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## YANKEE GO HOME

Mark Twain's Connecticut Yankee was transported by a "twist of fate" to a faraway country--somewhat backward, it must be admitted. He had many adventures, tilted with a knight or two, and tried out some new, business-like ideas. Finally one day a magician cast a spell over him and sent him home.

SIR BOSS!

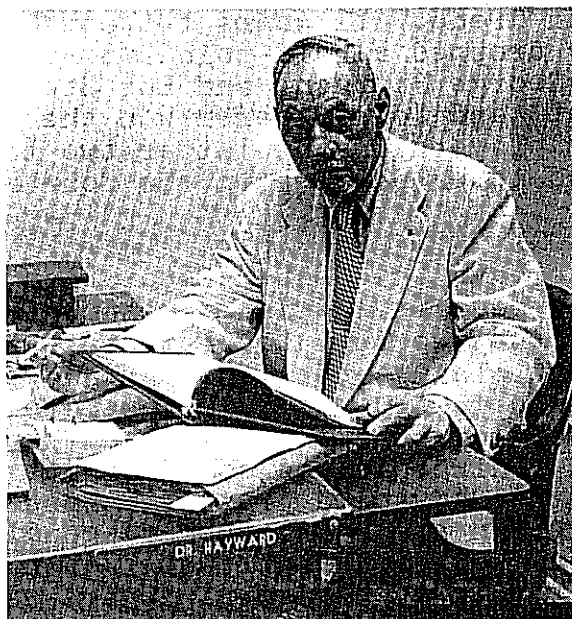


Photo  
by  
Cornell

All this reminds us of Dr. V. S. Hayward of Huntington, if you will allow us to stretch things a bit and call Father Time a magician. He certainly works some potent transformations.

Dr. Hayward was editor of the Bulletin from 1950 to 1957, and president of the WVCA in the 1957-58 year. He will retire from the VA in July and he and Mrs. Hayward will return to New York, where they will make their home. Mrs. Hayward, incidentally, was also an "earnest worker" on the Bulletin. For years she read the copy and took it to the printer (halfway to the county line) and carried on delicate and protracted negotiations with same. Then she helped with the mailing chores.

On the local scene, for many years the Haywards held a weekly Saturday afternoon open house, with refreshments, for homeless chess-players and allowed them to make liberal use of the Doctor's collection of chess books. (A trifle too liberal, sometimes.) If there are

more chess players playing a better game in West Virginia today, the Haywards had a hand in it. An uncommonly generous hand. All of us who shared their hospitality will miss them.

#### ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT (From Foy's Gazette column.)

The 1959 State Chess Tournament will be held in Charleston at the Daniel Boone Hotel over the Labor Day weekend, September 5-7. As usual, this year's event will consist of three separate tourneys-- the State Championship, the Junior Championship, and the "Open". David Marples will direct.

Efforts have been made to have the Championship rated by the U. S. Chess Federation. This means, among other things, that the contestants in it must belong to the national organization. (The other two tourneys will be unrated, and it will not be necessary to join the USCF to play in them.) All chessplayers are welcome to enter the "Open". More details in the next issue, or write to Foy--address on back..

#### CHARLESTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Allen H. DuVall of St. Albans won the 1959 Charleston city championship by a score of  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Walt Crede was second at  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , followed by Harry McKinney, state junior co-champion, 4-2, and Edward Foy,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . DuVall drew with Crede. All games between Crede, Foy, and McKinney were drawn, and Foy dropped a half-point to Harold Graham.

Art Ferenz, Dr. George Pierson, and Bob Stewert tied at 5-2 in the Minor "A" tournament, and John Scherer won the Minor "B" with a perfect 7-0 score. The players in the latter two tournaments were made up of the middle and lower players in the four qualifying tourneys.

#### TOURNAMENT TERMINOLOGY

Foy would like to have the State Association adopt the above terms --Minor, Major, etc. used in English tournaments-- to avoid the confusion resulting from the two open tournaments,--the state (open) championship and the (just plain) open. Another suggestion would be to limit the championship in some way, so the name would not have to be changed, and so that beginners and intermediate players would not get in over their depth. This could be done by letting it be known that the Championship is for advanced players--those who have already distinguished themselves in some way, such as consistently good play in other events. Seeding will be easier when ratings become common. The U. S. Open and the U. S. Championship are easily distinguished.

