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DR. WERTHAMMER NAMED U.S.C.F. DIRECTOR; FRANCIS DEBLASIO NEW PROBLEM EDITOR

The U.S.C.F. Monthly Letter for May brings word of the appointment of Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, our 1943 and 1944 West Virginia champion, as a member of the board of directors of the United States Chess Federation.

Pres. Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., could have selected no one more universally satisfactory to the members of the WVCA and no one who is better qualified to give real service to the U.S.C.F.

This is, of course, an appointment effective only until the next annual meeting of the USCF in July at Peoria, Ill. It therefore behooves all West Virginia members to cast their ballots for Ziggy and assure his reelection for the full year's term.

Four other new directors were named simultaneously--Reuben Fine for the District of Columbia, J.T. Jackson for Alabama, Anthony E. Santasiere for New York and Arthur H. Holway for Vermont.

Pres. Wagner announces also the naming of Herman Steiner of California to the vacant post of second vice president of the Federation.

These new appointments indicate increasing membership in the USCF, as the number of directors in each state is in direct proportion to its number of members in the USCF.

The annual meeting will be held in connection with the U. S. Open Tournament July 9-21 at Peoria.

SOLVERS' 1944 CONTEST ENDS, NEW ONE BEGINS

We are happy to announce the addition to our staff of Francis J. C. DeBlasio, of Brooklyn as the new Editor of our Problem Page.

When the press of Walt Crede's work made it impossible for him to resume his editorship of the page, we took our difficulty, upon advice of Dr. Albrecht Buschke, to Eric M. Hassberg, who edits the excellent problem department in Walt James' Chess Correspondent.

Mr. Hassberg wrote back:

"Frank DeBlasio is your man. He is one of the coming problemists of the country, and I am sure that if he accepts the editorship of the Problem Page in your fine magazine, the association will be a happy one for both of you, as well as for all members of the WVCA. Frank helps me with my work in Chess Correspondent, so that we are in constant association. If he runs into any difficulties, I will be glad to help him out in any way that I can."

With considerable hesitation, because, after all, the WVCB is a paper of very limited circulation and does not offer great advantages to its editors, we wrote Frank, who promptly answered:

"I do want to become the Problem Editor of the WVCB. Before you
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decide on me, though, I think that I should tell you this will be my debut in the editorial field. I come to you untested and untried. If I am accepted, I would like a free hand in developing the page in accordance with the modern concept of the problem. I will be very appreciative if allowed to write articles on problem ideas...often. And I will feel honored to serve any group of problemists, however small."

DEBLASTO IS GIVEN A FREE HAND

We very happily endorsed Frank's request for a free hand with the page. His first Problem Page and an article on the changes he is making will be found on pages 4 and 5 of this issue. Frank promises us a series of articles, dealing first with the two-mover in all its myriad manifestations.

With the accession of Frank to the Editorship, we are declaring the 1944 Problem Solving Contest of the WVCA closed, as of Problem 30, and the solver with the highest score at that time will be declared Champion. Solvers have voted against cash prizes and prefer a trophy cup to be engraved each year with the Champion's name and to be awarded permanently to any problemist winning it three successive years.

The 1944 prize money comes to only \$3. Our challenge cup will cost considerably more than that. We do not feel we have sufficient funds available in the WVCA treasury to meet the whole cost. Contributions, therefore, will be highly welcome. Make checks payable to Gene Collett and specify that the money is for "Problem Tourney Challenge Cup Fund."

1945 TITLE CONTEST STARTS WITH THIS ISSUE

The 1945 Championship Contest opens with this issue, starting with Problem 31, and will run through 10 issues of the Bulletin. This will make it end with the February, 1946, Bulletin (if we hold out faithful and stick to our monthly publication schedule!). The number of problems will be 30 or more.

This is an opportunity for those of you who have been sitting on the sidelines to get into this contest. Also it is a chance for you to become a Champion, or at least a Runner-up. Frank's plans for the page during the coming year should redouble its interest to all readers and his articles explaining the various types of problems should provide an interesting addition to our knowledge.

SOMETHING ABOUT OUR NEW EDITOR

If Frank continues as our Problem Editor until after our next election, we plan to ask the members to name him an honorary member. Will someone please offer a motion?

