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RAY GRIFFIN NAMED WVCA PRESIDENT; JOHNNY HURT WINS SAMAR TOURNEY

Former State Champion Johnny Hurt, now an RT 2/C with the Navy and anchored at Saipan (as of Sept. 10), has just won the chess championship of the U.S.S. Samar, scoring 16-0 in a nine man double round-robin meet.

The final standings: Hurt 16-0, Miller and Schulz $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, Ransom 11-5, Casselman and Staabs 6-10, Summers $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$, Mattison $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$, Wainwright 2-14.

"Eight petty officers and a lieutenant took part," writes Johnny. "There was much interest and a writeup appeared every morning in the ship-paper.... I trust the Association is going strong, and hope I'll get to see you in another six months."

A clipping from the ship-paper was inclosed with the letter. It gives the standings up to date and discusses the play of the previous day, including the amusing comment:

"It took two days for Ransom to finally surrender a game to Hurt... Tuesday was used for the much needed rest. Much interest is being shown by other crew members and seats may be reserved for Sunday's finals. (Bring your lunch.)"

Johnny incloses four of his games against his top opponents. They are replete with brilliant play, and tho the opposition doubtless is not the strongest in the world, there is room to believe Johnny is now playing even better chess than when he won the West Virginia title. So youse guys--beware!!!

The games, with brief comments by Johnny himself, will be found on pages 13 and 14 of this issue.

Ray H. Griffin of Clarksburg has been elected as the new president of the West Virginia Chess Association, succeeding A. W. Paull of Wheeling, who, under a restriction he himself imposed, was not eligible for reelection. Brother Paull has been a faithful backer of the Association and members owe him many thanks for his fine support of WVCA work.

A total of 22 ballots was cast, an extremely poor showing with 84 members eligible to participate in the voting. There is a possibility more ballots will yet be received from soldiers and sailors stationed at distant points. If so, they will be counted. Meanwhile, here are the tentative results:

PRESIDENT: Ray Griffin 7, Dr. Siegfried Worthammer and Harold W. Liggett 3 each, Milford Mott 2, Robert Crean and William Schaeffer 1 each. Griffin elected.

SECRETARY-TREASURER: Gene Collett 15, Robert Crean 2, Mrs. Toni Grimm 1. Collett elected.

DIRECTORS:

At large (3 to be named): A. W. Paull 5, Gene Collett 3, the Rev. William M. Erhard 2, Edward Foy, J. P. Altmeyer, Albert Pinkus, William Byland and Judge H. M. Russell 1 each. Collett ineligible because of election to another office. Paull and Erhard elected. Runoff election necessary to decide third place.

Kanawha County (3 to be named): Richard Grimm 3, Walt Crede 2, Harold W. Liggett, William Hartling, Robert Crean and Mrs. Toni Grimm 1 each. Grimm and Crede (Turn to the next page)

elected. Runoff election necessary for third place.

Cabell County (1 to be named): Dr. Siegfried Werthammer and Rudd T. Neel 1 each. No election. Runoff necessary.

Harrison County (1 to be named): Griffin 2, William Challinor 1. Griffin ineligible because of election as president. Challinor elected.

Monongalia County (1 to be named): Dr. C. C. Spiker 3, William Schaeffer 1. Dr. Spiker elected.

Preston County (1 to be named): Milford Mott 3, Joseph Rehak 1. Mott elected.

A few days grace will be allowed because of possible arrival of ballots from soldiers and sailors. Then runoff ballots will be mailed out to break the three ties for directorships.

Congratulations to all the officers! May 1945-46 be our biggest year!

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Ray H. Griffin, Clarksburg, Oct. 3: "Re the election, I have just one objection to the result: I think the president of a state chess association should be somebody who knows how to play chess. This outcome doesn't accord with the fitness of things!"

NOTHING DEFINITE ON TRI-STATE MEET YET

Arrangements are still incomplete for the proposed Tri-State Meet (Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia) in which two top players from each state would participate. West Virginia and Pennsylvania have proposed a meet over the Armistice Day week-end (Nov. 9-11) at Pittsburgh but Ohio has not yet decided. As the date may be fixed before the next Bulletin appears, contestants will be promptly notified by mail. Others who may wish to attend and would like notification will kindly drop a card to Gene Wollett, 125 Meritt Ave., Pittsburgh 10, Pa.

PITTSBURGH TO GET U.S.C.F. OPEN IN 1946

Member William M. Byland, Pittsburgh, tells us Pittsburgh has been definitely selected for the 1946 Open Tournament of the United States Chess Federation. Other arrangements remain to be made. (Are you a USCF member? If not, send your \$1 membership fee at once to USCF Secretary Paul G. Giers, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, N. Y.)

HOW TO PRONOUNCE "GIERS"

The surname of USCF Secy. Giers, we are reliably informed by WVCA Member L. A. Scholpp, Pittsburgh, is pronounced not jeers or jires or guyers--but gears--like the ones in automobiles. And if you need help also on Brother Scholpp's name, it is pronounced shulp. No extra charge for this special service; glad to be of help!

TOURNAMENT NEWS---MATCHES--ITEMS FROM OTHER CHESS PAPERS

Indianapolis, Ind., defeated Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 30 by a score of 7-6. Indiana and Wisconsin are now playing a 13-board correspondence match.--Indiana Chess News.

The Metropolitan Pittsburgh Chess Tournament got under way Oct. 9 and will be played in six sessions, ending on the 20th.--En Passant.

Leon Stolcenberg won the Michigan championship, his fifth conquest of the title, July 5 at Jackson. WVCA Member Edward I. Treend was elected president of the Michigan state association.--Edison Chess and Checker Club Communication, Detroit.

Carl Sandberg won the Lansing, Mich., city championship, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. George Koltanowski plans to publish a book on blindfold chess soon. Detroit and Lansing have tentatively set Oct. 27 for an intercity match.--Lansing Chess Club Bulletin.

In case you're still interested, here are the final standings in the Pan-American Masters' Tourney July 27-Aug. 12 at Los Angeles: S.J. Reshevsky $10\frac{1}{2}$, R. Fine 9, H. Pilnik $8\frac{1}{2}$, I.A. Horowitz 8, I.A. Kashdan 7, H. Rossetto $6\frac{1}{2}$, W.W. Adams and H. Steiner $5\frac{1}{2}$, Maj. J.J. Araiza and Dr. W.O. Cruz 5, Dr. J.A. Brodermann $3\frac{1}{2}$, Pfc. H. Seidman 3, J. Camarena 1.--Divan News, Washington.

WVCA Member L.A. Scholpp of Pittsburgh has been named first vice president and a regional director of the Ohio Chess Association. (Sounds a bit complicated, doesn't it?) A. R. Phillips, Cleveland, Ohio, is president. George Koltanowski has just had an article, "Chess is a Children's Game," published in Collier's Magazine. Ernie Slater won the Akron C&CC summer ladder tourney. The Akron City Tournament is now under way and likely will be completed about Oct. 15.--Firestone Chess & Checker Club Bulletin.

