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DR. TARTAKOWER WINS AT HASTINGS

Dr. S. Tartakower of Poland won the first post-war session of the world-famous Hastings Chess Congress which ended Jan. 9 at Hastings, England, according to an article in the New York Times, kindly forwarded by President Ray H. Griffin and Director William Challinor of Clarksburg.

Tartakower, 59, well-known figure in world chess tournaments the last 30 years, now a resident of Paris, finished the Hastings tourney one-half point ahead of Sweden's brilliant 35-year-old F. Ekstroem.

In his final game, Tartakower won from Scotland's Dr. J. M. Aitken in 29 moves, bringing his score to $9\frac{1}{2}$ points. He was strongly pushed all the way by Ekstroem who defeated L. Prins of the Netherlands on the last day to total 9 points.

U. S. ENTRANTS TIED FOR THIRD

Dr. Max Euwe of the Netherlands and two United States masters--Arnold Denker and Herman Steiner--were considered formidable contenders during the early and middle stages of the congress but they fell $2\frac{1}{2}$ points behind Tartakower at the end.

Denker, the U.S. champion, defeated P. Devos of Belgium in the final session; Steiner and Euwe, paired in the last round, drew after 36 moves.

On the morning of the tourney's last day, an unexploded mine washed up on the beach opposite the hotel where the contestants were playing, but the tournament continued undisturbed while a naval squad deactivated the mine.

FINAL STANDING OF PLAYERS

	W.	L.		W.	L.		W.	L.
Tartakower	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Steiner	7	4	Christoffel	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Ekstroem	9	2	Aitken	6	5	Mieses	3	8
Denker	7	4	Prins	5	6	Sergeant	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$
Euwe	7	4	Thomas	4	7	Devos	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$

THANKS TO BOB CREAN: We want to extend public thanks to WVCA Director Robert Crean of Charleston who since last May has endeared himself to the heart of Your Editor by cutting the stencils for nearly a score of pages for the West Virginia Chess Bulletin. The excellence of Bob's typographical work sets a standard which Your Editor hopes one day to equal but never expects to better. Bob's work has been particularly appreciated because he chose to do the extremely difficult problem pages, the work on which each month, particularly the stylus work on the problem page diagrams, is equivalent to the labor ordinarily required for a half dozen ordinary Bulletin pages. Again, Bob, bushels of thanks!

LAYNE FORD RETURNS FROM THE WARS

(Editor's Note: When we learned happily that Layne H. Ford of Grafton and Charleston was soon to be discharged from the service, we asked him for a story on his war experiences, with sidelights on any chess play he may have encountered. Layne sent us a letter under date of Jan. 7, from which the following excerpts are taken.)

I am through with Army life now, having been discharged in November. I "rested on my laurels," as I heard another veteran say, until after Christmas, and recently have come back to Charleston where I am doing some legal work for the state.

Re the war: If nothing else, I became widely traveled, as in Italy I followed the approximate route of the Fifth Army, and in France and Germany, of the Seventh Army. I flew from New York City to Bari, Italy, worked up through Italy to the Florence region (but left before it was captured), went over to Southern France in August, 1944; worked up thru France, into Germany in March, 1945, and across the Rhine on Easter Sunday. Then we followed somewhat of a curved route across the south of Germany intended to bring us back into Italy and trap the Germans. But they quit before I quite ended back where I started from, Italy.

MISSES THE FOLLIES BERGERE--ONCE, BUT NOT TWICE!

In addition, I had a week in Paris in radio school. (My main work in the Army was concerned with radio, a sparetime hobby for many years before the war.) Having, however, missed the Louvre and the Follies Bergere on the first trip to Paris, I stopped off again one day on my way home and remedied the defect.

I was in Rome about four times and spent several days in Naples. On the way back, I investigated Rheims and Marseilles. Also, I was stationed in Nancy. In Germany, I was stationed near Heidelberg and visited the city several times. It was the only one I found undamaged in Germany. In many of the others we lived in tents right in the middle of the city because there were no buildings left to stay in.