#### TEAM MATCHES

Charleston and Huntington played a hard-fought 3-3 tie match at Charleston in May. Charleston club still meets Wednesdays, but has moved from the YMCA to the Knights of Columbus building. (And the cry of "Bingo!" is heard in the land.)

| HUNTINGTON...3             | CHARLESTON...3        |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Dr. S. Werthammer 1        | W. Crede 0            |
| P. Sayre 0                 | H. McKinney 1         |
| T. Bergquist $\frac{1}{2}$ | E. Foy $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| Dr. A.J. Darbes 1          | G. Hendricks 0        |
| R. T. Neel $\frac{1}{2}$   | R. East $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| C. Boggs 0                 | H. Graham 1           |

From Morgan--The West Virginia University Chess Club won its last two matches by beating Wheeling, 9-3, and Bridgeport, 9-2. The Wheeling match was a double-round affair played at Wheeling with WVI's Richard Lee, Paul Styles, W. Va. Junior Co-champion, Joe Mechem, and Robert O'Dell winning both games. Richard Petso of the University split his two games with Otto Zwicker of Wheeling, 1-1. King of

Wheeling won both games.

Winners for WVU at Bridgeport were: Phil Gallo, Cletis Pride, Richard Lee, Carl Wade, Robert O'Dell, Allen Veasey, Paul Styles, Allen Gibbard, and youthful (10 years old) Neil Cohen. Winners for Bridgeport were David Ellis and Bob Jones.

#### SHOWS

Charles Morgan gave two simultaneous exhibitions. In the first at the Bridgeport Chess Club, he suffered only one loss in twenty games. The winner was Robert Fleming. In the second, held at the Mountainlair on the WVM campus, Morgan won fifteen and lost six to: Cletis Pride, Phillip Gallo, Ted Baker, Richard Lee, Joseph Kilbilbek, and Allen Veasey.

In February Dr. S. Werthammer gave a 17-board simultaneous at the Huntington-YMCA Chess Club, winning 15, drawing 1, and losing 1. He won from such regulars as Tom Bergquist and Dr. Alex Darbes. The one loss was to Rudd T. Neel, and he drew with Miklos Szalavits, a Hungarian student at Marshall.

(Note: Let's have more exhibitions by West Virginia's experts. The crowds they draw are just as large as those drawn by visiting masters,)

CLUBS. Two new ones, two revived.

#### HUNTINGTON

The Huntington Club, organized in 1922 by the late Sam Abrams, is probably the state's oldest. Last October, after about two years of inactivity, Rudd Neel, Paul Sayre, and Tom Bergquist were joined by Dr. Alex J. Darbes of Marshall College (formerly of Cleveland) in an effort to revive the Huntington group. They obtained a fine room at the YMCA's May Building (10th Ave. Between 9th and 10th streets) for Saturdays at 1:30 p.m.

Officers are Dr. Darbes, president, Sayre, secretary, and Bergquist, treasurer. Dr. Hayward is chief instructor in the amenities and background of chess-play, a required course. He also made a generous donation of books and sets. Mr. Neel suggested frequent newspaper announcements of meetings, and they have brought in new members. Mr. Charles Lauer, general secretary of the YMCA, has given the club every cooperation, and the club members have joined the "Y".

A variety of events was scheduled and publicized, including a ladder competition, 2 rapid transit tourneys, a simultaneous, team matches, and a rated club championship tournament. Ladder play started the first of November, and Mr. Neel held the top rung for the first 2 months, succeeded by Dr. Darbes. The ladder keeps up interest and several players have improved because of the lure of high place. The simultaneous by Dr. Werthammer raised attendance to where the club could organize, collect dues, and become an affiliated chapter of the USCF. The club meets throughout the year except on holidays.

BECKLEY. From a letter from C. A. McDaniel, in April.

"Some two or three months ago we were able to get 10 or 15 chess players interested in playing chess as a club again. We meet every Thursday night at the WWRN radio station here in Beckley. Our president is Mr. A. L. Rohrer, 1557 Harper Road, Beckley, W. Va... Our club has decided to skip meetings during June, July, and August." (Not so good--better to keep going through the summer.)

