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MORGANTOWN PICKED AS '45 TOURNEY CITY

Directors of the West Virginia Chess Association have voted to hold the Seventh Annual State Chess Tournament Saturday to Monday, Sept. 1-3, at Morgantown. The play will follow the Swiss System, as at Charleston last year, unless enrollment is low enough to permit a round robin, as at Clarksburg in 1943.

Tournament fees will be the same as last year: \$1 for men in uniform, \$4.50 for other residents of the Tourney county (Monongalia), and \$2.50 for non-service residents of other counties. One dollar from each fee goes to the WVCA as membership fee or dues, unless the player already has paid his 1945-46 dues, in which case the fee is \$1 less. Other receipts, aside from expense money, will go for prizes.

Only six directors voted on the number of games to be played at the meet, two of them favoring a six-game meet, the other four favoring a five-game meet. There is a definite division of opinion and, if any prospective player requests it, the matter will be submitted to a vote of those expecting to participate.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS NAMED

Harold M. Liggett of Charleston, who capably directed the 1943 and 1944 tournaments, will again act in that capacity, with such assistance as the secretary-treasurer is able to give. Hal also will serve as Chairman of the Tournament Committee and will name his own committee members, probably on the day the Tourney opens. Mrs. Toni Grimm of Charleston, who gave such delightful aid in keeping the Tournament going last year, has been invited to act as Scorekeeper, and has accepted, provided she and Dick are able to attend the meet.

William Schaeffer of Morgantown, whose efforts were mainly responsible for the Tournament going to his city, has been named chairman of the Arrangements Committee. Bill accepted the appointment in a letter which said, in part:

"So the tournament's coming to Morgantown? That's great news, fella, great! Every one here that I've told so far is tickled pink, and it isn't Fourth of July sunburn. Hardesty, Price, Brawner (just back from a vacation in New York where he visited the Marshall club), Mott and others--they're all enthusiastic.

"John R. Hardesty, Milford B. Mott and Dr. J. Paul Brawner have accepted positions on the Arrangements Committee. There may be some others named but I haven't had a chance to talk to them yet. Prof. Lemke is still out of town.

"Let's make this the biggest Tourney yet--huh?"

SHALL WE ACCEPT BILL'S SUGGESTION?

We're all for it, Bill, and though pre-tournament predictions sometimes fly back and hit a fellow smack in the kisser, we've got a hunch it will be the biggest ever. Let's all get in there and pitch!

One of our State Champions, Johnnie Hurt, won't be with us. At last word, he was on a U.S. naval ship at sea. We've asked Landis Marks but haven't got an answer yet. But, so far as we can see from here, the other state winners, Walt Crede, William F. Hartling and the present two-time title-holder, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, will all be there, staging a battle royal for the State Championship.

Next month, in our final issue before the Tournament, Schaeffer promises us a complete story on the Tourney set with a few innovations (he hopes).

CLARKSBURG IS INVADED AND SUBDUED

Bill Schaeffer of Morgantown and three Preston countians, Milford B. Mott, Dr. C. Moser and Joseph Rehak, trekked to Clarksburg June 28 for a pre-tourney session. Clarksburg had been expecting a larger group and had eight players out. The hosts rose nobly to the occasion and gave two of their best players, Sam Allison and Ray Griffin, to the visitors, and they went to it. (Actually, they were drawn by lot!)

Final tally was Monongalia-Preston(-Clarksburg) 14, Clarksburg 9. Elimination of games Clarksburgers played each other still left the visitors ahead, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Mott had the only perfect score of the evening, 2-0, defeating "Hap" Allison, the Clarksburg City Champion, and Lee Rogers. Aside from this loss, Allison had two wins and a draw.

Other scores: Monongalia-Preston--Moser 1-2, Rehak 2-1, Schaeffer $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Sam Allison $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Griffin 3-3. Clarksburg--Lee Rogers 0-3, the Rev. William Erhard $\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, Bill Challinor 2-2, Frank Wisinski 3-1, Charles Edgell 1-3.

Griffin sent us a report of the match, as did Challinor, who added: "Everybody seemed to have a very enjoyable time. We shall be delighted to pay a return visit to Morgantown some Sunday soon."

VISIT TO DESHON HOSPITAL

We went out to Deshon Hospital at Butler, Pa., 35 miles from Pittsburgh, the other night to help out with the Downtown Y's "Chess for the Wounded" Program. There were seven of us in the party; usually about 10 go. This was the Y Club's 14th trip. The soldiers received us happily; they are wild about the game and are almost too grateful for the instruction as it is as much fun for the visitors as for the visited. This is a swell project and one in which every chess player living within fifty miles of an Army hospital can participate. Just fill out the coupon in the current Chess Review and send it in--or if you don't get Chess Review, write to Kenneth Harkness, Chess for the Wounded, 250 W. 7th St., New York 19, N. Y., asking in what way you can help.

Byland, who is the Pittsburgh City Champion, was getting ready to shove off for the annual USCF Open Championship July 9-21 at Peoria, Ill. We wished him all kinds of luck and hope to be able to report his progress in our next issue.

WHAT ABOUT THAT TRI-STATE MEET?

Bill Byland inquired about an idea Joe Dorsey of Cleveland brought up in the Bulletin some months ago--a tri-state meet of the chess champions from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Bill says he's all in favor of it and would like to see such an affair get started. We might meet one year in W. Va., one in Penna. and one in Ohio. How would a plan like this work? After all three state meets are held, let each state send the two top men from its tourney to the tri-state battle. If either of the toppers can't go, next man in winning list gets the bid. This would make a six-man tourney, each player meeting the four men from states other than his own. It could be a friendly, week-end affair, two games Saturday and two Sunday, and we would suggest without prize money, the players merely getting together to compare strength and try to snatch a little more glory. Let's hear opinions on the matter.

