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USCF chapter sponsoring tournament: Parkersburg Chess Club.

Dates: September 3-5, 1960.

Site: Blennerhassett Hotel, 332 Market Street, Parkersburg.

Rates: Single, \$5.00 up, the \$5.00 rooms not air-conditioned.
Double, \$8.00. Twin beds, \$9.00.

Registration: Saturday morning, 11:00 a. m., Business meeting 12:00.
All players please attend "briefing".

Tournament Schedule: First round at 1:00, second round Saturday evening.

Schedule: Third to fifth rounds on Sunday.

Sixth round on Monday morning. Times to be voted on.

The Championship tournament is intended primarily for experienced players. Clocks are required. The entry fee is \$5.30, including rating fee. Bring your USCF membership card or join before entering, USCF dues being \$5.00. Players in this event usually have a rating of 1700 or more. Beginners will be outclassed. Title to W. Va. resident.

The Players tournament is intended for players who wish to avoid the stronger competition of the championship group. Clocks are not required. The entry fee is \$3.00. Unrated, USCF membership not required.

The Junior Championship is for players under 21, who are quiet. Entry fee, \$2.00, USCF membership not required.

Six rounds, Swiss system, 50 moves in 2 hours, 4-hour time limit, except in rounds ending a day.

Tournament headquarters, of course, is the well-recommended Blennerhassett Hotel. Don't forget your chess set, board, and clock, if you have one.

Send entries and inquiries to: Dewey Hart, Box 121, Waverly, W. Va.

BUSINESS MEETING

After the treasurer's report and election of officers, and perhaps consideration of tournament rules, there is usually not much business, at least of a pressing nature. But there are some questions we could be thinking about:

1. Do we want more intercity activities in our state during the year? Badly enough to do something about it?

Such as a. Intercity leagues? Team tournaments?

b. How about regional qualifying tournaments for the state championship? Or a rule that anyone entering the championship for the first time must have shown ability in some other tourney first?

2. Do we want a yearbook? Our last one covered 1945-47.

3. Should we welcome new members at any time of the year, instead of just at tournament time? And deduct prepaid dues from entry fee?

4. Do we want publicity in addition to the Bulletin?

You may bring up your ideas in the meeting, or have someone else do it.

DR. HAYWARD PASSES.

Early Sunday morning, June 12, in Elmhurst, N. Y., Dr. V. S. Hayward passed away. The news was not entirely unexpected, as he had had a number of close calls in recent years and was in his seventies. Still it was a shock, and left all his friends very sad. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

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The Doctor was known to chess players all over the state. He was a leading member of the Association for 13 years, and last year, after he moved to New York, was voted an honorary membership for his many years of service. It could be said that Gene Collett founded the Association and gave it a start, A. W. Paull gave it leadership in its early life, and Dr. Hayward nursed it to a degree of maturity. He helped hold it together in lean times, when possible gave it a push forward, and when necessary lent material support. He also served as president, and was editor of the Bulletin for several years. He was a keen partisan, relishing the "politics" of the Association nearly as much as he did chess. He was an unequalled teacher of beginners.

During his years of service at the Veterans Administration in Huntington, he had occasion to deal with many veterans who were disabled. And many of them went away with a chess set which just happened to be lying around, and which the Doctor just happened not to be using.

Among the things about which no kidding was allowed in the Doctor's presence were the flag, the uniform, and other patriotic symbols. He was a retired captain, having served as a physician, and was buried in the National Cemetery, as he wished, with military honors.

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The saga of the Hayward wit needs a better Homer than this writer, but those who knew him can think of any number of examples. A potent weapon, it seemed to be directed (with just enough barb to make it stick, as he said) now at hypocrisy, now at the modern cult of the casual in speech, manners, and dress, then at hazy thinking, and--neither last nor least-- at obstructions in the path of chess.

He was not above a joke on himself. When he drily referred to his spells as "unsuccessful" heart attacks, his friends had to smile, even though they felt a twinge. The man had courage.

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Some of his pet expressions--which bring back fond memories of our chess sessions at the Hayward home:

Slumps: "Some weeks you can't make a nickel."

