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DR. WERTHAMMER WINS STATE TITLE FOR THIRD TIME

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington won the eighth annual West Virginia State Chess Tournament Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Clarksburg, without the loss of a game, for the score of 6-0. It was the third time he had won the title since he first entered the lists in 1943, losing only in 1945 and then only by a half point.

A newcomer to the tourney, Allen DuVall, young chemical worker of South Charleston finished in second place with a score of 5-1 in the six-round Swiss System meet, losing to Dr. Werthammer.

Ziggy Werthammer got tough draws all the way, defeating and in this order these players: Ex-Champion John Hurt, Runnerup DuVall, Ex-Champion William Hartling, WVU professor Victor J. Lemke, B x-Charleston City Champ Eddie Foy and 1945 West Virginia Champion Hal Liggett. Hal, by the way, just couldn't get started until it was too late, which is no disgrace, as this undoubtedly was the strongest tournament the West Virginia Chess Association has ever held, tho only 14 were in the entry list.

HERE'S THE WAY THEY WOUND UP:

	<u>Points</u>
1 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington.....	6-0
2 Allen DuVall, Charleston.....	5-1
3 William Hartling, St. Albans.....	4-2
4 John Hurt, Charleston.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dr. Victor J. Lemke, Morgantown.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Milford B. Mott, Arthurdale.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 Edward M. Foy, Charleston.....	3-3
8 Richard Grimm, South Charleston.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dr. Robert T. Humphries, Clarksburg.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Harold W. Liggett, South Charleston.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Frank Wisinski, Clarksburg.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 William Schaeffer, Morgantown.....	2-4
13 Sam Allison, Nutter Fort.....	1-5
14 Gene Collett, Pittsburgh.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$

IT WAS A LOVELY TOURNAMENT!

All the appointments for the tournament were excellent; everything had been worked out well in advance by an arrangements committee headed by Ray E. Griffin of Clarksburg, who had the able help of Dr. Humphries and William Challinor of Clarksburg. Griffin also headed the tournament committee, whose members included Dr. Werthammer, Dr. Lemke, Liggett and Grimm.

Everybody seemed happy, even Collett, who played so poorly he was able to get only a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point. Only complaint came from Johnny Hurt, who renewed his argument for time clocks when slow players pushed a number of games up to the deadline.

In one game--Hartling vs. Grimm--in the first round, adjudication seemed to be coming up, something we have never had in a W.Va. tourney. Both players submitted statements of their case to the tourney committee, one claiming a win, the other a draw. Dr. Werthammer collected the committee members privately and suggested the game be scored a win for White for the purpose of drawing for the next round and that the players fight it out at their earliest opportunity. This was done, and White did win the game, proving that committee's ruling, had it adjudicated the game, would have been correct. But the decision left everybody happy and prevented any possible ill will.

This was a novelty, even a freak, in a Swiss System, we realize, and in a big tournament, where many games ran over, wouldn't work at all--would drive the tourney committee curraazy, in fact.

THEY'RE BACK FROM THE SERVICE

The 1946 version of the tourney was made tougher not only by the initial appearance of 25-year-old Allen DuVall but also by the return from the services of three chess Top Men--Johnny Hurt, Eddie Foy and Bob Humphries--none of whom finished lower than 8th. Looking over the lineup, we feel West Virginia is capable of challenging some of our nearby states. Would you boys be interested in a little cut-throat competition with, say, Chic or Pennsylvania? Might be done.

Of the 42 games played in the meet, 28 were opened King-side. Most popular openings were the Sicilian and the Queen's Gambit Declined, 9 times each. Other openings were Ruy Lopez 7, French Defense and Queen's Pawn Game 3 each, Queens Gambit Accepted, Scotch Game, Two Knights Defense and Petroff's Defense 2 each, Bishop's Opening, Alachine's Defense and King's Knight Opening 1 each.

Johnny Hurt, as might be expected, was on the Black side of all three of the French Defenses, winning 2 and losing 1 (and that to Runnerup DuVall). Dr. Werthammer played in both of the Queen's Gambits Accepted, being Black in one and White in the other and, of course, winning in both directions.

THAT WHITE VS. BLACK ARGUMENT

Players may be interested to note that the White men won 12, lost 17 and drew 7--not much nourishment there for those who insist that to get the White men is half the battle!

The White Queen-side openings won 8 games, drew 3 and lost only 3. This is not such a tremendous showing, however, when one notes that 12 of the 14 Q-side openings were selected by the players who finished in the top half of the tourney. The same seven players, when they played King-side openings, won 7, lost only 1, and drew 3!

Bill Devericks, home on a short visit from Ft. Knox, Ky., dropped in at the tourney hall a number of times, but wasn't in Clarksburg long enough to take part in the play. He hopes to be out of the Army one of these days and we hope to see him in the 1947 event, trading pawns with the best of them. Two other Clarksburgers called and signed up for WVCA memberships--Isadore Moshein and C. H. Simmerman. Welcome, Boys!

REPORT ON TOURNEY FINANCES

Fourteen players paid entrance fees of \$4 each (not counting their \$1 WVCA membership fees) for a total of \$56. Dr. Humphries contributed \$5 and Bill Challinor and A. Nonymous \$4 each, making the total tourney fund \$69. From this expenses were deducted as follows: Rental hotel room \$15, pencils 51¢, tourney scoresheets 75¢, index cards 11¢, ice water 25¢, total \$16.62. Balance available for prizes, \$52.38. From this the prize winners voted to deduct \$10 to have individual plates made for the 1945 and 1946

state champions.

This left \$42.38. Prizes were awarded winners on the "plus point" system as follows: Dr. Werthammer \$17, DuVal \$11.25, Hartling \$5.75, Dr. Lemke, Hurt and Mott \$2.75 each, total, \$42.25, leaving 13¢ to be turned into the WVCA treasury.

To Dr. Werthammer, also, went one year's possession of the Morgantown Junior Chamber of Commerce Trophy Cup, put into play last year. It must be won three years for permanent possession. The doctor and Hal Liggett each have one leg on the cup.

TABLE OF ROUND-BY-ROUND PLAY

The following table shows round-by-round play, with cumulative scores as of the end of each round. The player given first has the White men.