JACK KLINGLER WINS PITTSBURGH JUNIOR MEET

Jack Klingler, 15, of Central Catholic, won a junior tournament at the Pittsburgh Downtown Y, directed by Bill Byland, with 19 entered. It was a 7-game Swiss System, held in four sessions, June 9-16, with eight high schools represented. Klingler was tied with Paul Scherer, Freshman High, each scoring 5-1-1, but won a one-game playoff.

ON "THE POETRY OF CHESS"

Our good friend, Ray H. Griffin, of Clarksburg, than whom the game of chess has a truer friend or more loyal supporter, loves a good end-game position but he holds no truck with such artificialities as problems. When Frank DeBlasio decided to name his Problem Page, "Poetica Regum," we more than half suspected this would provoke an outburst from Ray and we were not disappointed, tho it's milder than we had hoped.

Here's Ray's letter, under date of June 29:

"The reference in the last Bulletin to the 'poetry of chess'--problems--reminded me of what Mason had to say, but which I don't suppose could be quoted in the Bulletin without giving offense. It's in 'Principles of Chess,' page 38:

"There is no real contest proposed. The ardour which fills the human breast in the presence of personal antagonism, an opposing intelligence, cannot be known. The enemy is already vanquished. The only question is how best to slay the slain. To talk of these things as the "poetry of chess"--as some do--is to abuse language, and poetry, and chess altogether. They are perversions of its alphabet, and nothing more; "poetry" of the "A was an Archer" &c style, and nothing else. The soul and spirit of the game is wanting in the mass of these simple intellectual puzzles; and whoso mistakes them for chess or its poetry is scarcely wise."

"And on pages 119 and 120 of the same book (Ray's letter continues) he has a long paragraph regretting the time given to problems which might be given to chess, which closes with the sentence: 'As a rule, the only problem worthy of attention should be one not of impossible occurrence in a well-played game.'"

ANGRY? WHO'S ANGRY? WE'RE NOT ANGRY!

But Ray is wrong when he supposes the quotations can't be used in the Bulletin without giving offense. We problem solvers are made of sterner stuff than that. Believe it or not, those quotes are among my favorites from Mason as they prove to me, a poor, weak human being, that even the great of the chess world had their little weaknesses--Mason no less than others.

Problem Editor DeBlasio, if he has not already savored these quotes, doubtless will be happy to add them to his collection of problem commentaries. After all, as the song aptly reminds, "Sayin' don't make it so," and those of us who love problems are not likely to be perturbed because Mason couldn't solve 'em. The world is full of folks who don't like music or Shakespeare or Mickey Mouse and a host of other nice things. St. Paul didn't approve of marriage--but June is still June.

We don't quite trust chess experts or any other sort of experts when they wander away from the thing in which they are specializing. Sometimes they fly off at a tangent in their own special line. For instance, in Chess Review this month is given a quotation from Foster's Complete Hoyle, 1937, which says:

DO YOU SUPPOSE HE MEANT IT?--OR WAS HE KIDDING SOMEONE?

"The amount of study and practice required to make a person proficient in chess brings a serious drain upon the time, and the fascinations of the game are such that once a person has become thoroughly interested in it, everything else is laid aside, and it is notorious that no man distinguished as a chess player has ever been good for anything else!

"Mr. Blackburne, the English chess champion, regards the game as a dangerous intellectual vice which is spreading to rather an alarming extent. Discussing the matter with Mr. Bardleben, he said: 'I know a lot of people who hold the view that

chess is an excellent means of training the mind in logic and shrewd calculation, provision and caution. But I don't find these qualities reflected in the lives of chess players. They are just as fallible and foolish as other folks who don't know a rook from a pawn. But even if it were a form of mental discipline, which I doubt, I should still object to it on the ground of its fatal fascination. Chess is a kind of mental alcohol. It inebriates the man who plays it constantly. He lives in a chess atmosphere and his dreams are of gambits and the end of games. I have known many able men ruined by chess. The game has charmed him, and, as a consequence, he has given up everything to the charmer. No, unless a man has supreme self-control, it is better that he should not learn to play chess. I have never allowed my children to learn it, for I have seen too much of its evil results. Draughts is a better game, if you must have a game."

Hmmm! Sounds omnibus!! Maybe we better give up both chess and problems and hereafter stick to good old-fashioned safe and sane dominoes!

EDITORS SCRATCH EACH OTHER'S BACKS

We said some nice things about the 1944 USCF Yearbook, edited by Montgomery Major of Oak Park, Ill., and sent him along a copy of our Bulletin so he could read about them and he came right back with some nice things about the Bulletin. Like this:

"Let me congratulate you upon the Bulletin in general. It is a meaty little sheet and no one who has never issued such a monthly paper can possibly realize (as I do) the amount of thought and labor involved. It compares favorably with the Washington Divisnews which I have always considered the best mimeographed chess bulletin in existence. I was really surprised how much good material you have managed to pack into your 12 pages--for 12 pages are not much in which to cover monthly so many activities."

The things we said about Mr. Major's Yearbook were all true. Anyway, we appreciate the compliments and feel the members will join with us in thanking the man who has just put out the USCF's best Yearbook. (By the way, have you sent in your USCF membership yet? It's only \$1 a year--and you'll get a copy of Mr. Major's book. Address Paul G. Giers, Secretary USCF, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, New York.)