Boners: "No game for a blind man."

Wraps: "The old ones are the best."

Black and white squares: "Wet" and "dry" squares.

Long queen move: "Over the hot sands she goes."

The Doctor's brother was a stage actor who took the part of Satan in "The King of Kings", an old silent movie classic. When I think of the "Get thee behind me" scene, with Satan's cloak billowing in the wind, some "camera trick" of the mind causes me to substitute the Doctor's face for that of his brother, the famous beard, curling eyebrows (like horns), and--at times--mischievous expression helping the aura considerably. But while the Doctor loved his act--and even felt a certain obligation toward his public--anyone with common sense knew that it was only an act. That he was behind it all, kind, generous, and steadfastly loyal to his friends and his convictions.

I, for one, felt it a privilege to be his friend, I never saw the like of him, and I don't expect to again.

PROPOSED PLAN FOR PUBLICITY. By Clete's Pride.

(Ed. asked Clete if he had any ideas for getting members and if a small allotment would help. His reply follows.)

Since I have no official standing in organized chess within West Virginia, I am somewhat hesitant about giving advice. But since you asked my views on what can be done to get members for USCF and WVCA, I suggest the following procedures:

- (1) Make a determined effort to locate every chess club or chess group, formal or informal, within the state.
- (2) Send the president of each of these clubs promotional material, including introductory copies of publications by both organizations for distribution among his members.
- (3) In major towns where no formal chess organization exists, try to locate players and make every effort to get a club started.
- (4) Begin a file of names and addresses of chess players (not necessarily club members) from throughout the state, keep adding to it, and keep it up-to-date. Use it regularly for mailing promotional materials and urging individual players to contribute to state and national goals.
- (5) Make an attempt to organize regional chess leagues, each composed of several clubs in the same geographical area of the state. Each club within a league would have regularly-scheduled matches with other clubs, results of which would determine championships. These leagues would do much to dispel the apathy brought on by chess "in-breeding", an ailment caused by playing the same opponents in the same place at the same time every week.

Each club, and indeed each individual member, should be encouraged to give chess lessons to beginners, to try to develop young players, and to work toward establishment of high school and even junior high clubs. Each club should have a working publicity man, who would make sure his local paper was kept abreast of chess developments within the community and the world at large. Ed Foy's Sunday Gazette column is an ideal model of what can be done in this respect.

Naturally, this type of organization would require some money, but I believe a modest budget would suffice. The major requirements would be organization and work.

CHARLESTON-HUNTINGTON MATCH

<u>CHARLESTON</u>		<u>HUNTINGTON</u>	
Edward Foy	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	H. Landis Marks	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Harry McKinney	1	C. Boggs	0
Dr. George Pierson	0	Dr. A. J. Darbes	1
George Hendricks	1	Paul A. Sayre	0
Bob Murtha	1	Tom Bergquist	0
Ronald Kennedy	0	Rudd T. Neel	1

By way of explanation of the Huntington line-up, Marks, who seemed to be hot, was placed at Board 1, while Dr. Werthammer was scheduled for Board 2, and Boggs for possible Board 7. However the Doctor was called out on an emergency, and unable to send word until the other 5 games had started. Thus Charleston's Board 2 was opposed by Huntington's Board 7, so that the former would not be deprived of a game. As the other scores were even, this decided the match.

Al DuVall of Charleston was unable to make the trip, and Mike Wren is reported to have moved to Bristol, Virginia, so the Charleston team was also handicapped. Another good player lost to our state!

The games were as usual hard-fought and most were wide-open. However the Foy-Marks game was not only closed, it was practically hermetically sealed in some 30 moves. As Marks said, "It's just one of those games you can't do anything with."

Among the visitors at the match were Dewey Hart and Bob Hendricks of Parkersburg, down to meet some of the Association members and talk over the coming state tournament, and plans for the Parkersburg club. It was a pleasure to get acquainted with them, and to learn that the Huntington club had been instrumental in getting the Parkersburg club started--and they in turn had helped in forming the Ohio U. club and getting them to affiliate with the USCF.