We asked Frank for a little autobiographical matter with which to introduce him to WVCB readers. He answered:

"As for my history--nothing exciting. I was born in Brooklyn Sept. 26, 1907, and have lived here most of my life. I got a fair education and was married (to a pretty and lovely girl, Phyllis) about 11 years ago. My vocation is clerical. My hobbies are mathematics and chess (problematrical, mostly). I became a solver 5 years ago and a composer 3 years ago. P. L. Rothenberg gave me first break and assistance. I have made several friends since, including Allen, Bigelow, Hassberg, Howard and White. Eric is still giving me invaluable help!"

U.S.C.F. REPLY ARRIVES -- VIA AKRON

Our Pittsburgh neighbor, L. A. Scholpp, who works in Akron and edits the Firestone Chess & Checker Club Bulletin, seems to have gotten the same idea which inspired the Open Letter to the USCF officers in our March 10 Bulletin. Before seeing our letter, he wrote independently to Paul G. Giers, the hard-working and efficient secretary of the USCF, also suggesting that the Federation needs its own magazine.

Mr. Giers' answer, published in the Firestone bulletin, agrees that the idea is a good one, BUT, Mr. Giers adds:

"WE MUST LEARN TO CREEP BEFORE WE WALK" --GIERS

"I am sure you will agree that we must learn to creep before we walk, certainly before we start running. Our two main drawbacks have been in the past, and still are, the lack of manpower and finances.

"While we are getting more and more active help from chess leaders, we cannot hope to have all the hands necessary for some time in these days of war activity. As to finances, we can stretch our membership dollars just so far without running into the red. We certainly can't and don't want to depend on the generosity of certain chess donors and I am sure you will agree that the Federation should be self-supporting.

"The question of what a member should get for his dollar has come up many times and will continue to be given serious consideration. Fortunately, most of our members do not look upon their membership as a matter of card and yearbook only, but are aware of the fact that they are actively supporting American organized chess.

VARIED ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S.C.F.

"The Federation is sponsoring all national tournaments and has done so regularly since its organization. We are actively engaged in bringing chess to the members of our Armed Forces, particularly to our wounded veterans. Details are being worked out for nation-wide promotion of chess among our boys and girls, a program which will do more than anything else for the further propagation of the game. We hope very sincerely, that the various activities and aims of the Federation will have the support of every chess player in this country. I fully realize and agree with you that we should give our members as much as possible for their dues. As we continue to grow, we will naturally be able to do more. The yearbook and other services will cost less per member in proportion to the increase in membership.

"The Federation's officers are working hard each day to bring about a greater expansion of the Federation's membership and to do what we can for the greater promotion of chess in this country. All of their services are donated to the cause. If we continue to receive the generous cooperation of chess leaders, such as yourself, there can be no doubt we will soon have an organization to be proud of and which can give its members proper service in return for their support."

Are you a USCF member? If not, do your share today by sending \$1 for your membership to Paul G. Giers, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, N.Y.

PROBLEM PAGE

EDITED BY FRANCIS J.C. DEBLASIO

(Please address all matters pertaining to this page --with self-addressed, stamped envelope for personal replies--to Francis J. C. DeBlasio, 358 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn 27, N. Y.)

INTRODUCTORY

It is with supreme pleasure that I take over the editorship of this department. I am very grateful to my friend, Eric M. Hassberg, Problem Editor of the Chess Correspondent, and to Gene Collett, your WVCB Editor, who were kind enough to give me this opportunity.

POLICY

I propose to make this a modern page.

MINOR CHANGES

1. Present-day problems, mostly originals, will be given.
2. The solutions of problems will be given two months after the original publications.
3. Correct solutions for 31, 32 and 33 to count for points on the Solvers' Ladder must be postmarked not later than July 10. This 2-month period will be in force, henceforth.
4. For full credit on the Solvers' Ladder, competitors must submit keys and variations to all problems but 2-movers, for which keys only are required.

INVITATIONS

1. Composers at large are heartily invited to send me their contributions. I am starting from scratch and, therefore, am in dire need of originals!
2. Comments and suggestions from the solvers are highly welcome!

PROBLEMS

Nos. 31, 32 and 33 illustrate the Howard, Hassberg and Double Schiffman (with an incomplete halfpin) themes, respectively.

