

## MEMBERS VOTE TO ROTATE PRESIDENCY; FAVOR 5-ROUND SWISS SYSTEM LABOR DAY MEET

In the post-card ballot held July 10-20, members voted 21 to 2 in favor of the presidency rotation plan proposed by Pres. Paull. Effective at the next year, a retiring president will not be eligible for reelection, altho he may be named to the office again in any subsequent year.

Of the 24 members voting, 23 cast ballots on the presidential issue. Many did not vote on the tournaments, apparently because they did not feel they would be able to attend. Votes on other matters were:

Would you prefer a Labor Day week-end tourney rather than one late in May? Yes 11, No 4.

Do you like the Swiss System? Yes 18, No 1.

Do you think 5 games are enough to decide a championship? Yes 13, No 6

If not, how many do you feel should be played? Three said 8, one said "10 or approximately," one said, "10, two games against each player one with black men, one with white."

### SECRETARY GETS A SURPRISE

When the secretary proposed the question about the number of games, he had in mind the possibility of playing maybe 6 or 7 games. It seems unlikely we would be able to get off a tourney of 8 games in two days and still have all the players alive at the end--that is, so long as we attempted to maintain a high standard of play. We played 7 games in 1943 and most of the participants felt this was too many but with a three-day meet, of course, 7 games could be arranged--would be necessary if, as we hope, we some day find ourselves with 40 or 50 entrants in the meet.

In other tourneys of the past, we played 5 rounds twice--in 1941 and 1942--and 6 rounds twice--in 1939 and 1940.

### NEW DIRECTORS NAMED

Several members voted for directors in groups other than their own. We simply disregarded these votes, confining members to their own counties. Results of the effective votes were:

Cabell county: Landis Marks 2, Tyson Cobb 1. Marks elected.

Kanawha county: Richard Grimm 8, Hal Liggett 7, Jesse Church 5. Grimm and Liggett elected.

At large: James Altmeyer 3, Milford Mott 3, B. W. Devericks 2, John Hurt 2, Dr. Ernest Wolff 1. Altmeyer and Mott elected.

These new directors, together with Rudd T. Neel, Cabell county; and William Challinor and the Rev. William Erhard, Harrison county, comprise the board of directors for 1944-45. The president and the secretary-treasurer, by virtue of their offices, also are members of the board of directors.

## READING THE CHESS MAGAZINES

Both CHESS CORRESPONDENT (4057 Adams St., Sioux City 20, Iowa, \$2 the year, \$3 with CCLA membership) and CHESS REVIEW (250 W. 57th St., New York 19, N.Y., \$3 the year) have stories on our 1944 W.Va. tourney in current issues, along with mention of our Yearbook and Bulletin.

The REVIEW printed the Bulletin address and same day the magazine arrived we got a letter from Edw. I. Treend, Detroit, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan State Chess Association, asking for "samples." He said, "We are planning a similar program for Michigan." We sent along a 1943 Yearbook and copies of the June and July Bulletins.

In the CORRESPONDENT, Editor Walt James said: "The Yearbook for 1943... is now ready and is an excellent piece of work indeed, and a number to be proud of, both by Gene and the West Virginia Association... A mimeographed bulletin or magazine for a chess club or state association is a fine idea which is spreading fast." The CORRESPONDENT also reprints Kolti's article on "The Blindfold Record" (Bulletin Jan. 25) and the Werthammer-Hurt games with notes (Yearbook 1943).

Other news from the magazines:

REVIEW: Mrs. Vera Menchik Stevenson, woman chess champion of the world, was killed in a Nazi air attack in England in June, possibly by a robot bomb. Her mother and her sister, Mrs. Olga Rubery, another well-known chess player, also were killed... Jacob Levin won the 6th annual Ventnor City invitation chess meet ended July 9. Pinkus and Santasiere tied for 2nd... The Pennsylvania State Chess Federation holds its 6th annual meet Sept. 2-4 at Gettysburg... Reuben Fine retained his U.S. lightning chess title June 25 in a field of 60 at New York. I. A. Horowitz was second; Alexander Kevitz, third... Mikhail Botvinnik, 32, retained the Soviet Union chess title May 21-June 21 at Moscow scoring 12½-3½. Vassily Smyslov had 10½-5½, Isaac Boleslavsky 10-6 and Salo Flohr 9½-6½.

CORRESPONDENT: Bill Byland won the '44 championship of Pittsburgh's Downtown Y Chess Club 10-1. Second was R.W. Wilson; and tied for third were R. Reel (1944 Wisconsin state champ) and R.P. Smith (defending title holder).

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### LETTER FROM WALT JAMES... WANT A STATE POSTAL CHESS TOURNEY?

Walter F. James, secy.-director of the Correspondence Chess League of America and editor of Chess Correspondent, writes: "I received your 1943 Yearbook and it is a dandy. Congratulations on its fine appearance and high quality of material. I will quote from it occasionally and use some of your games in our Chess Club News department... I wish you could organize a Correspondence State Championship in W.Va., the preliminary round to be played in the Grand National. You will see announcement of the plan in the Correspondent."

