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MORGANTOWN JAYCEES SPONSOR MEET PUT STATE TITLE TROPHY INTO PLAY

The Morgantown Junior Chamber of Commerce has voted to join with the Morgantown Chess Club in sponsoring the Seventh Annual State Chess Tournament Saturday to Monday, Sept. 1-3, at Morgantown.

The Jaycees have donated a trophy cup, suitably engraved, to be awarded to the tourney winner each year and to become the permanent possession of any player winning it three times in succession. This is rather tough on our present two-time champion, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, who, had the cup been offered two years ago, would now be in a position to take a shot at retiring it. Oh, well, the way Ziggy has been playing, it will be only a matter of three more years until it does it, anyway.

IT'S THE FIRST WEST VIRGINIA TROPHY CUP

This will be the first time a trophy cup has ever been offered for the State Championship; the first award of any kind, in fact, other than cash, aside from the placque presented to Walt Crede in 1941. The members of the Association certainly appreciate the generosity of the Jaycees in putting this cup in play; it will serve to advertise, at least for three years, probably more, the fine spirit of this aggressive organization of young Morgantown business men.

William Schaeffer, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, writes that there will be surely 10, probably 11, maybe more entries, from Monongalia and Preston counties. Bill writes one of our expected participants, Dr. J. Paul Bawner, won't be with us; he has gone to Europe to teach G. I.'s. "But," adds Bill, "Dr. Weiser, of the University Music School, who is a good player, is nearly finished with a book he is writing. He's playing with us now and likely will enter the meet."

IN THE MARINE ROOM AT THE MORGAN HOTEL

The event will be held in the Marine Room at the Morgan Hotel.

"Mr. Joe Evans, manager of the hotel, is very cooperative and offered us, free of charge, the facilities of the hotel, including the use of the Marine Room and hotel equipment needed," writes John A. Hargesty, a member of the Arrangements Committee. "Mr. Evans cautioned me that the hotel would be without dining-room service over that weekend. This I regret very much, as the hotel dining-room services are, in my opinion, of the best. However, there are good available restaurants we can use."

"I am listing below the various room rates available at the Morgan. Mr. Evans stated that the Labor Day week-end was not usually a heavy one, that there would most likely be available space. However, I feel that it is important that all who desire reservations should make them as far in advance as is possible. I would be only too glad to arrange for reservations for those who want them."

Member Hardesty's address is 421 Beverly Avenue, Morgantown.

The rates listed are: Double beds, with bath--Single, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.30 and \$3.50; double, \$4.40, \$4.75, \$5.00 and \$5.50. Double beds, running water, no bath--Single, \$2.20; double, \$3.30. Twins, with bath, \$5.00 and \$6.60. Single and double beds, with bath--Double, \$5.50; for three persons, \$7.00.

Final registration of players for the tourney will be received at 1 p. m. Saturday and play will begin at 2 p. m. Saturday, with a second round at 7 o'clock that night. The Sunday and Monday schedules are to be arranged after the number of players and necessary number of contests are determined.

It seemed for a time we might have George Koltanowski as a guest at our meeting and, while it is still a possibility, it is somewhat remote. Koltan considered it for a time, but decided finally the distance too great for him to make the week-end jump. Maybe another year, he said.

Serving on the Arrangements Committee with Schaeffer and Hardesty are Francis Price, Prof. Victor Lemke, Ben Evans and Milford Mott.

That's all that's new, except that this won't be our long-talked-about Victory Tournament. We'll have that next year after all our soldiers and sailors get home. So--a V Tourney for 1946! Then, once again, we'll see names like Foy, Hurt, Ford, Devericks, Manahan, Whitman and others in the lists!

BYLAND FIFTH IN USCF OPEN

Our congratulations to Member Bill Byland of Pittsburgh--who also is president of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation, editor of its Bulletin and Pittsburgh City Champion--on his tie for fifth place in the USCF National Open held last month in Peoria, Ill. There were some very tough babies out there and Bill's score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ is not to be too lightly regarded. We suspect, maybe, Bill also is slightly on the tough side. Here are the final scores:

A. E. Santasiere, New York, $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; F. S. Anderson, St. Louis, 7-4; Al Sandrin, Chicago, $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; E. Michelsen, Chicago, 6-5; W. M. Byland, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; M. Finkelstein, New York, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; R. Johnson, Washington, D. C., $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; E. Davidson, Chicago, 5-6; R. Konkel, Minnesota, 5-6; B. Rozsa, Iowa, 5-6; C. Rasis, New Jersey, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$; L. W. Stephens, New York, 1-10.

