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MORGANTOWN JR. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS ORGANIZATION OF CHESS CLUB

(Editor's Note: Herewith a letter from William Schaeffer of Morgantown, formerly of Clarksburg, which speaks for itself.)

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Dear Gene:

The hypothesis that you might like a bird's-eye view from under the table of the Morgantown chess picture is the inspiration for this gem of literary ineptitude.

As a recent transplantee from Clarksburg, my perspective likely is something less than comprehensive; yet this community is potentially one of the best chess centers of the state and worthy of some attention.

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY

At the moment, plans are under way for organization of a chess club here. These plans promise to reach fruition in an organization meeting next Wednesday night, Feb. 7 (8 p. m. at the Faculty Club). Then, if all goeth well, meeting date and site will be selected and other details attended to.

The local chessnuts are being assisted, thus far informally but perhaps officially later, by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, under whose aegis the M.C.C. hopes to be the most active in the state. The Jaycees have been described locally as being so darned dumb that they don't know a thing can't be done and they go ahead and do it--and they do do it!

The approach to the M.C.C. setup, therefore, is perhaps rather unique among chess clubs. For it is planned here to interest as many non-players as possible, with formal courses of instruction ranging from the fundamentals to the more advanced phases of the game. At least two or three non-players plan to be present Wednesday.

DR. LEMKE LAYS GROUNDWORK

All credit for doing a swell job in laying the groundwork should go to Dr. Victor Lemke, German professor at West Virginia University, who is giving a lot of boyish enthusiasm and professional ability; Francis Price (you know him, Gene; he's formerly of Clarksburg), president of the Jaycees; Jules Jacobs, member of the Jaycees; Ben Evans, who is doing a grand job of interesting the du Pont boys; and others.

While some of us who already play the game would be satisfied with a regular turnout of 8 or 10 devotees, others are more optimistic; and,

We hope, through the enthusiasm of boys like the Jaycees, their optimism may be justified.

Time will tell, Gene, and I'll keep you advised of developments. We're hoping for the best, but keeping our fingers crossed.

PRAISE FOR LEMKE'S PLAY

Another angle I wanted to mention, Gene: It may be presumptive for a novice to run off this way, but I believe Lemke is the best player I've ever met. I realize my own experience has been very limited, yet I firmly believe he is one of the best in the state.

A former University of Wisconsin chess star, Lemke has played since he was a boy and he thus has sound training and experience to add to a keen chess instinct. If he were in a position to get regular, sharp competitive practice, he undoubtedly could give anyone in the state a rugged battle. He impresses me as being very thorough, almost flawless, and if you can ever coax him into a state tourney, you won't regret it.

And while you're at it, why don't you entice Milford Mott of Arthur-dale into the tourney? He also seems to have long experience at the pointless sport and has made quite a study of it. I can attest that his game is very good.

SUGGESTS PRESTON COUNTY CLUB

Incidentally, I understand Mott has instructed a number of Arthur-dale and Kingwood chaps in the game and I'm sure he would be glad to boost state association membership among them. He could do you a lot of good. And there's no reason why a club couldn't be formed there.

Well, Gene, this is overlong, but I'm unrestrainedly enthusiastic about the organization of a chess club here and thought you'd be interested. One thing I like about the plans here (I harped about the absence of it in Clarksburg, you know) is the idea of instruction. If it pans out, those taking up the game may get a sounder foundation than those thrown into it on their own, catch-as-catch can. Yours,

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FOOTNOTE BY THE EDITOR

We sent along some Bulletins last month to names furnished by Bill and already can report at least one member as a result. Bill has given us some additional names and addresses this time and some more Bulletins will be going along.

We have always felt Morgantown an ideal spot for a strong chess club and have hoped realization would come soon. It seems Dr. Lemke with the Jaycees and others are going to put the idea into fact. More power to them!...Milford Mott wanted to go to the state tournament in '44 but couldn't get away from his duties long enough; we're hoping to see him there this year...Say hello to Francis Price for us, Bill--or since we are sending him a copy of this Bulletin, we will say the word for ourselves: Hello, Frank! Good luck to you in the Jaycees' newest, most exciting venture!