Altho we started a postal meet in '42, many more of our members are now playing by mail and it might be possible to get another correspondence tourney under way. As we understand the idea, W.Va. players would decide their own championship and at the same time play off early rounds in the national meet. An entry fee of \$1 covers all rounds and it is not necessary to join the CCLA unless the player so desires.

Entries in the Grand Nat'l range from 300 to 400 and vary from state to state. California usually enters 50 to 75 with N.Y. a close second.

Would anyone willing to aid in organizing such a meet in W.Va. or playing in it drop a card to Walt? His address is 4057 Adams St., Sioux City 20, Iowa.



# PROBLEM PAGE

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### HERE'S ANOTHER BATCH

This month we're offering WVCA members the group-of-three we think will meet with the approval of everyone. We suggest, however, that you watch out for the joker in No. 4, noting a Q in the bush is sometimes better off there-- if you gather this would be riddle: which you undoubtedly will, once this mate-in-3er is unraveled. There's a catch to it -- but in very plain view, easily seen. Nos. 5 and 6 are not difficult either. Both employ what is termed as a Waiting Move. This is the only clue that

The Solvers' Ladder will not be published this month, but will appear for the first time in the Sept. issue, and each month thereafter. We are doing this to afford members tardy in sending answers ample opportunity to get on board, so to speak.

Remember, we will be glad to use problems composed by WVCA members. Send yours, with solutions, to YE PROBLEM EDITOR. Full ownership of all puzzles may be retained.

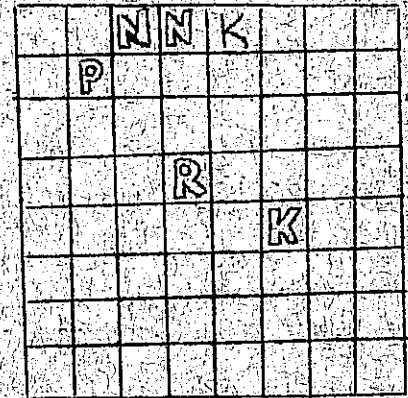
be awarded \$1.50 -- the runner-up, \$1. You get 30 days to work 'em--answers postmarked up to Sept. 10 will be counted.

### BUT IT MAY NOT CONTINUE

However, this Page is being run on a trial basis at present, over a 3-months' period--and only the Readers' interest can keep it alive. Your vote is the solutions you submit.

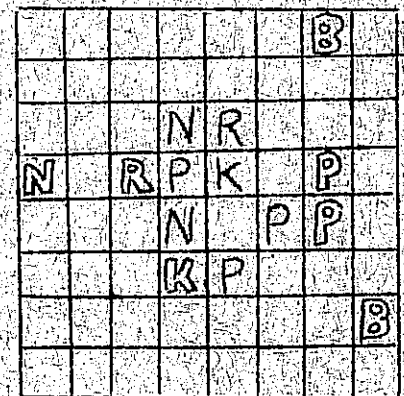
LAST MONTH'S SOLUTIONS: No.1: 1 Q-QR8ch B-N, 2 QxB(QR) mate. No.2: 1 Q-QR8ch KxQ, 2 N-B7 mate. No.3: 1 N-B4 B-R3, 2 K-R7 B-B, 3 K-N8 B-R3, 4 N-K5 K-R2!, 5 K-R8 B-B, 6 K-R7! (Zugzwang) K-R3, 7 N-Q7 P-B5, 8 NxB P-B6, 9 N-K6 B-R7, 10 N-B5ch any, 11 N-Q3 wins (There are variations.)

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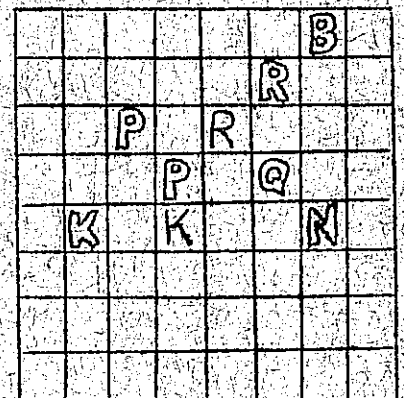
WHITE MATES IN 3

NO. 5



WHITE MATES IN 2

NO. 6



WHITE MATES IN 2

# VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

Dr. Siegfried Werthamer, Huntington (July 15): "For your congratulations, many thanks. I am proud to be an American citizen and to have won the championship for the second time...The 1943 Yearbook is superlative. I have seen Dr. Buschke in New York (his brother is a physician whom I know very well) and he concurred in my opinion (for that matter, the opinion of all W.Va. chessers). And Buschke ought to know as he owns the second largest collection of chess books in the world (the largest being in the Cleveland library--the old White collection). I have seen mimeographed chess tournament books, etc., commercially put out in England but they are far inferior to our homemade product. Someone should draw your little 'Impy.' So far as W.Va. chess circles are concerned, he will achieve as much fame as the gremlins of the fliers...About the pronunciation of my name, I would not worry about it. If you think you wronged me, then please listen how I pronounce the English names. I am sure you will feel my name is not enough mispronounced...In the June Bulletin you quoted a story that a W.Va. champion beat someone in a simultaneous game in the Cleveland area. It was not I...I am still hoping to meet you personally sometime."