PARKERSBURG.

Our last issue asked for details of the rumored Parkersburg Chess Club. Ed. sent a copy to Dewey D. Hart of Waverly, near Parkersburg, and told him of the name of Bill Powell of that city on the USCF name tape for West Virginia. Dewey answered in part: (Date of May 2)

"Received the Chess Bulletin and your timely note. I was searching desperately for a fifth chess player to play on our team in a match with Athens, Ohio University Chess team when your note arrived. I contacted Bill immediately and lined him up to play 2nd board for us. He did real well as you can see.

	<u>Parkersburg</u>		<u>Athens</u>	
Harold Eads	0		Jack Zehnwirth	2
William Powell	1½		Carl Trivett	½
Roy Morey	0		Charles Hoskins	2
Dewey Hart	1		Max Cone	1
Paul Cloutier	2		Eugene McKenzie	0

Charles Hoskins, by the way, is a member of both clubs.

Parkersburg would also like to see the State Tournament held here, so as president of the local club would like to submit our bid. We have big plans for chess in this area in the near future.

We have a tournament in progress now among the employees of the Bureau of the Public Debt. Seventeen players are participating in a 5-round Swiss system. We have been holding meetings for about 6 months. The newspaper, the Sentinel, has given us 4 inches (4x4) for chess problems each Thursday, plus our news we send in. We had an artist, a club member, make up a large problem board with pieces cut out. The Art-Co Photo Service (the owner is a member) takes the pictures for us and charges us 25 cents a picture. If you can use these in your paper there we would be glad to send them to you."

In subsequent letters, Dewey sent the news that the club had acquired a USCF charter, and 4 USCF members went to the Buckeye Open at Columbus.

Letter July 19: "Jim Schroeder gave an excellent exhibition here June 24th. Harold Eads of Vienna, W. Va., defeated him in the initial game and won a chess book. Gerry McGrew defeated him in his second game. Jim won the rest of the twenty easily. I am writing this on government time so I'll close for now. (Won't tell a soul, Dewey.) You might mention in your bulletin that the P.C.C. is now meeting at the council chambers of the city hall, 7:30 each Thursday. Visitors are welcome."

Sounds like a good place for a deliberative body to meet.

MORGANTOWN.

Letter from Clate Pride, May 25, in part:

"We'd be glad to take the Tri-State, especially if some of you old hands who have participated will advise us on how to run it. The State Tournament at Parkersburg also will be perfectly satisfactory with us. certainly glad to hear they have a club over there; maybe we'll be able to schedule matches with them.

"All the students are finishing up this week, so chess activity

will be at a near standstill around here for the next few months. However, Gallo, myself and three or four others plan to meet occasionally during the summer. Next Fall, the WVU Club will take out a club membership in the USCF.

"Wren played us a simultaneous a few weeks ago. We enjoyed it, and I think he did, too. The University paid his expenses.

"I'm really looking forward to the State Tournament.

Sincerely,
Clete."

An informal straw vote indicated that Parkersburg and Morgantown were satisfactory to most members. Morgantown, because of its location may draw some players from central and perhaps eastern Pennsylvania. Many Pittsburghers go to Morgantown for the Pitt-WVU football game, so they should know the way too. Morgantown is also closer to the OHIO-W.Va. line than Columbus, where at least one good Tri-State was held. From the fine way in which the University managed the '58 State Tournament, they should need very little advice. They not only thought of everything, they set a new standard.

CHARLESTON

The Charleston championship was won by state champion Mike Wren by a score of 12-2, with two draws and only one loss, to Al DuVall. Al took second place with 10-4, and Edward Foy was third with 9-5. The tournament had a strong field, being made up of the 8 qualifiers from last fall's preliminaries. It was played as a double round robin.

In the second division, Steve Clair won with 14-2, Tom Eckler was number-up with 11-5, and Bob Hart third with 9-7. In both tournaments a number of games had to be "written off the books" as draws, due to illness and other factors.

The Charleston players have started an informal summer tourney in which openings are restricted, and after each pairing the players must take both sides of an opening drawn by lot.