<u>ROUND 1</u>	<u>ROUND 2</u>	<u>ROUND 3</u>	<u>ROUND 4</u>	<u>ROUND 5</u>	<u>ROUND 6</u>
Schae 0 Ligge 1	Foy 1½ Mott 1½	Werth 3 Hartl 1½	Lemke 2½ Werth 4	Foy 3 Werth 5	Werth 6 Ligge 2½
Mott 1 Colle 0	Werth 2 DuVal 1	Lemke 2½ Mott 1½	DuVal 3 Schae 2	DuVal 4 Lemke 2½	DuVal 5 Hurt 3½
Lemke 1 Wisin 0	Hartl 1½ Lemke 1½	Hurt 1½ Foy 2	Ligge 2 Foy 3	Hurt 3½ Schae 2	Hartl 4 Foy 3
Grimm 0 Hartl 1	Ligge 1 Hurt 1	Humph 1 DuVal 2	Mott 2 Hartl 2	Mott 2½ Ligge 2½	Lemke 3½ Grimm 2½
DuVal 1 Allis 0	Grimm 0 Schae 1	Schae 2 Allis 1	Allis 1 Hurt 2½	Hartl 3 Humph 1½	Schae 2 Wisin 2½
Foy 1 Humph 0	Allis 1 Colle 0	Colle 0 Ligge 2	Humph 1½ Grimm 1½	Grimm 2½ Colle 1½	Allis 1 Mott 3½
Hurt 0 Werth 1	Wisin 0 Humph 1	Wisin 0 Grimm 1	Colle 1½ Wisin 1½	Wisin 1½ Allis 1	Colle 1½ Humph 2½

OTHER LABOR DAY MEETS

PENNSYLVANIA--Attilio de Camillo, Philadelphia, won the Pennsylvania championship at Reading, Pa., when he broke a first place tie with William Ruth of the same city, by defeating Joseph Schaeffer, another Philadelphian, in the final round of a 7-round Swiss. De Camillo and Ruth each finished with 6-1 but the tie-breaking count favored the former. It was De Camillo's third tie for first in three years; in the other two events, he was counted out and ended up second. Schaeffer was third, Glenn Hartleb, Erie, fourth, and Harry Morris, Philadelphia, fifth, all with 5½-1½ scores. A junior state contest was won by Saul Wachs, Jr., Philadelphia, who had a score of 8-0. He and James Kelley, Jr., Philadelphia, the runnerup, will be sent to the USCF National Junior Championship next year. WVCA Member Milton Finkelstein directed the tournament.

OHIO--A. E. Plueddemann's Firestone Chess & Checker Club Bulletin (Akron) reports that John Hoy of Cleveland won the Ohio State Tournament at Columbus, defeating Nickolas Gabor, Cincinnati violinist and symphony director, in the final round of a 7-round Swiss. Hoy's score was 6-1, Gabor's 5½-1½, so that the latter was leading the field in til the unlucky seventh. In a six-way tie for third with 5-1 were Larry Friedman, Cleveland (national junior champ), the Miller twins, Harold and George, also of Cleveland, Dr. P. C. Keeney of Cincinnati, Leo Sweet of Akron and Leroy Jackson of Toledo.

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	R			
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MATE IN 2 10+6

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

MATE IN 2 8+9

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N	Q		R	
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		P	K	
	P			P
			P	
R			N	

MATE IN 2 11+11

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YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND

NO. 129 ORIGINAL
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DALLAS, TEXAS

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MATE IN 3 6+6

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MATE IN 3 7+7

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		P	R	P	B
N	K				

MATE IN 3 10+5

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3RD HON. BERG MEM. TY.
V. CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NO. 131 9TH COMMEND.
TOURNEY NO. 51
V. BRITISH CHESS FED.

NO. 132 (UNCOOKED)
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S.E.P.A. (SPAIN)

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CURRENT PROBLEM TOURNEYS: Since the happy ending of the recent abysmal and infernal World War, problemists at large are turning back to our favorite hobby at an accelerating pace. In fact, the renewed interest shown in the Chess Problem Field is so great that new composing and solving tourneys are constantly being announced--too many and too varied to enumerate here! Those interested in the composing competitions should write to Problem Editor Eric M. Hassberg, American Problem Pool, 757 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn 22, N. Y., for further information.

PRESENT PROBLEMS: This month's originals show the ever-widening circle of influence of this column. The reprints are by your Problem Editor, corrections of three of his compositions which did not fare so well.

SOLUTIONS TO JUNE PROBLEMS: No. 118: Ba8. No. 119: Rd8. No. 120: 1 Ra1 (a) 1... Kb4, 2 Ka2, (b) 1...Pb4, 2 Sa2.

SOLVERS' LADDER (including May solutions): Gene Collett 68, Bertrand Mulligan 51, Victor Shortino 26. Note: Two other cooks (Ke6 and Ke7) have been found in No. 117 (unrevised).

WHY OF NO. 118: This a complete-block mutate with a line clearance key.

EXPLANATION: A waiter is technically known as a block-problem--and it is complete (or a complete waiter) when there is a mate present for each and every defense in its setting (that is, before the key move is made). If for a certain defense in a problem there is one mate in the setting and a different one in the actual solution (that is, after the key move is made) the former is known as the set-mate while the latter is called a changed-mate. If a problem with one or more changed-mates is a waiter it is known as a mutate (Latin for change). Note: The key of No.118 clears the line h1-b7 for the changed-mate 2 Qb7 (set-mate 2 Pxp or PXP e.p.); furthermore, the Bishop becomes a useless and apparently unnecessary piece after making the key move--that is, it is needed merely to show the clearance; a maneuver which is known as a pure clearance. That the Bishop is needed for one of the set-mates (all mates arising from the defenses in the setting of a problem are known as set-mates, whether they are or are not changed by the key) merely adds spice to the composition through its introduction of a changed-mate!

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IN THIS ISSUE should be submitted to reach the Problem Editor by November 10. Address: Francis J. C. DeBlasio, 358 Irving Av., Brooklyn 27, N.Y.

ORIGINALS WANTED: Your Problem Editor solicits original problems from all members of the WVCA and others. Full credit will be given for all problems used.

LETTERS FROM ABROAD: Your Problem Editor has just received letters from two foreign problemists, with whom he has been in correspondence. Excerpts: From J.J.P.A. Seilberger, 173 Paets van Troostwijkstratt, the Hague, Holland--"By today's post (May 31) I've received the March number, 1946, of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin. In my opinion, this is a very interesting folder. Therefore, I would kindly ask you to let me know if it would be possible to send me regularly the folder. Here in Holland we have a circulating circle. All the folders I get to hand from my foreign friends are circulating among 20 to 25 chess composers and chess lovers. In return I could send you par example the yearbook 1945 of our league of problem lovers. This yearbook has been issued this very month!" E. Teigin, Secretary of the Palestine Problemists Association, P.O.B. 806, Tel-Aviv, Palestine--"I would much appreciate if you could send me your West Virginia Chess Bulletin upon which our composers would gladly contribute some originals. Would members of the WVCA object to mailing the Bulletin to these two addresses as an exchange? The war ban on foreign money exchange is still on and the best we can do is start a merchandise exchange--subscriptions or otherwise with them."

