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SAMMY RESHEVSKY WINS U.S. "OPEN"

Sammy Reshevsky of Brooklyn won the "Open" tournament championship of the United States Chess Federation, held July 31-Aug. 10 at Boston. He had a score of $15\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. His one loss was to Walter Suesman of Rhode Island, who finished in a sixth place tie with Weaver W. Adams of Boston, each having a score of $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$.

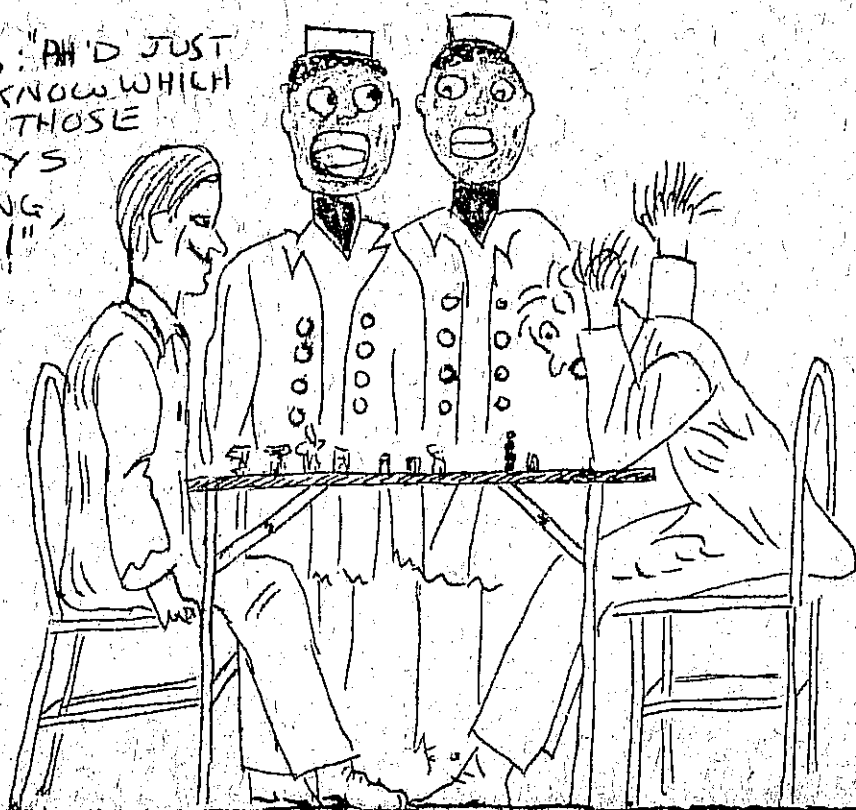
Other top scorers were: A. E. Santasiere, New York city, $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; E. S. Jackson, Jr., Short Hills, N. Y., and Bob Steinmeyer, St. Louis, 12 - 5 ; Sgt. R. B. Johnson, Ft. Belvoir, Va., 11 - 6 .

In connection with the "Open," we may as well confess we have been somewhat puzzled (and suspect other members have been, too) about the two tournaments conducted by the USCF. So we asked George Sturgis, president of the Federation, to read us the riddle. He wrote:

"Under the auspices of the USCF is conducted the biennial tournament for the United States Championship. This tournament is open only to citizens of the United States.

"Every year under the auspices of the USCF we hold a tournament known as the 'open' tournament. This tournament has been held for 45 successive years by the USCF and by its predecessors, the American Chess Federation and the Western Chess Association. This tournament is open to citizens of any country regardless of whether (Continued on next page)

SAMBO: "I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW WHICH ONE OF THOSE TWO GUYS IS WINNING, ANYWAY!"



CARTOON BY ERHARD

SAMMY RESHEVSKY WINS U. S. "OPEN" (from preceding page)

they are citizens of the United States or not. The title of 'open' champion is second in importance to the championship of the United States which is played for every two years."

The tourney won by Arnold S. Denker in May was the U.S. Championship. The one in which Reshevsky was victorioruw was the "Open."

The USCF held its annual meeting Aug. 5, reelecting all its current officers. An announcement from Sturgis said:

"Plans for the coming year were discussed and a comprehensive program was adopted which included plans for establishment of a strong chess club in every community, chess lessons for chess clubs, issuance by the Federation of club bulletins at bi-monthly intervals giving club news, successful club methods, reports of interclub matches, notice of national and sectional tournaments, exhibition tours by masters, timely suggestions, etc., etc. It is also planned to issue merit certificates and give aid and cooperation to our member clubs in various ways.

