

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS BULLETIN

A. W. PAUL REELECTED PRESIDENT

A. W. Paul was named president of the West Virginia Chess Association for the fourth successive year in the mail election held June 10 to 25. Paul received 9 votes, Ray H. Griffin 3, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer 2, and Walt Crede and Hal W. Biggett 1 each.

Eighteen ballots were returned, only about one-third of those eligible participating in the election. The largest number of votes cast for any one office or on any one question was 16.

The other results of the election were:

For Secretary-treasurer: Gene Collett 15, G. Vincent Scofield 1. Collett elected.

For Directors--

Cabell county: Ruda T. Neel 3, H. Landis Marks 1, Dr. Werthammer 1, T. E. Cobb 1. Neel elected. Three-way tie for second directorship.

Kanawha county: Jesse S. Church 3, Richard Grimm 3, Liggett 3, Robert Jamison 1, Robert Crean 1, Crede 1. Three-way tie for the two directorships.

Harrison county: William Challinor 2, Wm. M. Erhard 2, Griffin 1, Frank Wisinski 1. Challinor and Erhard elected.

At large: Collett 2, Capt. B. W. Devericks 1, John Hurt 1, Paul 1, J. S. Altmeyer 1, Milford B. Mott 1, Dr. Ernest Wolff 1. Collett and Paul are not eligible since they are directors already thru election to other offices. Five-way tie for other two directorships.

Votes on other questions--

Shall we publish a Yearbook for 1944? Yes 16, No 0.

Do you approve the 1943-44 financial report? Yes 14, No 0.

Do you approve the suggested reapportionment plan for directors? Yes 15, No 0.

Shall we make Gene Collett a Life Member? Yes 16, No 0.

Do you approve expending \$2.50 for a filing case and binder for WVCA Bulletins, Yearbooks and other records? Yes 15, No 0.

What city do you favor for the 1945 Tourney? First choice: Charleston 8, Huntington 4, Wheeling 2, Clarksburg 1. Second choice: Clarksburg 6, Huntington 5, Wheeling 2, Charleston 1. Total mentions: Huntington and Charleston 9 each, Clarksburg 7, Wheeling 4. (This vote is merely an expression of opinion by members and is not binding on the directors who decide the place of meeting each year.)

RUNOFF ELECTION NECESSARY

Ray Griffin, who with Bill Challinor, kindly acted as teller for the election, suggested we might try to break the ties for directors by the Kirk-Holland count. We pondered this for a while but couldn't figure how to make it work (the idea was tempting!) so it looks as if a runoff election will be necessary. Accordingly, we are inclosing post-cards listing the tying candidates and giving spaces to vote on some other matters now raised before the Association. We hope we will get better than 18 ballots back on this vote. Everyone should be sufficiently interested in the Association to spend two minutes marking a ballot.

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A.W. PAULL REELECTED PRESIDENT (continued from preceding page)

Members will vote in the runoff election for directors as follows:
 Cabell countians: Vote only for one person. Runoff candidates are
 T. E. Cobb, H. Landis Marks and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer.

Kanawha countians: Vote for two. Candidates are Jesse Church, Dick
 Grimm and Harold Liggett.

Harrison countians: Do not vote for directors.

At large: Persons not resident of the three counties listed will
 vote for two. Candidates are J.S. Altmeyer, Capt. B.W. Devericks, John
 Hurt, Milford B. Mott and Dr. Ernest Wolff.

ROTATION OF THE PRESIDENCY

Pres. A.W. Paull asked to be permitted to withdraw from the presiden-
 tial race this summer on the grounds he had held the position long
 enough. As election ballots already had been printed, however, we per-
 suaded him to reconsider. He offers the following suggestion for next
 year and future years:

"I believe it would help chess interests considerably if there was a
 rotation of office in the position of President, and that he should not
 be eligible for reelection. This will allow different parts of the State
 to be represented, and I think it would create interest in chess circles
 if such a plan were adopted. I would suggest you submit the matter to
 the members of the Association and see what they think about it."

As we understand Pres. Paull's motion, a president would be ~~ineligible~~
 only in the year after his term was completed; there would be no
 barrier to his being reelected after a year had elapsed. On this basis
 we are submitting the motion to vote of the membership.

TOURNAMENT DURING LABOR-DAY WEEK-END?

Another question deals with the possibility of holding our tourneys
 on the Labor day week-end, thus allowing three days for play instead of
 two. This is discussed by Ray Griffin and Walt Orede in "Echoes From
 the Tourney" (pp. 6 to 8) and the argument need not be repeated here.
 The other questions are self-explanatory.