WHEELING

At last report the Wheeling tournament was 95% complete, and standings were as follows: First, Kimball Howes, second, Charles Ritter, third, Otto Zwicker. Others in order were Bill Stevens, Alf Dobbs, Mrs. Decil Smith, Rev. Willis, Sam Seabright, Len Whitehouse, and Rev. Copelin. There are 19 in the tourney, AND 4 are clergymen, Rev. Scott and Rev. Gray being the other two. Perhaps chess gives them good practice in outsmarting the Common Enemy.

Otto Zwicker, club president, adds to his report:

"I do not know if you or some of the others in the southern part of the state have ever met or played against Rev. Wm. Erhard; but he was one of the founders of the Wheeling Chess Club and a lifetime member. Recently, Rev. Erhard moved away from Wheeling and the state to answer the call for the Lutheran church in Jeannette, Penna. Our club will surely miss him. I think perhaps that Rev. Erhard, along with Mr. A. W. Paull, Sr., have done as much for chess in Wheeling as anyone, and now we have lost them both."

From the 1945-47 W. Va. Chess Association Yearbook:

"Rev. William M. Erhard--Wheeling--joined 1942, director 1944, 45; contributed numerous cartoons to W. Va. Chess Bulletin Born 1896, New Millport, Pa.; married; Lutheran minister."

It is likely many players over the state will remember him--this is the type of man we hate to lose. And the memory of Mr. Paull, who died a few years ago, is still bright.

HUNTINGTON

A 30-30 tournament (30 moves in 30 minutes) held this Spring was won by Landis Marks by a perfect score, 5-0. Dr. A. J. Darbes was 2nd with 4-1. Tournaments of this type are often played in one day, but three club meetings were used for this one.

In the annual club championship, the second one to be USCF-rated, Marks leads with 4-0, and cannot be tied. Marks is a former state champion, and still hard to beat.

Darbes played in the Indiana Open and scored 4-0, winning on time from Richard Ling. There were several masters and experts, and the event was won by Robert Byrne,--3rd in U. S. Championship.

PHOENIX. Letter from Morgan, May 1.

"Thanks for the Bulletin. Your words were most kind.

"Have gone with a local CPA firm and been very busy. However, it was my good fortune to play in the Phoenix Open last week-end, a six-round Swiss with 24 players from California, Texas, and Arizona. Three of us tied for first, Jim Smith of Phoenix, Tibor Weinberger, the California state champion who is supposed to play in the next U.S. Championship, and myself, with 5-1. On S.-B. points, Smith got first prize, I got second, and Weinberger third. It was a strong event with 4 experts and 1 master." (Morgan's loss was to Weinberger.)

The Arizona Woodpusher for June (their 4th issue), states "Charles Morgan, a newcomer to Phoenix, has recently been appointed in charge of our new ladder system. Rules of play have been mailed to all club members. Mr. Morgan is fast becoming one of our important club workers."

Note on July 23: "The Phoenix C.C. had a USCF rating tournament last weekend. I finished first with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, having the satisfaction of besting Jim Smith, who took first prize in the Phoenix Open...Practice Helps! Will play in the Southwest Open over Labor Day."

This will be the first W. Va. state tournament Morgan has missed since 1948.

GOOD PROSPECT

News from another former Huntingtonian:

On June 14, in Princeton, N. J., a son was born to Donald S. and Mamie Galloway Burdick. Name, Donald Galloway Burdick. All's well.

CHESS PIE. From Huntington papers.

Mrs. Catherine Hall of Huntington won first place in the pie category of a local recipe contest with a recipe for chess pie.

Chess Pie

1 cup white sugar	Mix flour, sugar, and salt. Beat egg
1 level tablespoon flour	yolks and whole egg together, adding water,
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt	vinegar, and melted butter; beat together
2 egg yolks	well. Then add sugar, flour, and salt
1 whole egg	mixture and mix until smooth. Pour into
3 tablespoons water	9 inch pie shell and bake for 30 minutes
1 teaspoon white vinegar	at 350 degrees. Serve plain or with
$\frac{1}{2}$ pound or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of butter	whipped cream or make a meringue topping.