NEWS ITEMS FROM CHESS REVIEW

The New York Chess Congress will be held Aug. 18-26 at Saratoga Springs. George Halsey, Omaha, won the Nebraska championship, scoring 22-2... Weaver W. Adams again won the Massachusetts championship, 10-1; also he recently defeated M. Kagan 6½-3½ in a match arranged to demonstrate the theories in his book, "White to Play and Win," which once intrigued the fancies of many Clarksburg players.

Martin Stark captured the Washington, D. C., title for the fourth time, 6-1... Indiana State Champion John Van Benteen successfully defended his title in a tourney at Logansport... The noted player and writer, E. A. Znosko-Borovsky, having survived the rigors of German rule in occupied Germany, is again living in Paris and recently won a small tournament there...

PROBLEMISTS--TAKE NOTE!

Frank DeBlasio's Problem Pages for the July 10 issue apparently have been delayed or lost in the mails. Rather than unduly delay printing and mailing the Bulletin while new pages are being prepared, we are going ahead with a 12-page edition as if there were no Problem Pages. If copy arrives before the Bulletins are ready to mail, we will print them and add them as pages 13 and 14. If they arrive later, we will run them off, anyway, and mail to all known solvers. If this Bulletin does NOT contain pages 13 and 14, and you want them as soon as possible, send a card to Collett. Otherwise, they will come with Aug. 10 issue.

REUBEN FINE WINS NATIONAL SPEED EVENT

N. P. Wigginton, just home from the fourth annual National Speed Championship at the Hotel Astor, New York, writes from Washington, D. C. (June 30), that Reuben Fine won the event for the fourth time, with a score of 10-1 (drawing with Shainswit and Moskowitz). Other scores: Shainswit 9-2 (four draws), Kashdan 7½-3½, M. Pavey 7½-3½, I. A. Horowitz 6-5, O. Tenner 6-5, J. Moskowitz 5½-5½, D. H. Mugridge 4-7, A.S. Pinkan 3½-7½, D. Byrne 2½-8½, Saltzberg 2½-8½, H. Helms 2-9.

After he got back home, says Wig, Fine met six members of the Washington Divan in simultaneous blindfold rapid transit, three games at a time! In the first set, he won two and drew one; in the second, he won one and drew two. "It was amazing!" says Wig; "Reuben was spotting the boys about 45 seconds per move to his 10 seconds or even less."

Wig sends along one of the 10-second 3-at-a-time shuteye games which Reuben played and we give it here just to show you lads what you could do if you'd just concentrate in your game. It's against young Robert S. Cantwell and as Wig says, it's "mostly elegant, eh?"

FINE	CANTWELL	9 B-K2	N-R3	19 Pxp	R-KN
1 P-QB4	N-KB3	10 O-O	N-B4	20 QxQ	BxQ
2 N-QB3	P-K3	11 Pxp	Bxpch	21 N-K4	B-Q
3 P-K4	P-QB4	12 K-R	R-QB?	22 N-B6ch!	BxN
4 P-K5	N-N	13 P-KN4	N-R5	23 PxB	N-Q5
5 P-KB4	P-Q4	14 P-B5	Nx N	24 QR-Q	NxB
6 Pxp	Pxp	15 BxN	E-Q2	25 RxB	BxQR
7 P-Q4	B-K3	16 QxP	B-N3	26 R(E3)-Q3	B-K3
8 N-B3	N-QB3	17 B-B4	Q-K2	27 B-B7	
		18 P-B6!	Q-K3		And Black resigns

What say, Reuben? When are you and Wig going to take your three-ring circus on the road? Looks to me like you've got a good act there! (We might mention parenthetically that Wig informed us Fine put on this exhibition only because after the Title meet in New York, he was too tired to give a 6-board clock blindfold simultaneous which he had promised the Washington Chess Divan that evening! Hmmm!)

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

William Schaeffer, Morgantown (June 20): "Most of the Morgantown crowd is out of town on vacation. The club has suspended during the summer. We're keeping things going with private settees during the vacation season and plan to be stronger than ever this fall. Everyone is optimistic and we hope to start off with a state meet here!"

Arthur Brenneman, Charleston (June 23): "I'm very well pleased with the Problem Department the way Frank DeBlasio is handling it and wish him all possible success. I am getting quite a few interesting suggestions from his articles."

A. W. Paull, Wheeling (June 26): "While I cannot speak for Mr. Russell or Mr. Alt-meyer, I think none of us will be able to attend the Tournament this year unless it is held in Wheeling. I realize, of course, our city is much less convenient for players to reach than Morgantown or some of the other places where the Tournament may be held, so I suspect it would be rather selfish for us even to suggest Wheeling as a place of meeting. I have a slogan for your publication, which you might use as a war cry to inspire the members of the Chess Association to greater efforts: 'Count that day lost, whose low descending sun, sees no chess game either drawn, or lost, or won.'"

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LOCAL AND STATE CHESS PAPERS

This is a bibliography of local, regional and state chess publications, revised as nearly as possible to July 1, 1945. Practically all the information was furnished by the editors themselves, to whom many thanks for their fine cooperation.

Oldest of the papers is either the Wisconsin Chess Letter, founded Jan. 1, 1939 or the Federal Chess Club News Letter, also founded in 1939 (exact date not given). Biggest of the publications is the Washington Chess Divan, averaging 13pp. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inches in size the last six months and with 14 pp. in the current issue; this also gives it the greatest amount of reading matter for the last six months, 78 pages. Most pages from beginning publication goes to the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club News, with 400, but they are only $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size; so the honor for most reading matter from the beginning goes to Wisconsin Chess Letter, with 300 pages, some $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$, some $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$. The Cleveland Area Chess Bulletin has distributed most copies to readers since its founding, 13,300; also the greatest number in the last six months, 4,200... The Wisconsin Chess Letter has the greatest reader list per issue, 500.