Ballots, to be counted, must be postmarked on or before July 20. If
 you have additional suggestions to offer or want to explain your vote,
 use a separate sheet of paper and inclose the ballot in the envelope.

I am hoping some more of the members will fill out the question-
 naires and send them in (on back of ballot last time). Those I have
 contain highly interesting and often surprising facts about our mem-
 bers which I am sure will make good reading in future issues of the
 Bulletin and possibly the Yearbook.

CHESS SUPPLIES FOR WAR PRISONERS

The American Legion is sponsoring a movement to furnish chess books
 and 1,000 sets of chess men for the approximately 20,000 American boys
 who are held in 54 Nazi prison camps and 15 prison hospitals. Distrib-
 ution will be made through the Red Cross. If more money is collected
 than is needed, the surplus will be used to provide chess materials for
 men in U.S. military hospitals. Donations should be sent to the Pris-
 oner of War Chess Fund, c/o Herbert H. Holland, Solicitor's Office, U.S.
 Dept. of Agriculture, South Building, Washington, D. C.

This is a worthy project and one which any chesser with an extra dol-
 lar or so can well afford to join.

PROBLEM PAGE

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ANNOUNCING AN EXPERIMENT

This is an experiment. Members of the WVCA may, or may not, want it continued. It will be left entirely in their hands. The idea is this: For the next three issues of the Bulletin, including this one, the Problem Page will appear. It will depend upon the readers whether or not it will continue. If enough members have the problem-solving instinct and find an opportunity to send their solutions to the Problem Editor, the page will become a regular feature.

The plan is that a kind of Solvers' Ladder will be started, to run through six issues. At the end of that time, the high scorer will receive a prize of \$1.50, the runner-up \$1.

IF YOU LIKE IT, WE'LL DO IT AGAIN

If the first contest proves successful, a similar one will be started later—possibly one such event each year—subject always to approval of the membership. The best way to show your approval is by sending in your solutions.

However, if at the end of the three-month experimental period, the whole thing proves to be a fizzle, the matter will be dropped and nobody owes nobody nuttin'....just like that!

HERE ARE THE RULES

Each problem solved correctly will count one point. Some will be rather easy, others difficult. Each month there'll be at least 2 puzzlers, probably 3. You will be given twenty days in which to get your answers in to the Problem Editor; solutions will be given in the issue following publication of problems.

And that's about it. Now to get under way. The 3 jokers in the adjacent column are the first effort. Nos. 1 and 2 are not too hard—but watch out for No. 3—it's tricky!

Original problems will be appreciated. Send your compositions to Walt Crede, Problem Editor, Route 5, Box 274, Charleston, W. Va.

NO. 1

						K
	R					B
	Q				P	
					K	
B						

WHITE MATES IN 2

NO. 2

	K				Q	
P						
	N					
	R				R	
	K				Q	

WHITE MATES IN 2

NO. 3

						K
K		N		P		
	R					
	B					

WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

Sam Abrahams writes to give us the sad news of the death of George Anthon, a former member of the Association. "He was one of our chess club's 'most regulars,'" says Sam. "He was a very fine gentleman, and we chess players will miss him much." Sam incloses a clipping from one of the Huntington papers, dated July 5, which says:

"George C. Anthon, 69, works manager for the American Thermos Bottle Co. here, died yesterday at 6:45 p. m. at his home, 654 Sixth avenue, after a lingering illness..."

"Born in New York City on Jan. 5, 1875, Mr. Anthon came to Huntington 20 years ago, accepted a position with the thermos bottle company, and shortly after became its manager. It was reported that more than 6,000,000 bottles were produced at the plant under his supervision.

"Mr. Anthon received his elementary education in New York and graduated from Columbia University in 1898 with the degree of Bachelor of Engineering Science.

"Mr. Anthon was a member of the Episcopal Church of New York City where his grandfather founded the Anthon Memorial Episcopal Church. He was a member of the Huntington Chess Club.

"Surviving is one brother, Archibald Anthon of Center Harbor, N. H."

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A. W. PAULL, Wheeling (June 14): "I have copies of the Yearbook and the West Virginia Chess Bulletin for June 10 and certainly congratulate you on the time, trouble and effort which you have taken in the interest of the chess players of West Virginia...Dr. Werthammer played with Mr. Altmeyer, Judge Russell and myself one evening when he was here attending the West Virginia Medical Association. He beat me one game, beat Mr. Altmeyer one and drew one, and won one from Judge Russell, losing two to him...Next year I hope the tournament can be held in Wheeling where I would like to have the pleasure of meeting you."