"The new 1945 yearbook is now well along in process of preparation and it is expected this book will be ready for distribution to our members soon after the closing of the calendar year.

TOURNEY IN CALIFORNIA

"Plans are well developed for the 46th Open Tournament and Congress to be held next year in California. Based on present memberships in the USCF, California is now the leading chess state. New York holds second place, closely followed by Illinois and Massachusetts."

Membership in the USCF as of Aug. 1 was 1,401. (Have you joined yet? If not, send \$1 to George Sturgis, 111 Devonshire St., Boston 9, Mass. The fee includes the 1944 USCF Yearbook.)

Sturgis also tells of a dinner held Aug. 5 at Boston as a feature of the Open Tourney, with George Koltanowski as guest of honor:

"Following the dinner Koltanowski gave a simultaneous exhibition followed by rapid transit blindfold chess at 10 seconds, Koltanowski (blindfolded) taking on successive players. Koltanowski more than held his own with all opponents except Henry H. Nattens, president of the Harvard University Chess Club. Nattens drew with Koltanowski in the simultaneous exhibition and subsequently defeated him in the rapid transit."

WITH A FINAL NOTE BY H. HELMS

H. Helms, publicity director of the USCF, sent the members an interesting bulletin on the results of the "Open" which ended with:

"STOP PRESS: Mrs. Gisela K. Gresser, U. S. woman champion, at Harvard Chess Club, Aug. 11, played simultaneously against 25, winning 22 and losing 3."

Mrs. Gresser won the U.S. woman's title in May by an overwhelming score of 8-0. Her brilliant performance at the Harvard Chess Club confirms the opinion of those who saw her play in the U.S. Championship tournament that she is a true champion. Her portrait appeared recently on the cover of Chess Review.

PROBLEMPAGE EDITED BY WALT CREDE--

ADDRESS CHANGE

(Address all communications concerning the Problem Page to Walt Crede, Problem Editor, Route 1, Box 651, Charleston, West Virginia.)

AND CONTEST CHANGE

Since so small a number of WVCA Members replied to Problems 1, 2 and 3, it has been necessary to alter this Page's contest, so as to give newcomers a chance to get in on the prize money. The Solvers' Ladder has become exactly that, so to speak. For each correct solution received, the Solver gets a point on the Ladder. (And for each original problem submitted to, and used by, the Problem Page, the elected composer also gets a point.) Upon reaching a total of 25 points, Solvers will be sent a cash prize of 50c, and their names then moved to the bottom of the Ladder. This, we beliveningly feel, makes the contest fair to all --so get busy: start adding your points!

THIS MONTH'S CROP

No. 7 was composed by WVCA Member Bob Crean --a beautiful thing. It looks easy, but it is "cooked" in all ways but the right one! No. 8 is known as "the world's most famous problem," and is by Sam Loyd: extremely difficult. And No. 9 is . . .

HOW TO END A CONTROVERSY!

A number of months ago the Bulletin printed a White-to-play-and-draw position which caused the Readers to howl, "It can't be done!" They had reason to yell: the position was published incorrectly. No. 9 is the corrected version--and it can be done! . . . You have until Oct. 10 to submit your answers.

SOLVERS' LADDER (JULY PROBLEMS ONLY)

- Arthur Brenneman.....3
- Dick Brenneman.....3
- 'Gene Collett.....3
- Bob Crean.....3
- Tom Sweeney.....3

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTIONS: No. 4--1 P-N8(N)! No. 5--1 B-N. No. 6--1 Q-QB2. (These are all Key-moves, and should easily indicate full solutions. For additional information, write the Editor of this Page.)

NO. 7
AN ORIGINAL
BY BOB CREAN

			R		
				K	
		P		P	
B				P	N
	K				
P		Q	P		
					B

WHITE MATES IN 2

NO. 8
BY SAM LOYD

				R	
				P	
			N		B
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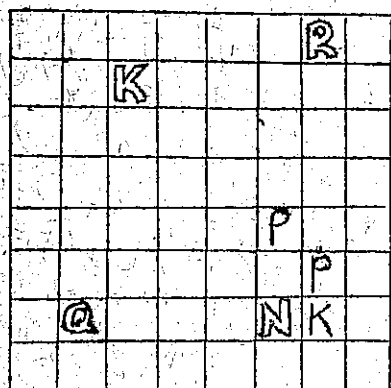
WHITE MATES IN 2

NO. 9

					R
				K	P
K	P				

WHITE TO PLAY AND DRAW

THAT YEARBOOK COVER PROBLEM

 BY
 WALT
 CREDE


WHITE MATES IN 3

White do with 1...K-R6? That looked pretty hopeless--too much so.... And 1 N-anywhere else was no good. Moving the R didn't help, either. Or the K. Or the Q. Unless....