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CHESSER CLUB WEEKLY, official organ of the Firestone Chess & Checker Club, Akron, Ohio, founded April 6, 1944. Published each Thursday; 34 issues appeared to June 7, 1945. Total pages reading matter issued to date 74. Mimeographed, page size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inches. Total copies distributed to date, all issues, 2,000. Average copies per issue last six months, 90; number printed current issue 100. Average number of pages per issue last 6 months 2.7 Does not accept subscribers but welcomes exchanges. Editor: L.A. Scholpp, Terminations Division, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

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CLEVELAND AREA CHESS BULLETIN, o.o. The Association of Chess Clubs of the Cleveland Area, founded Sept. 29, 1943. Pub'd first and third Suns. each mo.; 40 issues to June 15, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 394. Mimeographed $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$. Copies distributed to date, approx. 13,300. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos. printed 450, distributed 350. No. printed current issue 450. Avg. no. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 8. Sub. rate \$1 a yr. (24 issues). Editor: Joseph R. Dorsey, 1920 W. 48 St., Cleveland 2, Ohio.

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DIVAN NEWS, o.o. The Washington Chess Divan, founded June 1, 1943, by LeRoy Thompson. Pub'd 1st of each mo.; 30 issues to June, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued, 265. Mimeographed $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$. Copies distributed to date approx. 5,250. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos. 175. No. printed current issue 200. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 13. Sub. rate \$1 a yr. (12 issues). Editor: N.P. Wigginton, 1741 K Street NW, Washington 6, D. C. (\$1.50)

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DODSON CHESS AND CHECKER CLUB COMMUNICATION, founded 1943. Pub'd each Weds. (except during summer); 70 issues to May 4, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 77. Various processes--press, mimeo, multigraph-- $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$. Copies distributed to date about 8,200. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos. printed 125, distributed 110. No. printed current issue 125. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 1. Does not accept subs., but exchanges with selected list. Editor: Edw. I. Treend, 12689 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27 Mich.

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EN PASSANT, o.o. Pittsburgh Downtown YMCA Chess Club, founded Oct. 1, 1944. Pub'd 1st of each mo.; 9 issues to June, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 64. Mimeographed with printed masthead and dept. headings $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$. Copies to date 1,125 printed and 750 distributed. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos., 125 printed, 85 distributed. No. printed current issue 125. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 8. Does not accept subs but may exchange. Editor: C.H.L. Schueto II, 1446 Beaver road, Sewickley, Pa.

FEDERAL CHESS CLUB NEWS LETTER, founded 1939 by Dr. Carl Ferman. Pub'd 1st Tues each mo.; 76 issues to May, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 152 in News Letter, 100 in special editions. Mimeographed 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11. Copies to date, 12,125 printed, approx. 11,100 distributed. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos., 125 printed, 110 distributed. No. printed current issue 125. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 2. Does not accept subscriptions but mails to all interested. Editor: Mrs. Rose Hurvitz, c/o Federal Chess Club, 2437 Fourteenth Street NW., Washington 9, D. C.

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INDIANA CHESS NEWS, a private venture, "for all Indiana Chess Players," founded Jan. 1, 1945. Pub'd 1st each mo.; 6 issues to June, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 54. Mimeographed 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11. Copies to date 650. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 9. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos. 109. No. printed current issue "more than 100." Sub rate 50¢ a yr. (12 issues). Editor: Leslie E. Dunkin, P.O. Box 117, South Bond 24, Ind.

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LANSING CHESS CLUB BULLETIN, founded December, 1944. Pub'd each Mon.; 27 issues to June 18, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 36. Usually hektographed (one issue press-printed) 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x14. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 1.3. Editor: V. E. Vandenburg, 505 West Lenawee, Lansing, Mich.

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MINNEAPOLIS CHESS AND CHECKER CLUB NEWS, founded May, 1943. Usually pub'd each Fri. Approx. 100 issues to June 16, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued, about 400. Formerly hektographed, changed to mimeograph June, 1945, page size 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Copies to date approx. 9,200 printed, approx. 8,950 distributed. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos. 110 printed 105 distributed. No. printed current issue 115. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 4. Sub rate \$1.50 a yr. (52 issues). Editor: Charles M. Hardinge, 32 Spruce Place, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHESS FEDERATION BULLETIN, founded Jan. 1, 1944. By W. M. Byland and R. P. Smith; present editors Byland and Robert Roel. Pub'd 1st each mo.; 14 issues to May, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 35. Mimeographed, with press-printed masthead, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11. Copies to date 750. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos. 50. No. printed current issue 50. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 4. Sub rate \$1 a yr (12 issues). Address: W. M. Byland, 3244 Latonia Avenue, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

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READINGER CHESS-NUT, o.o. Reading Pa. "Y" Chess Club, founded Jan. 1, 1945. Pub'd 2nd wk. of each mo.; 4 issues to May 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 8. Mimeographed 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11. Copies to date 450. No. printed current issue 135. Avg. pp. per issue 2. Exchanges with other papers. Editor: Fred H. Perfect, 1258 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wyomissing, Pa.