PROBLEM DEPARTMENT

We are in a quandary (tougher than any of the problems we've seen on the Problem Page in the last few months). Walt Crede's typewriter broke down and he apparently is overworked with the duties connected with his new bookstore. For these, and other reasons, he has begged to be excused from doing the Problem Page, at least "for the next few months."

We can't just toss the page into the wastebasket and forget it. Too many readers enjoy it. Your editor doesn't have the additional time to devote to it and, besides, lacks the natural ability for this kind of work. Will some member, therefore, please volunteer to take it over, at least until time as Walt can resume? I'm sure it will be a big favor to both of us.

Walt hasn't been able to get out the standings for the last two issues but we hope for them soon and will publish a complete resume of the scores at the earliest possible moment. Watch for them!

Meanwhile, we have dug up a threesome of puzzlers which look good. We are omitting diagrams. If any solver doesn't understand the Forsythe notation, will he please drop us a card?

No. 22: 2Q4B/6N1/p4rp1/K2b4/2pk1P1b/5B2/2PP2n1/8 (A.J. Peagam).

No. 23: 3R4/plp5/3rplK1/1Q1b1pN1/2Nk2nR/2plr3/B1Plp2B/4r3 (H. Cox).

No. 24: 3NR3/2N5/2P5/1pp3Kp/1plkb1BQ/1P6/1R1PPP2/B1rr2bn (A. Mosely).

All these are Mate in Two. The first is from the Australian Chess Review, the second from the Brisbane Courier and the third from the Austral International Problem-Composing Tourney.

Till further notice, send all solutions to Gene Collett, 125 Meritt Avenue, Pittsburgh 10, Pa.

A LITTLE OF THIS, A LITTLE OF THAT

BILL JEFFRIES WEDS

Word comes that Pfc. William J. Jeffries, formerly a WVCA member, now in the US Air Force, was married Oct. 7 to a Houston, Tex., girl. That's all the data we have about it but thought Clarksburg members would be interested. Bill's address is now 15171301, Apt. 827E, Brantley Hqs., Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas.

WE DISCOVER A NEIGHBOR

Our phone rang the other night and it was L.A. Scholpp, one of the guiding spirits of the Firestone Chews & Checker Club at Akron, Ohio. He tells us they are talking about issuing a club bulletin and asked for a sample of the WVCB. We're putting him on the mailing list. Scholpp also sent us a packet of the literature distributed to members of his club. It includes ladder tourney assignment blanks and report cards, including an explanation of the system of play; ladder standings up to date; club constitution, and excerpts from the International Chess Code, on which all the club's play is based. Scholpp says he'll drop in to see us one of these days. It was then that we learned he lives at 415 Suncrest St., Pittsburgh 10, Pa., just about a half mile from your ed-

THIS WILL MAKE ERHARD HAPPY

The Bob Creans of Charleston are the parents of an 8-pound daughter, Patricia Michelle (a lovely name), born Dec. 6. "I'll see what I can do about teaching her a bit of the 'jeu royale' in a few years," writes Bob. Congratulations, Bob and Maxine!

NEW CLUB, NEW BULLETIN IN LANSING

We are now on the mailing list of the Lansing Chess Club Bulletin published by Virgil E. Vandenburg, 505 W. Lenawee, Lansing 15, Mich. and are having a swell time reading the issues which arrive each week. The club was organized Dec. 1 and already has 26 members. The club has a ladder tourney, similar to those in Detroit, Pittsburgh and Akron and is planning a speed chess tourney soon. A campaign is now under way to have members donate card tables for use in the club. (Could these Lansing boys, by any chance, be undercutting Mr. Culbertson?) A fine, newsy publication for which Virgil deserves every congratulation!

CORRECTION

In reporting Elbert A. Wagner's succession to the presidency of the USCF last month, we erroneously gave his name as Egbert. A weak-minded slip, for which we humbly entreat pardon.

WHAT BECAME OF PAGES 7 AND 8?

Pages 7 and 8 of this issue are not actually absent (in case you get to wondering about the matter). They are represented by Dr. Albrecht Buschke's very able article, reproduced from the magazine Hobbies, on the collection of chess autographs. We hope soon to present another article by Dr. Buschke on chess literature collections. The doctor is a dealer in new and used chess books. Whatever your needs, he can fulfill them. Write him at 200 Hart Blvd., West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y. (Don't forget to say: "I am a WVCA member.")