RAY H. GRIFFIN, Clarksburg (June 17): "The Yearbook is the best yet, which is something! The full notes from Koltanowski--instead of on part of the games--are a great improvement. So are the diagrams, which I did not expect. And one detail which is better is cutting the cover even with the other pages; last year the cover extended beyond the other sheets and tended to curl and tear. I have played the first 18 of the 20 games, with all variations."

(For the '44 Yearbook, we hope to have heavier covers, of regular cover material, rather than the makeshift we have been using.)

SAM ABRAHAMS, Huntington (June 15): "Gene Collett must love chess, judging by his untiring efforts in the preparation of all the material he has been supplying the members."

WM. M. ERHARD, Clarksburg (June 27): "Congratulations on your fine publication!...This summer I expect to do some speaking over in Pennsylvania and will be around there in various points on business. I would like to get together with you for a little chess. I am trying to improve my game so that it will be more of a pleasure to you. And I believe I am

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VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (continued from preceding page)

am improving. Last week I won two in three from Griffin, and Challinor and I tied with one each, but Wisinski, the good old faithful errorless Pole, beat me two straight, as did Sam Allison. It seems strange I can win frequently from Challinor who downs Wisinski regularly, while I keep losing to Wisinski. Also I win about 45% of my games from Schacifer who does better than that, I believe, against Wisinski..."

(We're printing Bill's statistics on his Clarksburg Chess Club games mainly to raise this question: Why can a player A win consistently from B who can drub C without trouble, where C roundly whips A whenever they meet? It is a phenomenon we have long noted but for which we've found no solution. Anybody got an idea?... We're happy to hear you'll be in Pittsburgh, Bill--make the Collett household your home while here and we'll play chess to the exclusion of all else.)

RICHARD GRIMM, Charleston (June 8): "Your Bulletins have been very good this year. They make very good reading--keep up the good work."

JOE R. DORSEY, ed. Cleveland Area Chess Bull., Cleveland (June 18): "Your Yearbook just arrived. A wonderful job, which your Association may well be justly proud. I want Volume II! If they are all gone, blackjack one of those greedy cusses that got two. I'm inclosing \$1. Sign me up as a member... I'm really afraid to show your book to my Board of Directors--they'll want the same thing done up here... I appreciate most your talk with Impy!"

(Flattered, we rushed Joe a '42 copy--and trust he'll feel his money wasn't wasted. We hope, Joe, that a lot of chess associations will like the Yearbook idea. Such a publication preserves permanently for the members a record of their tournaments and of the happy times they've had at chess, and it gives a chess association a sense of continuing existence hard to achieve otherwise.)

LEE ROGERS, Clarksburg (June 10): "I am still working two jobs every day so do not have much time for chess. I have been to the club only twice this winter. In January I started play in Chess Review's postal tourney and now have 12 games going. I can do this at the factory in between times... I appreciate your effort in behalf of the WVCA and believe you have done much to keep the organization alive in these difficult times. I hope to take a more active part in chess when this ----- war is over."

WILLIAM CHALLINOR, Clarksburg (June 11): "I received the Yearbook o.k. Congratulations to you for doing a very fine job. I know all the boys will much appreciate it."

WALT CREDE, Charleston (June 19): "I've compared the '43 Yearbook with the '42 one, and the difference is great. You have neared downright perfection in your latest effort altho the first one was no petty thing. Keep on, fella, and one of these days you'll be heading Collett Publications or something."

HAROLD W. LIGGETT, Charleston (June 16): "Congrats on the fine Yearbook and the games section you sent out earlier--both well done. Cliff Mosier should hire you as managing editor of his newspapers. Keep up the good work."

(For all words of praise reprinted on these two pages, thanks,

ECHOES FROM THE TOURNEY

We are still receiving letters from the members about the Tournament and hope they will continue to come in, as we would like a well-rounded story for use in the '44 Yearbook.

Hal Liggett gratified one phase of our curiosity by writing to tell us that Arthur Brenneman is Richard B.'s uncle, and has promised us an additional tourney letter as soon as he gets time to write it.

REPORT FROM RAY GRIFFIN

Here's some selections from a nice long letter from Ray Griffin of Clarksburg which we enjoyed a lot and think you will, too:

"As you saw, I did very well in the tourney play--any time I meet that crowd and don't end in last place, I figure I am doing well!

