a list of Tri-State winners and runners-up, culled from past issues of the Bulletin. It originators dreamed of back in 1945.

OHIO VALLEY OPEN

. T. Morgan vs. . A. Sayre ³ 5 . ∱ ५

D9, L6, W7, W10, W12 31/2-11/2 121/2

3-2, 11 8 R. T. Neel, Huntington

7.

D5, W19, L3, W17, D11, 3-2, 10 T. Lajeik, Cincinnati, 0.

W19, D2, L6, L5, W17, 2½-2½, 6½ 11 F. Bahr, Cincinnati, O.

W18, W17, L4, L8, D9, 21/2-21/4, 51/4 1.2 V. Rizzo, Pittsburgh, Pa.

L1, W15, W13, L3, L5, 2-3, 13 J. G raves, Madisonville, 0.

L17, L13, W16, L15, W18, 2-3, 14 Dr. V. S. Hayward, Huntington

15 G. Painter, Morgantown

W14, L11, L2, L9, L10, 1-4,

FROM THE FILES

those players got together in one couldn't, who would win? What do Wonder what would happen if all cournament? Maybe an invitational? If they all showed you think?

Brilliant counterattack

Very nicely played, Offering a P.

ferior but still playable game.

WHEELING VS. WCU MATCH

A University team visited Wheeling and gave the club there a short extension course in chess. Score 5-3.

	¢	0	0	Ø	-
WHEELING 3	Bill Stevens	Otto Swicker	Mrs. Cedric Smith	Mr. Seabright	Charles Ritter
	 [€/J	0	Н
WVA 5	Richard Lee	\ s	Carl Wade (faculty)	Charles Lancaster	Phil Gallo

SIDEWALKS OF CHARLESTON

side got pushed all around the town,

losing 114-314.

In the unnual East side-West side match of Charleston players, the West

EAST SIDE 3½

WEST SIDE 1½

George Hendricks	1/2 Walt Crede	Thomas Walker	Clete Price	Robert Streust
H	%	Н	11	0
John F. Hurt, Jr.	Edward M. Foy	William Cuthbert	Daniel Lowder	Richard East

* 0

GAMES SECTION

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Notes by Dr. Werthammer

Speedy dispatch after inferior opening play by Black.

D. Burdick vs. Dr. S. Werthammer. RUY LOPEZ

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 B-N5; P-QR3; 4 B-R4, N-B3; 5 N-B3, P-Q3

The simple B-N5 would easily equal-

6 BxN, PxB; 7 P-Q4, PxP; 8 NxP, B-Q2; 9 Q-B3.

White has considerable pressure. He threatens P-K5.

9 . . , P-B4

The book move, but N-N5 is the better alternative.

10 N-B5, P-N3?

BxN should be played here. After 11 N-R6, BxN; 12 BxB, N-N5; 13 the text Black gets into trouble.

B-N7, KR-N; 14 P-KR3, RxB; 15 The lesing move. B-B3 gives an in-P.N. P-QB3?

Black bites, But his game could hardly be saved. On 17 . . , QxP; 16 . . , Q-N4ch; 17 K-N, BxP? 18 Q-B6 wins.

18 Q-N3, P-B3; 19 P-B4, Resigns. NORTH CENTRAL CHAMPIONSHIP 1957 Angelo Sandrin of Chicago is a A. Sandrin vs. Dr. S. Werthammer former U. S. Open Champion, QeD

1 P-Q4, P-Q4;

4 B-N5, P-B4; 5 BPXP, BPxP; 6 K2ch; 11 Q-K3, N-N5; 12 B-N5ch. Instead 0-0-0. Now Black gets 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3 N-QB3, N-KB3; CxP, B-K2; 7 P-K4, N-B3; 8 Q-Q2, PxP, Q-PxP; 9 BxN, BxB; 10

12..., B-Q2, 13 BxBeh, KxB; 14 16 K-N, BxN; 17 PxB, RxP; 18 N-K2, R-B4; 19 KR-K, R-K; 20 N-QxQch, KxQ; 15 0-0-0, QR-QB; E4, K-Q2; 21 RxR, KxR; 22 P-P-22, P-QR3, R3, N-R3; 23 K-N2, N-B2; 24, K-N3, K-Q2; Drawn. counter-chances.

Of course, Black is by far superior will fall eventually). But he was glad and should try to win. (White's QP

to have wriggled out of a desperate opening mess.

IRREGULAR OPENING

(Note by P.S.: I inject a few comments on the mid-game — for intermediate players.)

1 P-K4, N-QB3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q3; 31 P-KB4, P-K3; 4 N-QB3, P-KN3; 5 N-B3, N-R3; 6 B-Q3, P-B4; 7 B-K3, B-Q2; 8 Q-Q2, Q-K2; Q O-O-O, B-N2; 10 K-N, PxP; 11 NxP, O-O-O; 12 P-B3, K-N; 13 KR-K, QR-K; 14 B-KB2, KR-B; 15 P-KR4.

W: After an unorthodox defense by Black, the game is about even. White is free, but Black has latent strength—which erupts later. White would have done better to play here B-R4, P-K3 and then N-N5. After the text his K-wing Ps becomes weak.

15 . . ,Q-B2; 16 N/4-N5, Q-N; 17 P-R5, N-B4; 18 PxP, PxP; 19 P-KN4; N-K2; 20 R-R, P-K4!

W: With this sudden stroke Black takes the initiative.

21 QPxP, BxNP; 22 PxP, PxP

(S: Now, if 23 BxP, NxB; 24 QxPch, K-R; 25 QxKN, B-B4ch.

I remember seeing Black's refutation with relief at this point. A good player would have seen it before committing himself with P-K4)

23 QR-N, BxN.

W: An excellent exchange, removing White's most aggressive piece.

24 NxB, Q-Q4.

W: With the threat, RxP!25 QxR,

QxBch; 26 K-R, R-KB.

25 R-R3, N-K4!!?

W: Beautiful, but Black overreaches himself.

(S: Curiosity costs me a pawn.) 26 PxN, RxN; 27 RxR, QxR; 28 PxP, N-B4

(S: Here 29 RxP, B-R3; 30 P-Q7, R-Q; 31 Q-K2 seems good. It's an interesting game to fool around with. Suppose 31.. KxQ; 32 BxQ, RxP; 33 B-N4, R-Q4; 34 BxN, R-Q8ch regains the piece — by 35 K-B2, R-Q7 ch and 36..., RxB — but White remains a P ahead. Hindsight, of course.

29 BxN allows R-K7.)

29P-B4??

W: 29 P-Q7, R-Q; 30 BxN, QxBch would have at least drawn.

29.., B-R3!

W: This is the key move of the combination.

(S: Actually, this was played only to permit 30..., NxP without incurring 31 B-N3 — after which ...,B-B5 would stop the pin.

The other threat dawned on me later.)

30 Q-B2, NxP.

(S: Here 31 BxP, N-K5 looks interesting. Perhaps the pawn is immune.)

31 RxP.

W: This permits an elegant finish. It is extremely doubtful whether White could have saved the game, at any rate.

32..., Q-R8ch; 33 R-N, QxRch; 34 Resigns.

President W. Va. Chess Association: Dr. V. S. Hayward, 1128 Ninth Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.

Vice President: Dr. Dominique Mastel, Harpertown Road, Elkins, W. Va. Send News and Dues (\$2.00 per year) to Secretary-Treasurer, Charles T. Morgan, Philippi, W. Va.

Editor W. Va. Chess Bulletin: Paul A. Sayre, Phone JA 2-7917, 1033 14th St., Huntington, W. Va.