FRENCH DIDN'T TAKE ENOUGH VITAMINS

The most unique and also the most dangerous experience I had was six weeks with the French Army, as a member of a group of about 15 Americans sent with them for technical help in radio when they pushed thru the Belfort Gap. I was successively assigned to the Fifth French Armored Division, the Third Algerian Infantry Division and the Second French Armored Division. With the latter outfit, we got up to the Rhine as early as December, 1944. The French wanted to cross but didn't take enough vitamins to get up the nerve.

I got home perhaps a little earlier than normal flow of traffic might have allowed, for my outfit was re-formed at the end of the German war and ordered to the Pacific. Just about the time we were to move, the Japs gave up, so we moved anyway, and after a few days the orders were changed to send the outfit home and disband it. It was the 927th Signal Battalion, one of the oldest in the ETO since it landed in the invasion

of North Africa in 1942, and about half of its men went ashore on every D-day in the ETO except Normandy which was in a different geographical sector. When I joined it from the States, it was near Casino, Italy; and my first work concerned some armored trucks that the outfit had sent to Anzio. They had just returned with shrapnel holes in the radio sets and thru the armor plating, so I got the idea fast that Anzio wasn't very healthful.

CHECKER SESSION AVENGES CHESS DEFEAT

As for chess during the war, there wasn't a lot of it. In the States I played several games with the results perhaps a little in my favor. But after I got overseas, though I heard of some chess players in my outfit, I just didn't happen to be with them at a time when I could spare any time for playing.

I can recall but one game in the ETO, and that was at Marseilles with a fellow in my tent while we were waiting for a boat. After about an hour I was busily trying to corner his Rook, and he suddenly uncorked a check which had been hidden by another piece. That put me one move behind, and my fortunes steadily declined until after two hours he checkmated me. Upon inquiry, he told me that as a civilian he had played as high as 50 games a week, and that he had played 300 in the ETO. So I didn't feel too crestfallen. Then I took him on in checkers and soundly defeated him, proving again there is no inherent relationship between the games.

CHESS AND CHECKERS COMPARED

I played several hundred checker games overseas, mostly with a Texan with whom I was pretty evenly matched. Checkers was my game until I was in my twenties, and I still like it and enjoy throwing up to chess players who turn up their noses at checkers the fact that a good checker player can usually beat them....And...So, if they are going to maintain that checkers is a child's game, then why can't they win easily if they are good chess players? It seems to me both games involve deep intellectual analysis, but that experience accumulated in one will not enable you to beat the man who has experience in the other.

CHESSFULLY. With its January issue (Vol. 2, No. 1), the Indiana Chess News has changed its name to "Chessfully." The publisher and editor uses the subtitle, "An independent publication and service for ordinary chess player." The publication, a mimeographed 8½x11 fourteen-page paper coming each month, may be had for \$1 a year from Leslie E. Dunkin, P. O. Box 117, South Bend 24, Ind.

CHESS NEWS FROM RUSSIA. The Dec. 10 and 25 issues of Dr. Buschke's "Chess News From Russia" have arrived and continue to entrance and fascinate us. No. 3--the Dec. 10 number--contains a six-page photo offset reprint of one round from the last Moscow championship tournament. The occasional notes are in Russian, of course, but the play is easily followed (it's in algebraic notation, similar to that used in our Problem Department) and Dr. Buschke's translation of the games identifies everyone. Sample copy 10 cents (ask for No. 3) or a year's sub for \$2, with the first four issues free. Write Dr. Albrecht Buschke, 80 East 11th St., New York 3, N. Y.

POETICA REGUM

PROBLEM DEPT.
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HOW TO SOLVE CHESS PROBLEMS, by Kenneth S. Howard. This beautiful book is the latest work from the nimble pen of Mr. Howard, renowned and genial author, editor, composer and analyst. It is published by David McKay Co., Philadelphia, \$2.50. We have thoroughly enjoyed this exceptional volume and find its publishers describe it accurately: "Here is a book full of suggestions to aid you in solving (chess problems) more readily and more enjoyably. If you have never solved chess problems, there is a preliminary section that explains solving methods in great detail, and only presupposes that you know the moves of the chess men. There are explanations of all the common terms used by problemists and a good index makes it easy to find the description of each term. The 112 problems in the second section of the book are representative of the best work of American composers during the past 10 years, and the expert solver will treasure the volume for its selection of modern American masterpieces."... This month's problems are chosen from this book. All appeared, at one time or another, in Mr. Howard's problem department in the American Chess Bulletin. Solutions must be mailed to Francis J.C. DeBlasio, 358 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn 27, New York, by March 10, 1946.