"There was some talk about next year's meet. Everybody who had anything to say about it seemed to think the Labor Day week and would be the best time, giving an extra day for play, or for getting home, as the Memorial Day holiday did last year.

"A. Brenneman deserves congratulations for his part in the tournament. He was working a night-shift and playing chess in the daytime.

"The meet wasn't in the same room as last year. They gave us a big sample room on the top floor with a big fan to cool it. It was just large enough for the purpose without being at all crowded.

"Dr. Werthammer told me to give you his best regards. By the way, I don't agree with your pronunciation of his name in the Yearbook; there is no th sound in German. (Editor's note: 'Twas a slip of the Underwood--we wrote "VER-tham-er" when we meant to write "VER-tahm-er," which likely wouldn't be exactly right, but closer. Will members correct their Yearbooks and understandings accordingly? And if we still are not right, will Dr. Werthammer please correct us further?)

"I am sorry (Griffin continues) I didn't get to play the doctor this year, if I had, he would have evened things up for last year.

THEY LIKED THE SWISS SYSTEM

Everybody seemed to like the Swiss System. The schedule worked out perfectly. My game with Halsey, in the first round, lasted some 4 1/2 hours, which didn't give me a breathing space before another tough opponent, Orde, but evidently 5 games in 2 days aren't as bad as 7, and probably that was the longest game of the tournament.

I haven't had time to work out the mathematics of the thing, but clearly if A defeats B in the first round, then B should score more points than A in the remaining four, because he will be meeting weaker players. But he is already a point behind, and if he does score more points than A he will finally reach the point where he is meeting players as strong as A meets at the last. So any advantage the first-round loser has must be slight. And if the system does give an advantage to the weaker player that is far better than one which gives the advantage to the stronger player.

TECHNICALS FROM THE TOURNEY (continued from preceding page)

Mrs. Dick Grimm spent much time at the tournament and was very helpful, attending to many details that otherwise would have taken the attention of a player.

In short, everything was almost perfect--except for one detail. There was no way to know how the tournament was going. It was quite a contrast to the blackboard record we used to keep here. At Charleston the result depended on games which the players were to report to Ligggett the next day, and we had to leave without knowing much about it. I was so anxious to keep abreast that I probably made a nuisance of myself going around asking each player his score; and as I stayed until the last game was finished I had a pretty good mental picture--which turned out to be correct when I saw the Bulletin. The Mail on Monday afternoon gave a brief paragraph which named the first 5 players but I SURE whether it was right until I saw the Bulletin this week.

RAY MOVES FROM 11TH TO 10TH

"But I didn't know how the ties were decided, including my own. I came back telling everybody I finished 11th. Fifteen days after play was over, the Bulletin came and made me out a liar--I was 10th. I could have figured it out from the round-by-round score on page 8 but we didn't have that information; we didn't know who had defeated whom. I knew Dr. Werthammer had won all his games, but aside from my own score, I couldn't be CERTAIN of any of the others.

"Your friend, Jeesse Church, was asking about you. He was there both nights but his work kept him from playing. Saturday he brought in several copies of the Sunday Gazette, which we appreciated very much."

Re Ray's complaint, we can suggest two solutions, both of which we will try to get into operation next year: (1) A blackboard or large placard on which all results will be promptly recorded and totalled so that each player can follow the race, and (2) issuance of a special 1-page number of the Bulletin immediately after the tourney, giving the bare results of the meet. Soundokah?

DICK GRIMM TALKS ABOUT THE TOURNEY

Here's what Dick Grimm of Charleston has to say:

"Dr. Werthammer played better chess this year than last year and some of the rest of us played a lot worse. Anyway, he fully deserved to win--two successive titles is really a record!

"I think the Swiss System went over very well and will be accepted very easily in future tournaments. After people see it in operation, they see the logic behind it and are more or less forced to admit it is the only way to run off a large tournament in a short time.

"My game has declined somewhat since I've starting playing chess for fun instead of for blood. I find I can't stand the 'nerves' that go with good playing so now I 'play' rather than 'work' at chess.

"Chess in Charleston is still very active. We had quite a few entries in the Tournament and many visitors came to watch the play, so it is easily seen that chess has not died here!"

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NOTES FROM THE TOURNEY (continued from preceding page)WALT CREDE FAVORS LABOR-DAY MEET

Walt Crede of Charleston adds this comment:

"I've talked to several of the Charleston chessers and they're all for having the State Tourney over the Labor Day holidays next year. This perhaps wouldn't be bad although it would throw the tourney a little late. Maybe it'd be the best thing to put it to a direct vote of the members. Let them have the say-so in the matter. From my point of view, it would give more opportunity for a greater number of players to attend; too, the lateness of Labor Day could possibly introduce the much-desired Victory Tournament.