LEVIN DICAMILLO WIN SEVEN AND PRELIMINARY

Playing beautiful chess, Jacob Levin and Attilio DiCamillo, both of Philadelphia, finished first and second, respectively, in the seven-state elimination tournament Aug. 10-12 at Cleveland, and will represent Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Delaware in the USCF National Championships Oct. 26-Nov. 16 in the auditorium of the Channin Building in New York City.

Levin's clear-cut victory score was 4-1; DiCamillo's was 3-2. The other four players--Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington, W. Va., Malcolm Patrick of Dayton, O., Dr. Bruno Schmidt of Detroit, and George Eastman, also of Michigan--ended in a four-way tie, with a score of 2-3 each.

ZIGGY REPORTS ON THE TOURNAMENT

Members will be interested in Ziggy Werthammer's own comment on the tournament:

"Mr. A. R. Phillips of Cleveland is the most charming and perfect host and truly made us feel at home. He is doing a great job in Ohio.

"Jacob Levin, a lawyer of Philadelphia, has national caliber and is undoubtedly the best player in the tournament. He really trounced me. DiCamillo is good, too, but vulnerable. My game against him, which I lost, was a battle royal, and about the most difficult game in the tournament.

"Dr. Bruno Schmidt of Detroit, just out of the army (formerly of Germany), is a very sound player. He outplayed me in a drawish position. George Eastman of Michigan originated in Stockholm, Sweden. Malcolm Patrick of Dayton played two beautiful games. He is the only one who brought Levin into a lost position, tho he did not win the game.

"Werthammer did as well as he could as you can see from the games tried to get away from draws, particularly in the games against Schmidt and DiCamillo."

BOX SCORE OF THE TOURNAMENT

	Levin	DiCamillo	Eastman	Patrick	Schmidt	Werthammer	Totals
Levin		2	1/2	1	1	1	4-1
DiCamillo	1/2		1/2	0	1	1	3-2
Eastman	1/2	1/2		1	0	0	2-3
Patrick	0	1	0		1	0	2-3
Schmidt	0	0	1	0		1	2-3
Werthammer	0	0	1	1	0		2-5

Herewith are Dr. Werthammer's five games in the tourney, plus Malcolm Patrick's win from DiCamillo, the last mentioned game being reprinted from the Cleveland Chess Bulletin. Our choice of the lot is the first-round game Werthammer-Patrick which includes one of the most dauntless and irresistible attacks we have ever seen. We recommend it to anyone who loves a dashing, devil-may-care battle. The notes are by Dr. Werthammer, at our request.

WHITE: WERTHAMMER
BLACK: PATRICK
SICILIAN DEFENSE

10 P-B4 K-R2
 11 P-KB5

equalized. After this error by Black, White attacks prettily.

25 N-N5 K-Q2
 26 N-BPch K-B3
 27 R-Q R-R
 28 N-KR7 R-N

This is a premature attack.

16 K-R B-R
 17 Q-K K-N2
 18 BxNch PxR

29 QxR Q-K2
 30 RxFch K-B4
 31 Q-R6 NxP

11... N-K4
 12 P-KN4 P-KN4
 13 P-KR4 PxP

19 R-KNch K-B
 20 QxP B-N2
 21 RxB R-R

32 R-Q5ch K-N5
 33 P-R3ch K-N6
 34 BxNch KxB

14 P-N5 PxP
 15 BxP R-KV7

22 Q-R8ch R-N
 23 Q-R6ch K-K
 24 N-Q5 R-B

35 Q-Bch K-N6
 36 Q-Qch K-R7
 37 N-B3ch NxP
 38 P-Q2ch BxN

15... R-KR would have

WHITE: DICAMILLO
BLACK: WERTHEIMMER
QGD--SLAV DEFENSE

- 1 N-KB3 P-Q4
- 2 P-B4 P-QB3
- 3 P-Q4 P-K3
- 4 N-B3 PXP
- 5 P-K3 P-QN4
- 6 P-QR4 B-N5
- 7 B-K2 N-B3
- 8 O-O BxN
- 9 PxB O-O
- 10 N-K5 N-Q4
- 11 Q-B2 P-B3
- 12 N-B3 P-QR3
- 13 P-K4 N-K2
- 14 B-R3 R-B2
- 15 P-K5 B-N2
- 16 PXP PXP
- 17 N-Q2 P-KB4
- 18 QR-K N-N3
- 19 B-R5 Q-N4
- 20 BxN QxB
- 21 P-B4 P-B4
- 22 N-B3 B-K5??
- 23 RxR! PXR
- 24 N-K5 Q-B5
- 25 NXR KxN
- 26 BXP N-Q2
- 27 B-Q6 N-N3
- 28 PXP PXP
- 29 B-K5 N-Q4
- 30 Q-N2 P-N5
- 31 P-R3 P-N6
- 32 R-R R-R
- 33 QxR K-N3
- 34 P-N4 Q-B2
- 35 Q-X P-K6
- 36 P-R4 P-K7
- 37 QXP NXP
- 38 P-R5ch Resigns

- 5 N-B3 P-Q3
- 6 B-KN5 B-K3
- 7 N-Q5 BxN
- 8 BxB P-KR3
- 9 BxKN QxB
- 10 P-B3 O-O
- 11 BxN PxB
- 12 Q-R4 P-Q4
- 13 O-O B-N3
- 14 P-Q4

White tries to complicate a draw-ish position and is punished. Of course, it is the fault of White the position became drawish in the first place.

- 14 ... PXP
- 15 P-K5 Q-B5
- 16 QXP PXP
- 17 QXP(3) P-QB4
- 18 KR-Q KR-Q
- 19 P-QR4 P-QR4
- 20 Q-N3 Q-QN5
- 21 R-R3 P-B5
- 22 Q-B3 P-Q5
- 23 NXP RxN
- 24 Resigns

WHITE: WERTHEIMMER
BLACK: EASTMAN
QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

- 1 P-Q4 N-KB3
- 2 P-QB4 P-K3
- 3 N-QB3 B-N5
- 4 P-K3 O-O
- 5 B-Q3 P-Q4
- 6 P-QR3 BxN
- 7 PxB P-B4
- 8 N-K2 Q-B2
- 9 PXP P-B5
- 10 P-Q6 Q-B3
- 11 B-N Q-NP
- 12 N-N3 P-K4
- 13 PXP N-N5
- 14 Q-B2 P-KN3
- 15 P-B4 Q-R6
- 16 Q-K2 N-QB3
- 17 P-R4 R-K
- 18 P-R5 N(5)XP(4)
- 19 PxN NXP
- 20 B-K4 B-N5
- 21 Q-KN2 Q-R5

A well-played game by both sides. White played masterfully at the end. Black should have been able to draw.

