

CREDE AND LIGGETT MAKE TOURNEY PLANS

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Walt Crede and Harold W. Liggett have agreed to handle the work of arranging for the Sixth Annual West Virginia Chess Tournament Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28, at Charleston.

Crede is in charge of tourney place, publicity and general arrangements. He reports the meet will be held in the Kanawha Hotel in the same room in which it was held in 1942. Through the aid of Cliff Mosier, arrangements were made for the use of the room without charge--for which the thanks of the Association go out not only to Cliff but also to the management of the Hotel Kanawha. Members who attend the meet will find the Kanawha moderate in price and that it provides excellent service.

Liggett will be tournament director, with the cooperation of your secretary if he can attend the meet. Tourney entries should be mailed to Liggett at 110 Central Avenue, So. Charleston 3.

As we explained last month, entry fees will be \$1 for players in the uniform of the armed services; otherwise, \$4.50 for residents of Kanawha county, \$2.50 for others.

SCORING PRIZE

In addition to the regular prizes in the meet, Secretary Collett is offering a special prize of \$1.50 for the best score sheet kept at the meet.

On each game he scores, a player will be credited with 100 points and will be debited with a penalty for each shortcoming in accordance with the following scale:

- For a superfluous direction (e.g., KB-QB4).....1
- For a correct but cumbersome rendering (e.g., R(QR1)xR when QRxR would have done as well) or for a faulty but not misleading rendering (e.g., N-N6ch were N-N7 was msant).....3
- For a direction omitted (e.g., K-2).....5
- For an ambiguous move.....10
- For a move note on the board.....20
- For a move omitted altogether, mak-

As it will require some time to check all the score-sheets, announcement of the winner will be made later through the Bulletin. The secretary will serve as judge. The award will be in War Savings Stamps.

Object of the contest, of course, is to impress upon players the necessity of keeping correct scores, both for their own protection in case of a protest, and for the benefit of the Yearbook-Bulletin editor.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Work on the Yearbook is nearly completion and they may be ready for distribution (wehopewehopewehope) by tournament time. If so, we plan to send a bale of them to Director Liggett and have him hand them out to 1943-44 members. Any new member, of course, may obtain a copy by payment of 50 cents (covering 1943-44 membership).

In addition, the eight players who took part in the 1943 tourney as well as a few others who have decided definitely they will play this year are being mailed here with a copy of the 19-page games section covering the 20 leading matches of the 1943 meet with notes by Honorary Member George Koltanowski and the contestants.

Any member who fails to receive this games section but has decided definitely he will play this year may obtain a copy (as long as they last) by writing to the secretary. Others will, of course, receive the section in their Yearbooks.

MAYBE A BIG CROWD

Each year, except possibly in 1943, we have had the promise of a record-breaking entry list at the tourney. (Thirteen entries would be a record--the most we have ever had is 12.)

This year is no exception. Charleston itself enthusiastically expects to put 10 players in the meet--and it should--more than 10, in fact, considering the number actively engaging in chess there. There should be a half dozen from other cities. This analysis should point to an enrollment of 16--but we suppose that on Tourney day, it will boil down to the

YOUR EDITOR READS "CHESS REVIEW"

The March Chess Review just arrived and is proving a lot of fun... That Woman's Home Companion chess story, "The Royal Game," about which a number of members in recent weeks wrote us, provokes a couple of columns comment in the letters section. Questions raised: Could a blockhead like Czernovic become chess champion of the world? Could a sensitive person become insane through too much analysis?.....

If Ray Griffin isn't reading C.R. now, he's missing four columns of interesting matter, including new biographical material on Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch. Ray will be happy to learn, by the way, that Fine calls "Dreihundert Schachpartien" Tarrasch's masterpiece. This article, with others of many masters, is to be part of a book by Fine to be issued soon.

News notes in the current C.R. include:

25-year-old Attilio DiCamillo defeated Bernie E. Winkelman in the final round to win the Philadelphia version of the Pennsylvania State Championship. Pennsy has two STATE championship meets every year, by the way. The one at Pittsburgh last Labor Day, won by Tom Gutekunst, was reported previously in the Bulletin. The Chess Review has been trying to get the rivals to merge and hold only one meet, but so far without success.

Grandmaster Alexander Kotov seems to have an inside track on the Russian championship in play at Moscow. However he is only a half point ahead of Salo Flohr and can't afford to lose any.