"I am indeed interested in seeing what Koltanowski has to say about my games against Liggett, Seletz and Heisey. My weakness lies in the opening and early mid-game. I know that. What I should do is to put in a lot of time and effort on those phases, but somehow I never get around to it; instead, I try to luck my way through to the end-game where seemingly I'm more at home, so to speak. My games with Liggett and Seletz are examples of these efforts. Perhaps you'll get a laugh out of knowing that in the game against Seletz, on the move before the Q exchange, I spent nearly 20 minutes trying to figure myself out of a hole I wasn't in. I saw I was going to lose a P and couldn't prevent it. What I needed was an extra move (I thot) to enforce a drawn position. I sweated over that--boy, did I sweat! Then I saw it, quite suddenly it was too apparent--and was I shamefaced about it! What I'd overlooked was the fact that it'd be my move. I hadn't counted on the fact that after I'd played QxQ, Seletz would be compelled to retake with P, making it my move. Talk about feeling foolish!

"Doc Werthammer was at his best in the tourney. I didn't give him a good game. It was Dick Manahan who did that. (Dick's in the Navy now.) He had Werthammer sitting up and taking notice in the mid-game, then for no reason I can determine, Manahan shifted his attack to the K-side--and lost. Doc was lucky in that one game. He WON the rest."

WHAT THEY PLAYED AT CHARLESTON

Our office statistician comes up with these Tourney figures:

There were 22 K-side and 13 Q-side OPENINGS. 1 P-K4 was played 21 times, 1 P-Q4 12 times, and 1 N-KB3 and 1 P-QB4 once each.

Most popular opening was the Queen's Gambit Declined, played 10 times. Others followed in this order: Petroff's Defense 4; Four Kts Game 3; Vienna Game, Bishop's Opening, Two Knts Defense and Queen's Pawn Game, 2 each; and Alekhine's Defense, Scotch Game, Evans Gambit, Sicilian Defense, Three Kts Game, Queen's Gambit Accepted, English Opening, Giuoco Piano and Max Lange, 1 each.

There seems sort of a curse on the good old Ruy Lopez. Tho it was popular in previous meets, it wasn't played once at the '44 tourney. Black avoided it on 8 occasions after the moves 1 P-K4 P-K4, 2 N-KB3 by playing 2...N-KB3 or some other move; and on the 7 occasions when Black did respond 2...N-QB3, White played 3 B-B4 or some other move instead of 3 B-N5. Also, with Johnny Hurt gone, the Trench Defense didn't even get a tumble. Champion Werthammer opened each of his white games with 1 P-Q4, and in his two black games, met 1 P-K4 with 1...N-KB3, and 1 P-Q4 with 1...P-Q4.

GAMES FROM THE STATE TOURNEY

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

White: Manahan
Black: Werthammer

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 N-QB3	N-KB3
4 B-N5	B-K2
5 N-B3	O-O
6 P-K3	Q-N-Q2
7 R-E	P-B3
8 B-Q3	BxP
9 BxP	N-Q4
10 BxB	GxB
11 O-O	N-N
12 RxB	P-K4
13 BxP	NxP
14 NxN	QxN
15 P-B4	Q-B3
16 P-K4	P-QN4
17 P-K5	Q-K2
18 B-N3	R-Q
19 Q-K2	B-N2
20 P-K6	P-B3
21 P-B5	P-QR4
22 Q-R5	P-R5
23 B-B2	P-B4
24 R-KR3	P-R3
25 P-KN3	R-Q7
26 R-Q	QR-Q
27 R-Q3	QRxR
28 BxR	R-KNPch
29 K-B	R-N4
30 Q-K2	P-B5
31 B-N	Q-B4
32 Q-KB2	Q-B3
33 R-Q8ch	K-R2
34 P-K7	Q-R8ch
35 K-K2	B-B3
36 Q-B5	R-N7ch
37 Resigns	

Q. G. D. (By
Transposition)

White: Seletz
Black: Crede

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 N-KB3	N-KB3
3 P-B4	P-K3
4 B-N5	B-K2