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RED ROSE CLATTER, o.o. Red Rose Chess Club, Lancaster, Pa., founded Jan. 1, 1945. Pub'd first wk. each mo.; 5 issues to June, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued 12. Planograph press-printed, mostly 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Copies to date, 150 printed, 125 distributed. No. printed current issue 30. Exchanges with other editors. Editor: C. K. Malcolm, 517 Third Street, Lancaster, Pa.

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WEST VIRGINIA CHESS BULLETIN, o.o. West Virginia Chess Association, founded Aug. 1 1941. Pub'd 10th each month; 34 issues to June 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued, 268. Mimeographed 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11. Copies to date 2,650 printed, 2,375 distributed. Avg. copies per issue last 6 mos. 102 printed, 100 distributed. No. copies printed current issue, 115. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 12. Sub rate \$1 a yr. (12 issues). Editor: Gene Collatt, 125 Meritt Avenue, Pittsburgh 10, Pa.

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WISCONSIN CHESS LETTER, o.o. Wisconsin State Chess Association founded Jan. 1, 1939. Pub'd quarterly, Jan. 15, Apr. 15, July 15, Oct. 15; 24 issues to April, 1945. Total pp. reading matter issued, approx. 300. Mimeographed 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11 and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x14. Total copies printed to date 12,500. Avg. copies printed per issue last 6 mos. 500. Number copies printed current issue 500. Avg. pp. per issue last 6 mos. 6. Sub rate \$1 a yr. (4 issues). Editor: Fritz Rathmann, 4124 So. Austin St., Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin.

NEWS STORIES FROM OTHER CHESS EDITORS

The Cleveland Area Chess Bulletin reports John O. Hoy has recaptured the city title, with a score of 7-0-0. J. Cahn, who won the 1944 tourney, is now in the armed service.

The Canadians, like U.S. players, have a federation of clubs. It is the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association, headed by Bernard Freedman, Room 204, 7 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, Ont., Canada. It publishes a 6-page monthly mimeographed bulletin, lists 160 or more active players, and conducts regular frequent tournaments, just as our own CCLA does.

Jack Malono (well known to several of our WVCA members) has just presented the Pittsburgh Downtown YMCA Chess Club a library of eighty chess books. It's a darned good player's collection. Books will be put out to members on regular library rules, fines and everything.

Lansing Chess Club ran off a round robin tournament to qualify one member for the state championship this month at Jackson, Mich. Pressed for time, Editor V. E. Vandenburg decreed that six substitutes should get out the Lansing club's bulletin for the next six weeks. Three issues have appeared--and very good! One of them, handled by the club's treasurer, W. Kelly, was press-printed!..Vandenburg digs up the exciting fact that the organist, Sir Walter Parratt, was able to play a Beethoven sonata while contesting two games of chess--blindfold!

Newell Banks, the checker champ, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Edison Chess and Checker Club, Detroit, Mich., recently. He played 15 games of chess, 10 of checkers, and won them all!

Typegraphically one of the most pleasing of all the local chess papers is C. K. Malcolm's Red Rose Clatter, put out for the Lancaster, Pa., Red Rose Chess Club. Reproduced from typed sheets and drawings through the planograph printing process, the latest issue includes two-colored art work and a full-page reproduction of a Reading Eagle photograph of George Koltanowski hard at work in an exhibition at Reading.

Koltanowski gave two exhibitions in Pennsylvania recently. At Reading, he played 28 boards simultaneously, with 2 losses and 2 draws. At Allentown, he faced 23 opponents, losing 1 game and drawing 3.

N. P. Wigginton of the Washington Chess Divan sends word that the club's treasurer, [redacted], one of the guiding spirits in the Divan (see June Bulletin, page 6), has suffered a second attack of coronary thrombosis and likely will be in a hospital several weeks. We hope he'll be able to get back to the Divan before too long; he is one of the most tireless workers and will be sadly missed.

Another chess group at the nation's capital, the Federal Chess Club, has a membership of about 120, and holds meetings every Tuesday at 2431 Fourteenth Street NW. My oh my! What wouldn't we do with a club as big as that in West Virginia? We notice a general, a major and a lieutenant on the list of members, and at least four women.

U.S. Champion Arnold Denker had an extremely successful tour, reports Chess Review. He visited 14 cities and played 553 games. Cleveland had the biggest turnout, 85 tables. In all, Denker won 467 games, drew 51 & lost 35--and some of the players he met were tough cookies! (Are you a Chess Review reader? It is \$3 a year. Address Chess Review, 250 West Fifty-seventh Street, New York 19, N. Y.)

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (continued from page 5)

Bob Crean, Charleston (June 7): "Don't you believe our constitution should contain a clause saying the State Tournament is for West Virginians only? We all want as many boys to enter as possible, but as one small voice with a narrow-minded opinion, I think it would look funny for Frank X. McGillicuddy of Kalamazoo, Mich., to be the West Virginia champ. Or even Joe Doakes of South Dakota. And, the way it is, Fine, Pinkus, Steiner, et al., could drop down and trim any talent West Virginia has to offer. And it would be difficult to let these gentlemen play in the meet and just score the top-ranking West Virginian as the winner because of the difficulty of deciding whether or not we should turn in and defeat such experts."

(Note: This problem has never become serious in our meets but Bob's idea probably has merit and likely we do need some limiting plank in our tourney rules. We note in passing that the Michigan State Meet has a "guest competitor" set-up in which out-of-staters may compete for prize money but not for the titles. Scores are kept separately. That meet, however, is a round robin; it might not work so well with the kind of Swiss System which we use. Michigan this year has three guests, including Herman Helms, editor of American Chess Bulletin, and two other experts. The WVCA doesn't have a \$150 top prize, however, so we aren't likely to be overrun by visiting champs. What ideas do other members have to offer on this point?? Let's all get together at the State Meet and give it a good going-over.)