Minnesota defeated Wisconsin, 11-5, in an interstate team match, over the board, Sept. 23 at LaCrosse, Wis.--Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club News. (Our most abject apologies to Charles M. Hardinge for moving him to Milwaukee on page 12 of our last issue. As all know, Chuck edits the Minneapolis chess paper. If Milwaukee sues, we will throw our full support behind Chess Enthusiast Hardinge.)

Claire Neikind in Collier's for Sept. 22 has a very fine article with pictures about chess in Milwaukee. It is doubtful if anywhere else in America as much has been done to promote chess on the playgrounds and among school children.--Cleveland Area Chess Bulletin.

WE'RE TRIMMING OUR SAILS UNTIL THE WEATHER IMPROVES

With our typewriter busted and, we believe, not worth repairing, we are finding it a mess of inconvenience and lost time (and sleep) chasing about from place to place, using borrowed mills. Therefore, we're trying to clear up all unfinished business up to date in this issue and will limit future issues, if possible, to four pages until we get another machine. So far, we have been unable rent one, as well as unable to buy the kind of a machine we want. We trust members will bear with us during this emergency, and trust that all will come out right in the end.

SLEUTH AT WORK IN MARTINSBURG

Vacationing in Martinsburg, Bill Schaeffer of Morgantown did some sleuthing on reports that Reuben Fine was a native of that town. His detection resulted in the following item in the Martinsburg paper:

"Chess enthusiast here recently was checking on a possibility that one 'Reuben Fine' who has reached the top in chess in this country was the attorney Reuben Fine, formerly of this city, now of Washington.

"Inquiry among relatives here ended the hope. They said the confusion has often been reported; that both men live in Washington; that their mail is frequently confused. The Martinsburg man, long an attorney, plays chess a little, they said, but makes no pretense of being 'the' Reuben Fine.

"The Martinsburg man formerly practiced here, but has been in Washington professionally for some years now."

POETICA REGUM

PROBLEM PAGE EDITED
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OUR TOURNEY PROBLEMS

In order to keep our solvers up to date on what our composers are putting forth, generally, we will give their competitive results from time to time. The present batch is taken from the Bulletin of Awards in the 2- and 3-move Problem Composing Tourneys (1944-45) sponsored by the British Chess Federation and conducted by the British Chess Problem Society.

SOLUTION TO AUGUST PROBLEMS

No. 40: Qg3. No. 41: Kh7. No. 42: 1 Qh8 (a)...BxP, 2 Qh1ch, (b) L... B else, 2 Pb4ch. A: Rc8 (cook). B: Bclch (cook). A (revised): Key Bg1. Tries, Rc6, QxS, Qc6, Qd5, Sc2ch defeated by QxR, QxR, SxQ, Pq1(Q), KxS, respectively. B (revised): Key Qd8. Tries, RxQ, BxP, Qf5ch, Qc5 defeated by BxR, QxS, PxQ, QxQ, respectively. C: Key Se5. Tries, Sf8, Ra8ch defeated by BxS, Ba8, respectively.

I repeat: A move like RxQ+ (in A) 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! A White move is considered a try only when it gives Black a choice and, further, mate must ensue after some of Black's replies! Note: In the notation of the moves + stands for "check" just as x stands for "takes".

SOLVER'S LADDER (INCLUDING JULY SOLUTIONS)

Gene Collett, 33; Robert Crean, Bertrand Mulligan, Victor Shortino, Thomas Sweeney, 32 each; Arthur Brenneman, 28; Otto Oppenheimer (welcome to our happy family of solvers), 7.

Note: Our good friend and first composing instructor, P. L. Rothenberg (one of the foremost Fairy Problemists of our time), informs us that the BK can move to c4, in our Fairy sketch (A and B, July)--the instant the BK moves to c4 the control of the WG (at h4) shifts from c4 to b4! We have made this problem sound by adding a BP on c4. The fault being totally ours (through ignorance) we have given full credit for the queries but the solvers who have questioned this point have received extra credits.

STOPS AND PLUGS

In many problems cooks are eliminated by the addition of White and/or Black pawns--known as Stops and Plugs, respectively. Yet, Stops and Plugs should not be used unless all other means fail. In fact, if a cook can be cured by the mere shifting or rearranging of one or more pieces, the adjustment must be made by all means--economy is of paramount importance. For example: The cook in A could be eliminated by adding a Stop (SP) on c5 while the addition of a Stop on b7 and a Plug (BP) on b6 would cure the cook in B--but these means would have been not as economical as the ones used!

SOUNDNESS AND OBTRUSIVE PIECES

A problem must be a possible position in a game of chess--if the setting cannot be arrived at from an imaginary game of chess (however crazy, though legal, the moves might be) the problem is considered unsound and, thus, not acceptable. Furthermore, a promoted piece (known as obtrusive) is not tolerated, by rigid convention, in an orthodox problem--if the setting of the problem can be arrived at only by one or more pawn promotions the problem is not acceptable, either, unless it can be shown that all of the one or more obtrusive pieces could have been captured in the course of an imaginary game ending in the setting. In other words, the setting of an orthodox

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NO. 46. SECOND PRIZE
J. BUCHWALD, NEW YORK

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NO. 47. FIRST HON. MEN.
F.J.C. DEBLASIO, BROOKLYN

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MATE IN 2. 8+10=18

NO. 48. THIRD COMMEND
E.M. HASSBERG, BROOKLYN

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MATE IN 2. 10+14=24

NO. 49. FIFTH COMMEND.
F. GAMAGE, BROCKTON, MASS.

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MATE IN 2. 11+6=17

NO. 50. SEVENTH RECOMMEND.
F.J.C. DEBLASIO, BROOKLYN

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MATE IN 2. 9+12=21

NO. 51. THIRTEENTH RECOMMEND.
F. GAMAGE, BROCKTON, MASS.

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MATE IN 2. 8+8=16

NO. 52. SEVENTH COMMEND.
J. BUCHWALD, NEW YORK

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MATE IN 3. 10+10=20

NO. 53. FIRST RECOMMEND.
H.C. MOWRY, MALDEN, MASS.

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MATE IN 3. 13+11=24

NO. 54. SECOND RECOMMEND.
H.C. MOWRY, MALDEN, MASS.

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MATE IN 3. 8+8=16

TOURNAMENT HANGOVER

The following report of State Tourney finances was received from Director Harold W. Liggett, Charleston:

Receipts--4 Monongalia county fees at \$4.50, \$18; 13 out-of-county fees at \$2.50, \$32.50; 2 fees from out-of-county members with dues already paid at \$1.50, \$3; contribution from WVCA, 25¢; total receipts, \$53.75.

Expenditures--WVCA memberships remitted to the secretary-treasurer, \$17; tournament expense (stencils, mimeo paper, pencils, carbon paper), \$2; prize awards, \$34.75; total expenditures, \$53.75.