SOLVING LADDER

This will be resumed in the next issue.

NOTICE

A clean sweep is made (see next page)

NO.31 ORIGINAL
FRANCIS J.C. DEBLASIO

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MATE IN 2 8+6=14

NO.32 ORIGINAL
FRANCIS J.C. DEBLASIO

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MATE IN 2 8+13=21

NO.32 ORIGINAL
FRANCIS J.C. DEBLASIO

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MATE IN 2 11+11=22

ARE YOU A PROBLEMIST? BY FRANCIS J.C. DE BLASIO

The lover of chess problems--solver or composer--is known as a problemist. This means that each of you WVCA problem solvers is a problemist! But, are you a full-fledged one, in the modern sense? Can you analyze or even recognize the complexities incorporated in a modern composition? Do you savor of the beauties in this aesthetic field?

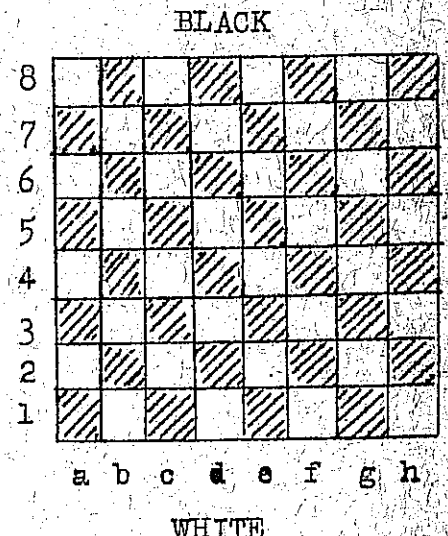
The Chess Problem Field--a fine art and an abstract science, inferior to none--is going through a rapid evolutionary stage. Modern composers are incorporating ever new ideas and twists in their creations. And problemists should want to keep abreast of these moderns!

As your new Problem Editor, I propose to combine the solving of purely modern problems with the exposition of their characteristic themes and mechanisms! But I do not know the solving strength of any of you WVCA problemists. Therefore, to make sure that you miss nothing, I will start at the beginning, and endeavor to teach you everything known to date; especially in the orthodox two-move field.

In keeping with my policy of modernness--if I may phrase it thus--I will conduct the Problem Department in accordance with present-day usage. I therefore make the following further changes:

1. I will use the symbol S, instead of N, for Knight. S--the German symbol for Springer (meaning horse or the Knight in chess)--is used by most problemists today.

2. I will give keys and variations in the Algebraic, instead of the English, notation. This system is used in most problem books. It is a very simple and plain notation and it is one you can learn very quickly by referring to the diagram at the right whenever you are in doubt. To show the difference between the two systems, I will give a hypothetical situation: We have a problem in which there are two Black Pawns; on KS4 and KS5. For the key of the problem the White Queen, which is situated on KR5, has to capture the former of these Pawns. In the English notation this key is 1 QxP(KS4). But the unwary solver may confuse this with 1 QxP(KS5) because Black's KS4 is White's KS5! Confusion reigns! In the Algebraic notation this key is 1 QxP/g5. But g5 (or any other square) in the Algebraic notation stands for one and the same square for both sides, because ranks are counted from the White side of the board only!...All is clear!



3. Instead of giving you one point credit for every correct solution or cook you send me, I will give you as many points as the number of stipulated moves of the particular problem--2 points for a 2-er, 3 points for a 3-er, etc. (except when I mention otherwise). This is the standard system. It is much fairer than your old one!

TWO NEW BOOKS

Two brand-new chess publications arrived during the month, the 1944 Yearbook of the United States Chess Federation and the new book, "An Invitation to Chess," by Irving Chernev and Kenneth Harkness.

THE NEW U.S.C.F. YEARBOOK--A MASTERLY JOB

Congratulations are due Montgomery Major for turning out what we believe to be the finest Yearbook yet published by the U.S.C.F. Its 90-some pages are cram packed with material of interest to every chess player and it is a book no amateur should miss.

Among the good things it contains are stories on the five major U.S. tournaments of 1944--the Championship, Women's Championship, Open, Lightning and Amateur--with more than 50 of the best games from them; a list of U.S. tourney champions from 1900 down to the present time, and a directory of some 250 to 275 local chess clubs.