WALT CREDE'S CANNIBALS AND MISSIONARIES PROBLEM

Here's how the river crossings were made in the problem in Bull.29: (1) Missionary and cannibal (non-rowing) cross, (2) M returns, (3) Cannibal who rows takes non-rowing cannibal across and (4) returns alone, (5) two M's cross, (6) M and c return, (7) M and C (the rowing cannibal) cross, (8) M and c return, (9) two M's cross, and (10), (11), (12) and (13), C ferries his brethren across.

MARSHALL'S "MOST ELEGANT MOVE" PROBLEM

Says Ed Treend of Detroit:.

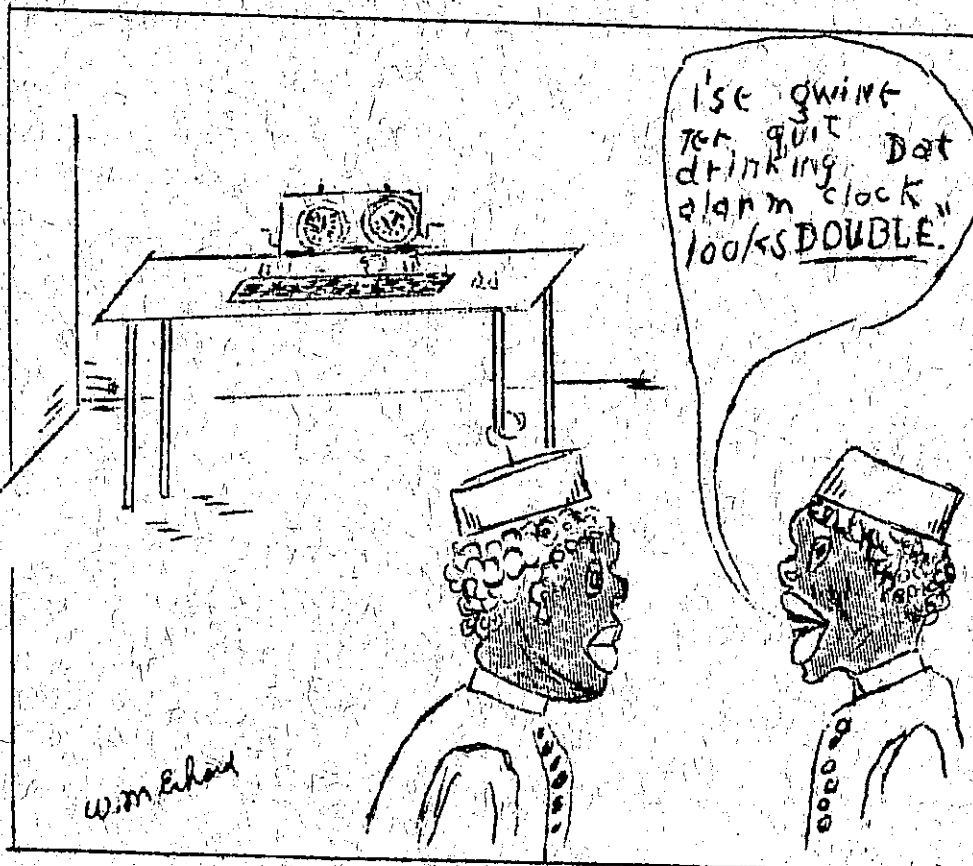
"Did you discover the move in the Lewitzky-Marshall game discussed in the last bulletin? It was: Q-KN6! Mr. Marshall offered his queen for sacrifice in three different ways. Two of them, if accepted, resulted in a forced checkmate while the third left Mr. Marshall with a piece up, so his opponent resigned. At the conclusion of the game some enthusiastic spectators presented Mr. Marshall with a handful of gold pieces, telling him the game had given them great pleasure."

NEWS ABOUT THE U.S.C.F.

We have a number of communications relative to the United States Chess Federation this month, some from the new president, Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., some from Secy. Paul Giers. Another, oddly enough, is from the late USCF president, George Sturgis.

The Sturgis bulletin is marked "Monthly Letter No. 14" and is dated Jan. 1, 1945, ten days after his death. It had been prepared in advance and was sent along by Mr. Giers after Mr. Sturgis' death.

