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Place: Armstrong Hall, Rooms 207-8, West Virginia University campus at Morgantown. The hall faces the Field House on Beechurst Avenue, and the parking lot is approached by a driveway in the rear.

Time: Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

Schedule: Registration should be completed by 12 noon EDT, Aug. 30.

The University is on Daylight Time but we are advised to be careful

--"Some of our citizens are probably operating on sun time," says

Lee. The Business session follows at about 12:15, and then after

lunch the first round at 1:30. The second round will be Saturday

evening. There are usually either two or three rounds on Sunday,

and one Monday morning. Prizes will be awarded early Monday after-

noon.

Tournaments: The Championship tournament is for experienced players.

Clocks are required. Entry fee, \$5.00.

The "Open" is for players who wish to avoid the tougher competition

of the championship group. Clocks not required. Entry fee \$3.00.

A separate Junior tournament will be held if possible. Entry fee \$2.

The Swiss system will be used where there are too many players for a

round robin. The tournament director will be Dr. V. J. Lemke, head of

the University German Department.

Rooms: Hotel Morgan, High Street downtown, 7 blocks from the Hall.

Mid-City Motel, Spruce Street downtown, 5 blocks distant.

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AGENDA: Main items on the list are election of officers, number and kind of tournaments, and USCF membership.

USCF MEMBERSHIP

As those with access to Chess Life know, the U. S. Chess Federation originally rated--for a flat \$10 Fee--any tournament in which at least two of its members took part. This system was for the convenience of members, to give them an idea of the strength of their opponents, and to give them an incentive to improve. But it resulted in so much trouble and expense that it had to be changed.

Under new USCF regulations tournaments will be rated only if all of the players are USCF members. Besides the ratings, the Federation dues, \$5.00 a year, entitle you to large discounts on books and equipment, a year's subscription to Chess Life, the right to play in any rated tournament, and to vote for your state director, and the opportunity to work with other like-minded people to raise the standards of American chess.

A compromise will be considered in which only the Championship is rated. However, Morgan will again propose that all tournaments be combined. Members are urged to prepare themselves for an informed vote on these questions.

CHARLESTON

In the Charleston Open this spring, the field of 16 was divided into four parts, two strong players seeded to each group. After each group played a round robin the two leaders qualified for the final tourney, an eight-man round robin. The others played a consolation tourney. The championship field, made up of Hurt, Hendricks, Gramberg, Foy, Crede, Hobday, Cuthbert, and Pride, was won by John Hurt, defending co-champion, $6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. Walt Crede was second with 5-2, followed by Edward Foy, the other co-champion last year, $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. The consolation entries were Wren, Ferenz, Clair, East, Murtha, Stewart, McKinney, and Clark. Art Ferenz won with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$, and Dick East and Robert Stewart tied for second with 5-2.

Mike Wren later challenged Hurt to a 10-game match for the latter's city title, each to put up \$50, winner take all. Wren won the first game after a horrendous blunder by Hurt, who then won the next six games--final score, 8-2.

Hurt also entered the U. S. Amateur at Asbury Park, N. J., over the Memorial Day week-end. He finished with 4-2, an excellent score for a national tournament. He won from Lusish, Rigler, Fredericks, and Newberry, and lost to Greene and J. A. Hudson. (Hurt drew with Hudson last year.)

DUPONT

The newly-formed DuPont Chess Club of DuPont, W. Va., was the "hot-chess club in the (Charleston) area during the earlier months of the year. They had a six-team league, with the No. 1 team finishing on top. It was composed of John Swint, Jim Turner, Basil Gray, Jack Beuth, and Earl McCune. Beuth was unbeaten in league competition. The DuPont players met at the YWCA on Monday nights, and plan to resume league play in October." (From Foy's column in the Gazette-Mail.

CLETE PRIDE

From the same column: "Charleston players were sorry to see Clete Pride leave the city. Clete moved back to WVU to handle publicity. He plans to attend the state chess congress over the Labor Day week-end. (Note: Clete will probably be the first publicity man at the university to publicize a chess tournament.)" A publicity man with the professional touch, interested in chess? Sounds like what we need.