U.S.C.F. FAILS TO ACT ON MAGAZINE IDEA

Byland reports, and I have the same information in a letter from Montgomery Major, of Oak Park, Ill., editor of the USCF Yearbook, that directors of the USCF failed to take any action at the Peoria meeting on a monthly magazine to serve the needs of chess players of the U. S.

"The magazine idea was not brought up in directors' meeting," says

Bill, himself a director.

"I discussed the magazine idea with several directors," says Major. "I am sorry to say the opinion was unanimous that it was an intriguing idea--but one that would have to be postponed until several other more pressing matters were properly disposed of. That, of course, is my opinion, also."

USCF OPEN IN PITTSBURGH IN 1946?

Don't be surprised if we announce next month that Pittsburgh has been selected as the site of the USCF's 1946 Open. Both En Passant, the Pittsburgh Downtown Y club paper, and the Cleveland Area Chess Bulletin hint at it. "You may rest assured we will do our best to bring it here," says En Passant. "Next year's USCF Open Tournament is expected to go to Pittsburgh," says the CACB. This would be right nextdoor to our West Virginia players and likely would result in Dr. Werthammer and others taking part. More power to the idea!

The Cleveland Bulletin says also that Hal Heisey of Springfield was in the Open and finished first in his section. That right, Hal?

RESHEVSKY WINS PAN-AMERICAN

We haven't seen the final scores yet but an Associated Press story reports that Samuel Reshevsky of Boston, four times U.S. champion, won the 16-day Pan-American Chess Congress Tournament, which ended Aug. 12 in Los Angeles. He cinched the victory on Aug. 11 by defeating Dr. Alfredo Brodermann, Havana. Second and third places were being decided by last-round games, with Reuben Fine, of Washington, D. C., I. A. Horowitz, New York, and Herman Pilnik, Buenos Aires, still in the running. Thirteen North and South American masters participated.

WEAVER ADAMS FIRST AT VENTNOR CITY

The Washington Divan News reports that Weaver W. Adams, Deadham, Mass., won the Ventnor City (N. J.) Invitation Tournament, the first time he has taken first prize in a meet outside New England. Scores:

Adams, 7-2; A. E. Santasiere, New York, 6-3; E. S. Jackson, New York (the U.S. Amateur Champion), 5-4; B. Keltz, Philadelphia, 5-4; M. Green, New York, 4½-4½; A. Regen, Philadelphia, 4½-4½; M. C. Stark, Washington, D. C., 4½-4½; R. Byrne, New York, 4-5; W. Suesman, Providence, R. I., 2½-6½; Harry Yanofsky, Winnipeg, Canada, 1-8.

BIG LABOR DAY WEEK-END

Not only will West Virginia hold its state meet the Labor Day week-end but so also will Ohio--at the Central Y.M.C.A. in Cleveland--and Pennsylvania--at the Hotel Sylvania in Philadelphia. Also getting under way Sept. 1 is the four-day 10-board radio match between the U. S. and Russia. The American team will be headed by Arnold Denker, Samuel Reshevsky and Reuben Fine; the Russian team by Mikhail Botvinnik (who at last reports was leading in the All-Soviet Union Tourney), Vasily Smyslov and Isaac Boleslavsky.

CORRECTION: In our last issue, we listed the subscription rate of the Washington Divan News, N. P. Wigginton's fine paper, at \$1 a year. It should have been \$1.50. We regret the error.

BIRTHDAY: We were happy to be a guest Aug. 11 at a birthday party for Member Lytron A. Scholpp of Pittsburgh. Scholpp has given up his position at Akron and is working in Pittsburgh; his post as editor of the Chesker Weekly is now filled by E. A. Young of Akron.

POETICA REGUM

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SOLVING TOURNEY OPENED

Our ambition is to make this Problem Department the best in the country, with something of interest for all classes of solvers--beginners, experts, composers and end-game enthusiasts. As a first step toward this goal, we have made the WVCA Annual Solving Tourney an open competition. This is being done with the unanimous consent of the present active solvers. Now all solvers--from the four corners of the earth--who become members of the WVCA can compete for the trophy.