But wait! There was something! 1 Q-B2 seemed good, provided the Black K took his favored course: 1...K-B6! Then followed 2 N-Q P-N7 (This is forced!), 3 QxP mate. Now that was getting somewhere! The Black K could have his 1...K-B6! Only what to doooo if Black ignored that square? There was no other means of mating!

And so it went. Charleston chessers threatened to hang Bill Challinor to the limb of the nearest tree. A few cursed Sam Loyd (but with no mal-intention). And a few vowed the set-up was wrong. Well, maybe it was. So a letter was posted to the Bulletin's editorial staff, requesting the correct solution.

Back came the reply, with this answer: "1 N-N5disch is the Key!... a) if 1...K-R8, Q-KR2ch PxQ, 3 N-B2 mate; b) if 1...K-R6, 2 N-R2! Now if Black takes the N, pushes P or advances K-R5, he is mated by Q- or R-KR8; c) if 1...K-N8 or B8, 2 R-QR8, followed by 3 R-R mate; d) if 1...K-B6 (the old goblin!), 2 Q-QB2 P-N7, 3 Q-Q3 mate."

Which tends to prove: You may have the Key all along--DON'T GIVE UP TOO EASILY!

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Here, for your entertainment, is one of Paul Morphy's most beautiful gems. Please note the unusual Q sacrifice.

White: Paulsen	7 NxN QPxN	15 QxP B-Q2	23 K-N B-R6ch
Black: Morphy	8 B-B4 P-QN4	16 R-R2 QR-K	24 K-R BxP
1 P-K4 P-K4	9 B-K2 NxP	17 Q-R6 QxB!!	25 Q-B BxQ
2 N-KB3 N-QB3	10 NxN RxN	18 PxQ R-N3ch	26 RxB R-K7
3 N-B3 N-B3	11 B-B3 R-K3	19 K-R B-R6	27 R-R R-R3
4 B-N5 B-B4	12 P-B3 Q-Q6!	20 R-Q B-N7ch	28 P-Q4 B-K6!
5 O-O O-O	13 P-QN4 B-N3	21 K-N BxPdch	29 Resigns.
6 NxP R-K	14 P-QR4 PxF	22 K-B B-N7ch	

CHESS ODDITIES

BY
WALT CREDE

Ever hear of Giveaway Chess? I hadn't--not until the other p. m. when Bob Crean suggested it to me at the Eagles Club. We had no set rules, so we manufactured some:

1. The King cannot move into check.
2. When a capture CAN be made, it MUST be made.
3. When there are two or more captures possible, the player may take his choice.
4. The King cannot be removed from the board; in other words, the King can't be given away.
5. The player giving away all his pieces--that is, has nothing left but his King, wins the game.

It sounds simple but believe me it sure ain't! You really gotta watch your step!

Crean and I begin a 10-game grudge bout next week. I'll let you know more about that later.

THE ABSENT-MINDED PROF. CHESS

It is said that chessers are notably absent-minded in their everyday living. A number of players I know tend to back up the statement; others, to disprove it.

Anyway, there's a classic yarn about the celebrated master, Louis Paulsen. While residing at Baden-Baden, "beneath the castle on the hill," he became dissatisfied with his lodgings and went forth to seek better.

He searched long and far, his efforts carrying him uphill and down. Almost exhausted, he finally found what he wanted. He paid for the rooms on the spot and promptly engaged a porter to aid in the moving.

Both Paulsen and the porter were amazed to find that all that was necessary was to move the goods from his former rooms to the flat on the floor directly below!

ONE-MINUTE PROBLEM

Had this position t'other night in a game with Bob Crean: 8, 4R2P, 8, 5ppl, 2p1pk2, 2P2b2, 7r, 4RK2. I was Black and it was my move. I announced mate in 4. (It's too easy for the Problem Page!)

CHESS WITH CHECKERS

At the Eagles t'other night a lack of pieces caused two sets of checkers to be combined into chessmen--sixteen per side. All pieces, P's, N's and wothaveyuh, look alike; gotta remember wot is wot. Good training for blindfold play and lots of fun.