If we could direct a criticism at any feature of the book, it is the club listing, not because of its inclusion but because it seems to us incomplete and rather out-of-date. Looking at the West Virginia list only, we find a five-year-old address for the Charleston club and a two-year-old address for the Clarksburg club, and total absence of the strong Huntington club. (There is listed also a Moundsville club, which is a welcome arrival! We hadn't heard of it previously but shall write to the address given in hope of getting into communication with the officers.) We suggest that before the next Yearbook comes out, a thorough research into the clubs would be advisable.

Even with this minor fault, the book is worth many times what it will cost you--a \$1 membership in the U.S.C.F., or if you want a cloth-bound book, \$1.50. Just send it to Paul G. Giers, USCF Secretary, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, N.Y. And besides getting a book you want, you'll be doing yourself a share to build chess in America!

"AN INVITATION TO CHESS"--THE BEST OF ITS KIND

We are grateful to Messrs. Simon & Schuster for sending us a review copy of the Chernev-Harkness book, "An Invitation To Chess." We hardly need tell our readers that we believe it the best book for beginners we have ever seen--we mentioned that several times while the lessons were running in serial form in "Chess Review" and we have seen no reason since to change our mind.

This book starts with the ABC of chess--how to move the pieces--explaining the rules of the game so simply that a child can understand them. Step by step, the beginner is taken through the elemental processes of the game until, when he has with a great deal of pleasure, reached the final page, he finds he has learned more about the royal sport than he could have done in six months of playing.

It is the only book we have ever seen which we feel safe to put in the hands of a person who knows absolutely nothing about the game. The unique picture method of instruction makes the moves simplicity itself; the accompanying text leaves nothing unsaid which would help the student to a better understanding.

We believe "An Invitation To Chess" will do more to popularize the game than any other chess book ever published. It gets a triple A-1 rating on our shelves.

You can order it through Dr. Albrecht Buschke, 80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y. for the sum of \$2. If you have a friend learning the game, he should have this book!

LETTERS AND SUCH LIKE

Member Robert Crean, Charleston, wrote April 14:

"I'll have to admit my No. 25 problem (Bulletin 31) was not perfect and I give Tom Sweeney due honor. The Pawn on KB2 is necessary to prevent R(B6)xN followed by R-R2 mate. But he is right about the P on KB4 and the Black B not being needed. They were there during the earlier trials and I forgot to take them away. Problem composing is indeed interesting and I hope to educate myself further along these lines.

"I agree that the State Chess Meet should not be held in the same city two successive years--it would be much better to canvass some of the larger cities and towns each year and find a new spot for it. After the war, we might even have the various communities vying for the right. Why not? I know that in California the larger cities are very enthusiastic about sponsoring a chess meet--and most of this has come about through the efforts of Herman Steiner, who has been working for 10 years now to popularize the game in that state.

"In my humble opinion, California is really on the map as far as chess is concerned. Incidentally, Steiner tied for the California State Crown this year--a run-off is contemplated for the near future. I had the honor of being soundly trounced by this excellent player several years ago--I'm sorry now that I do not have a score.

"But to get back to our tournament: It would be most convenient for me if the meeting were here in Charleston, but, even so, I shall vote for another city, war or not. Probably Wheeling or Huntington. Morgantown sounds very good, too, and I hope there will be a lively discussion in future Bulletins on this matter."

In another letter, Bob Crean asked Ye Ed to test his wits on this poser:

Toward the end of a game, Mr. White said: "Look, if you move here, I can check you with my Knight on any of SIX different squares."

"Yes," replied Black, "but if instead I move HERE, you have only FIVE ways to check me with a Knight."

"Correct," answered White, "and to continue: you can move THERE and the Knight-check is possible in only FOUR ways."

"Very interesting," agreed Black. "Let us chase this thing down. I can move over to this square and you have but THREE chances this time."

"One hundred percent correct, but don't overlook the fact that after you move to THAT square, I can still do it in TWO ways."

"Oh, yes. Looks like we're about at the end of our rope. You can check me with a Knight in only ONE way if I move HERE!"

"Right," concluded White, "and to finish our set-up, I cannot check you with a Knight at all if you move LIKE THIS!"