A news item in Barcelona's "El Mundo Deportivo" says World Champion Alexander Alekhine left a Madrid sanitorium on Dec. 17 and is scheduled to give a series of exhibitions in Madrid and elsewhere in Spain. His health apparently is fully restored.

Martin C. Stark and Oscar Shapiro, both of Washington, tied for the District of Columbia championship. They are planning a play-off match... Alfred C. Ludwig defeated George Halsay for the Nebraska State championship.

Oh, yes, before we forgot it, we want to mention that Fine in his Chess Review article on Tarrasch quotes that famed sentence from "The Game of Chess":

"Chess, like music, like love, has the power to make men happy."

(Chess Review, 35 cents the single copy, \$3 a year; write to Chess Review, 250 West 57th St., New York 19, N. Y. Or 2 years \$5.50, 3 years \$7.50.)

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

Edward M. Foy SK10, Auburn, Ala.: "I understand the State Chess Tournament is to be held in Charleston in May. I expect to get home on leave early in May but I will not be there for the state event. Anthony, my brother, expects to get home in May, too, but probably he will also get leave before the tourney commences. Hope that Anthony and I can get home at the same. It would be the first time in nearly 3 years.... Congratulations on your fine work with the bulletin and the association. Chess is one of the things I want to go back to after the war. I'll send in my renewal to the W.Va. State Chess Association sometime in May...I don't play much chess these days and neither does Anthony. However, a couple of months ago he visited Herman Steiner at Los Angeles and had a nice time, although he did not play any chess. We met Steiner in Charleston some years ago, when he gave an exhibition there. Steiner is doing all right in the national chess tournament in New York City--according to the latest news I have seen on it...I surely hope the 1944 state tournament is successful and that Landis Marks can take part. By the way, do you know where John Hurt is now?...Hope that I may see some of the chess players when I'm home--perhaps even play some chess. But my time will be limited--May 4 to 11. I am still located at Auburn but do not know how long this good duty will hold out; I am ready to go when my orders come in. Say hello for me to all my friends at the State Tournament if you can make it. Best wishes for yourself and the bulletin and the state association."

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (cont'd)

(Last we heard from Johnny Hurt he was in Chicago--but that was 2 or 3 months ago. We're still writing him at Box 451, Charleston 22. How about give us a letter, Johnny, with all the latest dope? Also word on what you want done with your \$1 prize award.)

William Challinor, Clarksburg: "Did I tell you that our old member, Tom Fryo, is now playing very good chess at San Diego, Calif.? There are several chess clubs there. They play tournament matches between 4 clubs with 6 players on each. Tommy had to play in a three-game match with a picked player to see what class he was in. Tommy won all three! I wish San Diego were in Harrison county!.... There is a prospect of our having a visit from Milford Mott of Arthurdale. He and Ray Griffin are arranging a visit and Mott may bring along two college professors from Morgantown. More anon."

(If your meet is prior to the State Tourney, don't fail to talk the state meet up. Maybe you could arrange for Mott and the professors to go to Charleston with the Clarksburg delegation. How about it, Arthur?)

We have before us a copy of an amusing letter dated May 4 from Pres. Paull at Wheeling to State Champion Dr. Werthammer at Huntington:

"Our mutual friend, Mr. Collett, informs me you expect to be in Wheeling about the middle of the month to attend the West Virginia Medication Association Conference. I have read an account of your chess prowess in the Bulletin and if you would like to have a game with two or three Wheeling tyros, we shall be glad to get in touch with you during your visit...I can give Queens, Rooks, Knights and Bishops away with the prodigality equal to Republicans making a campaign contribution with the tariff about to be lowered, so if you can boat that you will have to go some."

We shall be happy to receive further quotas of this sanguinary correspondence--if it goes any further--and also of

bloodshed in Ohio county if and when Dr. Werthammer tangles with the Wheeling worthies. It should be a battle worthy of an honored place in our chess archives.

Pres. A. W. Paull, Wheeling: "I received the Chess Bulletin which I read with great interest and was highly gratified over the reference to Mr. Altmeyer which, if anything, is an undue statement. Possibly he may have some reference to me in the next issue of the Bulletin...I am enclosing check herewith for \$5 and after my membership is taken out you can dispose of the rest of it as you see fit."

(Later) "You need not lose any sleep over Mr. Altmeyer. He had a good laugh over the paragraph in the Bulletin. He said he had a reply ready but decided not to send it. He was going to accuse me of being a Republican which he thought was the very worst thing that could be said about me and which, of course, I would resent very heartily. However, he may reconsider and send something later."