COMING NEXT MONTH

Remember Ches Moovor, the farmer fellow, in Walt Crede's Daily Mail

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS . . .

Edward I. Treend, Detroit (secy.-treas. Michigan State Chess Association--Aug. 9 & 21): "Allow me to compliment you on the excellence of your association's Yearbook and Bulletins...Our state association does very little along these lines. It is something to think about, tho. Our local club has put out bulletins for a long time; I have had a lot of fun in their preparation...I note several names on your membership list that are familiar to me. Some of them are thru my connection with the magazine Chess, such as Mr. Paull, I having served him over a period of years. I also note the name of Mr. Heisey. I remember him quite well. I entertained a small group in an informal exhibition at the home of a professor friend in Springfield and Mr. Heisey was one of my opponents. I won from him but he was a stubborn customer, as I remember...You ask about Chess. It is still being published. Issue No. 107 just reached this country last week. War-time shortages have made it necessary to cut down the number of pages to 18 or 20 a month. By a change of type and format they are printing just about as much material as before the war. They have never missed an issue and the standards are as high as ever...Mr. Dorsey's suggestion for a tri-state tournament is very interesting. A similar program has been suggested for Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin but nothing has ever come of it. After the war we might be able to get some place."

(Ed sent us a file of his local club bulletins which are beautifully printed and full of interesting material some of which, with Ed's permission, likely will appear in future issues of the WVCB.)

Joseph R. Dorsey, Cleveland, Ohio (Aug. 1): "But really I was half-serious about the two-state or tri-state tournament some of us are dreaming about. Don't you think it'd be possible sometime?--Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, maybe?...Do-ers are dreamers first (but most dreamers don't know when to stop dreaming and start doing--right?)...Save me out one of Impy's progeny. They're the ideal mascot! You just imagine them and they are fed, watered, bedded and so forth, and all at no expense. And you don't even have to get a license!"

(Have you forgotten the literary license? Unusually high, too, this year, likely on account of the war.)

Pvt. Reid Holt, Ft. Benning, Ga. (Aug. 6): "The Yearbook is elegant. Only wish I had time properly to go over it...I've been a G.I. six mos. now and it's been one big rush-rush high-powered radio course...I received basic training in a radio battalion. Rugged stuff. The C.O. was an ex-paratrooper with a mania for perfection and physical fitness...One time, for three weeks on end, we had 5 hrs. or less sleep each night...Came out slightly dazed but tough enough to romp miles on end under pack...Then was sent here to be a radio technician. Finish up Tuesday week. Dunno what next; boat-ride, maybe. Should be interesting, if I make it...Have played only a few games of chess. Little time for it and chess players are scattered rather thin in the Army. Cleaned up all opposition at Blanding, tho played only 10 or 12 games there...Had a fine letter from Bill Challinor. He's a doughty old boy. I may be seeing his country soon...I like the Army and am darn proud to be one of the G.I.'s and hope to stay in until the finish. I've something to fight for in my two youngsters at home...Here's hoping to cross pawns with you again some day. You are doing a wonderful job and I wish you every success."

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VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (from preceding page)

(Comes also a card from Reid's wife, Garnette, dated Aug. 20, which says, in part: "I visited Reid last weekend and he asked for you to send his bulletins in care of me until further notice...He graduated from radio school last Tues. and was shipped to Ft. Meade that afternoon. I suppose he will be sent overseas but I'm still hoping.")

Rudd T. Neel, Huntington (Aug. 16): "Sorry I didn't get my ballot in in time for the election. I want to tell you again how much I appreciate your activities in behalf of chess."

A. W. Paull, Wheeling (Aug. 17): "After reading the Aug. 10 Bulletin, Mr. Altmeyer decided to emulate my chess prowess, described therein, and, in two sittings on Friday and Saturday about a week ago, he succeeded in his attempt by giving his Queen away three times as against my two times. I will endeavor to catch up with him later on, and have no doubt I will be entirely successful in my attempt...Please thank Mr. Crede for his kind words about my game, which are as gracious as they are undeserved. I am also sending my best regards to Admiral Sweeney."

(Thinking Pres. Paull was initiating another of those glowing literary tilts in which he engages so dashingly, we dropped a line to Tom Sweeney to see what sort of barrage he had been subject to. "Haven't heard from Bishop Paull," replied Tom in a letter Aug. 23. "Think he just meant he was sending his regards to me thru you. He's a grand old man with the heart of a youth of 17. I can just see him reading my last blast at him with that twinkle in his eye...At the moment I'm out over the Atlantic, a beautiful clear day. Wish they were all like this." Another letter from Tom, dated Aug. 16, closed with the words: "Just back from Africa this time." These Navy fliers sure do get around!)