6 BxB	QxB
7 B-Q3	N-QB3
8 Q-B2	N-B3
9 O-O	N-QN5
10 Q-N3	NxB
11 QxN	O-O
12 P-B5	B-Q2
13 N-B3	P-QR3
14 N-K5	P-B3
15 N-R4	QR-Q
16 N-QN6	B-K
17 P-QR4	N-Q2
18 N(K5) xN	BxN
19 P-K4	P-B4
20 PxQP	KPxP
21 KR-K	Q-B3
22 R-K5	B-K
23 QR-K	B-N3
24 P-B4	KR-K
25 R(K) -K3	RxR
26 RxR	R-K
27 Q-K3	RxR
28 QPxR	Q-K2
29 N-B8	Q-Q2
30 N-Q6	K-B
31 P-B2	Q-QB2
32 P-QN4	Q-Q2
33 P-R5	B-B2
34 K-K2	E-N
35 K-Q3	P-KN3
36 P-KR4	B-K3
37 Q-N3	Q-K2
38 K-Q4	K-N2
39 Q-N5	QxQ
40 RPxQ	K-B
41 NxNP	K-K2
42 N-Q6	K-Q2

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PETROFF DEFENSE

White: Griffin
Black: Heisey

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-KB3
3 NxP	P-Q3
4 N-KB3	NxP
5 Q-K2	Q-K2
6 P-Q3	N-KB3
7 QxQch	BxQ
8 B-N5	O-O
9 B-K2	R-K

11 O-O-O	P-KR3
12 BxN	BxB
13 P-Q4	B-N5
14 P-KR3	BxN
15 BxB	P-Q4
16 N-K2	N-Q2
17 KR-K	R-K2
18 P-KN3	QR-K
19 P-KR4	N-N3
20 P-B3	N-B
21 K-Q2	N-Q3
22 P-N3	N-K5ch
23 BxN	RxB
24 N-B4	P-KN3
25 RxB	RxR
26 R-K	RxR
27 KxB	K-B
28 K-K2	K-K2
29 K-Q3	K-Q3
30 P-B4	P-KN4
31 PxNP	PxNP
32 N-K2	P-B4
33 PxBPch	KxP
34 PxP	KxP
35 P-KN4	B-K4
36 P-B3	K-B4
37 K-B2	K-N5
38 K-N	P-B4
39 N-B	K-E6
40 N-K2ch	K-Q6
41 N-N	K-K6
42 K-B2	B-R7
43 N-R3	P-B3
44 P-B4	PxP
45 P-N5	PxP
46 NxP	P-B6
47 NxP	KxN
48 K-B3	B-Q3
49 K-B4	P-N3
50 K-N5	B-B4
51 K-B4	K-K6
52 K-B3	K-K5
53 K-B4	K-K6
54 P-R4	K-Q7
55 P-N4	BxP
56 K-N3	K-B8
57 K-R2	K-B7
58 K-R	K-N6
59 K-N	KxP
60 K-N2	K-N4
61 K-N3	P-R5ch
62 K-N2	K-B5
63 K-R2	P-R6
64 K-N	K-N6
65 K-R	B-E6ch

TWO KTS DEFENSE (Fegaterlo)

White: Hartling
Black: Crean

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-B4	N-B3
4 N-N5	P-Q4
5 PxP	NxP
6 NxEP	KxN
7 Q-B3ch	K-K3
8 N-B3	N(3) -N5
9 B-N3	P-B3
10 P-QB3	N-B3
11 P-Q4	Q-B3
12 BxNch	PxB
13 QxPch	K-K2
14 PxB	Q-K3
15 B-N5ch	K-B2
16 Q-B3ch	K-N
17 O-O-O	Q-B4
18 Q-N3	Q-N5
19 B-Q8	QxQ
20 BxQ	N-B2
21 R-B	N-K3
22 B-K7	P-KN3
23 R-K8	K-N2
24 R-B6	BxB
25 RxBch	K-R3
26 N-Q5	R-B
27 RxR	NxR
28 R-K8	N-Q2
29 P-K6	N-N3
30 N-B7	BxP
31 NxR	NxN
32 RxB	Resigns

These four games (all we have room for this time) are chosen both because they are good games and to illustrate the Tourney Echoes references on Page 6 to 8. All have instructive situations and will repay your attention. These are corrected scores and we will appreciate notice of any errors you may discover in playing them over.