#### GRANTTOWN

Card from Lee: "Have learned that Grant Town has a club."

#### PHILIPPI

Note from Morgan: "Have been instructing a local beginners' class of about 3 boys."

## NEW BOOKS--PAS

Two April releases from Simon & Schuster, two for May from the Sterling Publishing Co., both of New York.

**Emanuel Lasker: The Life of a Chess Master**, by Dr. J. Hannak, freely translated by Heinrich Fraenkel, Simon & Schuster, 320 pp., \$5.95.

A broad picture of the man who contributed more of himself to the game than any other player in history. Besides his chess career, he had a number of other interesting sides--he has an enduring place in the history of mathematics, for example. He was a great personality and a fine and generous human being.

Over a hundred games are annotated by three world champions (Lasker, Alekhine, Euwe), and many other grandmasters, the idea being to present Lasker's games as they appeared to others in his day. His famous "psychological" style is discussed, but the emphasis is on how Lasker played, rather than on a bag of tricks the student can use. Faults lie in the commonplace style, numerous misprints, and that it seemed not so instructive as one might expect.

**BOBBY FISCHER'S GAMES OF CHESS**, by Bobby Fischer, S & S, 97 pp., \$2.95.

Fischer analyzes 14 games--the "Game of the Century" from the 1956 Rosenwald Tournament and all 13 games from the 1957-58 U. S. Championship. The 20 games from the Portoroz Interzonal are without notes. It is a genuine pleasure to go over these games with their precise, strong, beautiful moves. Fischer is already a fine analyst--notes are clear and thorough but without tiresome detail. If a ghost helps him, it's a good one.

The ghost, if any, doesn't help in his introduction (subtitled "My Chess Career"), which suggests a mind limited in other directions. One recalls what Reshevsky said about a chess vacation for child prodigies: his own vacation saved not only his chess but his entire personality. Price is a bit high, but what there is, is good.

**HOW NOT TO PLAY CHESS**, by E. Znosko-Borovsky, Sterling, 119 pp., \$1.98.

The title suggests a book of (possibly forced) chess humor, and probably costs it a number of readers. But it's neither that nor a beginner's book--anyone but a beginner would get a great deal out of it. The idea seems to be to help one build a solid background of analytical skill in order to bring under control factors he would normally leave to chance. The process of analysis itself is "analyzed"--that is, broken down, so that it is much clearer. A fine re-issue of an all-time classic.

**CREATIVE CHESS**, by Fred Reinfeld, Sterling, 140 pp., \$2.95.

Just in case you don't happen to have a book by Reinfeld, here is a book by Reinfeld. The idea behind the title is that what makes a master different from lesser players is that he makes his own opportunities. This is really a good book, but limited in scope.

For example, play on open lines is one principle of several in Nimzovitch's "My System", yet here it is dwelt on for 40 pages, and for another 20 pages we are told how to create the open lines. Then our author skips to another matter--how to play in difficult situations--important if you "rattle" easily. But still, very good.

## A CHESS PERIODICAL

Chess Leaves, a bimonthly, is \$2.00 a year, worth more. Pretends to be a journal of chess-writing but has won general praise for its scholarship and poetic style. It pokes into odd and interesting corners--Chinese chess, old manuscripts, an old letter from Hermann

Helms to Bobby Fischer's mother suggesting--in so many words--that her son pick on players his own chessical size. (She wrote asking where her young son could find some opposition.)

I recently reread a year-old copy, and its style was still as fresh, richly metaphorical, and quaintly quirky as ever. It is for those who love prose poetry, chess, and imaginative companionship. Address: O. Southard, Cathedral Station Box 158, New York 25, N.Y.

GAMES. DuVall annotates early games from the Charleston tourney.

CHARLESTON 1959  
CITY CHAMPIONSHIP  
Qualifying Round I

White: A. Sanford  
Black: Mike Wren

"In the 1930's Mike won the largest round robin tourney ever held here, called a Spring Tourney. He won decisively over the group including Foy, Hurt, Crede, etc. He also won a match from Landis Marks during the 30's. He returned to Charleston about 2 years ago after an absence of 10 years.