The posthumous letter says in part



"As the new year dawns, we have over 1,900 members. But now comes the real test: Can we hold all those members for 1945 and go forward? The answer to that question is we certainly can if all of you continue to give me the splendid support which you have given me in 1944. For that support I am very grateful, and I know that I can count on your further effort in 1945. Let us try not only to hold what we have already gained, but endeavor to augment and build our organization still further..."

"I wish to take this opportunity of complimenting many chess centers for their interesting and informative magazines, bulletins, and leaflets which are widely read and appreciated by chess players. Among the best are The Divan News published by the Washington Chess Divan which has now moved to new and beautiful quarters at 1741 19th Street N. W., Washington, D. C.; the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, a publication packed with interesting news, games, etc.; and the Cleveland Area Chess Bulletin, smaller than the others but very interesting..."

"Plans for two outstanding chess tournaments for 1945 have been completed. There will be an invitation tournament held in California July 29-August 12 (tentative dates) under the sponsorship of the California State Chess Association... The Open Tournament of the United States Chess Federation will be held this year at Peoria, Ill., and the tentative dates have been set at July 9-21..."

"The new yearbook of the Federation, bigger and better than ever, is nearly ready to go to the printer. It should be ready for distribution on or before Mar. 1. Don't forget that is free with your 1945 membership which is \$1. Send your dollar to Paul G. Giers, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y."

(We might note that if one wants a clothbound yearbook, the fee is \$1.50--which includes your membership--and well worth it!)

"KEY EXECUTIVE IN THE WORLD OF CHESS"

In the USCF Letter of Dec. 1, Paul Giers, subbing for the editor, paid a lovely tribute to Sturgis. The latter replied in kind, saying, among other things:

"Our genial and indefatigable secretary, Paul Giers...is in fact the key executive in the world of chess today. He knows about everything that is going on in the chess world and he knows personally or through his correspondence nearly every leader of chess in nearly every locality. I know that you will agree with me when I say that we should take off our hats and give three cheers for Paul and the magnificent job he is doing."

ABOUT THE PEORIA TOURNAMENT

In a USCF letter dated Feb. 1, new Pres. Wagner answers queries as to whether war regulations will interfere with the Peoria tournament:

"There is no thought to do other than proceed with plans to hold this event. The present position of the Office of Defense Transportation is to ban all meetings in excess of 50 persons. Such regulation, as long as it is in effect, will require us to limit our members. But without harboring any undue optimism concerning the progress of the war we are entitled to consider the possibility that between now and next July there may be a change in this situation..."

"A new War Service Committee has been formed. Its function will be to bring recreation through the medium of chess to the men in the service of our country. First action by this committee will be toward wounded service men now in government hospitals. One of our most recently appointed directors, Mr. S.S. Keeney of Cleveland, has accepted the chairmanship of this committee. Mr. Keeney has already been active in such work in the Cleveland area, and we are fortunate in obtaining his services to direct this program..."

NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP?

"Interest in junior chess has been growing rapidly the last few years and is higher now than ever before. Many clubs are laying great emphasis upon this part of their program. One thing, however, is still lacking, a national junior championship tournament. The USCF is logically the organization best suited to sponsor this event. Let us plan NOW to conduct such a tournament in 1946."

We wonder at what age it is planned to fix the junior age limit, 16, 18, 21? The USCF does not say and the age at which players are thought of as juniors varies. What do WVCA members think?

Autographs

Collecting Chess Autographs

By DR. ALBRECHT BUSCHKE

very interesting material, now in the John G. White chess collection of the Cleveland Public Library.

My Staunton letter shows him as the Shakespearian scholar as well as a scholar of the bibliography of chess. His letter also refers to the famous George Allen chess collection which at that time was the outstanding chess collection in the country. The Allen collection is now preserved in the Ridgway Branch of the Library Company of Philadelphia. In my opinion, Allen was the first real collector of chess autographs. When his collection went to the Ridgway branch it contained about 250 letters.

Von der Lasa, e.g., another outstanding chess collector, has the following note in the catalog of his famous chess library, published in Wiesbaden, 1887:

"No. 395. Letters, several hundreds of them, directed to me, about chess, since 1839, from the following persons . . . (Not collected with the intention of building up an autograph collection)."