Prizes were awarded as follows: First place, \$10; second, \$7.50; third to sixth, \$3.75 each, total \$15; seventh, \$1; eighth to twelfth, 25¢ each, total \$1.25; total prize awards, \$34.75.

TOURNEY PLAYERS GET NEWSPAPER STORIES AND PICTURES

Bill Schaeffer of Morgantown generously used a portion of his prize money to buy and mail out to the out-of-town tournament players copies of the local newspapers which contained stories and pictures about the tourney. A thoughtful gesture, and one which we are sure all recipients appreciated.

At our suggestion, Bill also placed an order for reproduction of the pictures, which are found on page 7 of this Bulletin.

COMMENT ON THE TOURNAMENT

Cliff Mosier, Dunbar (Sept. 22): "Hal Liggett's winning the state title should be great boost to the sport, as Hal is one of those deceptive fellows who give us lesser fry the illusion that we are almost in his class. In fact, he gives even me the hope that some day I might be able to dope the water cooler and win the title myself!"

Hal Liggett, South Charleston (Sept. 11): "The atmosphere was good and the fellowship at the State Tourney the best yet. The Morgantown-Arthurdale bunch were tops!"

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington (Sept. 4): "I enjoyed the Tournament very much and we all should be proud of the growth of the WVCA as expressed in the well-planned and executed tournament. Liggett is a very popular champion and played very well."

LETTER FROM FRED CHEVALIER

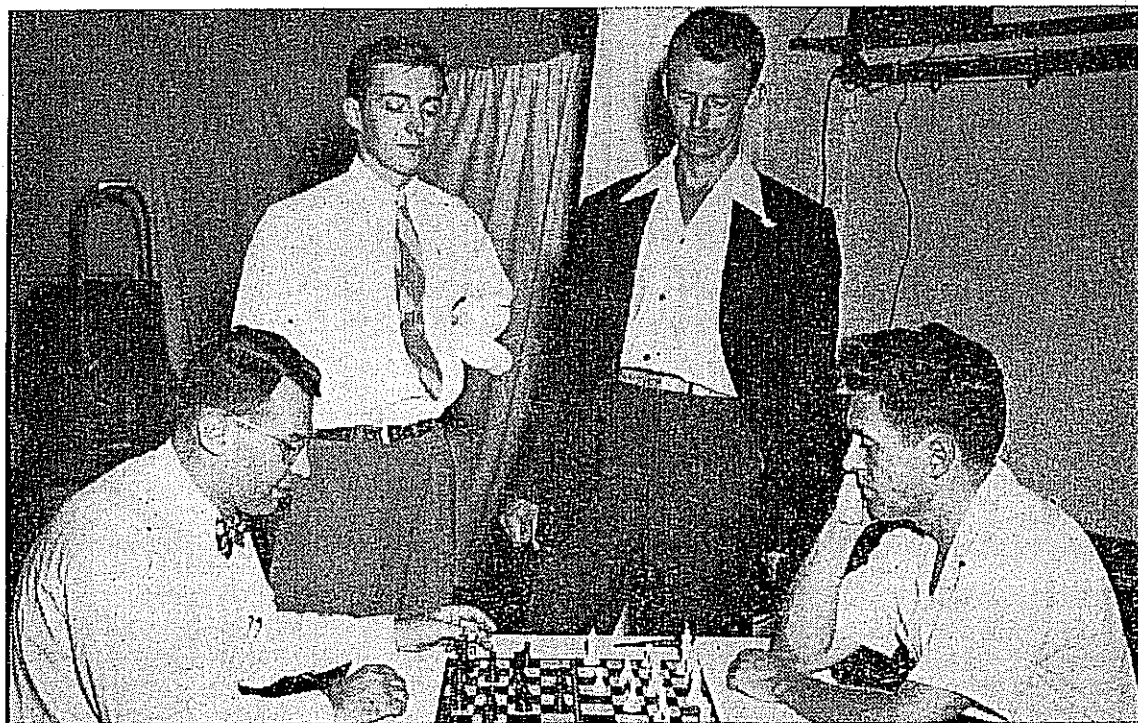
Fred Chevalier, editor of the Christian Science Monitor chess column, writes:

"Thank you for favoring me with your Bulletin and Yearbook. I enjoy them both, occasionally use a game or news item. I am glad you are helping give publicity to the game. Publicity is a real problem. I find it difficult to learn of happenings away from New York and Washington. Your Bulletin--and Indiana's and Cleveland's--help greatly. The radio matches show how the Soviets publicize. I must have received a dozen press releases. And yet at Ventnor, Hollywood, Peoria, Sarasota, important tournaments were played, and not one bit of first-hand news was sent me. Of course, in time, Chess Review will have the results, and possibly some games, but many of the Monitor readers do not see Chess Review, and I like to have news as fresh as possible

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—Morgantown Dominion-News
 WVCA 1945 Champion Harold W. Liggett, South Charleston, receives the Morgantown Junior Chamber of Commerce Trophy Cup and congratulations from 1943 and 1944 Champion Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington. Left to right, top: William F. Hartling, St. Albans, 1940 Champion; Werthammer; Liggett, and Gene Collett. Bottom: Bob Crean, Charleston; William Schaeffer and Dr. Victor J. Lemke, both of Morgantown.



—Morgantown Post
 Hal Liggett (right) and Bob Crean look on while Dr. Werthammer (left) and Prof. Lemke engage in a "skittles" game between regular matches of the seventh annual West Virginia Chess Tournament at Morgantown.

GAMES FROM THE W.VA. TOURNAMENT

RUY LOPEZ
(MORPHY DEFENSE)

WHITE: LEMKE
BLACK: GRIMM.
(NOTES BY KOLTANOWSKI)

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 B-N5 P-QR3
- 4 B-R4 N-B3
- 5 O-O NXP
- 6 P-Q4 P-QN4
- 7 R-N3 P-Q4
- 8 PXP B-K3
- 9 P-B3 B-K2
- 10 QN-Q2 N-B4

ALL HIGH CLASS, THEORETICAL STUFF. BOY, THE FELLOWS ARE SURE PLAYING THEORETICAL MASTER CHESS!

- 11 B-B2 N-Q2
- 12 R-K O-O
- 13 N-N3 P-QR4
- 14 N(N3)-Q4 NXN
- 15 NXN P-N5
- 16 N-B6 Q-K
- 17 PXP

B-K3 IS BETTER. THERE IS NO USE FREEING BLACK'S GAME. IF 17...R-R3?, 18 Q-Q3 WINS. OR IF 17...N-N3, 18 NXBCH QXN. 19 BXN PXB 20 P-KB4, WITH A STRONG GAME.

- 17... BXP
- 18 NXB PXN
- 19 P-KB4 P-KB3

P-KN3. 20 P-N4 P-KB4. 21 PXP E.P. LOSES.

- 20 P-B5 B-B2
- 21 P-K5 B-R4
- 22 P-N4

22 PXN BXQ, 23 PXQ(=Q) QRXQ, 24 RXB ALSO DID THE TRICK.

- 22 ... BXP
- 23 QXB N-K4
- 24 Q-N3 Q-R4
- 25 R-B Q-N5

HE'S LOST, SO IT IS BEST TO EXCHANGE Q'S TO STOP THE MATING THREAT.