Dr. Albrecht Buschke, New York (Aug. 15): "The new Yearbook of the West Virginia Chess Association is another splendid job, and I wish to congratulate you on this exemplary work. I fully appreciate the tremendous work you invested in this enterprise, and I only wish there were more people of your energy and enthusiasm in the American chess world."

(So flattering are Dr. Buschke's words that we felt tempted, in the interests of modesty, to suppress them. Since the doctor is the owner of the largest privately-owned collection of chess literature in America, however, his opinion is one to be received with respect and we thought our members entitled to know how he felt about our Yearbook. And, even if everyone knows he praises too highly, it is still extremely pleasant to hear such praise. We will endeavor to make our 1944 Yearbook one that will truly warrant the description Dr. Buschke has given our 1943 volume.)

Ray H. Griffin, Clarksburg (Aug. 23): "You asked for corrections of any errors found in the 1944 games. If I am not mistaken there are two in the Aug. 10 issue. In the Crede-Werthammer game, 13...B-Q5 is an impossible move. B-Q6 would tie in with the subsequent moves. In my game with Dr. Wolff, 21...RxB should be RxBch...This 12-page bulletin is very good."

(Ray is right about both errors--and many thanks for the corrections. We hope all our members like the 12-page bulletin. It's costing a little more but we believe the association will be able to swing it.)

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (from preceding page)

Walt Crede, Charleston (Aug. 29): "After thinking over my games in the state event, I've arrived at the conclusion that the one I had against Liggett gave me the opportunity to play the best end-game of my entire chess career. You might check this over from the score and let me know what you think...I like the 12-page Bulletin you're getting out and hope you'll be able to continue it, tho it will mean gobs of work. I'm willing to do my bit toward helping keep it 12 pp.--just let me know what I can do."

(No sooner did Walt say those words than we took him up. He edited pages 3 and 4 in this issue and did the typing on the stencils. He promises to do more such work on future issues--and beautiful work it is. We're hoping to return the Bulletin editorship to West Virginia soon. Would you and some other of the Charleston boys willingly take a crack at it, Walt?...The Crede-Liggett game is one of those given on Page 9 of this issue...The Page 9 games by the way are corrected scores; if you find errors, please let us know.)

A VISIT TO THE WHITE COLLECTION BY MRS. W. L. WARREN

(REPRINTED FROM THE CLEVELAND AREA CHESS BULLETIN)

If there is any doubt in your mind that chess is a great game, you should visit the John G. White Collection in the Cleveland Public Library, founded and endowed by the late John G. White (1845-1928), chess devotee who collected anything pertaining to the game, world traveler and president of the library board (1883-85 and 1913-28). Venerable and charming Mr. Walter C. Green will as pleased to show you around as you will be to have visited.

As a result of Mr. White's devotion to chess, there are cases after cases--an estimated 10,000 volumes--of chessbooks, published all over the world, some of them old and rare, the oldest having been published in Germany in the 15th Century; faithfully gathered and bound into volumes, chess columns from newspapers all over the country and abroad; unique and beautiful chessmen from all over the world, so different from the popular Staunton pattern we knew so well and which was designed by an Englishman in 1850.

Both the Chinese and Japanese used chess boards of 72 squares, 9 by 8. The Chinese divide their opposing "fields" with a river and their pieces are all uniform, as are our checkers, with chess characters marked on top; and their pieces move on the lines. The Japanese pieces are wedge-shaped with the characters marked both on top and bottom; when captured, they are inverted and added to the captor's forces. The Japanese chessmen are of only two kinds, Generals and Horsemen. What fun! capturing Japanese generals! And in case any of you find our chess too easy, I recommend that you try to play either of these.

A unique chessboard given to the library has the pieces electrically locked thru a pin-in-hole arrangement. When a move is made, all pieces of that color are locked until the opponent moves. Haven't you often wished for a board of that type?

(Note: In a later issue, we will ^{tell} some of the things Mrs. Warren found while browsing among the White Collection of 10,000 chessbooks.)

News note: Harold Heisey of Springfield phoned the editor while passing thru Pittsburgh Sept. 6 and we had a pleasant five-minute chat.