WVCA BUSINESS MEETING

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

(The word NEW after a member's name indicates he was not a member during the 1943-44 year)

- 24 Lee Rogers, 611 Joseph St., Clarksburg
- 25 Wm. Challinor, Box 1082, Clarksburg
- 26 Sam Abrahams, Box 404, Huntington 8
- 27 Mrs. Ludwig Frank, 1570 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston 1
- 28 H. Landis Marks, 921 Eighth St., Huntington
- 29 Joseph R. Dorsey, 1920 W. 48th St., Cleveland 2, Ohio (NEW)
- 30 H. M. Russell, Home for Old Men, Warwood, Wheeling (NEW)
- 31 E. E. Allie, 514 Ninth Ave., Huntington (NEW)
- 32 Tyson E. Cobb, 509 Jefferson Ave., Huntington
- 33 A. E. McCusky, 1435 rear 6th Ave., Huntington (NEW)
- 34 Budd T. Neel, 1505 Sixth Ave., Huntington
- 35 Rev. Wm. M. Erhard, 201 Webster St., Clarksburg
- 36 Arthur L. Maloy, Wtl/o, 133rd Bat., Co. C, Baltoon 1, A.B.D., c/o Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.
- 37 C. Vincent Scofield, 1112 Highland Road, Edgewood, Charleston 2
- 38 Donald Pitzer, 4109 Washington Ave., SE., Charleston 4 (NEW)
- 39 Frank Wisinski, 445 W. Main St., Clarksburg
- 40 William L. Stanley, 909 Overlook Way, SW., So. Charleston 3
- 41 Thomas Sweeney, 708 Hawley Bldg., Wheeling

ADDRESS CHANGES

See foregoing list for new addresses for Mrs. Frank and Arthur Maloy.
 Layton O. Whitman, 220 Central Drive, So. Charleston 3
 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, 121 Wilson Court, Huntington 1
 Dr. A. A. Seletz, 1580 Jackson St., Charleston
 Richard Manahan, Walton Apts., Charleston
 Robert Crean, 1524 Lee St. E., Charleston 1
 Richard Brenneman, 1524 Woodland Drive, Charleston
 Arthur Brenneman, 1524 Woodland Drive, Charleston

FINANCIAL REPORT -- JUNE 10 TO JULY 10, 1944

(Note: Due to an incorrect addition, the balance in the WVCA treasury June 10 was erroneously given at \$38.31. The correct figure is shown herewith.)

	Recd.	Paid	Bal.
Bal. on hand June 10 (Bull. 22 corrected)			\$38.11
Bull. 22 (75 copies 10 pp.) mimeo		\$2.05	
postage 95c, total		\$3.00	35.11
Election: Official ballots (60 copies 3 pp.)			
mimeo only, 36c, return envelopes \$1.65		2.01	33.10
Postage: Mailing 66 yearbooks \$1.94, corre-			
spondence on association business \$1.03		2.97	30.13
One letter-size expanding file		1.25	28.88
Memberships: Rogers, Challinor, Abrahams, Mrs.			
Frank, Marks, Russell, Erhard, Wisinski, Stan-			
ley, Maloy, Scofield, Pitzer, Sweeney @ \$1 ea.	\$13.00		41.88
Memberships: Dorsey, Neel, McCuskey, Allie,			
Cobb @ 50c ea.	2.50		44.38
1943 Yearbooks sold to Griffin, Stanley, Scofield	1.50		45.88

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NEWS FROM THE CHESS MAGAZINES

CHESS REVIEW--250 W. 57th St., New York 19, N. Y., \$3 a year.

Robt. U. Reel, Carnegie, Pa., won the Wisconsin chess title at Milwaukee. Second was Robt. C. Simpson of Madison, Wis., and third, Mark Surules of Milwaukee. Averill Powers, '43 champion, was 7th, while Arpad Elo who held the title 5 times was 10th. Reel is no longer a resident of Wisconsin but was eligible because he won the 1932 title.

Barnie F. Winkelman won the championship of the Franklin Chess Club at Philadelphia.

Robt. H. Steinmeyer is the new St. Louis District champion.

In an international meet in Chile with players from Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, Carlos Guimard won first prize by a 10-1 score.

Roberto Gabriel Grau, former South American champion, died April 12 in Buenos Aires at the age of 44.

The 48th U.S. Open will be held July 29-Aug. 11 at Boston. I. A. Horowitz, '43 champion, will defend his title.

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CHESS CORRESPONDENT--Walter T. James, 4057 Adams St., Sioux City 20, Iowa, \$2 a year, or \$3 with C.C.L.A. membership.

(In its latest edition, the C.C. comes out in a new size, 8x11 inches, which Walt calls "really the logical size for a chess magazine." Chess Review also adopted this size a few months ago (same size pages as the WVCD). The change was made to conform to standard paper cuts, but it has made a big improvement in both magazines.