WHITE: WERTHEIMMER
BLACK: SCHLIDT
TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 B-B4 N-B3
- 4 P-Q3 B-B4

- 22 P-R3 B-Q2
- 23 K-Q2 QR-Q
- 24 B-R3 P-N3
- 25 PXP PXP
- 26 N-B5 Q-R4
- 27 N-K7ch K-B
- 28 Q-B2 K-N2
- 29 Q-B4 B-K3
- 30 QR-KB P-R3
- 31 Q-B6ch K-R2
- 32 KR-N RxN
- 33 QxR R-Q2
- 34 Q-B6 R-R2
- 35 QR-R BXP
- 36 B-N4 R-R
- 37 RxR Q-N4
- 38 QxQ PxQ
- 39 R-KR P-N5
- 40 B-N2 K-N2
- 41 BxB PxB
- 42 RXP Resigns

Black's sacrifices are not sound, and after a careful defense by White, Black succumbs to a counterattack.

WHITE: LEVIN
BLACK: WERTHEIMMER
QGD--SLAV DEFENSE

- 1 N-KB3 P-Q4
- 2 P-Q4 P-QB3
- 3 P-B4 P-K3
- 4 N-B3 PXP
- 5 P-K3 P-QN4
- 6 P-QR4 B-N5
- 7 B-Q2 P-QR4
- 8 N-K5 B-N2
- 9 Q-B3 Q-B3
- 10 B-K2 R-R2??

The losing move. 10...QxQ should have equalized. White could not play then 11 BxQ as P-B3 would cost his N.

- 11 Q-N3 BxN
- 12 BxB P-N5
- 13 B-Q2 N-Q2
- 14 RxN Resigns

WHITE: DICAMILLO
BLACK: PATRICK
RETI-ZUFERTORT

- 1 N-KB3 P-Q4
- 2 P-B4 P-Q5
- 3 P-K3 N-QB3
- 4 P-QN4 P-K4
- 5 P-N5 P-K5
- 6 PxN PxN
- 7 QXP PxBP
- 8 QxPch B-Q2
- 9 Q-K4ch B-K2
- 10 QxQP KB-B3
- 11 Q-K4ch N-K2
- 12 N-B3 B-B3
- 13 Q-B2 Q-Q2
- 14 P-Q3 O-O
- 15 QR-QN N-B4
- 16 N-K2 P-KR3
- 17 P-K4 B-R5
- 18 Q-Q2 N-R5
- 19 Q-K3 KR-K
- 20 P-N3 RXP
- 21 QxR R-K
- 22 Q-Q5 QxQ
- 23 Resigns

FROM THE W.VA.
TOURNEY OF 1945
WHITE: V.J. LEMKE
BLACK: LEE ROGERS
FRENCH DEFENSE

- 1 P-K4 P-K3
- 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3 P-K5 P-QB4
- 4 P-QB3 N-QB3
- 5 P-KB4 B-Q2
- 6 N-KB3 PXP
- 7 PXP B-N5ch
- 8 B-Q2 KN-K2
- 9 BxB NxB
- 10 P-QR3 Q-R4
- 11 Q-Q2 KN-B3
- 12 N-B3 O-O
- 13 B-K2 N-R3
- 14 O-O N-B2
- 15 B-Q3 P-QR3
- 16 Q-KB2 QR-B
- 17 BxPch KB
- 18 Q-R4ch K-N3
- 19 Q-N5ch K-R2
- 20 Q-R5ch K-N
- 21 N-N5 Resigns

A hoary trap but it still works!

CHESS CHATTER

COLA'S 1946 CHAMPIONSHIP

Hundreds of U.S. players soon will be competing in the 1946 national, regional and state chess championships. This event has been sponsored every year almost since the turn of the century by the Correspondence Chess League of America, now the official postal chess chapter of the United States Chess Federation. West Virginians desiring to play need only send the entry fee, \$1, to Secretary J.W. Jenkins, 723 South Main St., Newark, N. Y. (not New Jersey, note). He will enroll the player in a preliminary regional section of about nine players. You play one game by mail with each opponent. States with a large chess population may have as many as five or six sections. Winners of the sections will play a round among themselves to decide the state championship. States not providing enough players for a section may be grouped regionally with players of some nearby state or states. In the final rounds, all sectional winners east of the Mississippi will play for the All-Eastern title, others for the All-Western title. These two winners will battle it out for the U.S. championship. The \$1 entry fee covers all expense of the tourney--clerical work, assignment sheets, score sheets, correspondence, etc. You need not be a member of the COLA to participate. (COLA membership, including a year's subscription to the league magazine, Chess Correspondent, is \$3 a yr.)

PROBABLY AN OLDIE--BUT A GOODIE

A chess master, passing a fire station in a tank town, noticed two men playing chess. He paused to watch. The game ended, one of the men looked up to ask, "You wanta play?" The master explained who he was and was invited to play, anyway. The fireman began with an unusual opening; in fact, the whole game proceeded unorthodoxly. To the master's amazement, he was thoroughly beaten--and his opponent hadn't even moved his rooks. "Why didn't you use your rooks?" demanded the master. "You know," said the fireman, "we've never been able to figure out which way they move--so we just let 'em set."--From Red Rose Clatter (Lancaster, Pa.).

ANTIQUÉ DISCOVERED AT MINNEAPOLIS

We got a kick out of a comment by a rural character named "Klock" in the Aug. 15 issue of Chuck Hardinge's Pawnshop (Minneapolis). Klock gives the 10-move game which Weaver Adams lost to George Kramer in the USCF Open in Pittsburgh (see page 23 of the July-Aug. Bulletin) and says: "Dat whut comes uv a QP opener a tryin tew play P-K4... Tew play 1 P-K4 yew must be a master..." Is Klock kidding?--or does he know of a game in which Weaver Adams once--it couldn't possibly be more than once--opened with 1 P-Q4? If so, we advise Klock to hang on to it; it's probably worth its weight in gold as an antique!

THANKS TO C.H.L. SCHUETTE II FOR MUCH PLEASANT READING

C.H.L. Schuette has resigned as editor of En Passant (Pittsburgh) and has been replaced in the current issue by J.H. Stalnaker, president of the Downtown YMCA Chess Club, who may be addressed at 1428 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. We have always enjoyed Brother Schuette's splendid work as an editor, particularly his amusing way of taking the boys to task. He talked good sense, with more than a little humor, and we know members of the Y club will miss his candid remarks... For a new editor, stepping abruptly into a vacancy, Stalnaker has done an excellent job in his August issue. The story of the USCF Open, told by William K. Byland, is especially fine. We wish Brother Stalnaker every success in his new work!