MORE STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES

Q. G. DECLINED
 White: Werthammer
 Black: Seletz

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 P-QB4	N-KB3
3 PXP	NXP
4 N-KB3	P-K3
5 P-K4	B-N5ch
6 B-Q2	BxBch
7 QXB	N-KB3
8 N-B3	O-O
9 B-K2	P-QN3
10 O-O	B-N2
11 P-K5	N-Q4
12 KR-K	QN-B3
13 B-Q3	P-N3
14 Q-R6	NxN
15 N-N5	R-K
16 QxRPch	Resigns

MAX LANGE
 (By Transposition)

White: Liggett
 Black: Crede

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-B4	N-B3
4 P-Q4	PXP
5 O-O	B-B4
6 B-KN5	P-KR3
7 B-R4	P-Q3
8 P-B3	PXP
9 NXP	B-KN5
10 N-Q5	P-KN4
11 B-KN3	NxN
12 PxN	N-K2
13 P-N4	B-N3
14 R-K	O-O
15 Q-Q3	N-B4
16 P-KR3	BxN
17 QxB	NxB
18 QxN	Q-B3
19 P-KR4	K-N2
20 K-B	QR-K
21 QR-Q	B-Q5
22 RxR	RxR
23 P-B4	B-K4
24 RXP	QxPch
25 QxQ	BxQ

26 PXPch	BXP
27 R-K	RxRoh
28 KxR	K-B3
29 P-R4	P-R3
30 P-N5	PXP
31 BXP	K-K4
32 B-B4	K-Q5
33 B-N3	K-B6
34 B-Q	K-N5
35 K-K2	P-QB4
36 PXP	PXP
37 K-Q3	P-Q4
38 B-R5	P-B3
39 B-K8	P-B4
40 B-B6	P-B5ch
41 K-B2	P-Q5
42 P-N4	P-Q6ch
43 K-N	P-B6
44 Resigns	

Q. G. DECLINED
 Slav Defense

White: Manahan
 Black: Hartling

1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 P-QB4	P-QB3
3 N-QB3	N-KB3
4 N-B3	B-B4
5 Q-N3	P-QN3
6 B-N5	P-K3
7 P-K3	B-K2
8 R-B	P-KR3
9 B-R4	QN-Q2
10 PXP	QBPXP
11 B-QN5	O-O
12 O-O	P-N4
13 B-N3	P-QR3
14 B-B6	R-R2
15 N-QR4	B-K5
16 N-K5	NxN
17 BxN	P-N4
18 N-B5	BxN
19 RxB	N-Q2
20 BxN	RxB
21 Q-R3	Q-N3
22 KR-B	P-QN5
23 Q-R4	R-R2
24 R-B6	Q-N4
25 QxQ	PxQ
26 R-N6	RXP
27 RxNP	RXP
28 B-Q6	P-N6
29 BxR	KxB
30 R-N7	B-B7

31 K-B	P-B3
32 R-R	R-R7
33 RxR	PxR
34 R-R7	B-N8
35 P-N4	K-K
36 K-N2	K-Q
37 K-N3	K-B
38 P-B4	K-N
39 R-R3	K-N2
40 P-K4	K-B3
41 P-K5	BPXP
42 QXP	P-Q5
43 P-B5	PXP
44 PXP	BXP
45 RxP	K-Q4
46 R-R5ch	K-K5
47 K-B2	P-R4
48 P-K6	BXP
49 RxP	B-N5
50 P-R3	

DRAWN

GIUCO PIANO
 (By Transposition)

White: Whitman
 Black: Griffin

WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-B4	N-B3
4 P-Q3	B-B4
5 O-O	P-Q3
6 N-N5	O-O
7 NxBP	RxN
8 BxRch	KxB
9 B-N5	P-KR3
10 BxN	QxB
11 N-B3	N-K2
12 K-R	B-K3
13 P-B4	K-N
14 P-B5	B-Q2
15 N-K2	R-KB
16 N-N3	B-K
17 P-B3	P-QR4
18 Q-N3ch	B-B2
19 QxP	B-QN3
20 P-N4	P-Q4
21 PXP	BXP
22 R(R)-B	Q-QN3
23 QxQ	PxQ
24 P-B6	NPXP
25 RxP	PXP
26 NxP	K-N2

