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ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT--Morgantown bid accepted

Vice-President Lee of the WVU Chess Club writes Dr. Hayward thus: This communication has to do with the impending battle of wits which will, we assume, ensue at the annual meeting of the Association on Labor Day weekend next. Specifically it wishes to elevate a question in regard to the geographical location of said meeting; and, in the event the powers that be have procrastinated decisionless thus far, to submit for their erudite consideration the town of Morgan in Monongalia County--home of the state's university.

If it so be that our humble suggestion finds favour among your esteemed intellects--and is accepted forthwith by the Association as a suitable site for the multiple encounters--be it known that the University facilities are available at zero cost to all who wish to attend regardless of race, creed, or color.

The University Chess Club will, if their invitation is accepted, make a strenuous effort to provide for a conspicuous showing of the best chessplayers in this and surrounding communities. We believe we can assemble approximately twenty players from the northern part of the state.

On receipt of an affirmative reply from the Association we will dispatch without delay (in plain envelope) a missive outlining the pertinent information as to hotel accommodations, eating establishments, etc.

Respectfully yours in the Service of Chess & Jargon,

Richard Lee, Vice-President,
W. V. U. Chess Club

Remarks: Thanks for filling up all that space. The members agreed on Morgantown. The tournament will be held Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 and other details will be in the next issue.

OTHER MATCH AND TOURNAMENT NEWS

The WVU club lost a match with Pittsburgh U., 5-1, with Bill Dickson scoring the lone point. They defeated Wheeling by 6-4.

Donald Burdick played with success on the Duke University team in matches with other Southern Conference schools.

The Kanawha Valley Open will be held as a Swiss on Memorial Day weekend in Charleston, and outsiders are welcome.

THE ASSOCIATION MARCHES ON

The next two items are emphasized for definite reasons. They show that--There really is a West Virginia Chess Association and that its members can and do get things done.

--Chess clubs can be started and maintained even in small cities.

--Chess promotion can be entertaining (Beckley item).

--Inter-city cooperation of our members is so effective that it should be extended. And it can be extended by means already in use.

--In this work of extension it can use more support from its members, and it can also use more members.

THE BRIDGE PORT STORY

Bridgeport (pop. 2,500), a few miles east of Clarksburg, is famous as the home of Mike Benedum, dubbed by reporters "the world's most famous oil wild-catter". Benedum donated a number of beautiful buildings to it, including the Benedum Civic Center.

"Last Monday night, Feb. 5, we had the organization meeting of the Bridgeport Chess Club. As you might expect, we picked the worst possible night weatherwise. It was near zero, the roads were icy, and a blizzard had been banging away all day. In fact, no completely sane person would venture outdoors. Surprisingly enough, we had 26 chess addicts show up... We had a demonstration board made and started off with a beginners' class of 15, mostly adults." (Ed.: He starts each meeting with a half-hour class.)

Letter, Feb. 11. "We now have 35 members, and I believe with proper publicity, local window displays, and the constant use of Morgan's amazing talent, we can run it up to 50. He conducted a simultaneous last night and took 19 out of 20 without drawing a deep breath. (Ed.: Kingsley II won.)... I actually feel we are going to develop an excellent club at Bridgeport."

News releases: Feb. 10 "Chess sets and reference works are available at the Benedum Library... donated by the promoters of the chess club." Feb. 17--a third class by Kingsley and Morgan's second 20-board simultaneous. Richard Fleming of Bridgeport scored the only win, and Dr. Robert Humphreys of Clarksburg drew.

Letter from Morgan, Mar. 25: "Billings Smith has been a real promoter for chess in Bridgeport. Thirty-five to forty have been there every Monday night despite bad weather. More than half are youngsters who seem quite interested. Dr. Humphreys... several times Harrison County champion, attends regularly. I have given several simultaneous exhibitions, including a "bandex" with Dr. Humphreys. We are going to start a ladder soon." Important elements in the club's success seem to be its persistent promoters, its fine meeting place, and its regular teaching program.

A thought--In our recently adopted constitution, there is an article, not yet put to use, which provides that our three elected officers shall constitute our Board of Directors. Such a Board may have several functions. Examples: It may report to the annual meeting on the work of the past year, make a plan for the next--to be approved at the annual meeting, and help further the work of the Association between meetings. At first, of course, it needs to learn its work, and the Association needs to learn how to use it.

BECKLEY AND DUPONT (Or, Hurt's Idea Is--Getting Around)

(Fun on Hertz. See?)