- 26 QXQ NXQ
- 27 B-Q N-K4
- 28 B-N3 P-B3
- 29 B-Q2 KR-N
- 30 B-K3 R-N4
- 31 QR-Q

BETTER WAS KR-Q AND THEN QR-QB.

- 31 ... K-B
- 32 P-KR3 K-K2
- 33 R-B2 P-N3
- 34 B-B2?

CORRECT WAS 34 B-Q4 PXP, 35 BXN PXB, 36 RXP KXP, 37 R-R5 R-R2, 38 R-K P-K5, 39 RXPCH WINS.

- 34 ... RXP
- 35 PXP PXP
- 36 B-N3?

WHY THAT? SIMPLY 36 B-Q4 PROTECTS THE P ON N2 AND THREATENS TO WIN THE P ON N5. EXCHANGE OF N IS GOOD.

- 36 ... R-R
- 37 R-B2 KXP
- 38 B-KB4 K-Q3
- 39 BXNCH PXB
- 40 R-N2 R-KN
- 41 K-R2 R-QN2
- 42 R-N5 R-K2
- 43 R(Q)-KN R-K3

44 B-Q P-B4

THOSE BLACK GENTE P'S FORESHADOW TROUB AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO STOP THEM.

- 45 B-R5 P-B5
- 45 RXP R(1)XR
- 47 RXR RXR
- 48 BXR P-K5!
- 49 B-R5 P-B6
- 50 PXP PXP
- 51 B-Q P-Q5
- 52 K-N2 P-Q6
- 53 K-B2 P-B7
- 54 RESIGNS

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF "NEVER SAY DIE!"

FRENCH DEFENSE

WHITE: SCHAEFFER
BLACK: SPIKER

(NOTES BY KOLTANOWSKI)

- 1 P-K4 P-K3
- 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3 P-K5

RARELY PLAYED BUT QUITE CORRECT.

- 3 ... P-QB4
- 4 P-QB3 Q-N3
- 5 N-B3 N-K2

IMMEDIATELY N-QB3 AND EVENTUALLY P-KB3 IS PREFERABLE. THIS TO BREAK THE STRONG P FORMATION OF WHITE.

- 6 B-K2 N-B4
- 7 O-O N-B3

P-KR4 FIRST IS BETTER.

8 B-Q3

WHITE COULD HAVE PLAYED HERE 8 P-KN4 N(4)-K2, 9 N-QR3 P-KR4, 10 P-KR3 PLUS N-QB2.

8 ... PXP
9 BXN PXB
10 PXP B-K3
11 N-B3 R-B
12 N-QR4 Q-N4
13 N-B5

LOSES A P. BUT THEN N-QR4 WAS ALREADY A WASTED MOVE. POSSIBLY 13 B-K3 WAS BETTER.

13 ... BXN
14 PXB QXP
15 N-N5 NXP

WHY THIS SECOND P RIGHT NOW? SIMPLY 15 ... O-O, 16 Q-R5 P-KR3, 17 NXB PXN, 18 Q-N6 Q-K2, 19 BXR P NXP!, 20 Q-N3 N-B3, FOLLOWED BY P-K4 WITH A PERFECT GAME. THE TEXT MOVE COMPLICATES MATTERS.

15 R-K Q-Q3

THIS IS BAD AS IT ALLOWS A STRONG PIN. CORRECT WAS 15...N-N5, 17 NXB QXPCH, 18 K-R PXN, 19 RXPCH K-B2!, 20 R-K2 Q-B4, 21 Q-B (BEST) P-KN3 PLUS KR-K WITH AN EASY WIN.

17 B-B4 P-B3
18 NXB

THE CORRECT MOVE NOW IS 18 Q-Q4! IF PXP, 19 BXN Q-B3, 20 BXNP, AND WITH B'S OF DIFFERENT COLOR, WHITE HAS GOOD DRAW-

ING CHANCES. IF 18... R-B5, 17 BXN PXB, 20 QXKP! WINS.

18 ... QXN
19 Q-R4CH K-B2

MUCH SIMPLER IS 19...Q-B3, 20 QXQ PXQ, 21 BXN PXB, 22 RXP P-N3 WINS. WHITE'S BEST IS 20 QXRP O-O, 21 BXN PXB, 22 RXP P-KN3 AND R-K WITH AN EASY GAME WHICH THRU THE QP OFFERS SOME WINNING CHANCES.

20 QXP R-B2
21 P-QN3 R(1)-QB
22 Q-K3 R-K2
23 R-K2 P-KN4
24 BXN QXB
25 QXQ RXQ

HERE SIMPLY PXQ LEADS TO AN EASY WIN. THE P'S SHOULD ADVANCE EASILY.

25 K-B R(B)-K

WHY NOT P-B5? IF QR-K, K-K3, ETC.

27 R(R)-K RXR?
28 RXR RXR

FORGETS THE ELEMENTARY RULE IN THE END-GAME, THAT IN HAVING TWO P'S VS. ONE, WHITE HAS THE PULL, AND THE WHITE K CAN STOP THE QP. ON THE K-SJOD, BLACK HAS ONLY 3 (INSTEAD OF 4) P'S AGAINST 3. THUS, THE FARTHEST P (WHITE'S QRP) WINS!

29 KXR P-N4
30 P-QR4 PXP
31 PXP K-K2
32 K-Q3 K-Q2

33 K-Q4 K-B3
34 P-R5 K-N4
35 P-R6 KXP
36 KXP K-N4
37 K-K6 P-B5
38 P-B3 P-R4
39 KXP P-N5
40 K-B5 PXP
41 PXP K-B3
42 KXP K-Q4
43 K-N5 K-K4
44 P-R4 K-K3
45 KXP K-B2
46 K-N5 K-N2
47 P-R5 K-R2
48 P-B4 K-N2
49 P-B5 K-R2
50 K-B6 K-N
51 K-K7 RESIGNS

IT'S A SHAME TO LOSE SUCH AN EASILY WON GAME. BUT THEN CHESS SHOULD BE PLAYED WELL AS A WHOLE. THE ENDING IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OPENING. IT IS THRU LOSING GAMES OF THIS KIND THAT ONE REALLY LEARNS A LOT.



QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

WHITE: HARDESTY
BLACK: WISINSKI

(NOTES BY KOLTI)

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 N-QB3

NOT PLAYED SO OFTEN BUT QUITE GOOD.

2 ... N-KB3
3 B-B4

HERE, THO, B-N5 IS USUALLY PLAYED AND ON 3...P-K3, 4 P-K4 AND YOU HAVE A FRENCH DEFENSE VARIATION.

3... P-K3
 4 P-K3 B-N5
 5 P-QR3
 5 N-K2 N-K5, 6
 P-QR3 BXNOH, 7 NXB,
 NXN, 8 PXN ISSOME-
 WHAT BETTER AS THE
 PRESSURE ON K4 IS
 GONE, AND WHITE HAS
 THE CHOICE OF P-K4
 OR P-QB4.