BONERS IN THE JULY-AUGUST WVCE

Under election of vice presidents to the USCF (page 5), we inadvertently omitted the name of Herman Steiner, winner of the U.S.C.F. Open. Sorry, Herman! And on the same page, we referred to the Sonneman-Berger System of tie-breaking, when the Sonnenborn-Berger System was intended... Also, if anybody cares, we numbered the Bulletin incorrectly, making it No. 46, when it should have been No. 47. For those who keep a permanent file and want their numbers correct, we advise pencilling it in. You're welcome!

SPEAKING OF BOMERS

The WVCS isn't the only chess journal which errs. Chess Review slips once in a while, too. The Pittsburgh gang are giggling (when they think no one's looking) about the caption appearing in the August-September issue of C.R., under a picture of Mayor David L. Lawrence tossing out the first pawn at the Pittsburgh USCF Open. It says: "As Pittsburgh's Mayor O'Toole makes Santasiere's first move..." We know who the mayor of Pittsburgh is; what bothers us is this: Who is this guy O'Toole? (Despite which Chess Review has a lot of good reading this month which you shouldn't be missing, including the latest on all that's hot in chess. Reading it? If not, send \$3 for a year's sub to Chess Review, 250 West 57th St., New York 19, N. Y.)

U.S. TEAM LEAVES FOR MOSCOW

The USCF Monthly Letter reports that the U.S. team is now in Moscow for its return engagement with the Russian outfit which walloped us by radio last Labor Day, 15-12. Dates set for the match were Sept. 9-12. If we get the returns in time, we'll sneak in a bulletin on it somewhere in this issue; if not, it'll have to go over until next time. Members of the American team are U.S. Champion Arnold Denker, Herman Steiner, Weaver W. Adams, Arthur Dale, Reuben Fine, Israel A. Horowitz, Isaac I. Kashdan, A. Zevitz, Albert S. Pinkus, Samuel Reshevsky and Olaf I. Ulvestad. To WVCA Member Pinkus and the other players, 10 of whom will take part in the match, good luck! (Are you a member of the USCF? If not, send you \$1 membership at once to Secretary Edward I. Treend, 12869 Straithmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich. Treend is a WVCA member, by the way.)

INTERESTING ENDING FROM REID HOLT

Reid Holt, Charleston, writes (Aug. 10): "Here's the position of a skittles game between myself and Al DuVall last Wednesday, Ruy Lopez opening. Oddest draw I've seen in all my time. I have the whites. We reached this position, after my N-N4: 16/3K4/p7/1p4N1/1P5p/1P4l/8. Play then went: 1... K-N3; 2 N-K3 K-B3 (if P advances, N checks at B1); 3 N-B K-B2; 4 N-R2 K-N2; 5 N-N4 Drawn. The old merry-go-round proper! If the Black K reverses his field or moves diagonally, then the N checks on a field-reverse also. The Black K abandons the merry-go-round after N-R2 by playing K-K2 and attempts to capture White's Ps, then the White K captures the QRP first and QNP after Black is unable to take the P at N-3. Some ending!"

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Both Chess Review and Frederick Chevalier's column in The Christian Science Monitor carry stories that the F.I.D.E. (International Chess Federation) has announced plans for a tournament to be held next summer at Noordwijk, Holland, for the championship of the world. The Monitor says six players will compete, Dr. Max Euwe, the only surviving ex-champion; two players to be named from the U.S. and three players to be named from Russia. Also to be invited, if they are included in the above selections, would be winners of the current international tournament at Groningen and the October tourney to be held at Prague. Chevalier suggests the U.S. entries likely would be Reshevsky and Fine, and that Russia probably would send Botvinnik, Smyslov and Keres. Each player would meet each other player in four games. Chess Review's story agrees in the main with the Monitor's account, except that it lists Flohr rather than Smyslov as one of the Russian entries. The Review states that the selection of the six players is definite. Readers will be interested in a comment in Chevalier's column: "Paul Keres was a likely candidate for world championship honors on the basis of his prewar tournament record. In fact, he, like Russian chess stars today, received government subsidies. Now that Estonia is one of the Soviet states, perhaps he will be unable to compete as frequently in international competitions. He was, it would seem, unable to play in the Groningen tournament."

RUSSIAN BOOK COMING UP

Albrecht Buschke, 80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y., announces forthcoming publication of a bilingual tournament book, "Moscow Chess Champions 1944 (145 games)." The book is to be reproduced in the original Russian text by offset printing, with a page in

English, giving explanatory notes, facing each page of Russian text which Buschke says, "You will soon find very easy to master." (This is correct as we have played over a number of games on a sample page, with no trouble at all.) The book will be \$3.50; or to readers of Buschke's magazine, "Chess News From Russia," \$2.50. The magazine, by the way, is \$2.00 a year (24 semimonthly issues).

"WINNING CHESS TRAPS"--BY IRVING CHERNEV

One of our favorite chess books has always been E.A. Greig's "Pitfalls of the Chess Board." Not that we were ever able to remember any of the traps long enough to win any games with them, but we always got a big kick out of playing them over on the board--just seeing what could happen to a poor innocent like ourself, all unsuspecting. It was with real pleasure, therefore, that we began playing through Irving Chernev's new volume, "Winning Chess Traps." Based on "Pitfalls," new in most of its material, thoroughly charming in format and presentation, the book is a joy to own and use. Less than 50 of the "Pitfalls" traps are among the 300 in the new one. If you like to lay traps yourself or, like us, enjoy playing them over and studying their mechanics, you will want this book. It may be ordered from Chess Review, 250 W. 57th St., New York 19, N. Y., for \$3.00.

WE'RE NOT IGNORING YOU, MR. HELMS!

Before we proceed to a mention of the new USCF magazine in the next item, we wish hastily to inform Mr. Helms that we are NOT ignoring the American Chess Bulletin, the last two issues of which have been tops from start to finish (not that previous ones haven't been good, too!) and contain interesting matter we wish we could bring to every WVCA member. Next best thing we know is for every WVCA to subscribe...It's \$2 a yr. Address Hermann Helms, 150 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y. (6 issues a year).