Von der Lasa was generous with these letters and gave dozens of them to George Allen and others for their collections. Staunton's invitation to participate in the first international chess tournament, held in London, 1851, a document of outstanding interest for the chess history, was given by Lasa to the editor of a chess periodical. Later I was able to procure this interesting specimen for my collection.

Among the outstanding public collections of chess items are those at Cleveland, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, New York Public Library and Brooklyn Public Library. But none of them has a chess autograph collection.

My chess autograph collection now contains more than 2,000 items. There would be fewer interesting and documentary items had I not offered to serve as a "waste paper basket" for many European chess masters and editors. In this way I secured significant items, such as letters from the well known Capablanca to the German chess editor Kagan. In one letter from Moscow, November 24,

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Allen of Philadelphia
St. Petersburg
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H. Staunton

Leigham Avenue
Streatham
Oct. 7, 1857
My dear Mr. Frederick
Mr Jones has left
London Spid. and
will be returning for
John weeks I beg
unable therefore to
learn any thing about
the Shakespeare. as
I should much like
to know something

The chess expert, Howard Staunton, was also a Shakespearian scholar.

NO DOUBT there are many persons like myself—persons who because of some special pastime like to collect along those lines. Take the baseball devotee, for instance, who frequently builds up a collection of letters about, or signatures by big league baseball players. I am that way about chess. It is my favorite game, and I have delighted in collecting autographs about well known persons who have lauded the game or who have shared its interest by active participation. So my special hobby, aside from chess, is collecting chess autographs.

Collecting chess autographs, in a broader sense, will include signatures, letters, game scores of chess players and original problem positions of chess problem composers as well as letters and documents proving that persons who generally are considered famous in other professions have been interested and delighted by the

that recently offered by a London dealer. It relates to Isaac Newton, and his Note Book. The latter covers a period from 1659, when he was just seventeen, and had entered Trinity college, until 1661.

The Note Book consists of 26 leaves and contains entries in his handwriting relating to his journey to Trinity College. The collector of chess autographs notes the following:

"A chess board"
 "Chesse, Men, Diall."

It is interesting to note that the great Newton was a devotee of the game in his younger days, and what collector today would not delight in owning a signature of this great scientist for inclusion in his collection.

Thomas Hardy's interest for the game is proved by the existence of a copy of Staunton's "Chess Player's Handbook," an 1870 edition, which contains his bookplate and some workings from his hand, which was

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

Capt. B. W. Devericks, Ft. Knox, Ky. (Jan. 20): "You ask about the professor at West Virginia University who was such a good chess player. He was not a professor, he was a Dean. Dean Gunther, I think, who was not a dean but the janitor, down at the Med School Building. The faculty, as I remember, couldn't hold a candle to him. The old gentleman may be dead now. I expect he was close to 60 then and that must have been 40 years ago."

(After doing a little algebra, we came to the conclusion that it couldn't possibly have been much more than 20 years ago that Bill acquired his good opinion of "Dean" Gunther's play. Does anyone know if the "Dean" is still among chess-playing mortals?)

Dr. Albrecht Buschke, New York (Jan. 22): "It is too bad that one chess column after another has canceled in American newspapers, and it is really a shame that there are only about 17 chess columns in the country where supposedly there are 8 million chess players...I suppose you have read the recent article in Coronet. According to this article one would think that at least every big city in the United States has a newspaper with a chess column and that the New York Post chess column comes out every day. It is hard to understand how a magazine like Coronet publishes anything as foolish as that particular article in which hardly a paragraph can be found in which at least one sentence is not misleading, to say the least...I think Mr. Denker would be happy and would probably give up his other business if the if the statement about the earnings he can probably make by being the chess champion of the United States is correct."

C. Y. Moser, Kingwood (Jan. 25): "Thank you kindly for your letter concerning the WVCA. I shall be happy to join you. Our mutual friend, Bill Schaeffer, has told me about the Association and I am sure I will enjoy being a member."

Bob Crean, Charleston (Feb. 1): "I've just bought one of those new-fangled chessboards which fold flat like a billfold case. The men are flat pieces of plastic and slip into slots on each square. Excellent for carrying problems around to work on at odd moments."