Richard Grimm, Charleston (July 1): "We've been busy this past year with little odd jobs since we bought a house--painting, gardening, fixing lawns--these have taken so much time that my only chess activity lies in five or six postal chess games. At present, I am in the 1943 Victory Finals (43V209) but can't do much with the four Class A players in my section; three of us are Class B and have hope of beating each other!...My over-the-board chess has long since deteriorated to an all-time low. I haven't been with Crede or Liggett for a game for ages...John Hurt did quite well with the Pennsylvania boys at Philadelphia. He is a brilliant player. I think he will go places and put West Virginia chess out in front...We don't know for sure about the State Tourney yet but I'm hoping to get there and bring the missus along."

Bill Challinor, Clarksburg (June 17): "I am very much pleased to hear that Reid Holt is still alive and kicking. I shall be delighted to see him again...I hope the Tournament goes to Morgantown. Our friend, Bill Schaeffer, has done a fine job there so more power to him!"

Harold M. Liggett, Charleston (July 1): "Sorry I've been neglecting the W.Va. Chess Association lately--too much else going on...I like the idea of more games for our State Tournament. It makes a fairer tourney, gives more players a crack at the top-notch boys, makes the tourney more interesting for all. In the Pennsylvania meet we played 8 games in three days--it opened Saturday noon, first round at 2:30, second at 7, and three rounds each the following two days...Maybe we could pull some players from Penna. to the meet if it is held in Morgantown--you could work on that angle."

WE ACCEPT AN OFFER FROM FRITZ RATHMANN

Fritz Rathmann, editor of the Wisconsin Chess Letter, offers to send his latest issue to the WVCA and WVCE in exchange for a similar mailing on the part of our Bulletin. This is an especially nice number of the WCL, a large one containing an interesting discussion on flaws and virtues of the Swiss System, so we are accepting his offer with alacrity. Within the next few days, WVCA officers and directors and editorial assistants on the Bulletin should receive this WCL.

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Need chess books? Our fellow members, Dr. Albrocht Buschke, can supply any book in print, new or old, and some which are supposed to be out of print. Write him at 89 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y. Don't forget to mention that you, too, are a member of the West Virginia Chess Association.

BIRTHDAY PROFILES

(Birthday Profiles first appeared Aug. 10, 1944. In the first year, we have published profiles of 28 persons or 35 per cent of membership. With this issue, we are sending new questionnaires. Will you please complete yours and mail it promptly? Those whose profiles already have appeared also are asked to furnish any new data they may have.)

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ANTHONY FOY - JULY 26

Anthony Patrick Foy, only native West Virginian in his family, was born July 26, 1918, at Fairmont. He learned chess from his brother Eddie in the grades. Anthony was an end on the Sacred Heart high school football team at Charleston, played a lot of baseball, also went in for basketball and softball. Despite these activities, he found time for chess. He joined the Charleston city club while still in high school and played on various championship teams. He won prizes in city tournaments and took part in inter-city matches, including Charleston's first setto with Cincinnati. He has been a WVCA member since 1942.

Drafted into the Army in June, 1941, he was sent to the Pearl Harbor area in September and was there Dec. 7. After a 19-month tour of Pacific duty, he returned to the USA in 1943. Last winter he was transferred from Anti-Aircraft Artillery to Infantry, and got a bad chest wound from shrapnel during practice maneuvers, but is now in pretty good shape again. He recently was promoted to Sergeant Major.

Anthony has played some chess in the Army tho not much the last few months. In Los Angeles, about a year ago, he spent several hours with Herman Steiner, tho they didn't play any chess.

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GENE COLLETT - JULY 27

Walter Eugene Collett was born July 27, 1901, at Petroleum, Ritchie County, W. Va. After working nearly 18 years for Clarksburg newspapers he moved to Pittsburgh where he has been an Associated Press staffer the last 2½ years.

His chess career began at 16 when he and a buddy bought a 25-cent instructions book by "The Major." They had fun but their interpretation of the Major's interpretation of the game left much to be desired. Not until Bill Devericks returned from W. V. U., where he had learned the game, did Gene find out how to castle or take en passant.

Thereafter, he and Bill began a friendly rivalry at the game. After playing some hundreds of matches, they began keeping "standings" in October, 1929, playing each game for blood. Last entry in their book is dated Oct. 9, 1941, just before Bill entered the Army. They had played 847 games in the 12 years, Gene winning 284 and drawing 36 for an all-time percentage of .357. They hope to resume play after the war.

Gene was bedfast in February, 1940, when Bill and some of the other boys dropped in to cheer him up with a little chess. That was the origin of the Clarksburg Chess Club. Then the third annual West Virginia

chess tournament was held in Clarksburg in 1941, and he got in on the founding of the West Virginia Chess Association, being named as its executive secretary-treasurer, a post he still holds. He founded the Clarksburg Chess Bulletin and the West Virginia Chess Bulletin and is still editor of the latter. He directed the 1941 State Tourney but played only in the '42 meet, finishing in a three-way tie for fifth.

Collett is married and has two daughters, Marguerite Diane, 15 years, and Deema Irene, 9 months. His wife and his elder daughter are of immense assistance to him in getting out the Association's Bulletin and its Yearbooks.

(Address: 125 Meritt Avenue, Pittsburgh 10, Pennsylvania.)

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EDWARD M. FOY - AUGUST 11

No person has worked longer or more faithfully to build chess in W. Va. than has Edward Mark Foy of Charleston, now with the U. S. Navy.