SOLUTIONS TO NOVEMBER PROBLEMS: No. 55, Qh2! No. 56, Be5! (This beautiful problem, unfortunately, is cooked by Bf3ch.) No. 57, 1 Sf3! (a) 1...KxS, 2 Pe3ch, (b) 1...PxSch, 2 KxP, (c) 1...Pe3, 2 Sf3-d2! No. 58, Rg6! No. 59, 1 Ra8 Pb5, 2 Ba7! No. 60, Qb6. No. 61, 1 Sa6 (a) 1...Kb6, 2 Pe8(Q), (b) 1...Kd6, 2 Pe8(R)! (This is solved also by 1 Sb7 Kany, 2 Pe8(Q), an unforseen cook.) No. 62, Qa3! No. 63, 1 Pg7 (a) 1...Kd6, 2 Pg8(Q), (b) 1...Kf7, 2 Pg8(R)! Problem A, key Rcl (the same for A revised); cooks, Ba2, Bb3, Qd7ch, Sf2ch. Problem B, key QxPf5 (the same for B revised); cook, Bg5.

REMARKS ON NOS. 60 TO 63: Every problem is either a waiter (the key of which threatens nothing but sets up such a situation that any Black move will permit White to mate) or a threat (the key of which threatens a mate against which Black must defend). These four problems are all waiters. In No. 60, after 1...Ke6 and 1...KxS, White can mate by either 2 Sd4 or Se7, which choice is called a dual. Duals are not, as a rule, tolerated in waiters. In No. 62, the dual is eliminated and, in addition, the problem has a flight-sacrifice, switchback key. When the Black K is free to move, his motion is called a flight move and the squares to which he can move are flight squares. In this problem, the key gives the Black K a fourth flight square by leaving the B en prise to him; if he captures, the Q mates by a switchback to her original position! The lack of duals and the switchback key make No. 62 far superior to No. 60--even with its extra material! Aside from the fact that No. 61 has a cook, its key takes two flights away from the Black K and this is equivalent to hitting Black on the head before it gets a chance to get into the foray. Hence a flight-taking key is ugly and acceptable only in rare instances. In No. 63, this flaw is eliminated and, in addition, the same theme is shown with a minimum number of men! The theme is underpromotion (to a R) in order to avoid stalemate. Mr. Sweeney objects to No. 63 in that its P has to make the key move. So, we change its setting from 8-1R6-4k1P1-8-4K3-24 to 8-3R2P1-4k3-8-4K3-24. Now its key is Rb7. This is known as a give-and-take key because it takes a flight away from the Black K and gives him another in its stead!

SOLVERS' LADDER (including October solutions): Gene Collett, Thomas Sweeney 93, Robert Crean 90, Victor Shortino 86, Bertrand Mulligan 79.