That's it, said Bob. The problem is to set up the men so that they will validate the above conversation. There are several ways to do it, no doubt--try it. Note that the problem calls for CHECKS, not CHECKMATES. Send solutions if you find any, to Robert Crean, 1524 Lee St. E., Charleston 1, W. Va.

KOLTI LIKES OPEN LETTER TO U.S.C.F.

Writes George Koltanowski, New York (April 20):

"I admired your Open Letter to the U.S.C.F. officers and you know I am 100 per cent behind you. Though I hope I'm wrong I'm unable to see much hope for such a magazine as you ask for in the near future..."

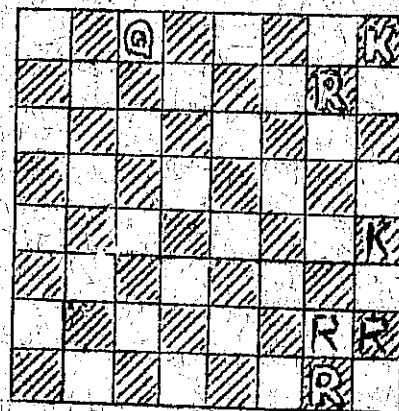
"I hardly play any chess these days, though I do give an occasional exhibition. My next is in Reading, Pa., Friday, May 11. I'm looking toward war's end to start touring again (maybe in October?). My hours at the diamond work keep me pretty well tied down now."

"IN MEMORIAM: PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT"

Eric Hassberg, Problem Editor of Chess Correspondent, 757 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn 22, New York, wrote us in mid-April:

"The death of President Roosevelt is the profoundest shock to me since the day Hitler marched into Vienna while I was living there. You can hardly imagine how many millions of people pinned all their hopes on Roosevelt in these dark days. Now, the news of the liberation of my native city is overshadowed by his death."

"I am inclosing a problem 'in memoriam: President Roosevelt' for your next issue. It will also appear under the same heading in the New York Post on April 21 and in the Christian Science Monitor on the same date, and in the July issue of Chess Correspondent."



MATE IN 2

Eric says the problem is an American Indian Miniature, and adds:

"The key symbolizes the sacrifice of the Commander for speedy, ultimate victory."

WE GET INVITED TO MORGANTOWN

Now that Bill Schaeffer has seen how all the boys at the Downtown Y have been knocking Ye Ed's ears back, he has decided that at last the time has come for him to get revenge for sundry beatings administered to him while he was learning the game back in Clarksburg. So he has invited us down to Morgantown, ostensibly to meet members of the newly-organized club there. We wonder!

"Come down in May if you can possibly make it," Bill writes. "West Virginia University will close its term the end of the month and Prof. Lenke will be leaving to spend a month in Wisconsin. I want you two to get together."

"Our Morgantown club membership has pretty well resolved itself. Our soldier boys have gone and one or two of the members have transferred to other cities, and some of the merely curious have dropped out. We still have a dependable nucleus of a dozen, however, with never less than 8 at our meetings, all enthusiastic, and we're having a lot of fun. Right now we're playing a round robin to form the basis of a Ladder."

Well, get out your knives, you Morgantown boys, and whet 'em up; we will be down soon for a carving!

ZIGGY GETTING RUSTY - (OR SO HE SAYS!)

We don't believe all the things we read in the papers and are even suspicious of some of the remarks Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington, makes in this letter (April 21). We suspect he's hoping some of you boys'll take it easy and give him soft pickings in our Labor Day Tourney. He says:

"I have not played chess over-the-board since last October and I am pretty rusty. I am really eager to play the game and 1945's State Tournament can't come too early for me.

"Unfortunately, the Huntington Chess Club meets on Thursday evenings and that is a 'Doctors' Night' when all professional meetings are held (hospital staff meetings, county meetings and so forth). So I have but little chance to meet the local players.

"Landis Marks is working in Richmond, Va., and not many of the other players are active here. Our chess development awaits the end of the war.

"We have here in Huntington a large hospital of the Veterans' Administration which has patients from all over the country. The other day they had a nationally known checker player give a simultaneous exhibition for the pat-

ients. Where there are checker players there are also, or can be, chess players. I shall see what I can arrange in the way of a little simultaneous or something similar, if they want it. (I'm not much of a simultaneous player but I'd be better than nobody.)"