A. W. Paull, Wheeling (July 13): "I notice by the July 10 Bulletin that Mr. Crede mentions some of the weaknesses of his game, which apparently lie in the opening and early mid-game. My weaknesses, as I have ascertained, by long and bitter experience, lie in the opening, in the early middle game, in the late middle game, and in the ending. Aside from this, I believe I play a reasonably strong game, although I might mention the other afternoon in playing Mr. Altmeyer and Judge Russell, I gave my Queen away twice, which would indicate I play with rather more energy than skill. In fact, I think there is an inverse ratio."

Walt Crede, Charleston (July 17): "Regarding that letter Mr. Paull sent you in which he mentioned my weakness in the opening and early mid-game and goes on to deprecate all phases of his own game, I find the whole of his communication highly unjust to his game. In the all-too-few opportunities I've had to meet him in over-the-board play, I recall receiving sound beatings. One occasion stands out particularly, the '40 state tourney at Wheeling. Mr. Paull knocked me out of the contest entirely and, as I remember, I never had a chance to show what little strength I have in the latter part of the game--I was defeated before I had a chance to get started. Mr. Paull completely underrates his powers at the Game du Royale...Hot weather always hurts chess in Charleston, this year as usual. Club attendance has dropped to 5 or 6. We no longer meet in the Canton restaurant but have changed our summer quarters to the Eagles Club, 812½ Kanawha blvd., which will perhaps become our permanent meeting place. The F.O.E. here offers us a large semi-private hall, just the things for matches, tourney play and a perfect setting for the state meet, and at no cost. However, it is reasonably expected of the chessers to join the Eagles, which is not at all costly. Try as I may, I'm unable to solve the 3-mover on the cover of the '43 Yearbook. Challinor must have had something up his sleeve when he decided to present it. 1 Q-K2 looks good but 1...K-N8 defeats it. Needed is a final forcing move, something like 1 Q-B2 K-B6, 2 N-B P-N7 (forced), 3 QxP mate. But let's see you drive the Black K to B6, or anywhere else for that matter! I challenge Challinor to produce the goods!"

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## VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (continued from preceding page)

(Anybody succeed in solving the Yearbook cover problem? If so, you might send in the answer and put our Problem Editor out of his misery. We're afraid Bill Challinor is a slender reed to lean on--he has confessed already--see article, "Bill Challinor Dreams Again," in the March 10, 1944, Bulletin--that he does not know the answer. As a clue to any reader who might want to do a little research, we might say that this Sam Loyd gem won first prize in the Chess Monthly contest sometime in 1857. Also it was published in the Jan-Feb. 1941 number of American Chess Bulletin. We have on file a copy of the March-April 1941 A.C.B. which gives the answer but we don't want to look at it until we've had a chance to try the puzzle ourselves. Can you wait a month or so, Walt?)

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Sweeney, Patuxent, Md. (July 16): "You are certainly a wonder. How do you do it? The Bulletin, I mean. Here's a check--put whatever's left in the kitty...It is indeed cheering to read of 'Bishop' Paul's timely conversion to the Rotation Plan for Presidents. I can only agree with his profound remarks, however, insofar as they apply to the 'rulers' of political organizations. In chess groups, the emphasis should be rather on brains and character. Call his attention to the fact that, even in so extreme a case in point, our Commander-in-Chief has reluctantly consented to overlook such a commonsense rule. Pres. Paul is and will continue to be my choice. Therefore, in the approved manner of those who demand 3rd and 4th terms, I am voting 4 times against his resolution...I'm now a navigator on transatlantic flights. Lots of fun. Off to Bermuda tomorrow morning."

(We wrote asking Tom if the Navy would put us in the brig if we told the members the work he is doing. He replied: "No objection from restrictions point of view. But don't make it sound like I thought I was winning the war singlehanded. As a matter of fact, navigation is just a lot of mathematical fun, like chess." O.K., Tom. Will it be all right if we make it sound like you and a couple of other boys were winning the war? And mucho gracias for the check--which for the info of youse other guys and gals, covered a \$1 membership and an extra contribution of \$1.50.)

Mrs. Gene W. Ford, Grafton (writing for her son, Layne, one of our charter members--July 7): "Layne is at present serving with the U.S. Army in Italy. He left the States in April and is serving with the aviation signal corps. His experiences in Italy have been quite varied--in fact, his whole Army tenure has been of that nature. I have heard him speak of once or twice playing chess but I do not think he finds many chess players in the outfit to which he has been attached. Many of the men are younger and not interested in games of this nature...I certainly echo your hope that Layne and many others will be home by the date of the next tournament. He has been in the Army now almost two years but only overseas since the middle of April. I feel sure he will write you something about his experiences when he has time. He is kept quite busy and on the move most of the time."

Harry Berry, Jr., Oak Hill (July 10): "I think you're doing a fine job on the Bulletin and I wish to congratulate you on the excellent Yearbook...While I don't get to play very often now (my old teacher is in the Army), I do look over my few books and do get some enjoyment from playing games over. I might mention that the games in the Yearbook were

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very good. At the moment, I am playing more golf than chess but only because there just isn't anybody around here to play chess with. Up at school (Greenbrier Military School), where we don't have much time for anything, I do get in an occasional game on Sunday afternoon. We have some mighty fine players up there... Oak Hill is in Fayette county so you may mark me in the 'at large' group rather than in Kanawha county."