PHILIPPI--Morgan performed well at the Columbus Tourney. He wrote: "Pal Benko, late of Hungary, won the Trumbull Memorial at Columbus over Memorial Day with 6-1 (two draws). Jim Schroeder of Columbus and Ernest Bergel of Missouri tied for second at $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. J. Glenn Waltz and I tied for fourth at $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. I won from George Kellner, R. K. Salisbury, O. Taylor, and Jim Harkins and drew with Fred Bahr while losing to Benko and Schroeder. It was a strong tournament with one international master, six experts, and seven Class A players. One of the strongest I've played in." (Charles had nearly as many tie-break points as the winner--30 as against 31.5. A strong schedule, with Charles a clear fourth on the tie-break.)

ognized (by the University?) in the spring of 1957. The officers are: President, Phil Gallo; Vice-President, R. Lee; Secretary-Treasurer, David Brown; Faculty Advisor, Prof. C. E. Wade. We have About 30 members, half of whom are fairly active. Meetings, Sunday, 6-10:30 P. M. We have played 5 matches so far, won 3, lost 2. Present club champion is the president. He has never competed before in organized competition and says he prefers to play merely for fun and not for blood. However it appears quite likely that he will try his luck in the "Open" on Labpr Day. We also have some sharp candidates for the Junior title. "The interest that has been shown so far in our little village points to a real successful event."

WHEELING

From Charles Ritter: "Charles L. Bishop of Wheeling, who is now attending Wheeling College, was the winner of our tournament and is now champion of Wheeling for 1958. He is no sbuch at the chessboard."

BOOK REVIEW, by P. S.

LOGICAL CHESS, MOVE BY MOVE, by Irving Chernev.

Simon & Schuster, N. Y., \$3.95.

This is one book (among several) panned by Dick Rees of Chess Correspondent. Rees disliked the "vain repetition" and said the aim of the book--to comment on every move of every game--resulted in over a dozen separate write-ups on 1 P-K4. He ended with the remark, "This reviewer sickened."

One who reads practically every chess book published easily becomes more critical than the rest of us. Rees could easily be such a connoisseur. Some difficulty can be avoided if the reviewer first gets the author's purpose right. Then he can procede to whether that purpose is important or effectively presented. I believe Chernev's purpose was to arrange his material so as to trap the casual reader --no matter how much the beginner or lazy intermediate player skims through this book he cannot avoid learning something. To avoid the repetitions, the reader need only skip them.

Also, we are used to seeing games with comments about every 10th move, and form the habit of playing through the intervening moves carelessly. Chernev recognized that a fatal mistake or a missed opportunity can happen at almost any move, and focuses almost equal attention on all of them.

I think the author's purpose is valid, that he attains it, and that the book is outstanding.

FINESSE

From the California Chess Reporter comes an end-game "study", reported by Dick Sasuly: "Two players, Class C or thereabouts, were seen recently at an outdoor chess table in a New York public park. The elderly man, seedy and unhappy because he had lost several games in a row to the young fellow, finally got to and end-game with a passed pawn at KR3. But the youngster had a passed pawn at QB2 which would queen immediately afterwards--with check. The old man gave his best thought to the situation and produced the following brilliancy (Played con brio):

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| 1 P-KR4 | P-QB4 |
| 2 P-KR5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | P-QB5 |
| 3 P-KR7! | P-QB6 |
| 4 P-KR8(Q) | P-QB7 |
| 5 Q-QB8 | Resigns." |

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Here White never seems
to get off the ground.
Black's heavy pieces
both infiltrate and
finish the attack.

Dr. R. Rigler vs. J. Hurt
BIRD'S OPENING
(DUTCH REVERSED)