NO. 73 E. NEUHAUS, JR.
AMERICAN CHESS BULLETIN
SEPT.-OCT., 1940

					B
		K			
	S				
Q	P	K			

MATE IN 2 9+12=6

NO. 74 ERIC M. HASSBERG
FIRST COMMENDED
A.C.B. INFORMALTY, 1943

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

MATE IN 2 9+10=19

NO. 75 F. GAMAGE
FIRST PRIZE
A.C.B. INFORMALTY, 1942

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

MATE IN 2 9+8=17

NO. 76 GEOFFREY MOTT-SMITH
2ND HONORABLE MENTION
A.C.B. INFORMALTY, 1942

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

MATE IN 2 9+9=18

NO. 77 WALTER JACOBS
FIRST PRIZE
A.C.B. INFORMALTY, 1944

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

MATE IN 2 9+7=16

NO. 78 ALAIN WHITE
AMERICAN CHESS BULLETIN
JAN.-FEB., 1942

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

MATE IN 2 8+12=20

NO. 79 P. L. ROTHENBERG
V. 2ND HONORABLE MENTION
A.C.B. INFORMALTY, 1942

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

MATE IN 3 10+11=21

NO. 80 OTTO WURZBURG
FIRST PRIZE
A.C.B. INFORMALTY, 1939

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

MATE IN 3 6+9=15

NO. 81 KENNETH S. HOWARD
2ND & 3RD HON. MENTION (E.A.)
WESTERN MORNING NEWS, 1936

					K
			Q	P	K
B			P		
					P
R					

MATE IN 3 4+4=8

Note: The N in No. 77, above, is intended to be a White Knight.--Editor.

CHESS WITH JOHNNY HURT IN SHANGHAI

Sailor Johnny Hurt of Charleston sends us four enjoyable games from Shanghai. No. 1, he reports, was first board in a Navy-Army match Nov. 6, 1945, at Shanghai, which Navy won 4-2. The second game was played Nov. 12 at the Jewish Refugee Chess Club in Shanghai against E. Glass, a German master. In re Games 3 and 4, Johnny says of his opponents, "These men are among the strongest in Shanghai."

GAME NO. 1

WHITE: HURT
BLACK: BROCK

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|------------|---------|
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2 P-Q4 | PxP |
| 3 N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 4 B-QB4 | P-KR3 |
| 5 P-B3 | P-Q3 |
| 6 PxP | P-KN3 |
| 7 N-B3 | N(1)-K2 |
| 8 Q-N3 | R-R2 |
| 9 P-K5 | N-R4 |
| 10 Q-R4ch | P-B3 |
| 11 N-K4 | N-N |
| 12 B-K2 | P-Q4 |
| 13 N-N3 | B-K3 |
| 14 O-O | N-B5 |
| 15 R-Q | N-N3 |
| 16 Q-B2 | R-B |
| 17 B-K3 | N-K2 |
| 18 N-R5 | N-N |
| 19 B-Q3 | Q-K2 |
| 20 N-B4 | R-N2 |
| 21 P-QR4 | B-N5 |
| 22 P-K6 | P-KB4 |
| 23 R-K | P-N4 |
| 24 N-K5 | PxN |
| 25 QBxP(4) | P-B4 |
| 26 B-N5ch | K-Q |
| 27 N-B7ch | Resigns |

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|------------|----------|
| 14 Q-K | QN-K2 |
| 15 K-N2 | N(B4)-N2 |
| 16 P-B3 | Q-B2 |
| 17 P-R4 | B-B3 |
| 18 B-B | N(K2)-B4 |
| 19 R-R | O-O-O |
| 20 P-N4 | N-R3 |
| 21 B-R3 | BxP |
| 22 B-Q6 | Q-Q2 |
| 23 Q-QN | P-R3 |
| 24 Q-N6 | Q-B3 |
| 25 Q-R7 | B-N4 |
| 26 B-K7 | K-B2 |
| 27 B-B6 | R-QR |
| 28 Q-B5 | QxQ |
| 29 PxQ | KR-KN |
| 30 K-N3 | K-Q2 |
| 31 K-B4 | R(1)-QB |
| 32 N-R7 | N-K |
| 33 K-N5 | NxP |
| 34 Px1 | PxP |
| 35 BxP(N4) | RxP |
| 36 K-R6 | R-QB |
| 37 N-N5 | NxB |
| 38 PxN | R-Rch |
| 39 N-R7 | K-Q3 |
| 40 P-R5 | QR-KN |

DRAWN

GAME NO. 3

WHITE: LANSBERGER
BLACK: HURT

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| 1 P-Q4 | P-K3 |
| 2 P-QB4 | N-KB3 |
| 3 N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4 B-Q2 | P-Q4 |
| 5 P-K3 | O-O |
| 6 N-B3 | P-QR3 |
| 7 P-QR3 | BxN |
| 8 BxB | PxP |
| 9 BxP | P-QN4 |
| 10 B-R2 | B-N2 |
| 11 R-QB | QN-Q2 |
| 12 P-R3 | R-QB |
| 13 B-R5 | N-K |
| 14 Q-B2 | N(2)-B3 |
| 15 B-N5 | N-Q3 |