FIRST ISSUE OF USCF NEWSPAPER APPEARS

We called it a "magazine" above, but that is just what its energetic editor, Montgomery Major (who also has edited three USCF Yearbooks) insists that it is not. He says it is a twice-a-month newspaper, published each 5th and 20th, bringing news of the "expansion of industry and achievement" of the United States Chess Federation and its more than 3,000 members. The first issue (Sept. 5) tells the story of the Junior Chess Tourney in Chicago, the National Open at Pittsburgh and the early rounds of the Gronitourney, plus articles on many other matters of interest to all U.S. chess players. The format of Chess Life--a well-considered and well-chosen title--is pleasing and, photographically, it is nearly perfect. The only fault we feel like finding is this: though it is the official organ of the USCF, it does not go to all USCF members (except for the first few issues) as part of their membership fee. May we renew our longtime plea that any USCF publication should go to every member, even if it is necessary to increase the membership fee to cover the cost? Meanwhile, we suggest every member of the WVCA try out for himself the advantages of this new publication. It may be had for: The eight issues of 1946, fifty cents; these eight issues of 1946 plus 24 issues of 1947, \$2.50; one year subscription, \$2; if you are not a USCF member you may become one by adding another \$1 to your check (this entitles you to the 1945 Yearbook). Address: Edward T. Treand, Secy., United States Chess Federation, 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

New York: A letter from Dr. Edward Lasker, New York, brings word that our friend, Tony Santasiere, won the N.Y. State Championship at Cazenovia, while Dr. Lasker himself was in a second-place tie with Stern.

Wisconsin: Jerome Kraszewski of Milwaukee won the Wisconsin championship, finishing with $\frac{1}{2}$ points in a six-round Swiss in a field of 50. Four other players, including Wisconsin Chess Letter Editor Fritz Ratmann of Milwaukee, tied for second with $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Lois Housfield of Milwaukee, in a tie for 13th with 3 points, was the leading woman and was declared woman's champion of Wisconsin. The tourney was held at Appleton.

ANNUAL ELECTION DELAYED

Ballots for the annual election ordinarily are mailed out with the September Bulletin. A difficulty in finding someone willing to fill the post of secretary-treasurer, following Gene Collett's resignation, is responsible for a month's delay. This nomination is for the job as named, and does not include the editorship of the Bulletin, tho that may well follow, if the new officer is willing to take over...Under the circumstances, it seemed advisable to call for nominations for the secy-treas. post. Will each member consider whom he would like in this post and drop a postcard to Ray H. Griffin, president of the WVCA, at 303 Greany Building, Clarksburg, W. Va.? Names suggested will be put up for vote next month, when other officials also will be chosen.

EDDIE FOY MAKES A SUGGESTION

Eddie Foy of Charleston proposes that next year the number of rounds of Swiss play be kept at a minimum in our State Tournament and that a period be provided in which adjourned games may be played off. At first, this suggestion may appear impractical, but it has its points. Five rounds are sufficient to pick a champion from any number of players up to 32--as many as were likely to get within the next few years. If we played five rounds instead of six, the period Sunday night might be reserved for playing off adjourned games, if any (2 games Saturday, 2 Sunday and 1 Monday). Players would be required to have all adjourned games out of the way prior to the opening of the final round Monday a.m. Meanwhile, the tourney director (or other official) would look at the positions at the time of adjournment and enter his opinion of the probable result as the "temporary score" for the purpose of making drawings for subsequent rounds. The plan might result in improper matching occasionally but the avoidance of adjudication appears to us to outweigh this disadvantage. We realize this would be a radical modification of the Swiss System but--well, what do you other tourney players think of the idea?

ASHWORTHS MOVE TO MORGANTOWN

Our three Philippi members--the Ashworths--have moved to Morgantown, though we do not have a new address for them yet.

DIRECTORY OF CHESS CLUBS?

Bill Schaeffer of Morgantown suggests "a standing directory in the Bulletin of the meeting times and places of the various clubs in the state" for the benefit of members who may visit other cities. This is a splendid idea. Will club secretaries send in the data immediately, please, and we'll start it next month?

OHIO CHESS BULLETIN--TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT

The Ohio Chess Association now has its own bulletin, the second issue of which is just out, containing, among other things, all the games played in the Area No. 3 Finals at Cleveland (see pages 6 and 7 for a story on the meet and Dr. Werthammer's games). The name of the editor of this fine publication is not listed but we suspect our old friend, A. R. Phillips, of Cleveland, to be the guilty party...Phillips writes, by the way, suggesting another Tri-State tournament, like the one held in Pittsburgh last year, to be held the Armistice Day week-end, either in Columbus or Cleveland. We are seconding the motion. If the plan used last year is again adopted, West Virginia's entrants would be Dr. Werthammer and Allen DuVall. Also, we would like to set up a much stronger team, say about 10 men, to take part in the tri-state team matches. Will members begin thinking about this matter and planning for it? (For probable entrants from Ohio and Pennsylvania, note winners and runners-up in tourneys for those states in story on page 3. Looks like it will be a mighty tough tournament this year but we know Ziggy and Allen will be in there pitching!)

Q. G. DECLINED

WHITE: LEMKE
BLACK: GRIMM

- 1 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2 P-QB4 P-K3
- 3 N-QB3 N-KB3
- 4 B-N5 QN-Q2
- 5 PXP PXP
- 6 P-K3 P-B3
- 7 B-Q3 P-KR3
- 8 B-KB4 N-N3
- 9 Q-B2 B-K3
- 10 N-B3 B-QN5
- 11 P-QR3 BxNch
- 12 PxB N-R4
- 13 B-K5 P-B3
- 14 BxNsch B-B2
- 15 BxSch KxB
- 16 B-N3 NxB
- 17 RPxN P-N4
- 18 P-R4 Q-Q3
- 19 N-Q2 K-N2
- 20 Q-N3 QR-QN
- 21 P-QB4 NxBP
- 22 NxN PxN
- 23 QxP Q-Q4
- 24 QxQ PxQ
- 25 K-Q2 KR-Q3
- 26 KR-QB P-N3
- 27 P-N4 K-N3
- 28 K-Q3 P-B4
- 29 NXP KXP
- 30 K-Q2 P-R3
- 31 QR-N P-R4
- 32 RxR RxB
- 33 RXP R-B5
- 34 R-N5 RxBP
- 35 RxBch K-K5
- 36 R-K5 mate

PIEDROFF DEFENSE

WHITE: MOTT
BLACK: LIGHTTT

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-KB3
- 3 NXP P-Q3
- 4 N-KB3 NXP
- 5 Q-K2 Q-K2
- 6 P-Q3 N-KB3
- 7 B-KN5 QxQch
- 8 BxQ B-K2
- 9 O-O P-KR3
- 10 B-R4 P-KN4
- 11 B-N3 N-B3
- 12 N-B3 B-K3
- 13 N-N5 O-O-O

14 N(5)-Q4

- B-Q2
- 15 NxN BxN
- 16 N-Q4 B-Q2
- 17 P-QR4 P-QB3
- 18 P-N4 P-KR4
- 19 P-R4 PXP
- 20 BxRP N-Q4
- 21 BxB NxB
- 22 B-B3 P-Q4
- 23 P-R5 P-QB3
- 24 N-N3 K-B2
- 25 KR-K QR-K
- 26 R-K5 P-R5
- 27 QR-K N-N3
- 28 BxR RxB
- 29 RxB RxB
- 30 B-N4 P-N3
- 31 P-Q4 N-K2
- 32 K-R2 P-KB4
- 33 B-K2 B-Q2
- 34 K-R3 N-N3

Drawn

TWO KNIGHTS DEF.