"Sanford is the most promising of the high school players in Charleston."

ALBIN COUNTER-GAMBIT

1 P-Q4, P-Q4; 2 P-QB4,  
P-K4; 3 QPxP, P-Q5;  
4 N-KB3, P-QB4; 5 P-K4?

The only "book" line is P-K3 with advantage to White. (MCO) The text allows Black a protected passed P rather than an isolated QP.

5.., N-QB3; 6 B-Q3, Q-B2;  
7 B-B4, KN-K2; 8 O-O, N-N3;  
9 B-N3, B-K3;

On 9.., NxP, White obtains the better game with 10 NxN, NxN; 11 P-B4 while 9.., B-N5 is met by 10 P-K6.

10 QN-Q2?

This N should go to K3. with the threat N-N5 as in the book line cited above.

White could free the KBP by 10 N-N5, then answer either NxP with 11 NxB, PxN; 12 P-B4.

10.., QNxP; 11 NxN, NxN;  
12 QR-B

Perhaps with the idea of 13 B-N. But moves that require preparation are answered by 13 .., B-Q3. Again 12 P-B4 is the move: .., NxB; 13 P-B5!?

12.., B-Q3; 13 B-K2, O-O;  
14 N-B3

The KBP is crying.

14.., QR-Q

Thinking about the passed QP.

15 NxN, BxN; 16 B-Q3, P-B4

Black shows the way.

17 P-B4

But not now! First 17 BxB, QxB; then 18 P-B4 followed by 19 P-K5.

17.., PxB; 18 BxB

Here 18 PxB gives White a passed P and B's of opposite colors.

18.., BxB; 19 BxB

Exchanges favor Black. White might try 19 RxB!? RxR; 20 Q-R5, P-KN3; 21 Q-N5, QR-KB; 22 BxKNP.

19.., RxB; 20 RxR, QxR; 21 BxNP; Q-K6ch; 22 K-R

White could not long survive after 23 K-B on account of Black's threats of 22.., R-Bch or .., B-N5.

22.., B-N5!

Black begins a beautiful combination that wins the game in problem-like style!

23 Q-N, Q-Q7; 24 B-Q5ch, K-R; 25 P-KR3, R-K; 26 PxB??

This allows Black to demonstrate the unusual 4-move mate. White could establish excellent counter-chances with 26 R-B--threats of PxB and a mate if the Black rook leaves the first rank.

26.., Q-R3ch! 27 Q-R2, QxRch; 28 Q-N, Q-R3ch; 29 Q-R2, R-K8mate.

("Art of the Checkmate" --PAS)

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ROUND II

White: Jhnn Scherer  
Black: Andy Sanford

SICILIAN DEFENSE

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3,  
N-QB3; 3 P-Q4, PXP; 4 NXP,  
N-B3; 5 QN-B3, P-K4;  
6 NxB, NPxN; 7 B-KN5, B-B4;  
8 P-KR3, O-O; 9 N-R4,  
Q-R4ch; 10 N-B3, NXP; 11  
B-Q2, BXPch; 12 K-K2,  
B-R3ch; 13 K-B3; NxBch;  
14 QxN, B-Q5; 15 BxB,  
QxB; 16 KR-K, P-Q4;  
17 K-N3, Q-N3; 18 QR-N,  
P-QR4; 19 P-QR4, P-K5;  
20 K-R2, B-K4ch; 21 K-R,  
B-N6; 22 R-K2, QR-K;  
23 R-K3, B-B5; 24 QR-K,  
P-Q4; 25 Q-Q, BxR; 26  
N-K2, QXP; 27 N-N3, B-B7;  
28 N-R5, BxR; 29 Q-N4,  
P-Q6; 30 Resigns.

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White: G. Hendricks  
Black: N. Ehle

RUY LOPEZ

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3,  
N-QB3; 3 B-N5, P-QR3;  
4 B-R4, N-B3; 5 O-O, B-K2;  
6 R-K, P-QN4; 7 B-N3, Q-Q;  
8 P-B3, P-Q3

Here Black might try  
the P sacrifice favored  
by Marshall: 8... P-Q4;  
9 PXP, NXP; 10 NXP, NxB;  
11 RxN, P-QB3!

