

If we credit persons who are in the service or who are working out of the state to the town in which they formerly lived, we find our membership distributed like this: Clarksburg 15, Charleston 13, Huntington 7, Wheeling 3, Parkersburg 1, out-of-state 1. How about signing up a few members to boost your town's average?

Treasurer's Report--Aug. 10 to Sept. 10

		<u>Rec'd</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Aug. 10	Balance on hand (see Bull. 3)			\$11.39
	Bull. No. 3, six pages, 80 copies: envelopes 26c, postage 89c, paper $\frac{1}{2}$ ream 49c, stencils 78c, ink 25c		\$2.67	8.72
Aug-Sept	Membership fees 7 at 50c	\$3.50		12.22
	Contributions to yearbook fund, Taylor and Collett 50c each	1.00		13.22
	Correspondence with members et al		1.27	11.95
Aug. 31	Roll of mending tape		.11	11.84

Balance in treasury September 10, 1942, \$11.84.

Voice of the Membership

Edward M. Foy, SK3C, USNR, Headquarters Eighth Naval District, New Orleans, La., writes: "Inclosed find 1942 dues of my youngest brother, Corporal Anthony P. Foy, who is in the Coast Artillery in the Hawaiian Islands...I am certainly glad that a state tourney was held this year. Keep them up each year. Keep up chess, in spite of the war...I am stationed here at New Orleans in the District Disbursing Office in the payroll department. I am a storekeeper, third class, which makes me a third class petty officer. This is a nice city but I do not know how long I will be located here...I have played only two chess games since I arrived here in April and both games were played in that month at the Paul Morphy Chess Club here. ...I am pretty busy and don't seem to find a great deal of time for chess, but I certainly do not want to give up the game altogether.. Regarding history of chess in Charleston, I have scrapbooks at home and Liggett or Crede or one of the other members of the Charleston Chess Club has my permission to look them over for anything you need....Say 'hello' to my friends either personally or in your bulletin or correspondence...Best of luck for chess in West Virginia!"

George Koltanowski: "The yearbook should turn out swell!...In spite of what Mr. Abrahams thinks, why not have your games annotated and try to improve your games by the mistakes you make? You do not have to become a master but you can improve if your mistakes are pointed out to you now and then."

Harold C. Heisey: "Of course! I am very much in favor of a West Virginia tournament in 1943!"

From Sam Abrahams, secretary of the Huntington YMCA Chess Club, comes a clipping from the Huntington Herald-Advertiser for Sunday, Aug. 23, announcing the opening of the fall chess season there. The club, says Abrahams, is "anxious to accelerate its activities and... to promote the interests of the game of chess." All Huntington players (and visitors) are invited to call at the Y (2nd floor) any Thursday evening. The same goes for the Clarksburg Chess Club which

holds its meetings at 7:30 each Wednesday night at the Hotel Gore. A. B. Gilliland of Charleston was a visitor with the Clarksburg club the other night and while there signed up for state association membership. Abrahams sends us an interesting article by Ernest Reel, chess writer of Milwaukee, too long for use in the bulletin. One sentence struck us as particularly keen: "A man being a chess player is some sort of guarantee that his avocations are of an intellectual as well as healthful nature." And again he says: "Chess enables one to bring into play many of the qualities requisite to a successful progress in the game of life, not the least of these being courtesy and amenity."

Letter from Tom Sweeney's secretary: "I forwarded your bulletin of Aug. 10 to Mr. Sweeney, who is on active duty with the Naval Air Corps...He has asked me to drop you a note of thanks for mentioning his 'droolings,' and to tell you that you are a (a few words deleted here by a modest secretary-treasurer)...He wants you to feel free to call on him if you ever need his help, and he will be more than glad to cooperate."

Phil Taylor sent in his membership Aug. 8 and it arrived Aug. 10, the day we mailed Bull. 3. His new address is A.P. Taylor, Box 483, Richmond, Ky. Phil thanked the members for the votes cast for him as director but said he could not possibly serve, his present work keeping him too busy. He expects to be at Richmond for some time. Incidentally he sends along \$1, half for his renewal, half as a year book contrib. Thanx a milyun, Phil!

Pres. Paull's secretary writes he is vacationing in Canada. Have heard nothing from him since then--then being Aug. 17. Hope a moose didn't get him!...Landis Marks, hospitalized, had to give up plans to annotate any number of games for the yearbook. Better luck next year, Landis! And glad you're back home and getting well again!

Walt Crede, talking about the '43 tourney in the Charleston Mail, says: "Each winter let the leading chess centers of the state hold a robin-tourney, thereby naming their individual champions. All right, let these city affairs become seeding units--in other words, the two players placing highest in one of these affairs have the right to take part in the championship division of the state tourney, the next two in the consolation section, et cetera--based on the players entering from any particular center."

### Correspondance Tournament

A tournament to decide the correspondence championship of W. Va. will start Sept. 20. We have mailed out letters to 12 members who expressed intentions of taking part. Replies coming in indicate the players want a double round, one game with white men, the other with black, and that they want a 50c entrance fee, the money to be used to meet the small necessary expenses and to buy prizes. Any other player who wants to enter should write the secretary before Sept. 20, inclosing 50c. Expression of opinion as to whether you prefer book prizes or the purchase of a pin or other emblem of the championship to go to the winner will be appreciated. Rush your entries as play definitely will start on September 20.

! Gene Collett, Secretary-Treasurer