It is always a pleasure to see an imaginative approach to chess promotion. Mike Wynn deserves some kind of prize for this one. He invited Hurt to Beckley for a match, leaving him with the impression it was just another simultaneous. But when he got there, Hurt found the board set up in the window of a new shoe store that a radio station was publicizing. It was on a main street opposite the post office. A radio announcer was present and gave an account of the game every few minutes between records. As many as 30 or 40 window-shoppers at a time stopped to watch the games. They played two nights.

This seems to be a new and ingenious kind of "live" chess display, simple to arrange and without cost. Very successful, too. A two-pronged attack, with both radio and live appeal.

In DuPont--It seems we have another new club. Hurt wrote, "Gave a simultaneous at YWCA for DuPont Chess Club, winning 13, drew 2, lost none. Mostly beginners, they have a league going of seven teams of five."

THE "COURTESY" BYE

From the California Chess Reporter, on giving the bye to Van Gelder of San Francisco in the California Open: "But it wasn't just that Van had been our roommate at Cleveland or other personal reasons; Van had just married off a son and we felt the circumstances were extenuating enough to let him go back to the wedding reception and have some more champagne." He finished 4-3, placed 31st of 103.

There were two examples of what might be called "courtesy" byes in the last Ohio Valley Open. Mr. Neel, recuperating from a severe illness, excused himself from the first round. Tom Bergquist gave fair warning when he entered that he couldn't play in the second round due to a pre-

Valedictory--At Durham, N. C., on June 2, Donald Burdick will graduate from Duke University. After that morning ceremony, there will be another in the afternoon, in which he will be married to Miss Mamie Jane Galloway of Huntington. Donald will spend the summer in Durham, then do graduate work at Princeton next term. He plans to teach mathematics. He is saying goodbye to Huntington and W. Va. chess, which surely sends him its congratulations and best wishes. Donald learned the moves here at the age of 10, and in seven years became the state's strongest player (1954 tournament). There'll be a candle in the window, Donald. Doctor's Odyssey--Dr. Werthammer spent several weeks in Europe and Israel this spring. In Vienna he distinguished himself by defeating a player whom he later discovered to be a minor master. If he had known his opponent was a master, he would probably have offered a draw. (See last issue.)

Innocence Abroad--A letter asking Mrs. Gedric Smith for Wheeling news was forwarded to Athens. She replied that she would be travelling for some months and added, "Coming down the Adriatic from Dubrovich in Jugoslavia to Athens I got two thorough beatings at chess by the Captain of the boat who looked like a thug and played much too well for me."

GAMES--Notes by Dr. Werthammer

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31 Q-K3, PxB; 32

defense.

An endgame win in the grand manner.

It is very interesting to watch the alternating attacks-

D. Burdick vs. G. Hendricks

J. F. Hurt, Jr. vs. C. Y. Morgan
FRENCH DEFENSE

Black vs. White KBP and White vs. Black KP. Actually neither side can undertake anything and the game should be given up as a draw.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 N-QB3, B-N5; 4 P-K5, P-QB4; 5 P-QR3, BxNch; 6 PxB, Q-B2; 7 N-B3, P-QN3; 8 P-QR4, N-K2; 9 B-Q3, B-R3; 10 O-O, BxB; 11 QxB, P-KR3; 12 P-KN4

32 RxKP?

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, P-Q3; 3 P-Q4, PxF; 4 NxF, N-QB3; 5 P-QB4, N-B3; 6 N-QB3, P-K3; 7 B-K2, B-K2; 8 B-K3, P-Q4; 9 KPxF, PxF; 10 PxF, NxF; 11 NxQN, NxB

A pointless move. Why not B-R3 after all the preparation?

White overreaches himself here by opening up the game. It takes sterling play, however, for Black to win.

This ultimately loses the Exchange. The alternative PxF was not attractive though. Black has opened up the game too early by P-Q4.

12.., N-Q2; 13 B-B4, P-B5; 14 Q-Q2, O-O-O; 15 KR-N

32.., QxBPch; 33 QxQ, RxQch; 34 K-N2, R-B7ch; 35 K-N, R-B8ch!!

12 NxF, NxF; 13 B-N5ch!

White will be unable to do anything to the Black K-position.

The star move. After forced exchange of the Rs, Black wins the instructive P endgame in his usual efficient way.

The winning move.