(To date, the Altmeyer contribution to Pres. Paull's fund is still unarrived. The \$5 came in handy. We had been holding a debate with ourselves about how we were going to cut stencils for the Yearbook--our own typewriter is getting sort of wobbling as you likely have noted in recent bulletins--so when the check came, we took the extra 4 bucks and rented a typer for a month. So the Yearbook cometh out practically immediately!)

Walt Crede, Charleston, sends up a postcard he received from Dr. Ernest Wolff, Montgomery:

"Thank you for your invitation to enter the State Tournament. Have not played over a board since last spring when you were here. But some one has to be last. So if and when I can get away from the hospital I intend to participate. I would like to meet the chess people of West Virginia."

Walt Crede, Charleston: "Everything is set for the tourney...I've been billing the event in both Charleston papers. Will also get the two radio stations

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (cont'd)

here started on it soon.. The Charleston entries seem even better than I had anticipated. Cliff Mosier, J. P. Elliott, Henry Sahlin, Hal Liggott, Clinton McGrary and myself have announced intention of entering. I think Ray Martin (remember him from '42?) and Bill Hartling will get in. If Unea Sam isn't too pressing, I know Dick Grimm and Dick Manahan will play--but the way it looks from here, they'll be gone by the middle of May...Will have the ten entries from here if it is at all possible."

WVCA BUSINESS MEETING

FINANCIAL REPORT--April 20 to May 10

Bal. on hand April 20 (see Bull. 20) \$26.48
Receipts:

A.W. Paull, 1944-45 renewal
\$1, contribution \$4, total.....5.00
\$31.48

Expenditures:

Bull. 20 (65 copies, 4 pp.),
mimeo work 75c, stamped
envelopes \$1.05, total \$1.80
50 tourney application
blanks.....22
Correspondence.....20
Yearbook supplies: Rental
typewriter 1 month \$4,
mimeo correction fluid
30c, paper tape 15c,
mimeo ink pad 15c, 1 lb.
mimeo ink \$1, total...5.60.....7.82

Balance on hand May 10.....\$23.66
Balance in hand in special correspond-
ence tournament fund \$2.50

STATE TOURNEY

All entries and all inquiries about the sixth annual state tournament should be addressed to Harold W. Liggott, 110 Central Avenue, So. Charleston 3, W. Va.

THE BULLETIN

The West Virginia Chess Bulletin is published monthly, or thereabouts, and sent free to all members of the West Virginia Chess Association. Editor: 'Gene Collett, 125 Moritt Avenue, Pittsburgh 10, Pa.

CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS

All checks and money orders intended for use of the association and the bul-

letin should be made payable personally to 'Gene Collett. Under Pennsylvania laws, checks made to a fictitious name cannot be cashed unless the organization maintains an account in the bank and unless the officers are bonded.

DENKER WINS U.S. TITLE!

Arnold S. Denker of Forest Hills, N. Y., won the U.S. Championship Tourney which ended Sunday, May 7, in New York. His score was 15½-1½. Second was Rouben Fine, Washington, D.C., with 14½-2½.

Because of war and other conditions, such notables as Reshevsky, Kashdan and Santasiere were absent from the meet.

The Women's title was won by Mrs. Gisela K. Grosser of New York City, formerly of Detroit and Youngstown, O., with a score of 8-0.

REPORT FROM USCF

As we go to press there comes to hand a letter from George Sturgis, 111 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass., president of the United States Chess Federation, reporting that USCF membership as of March 31 had grown to 793, an increase of 48% in three months.

Massachusetts, with 115, leads the parade of new members.

West Virginia, we regret to say, has only one addition for the period, for a total of 3. This is disappointingly small. Let's have a better show of hands. Send your \$1 membership to Sturgis at the above address.

You will promptly receive the new USCF Yearbook, just out, and a dandy, giving the important games from tournaments of the last three years. Sturgis says the USCF has its printing problem well in hand now and that the Yearbooks will appear regularly hereafter.

"May I suggest," writes Sturgis, "that all who read this letter, in whatever state you may be located, to do everything you can to help us get more members. We need at least 2,000. Remind players that in addition to helping the cause of organized chess throughout the country, each member will receive a copy of the new Yearbook of the Federation, full of interesting chess news, games of the masters, etc."