This trophy--a cup which will be described in the near future--will be retired by the person who first wins it three successive times. Lt. Cmdr. Thomas B. Sweeney, Jr., is its present holder (although he has not as yet received it!)

No. 40 Original
Barney M. Marshall
Shreveport, La.

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

Mate in 2 7+5=12

No. 41 Original
E. J. Eddy
Bristol, England

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

Mate in 2 6+6=12

No. 42 Original
Nathan Rubens
Brooklyn, N. Y.

K			Q		
	B				
S					
	P		P		
K	B				

Mate in 3 6+2=8

THE NEW SOLVERS' LADDER (STARTING WITH THE MAY 10 PROBLEMS)

Gene Collett, Bertrand Mulligan, Victor Shortino, Thomas Sweeney, 8 each; Arthur Brenneman, Robert Crean, 6 each.

SOLUTIONS TO JUNE 10 PROBLEMS

No. 34: 1 Qd2. No. 35: 1 Se8. No. 36: 1 Sa3 K any, 2 Sc4ch, etc. See next page for Problems A, B and C.

TRIES, KEYS AND COOKS

This is an extension of the "Simple Terms" given in the June issue (for those who still have trouble with the terms):

Key. This is the first move, intended by the composer, which solves a problem.

Try. This is a first move which seems to, but actually does not, solve a problem. Upon closer observation, it is seen that this only apparent key is defeated by one or more particular defenses. When a try is defeated by only one defense, it is called a close try.

Cook. This is a first move, other than the one intended by the composer, which solves a problem. When the intended key of a problem is defeated by some particular defense which was unforseen and therefore unprovided for by the composer, the

problem has no solution. This is a second type of cook; it is equivalent to the former in the sense that the problem having it is solved by no first move!

A few illustrations should make these points clear:

(a) In the July 10 issue, the intended key (1 Bb2) in No. 28 was spoken of as being "cooked" by 1...Re6. This should have read "defeated" instead of "cooked". It is technically correct, however, to say that the problem was cooked by a no solution.

(b) The key of 3BB3-pP6-prS1S2s-1k6-ppqPK2-bb1Q1p2-2R5-2r5 (No. 32 in the May 10 issue) is 1 QxP(d4). Its cook (not second key) is 1 Sc7ch. Its composer offers the following revised version: 4BB2-1pP3s1-1prS1S2-2k5-1plqPK1-sP2Q1pl-2vR4-b1Rr4; key, 1 QxP(e4). Remember that a sound problem can have but one key, at all times, unless its composer states otherwise.

(c) The key of 4BQ2-b7-S3s3-2q5-3BR3-ks5R-b7-3S2K1 (No. 31 in the May 10 issue) is 1 Be3. Its close tries are 1 Bf2, 1 Sb2, 1 QxQch and 1 BxQch, because the only defenses which defeat (not cook) them are 1 S(e6)d4, 1 Bb1, 1 BxQ and 1 BxBch, respectively. Its tries, 1 Khl and R(either)e3, are not close because they can all be defeated by 1 Bbl and 1 B(e6)xB.

APOLOGIES TO MR. OPPENHEIMER

In Otto Oppenheimer's No. 37 last month, dedicated to Eric M. Hassberg, we inadvertently gave the composer's address as New York, whereas, as we well know he lives at Irvington, N. J. It was really a delicate compliment, feeling the way we do about our state, though likely Mr. Oppenheimer has similar leanings toward New Jersey.

PROBLEMS IN "ART IN ART"

In the article, "Art in Art" (June 10), the following three problems were given:

- A: QR5B-s7-8-8-1S6-3P4-p4K2-1kq4R.
 B: Q3Rb2-4qlpl-6pl-4Plpl-1S1pSkPl-5B2-1B4K1-8.
 C: 7k-3SbK2-R4p2-6S1-9-8-8-R3r3.

A has a cook which is eliminated by shifting the R from b8 to b6. B has a cook which is eliminated by shifting the Q from a8 to c8.

The answers sent in to the questions on these problems are so incomplete and/or inaccurate that some more questions on them are given below--so that the solvers may get another crack at them:

1. What is the cook in A? B?
2. What is the key of A (revised)? B (revised)? C?
3. What are the close tries in each?
4. What defense defeats each close try in each?