15.., N-QB3; 16 K-N2, QR-B; 17 P-KR4, Q-Q; 18 R-R, P-B3

36 RxR, RxRch; 37 KxR, KxR; 38 K-K2, P-QR4; 39 K-K3, P-N3; 40 K-B4, P-QN4; 41 PxF, P-R5; 42 P-N6, K-Q3; 43 P-N7, K-B2; 44 P-N5, PxBch; 45 KxF, P-R6; 46 KxF, P-R7; 47 P-R5, P-R8(Q); 48 P-R6, QxF; 49 P-R7, QxQP; 50 Resigns.

13.., KxN; 14 RxNch, K-B2; 15 N-Q5ch, K-Q; 16 N-N6ch, K-B2; 17 NxFch, K-N; 18 O-O, KxN; 19 KR-K, B-K3; 20 B-Q7

Black herewith takes the initiative. In the process, however, he acquires a weak KP.

Getting rid of the two Bs and simplifying. The rest is easy.

19 QR-K, PxF; 20 BxF, N/3xB; 21 NxF, Q-B3; 22 R-R3, NxF; 23 RxN, R-B2; 24 Q-K2, KR-B; 25 P-B3, K-Q2; 26 R-K3,

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20.., R-Q; 21 BxB, RxR; 22 RxR, PxB; 23 R-K, B-B3; 24 P-QN3, P-K4; 25 P-B4, K-N; 26 PxF, B-K2; 27 R-QB, P-QN3; 28 K-B2, K-N2; 29 K-B3, P-QR4; 30 K-K4, B-B4; 31 RxB, PxF; 32 K-Q5, K-B2; 33 KxF, K-Q2; 34 K-Q5, Black resigns.

vious commitment (Attending an ice show with his wife). Mr. Neel finished 3-2, Tom 4-1.

It happens in the best-regulated families. At the U. S. Open, Bobby Fischer (the winner) received a first-round bye. We may suppose there was some "human interest" reason similar to the above ones, since Bobby is not a weak player.

It is usually assumed that the "rightful owner" of the bye--the weakest player--would rather be active than idle, and he is given a game. The other course is to award the bye to the weakest player, a forfeit point to the absent one's opponent. As T. D., which would you choose?

If the former is your choice, consider:--don't you 1) give the absent player an extra rest, 2) cause pairings for the following rounds to be altered, 3) give the absent player a point he could not receive if there were an even number of players?

Your editor would like to know your sentiments.

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

The list of champions wasn't omitted by mistake last issue. The introductory paragraph was included by mistake. (Your pardon, sirs.) It brought up the idea of putting them all in an invitational tournament, presumably mythical, and wondering who would win.

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| 1945 | Pittsburgh | 1 Milton Q. Ellenby, Dayton, O.
2 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington. |
| 1946 | No tournament | |
| 1947 | Cleveland | 1 H. Landis Marks, Huntington.
2 William Byland, Pittsburgh, Pa., and
Thomas Gubekunst, Allentown, Pa., tie. |
| 1948 | Wheeling | 1 Herman V. Hesse, Bethlehem, Pa.
2 Rainer Sachs, Cleveland, O.
(Hesse won single game play-off after tie.) |
| 1949 | Pittsburgh | 1 William Byland, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2 Walter Mann, Columbus, O. |
| 1950 | Columbus | 1 Glen E. Hartleb, Erie, Pa.
2 James R. Schroeder, Columbus, O. |
| 1951 | Huntington | 1 Saul Wachs, Philadelphia, Pa.
2 Harald Miller, Cleveland, O. |
| 1952 | Pittsburgh | 1 Tony Archipoff, Toledo, O. and
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington, tie. |
| 1953 | Youngstown | 1 Walter Mann, Columbus, O.
2 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington, and
Allen DuVall, Charleston, tie. |
| 1954 | Wheeling | 1 Frank Ferryman, Middletown, O.
2 James L. Harkins, Jr., Cleveland, O. |
| 1955 | Pittsburgh | 1 Charles Kalme, Philadelphia, Pa.
2 Herman V. Hesse, Bethlehem, Pa. |
| 1956 | Youngstown | 1 Charles Heising, Hamilton, O. and
J. Glenn Waltz, Pittsburgh, Pa., tie. |
| 1957 | Huntington | 1 Donald S. Burdick, Huntington,
2 Ross Sprague, Cleveland, O. |

ANGELS--Dr. Hayward and Dr. Werthammer have each donated \$25 to the Association, when it appeared that the Bulletin would have to skip an issue. If you want to see the Bulletin restored to its former glory, sign up a member.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Marriage--Mike Wren, after the Beckley promotion stunt noted above, has married and moved to Charleston. He has resumed his chess activities there.