(The C.C. continues to add new features each month and has now become a first-class over-the-board paper, as well as a postal chesser's manual. Its growth in stature and readability in the last few years has been little short of amazing. The best addition, from our point of view, is a column, "Chess Club News," which gives W.Va. items, along with many others, including the following.)

PRC Herbert Siedman, former Brooklyn College chesser, won the 1944 championship of New York's Marshall Chess Club, 12½-1.

Dr. G.A. Koefoed, Rochester, Minn., won the Minnesota championship by defeating George Barnes, many times champion, in the final game. D. Groenig and R.L. Berggren, 19-year-olds from Mankato who played chess less than a year, went to the finals and semi-finals respectively.

* In another section of the C.C. is found this comment by Fred Reinfield on the recent U.S.C.F. American Championship Tournament: "There have been 5 tournaments for the American Chess Championship since 1936. ...The first four were won by S. Reshevsky, with Reuben Fine always close on his heels. This year Reshevsky was unable to compete and it was taken for granted that Fine would run away with first prize. Instead, a sensational upset was produced by Arnold Denker, who annexed the first prize without the loss of a game, winning 14 outright and drawing 3...In his crucial game with Fine, Denker played with commendable nerve, sacrificing a pawn for development in the early stages of the opening and forcing the play to win after only 25 moves."

FINANCIAL REPORT (continued from preceding page)

1942 Yrks sold to Mrs. Frank Dorsey, Stanley, Scotland (2)	32.50	48.38
Refund--telephone calls at State Tourney	340	48.78

AS WE GO TO PRESS

As we go to press with this 12-page number, the biggest Bulletin yet, we find left over, as usual, a whole mess of things we intended to get in, not counting today's mail. So we'll just tell you about today's mail and let the other things go. Okeh? All right--here goes:

(1) A new number of Chess Review with a lovely cover portrait of Gissela K. Gresser, new U.S. Chess Queen; information that Fred J. Keller won the Massachusetts championship 8-2, with former champion Harlow E. Daly tying for second; and the following interesting paragraph:

"Dr. Alexander A. Alekhine, world's champion, was continuing his tour of Spain during Feb. and March of this year, according to news bulletins in Barcelona's 'El Mundo Deportivo.' On Feb. 20, Alekhine visited Barcelona, stated in an interview that he considered Keres the leading contender for the world's title. He also mentioned Reshevsky and Fine as possibilities. Asked if he would play a match with Dr. Rey, Spanish master, Alekhine replied, 'Who knows?'"

(2) A letter from I. A. Horowitz, scolding our idea about an "Improvement" in Chess Solitaire. (Improvement suggested: Giving optional scenes for good alternative moves, particularly those better than the text moves.) Said Horowitz: "The present form is simple and attractive, the suggested form complicated requiring judgment and time (the latter we can ill-afford to spare). True enough, the alternate moves may be better than the ones made--but solitaire is a guessing contest. The reader attempts to guess the moves of the master, which in most cases are the correct moves." Oh, well, it seemed a good idea at the time.

(3) The U.S.C.F. Monthly Letter No. 9 which reports 456 members added in April, May and June bringing the total to 1,159 (W. Va. added 2, now has 5). Quoted in full is Geo. Koltanowski's "Open Letter to All Chess Lovers" from the W. Va. '43 Yearbook. Pres. Geo. Sturgis says: "Many thanks, George, for that eloquent appeal. Won't you read this letter to everything we need do to help increase our membership? Thank you down in West Virginia for your helpful publicity.... That Yearbook of yours is splendid." Still and all, we think W. Va. could do better than 5 members, the fee is only \$1 which includes the new USCF Yearbook. Send your dollar to Sturgis at 111 Devonshire St., Boston 9, Mass., who is putting in hard hours of work daily and deserves your support.

(4) A letter from C. W. Chrislip sending his renewal (to be formally reported in the Aug. Business Meeting) and saying: "I thought that the Yearbook was splendidly done this year. You and your co-workers deserve a world of credit for a difficult job well done. I hope that you will continue your good work on behalf of chess!"

(5) A letter from G. Vincent Scofield with some desired info and this postscript: "Roy Pitzer, your latest new member, is office supervisor at the Works Laboratory. Jim Chatfield, Charles Chrislip, Dick Grimm and Bill Stanley are also in the works lab. Arthur Maloy, Paul Shaw and Layton Whitman were with me before they left for the wars. Mrs. Arthur Maloy is working in the lab. Lt. Terrant worked there at one time. Sounds like a hot-bed of Charleston chess, doesn't it?"