M. F. (Hap) Allison, Clarksburg (July 9): "While I have played very little chess since the war started, I still consider it the king of games and hope to devote time to it in the future. This month and last I have been on the move and am in Oklahoma for the second time in the last three weeks... After glancing thru the new Yearbook any excuse about lack of time by any of the rest of us seems out of order. It is a good piece of work and would do credit to anyone devoting his full time to the task."

Mrs. Richard (Toni) Grimm, Charleston (July 8): "We thought the Yearbook was very good and I noticed no errors until I read in the back of the book there had been some. I have done some mimeograph work and know how hard it is not to make mistakes and how hard they are to find after they are made. We think you're doing a grand job on the Bulletin so don't let a few 'misprints' worry you... I'm afraid Mr. Griffin somewhat overrates my help at the tournament. It consisted mainly of standing at the door with outstretched hand collecting money for phone calls. However, I didn't do such a good job at that because Liggett discovered we were 80¢ short!... I was glad I got to meet all the different people about whom I had been reading in the Bulletin. I also got to meet Mrs. Werthammer. They are a nice couple. He is much younger than I that he would be. For some reason or other I had thought he would be about 50. I have found one decided advantage about playing chess. To people who know nothing about it, it is a complicated game played only by the 'brainer' people. As a result, they consider me quite intelligent to be able to play--even as badly as I do... We probably will not play much chess this summer. In hot weather, Dick is strictly against any exertion--either mental or physical--even eating."

Mrs. B. W. (Deana) Devericks, Clarksburg (July 20): "I liked the new Yearbook, very nice. I'm afraid, tho, a lot of the finer points escape me as I don't know too much about chess and haven't really played for a long time now. I do think you must have spent long, tiresome hours getting it out. Keep up the good work."

Lt. S. W. Terrant, Woodward, Okla. (July 20): "Just a note. Have been very busy lately and attending various conferences thruout the Southwest in the past month... Really enjoyed the Yearbook and have played the games over time and again... Say hello to all the chessers for me... Am inclosing \$2; pay up my dues for this year and next year, also."

Joseph R. Dorsey, Cleveland, Ohio (July 18): "Am please with Vol. I of the Yearbook (1942). No, the money was NOT wasted!--I'm well satisfied. We see quite a lot of the Pittsburgh papers here by the railroad--how come no chess column there--in--at? And what part of them can I associate with you, you being an AP man?... Our dream of a trip to Pgh. may not materialize this year; still no night off since Jan. and no prospects of early relief... Had I a guardian and prompter as willful as Impy, I'd soon get down thru the big heap of correspondence facing me to right....

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## VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (continued from preceding page)

Tell the members I vote to have the next W.Va. tournament either at Cleveland or Pittsburgh--and I'll do my best to be there!"

(The A.P. papers in Pittsburgh are the Sun-Telegraph and the Post-Gazette; we have our day HQ. at the former plant, our night office at the latter...Guess space requirements have put the ban on chess columns here; or maybe the papers just don't have any chess players working on them now. Pittsburgh in the past has been noted for its chess editors; William Napier was one of the greatest.)

William Challinor, Clarksburg (July 22): "What a big surprise I got when your large Bulletin came to hand. It really is the best ever."

Mrs. Garnette Holt, Charleston (writing for her husband, Reid, one of our charter members--July 28): "Reid has been getting all or most of his Bulletins tho I don't know if he has had time to read them. He had the basic infantry training and besides that was trained in sending and receiving radio code. They were busy day and night. The course has now been extended to cover 21 weeks instead of 17. At the end of the 17 weeks Reid was amogg those sent to Ft. Benning for a technical course and is now learning to repair radios. He is practically as busy as during his basic period--has classes all day and some nights. They are crowding a year's training into 6 weeks. He will finish Aug.15 and then I don't know wherd he will be sent."

George Koltanowski, New York (July 27): "Have been wanting to write you every day but just didn't get around to it. I will annotate the games for the 1944 Yearbook next week and send them to you around Aug.10."

Jesse S. Church, Charleston (July 27): "I wish you would have the gentleman who gave you the problem printed on the cover page of your nice Yearbook to turn in the answer. We players here in Charleston give up. Wish you good luck in all your games and in your work."

(Note answer to Walt Crede at top of page 5. As an afterthought, we hereby promise the answer to anyone who hasn't solved the problem by Aug.15 and will drop us a card on that date, asking for it. Okeh?)

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### KOLTI GOES INTO BUSINESS

We have received notice of the establishment of Chess for All, set up by George Koltanowski and Marcel Duchamp, another master player. Items offered in their first announcement: 6 games by correspondence, 3 white and 3 black, fully annotated on completion, \$6; 20 weekly chess lessons by correspondence, \$5; games annotated, 5 for \$5; Pengrip, new pocket chessboard, all leather, handmade, pieces won't fall out, priced at \$5 until Sept. 1. Address Chess for All, 150 Nassau St., Room 2207, New York 7, N. Y.