Note: These questions are put to the solvers primarily to familiarize them with the meaning of a try, a key, a cook. Therefore, no attempt should be made to answer them until the section, "Tries, Keys and Cooks," above, is studied very carefully. Otherwise, a misunderstanding--as to what constitutes a try, key or cook--may lead to a wrong answer. For instance, in A, 1 RxQch KxR is not a try at all because after Black's defense--which is the only move possible and forced, at that--there is no mate!

Solvers will get one point credit on the Solving Ladder for each correct answer they send in. Remember, deadline for all answers to problems and questions in this issue: October 10.

BIRTHDAY PROFILES

(Here begins the second year of Birthday Profiles. Members given brief up-to-dating notices are those whose stories have been carried during the first year. Profiles next month will cover birthdays from Sept. 15 to Oct. 14. If this hits yours-- please send material to the Editor at once. Have you returned your questionnaire?)

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AUGUST 23--G. VINCENT SCOFIELD--Joined WVCA 1943-44 year. Address: 1112 Highland Road, Edgewood, Charleston 2, W. Va.

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AUGUST 28--M. F. "HAP" ALLISON--Joined WVCA 1942-43 year. Clarksburg City Champion. Address: Route 3, Box 175-A, Clarksburg, W. Va.

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AUGUST 30--WALT CREDE--Charter member WVCA. West Virginia State Champion, 1941. Edited Problem Department in the West Virginia Chess Bulletin July to December, 1944. Address: In care of Crede's Book Store, 118½ Washington Street W., Charleston, W. Va.

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SEPTEMBER 5--CAPT. B. W. DEVERICKS--Charter member WVCA. Clarksburg City Champion 1933 to 1940. Address: Supply Division, Post Headquarters, Fort Knox, Ky.

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SEPTEMBER 8 ~ LEE ROGERS

Lee Rogers is one of the rapidly-improving players from Clarksburg and one from whom we'll be hearing lots when he gets a little more experience.

Lee was born September 8, 1910, at Buckhannon, W. Va., and learned chess when he was 15 by playing with his father. However, he did not play much between 1925 and 1941 when he became interested in the Knight Club at Clarksburg. The Knight Club was composed of chess players who worked at night and could not attend the evening sessions of the Clarksburg Chess Club. It was a small group but held regular, enthusiastic sessions, with some good chess played.

For about two years (1943-5), Lee worked at two jobs. Recently, he gave up his night position and now works only as production engineer for the Tolley Engineering Company at Clarksburg.

"I'm hoping to get caught up on my chess playing now," writes Lee. "Some of the old members of the Clarksburg Chess Club are back in town and we hope to get the club started back to its former prominence."

Lee is married and has two daughters, Sandra, 10, and Mary Cecil, 8. He reads Chess Review and has a library of 10 chess books, among which his favorite is Tarasch's "The Game of Chess." He is now playing about 15 correspondence games.

One of the bright spots in your Editor's chessic memory is a day in 1942--Nov. 4 to be exact--when Lee Rogers and his missus entertained George Koltanowski and the Knight Club at chess and a swell chicken dinner. Kolti shows us how to play chess with dice, gave us some grand trick problems, argued openings with us, discussed European politics and even tried to explain cubic chess to us. (He did explain it in fact; it's not his fault if we were too dense to understand it!)

Rogers joined the WVCA in the 1942-43 year.

(Address: 611 Joseph Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia.)

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

Les Rogers, Clarksburg (July 20): "Ray Griffin called me the night Bill Schaeffer and his crowd came over from Morgantown. I had one excellent game with Milford Mott, even if I did lose....I enjoy the Bulletins very much and look forward to seeing you at the State Tournament at Morgantown."

J. Bertrand Mulligan, Floral Park, N. Y. (July 21): "With regard to the discussion on chess problems in the July 10 Bulletin, I would like to tell Mr. Griffin how chess problems helped save my sanity (I hope!). When my son was gravely injured, my wife and I immediately went south to the hospital at Atlanta. My wife stayed there all winter (1943-44); I had to come back and live alone. Floral Park is a small suburb of New York City. My boy had been a star high school athlete and very popular. As a result my phone kept ringing and I had to keep going over the morbid details. Finally, I had the phone disconnected--and became a hermit. After work, I came home and did chess problems until I was mentally exhausted. Then I could get a good night's sleep! Otherwise, I would have worried and tossed all night. I am fond of company (as witness my membership in the Marshall Chess Club!) but there are times when one wishes to be alone, and yet to be entertained...I think the chess problem, requiring the utmost concentration, solves the difficulty for anyone with a restless mind. Incidentally, I joined the WVCA in order to be able to add Mr. DeBlasio's department to my already large, carefully catalogued collection of chess problems. It's a good hobby. After all, Roosevelt saved postage stamps!"