9 P-KR3, P-KR3?

With this and the next  
move Black abandons the  
central idea of the varia-  
tion: hold the P at K4  
as a strong point. Usual  
continuation is 9...  
N-QR4; 10 B-B2, P-B4;  
11 P-Q4, Q-B2; with an  
even game.

10 P-Q4, PXP; 11 PXP, B-N2;  
12 QN-Q2, R-B; 13 N-B,  
N-QR4; 14 B-B2, R-K

As the game develops  
both Black R's stand on  
open files!

15 N-N3, P-Q4; 16 P-K5,  
B-N5?!

Probably Black's best  
chance--if the N re-  
treats White has a  
powerful K-side attack  
thru the combined ac-  
tion of the Q, 2 B's  
and 2 N's.

17 PxN

Dan Lowder suggested  
17 B-Q2 but it appears  
that Black can escape:  
... BxB; 18 QxB, N-B5;  
19 Q-Q3, N-K5! (not...  
N-Q2; 20 Q-R7ch, K-B;  
21 N-B5 and wins).

17... BxR; 18 NxB, QXP;  
19 P-N3

White was concerned  
about preventing... N-B5.  
However 19 N-B3 followed  
by 20 Q-Q3 is stronger.

19... P-B4; 20 B-K3?

20 B-Q2 meets Black's  
threats, then 21 PXP  
may follow.

20... PXP; 21 QXP

And 21 BxB is no  
Better: ... RxNch!

21... QxQ; 22 BxQ, RxNch!  
23 RxR, RxB

Black has taken ad-  
vantage of his oppor-  
tunity and has an end  
game advantage in the  
QP.

24 R-K2?

Removal of the R's  
magnifies Black's end-

game advantage. At the  
moment Black's B and N  
are far from the K-side,  
so White can attack  
with R, B, and N creat-  
ing counter-threats even  
at the cost of both  
Q-wing Ps. E. G., 24  
N-B5, RXP; 25 R-KSch, K-R2;  
26 BXP.

24... RxR; 25 NXR, N-B3;  
26 B-B5, P-QR4?

This loses a P and all  
of the advantage.

27 N-B3, N-N5; 28 BxN, PxB;  
29 NxNP, B-B3

Black is in danger  
since the QNP falls  
after N-Q4-B2. Perhaps  
the best chance is an  
immediate counterattack  
on the White Q-wing P:  
29... P-Q5?! 30 NXP, B-K5;  
31 P-B3, B-N8; 32 N-B6,  
BXP; 33 NXP, BXP, Draw.

30 N-Q4, B-R? 31 P-KR4?  
P-N3; 32 P-N3, K-N2;  
33 K-B, K-B3; 34 K-K2,  
K-K4; 35 N-B2, P-B4;  
36 NXP, K-K5; 37 P-R4,  
P-B5; 38 N-Q3, PXP

... P-B6ch is better.

39 PXP, B-N2??

The final mistake.

40 N-B5ch, K-Q5; 41 NxB,  
K-B6; 42 K-Q, K-N5;  
43 K-B2, P-Q5; 44 K-Q3,  
P-N4; 45 PXP, PXP;  
46 KXP, Resigns.

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ROUND III

White: Steve Claire  
Black: Edward Foy

SICILIAN DEFENSE

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 B-B4,

Dr. Marchand in Jan. 20 Chess Life: "It is doubtful if this move can be refuted completely, but by..,P-K3 Black can practically equalize at once since White's B(B4) will have almost no attacking chances."

2..,N-QB3; 3 P-Q3,N-B3

The formation..,P-KN3, ..,B-N2,..,P-K3,..,KN-K2 is preferable.

4 B-K3,P-Q3; 5 N-QB3, P-KN3; 6 N-B3,B-N2

Instead Black has set up the typical "dragon" formation.

7 P-QR3,P\*QR3; 8 N-KN5, O-O; 9 P-R3,N-K4

Black should continue the plan initiated by ..,P-QR3 and gain space on the Q-side by.., P-QN4 at once or after ..,P-KR3.