### NEED CHESS BOOKS? WRITE DR. BUSCHKE

You can get any chess book published from another of our members, Dr. Albrecht Buschke, 15 West 56th St., New York 19, N. Y. Just send him the title of the book you want and, if it is in print, he will find it for you. His line includes chess books both new and old. He is a real friend of the West Virginia Chess Association. If you write him about books, do not fail to mention that you are a WVCA member.

At some future date, we hope to prevail upon Dr. Buschke to give us some stories on his adventures as a collector and seller of chess books.

# MORE ABOUT THE STATE TOURNAMENT

(Note: The appended letter, from Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, the State Champion, gives further impressions of the May tourney at Charleston.)

What I said about last year's tournament was true also of this year's: "The spirit of Collett hovered over." Organization and direction were excellent--Liggett and Crede did a grand job. The Swiss System worked out fine.

I have to admire the activity of the Charleston chess players. They are in my opinion the most active organization in the state.

This time I had a clean score and was in fewer tough spots than last year. The games against Crede and Manahan were very interesting. Crede, as last year, lost his Queen but this time very well and with good compensations. The game was for a while quite at the knife edge.

## LOOKS LIKE A DRAW FROM EITHER SIDE

There is quite a lot to say about the Manahan game. Manahan played the standard line in the Q.G.D. and up to the 15th move we followed the book. I have often subjected this variation to close study and it is my opinion that with best play there is not more in it than a draw for either side. It is true that White had a pull and chances with a King-side attack. However, Black often obtains play on the Queen's file and may obtain an end-game advantage with his Queen-side pawn majority.

White (Manahan) left the book with 16 P-K4 (the book move is 16 P-KB5) giving opportunity to Black to equalize at once with 16...B-K3, 17 P-K5 Q-K2, 18 BxB B Px B (18...QxB also would be good enough) and M.C.O. says a very "drawish" position is obtained.

## STARTS QUEEN-SIDE PAWNS ROLLING

I chose, however, 16...P-QN4 getting my Queen-side pawns rolling. In the following moves, White could have got the advantage with play on the Queen's Bishop file and systematic siege and pressure on the backward Black Queen Bishop's Pawn. White, however, pushed ahead at the Black King's wing and did not get through. Black Queen center file and a strong Queen-wing turned the trick for Black.

I enjoyed meeting the old friends from the 1943 Clarksburg tournament, especially Griffin, Crede, Liggett, Grimm and Hartling. It gave me great pleasure also to meet the rest of the Charleston crowd. Manahan is an excellent chess player. It turned out that Dr. Wolff of Montgomery, who is a radiologist, also does quite a bit of pathology. As you know, Dr. Wolff also came from Central Europe.

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(Memo: On the next page, members will find the Crede-Werthammer game, referred to by Dr. Werthammer above; also three other interesting contests from the 1944 State Tournament. The Manahan-Werthammer, to which the doctor also refers, was published on page 9 of the July 10 Bulletin. These are among the games selected for use in the West Virginia Chess Association's 1944 Yearbook. We have proof-read the scores as carefully as possible but likely there are still errors in them; will members discovering such errors, please drop a card to the editor? Thanks!)