27 P-B4	B-N3
28 R-K6	K-B2
29 RxKP	N-B3
30 R-Bch	K-N
31 N-B6ch	K-N2
32 R-K6	N-Q
33 R-K7ch	B-B2
34 N-R5ch	K-N
35 N-N3	N-B3
36 R-B7	N-Q
37 R-R7	B-N5
38 R-R4	B-B4
39 R-Q	N-K3
40 N-B5	K-R2
41 P-Q4	B-K
42 R-R7ch	K-N3
43 PxB	RxN
44 PXP	N-B4
45 P-N7	NXP
46 RxN	B-B2
47 P-N4	R-B5
48 R-N6ch	K-N2
49 P-B5	BXP
50 P-R3	R-B
51 R-Q7ch	K-N
52 P-B6	R-B
53 P-B7	

Black Resigns

EVANS GAMBIT
 White: Liggett
 Black: Grimm

1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-B4	B-B4
4 P-QN4	BXP
5 P-B3	B-R4
6 P-Q4	PXP
7 Q-N3	Q-K2
8 O-O	PXP
9 B-KN5	P-B3
10 B-K3	K-B
11 NXP	BxN
12 QxB	P-QN3
13 B-Q5	B-N2
14 P-K5	NXP
15 BxB	NxNch
16 BxN	P-B3
17 KR-K	Q-Q
18 QR-Q	N-R2
19 Q-N3	P-N3
20 B-R6ch	K-K
21 BXP	

Black Resigns

BIRTHDAY PROFILES

(Each month we plan to run Birthday Profiles about members whose natal days occur shortly after publication date. This month the period is Sept. 15-Oct. 14. Curiously enough, we have only two members whose birthdays come within the period. And both live in Ohio and both were born Oct. 12--Columbus day!)

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OCTOBER 12 — JOSEPH R. DORSEY

Joe Dorsey is one of our newer members. George Koltanowski happened to send him a copy of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin and Joe promptly wrote us for more. Now he is a full-fledged member with a complete file of yearbooks (all both of them!).

Born at Castalia, Ohio, in 1909, Joe is married and has three children. After graduating from high school, he studied technical subjects. He is a drawbridge operator for the New York Central Railroad.

He learned to play chess at the age of 27 from Marshall's Guide (Joe puts an exclamation point after this but we can name him many a chess player who has learned from the same reliable source). A couple of other amateurs helped him get started. He played in the 1942 and 1943 Grand National Tournaments of the Correspondence Chess League of America.

Joe is active in Ohio chess, being a past president of the NYC Chess Club, which fostered the potent Cleveland Area Chess association. He is editor of the Cleveland Area Chess bulletin, which services some twenty local clubs, all these being united into the association.

Latest dream of Joe's is sending winners from state meets to regional contests. He is currently fooling around with the possibility of a tourney to include Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and possibly other nearby states.

(Address: 1920 West 48th Street, Cleveland 2, Ohio.)

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OCTOBER 12 — HAROLD C. HEISEY

Back in 1942, the association secretary got a letter out of nowhere, asking:

"Would an Ohioan be allowed to play in the West Virginia tourney?"

This was somewhat of a problem until the sec. remembered that back in 1940 a player from Martins Ferry, Ohio, had played in the Wheeling tournament--without any audible repercussions--so he wrote to the correspondent, Harold C. Heisey, and said, "Sure."

Harold finished 10th in a field of 12 that year and the following year did not engage in the state meet but devoted himself to winning the Springfield, Ohio, city championship. Then he returned to West Virginia for the 1944 tournament at Charleston, finishing fifth in a field of 14. Tournament players report him a keen, careful player and a thorough gentleman.

Born in 1915 at Des Moines, Iowa, Harold is unmarried and works as a clerk for the Steel Products Engineering Company at Springfield.

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BIRTHDAY PROFILES (from preceding page)

Harold learned chess at the age of 24 from a friend of the family. He is a subscriber to Chess Correspondent and owns a number of books on chess. (Address: 364 East Northern Avenue, Springfield, Ohio.)

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MORE ABOUT HAP ALLISON

Last month we published a Birthday Profile on M.F. (Hap) Allison, the Clarksburg city champion. When his original questionnaire came in, we were intrigued by his statement that he learned chess from the Britannica, so we wrote him, asking details. His answer arrived too late for use last month but is so interesting we are taking the liberty of publishing a little "add." Here it is, in Hap's own words:

"About 1915 another boy and I bought a set of chessmen for 25 cents and, by consulting the Encyclopedia Britannica for moves and rules, started almost immediately to play. That constitutes most of my book knowledge of the game.