"An excellent idea, Ziggy, and right in line with the fine work the USCF is doing throughout the country! Did you know, by the way, that the USCF has given 1,000 cop-

ies of its new 1944 Yearbook to soldiers in hospitals?... Let us know your simultaneous results after you get it working!

LIKES PROBLEMS

Letter from Arthur Breneman, one of our Charleston problemists, says (April 14):

"I'm glad you're planning to con-

tinue the Problem Page. Do so, by all means. I like it myself, especially as I have not had much opportunity to play the game itself and I enjoy a few minutes when I'm alone in the evenings, trying to find solutions."

Other solvers write echoing the sentiment expressed by Arthur. The solving of problems is indeed one of the most fascinating branches of chess, and we hope many more of our members join in the '45 title contest, beginning this month.



W. M. Erhard.

"Ach, meine liebe Schwester, I am sure they are both French, for I hear them saying: En passant, en roque, en prise."

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Three more chess magazines have been added to our exchange list:

Divan News, official organ of the Washington Chess Divan, Washington, D. C., edited by N.P. Wigginton, 1741 K St., NW, Washington 6, D.C. We can't say too much in praise of this fine, lively paper, published by Reuben Fine's home club. Same page size as the WVCB but more pages--14 per issue. \$1.50 a year (12 issues). Contains articles by Fine and other good players, a fine games section--just about everything a chess paper should have...Reuben Fine met 10 players, 2 at a time, in a simultaneous blindfold lightning chess exhibition April 25, with a score of 8-1-1. We call it sensational. Fine says sometime he'll try three lightning games, at once blindfold. Six of the best games are printed...To Divan News, we offer congratulations on the best-looking, best-edited mimeographed paper in the field!

Wisconsin Chess Letter, official organ of Wisconsin players, edited by Fritz Rathmann, 4124 So. Austin St., Milwaukee, is a legal-size quarterly. The 7-page Spring number is dedicated to Milwaukee chess but all the state news is given, too, in capsule form..Illinois and Wisconsin intend to hold a team match May 27 at Chicago; Wisconsin won last time.

Reader Chess Nat, edited by Fred H. Perfect, 1258 Penn Ave., Wyoming, Pa., for the Reading (Pa.) Chess Club. Two-page mimeographed monthly with club news, chess lessons, games, a little bit of everything and very well done! Announcement says Koltz to play there May 11.

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Indiana Chess News extends a CHALLENGE TO WEST VIRGINIA for a correspondence team match. Want one? Write Leslie E. Dunkin, Box 117, South Bend 24, Ind., for details...Indiana has 30 entrants in its new state carry meet. There's also a special meet, with 7 entered, in which players must be past 70 years old!...The ICN, a hustling infant of 5 months, already has 92 paid subscribers and Dunkin says he'll have 150-200 when the paper ends its first year. Rate is 50 cents (12 monthly issues).

Lansing Chess Club Bulletin: The annual Michigan tourney is set for June 29-July 5 at Jackson. Lansing is entitled to one entry.

Firestone Chess & Checker Club bulletin proposes as a novelty what it calls "quickie chess" for members of its Akron club; a bell rings every 3 minutes and a player must move or resign. Why not go all the way to lightning chess (speed or rapid transit) with 10-second moves? The Firestone club has 43 on its Ladder and lists more than 100 members.

Cleveland Area Chess Bulletin: The Cleveland City Meet started April 15. It's a round robin...The Cleveland Public Library has provided room for a junior chess club meet each Saturday. M.L. Warren, whose wife did the "White Collection" articles (we reprinted 'em), is in charge. Forty boys from 18 schools are playing.

Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club bulletin list 37 entries for the city chess tournament. A high school tourney also is being talked.

Edison Chess & Checker Club Communication announces an exhibition by Newell Banks, chess and checker expert, in the club's rooms in Detroit, May 11.

BIRTHDAY PROFILE

(Next month's Profiles will cover birthdays between June 15 and July 14. If this hits yours, send material to the Editor at once.)

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MAY 30-WILLIAM L. STANLEY

William Lyons Stanley of Charleston boasts a distinction which we do not believe falls to any other member of the West Virginia Chess Association. He is a native of China, having been born May 30, 1916, at Tel Chou, Shantung.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marietta (Ohio) College and is employed as a chemist at the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, that institution where so many of our members work.