# MORE GAMES FROM THE TOURNEY

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE		Q. P. GAME		Q. G. DECLINED	
White: Crede	Black: Werthammer	White: Crean	Black: Liggett	White: Manahan	Black: Grimm
WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	N-KB3	1 P-Q4	N-KB3	1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 N-QB3	P-Q4	2 P-QB4	P-K3	2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 PXP	NXP	3 N-QB3	P-Q4	3 N-QB3	N-KB
4 NxN	QxN	4 P-K3	P-QN3	4 B-N5	B-K2
5 P-Q4	N-B3	5 N-B3	B-K2	5 N-B3	QN-Q
6 B-K3	B-B4	6 B-Q3	PXP	6 P-K3	P-QN
7 N-B3	O-O-O	7 BxBP	B-N2	7 PXP	NXP
8 B-K2	N-R4	8 O-O	QN-Q2	8 BxB	NxB
9 O-O	P-KB3	9 P-Q5	N-B4	9 B-N5	B-N2
10 P-B3	N-B5	10 B-N5ch	N(4)-Q2	10 QR-B	O-O
11 BxN	QxB	11 PXP	PXP	11 N-K2	P-QB
12 Q-N3	Q-B3	12 N-K5	P-QR3	12 B-R4	P-QR4
13 KR-Q	B-Q5	13 BxNch	NxB	13 O-O	R-B
14 R-Q2	P-KN4	14 NxN	QxN	14 N-K5	P-QN
15 Q-Q	B-K5	15 QxQch	KxQ	15 B-B2	NxN
16 N-K	P-R4	16 R-Qch	K-K	16 PxN	QxQ
17 P-B3	B-Q4	17 P-K4	R-Q	17 KRxQ	KR-Q
18 P-QR4	Q-K3	18 B-B4	R-Q2	18 RxB	RxB
19 B-B2	P-N5	19 RxB	KxB	19 B-K4	N-N3
20 PXP	RXP	20 R-Qch	K-B	20 P-KB4	R-Q7
21 B-N3	B-R3	21 R-QB	R-B	21 R-B2	RxB
22 R-K2	B-K6ch	22 P-KN3	P-B4	22 BxB	P-QB4
23 B-B2	BxBch	23 P-QN4	K-Q2	23 BxN	RPxB
24 KxB	Q-B4ch	24 R-Qch	K-B3	24 N-B3	B-B3
25 K-N	Q-R2	25 PXP	BXP	25 P-KN4	K-B
26 P-N3	P-KB4	26 N-R4	BxPch	26 K-B2	K-K2
27 R-KB2	P-K4	27 KxB	P-K4	27 N-N	B-Q4
28 PXP	B-N7	28 R-Bch	K-Q3	28 P-N3	P-R5
29 QxRch	RxQ	29 NXP	PxB	29 PXP	PXP
30 NxB	Q-K2	30 N-B4ch	K-K3	30 N-B3	B-B5
31 RXP	Q-B4ch	31 P-N4	BXP	31 NXP	BXP
32 K-R	R-Q7	32 R-K	K-Q4	32 NXP	B-Q4
33 QR-KB	Q-Q4	33 N-N6ch	K-Q5	33 P-K4	B-B3
34 R-B8ch	K-Q2	34 R-Qch	B-Q6	34 P-R4	P-B3
35 R(B)-B7ch	K-B3	35 N-Q5	KxN	35 PXP	KXP
	K-B4	36 RxBch	K-B3	36 P-K5ch	K-B2
36 R-B6ch	K-B4	37 P-KR4	P-N3	37 K-N3	K-K2
37 R-B2	RxB	38 R-Q4	P-R3	38 P-R5	B-K
38 Resigns		39 R-K4	R-B3	39 K-R4	PXP
		40 P-N5	PXP	40 PXP	B-B2
		41 PXP	R-Q3	41 K-N5	B-K
		42 K-B3	K-Q4	42 N-K4	B-B2
		43 KXP	R-K3	43 N-Q6	K-B
		44 R-R4	K-B4	44 NxB	KxB
		45 R-R5ch	K-Q5	45 P-B5	
		46 R-R4ch	K-B4		
		47 R-K4	K-Q4		Black Resigns
		48 RxB	KxB		
		49 K-K4	K-Q3		
		50 K-Q4	P-R4		These are cor-
		51 P-R4	K-K3		rected scores;
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ENGLISH OPENING  
 White: Griffin  
 Black: Wolff

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-QB4	P-K3
2 N-KB3	N-KB3

3 P-Q4	P-Q4
4 PXP	NXP
5 N-B3	B-N5
6 B-Q2	BxN
7 BxB	O-O
8 B-Q2	N-QB3
9 P-K4	N(4)-K2
10 B-B3	R-K
11 B-N5	P-QR3
12 BxN	NxB
13 O-O	P-B3
14 R-K	P-QN4
15 P-QN4	B-N2
16 P-Q5	PXP
17 QxPch	QxQ
18 PxQ	N-K2
19 QR-Q	NXP
20 RxBch	RxB
21 R-K	RxB
22 BxB	N-B5
23 B-Q2	BxN
24 BxN	B-Q4
25 P-QR3	P-B3
26 B-Q6	K-B2
27 K-B	B-B5ch
28 K-K	K-K3
29 B-B5	P-N3
30 K-Q2	B-R3
31 P-N3	P-B4
32 K-K3	K-Q4
33 K-Q2	K-K5
34 K-K	B-R6
35 K-K2	B-N5ch
36 K-Q2	K-B6
37 P-KR4	P-B5
38 PXP	KXP
39 B-Q6ch	K-K5
40 K-B3	B-B6
41 B-N3	K-B4
42 K-Q3	P-N4
43 PXP	KXP
44 K-K3	K-N5
45 B-B4	P-KR4
46 B-N3	P-R5
47 BXP	KxB
48 KxB	K-N4
49 K-K4	K-B3
50 P-B4	K-B2
51 K-K5	K-K2
52 P-B5	K-B2
53 P-B6	P-B4
54 PXP	P-R4
55 P-B6	P-R5
56 P-B7	P-N5
57 PXP	P-R6
58 P-B8(-Q)	P-R7
59 O-K6ch	Resigns

1 P-Q4	N-KB3
2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 N-QB3	P-Q4
4 P-K3	P-QN3
5 N-B3	B-K2
6 B-Q3	PXP
7 BxBP	B-N2
8 O-O	QN-Q2
9 P-Q5	N-B4
10 B-N5ch	N(4)-Q2
11 PXP	PXP
12 N-K5	P-QR3
13 BxNch	NxB
14 NxN	QxN
15 QxQch	KxQ
16 R-Qch	K-K
17 P-K4	R-Q
18 B-B4	R-Q2
19 RxB	KxB
20 R-Qch	K-B
21 R-QB	R-B
22 P-KN3	P-B4
23 P-QN4	K-Q2
24 R-Qch	K-B3
25 PXP	BXP
26 N-R4	BxPch
27 KxB	P-K4
28 R-Bch	K-Q3
29 NXP	PxB
30 N-B4ch	K-K3
31 P-N4	BXP
32 R-K	K-Q4
33 N-N6ch	K-Q5
34 R-Qch	B-Q6
35 N-Q5	KxN
36 RxBch	K-B3
37 P-KR4	P-N3
38 R-Q4	P-R3
39 R-K4	R-B3
40 P-N5	PXP
41 PXP	R-Q3
42 K-B3	K-Q4
43 KXP	R-K3
44 R-R4	K-B4
45 R-R5ch	K-Q5
46 R-R4ch	K-B4
47 R-K4	K-Q4
48 RxB	KxB
49 K-K4	K-Q3
50 K-Q4	P-R4
51 P-R4	K-K3