Eddie was born Aug. 11, 1908, at Collier, Pa., and has played and loved chess since he was 14. Like his brother he is single (unless the status of either has changed since last report).

In the late 1930's, Eddie was West Virginia chess. He helped set up the first State Tournament in 1939 and before that was prominent in high school and city clubs in Charleston. He was Charleston City Champion in 1936 and 1937 and finished second in the meets of 1935, 1938 and 1939. He played in all state, city and inter-city matches until he entered the Navy, and was on various championship teams in the Charleston Chess League. He was W. Va. director in the American Chess Federation three years and played in numerous correspondence tourneys, notably the 1,000-board meet, U. S. vs. England a few years ago, in which he won his game. He is a charter member of the WVCA.

Eddie joined the Navy in January, 1942, and served in the Eighth Naval District until early this year; now, he is on a ship at sea. He got in a few games of chess at the Paul Morphy Chess Club in New Orleans in 1942 and later played with faculty members of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, but in general has not played much since 1941.

He and Anthony have what is probably the best chess library in Charleston, around 60 books, including a few dating back around 1850, as well as files of Chess Review and Chess up until 1942. Pride of the collection is a group of four scrapbooks, filled with chess clippings from Charleston, New York and other newspapers.

We'd like to quote a few words from a letter Eddie wrote us in 1943:

"We had some great times...I met lots of fine people thru chess, made lots of friends. I won and I lost--just like life itself. I was fortunate enough to attend various tournaments, local and state, also three national tournaments, at Chicago, Boston and New York. I have met Dr. Lasker and Frank Marshall, Resheysky, Rine, Horowitz, Kashdan, Dake, Santasiere, Steiner and others...Now all this is gone. The players scattered--some dead. It seems almost part of another world. That old free and easy world. All gone. We can only hope for the future."

(Address: Edward M. Foy, SKD1C, USNR, LSM Group 43, Flotilla 15, in care of Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.)

NEW MEMBER OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

30 Capt. John A. Sims, Dunbar, West Virginia

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Anthony P. Foy and Edward M. Foy (see new address on pages 11 and 12)
 William Schaeffer, 343 Dorsey Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia
 Ets. Richard Manahan USNR and Layton O. Whitman SI/C (old addresses are
 void--can anyone supply new ones for these two servicemen, please?)

WVCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT -- JUNE 10 TO JULY 5, 1945

	<u>Recd.</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Bal.</u>
Bal. on hand June 10 (see Bull. 34)			40.83
Receipts: 1944-45 membership Capt. Sims, 1945-46 membership Challinor \$1 each	2.00		42.83
Expenses: Bull. 34 (115 copies 12pp.) mimeo \$3.11 postage \$2.04; costs incidental to mimeo work, stencil correction fluid 45¢, 2 styli for cut- ting stencils 70¢, writing plate for making stencil drawings \$1.25, cloth inkpad for mimeo 40¢; postage due 2 bulls. returned 4¢; ballots for directors' vote mimeo 24¢, postage 36¢; cor- respondence with members \$1.08; total		9.37	33.46

CORRECTION IN CHALLINOR PROFILE

From Bill Challinor, Clarksburg: "You made a little miscue in the Profile about me last month when you said I had spent 35 of my years in Clarksburg. I arrived here July 10, 1926, so it had been 19 years. I arrived in the U.S. on June 1, 1901. I have never been sick in my life. I started work the first day I arrived in the U.S. and have been continually working (excepting the usual yearly vacation) since. My trip of 10 weeks in Europe in January, 1933, was a very special vacation... During one of my many meetings with Frank Marshall I played with a hand-carved china-clay set. Marshall was immediately interested in it and he begged me to make him a set. I did so. Frank kept them locked up among his collection of chess freaks. I gave Ernie Johnson my special autographed copy of Marshall's 'Swindles.' I thought it would help him."

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The WISCONSIN CHESS LETTER says hundreds of youngsters will play in Milwaukee's All-City Junior Playground Chess Championship July 23 to 27. There will be 53 individual playground meets on those dates. Top players will go into 11 sectional meets to be held July 31, with finals to be played Aug. 2 at Merrill Park. Youngsters 17 or younger on July 1 eligible. Play is conducted in seven age groups for boys and three groups for girls, with a championship picked in each of the groups

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POETICA REGUM

PROBLEM DEPT EDITED BY FRANCIS J.C. DEBLASIO

(Kindly address all communications concerning this department with a self-address, stamped envelope for personal replies--to Francis J.C. DeBlasio, 358 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, 27, New York.)

Ye Problem Editor fondly and gratefully dedicates this month's Poetica Regum to his ever-lovelier spouse, Phyllis Nancy. On the first of this month he celebrated, with an orison, his eleventh Wedding Anniversary to this wonderful girl!

TOM SWEENEY IS OUR FIRST CHAMPION!

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas B. Sweeney, Jr., is the winner of the 1944 WVCA Solving Tourney--thus becoming our first Problem Solving Champion. Congratulations, Tom--may you do as well in the 1945 Tourney!

Arthur Brenneman upset the apple-cart at the very last minute by finding that No.28 has no solution. The intended key (1 Bb2) is cooked by 1...Re6! Congratulations, Art! Your alertness is rewarded--the cook puts you in second place, bringing you in just ahead of Bob Crean. Sorry, Bob, better luck next time; you win Honorable Mention for third.