Rev. Wm. Erhard, Clarksburg (July 19): "I am moving to Wheeling the first of the month to become pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. Consequently, I am very busy, and since my new pastorate will require my presence in Wheeling over the Labor Day, I will not be able to play in the State Tournament this year. Sorry."

J. C. Thompson, Dallas, Tex. (July 25): "Your West Virginia Chess Bulletin is the best I've seen ever--and I've seen several! I have suggested to Mr. Elbert Wagner, Jr., president of the USCF, that the USCF abandon its Yearbook and publish a bulletin similar to yours. Far more interest would be stimulated, I'm confident."

(Note: For support in our campaign to persuade the USCF it needs a magazine of its own, we give thanks to Member Thompson; also for the kind words he says about the WVCA. His words bear weight as he is a USCF director, is a blindfold and simultaneous player of note, was three times Southwestern Texas champion and eight times Dallas titlist, edited chess columns in the Dallas papers from 1936 to 1942 (when the war got them), is president of the Texas Chess Association and the Dallas Y Club, and was one of the promoters who took the USCF Open Championship to Dallas in 1940 and 1942...So far, the drive for the USCF magazine has had no official results, but some five or 10 USCF directors have pledged their aid in putting the project across, and we hope to be able to increase this group to a majority of the directorate in the coming year. Will Officers Paul Giers and Elbert Wagner please take notice? We might say, incidentally, to our own WVCA members that we need more memberships in this state in order to make our voice increasingly heard on this and other important matters affecting United States chess. If you are not a member already, please send your \$1 at once to Paul Giers, Secretary, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, N. Y.)

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas B. Sweeney, Patuxent, Md. (July 20): "Glad to see a mention of my good friend, John Malone, in the last issue. Do you know him? I've played correspondence chess with him, and really first got him interested...I am Pacific bound in three weeks. Au revoir."

NEW MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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WVCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT -- JULY 6 TO AUG. 5, 1945

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Bal. on hand July 6 (see Bull. 35)			33.46
Receipts: Memberships -- Shortino, Scholpp, Pinkus	3.00		36.46
Expenses: Bull. 35 (126 copies 14 pp.) mimeo 3.68, postage 2.30; moistener set to affix labels .25; mimeo stencil cement, .25; 150 envelopes for mail- ing Yearbooks, 1.50; postage, correspondence, 1.45		9.43	27.03

VOICE OF THE MEMBERS (cont'd from preceding page)

(Note: We dropped in to see John Malone; presented him, at Tom's request, a copy of the July Bulletin, and had a nice chat about the game. He's a friendly person and it was nice meeting him.)

Edward I. Treend, Detroit (July 31): "I have sent one of the Ladder Tournament articles (see Yellow Section, WVCA 1944 Yearbook) to Paul Giers for the U.S.C.F. Club Bulletin."

Robert Apgar, Charleston (July 31): "My correspondence system is the Gilcher Recording System. Those playing by correspondence should investigate it, as it is the equivalent of having a board always before you. It is sold by Collingwood Sales Co., 1700 Burlingame Avenue, Detroit 6, Mich. I started in Class C in correspondence chess three years ago, and am in Class A now."

Dr. Albrecht Buschke, New York (July 19): "I have not been able to put together the list of chess columns I have promised you. After having seen your really marvellous listing of the local chess magazines existing in the U. S., I believe it will even further aid chess if I try to add similar details about the different chess columns now in existence. I hope to get to make this list in the near future."

Johnny Hurt, aboard the "Samar" (July 4): "A man named Schwartz on my ship is an experienced chesser, played 30 years, got a draw once from Alekhine in a simultaneous. So far, am winning from him, 3 to 1. Didn't expect to find anyone who could play decently on board. Hope I will see you under two years. Keep things going. Give my regards to all the fellows."

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