"From then on, I have played intermittently at various places where I have been located, when anyone could be found to play with. In 1931 at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, there was a chess club. I moved there in the spring but due to the depression, it folded up in early summer. You know, of course, of my participation in the Clarksburg Chess Club play.

"Regarding checkers, most any kid plays that game, after a fashion. In the small town where I lived the city restaurant provided a place where checkers could be played. Since I lived in the country, when I came to town I had to have a place to loaf. As a result I spent a lot of sparetime playing checkers as a pastime. This type of play does very little to improve one's ability.

"In all games, I have tried to keep them that way--a pastime--avoiding too much study. As a result, I never expect to be more than a dub, but I believe my enjoyment is increased to a great extent thereby.

"You asked about my children. My daughter, Anna Louise, is 19; my son, James Paul, 16.

"I would be glad to participate in a Clarksburg tournament and would try to meet as many of the dates as possible."

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

DR. ABBOTT STARTED YOUNG

Dr. Charles Greeley Abbott, "World's No. 1 Sun Man," who resigned his Smithsonian Institute secretaryship recently at the age of 72, said in his "swan-song" interview with The Associated Press that he learned to play chess at the age of 5. We've been checking over questionnaires from our members to see how many of them started that early. Only one we've found so far is Dr. Werthammer, who also learned at 5. Dr. Abbott is famed for his contention, as yet unrecognized by most other scientists, that the sun-spots play a major role in determining the world's weather and his belief that this factor can be used in making major long-range forecasts.

Need chess books? Then write to Dr. Albrecht Buschke, 15 West 56th St., New York 19, N. Y. Do not fail to mention you are a WVA member.

WVCA BUSINESS MEETING

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

(The word NEW indicates the person was not a 1943-44 member.)

- 49 H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1
 50 Jesse S. Church, 1824 Odell Avenue, Charleston
 51 Robert Jamison, 1207 Virginia Street E., Charleston 1
 52 Dr. Albrecht Buschke, 15 W. 56th Street, New York 19, N. Y.
 53 Edward I. Treend, 14879 Strathmoor Avenue, Detroit 27, Mich. (NEW)
 54 L. O. Nelson, 301 Gardner Street, Charleston (NEW)
 55 Arthur Carl Lehmann, 820 Meyers Avenue, Dunbar (NEW)

ADDRESS CHANGES

Richard Manahan, c/o Miss Emma L. Grishaber, 1554 Lee St., Charleston
 Reid Holt--mail being sent temporarily to home address--see above
 Walt Crede, Route 1, Box 651, Charleston

FINANCIAL REPORT--AUG. 6, 1944, TO SEPT. 5, 1944

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Bal. on hand Aug. 5 (Bull. 24)			54.01
Bull. 24 (75 copies 12 pp.) mimeo 2.40 envel- opes 1.26		3.66	50.35
Purchases for 1944 Yearbook: 6 reams mimeo paper 5.40, 1 lb. mimeo ink 1.25, postage on materials for yearbook 12¢		6.77	43.58
Bull. expense--postage of stencils		.10	43.48
1 binder for WVCA records		.30	43.18
Postage: correspondence 83¢, yearbook mailed 5¢		.88	42.30
1944-45 membership: Holt, Buschke and Treend at \$1, Jamison, Church, Nelson and Lehmann at 50¢	5.00		47.30
Buschke--extra bull. and yearbook 1944-45	1.00		48.30
5 copies of 1942 Yearbook sold plus mailing cost	2.70		51.00
12 copies of 1943 Yearbook sold plus mailing cost	3.25		54.25
Commissions from sales of chess books and magazines	5.00		59.25
Bal. Sept. 5, \$59.25. Bal. in special correspondence tourney fund \$2.50.			

OTHER STATE ASSOCIATIONS

Correspondence with Edw. I. Treend of the Michigan State Chess Assoc. and Jos. R. Dorsey of the Cleveland Area Chess Assoc. indicates the advisability of setting up some sort of liaison between the various state and sectional chess groups of the country for exchange of ideas.

Accordingly, we are adding to the Bulletin mailing list this month names of the following state chess associations secretaries:

- Illinois: Sam B. McHenry, 1034 N. Lockwood Ave., Chicago
 Kansas: Charles Harrold, Room 217 YMCA, Atchison
 New York: B. M. Smith, 317 Division St., Schenectady
 Texas: J. C. Thompson, 702 Monte Vista, Dallas 10

Will anyone having the names and addresses of other state secretaries please send them so that we may pursue our contact plan?

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