10 B-N3,P-R3; 11 N-B3, N-B3 (see note 9); 12 Q-Q2,P-QN4?

Too late, and the oversight costs a pawn.

13 BxRP,B-Q2

Probably intending ..,B-K later on.

14 BxB,KxB; 15 P-N4,R-R; 16 O-O-O,N-Q5

Forcing an exchange.

17 NxN,PxN; 18 N-Q5,QR-B?

Black's own question mark, perhaps feeling that he should exchange again.

19 NxN,KxN?

Loses by force. After ..,PxN all is not lost and Black's renowned defensive skill might still prevail.

20 Q-B4ch

Now White wins quickly with an elegant attack!

20..,K-N2; 21 QxPch

Recall Note 2! White's KB makes this beautiful finish possible.

21..,K-R3; 22 P-N5ch! K-R4

If 22..,KxP; 23 QR-Nch and mates in 2.

23 Q-B3ch!KxP; 24 QR-Nch, K-R3; 25 Q-B4ch,Resigns.

- a) 25..,K-R4; 26 Q-N5mate
- b) 25..,K-R2 or N2; Q-B7ch,K-R3; 27 QxPmate.
- c) 25..,P-N4; 26 QxPch, K-R2; and the White Q mates at one of 4 squares.

White: Mike Wren  
Black: John Scherer

EVANS GAMBIT

1 P-K4,P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 B-B4,B-B4; 4 P-QN4,BxP; 5 P-B3,B-R4; 6 P-Q4,P-Q3; 7 Q-N3,Q-K2; 8 Pxp,Pxp; 9 B-R3,Q-B3; 10 O-O,B-N3; 11 QN-Q2, B-Q2; 12 B-Q5,N-R4; 13 Q-N4,O-O-O; 14 P-B4, P-B4; 15 Q-B3,N-B3; 16 N-N3,N-Q5; 17 KNxN, BPxN; 18 Q-N4,B-B3; 19 N-R5,BxB; 20 BPxB, K-N; 21 QR-B,Q-N3; 22 R-B2,QxP; 23 KR-QB, QxP; 24 R-B5,Q-Q2; 25 R-B7,QxR; 26 RxQ,

KxR; 27 N-B4,P-B3; 28 Q-N3,N-R3; 29 Q-N3, N-B4; 30 Q-KB3,P-N3; 31 P-N4,N-R3; 32 QxP, NxP; 33 Q-K6,P-KR4; 34 B-Q6ch,RxB; 35 QxRch, K-B; 36 QxNP,P-Q6; 37 NxBch,PxN; 38 QxQP, R-B; 39 P-B3,N-R3; 40 Q-B3ch,K-Q2; 41 Q-Q2ch, K-B; 42 QxN,RxP; 43 Q-Bch,Resigns.

CAPITOL CITY OPEN  
Columbus, 1959

White: Dr. A. J. Darbes  
Black: P. Forsee

Loose play, but the final attack is sharp.

1 P-KN3,P-K4; 2 B-N2, P-Q4; 3 P-N3,P-QB4; 4 B-N2,N-QB3; 5 P-K3, P-B4; 6 P-Q3,N-B3; 7 N-K2,B-K2; 8 N-Q2, O-O; 9 O-O,K-R; 10 P-QB4, P-Q5; 11 P-K4,Q-B2; 12 Pxp,Bxp; 13 N-K4, NxN; 14 BxN,BxB; 15 PxB, B-N4; 16 P-QR3,R-B2; 17 B-B,BxB; 18 NxB, QR-B; 19 Q-Q2,Q-K2; 20 N-Q3,P-QN3; 21 QR-K, R-B6; 22 P-QN4,Pxp; 23 Pxp,Q-K3; 24 P-B5, P-QN4; 25 R-Q,Q-N3; 26 Q-K2,P-KR4; 27 N-K, R-N6; 28 R-Q3,RxNP; 29 R-B3,RxR; 30 QxR, R-B5; 31 N-N2,R-B6; 32 Q-B8ch,K-R2; 33 N-R4, Q-B3; 34 Q-K8,P-N3; 35 P-B4,Q-N2; 36 P-B5, Q-N; 37 Pxpch,Resigns.