WHITE: SCHAFFNER
BLACK: LIGHTTT

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-KB3
- 3 N-B3 N-B3
- 4 B-B4 NXP
- 5 NxN P-Q4
- 6 BxP QxB
- 7 Q-K2 B-KN5
- 8 P-Q3 N-Q5
- 9 N-B3 B-N5
- 10 QxPch QxQch
- 11 NxQ B-K3
- 12 K-Q2 P-KB3
- 13 P-QR3 B-Q5
- 14 N-B4 BxN
- 15 PxB O-O-O
- 16 N-Q B-B5ch
- 17 K-Q3 BxB
- 18 K-B3 B-R3
- 19 P-QN4 KR-K
- 20 N-N2 P-KN3
- 21 KR-K N-N4ch
- 22 K-N3 N-Q5ch
- 23 K-B3 B-Q7ch
- 24 KxB N-B3ch
- 25 K-B3 NxB

White resigns

RUY LOPEZ

WHITE: VISINSKI
BLACK: ALLISON

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 B-N5 KN-K2
- 4 P-B3 P-Q3
- 5 P-Q4 B-Q2
- 6 B-K3 P-B3
- 7 N-Q2 N-N3
- 8 P-KB3 B-K2
- 9 Q-B2 P-QR3
- 10 B-Q3 N-R2
- 11 Q-N3 P-N4
- 12 Q-Q Q-B
- 13 N-B N-B3
- 14 N-N3 N-Q
- 15 N-B5 BxN
- 16 PxB N-B
- 17 B-B2 Q-N2
- 18 O-O N-Q2
- 19 R-K QR-N
- 20 N-R2 N-B2
- 21 Q-N4 B-B
- 22 QR-Q N-N3
- 23 B-N3 N-B5
- 24 B-B P-R3
- 25 N-B3 R-N
- 26 N-R4 P-B3
- 27 N-N6 R-Q
- 28 PXP QXP
- 29 RxBch KxB
- 30 BxN PxB
- 31 QXP B-Q3
- 32 R-Q Q-B2
- 33 QXP R-K
- 34 Q-R8ch K-Q2
- 35 Q-R4 Q-N2
- 36 Q-QB4 K-B
- 37 P-QN4 Q-B2
- 38 Q-K4 N-N4
- 39 BxN RxB
- 40 P-QR4 R-Q
- 41 P-R5 Q-N2
- 42 Q-QB4 Q-Q2
- 43 Q-K4 Q-N2
- 44 R-B K-B2
- 45 Q-QB4 Q-N4
- 46 Q-B7ch R-Q2
- 47 Q-K5 Q-Q6
- 48 P-R6 QxBP
- 49 Q-R2 R-Q
- 50 P-R7 R-QR
- 51 Q-R5ch K-N2
- 52 Q-R6ch K-B2
- 53 Q-R2 Q-Q5
- 54 Q-R5ch Q-N3

55 Q-R2 QxNP

- 56 R-N Q-R6
- 57 Q-B7ch K-B
- 58 Q-K8ch K-B2
- 59 QxR B-N5
- 60 R-Q B-Q3
- 61 RxB QxR
- 62 Q-N8ch K-Q2
- 63 QxQ KxQ
- 64 P-R8(Q)

Black resigns

RUY LOPEZ

WHITE: COLLETT
BLACK: HUMPHRIES

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 B-N5 P-QR3
- 4 B-R4 N-B3
- 5 O-O B-K2
- 6 R-K P-QN4
- 7 B-N3 O-O
- 8 P-B5 P-Q4
- 9 PXP NXP
- 10 P-Q4 PXP
- 11 NXP NxN
- 12 QxN B-K3
- 13 R-Q P-QB4
- 14 Q-K4 P-B5
- 15 B-B2 P-N3
- 16 B-R6 R-K
- 17 Q-B3 B-N4
- 18 BxB QxB
- 19 Q-N3 QxQ
- 20 BxPQ N-K6
- 21 R-Q2 NxB
- 22 RxB QR-Q
- 23 R-B2 R-Q8ch
- 24 R-B R(1)-Q
- 25 N-R3 RxQR
- 26 RxB R-Q7
- 27 P-QN4 B-Q4

White resigns

Q. P. GAME

WHITE: TOY
BLACK: HUMPHRIES

- 1 P-J4 N-KB3
- 2 P-QB4 P-K3
- 3 N-QB3 B-N5
- 4 P-K3 P-QN3
- 5 N-B3 O-O
- 6 P-KN3 B-N2
- 7 B-N2 P-Q3
- 8 O-O BxQN
- 9 PxB N-K5

10 Q-B2 Q-B

- 11 B-N2 N-Q2
- 12 KR-Q P-QB4
- 13 P-Q5 QN-B3
- 14 N-R4 PXP
- 15 PXP R-K
- 16 P-QB4 P-KN4
- 17 N-B3 Q-B4
- 18 R-KB B-QB
- 19 QR-B Q-N3
- 20 N-Q2 B-B4
- 21 NxN NxB
- 22 BxN BxB
- 23 Q-B3 K-B
- 24 P-KB3 B-B4
- 25 P-K4 B-R6
- 26 KR-K K-K2
- 27 P-K5 K-Q2
- 28 PXP KXP
- 29 R-K3 B-Q2
- 30 QR-Q P-B4
- 31 R-K5 P-KR4
- 32 K-B2 P-B5
- 33 Q-Q2 PXPch
- 34 PXP P-N5
- 35 R-N5 Q-B2
- 36 R-N6ch K-B2
- 37 R-B6 Q-N
- 38 Q-B4ch K-N2
- 39 R-B7 QR-Q
- 40 KR-K7 RxB
- 41 RxB K-B
- 42 Q-Q6 Q-B
- 43 P-B4 Q-B4
- 44 H-K2 R-K
- 45 B-K5 RxB
- 46 QxR Q-Q6
- 47 Q-K4 Q-Q5ch
- 48 QxQ PxQ
- 49 R-Q2 P-QN4
- 50 P-B5 P-R4
- 51 P-R3 K-B2
- 52 RXP B-B4
- 53 K-K3 B-N3
- 54 R-Q2 B-B4
- 55 K-Q4 B-N3
- 56 K-K5 B-K
- 57 K-K6 B-Q2ch
- 58 K-K7 B-B4
- 59 K-B3 B-Q2
- 60 P-B5 K-Q
- 61 K-K5 B-K
- 62 P-KB6 B-B2
- 63 K-Q6 K-B
- 64 K-K7 B-N3
- 65 P-B7