SOLVERS' LADDER (INCLUDING APRIL 10 PROBLEMS)

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas B. Sweeney, Jr., 31; Arthur Brenneman, 28; Robert Crean, 27; Gene Collett, 17; John F. Hurt, Jr., 8; Richard Brenneman, 8; Robert Dexheimer, 3; Dr. Ernest Wolff, 3; Jesse S. Church, 1. (Note: All these scores have been figured on the old point system--the new System and the new Ladder go into effect with Problem No. 31.)

KEYS TO MAY 10 PROBLEMS

No. 31, 1 Be3. No. 32, 1 QxPd4 (cook: 1 Sc7ch). No. 33, 1 Rg4. Warning: Solvers should always be on the lookout for cooks. Ye Problem Editor is only mortal and try as he may many a cook will creep in.

The new problems: No. 37 is composed by a septuagenarian who became a problemist only three years ago! It is dedicated by Eric M. Hassberg, Problem Editor of Chess Correspondent. No. 38 is a pretty problem from abroad. No. 39 is a simple version of an old theme. It is published in despair--come, ye composers--how about some 3-movers--the need is dire!

No. 37-ORIGINAL
 OTTO OPPENHEIMER, NEW YORK
 DEDICATED TO
 ERIC M. HASSBERG

		R	R				
		S	S				
				R	Q	P	
	P	P		K			S
				P			
				K			B

MATE IN 2

6+8=14

No. 38-ORIGINAL
 C.S. KIPPING
 WEDNESBURY, ENGLAND

						B	S
		P		P			P
			P		K		P
	R				R		
				B			P
	K	B		Q	P		Q
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MATE IN 2

17+8=20

No. 39-ORIGINAL
 FRANCIS J.C. DEBLASIO

	R	P					
		P		B			
				B			
	P	R					P
	K						K

MATE IN 3

5+5=10

TYPES OF CHESS PROBLEMS

There are many types of chess problems. Some of the more common are:

The Direct Mate: White plays first and mates Black in a stipulated number of moves. Nos. 37, 38 and 39 on Page 13 are good examples.

The Self-mate or Sui-mate: A variant of the direct mate in which White compels Black to mate. 8-8-8-3Slk1K-7p-4R3-6Pl-7r is a "self-mate in one." Its solution is 1 Pg4ch PxP e.p. mate.

The Help-mate: Black plays first and helps White to mate in a stipulated number of moves. 1B6-7K-4k3-R3P3-6pl-8-8-Q3R3 is a "help-mate in one." Its solution is 1...Kf5, 2 Pe6 mate.

The Self-help-mate: A variant of the help-mate in which Black helps White to self-mate. q7-8-8-8-8-8-3k4-6Kl is a "self-help-mate in two." Its solution is 1 Ke3 Kf1, 2 Qhl mate!

The Conditional Problem: A problem which has to be solved with certain conditions or restrictions. For example, r3k3-blk5-8-8-b7-4r3-8-8 is a "maxi-self-mate in one." Its solution is 1 Kd6 0-0-0 mate! You may have guessed it--in a maxi-mate, Black must make the geometrically longest move legally possible at all times. 0-0-0 is the longest move Black can make in the example given; the K moves two squares and the R three--combined, they move five squares along the rank. Note: Castling is allowed in a problem; an exception will be given in the near future.

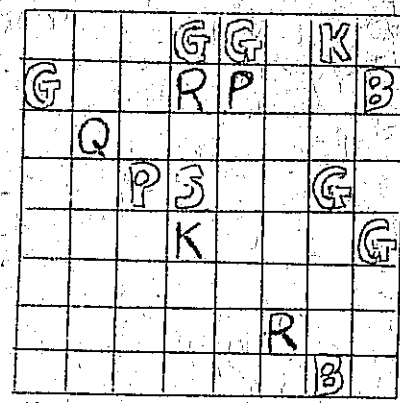
The Fairy Problem: A problem in which one or more "imaginary" pieces are used. Diagram A is an instructive example of a "help-mate in one" Fairy problem which uses White Grasshoppers (G). The G can move to (or capture an enemy piece on) a square directly beyond (over) the nearest piece (friend or foe) on its rank, file or diagonal. Thus, in A, the Grasshopper at e8 controls c6, c8, e6, h8. The solution is 1...Pe5, 2 G(e8)h8 mate. The mate is shown in Diagram B.

Amusing and Instructive Questions: In Diagram B, why is the (1) Q pinned? (2) Rd7 pinned? (3) Kp pinned? (4) K in check? (5) K not able to capture P, nor S, nor move to c4? After the key in A, why can't White mate by (6) Gd6? (7) G(e8)e4? (8) G(h4) n8 or f6?

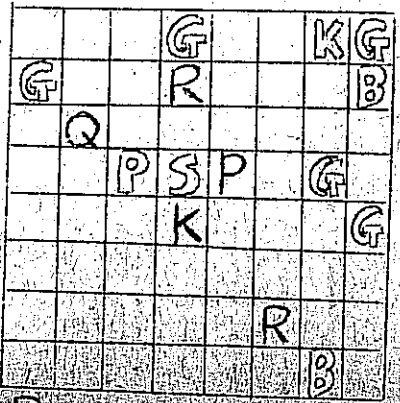
Special: Solvers can earn up to 13 additional points on the Ladder by answering the above questions! Deadline for all solutions: September 10.

Warning: The Chess Problem should not be confused with the endgame study, which is, theoretically, a position arrived at in a game of chess in which White (or Black) wins or draws--if play is correct. The problem, on the other hand, shows a chessic concept in an artistic or poetic form; there is no contest, each and every piece and move has been prearranged and accounted for.

Direct mate problems have rather complex compositions and themes--for which reason their discussion will be postponed until later.



A 10+5=15



B 10+5=15