5... B-R4

SURELY BXNOH IS
 INDICATED.

6 N-B3

WHY NOT SIMPLY
 P-QN4 PLUS B-Q3, N-B3,
 O-O AND P-K4? THE
 BLACK B IS OUT OF PLAY
 FOR SOME TIME AFTER
 P-QN4.

6... P-B3
 7 B-Q3 QN-Q2
 8 O-O N-R4
 9 P-QN4

A BIT LATE.

9... NXB
 10 PXN B-B2
 11 N-K5 N-B3
 12 N-K2

Q-B3,

TOO TAME. AR-K AND
 P-B5, AND IF BLACK
 CASTLES FIRST, THEN
 P-KN4.

12... B-Q2
 13 P-QB3

WHY THAT?

13... P-QN4
 14 N-N3

IF PLAYED FOR AT-
 TACK, THIS MOVE IS ALL
 RIGHT. OTHERWISE, A
 GOOD SQUARE WOULD BE

N-B FOLLOWED BY N-N3
 AND N-QB5!

14... P-QR4
 15 R-K O-O
 16 Q-B3

IMMEDIATELY P-B5
 IS NOW INDICATED. IF
 16... PXP, 17 N(3)XP,
 WITH STRONG PRESSURE.

16... B-N3
 17 N-R5 NXN
 18 QXN P-KB4
 19 Q-N5

P-KN4 IS BETTER.

19... QXQ
 20 PXP B-K
 21 QR-N? PXP
 22 RPXP R-R6
 23 KR-QB B-QB2
 24 P-KB4 BXN
 25 BPXB P-B5
 26 B-K2

K-B2 IS BY FAR
 BETTER. IF THEN B-N3,
 27 BXB PXB, 28 R-R!
 KR-R, 29 RXR RXR, 30
 K-B3! ETC. OR 26...
 B-R4, 27 R-R KR-R, 28
 RXR RXR, 29 P-KN3!
 R-R7CH, 30 R-B2 RXRCH,
 31 BXR PXPCH, 32 KXP,
 ETC.

26... B-N3
 27 R-R KR-R
 28 RXR RXR
 29 P-R4 B-K5
 30 K-B2 P-N3
 31 P-N3 PXPCH
 32 KXP K-N2
 33 B-B3 B-B4
 34 B-N4 BXB
 35 KXB P-R3
 36 P-R5

IF WHITE WANTED A
 DRAW HE DIDN'T HAVE
 TO DO ANYTHING, IT'S
 IMPOSSIBLE FOR BLACK

TO WIN IF HE CANNOT
 GET HIS K TO KB4 AND
 THAT HE CANNOT IF
 WHITE LEAVES HIS P OI
 R4. IF PXP, THEN PXP
 IF P-R4CH; K-B4, FOL-
 LOWED BY R-B2, ETC.
 IF BLACK R-R7, THEN
 K-N3. BUT WHITE STILL
 SHOULD NOT BE LOST.

36... PXRPOH
 37 KXP PXP
 38 KXP K-B2
 39 R-BCH K-K2
 40 R-B3 R-R3
 41 R-B3? R-N8CH
 42 K-R6 R-R3CH?

WHY NOT R-N6, WIN-
 NING THE BP? 42...
 R-N6, 43 R-N6 RXP, 44
 R-N7CH K-B, 45 R-N6
 R-RCH, 46 K-N5
 R-N6CH, 47 K-B6 RXR,
 48 KXR P-B4!, 49 QPXI
 P-Q5, 50 P-B6 K-K2,
 AND WINS BECAUSE
 BLACK CAN STOP THE BI
 BUT WHITE CANNOT STOP
 THE QP.

43 K-N7 R-N8CH
 44 R-N6 R-QB8
 45 R-N3 R-B7
 46 R-B3

BETTER IS K-N8 SO
 AS TO GET R-K7CH IN.

46... R-N7CH
 47 K-R6 R-K7CH
 48 K-N5 R-N7CH
 49 K-R4 R-N2
 50 R-B R-N7
 51 K-R5?

R-B3 IS AN EASY
 DRAW.

51... R-N6
 52 R-B K-B2
 53 R-BCH K-K2
 54 K-R4

A BLUNDER. R-B AND IT IS STILL A DRAW. OVER-TIREDNESS, THAT IS ALL. A PITY.

54 ... RXP
55 RESIGNS



THREE KNIGHTS GAME

WHITE: GRIFFIN
BLACK: WISINSKI

(NOTES BY KOLT I)

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 N-B3 P-Q3
- 4 R-N5 B-Q2
- 5 BXB

RATHER TAME RIGHT HERE. P-Q4 IMMEDIATELY IS BETTER.

- 5 ... BXB
- 6 P-Q4 PXP
- 7 NXP N-K2
- 8 NXB

THE GAME LOOKS LIKE A DRAW ALREADY. WHITE JUST HAS A SLIGHT PULL BECAUSE OF FREEDOM OF ACTION FOR HIS B.

- 8 ... NXN
- 9 O-O B-K2
- 10 R-K O-O
- 11 N-Q5 N-K4
- 12 B-B4

I PREFER IMMEDIATELY 12 P-KB4 N-N3, 13 P-KN3, ETC.

- 12 ... N-N3
- 13 NXBCH QXN
- 14 Q-Q2 QR-Q
- 15 B-N5

AN ORIGINAL METHOD OF COMPLICATING IT!

- 15 ... P-KB3
- 16 Q-Q5CH K-R
- 17 B-Q2 P-B3
- 18 Q-KR5 Q-K4
- 19 QXQ QPXQ
- 20 QR-Q K-N
- 21 B-K3 P-N3
- 22 R-Q2 RXR
- 23 BXR R-Q
- 24 B-B K-B2
- 25 K-B N-B5

THIS LEADS TO AN EASY DRAW.

- 26 BXB PXB
- 27 K-K2 K-K3
- 28 R-Q R-QB

WHY NOT SIMPLY 28 ... RXR, 29 KXR K-K4, 30 P-B3 K-Q5, WITH NO DIFFICULTIES?

- 29 K-B3 P-KN4
- 30 P-B4 P-KR4
- 31 P-KR3 K-K4
- 32 R-Q2

P-KN4 IS ALL RIGHT HERE.

- 32 ... P-N5CH

FORCES THE GAME A BIT TOO EARLY.

- 33 PXP PXPCH
- 34 KXP R-KNCH

KXP IS BAD, SINCE AFTER R-K2CH, K-Q6, R-Q6, WHITE SHOULD WIN.

- 35 K-B3 R-N2
- 36 P-QN4 R-K2
- 37 P-N5! R-QB2
- 38 PXP RXP
- 39 R-Q5CH K-K3
- 40 KXP RXP
- 41 R-Q2 P-N4
- 42 K-K3 P-N5
- 43 R-N2 P-R4
- 44 K-Q3 R-B5CH
- 45 K-Q2

K-Q4 WAS STRONGER, SO AS TO BRING THE K'S PAWNS INTO PLAY.