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| 17 P-B3 | P-KR3 |
| 18 P-R4 | PxN |
| 19 PxP | KN-K5 |
| 20 BxN | PxB |
| 21 QxR | BxQ |
| 22 PxN | QxP |
| 23 K-B2 | P-B4 |
| 24 PxP | QxPch |
| 25 K-K2 | Q-N5ch |
| 26 K-Q3 | B-N2 |
| 27 Resigns | |

GAME NO. 4

WHITE: FISHER
BLACK: HURT

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| 1 P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2 P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3 N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4 PxP | PxP |
| 5 N-B3 | N-KB3 |
| 6 B-Q3 | Q-K2ch |
| 7 Q-K2 | QxQch |
| 8 KxQ | N-B3 |
| 9 B-KN5 | B-N5 |
| 10 BxN | PxB |
| 11 NxP | O-O-O |
| 12 NxB | KR-Kch |
| 13 K-Q2 | NxN |
| 14 P-B3 | NxB |
| 15 KxN | P-QB4 |
| 16 QR-K | B-B4ch |
| 17 K-Q2 | R-N |
| 18 N-R4 | B-K3 |
| 19 R-K4 | BxP |
| 20 R-QR | B-Q4 |
| 21 R-B4 | P-QR3 |
| 22 P-KN3 | PxP |
| 23 PxP | R-Q3 |
| 24 R-Bch | K-Q2 |
| 25 QR-B5 | B-K3 |
| 26 N-N2 | R-N4 |
| 27 K-B3 | P-N3 |
| 28 P-R4 | PxR |
| 29 PxR | PxP |
| 30 PxP | PxR |
| 31 PxR | PxP |
| 32 BxB | PxP |
| 33 BxB | PxP |

GAME NO. 2

WHITE: GLASS
BLACK: HURT

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| 1 P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2 P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3 N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4 P-K5 | P-QB4 |
| 5 P-QR3 | BxN |
| 6 PxP | N-K2 |
| 7 N-B3 | Q-R4 |
| 8 B-Q2 | P-B5 |
| 9 P-KR4 | P-KR4 |
| 10 N-N5 | B-Q2 |
| 11 P-N3 | QN-B3 |
| 12 B-K2 | P-KN3 |

LETTERS AND SUCH LIKE

J. B. Gee, chess editor, Sacramento Union, Sacramento, Calif.: "In your 1944 Yearbook, page 25, last column, Ray Griffin states: '7...QxRch (Black's move), a move not given in M.C.O.' But it is. See Sixth edition page 114 col. 4--7 B-N5 QxQch, 8 BxQ B-K2, 9 N-B3 B-Q2. It's as per Capablanca-Kostich match, 1919...On the whole, it's a very creditable Yearbook...Would like to tangle with your champ OTB myself."

WVCA President Ray Griffin, Clarksburg (Dec. 14): "I told you George Koltanowski beat me a correspondence game in 22; now he has won another in 28 moves, leaving four still going. At the Morgantown exhibition, he mentioned his offer, six correspondence games, three with each color, for \$6, with notes on the games after completion. What do you think of giving him a little publicity on it in the Bulletin? There may be some who would like to play him but don't know about it. I like that sort of game very much; I get more good out of them than games like the exhibition play at Morgantown...Thanks for the Tri-State games published in the Bulletin. In a tournament like that, you have all good players turning out interesting games. It's different from our state tournament in which some of the games are good and some otherwise--mine, for instance."

(Kolti says his correspondence game offer is still open. Write to him at P.O. Box 313, Times Square Station, New York 18, N. Y.)

Sam Abrahams, Huntington, sends us the following pome (Dec. 25), as well as the season's greetings:

"Whoe'er says 'Castle' for a Rook
Should straightaway be brought to book;
Now, mark this well, and write it down:
Castle's a verb and Rook's a noun."