1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 N-QB3	N-KB
4 B-N5	B-K2
5 N-B3	QN-Q
6 P-K3	P-QN
7 PXP	NXP
8 BxB	NxB
9 B-N5	B-N2
10 QR-B	O-O
11 N-K2	P-QB
12 B-R4	P-QR4
13 O-O	R-B
14 N-K5	P-QN
15 B-B2	NxN
16 PxN	QxQ
17 KRxQ	KR-Q
18 RxB	RxB
19 B-K4	N-N3
20 P-KB4	R-Q7
21 R-B2	RxB
22 BxB	P-QB4
23 BxN	RPxB
24 N-B3	B-B3
25 P-KN4	K-B
26 K-B2	K-K2
27 N-N	B-Q4
28 P-N3	P-R5
29 PXP	PXP
30 N-B3	B-B5
31 NXP	BXP
32 NXP	B-Q4
33 P-K4	B-B3
34 P-R4	P-B3
35 PXP	KXP
36 P-K5ch	K-B2
37 K-N3	K-K2
38 P-R5	B-K
39 K-R4	PXP
40 PXP	B-B2
41 K-N5	B-K
42 N-K4	B-B2
43 N-Q6	K-B
44 NxB	KxB
45 P-B5	

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# BIRTHDAY PROFILES

(Note: We begin herewith a series of sketches on members of the Association, based principally tho not entirely on answers to questionnaires recently sent out. We plan to give a month of birthdays each time if possible. This time, we cover birthdays from Aug. 15 to Sept. 14. Happy birthday to all of you!)

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## AUGUST 23 - G. VINCENT SCOFIELD

Like many another of our Charleston members, George Vincent Scofield is an employe of the Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp. He serves as the firm's chief works chemist.

Vincent was born in 1897 at Youngstown, Ohio, is married and has no children. He is a Chess Review reader and owns a number of chess books.

"I knew the moves as a child," he says, "but I practically never played until March, 1943. As I recall it, seeing Don Pitzer, Charles Chrislip, Dick Grimm and some of the other boys playing at noontime got me started. Chrislip got me interested in Chess Review by lending me a copy and I subscribed thru him. Jim Chatrield and Bill Stanley are also in the Works Lab. Arthur Maloy, Paul Shaw and Layton Whitman worked there before they went to war. Lt. Terrant also worked there at one time. When did I learn to play chess? Well, I expect to learn to play by the time I'm 57--that allows me another 10 years."

Address: 1112 Highland Road, Edgewood, Charleston 2, W. Va.

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## AUGUST 28 - M. F. ALLISON

Holder of the Clarksburg City Championship is Merrill F. (Hap) Allison. He won the title in 1942, last year the event was held, altho there is talk of a 1944 tourney.

Hap also was born in 1897 but in Cambridge City, Indiana. He graduated from Purdue University in 1922 and is an engineer for the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company at Clarksburg, a job which requires him to make frequent out-of-state trips, particularly to a plant in Oklahoma. He is married and has two youngsters, a boy and a girl.

The Encyclopedia Brittanica gave Hap his entree to chess. He started learning the game when he was 17. Friends say he plays as good a game of checkers as he does chess.

Address: Route 3, Box 175-A, Clarksburg, W. Va.

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## AUGUST 30 - WALT CREDE

Clarence Walter Crede has played in every state tournament except the first one, held in 1939. He became the state champion in 1941 and has finished within three places of the top every year except 1940 when he got pushed down to 9th. He was Charleston City Champion in 1940 and 1941, is a member of the WVCA Constitution Committee, served as a WVCA director 1941-42 and 1943-44, and has been an A-1 member getter and all-around booster for the organization.

He has contributed many articles to the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, notably a short chess story, "Game Ended," which appeared also in the 1943 Yearbook and was reprinted in Chess Correspondent. He is now Problem Editor for the Bulletin.

Walt was born in 1913 at Huntington, W. Va., and attended Kanawha College and West Virginia university, receiving A.B. and M.A. degrees. He is unmarried. He classifies himself as "Writer (varied)."



## BIRTHDAY PROFILES (continued from preceding page)

For several years he edited the column Chess in the Charleston Sunday Mail. Unhappily, the column has been discontinued for the duration.

Walt learned chess at the age of 15. He takes Chess Review and Chess Correspondent and has a number of Chess Books.

"Oddly enough," he says, "I was taught on a high school blackboard by Johnny Hurt." We asked more details on this and Walt wrote:

"My interest in chess dates back to when I was a kid in grade school tho I didn't learn anything about the game until my last year in Charleston high. In those early years I lived in Matoaka, a little coal mining town in southern West Virginia. I read extensively--everything I could get my hands on. Naturally, chess was called to my attention by novels, histories and other books.