- 45 ... K-K4
- 46 P-B3 K-B5
- 47 R-B2 R-R6
- 48 K-B P-N6
- 49 PXP RXP
- 50 R-R2 R-N4
- 51 K-B2 R-N4
- 52 K-Q3 K-N6
- 53 K-K3 R-N4
- 54 K-Q3 P-B4!

THIS SIMPLIFIES MATTERS.

- 55 PXP RXP
- 56 K-K3 R-KN4
- 57 K-Q3 R-R4
- 58 K-K4 R-R5CH
- 59 K-K3 P-R5
- 60 K-Q3 R-QN5
- 61 K-B3 R-R5
- 62 K-Q3 R-QN5
- 63 K-B2 R-R5
- 64 K-Q3 R-QN5

DRAWN



RUY LOPEZ (EXCHANGE VARIATION)

WHITE: CREAN
BLACK: GRIMM

(NOTES BY KOLT I)

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 B-N5 P-QR3
- 4 BXB QPXB
- 5 N-B3

P-Q4 IS THE MOVE.

- 5 ... B-KN5
- 6 P-KR3 BXB
- 7 QXB Q-B3
- 8 Q-N3 P-R3
- 9 P-Q3 O-O-O
- 10 B-K3 B-Q3
- 11 N-K2 N-K2
- 12 Q-N4CH K-N

13 P-Q4 PXP
N-N3 IS ALSO GOOD.

14 BXP B-K4

14...B-N5ch, 15 P-B3 RXB, 15 NXR QXN, 17 PxB QXPch, 18 K-B QXNP IS AN IDEA WORTH CONSIDERING AS THE FREE P'S ON THE Q-SIDE CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS. WHAT DOES FRIEND GRIMM THINK? IF 14...B-N5ch, 15 B-B3, THEN BxB AND ALL'S WELL.

15 BxB QXB
15 P-QB3 N-N3
17 O-O KR-K
18 QR-Q

A COMBINATION THAT LOSES A P!

18 ... RXR
19 RXR QXKP
20 R-Q8ch K-R2
21 QXQ RXQ
22 K-B R-K2
23 P-KN3 N-K4
24 P-QN3 N-Q2
25 N-Q4 P-KN3
26 P-KN4 P-QB4
27 N-B3 N-B3
28 P-N5 PXP
29 NXP P-N4

N-Q2 WAS NECESSARY, PLUS P-KB3, ETC.

30 R-KB8 N-Q2
31 RXP RXR
32 NXR K-N3
33 P-KR4 P-QR4
34 P-KB4 P-R5
35 P-B4 PXP
36 RXP PXP
37 PXP K-B3
38 N-K5ch

WHITE SHOULD BRING UP HIS K AS FAST AS POSSIBLE TO

EITHER K4 OR KN4 AND HAS GOOD WINNING CHANCES. AGAIN, HE RELOSES HIS P.

38 ... NXN
39 PXP K-Q2
40 K-B2 K-K3
41 K-B3 KXP
42 K-N4 K-B3

THE GAME IS DRAWN AS AFTER 42...K-Q5, 43 K-N5 KXP, 44 KXP K-Q6, 45 P-R5 P-B5, ETC.

43 K-B4 K-K3
44 K-N5 K-B2
45 K-B4 K-N2
46 K-N5 P-B3
47 K-B4 K-R3
48 K-N4

DRAWN

(THE WEST VIRGINIA TOURNEY GAMES IN THESE COLUMNS ARE CORRECTED SCORES. IF ERRORS ARE FOUND, PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR.)

JOHNNY HURT'S GAMES IN U.S.S. SAMAR TOURNEY

(ANNOTATED BY JOHNNY HURT RT 2/C)

FRENCH DEFENSE

White: Hurt
Black: Lt. Miller

1 P-K4 P-K3
2 P-Q4 P-Q4
3 N-QB3 N-K2

Not the most frequently used move.

4 B-Q3 N-N3
5 P-KR4

A gambit offered!

5 ... P-K4

Should think Pxp, Nxp or B-K2 is better.

6 QPxKP B-QN5
7 B-KN5 Q-Q2

BxNch followed by N-K2 is okeh.

8 Pxp BxNch
9 PxB Qxp?

Nxp is definitely the move here.

10 B-N5ch Resigns

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED (Albin Counter Gambit)

White: Lt. Miller
Black: Hurt

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-K4
3 QPxKP P-Q5
4 P-K3?

Not the best move

4 ... B-N5ch
5 B-Q2 Pxp
6 Q-R4ch B-Q2?

6...N-B3, 7 BxB Pxpch, 8 Kxp Q-R5ch wins.

7 QxB(4) N-QB3
8 Q-B3 PxBch

- 9 NxP KN-K2
- 10 KN-B3 O-O
- 11 B-Q3 N-N3
- 12 P-KR3?

Why not O-O?

- 12 ... KNxP
- 13 O-O-O NxBch
- 14 QxN N-N5
- 15 Q-N3 P-QB4
- 16 P-R3

N-K4 looks good.

- 16 ... N-B3
- 17 N-K4 Q-B2
- 18 NxB

N-Q6 looks good.

- 18 ... N-R4
- 19 Q-N4 QxN!
- 20 Rxb Q-B4
- 21 R-Q5 Q-B5ch
- 22 N-Q2 P-QN3
- 23 K-N QR-B
- 24 R-QB

P-B3 looks fine.

- 24 ... QxP(B7)
- 25 P-B5 QxNP
- 26 N-K4 PxB
- 27 R(Q)xP R-N
- 28 R(B)-B2 Q-R8ch
- 29 R-B QxRch!
- 30 KxQ RxQ
- 31 PxB N-N6ch
- 32 Resigns

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME (Irregular)

RANSOM HURT

- 1 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2 N-QB3 P-QB4
- 3 B-K3?

So many players do this. Here the B is

out of position, which is quickly shown.

- 3 ... N-QB3
- 4 N-KB3 P-K4!
- 5 KNxKP NxB
- 6 PxB P-Q5

AND WHITE LOSES



CENTER COUNTER GAME

HURT SCHULZ

- 1 P-K4 P-Q4
- 2 PxB QxP
- 3 N-QB3 Q-Q
- 4 P-Q4 N-KB3
- 5 B-Q3 P-K3

I like N-B3 better.

- 6 N-B3 B-Q3

I still prefer N-B3.

- 7 B-KN5 QN-Q2
- 8 Q-K2 O-O
- 9 N-K5 P-B4
- 10 N-K4 B-K2

If 10...BxN, 11 PxB NxB, 12 O-O-O NxB, 13 RxN Q-K2, 14 NxBch PxB, 15 B-R6 wins.

- 11 NxBch NxB
- 12 PxB BxB

Q-R4ch, 13 P-B3 QxP is stronger.