Waldo L. Waters, chess editor, Boston Herald (Jan. 5): "Writing the Sunday column for the Boston Herald is a hobby with me and I do it in the hope that chess in New England may be brought upon a par with other areas...On New Year's Day, the Boylston Chess Club held its annual chess party with Samuel Reshevsky playing 40 boards in a simultaneous exhibition, winning 37 and drawing three. The competition was as strong as any ever put up in this type of play and was a true test of Sammy's ability. New England Champion Weaver Adams was director of play, which also included a rapid transit match."

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE U.S.C.F.? Memberships in the United States Chess Federation expired last Dec. 31. If you are now a member, you already have received your statement of dues. If you are not a member you should be. You may join, under a new plan, one year for \$1, three years for \$2.75, five years for \$4.50, ten years for \$8. Local clubs may join at \$5 a year. The reduced rates for extended memberships were adopted by USCF directors because they felt they would be mutually advantageous to the Federation and to individual members. The USCF plans many new activities this year and in coming years--activities in which you, as an active chess player, will want to participate. Send your membership fee to Paul G. Giers, Secretary-Treasurer, United States Chess Federation, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, New York, and do it today!

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

- 67 Dr. Ernest Wolff, 24795 Hackett Drive, Euclid, Ohio
 68 Dr. Glenn Ashworth, 23 South High Street, Philippi, W.Va. (NEW)
 69 and 70 Eric Glenn Ashworth and Katherine Emaline Ashworth (same add.)
 71 Harry A. Berry, Jr., P. O. Box 83, Lexington, Va.
 72 Robert Apgar, 1517 Quarrier St., Charleston 1, W. Va.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Dr. Ernest Wolff and Harry Berry, Jr. (See above list)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DEC. 11, 1945, TO JAN. 10, 1946

	<u>Recd.</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Bal.</u>
Bal. on hand Dec. 10 (see Bull. 40)			35.22
Receipts: Memberships, Wolff, G. Ashworth, E. Ashworth, K. Ashworth, Berry, Apgar @ \$1, \$6; 1946-47 memberships, C. Mosier and K. Mosier @ \$1, \$2, total	8.00		43.22
Expenses: Bull. 40 (150 copies 14 pp.) mimeo \$4.12, postage \$2.50; correspondence 51¢; rental typewriter Jan. 7-Feb. 6, \$3, total		10.13	33.09

NEWS FROM OTHER CHESS PAPERS

Firestone Chess & Checker Club News (Akron, Ohio): Ohio has completed plans for its second annual state meet to be held Labor Day week-end at Columbus, with attendance limited to 65, rationed to the various areas of the state. A Swiss System will be played... George Koltanowski will give a simultaneous Feb. 19 in Firestone Clubhouse.

En Passant (Pittsburgh): Play will start Jan. 17 in the Downtown Y Club's 1946 Championship Tournament.

En Passant (Detroit): Michigan players have set up a chess-for-the-wounded program at Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek. "We are accustomed to think that the war is over, but for these men, and countless others, the war is NOT over, and for many, the war will NEVER be over," comments Editor Edward I. Treend. There are about 10,000 wounded vets in the hospitals in and around Battle Creek, giving a tremendous field for service in the teaching and playing of chess.

Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Bulletin: Thomas C. Gudekunst is the new Allentown champion, winning 9-0, three points ahead of the nearest rival. Gutekunst won the 1943 Pennsylvania title and was Lehigh Valley Champion in 1937, 1939 and 1941... The Lehigh Valley Club of Allentown defeated the Germantown Y, 5½-2½, on Nov. 25.

Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club Bulletin: Jackson took two matches from Lansing, 3½-2½ on Nov. 30 and 5-1 on Dec. 14.

Cleveland Chess Bulletin: The Queens, a women's chess club of Cleveland, holds a session, particularly for beginners, each Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. in the public library. Sounds like first-rate promotion... George Koltanowski will play in Cleveland Feb. 15 and 16... Robert Becker of Columbus won the District IV (Columbus) sectional tournament of the Ohio Chess Association in November.

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