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FUN AT THE Y: Your editor annexed enough points in the prelim to be included among the 12 persons in final play in the Pittsburgh Downtown Chess Club. Which gets him into a murderers' row--lamb that he is--with such a bloodthirsty crew as Bob Reel, champion of Wisconsin; Bill Byland, editor of the Pennsylvania chess bulletin, and C.H.L. Schuette, editor of the Y bulletin. Maybe it's all a plot to demonstrate how much better chess players Pennsylvania chess editors are than those who hail from West Virginia. We'll give details of the felonious assault upon your editor from time to time. The tourney has 11 weeks to go.

DID YOU KNOW, asks Ed Treend of Detroit, that the first problem tourney was held in London in 1854? It was confined to Englishmen: the winner was W. Grimshaw...DID YOU KNOW that the first telegraphic match was played in 1844, between the cities of Baltimore and Washington? (From the Communication of the Edison Chess and Checker Club.)

BIRTHDAY PROFILES

(Dr. Werthammer's Birthday Profile is a trifle late... What with his play in the National Amateur Tourney, work in two hospitals, a bout of flu and other things, he was unable to get material to us earlier... Next month's profiles cover March 15-April 14 birthdays. Will members, who have birthdays between these dates, please send data at once?)

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JAN. 11 - DR. SIEGFRIED WERTHAMMER

Winner of the State Championship the last two years, in 1945 without loss of a game, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer is undisputed chess champion of West Virginia.

He was born Jan. 11, 1911, (just count those lucky 11's!), in Vienna, Austria, and was educated in European schools, receiving a doctor of medicine degree. He came to the United States in 1938, after the annexation of Austria by Hitler. He and Mrs. Werthammer became American citizens in the spring of 1944.

Ziggi, as he is known to West Virginia players, learned chess at the age of 5, with his mother as his instructor. Despite his triumphs of the last biennium, he insists he played his best chess between the ages of 16 and 20. "Later on," he said, "due to medical school and professional life, I have not had much time for serious chess." Because he does not often find a chance for over-the-board chess in Huntington, he has recently taken up correspondence chess; not tournament play, just social games.

Last fall he played in the National Amateur Tournament in New York, and although he was forced to return home before the end of the meet, forfeiting his last five games, he finished in a tie for ninth. He was fifth when he withdrew.

It was Dr. Werthammer who put Huntington into a tie with Charleston for state title honors. The state event has been won three times by residents of each city, Landis Marks being the other Huntington winner.

The doctor owns some 45 chess books in three languages. His favorite is Nimzovitch's "My System," which he calls "the best textbook of advanced chess." He reads Chess Review and the American Chess Bulletin regularly.

Professionally, he is pathologist for the Huntington Memorial and St. Mary's hospitals at Huntington.

(Address: 121 Wilson Court, Huntington 1, W. Va.)

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FEB. 19 - CHARLES W. CHRISLIP

Charles Woodrow Chrislip was born Feb. 19, 1913, at Philippi, W. Va. He is married and has one child, Ann Miller, who will soon be a year old.

Charles learned to play chess in high school, when he was 16, but didn't take the game seriously until he went to work as a chemist for the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation at Charleston. Then he met up with Seldon Terrant, Dick Grimm and Kenneth Andrews in the works lab and began to realize there was something to the game, after all.

"I could usually get along pretty even with Terrant but Grimm got to reading some fancy chess books and before long I was in the warm-up class for him," Chrislip writes. "Andrews was generally considered to be the 'master' and he gave all ^{of} us valuable lessons. In fact, each time I played Andrews, I took a lesson.

"One day, Layton Whitman (USNR) happened to look on, and within an hour he was converted. After serving the customary apprenticeship as doormat, Whit began to see the possibilities of the sport and, at the time he left for the service, he had developed a strong game."

Chrislip is now working for the Western & Southern Life Insurance Company which apparently is an engrossing occupation, as he says: "I have not had much time for chess and have not done much playing for a good while," but politely adds: "The Bulletin keeps reminding me, from month to month, what I am missing in the way of that finest of all games."

(Address: #505 Cherokee Avenue, Charleston 4, W. Va.)

FEB 21 - JOHN F. HURT, JR.

John F. Hurt, Jr., winner of the first West Virginia state chess championship in 1939 and three times Charleston city champion, has an even greater accomplishment to his credit; he has taught chess to more than 250 persons!