- 13 O-O-O Q-K2
- 14 N-N4 B-Q5
- 15 BxBch KxB
- 16 RxB Q-B4
- 17 NxBch PxB
- 18 Q-R5ch K-N
- 19 R-KN4 Resigns



BILL BYLAND AT U.S.C.F. OPEN

PEORIA, JULY 17, 1945

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

Comments Bill in En Passant; "My favorite game from the Open. Dr. Rozsa plays interesting and original chess--here, the entire plan inaugurated by Black's 9th move, forcing the exchange of White's valuable KB; the refutation is found in the resulting weakness of the dark squares on the Black K-side."

WHITE: W. M. Byland
BLACK: Dr. Bela Rozsa

- 1 P-Q4 N-KB3
- 2 P-QB4 P-K3
- 3 N-QB3 B-N5
- 4 P-QR3 BxNch
- 5 PxB P-B4
- 6 P-K3 P-Q4
- 7 B-Q3 Q-B2
- 8 Q-B2 QN-Q2
- 9 BPxB KPxB
- 10 N-K2 P-B5
- 11 B-B5 P-KN3
- 12 B-R3 N-K5
- 13 P-B3 N-N4
- 14 BxBch QxB
- 15 O-O Q-K2
- 16 P-K4 PxB
- 17 BxB QxB
- 18 PxB! O-O
- 19 N-N3 B-Q2
- 20 QR-K P-KR4
- 21 P-K5 P-B4
- 22 PxB.p.! RxB
- 23 RxB QxR
- 24 R-KB Q-QB3
- 25 Q-B2! B-K3
- 26 Q-B4! B-Q4
- 27 NxB! Q-K3
- 28 N-B6ch K-N2
- 29 NxB QxN
- 30 Q-B6ch K-R3
- 31 R-B4 Resigns

BIRTHDAY PROFILES

(The press of tourney news last month forced omission of the Birthday Profiles, despite our 20 pages. This month we have some delayed sketches. Members given only brief up-to-dating notices are those on whom Profiles appeared last year. Profiles next time will cover birthdays from Nov. 15 to Dec. 14.)

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OCTOBER 3--DR. ALBRECHT A. BUSCHKE--Joined WVCA 1942-43 year. While we have carried no previous Profile on Dr. Buschke, distinguished New York book dealer and collector, specializing in chess literature, members will find a story on his work in the 1944 Yearbook and in the April 10, 1945, Bulletin. Address: 80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N.Y.

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OCTOBER 12--JOSEPH R. DORSEY--Joined WVCA 1944-45 year. Address: 1920 W. 48th St., Cleveland 2, Ohio.

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OCTOBER 12--HAROLD G. HEISEY--Joined WVCA 1942-43 year. Address: 364 E. Northern Ave., Springfield, Ohio.

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NOVEMBER 3--LAYTON O. WHITMAN SL/C--Joined WVCA 1942-43 year. He is now somewhere at sea with the Navy. We have had no address for him since July. Can anyone please supply it? (The same applies to Ens. Richard Manahan, who vanished same month.)

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SEPT. 17 - GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

Chessmaster and longtime holder of the world blindfold chess championship, George Gustave Koltanowski was born Sept. 17, 1903, in Antwerp, Belgium. He learned chess at the age of 14 from his father and shortly thereafter won his first tournament--at home with his father and four brothers as opponents. His story is well known to every WVCAer--how he discovered his unusual facility for blindfold chess, began giving exhibitions; how he and Alekhine traded the blindfold championship back and forth until Kolti settled the dispute for all time Sept. 20, 1939, at Edinburgh by playing 34 boards, winning 24, drawing 10.

Kolti came to the U.S. shortly after that and as this is being written is hovering on the verge of becoming an American citizen, which will make him eligible for play in U.S. championship events. Koltanowski has toured most of the civilized countries of the world, giving simultaneous and blindfold exhibitions, and has been well received everywhere. He has made numerous appearances in West Virginia and probably is the most popular visiting master here. He has written a number of chess books dealing mostly with his own experiences "in the dark."

His present occupation is cutting diamonds in New York City. He enjoys chess problems, solving them from the diagrams; is now playing about 160 correspondence games, and declares Edward Lasker's "Chess Strategy" is his favorite chess book, a choice which your editor can heartily approve. Kolti has been a member of the WVCA (honorary) since 1942. We could go on talking about him until all the pages of the Bulletin were full but probably this is enough for his Birthday Profile.

Address: P. O. Box 313, Times Square Station, New York 18, N. Y.

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SEPT. 19 - J. B. MULLIGAN

J. Bertrand Mulligan, who joined the WVCA only this year, is a securities broker in New York. He learned chess at 16 because he didn't like the high school chess champion. A year later he himself won the championship, 18½-1½, with a win over the ex-champ.

Bertrand was born Sept. 19, 1899, at Staten Island, N. Y. He is married and has two sons, Robert, 23, a flight engineer for the AAF flying in the Pacific, and Bertrand, 20, ex-paratrooper, discharged and disabled. Mulligan himself is a veteran of World War I, having left Fordham U. at 18 to join up. The war over, he went into Wall Street instead of back to college. "Have done very well but I'm still sorry," he says.

Bertrand is an enthusiastic problemist, takes 10 magazines and newspapers for their chess problems (including the WVCB) and lists "The Overbrook Problem Series" as his favorite among his books. He finds time also for some 30 correspondence games, playing in the Chess Review and C.C.L.A. tourneys, and for his activities in the Marshall Chess Club in New York.

Address: 5 North Tyson Ave., Floral Park, N. Y.

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OCTOBER 5 - WILLARD H. MUTCHLER

A man of wide and diversified activities is Willard Hammond Mutchler, chess editor of the Washington Post since 1923. Officially, he is a metallurgist at the National Bureau of Standards, engaged in corrosion research on metals used in aircraft since 1921. He has published numerous papers in this field.

For the last 25 years he has been closely associated with practically all the major chess doings in the District of Columbia, particularly from the promotional end. A highlight was a tourney he conducted in 1941 in the capacity of Post chess editor in which 100 players competed for a \$250 carved ivory chess set. Following an attack of coronary thrombosis in 1943, however, Willard has practically retired from active local chess work.

He has been interested in chess since he learned the game at the age of 14 in Easton, Pa., where he was born Oct. 5, 1903. For about five years (1923-28) he was top man on the ladder of the Capitol City Chess Club at Washington and directed several D.C. chess tourneys from 1930-40. He is an honorary member of the Washington Chess Divan.

He is an omniverous chess collector, takes most of the U.S. and some foreign chess magazines, and has more than 500 chess books, some of them rare. One unique item is a collection of photostat and original copies of practically all chess articles which have appeared in Washington newspapers since 1821. The Washington Post chess column, long rated one of the best in the country, is handicapped at present by being cut to a half column weekly due to the paper shortage engendered by the war.

Willard is a 1932 M.A. graduate of George Washington U. He is married and has one daughter, Mary Kennedy Mutchler, 7. He joined the WVCA only this year.