From the Capitol City also:  
White: Don McKee  
Black: Dr. A. J. Darbes

McKee, W. Va. Open Champion, with a winning position, loses on time. In his other games he won from Blackshear and Ramele and lost to Ling and Forsee

White: Don McKee  
Black: Dr. A. J. Darbes

1 P-Q4, P-QN3; 2 P-K4,  
B-N2; 3 N-QB3, P-N3;  
4 N-B3, B-N2; 5 B-QB4,  
P-K3; 6 O-O, P-Q3; 7 B-B4,  
N-K2; 8 Q-Q2, N-Q2;  
9 Q-R2, O-O; 10 Q-K3, R-K;  
11 P-K5, P-Q4; 12 B-N3,  
N-KB4; 13 Q-Q2, QR-B;  
14 B-N5, P-KB3; 15 PXP, BXP;  
16 B-KB4, P-B4; 17 PXP, RXP;  
18 KR-K, N-B; 19 B-R4,  
B-B3; 20 B-QN3, B-QN2;  
21 N-KN5, N-N2; 22 N-B3,  
Q-Q2; 23 B-K5, Q-KB2;  
24 Q-Q4, N-B4; 25 Q-KB4,  
N-Q2; 26 BxB, QxB; 27 NXP,  
BxN; 28 BxB, N-B; 29 B-N3,  
K-N2; 30 Q-QR4, R-K2;  
31 R-Q8, P-K4; 32 R-K8,  
N-Q3; 33 RxRch, QxR;  
34 NXP, RxN; 35 Q-Q4, N-Q2;  
36 P-KB4, N-N4; 37 RxR, NXR;  
38 QxNch, QxQ; 39 PxQ, K-B;  
White oversteps the time  
limit and loses.

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Lastly, a game from a  
rated ladder match at the  
Huntington-YMCA club.

Mr. Neel challenges Dr.  
Darbes, who is at the  
top of the ladder,  
Darbes makes a long-  
range "speculative"  
sacrifice to expose the  
enemy King. Thereafter  
Black's defense is  
stubborn but futile.

LADDER, April, 1959  
White: Dr. A. J. Darbes  
Black: R. T. Neel

1 P-QB4, P-QB4; 2 N-QB3,  
N-QB3; 3 P-KN3, P-KN3;  
4 B-N2, B-N2; 5 P-Q3,  
N-B3; 6 N-B3, O-O;  
7 P-KR4, P-Q3; 8 B-N5,  
P-KR4; 9 Q-Q2, N-R2;  
10 B-R6, P-K3; 11 BxB, KxB;  
12 P-KN4, PXP; 13 P-R5!!  
PxN; 14 RPXP, N-N4; 15 BXP,  
N-K4; 16 O-O-O, N/K4xB;  
17 PxN, PXP; 18 QR-N, R-B4;  
19 N-K4, N-B2; 20 N-N3,  
K-B3; 21 NXR, KPxN;  
22 Q-B3ch, K-K2; 23 RxP,  
K-Q2; 24 R-R7, Q-K2;  
25 R-B6, K-K; 26 R/7xN,  
QxR/2; 27 RxQ; KxR;  
28 Q-R8, P-N3; 29 Q-R7ch,  
K-B3; 30 Q-N8, B-N2;

31 Q-R7, BXP; 32 Q-R6ch,  
K-B2; 33 Q-B4, B-N5;  
34 P-B3, B-R6; 35 QxQP,  
R-K; 36 Q-B7ch, R-K2;  
37 Q-N3, B-B8; 38 K-Q2,  
R-K7ch; 39 K-B3, R-K6;  
40 Q-B7ch, R-K2; 41 Q-B4,  
K-B3; 42 Q-R6ch, K-B2;  
43 P-R3, B-K7; 44 Q-B4,  
K-B3; 45 P-N4, PXP;  
46 PXP, B-Q8; 47 P-B5,  
PXP; 48 PXP, R-QN2;  
49 P-B6, R-N6ch; 50 K-Q2,  
R-N8; 51 P-B7, B-N6;  
52 P-B8(Q), R-N7ch;  
53 K-K3, Resigns.

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