There's a lot of teaching! If Johnny were the ONLY chess player in the world and started teaching at that rate, say 17 persons a year--and each of his converts taught 17 each year--and their pupils did the same--in an endless chain--it would be only a little over six years before every man, woman and child in the U.S. learned the game. And in another couple of years the rest of the globe would be playing chess and we could concentrate on the Martians and Venarians.

Hurt was born Feb. 21, 1914, near Charleston. He was taught chess by Ken Andrews (more power to you, Ken!) while both were attending Lincoln junior high. They went along to organize Charleston High School Chess Club in 1930 with Johnny as its first president. Walt Crede and Arthur Maley were other members. Hurt was a member of the old Caro-Kann club at Charleston (they walloped the Paul Morphys for the city team honors in 1931) and a charter member of the Charleston Chess Club.

His education included two years in chemical engineering at Marshall College. His work as a Monarch food salesman took him to Indianapolis, and Chicago where he played many famed chess masters but it wasn't until he returned to Charleston that he began annexing titles.

His triple conquest of the Charleston championship--'34, '35 and '42--leaves little doubt of his ability. The first time he won, he didn't lose or draw a game and averaged only 19 moves per match. He was a regular on Charleston teams in intercity meets, aiding in the conquest of chess outfits from Cincinnati, Montgomery, Huntington, Clarksburg... Wheeling, Clendenin, Parkersburg...and other cities.

He was a WVCA director in 1941-42. He played in four state tournaments, winning in 1939, runner-up in 1941, fifth in 1942, third in 1943.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

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Dr. Albrecht Buschke, 200 Hart Blvd., West New Brighton, Staten Island NY

NEW MEMBER

66 C. Y. Moser, Kingwood, W. Va.

FINANCIAL REPORT -- JAN. 6 TO FEB. 5, 1945

	<u>Recd</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Bal.</u>
Bal. on hand Jan. 5 (see Bull. 29)			\$52.08
Receipts: 1944-45 membership C.Y. Moser \$1, 1945-			
46 memberships Capt. and Mrs. B. W. Devericks \$2	\$3.00		55.08
Contribution Capt. B. W. Devericks	2.00		57.08
Expenditures: Bull. 29 (90 copies 12 pp) mimeo			
\$2.84, envelopes \$1.55		\$4.39	52.69
Correspondence with members		.92	51.77

BIRTHDAY PROFILE -- John F. Hurt, Jr. (cont'd from preceding page)

"I studied the openings a lot in my youth but I have always played for fun," says Johnny. "I like an aggressive, open game, and prefer to use gambits of the King Bishop, King Pawn, Boden-Keiseritsky, Max Lange type when I have white, tho I like the French Defense with the black Pieces.

"Among the boys I've met in the Navy I've found no one who can give me a really tough game. I'm still teaching anyone who wants to learn. ...At Chicago, I had good play against Margolis, former Western Tourney champion. I met him in the Chicago Chess Club which I visited every few weeks. My record against him is 1 win, 2 losses and 1 draw.

"In Philadelphia, I have played most of the best players and held even or better with all (total of around 75 games). Shaffer (who rates about third in the state and Philadelphia) and I broke even. I mated him once in a 17-move game. Announced 'mate in 5.' I have played at the Franklin, Mercantile and American Institute clubs."

(Address: John F. Hurt, Jr., RT2/C, United States Receiving Sta., Sec. 1, ARG 11, Navy Yard, Philadelphia 12, Pa.)

WE GOT A KICK out of C.H.L. Schuette's note in his New Year's issue of En Passant, Downtown Y chess bulletin: "Personally, we are resolved to give away no queens this year, particularly in ladder tournament games. If we can keep that one resolution from being broken for the first ten days of 1945, we will have accomplished something that is absolutely new in our personal history."

DISSENTING VOICE: On Page 9 of this issue, Dr. Buschke raps Corcoran for chessic errors. Commenting on the same article, "Goodnight, Sweet King," Ed Treend of Detroit, Mich., says the story "will give you an enjoyable few minutes of reading pleasure...While (the writer) seems a bit confused on a few minor details, they are not too vital. The article is a good piece of publicity for our favorite game."

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