Address: 4819 Forty-seventh St. NW., Washington 16, D. C.

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NOVEMBER 2 - Rev. Wm. M. ERHARD

William Melancton Erhard, better known to his cronies as Bill, is the new pastor of Zion Lutheran Church at Wheeling, having been transferred from Clarksburg only last month. He writes he is just now beginning to dig up Ohio county chessers and promises us some new members there soon.

Bill was born Nov. 2, 1896, at New Millport, Clearfield County, Pa. He got his first chess instruction from a freshman English instructor at Gettysburg College where he was Phi Beta Kappa and won his M.A. He also holds a B.D. from Gettysburg Seminary.

"Strangely enough," says Bill, "the first move I was taught was N-R3. The idea was to jump the N around like a jackrabbit in the weeds. Mostly we boys worked out our own chessic salvation--with fear and trembling. We developed one really startling opening --P-R4 (either side), followed by R-R3 and R-Q3 or K3. Then we shuttled the R back and forth until a N was forced to take it, a break for us as we would gladly give up a R for a N any day. After a while some of the boys discovered the powers of the Q and worked the old lady to death. Such things as doubled P's, open files and tempi were

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more than mysteries to us--we had never even heard of them! After a few months, tho, we began to learn some of the fundamentals and even to experience the thrill of getting a P into the King-row (a holdover expression from our checker days)."

Bill was a member of the Clarksburg Chess Club before going to Wheeling and printed the club's monthly bulletin for a time. A WVCA member since 1942, he has contributed many amusing cartoons to the WVCB. He is married. No one likes a good hot chess game better than Bill and we advise those Wheeling boys to keep their guard up when he comes around!

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE WVCA AND RENEWALS

- 24 Rev. George Huber, c/o St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Martinsburg, W. Va. (NEW)
 25 H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va.
 26 Dr. Albrecht A. Buschke, 80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y.
 27 Rev. Julius Melegh, 537 Richwood Ave., Morgantown, W. Va.
 28 J. B. Mulligan, 5 North Tyson Ave., Floral Park, N. Y.
 29 Victor J. Shortino, 315 E. 187th St., Bronx 57, N. Y.
 30 A. W. Paull, Wheeling Stamping Co., Wheeling, W. Va.
 31 Willard H. Mutchler, 4819 Forty-seventh St., NW., Washington 16, D. C.
 32 Rev. William M. Erhard, 52 Maple Ave., Woodlawn, Wheeling, W. Va.
 33 A. B. Gilliland, 1233 Park Ave., Charleston 2, W. Va.
 34 J. W. Chatfield, 1123 Edgewood Drive, Charleston 2, W. Va.
 35 Sam Abrahams, Box 404, Huntington 8, W. Va.
 36 Lt. John L. Abbott O-353412, 248 Main St., Guildardland Center, N. Y. (NEW)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. Wm. M. Erhard (see above list)

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VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington (Sept. 4): "I was very glad to have met you finally in person and sincerely hope I did not disappoint you too much by not featuring a goatee!... Let me congratulate you on the excellent Yearbook. Wait till I write you about comments I heard about it in New York!" (Sept. 28) "Re the September Bulletin, tourney games section, thanks for putting me in chess literature (Werthammer Variation). As a matter of fact, the Black system used against Hartling was one of the favorites of Koltanowski. He played it quite frequently in London, 1932. Alekhine, in his notes on the tournament, making a complimentary remark about Kolti, said something like 'it would be much better if Koltanowski would stay off this 'unfavorable' defense."

Rev. Wm. M. Erhard, Wheeling (Sept. 25): "We have finally gotten settled here. I live about two blocks from Wm. C. Walker, former member of the Clarksburg Chess Club. He is coming down when we can get together on the time. He says there are some other players here who do not belong to the West Virginia Chess Association."

Robert Crean, Charleston (Sept. 21): "Hal Liggett is organizing a South Charleston club and since I have found an excellent meeting place in the Knights of Columbus hall in Charleston, I would like to get going on our regular club. Then we would have two clubs here to steam up competition! I have started a correspondence game with William E. George."

(Bob asks all Charlestonians who want to resume regular club sessions to drop him a card immediately. His address is 1524 Lee St. E., Charleston 1.)

William Schaeffer, Morgantown (Sept. 17): "Father George Huber of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Martinsburg, new member of the WVCA, in cooperation with the CDA, has developed a youth center in the church basement. Have pingpong and pool tables, juke box for dancing, card tables, snack bar, etc. Very nice layout. Father George teaches chess to some of the teen-age youngsters, among other activities in the center. Rev. Saeger of the Episcopal church at Martinsburg also has a youth center and I understand he also teaches chess."

Fr. George Huber, Martinsburg (Sept. 27): "Really, I am not in very 'deep' in chess. I like it and like to teach kids how to play--and that is about all, as far as it goes. I will write an article sometime in the future about our social center here and how we go about convincing kids that chess is 'the' game!"

Francis J. C. DeBlasio, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Sept. 26): "Bob Crean is doing a darned good job in laying out and stencilling Poetica Regum for us!"

A letter dated Sept. 28 comes from A. D. Paull, Wheeling, answering one of ours addressed to A. W. Paull: "Mr. Paull, Sr., is convalescing at the hospital after an operation performed about 10 days ago and he has asked me to reply to your letter... His progress after the operation has been very good."

Also a long letter, dated Sept. 18, from Reid Holt, who was getting ready to hie him off to the wars again, after resting in Charleston to recover from his German prison camp experiences. It's too long for use in this issue and yet too good to cut up, so we'll save it for later, saying only that Reid is highly cheerful and is looking forward to the time when he can get into state chess competition again.

LETTER FROM WIGGINTON

N. P. Wigginton, editor of the Washington Divan News, writes Sept. 19: "Reuben Fine has left Washington. He goes to California! We bade him farewell at a dinner given for him Thursday, Sept. 13... November is going to be a big month for the Divan. Arrangements are definite for a 26-game Reshevsky-Fine match! And we expect at least two of these will be played here...The Divan's annual club tourneys get under way Oct. 13. I expect 40 to 50 entries...Liked your Yearbook very much. What a heap of work that must have been!"

MORGANTOWN CLUB ELECTS

The Morgantown Chess Club held its election Sept. 27, naming Dr. Victor Lemke as president and William Schaeffer as secretary-treasurer. Dr. Lemke and Dr. C. C. Spiker have assumed the responsibility of promoting and organizing chess in junior and high schools. Mrs. Evah Miller Le Roy, director of the Monongalia Country Consolidated Recreation Committee, appeared before the club and asked whether some of the members would appear at the Youth Center a few evenings to teach teen-agers and encourage them in their chess activity. Some of them, she said, already play; others are learning. Of course, the club was glad to cooperate.

Mr. LeRoy also said that four or five years ago, when she was living in Parkersburg, there was a very good adult club there--about 25 members, she thought. She said Fred Conaway, Lakeview Drive, Parkersburg, was one of the guiding spirits in the club.