It seems that some form of chess pie has been around for some time. An old chess publication was named for it. Does anyone know how it got its name? Or how you can tell a chess pie from another pie?

"BEAT" CHESS. From the "CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER".

The following is taken from Maggie Cassidy by Jack Kerouac, the beatnik novelist. Our reporter, Dick Sasuly of New York, is charitable enough to call it "probably the first Beat chess problem of record." We are not so sure--Kerouac may be just another author who doesn't know much about chess. The text goes:

"Then, kitchen table, the light from the north window, gloom views of grief-stricken birch on hills beyond the white raw roofs--my chess set and book. The book from the library; Scotch Gambit, Queen's Gambit, scholarly treatises on the combination of openings, the glistening chess pieces palpable to dramatize defeats--It was how I'd become interested in old classical-looking library books, tomes, chess critiques some of them falling apart and from the darkest shelf in the Lowell Public Library, found there by me in my overshoes at closing time.

"I pondered a problem."

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BOOKS. P.A.S.

Dover has put out 4 good reprint game collections and a book of beautiful end-game studies. As usual, all are well-indexed, well-bound, and clearly printed. The Russians are represented by former world champion M.M. Botvinnik's own "100 Selected Games" (\$1.50, 1946, 272 ps.) and Reinfeld's "Keres' Best Games of Chess" (1948, 250xp., \$1.50); while this country contributes "Marshall's Best Games" (1941, 242 p., \$1.35) and Reshevsky's "Best Games of Chess" (1946, 272 p., \$1.25). The fifth reprint is Chernev's "Chessboard Magic." (1943, 162 p., \$1.00).

To make my point of view clear, I should say that I have never finished a game collection, and believe they have a temporarily bad effect on my game. When I read them, I do it for entertainment, sacrificing a little game strength for the fun of the book. The fault I find --perhaps mistakenly--is that the information is not presented systematically, but all mixed together, usually in date order, as it was discovered. It's similar with mating problems, only more so--I can't play at all after trying to solve one. So I am not a good reviewer of game collections.

Therefore I give the opinion of a more enlightened mind, Landis Marks, on the Botvinnik: "Anyone who studied that book regularly would get to be a very strong player." If you have a great desire to learn, you can overlook the occasional driness of the writing. It is not for beginners.

The other three game books are also well worth while to those who like fine grandmaster games by all-time great players. Marshall's is one of the most popular of all chess books, while Keres is one of the most popular players. Reshevsky's book did not seem to sell, but this was probably because everybody already knew his games. They are beauties.

The endgame book is one of my favorites. If problems confuse me, endgames stimulate my mind and make it more alert. Perhaps the mental processes used are more like those used in a game.

Barnes and Noble issues an Everyday Handbook reprint (1955, 224 p., \$.125) of Reinfeld's "1001 Ways To Checkmate". It is entertaining and a fine drillbook, even though the title quibbles. There are not 1001 different ways to checkmate in the book, but that many mates, many of them similar.

"The Art of the Checkmate" is still the only textbook on mating attacks. It really tells you the way to checkmate.

BUCKEYE OPEN

Several W. Va. players attended this event, but the complete report was not received. The best score was made by Harry McKinney of South Charleston, with 3½-1½. The tournament was won by Jim Schroeder.

GAME SECTION.

We have plenty games, but no time to type them. Will try to get them in next time.

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USCF RATINGS. August 5 list.

These ratings are based on the Cincinnati Southwestern Open, Glass City Open (Toledo), Capital City Open and Buckeye Open (Columbus), the Huntington YMCA Ladder event, and others.

T. Bergquist	1756	H. L. Marks	1900*
C. Boggs	1575	R. T. Neel	1711
Dr. A. J. Darbes	1856	J. Randolph, Clarksb'g	2041*
D. Hart, P'kersburg	1522	P. Sayre	1801
R. Hendricks, "	1750*	M. Wren	1927
H. McKinney	1860	* Provisional--1st event.	
R. Preston	1500*		
Also: J. Hurt, Pittsb'g	1881	C. T. Morgan, Phoe8x	2013