1 P-KB4, P-Q4; 2 N-KB3,
P-QB4; 3 P-K3, N-QB3;
4 P-QN3, B-N5; 5 B-K2,
P-K3; 6 B-N2, N-B3;
7 O-O, B-Q3; 8 P-Q3,
Q-B2; 9 QN-Q2, O-O-O;
10 P-KR3, BxN; 11 BxB,
KR-K; 12 Q-K2, P-K4;
13 P-B5, P-KN3; 14 Pxp,
RPxp; 15 P-B4, N-K2;
16 B-N4ch, NxB; 17 QxNch,
P-B4; 18 Q-N5, P-Q5;
19 P-K4, R-R; 20 K-B2,
QR-B; 21 K-K2, R-R4;
22 Q-N3, Q-Q2; 23 P-QR4,
P-R4; 24 K-Q, P-KN4;
25 K-B2, P-B5; 26 Q-B3,
R-R5; 27 R-B2, R-N;
28 R-KN, P-N5; 29 Pxp,
R/5xp; 30 Q-K2, N-N3;
31 N-B3, B-K2; 32 Q-Q2,
P-N3; 33 R-KR, B-B3;
34 R-R5, Q-KN2; 35 R-R2,
N-R5; 36 NxN, BxN;
37 R-Q2, Q-N4; 38 B-R3,
Q-K2; 39 Q-Q, R-N6;
40 B-B, R/1-N5; 41 Q-B,
B-N4; 42 B-Q2, K-N2;
43 Q-KR, K-R3; 44 B-K,
R-K6; 45 RxR, QPxR;
46 B-B3, B-R5; 47 K-Q,
Q-N4; 48 K-K2, P-B6ch
49 Resigns.

If 49 Pxp, R-N8.
Or if 49 Bxp, R-N6ch;
50 K-K2, Q-N5ch; 51 K-B
(K-K, RxPch & Q mates),
Q-Q8ch; 52 B-K, R-B6ch,

which Black wins a P,
but doesn't quite know
what to do with it.

J. Hurt vs. P. Sayre
DANISH GAMBIT DECLINED

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 P-Q4,
Pxp; 3 P-QB3, P-Q4;
4 KPxp, N-KB3; 5 N-B3,
Nxp; 6 Qxp, N-QB3; 7 B-QN5,
B-K2

End of Black's "book"--
equality, it says. Per-
haps8.., Qxp is not good
because of 8.., B-B3;
9 Q moves, Q-K2ch and
White cannot castle.

8 N-K5

End of White's "book"--
advantage to White, it
says. So much for books.

8.., Q-Q3; 9 BxNch, PxB;
10 O-O, O-O; 11 N-B3

White is wary of B-B3.

11.., P-QB4; 12 Q-Q3;
B-R3! 13 P-B4, N-N3!

Black wins a P. If 14
QxQ, PxQ; 15 P-QN3, B-B3.
But Black's follow-up
is weak.

14 Q-B3, Nxp; 15 R-K,
KR-K; 16 N-B3, QR-N;
17 P-QN3, N-N3; 18 B-K3,
P-B5; 19 QR-Q, Pxp;
20 Pxp, Q-QB3; 21 N-K5,
Q-N2; 22 BxN, BPxB

The other two "takes"
get complicated. Exam-

26 N-B5, R-N; 27 NxB, etc.
possibly a draw.

23 N-Q5, B-QN4; 24 Q-KB5,
B-Q

The B keeps an eye on
KB3 in case of N-KN4.

25 N-QB4, RxRch; 26 RxR,
P-N3; 27 N-B6ch, BxN; 28
QxB/6

Black has wiggled out of
a ticklish situation,
and now could probably
win by BxN; 29 PxB, R-QB.
If 30 R-QB, P-QN4 and
the BP is either won
or by-passed. Black
reasons that after the
text 28.., Q-Q4, 29 N-Q6
is impossible because
of 29.., Qxp.

28.., Q-Q4; 29 N-Q6!

Anyhow! Threatens draw
--29.., Qxp; 30 N-B5, PxN;
31 Q-N5ch, etc.

29.., B-Q2; 30 Q-K7, B-K3;
31 N-K4, Q-Q

Black would like to
simplify but can't.

32 Qxp, R-R; 33 Q-N7,
Bxp; 34 P-N4!

A surprise move which
probably draws. Black's
next threatens B-K4
(Bad now!--QxB!).

34.., K-N2; 35 Q-B6,
R-B; 36 Q-N5, Drawn.
White is "down",
Black is exposed.
White's NP and N are
well-placed. 36..,
B-B5 or B7; 37 Q-N2ch,
P-B3? 38 NxKP, QxN?
39 R-K7ch. After
36.., B-K3; 37 Q-K5ch,
Black would be
hampered. A hard game
with interesting points.

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