"In my senior year at high, I met the game vis-a-vis. Johnny Hurt, who later was to become state champion, taught me on a classroom blackboard, erasing here, chalking in there. When he told me that to push a Pawn to the 8th rank would give me another Queen, I said, 'Heck, that ought to be easy!' But it was a long while before I did it! From that first day at the board, I lived, ate and slept chess. I don't spend as much time with it now but my interest in the game is as great as ever.

"Johnny didn't have a chess class. He and I were Charleston seniors together." (Address: Route 5, Box 274, Charleston, W. Va.)

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## SEPTEMBER 5-CAPT. B. W. DEVERICKS

Like Walt Crede, Bertie William Devericks is a builder-upper. One of his first questions when he's introduced to anyone--man, woman or child--is "Do you play chess?" If the answer is "yes," he proposes a game immediately; if it's "no," he says, "Do you want to learn?" Not even Bill could say how many persons he has taught the game. When the Clarksburg Chess Club rose to its peak membership, 26, just before the war, Bill brought most of the members in single-handed.

Not much of a correspondent, Bill didn't send in his questionnaire so we got most of the dope from Mrs. Devericks and filled in the rest of the sketch from memory, having known Bill from high school days.

Bill was born in 1901 at New Martinsville, W. Va., and finished an engineering course at West Virginia University in 1924. After a spot of road-building in Florida, where he was married (one son, William Camden, 9 months old), he returned to Clarksburg, his home town, and worked for a gas company until shortly before the war. He is now an Army captain at Ft. Knox, Ky.

"Oddly enough," as Crede says, Bill learned the chess moves from Gene Collett at the age of 17. He really learned to play the game two years later at WVU, however; then came home and taught the game to Collett. Bill became Clarksburg City Champion in 1933, holding the title until 1940. At one time or another, he has owned practically every current chess book. He and Collett own their chess books more or less in community and have some which neither knows which is owner of but which both claim. The two once played a match of some 700 games over a period of years with Bill winning an average of 65 out of 100.

Bill finished fifth in the 1941 State Tournament, the only one in which he has played. He was a director-at-large of the WVCA in 1943-44. Address: c/o Post Engineers, Ft. Knox, Ky.

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Next month we will carry the Sept. 15-Oct. 14 Birthday Profiles. If your birthday falls in this period, send in your material at once.

# WVCA BUSINESS MEETING

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

- 42 Charles W. Chrislip, 2505 Cherokee Ave., Charleston 4  
 43 Layne H. Ford, Box 534, Grafton  
 44 Harry Berry, Jr., 316 Main St., Oak Hill (Fayette County)  
 45 Mrs. Richard Grimm, 1015 First Ave., Charleston 2  
 46 M. F. Allison, Route 2, Box 175-A, Clarksburg  
 47 Lt. Seldon W. Terrant, Jr., 721 Walnut St., Woodward, Okla.  
 48 J. W. Chatfield, 1123 Edgewood Drive, Charleston 2

## ADDRESS CHANGES

See new addresses above for Chrislip and Terrant  
 Lt. Cmdr. Thomas B. Sweeney, Air Transport Squadron One, U. S. Naval  
 Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.  
 Dr. A. A. Seletz, Medical Arts Building, Charleston 1  
 Layton O. Whitman, Sl/C, Co. 1538, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.  
 Pvt. Henry R. Holt, 35779406, 19th Co., 1st S.T.R.-TIS, ERRC # 9,  
 Fort Benning, Ga.

## FINANCIAL REPORT--JULY 10, 1944, TO AUG. 5, 1944

	Recd.	Paid	Bal.
Bal. on hand July 10 (Bull. 23)			49.78
Bull. 23 (75 copies, 12 pp.) mimeo \$2.40, stamped envelopes \$1.19		3.59	46.19
Postcard ballots runoff election, cards 60c, mimeo 11c		.71	45.48
Loop stylus for mimeographing work		.50	44.98
Postage: 6 '42 Yearbooks mailed 25c, 1 '43 Yearbook mailed 6c, correspondence 66c		.97	44.01
1944-45 memberships: Chrislip, Ford, Berry, Mrs. Grimm, Allison, Terrant, Chatfield at \$1 each	7.00		51.01
Contributions: Sweeney \$1.50	1.50		52.51
'42 Yearbook sold to Berry	.50		53.01
1945-46 membership (year in advance): Terrant	1.00		54.01
Bal. Aug. 15, \$54.01. Bal. in special correspondence tourney fund, \$2.50.			

## ABOUT 1942 and 1943 YEARBOOKS

The 1942 or first edition of the West Virginia Chess Association Yearbook is now entirely sold out.

We have remaining only 8 copies of the 1943 Yearbook which we are offering to members at 50c each. Make checks payable to Gene Collett, NOT to the Association or the Bulletin, please. This applies also to all other remittances sent to the Association.

## ABOUT W.VA. CHESS CLUBS

Chess Review has asked for names of all chess clubs in West Virginia. We have forwarded the information on the Charleston, Clarksburg and Huntington clubs. If there are other organized chess groups in the state, will members having knowledge of them notify the editor, please? Send this data: (1) Name of club, (2) meeting night, (3) name and address of the club's secretary.