Stanley's note on how he learned to play chess explains, maybe, why the Carbide and Carbon has so many players:

"I learned the game at the age of 25 (four years ago), playing with the boys at the laboratory, and reading borrowed books."

Bill is married and has one daughter, as of last report. He is in his second year of membership in the WVCA.

(Address: 909 Overlook Way, SW., South Charleston 3, West Virginia.)

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MORE ABOUT MRS. GRETTEL FRANK

We dropped Mrs. Ludwig Frank a note last month, asking for supplementary material for her Birthday Profile. The answer arrived a little too late for use in the April Bulletin, but we quote some of it here:

"My daughters about whom you ask are Marianne and Gertrude, 32 and 28, respectively. I came to the United States in December, 1937, after having fled from Hitler's terror in 1934 and having spent three years in Palestine.

"I have always played chess as a private hobby and never did participate in contests before I came over here. I belonged to a Women's Chess Club in Nuernberg for several years.

"My husband is a specialist in gastroenterology. He plays the piano, but is not interested in chess at all, although he is filled with the greatest admiration for people who break their heads trying to solve chess problems. He was always a poor mathematician, like most doctors and musicians, and he thinks every chess player must be something like Leonardo da Vinci or Einstein.

"I feel you gave too much publicity to my humble person on occasion of my birthday. Nevertheless, you may rest assured I enjoyed very much being put into the limelight in my old age--like a young debutante."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

George Koltanowski, 924 West End Ave., Apt. 35, New York 25, New York

WVCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT -- APRIL 11 TO MAY 10, 1945

	<u>Recd.</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Bal.</u>
Bal. on hand April 10 (see Bull. 32)			48.90
Receipts: Crean, 1943 Yearbook	.50		49.40
Expenditures: Bull. 32 (100 copies 12 pp) mimeo			
\$2.77 envelopes-postage \$1.80; correspondence			
\$2.03; mailing yearbook 6¢		6.66	42.74

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

That tourney at the Pittsburgh Downtown Y, in which Your Editor was playing, ended with Robert Wilson as new champion by a score of 9-1-1. Second was Robert Reel, the Wisconsin champion, 9-0-2; third, Joe Firestone, 8-2-2; fourth, Bill Byland, the defending champion, 7-1-3. The meet is reported in the May issue of C.H.L. Schuette's En Passant, which reveals a guy named Collett ended with a score of 4-7-0 (better than his deserts) in a 9th-place tie with Bob Holbrook, club president. En Passant, incidentally, gives the Holbrook-Collett score, a game which Holbrook won. We'll publish it next time if there's room. With notes by the one and only Bill Byland....

A USCF publicity letter from Hermann Helms, New York, announces the Pan-American chess meeting July 29-Aug. 12 at the Hollywood Athletic Club, Los Angeles, under the sponsorship of the California State Chess Association. Sixteen will be invited to the Masters' Tournament--eight from the U. S. and one each from Canada, Mexico and Cuba. Five places will be reserved for South American entries....

News notes from Chess Review (which if you aren't reading, you can by sending \$3 for a year's sub to 250 W. 57th St., New York 19, N. Y.):... The 1945 USSR Championship will start May 15 in four semifinal meets at Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Baku, with 60 entered (the finals could be held in Berlin, if the Soviets wanted!) Defending champion is Mikhail Botvinnik, who may expect strong opposition from Vassily Smyslov, the new Moscow titlist... Lt. A. H. Reddy, who drew with Fine in the U. S. Open of 1941 at St. Louis, became a German war prisoner July 15; doubtless he is free now. He had been playing chess with Max Rickless, Rochester, N. Y., interned in the same camp... Akiba Rubinstein, famous Polish master, is alive and well but in straitened circumstances. He was in Belgium at last word. Contributions may be sent to I. S. Turover, Chairman of a Rubenstein Relief Committee, 4725 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, Md.... Robert G. Konkel, Minneapolis, won the 48th Minnesota championship... Major Jose Joaquin Araiza won the Federal District tournament, usually accepted as designating Mexico's strongest player, though not a national event. The event has been won several times by Major Araiza.

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