Black resigns

GAMES FROM THE 1946 W.V.A. MEET

Q. G. DECLINED

WHITE: WERTHAMMER

BLACK: DuVALL

- 1 P-Q4 P-K3
- 2 P-KN5 N-KB3
- 3 B-N2 P-Q4
- 4 P-QB4 P-B3
- 5 Q-B2 QN-Q2
- 6 N-KB3 N-K5
- 7 O-O B-K2
- 8 KN-Q2 P-KB4
- 9 P-B3

N(5)-B3

- 10 P-K4 O-O
- 11 BPxP N-N3
- 12 N-N3 QBPxP
- 13 P-K5 N-K
- 14 B-K3 B-Q2
- 15 N-B5 R-B
- 16 Q-B2 BxN
- 17 PxB N-B5
- 18 B-Q4 N-B2
- 19 N-B3 Q-K2
- 20 P-N3 N-R4
- 21 P-B4 N-R3
- 22 Q-Q2 N-B3
- 23 B-K3 KR-Q
- 24 N-N5 B-K
- 25 N-Q6 R-B2
- 26 QR-B B-R4
- 27 P-QR3

R(2)-Q2

- 28 P-QN4

N(B3)-N

- 29 P-QR4 P-R3
- 30 P-N5 N-B2
- 31 P-B6 PxP
- 32 PxB RxB
- 33 B-B5 NxB
- 34 BxR

and White easily demonstrates his win.

Q. G. ACCEPTED

WHITE: WERTHAMMER

BLACK: HARTLING

- 1 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2 P-QB4 PxB
- 3 N-KB3 P-QR3
- 4 P-K3 B-N5

- 5 BxP P-K3
- 6 Q-N3 BxN
- 7 PxB N-QB3
- 8 B-Q2 P-QN4
- 9 B-K2 N-B3
- 10 N-B3 B-K2
- 11 N-Q3 N-R4
- 12 Q-B2 P-B3
- 13 N-K4 NxB
- 14 PxB O-O
- 15 P-N4 N-N2
- 16 QxP N-Q3
- 17 P-K5 N-B4
- 18 P-QR3 R-K
- 19 B-KB3 R-R2
- 20 O-O B-B
- 21 B-K4 N-K2
- 22 Q-B2 P-KR4
- 23 P-B4 N-Q4
- 24 Q-Q P-N5
- 25 Q-B5 N-K2
- 26 K-R N-B4
- 27 R-KN K-R2
- 28 P-Q5 N-R5
- 29 QxPch B-R5
- 30 P-Q6 N-B4
- 31 Q-K2 P-B3
- 32 Q-N4 R-N
- 33 P-KR4 PxB
- 34 P-R5 QxP
- 35 PxBch K-N2
- 36 KR-Q R-K
- 37 B-QB3 NxB
- 38 Q-R5 Q-B

and White announces mate in three by 39 QxPch

ALEKHINE'S DEF.

WHITE: HURT

BLACK: WERTHAMMER

- 1 P-K4 N-KB3
- 2 P-K5 N-Q4
- 3 P-QB4 N-N3
- 4 P-QN3 P-Q4
- 5 B-N2 PxB
- 6 PxB P-QB4
- 7 N-KB3 N-B3
- 8 B-K2 B-B4
- 9 O-O P-K3
- 10 N-R3 B-K2
- 11 R-K O-O

- 12 Q-N3 Q-Q2
- 13 QR-Q KR-Q
- 14 P-Q4 N-R4
- 15 Q-B3 N-R5
- 16 QxN NxB
- 17 R-Q2 Q-R5
- 18 Q-B3 PxB
- 19 QxN BxN
- 20 QxNP B-QN5
- 21 RxB BxB
- 22 NxB Q-R4
- 23 N-B3 QR-N
- 24 RxBch QxR
- 25 QxP R-NBch
- 26 B-B B-Q6
- 27 P-R3 RxBch
- 28 K-R2 R-QB8
- 29 P-B5 P-R3
- 30 Q-R3 R-B5
- 31 N-Q2 R-B7
- 32 N-B3 Q-Q4
- 33 P-B6 RxBch
- 34 Q-K7 B-K5
- 35 Q-KBch K-R2
- 36 QxP BxN
- 37 QxB QxQ
- 38 PxB R-B7
- 39 K-N2 RxBP
- 40 P-B4 K-N3
- 41 K-B3 K-B4
- 42 P-R4 R-R5

White resigns

Q. G. ACCEPTED

WHITE: FOY

BLACK: WERTHAMMER

- 1 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2 P-QB4 PxB
- 3 N-KB3 N-Q2
- 4 P-K3 N-N3
- 5 BxP NxB
- 6 Q-R5ch P-QB3
- 7 QxN B-K3
- 8 Q-K2 B-N5
- 9 O-O N-B3
- 10 QN-Q2 P-K3
- 11 P-QR3 Q-Q4
- 12 P-K4 BxN
- 13 QxB QxQP
- 14 R-K R-Q
- 15 P-KR3 B-K2
- 16 Q-QN3 B-B4
- 17 Q-KB3 B-N3

- 18 N-N3 Q-B5
- 19 N-Q2 Q-B7
- 20 Q-K2 R-Q6
- 21 P-QN4 O-O
- 22 R-R2 QxR
- 23 QxR R-Q
- 24 Q-K2 R-Q5
- 25 K-B P-KR3
- 26 Q-Q P-QR4
- 27 Q-K2 PxB
- 28 PxB RxBP
- 29 Q-B3 Q-R5
- 30 P-K5 R-KB5
- 31 QxR QxQ
- 32 N-K4 QxP
- 33 NxBch QxN
- 34 B-K3 BxB
- 35 RxB Q-R3ch
- 36 R-K QxRch
- 37 KxQ K-B

White resigns

FRENCH DEFENSE

WHITE: DuVALL

BLACK: HURT

- 1 P-K4 P-K3
- 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3 N-QB3 B-N5
- 4 P-K5 N-K2
- 5 P-QR3 BxNch
- 6 PxB P-QB4
- 7 P-KN3 Q-R4
- 8 B-Q2 P-B5
- 9 N-B3 Q-R5
- 10 B-N2 QN-B3
- 11 O-O B-Q2
- 12 N-R4 O-O-O
- 13 P-B4 P-KN3
- 14 B-R3 P-KR4
- 15 N-B3 QR-B
- 16 N-N5 N-Q
- 17 R-B2 N-B4
- 18 Q-Q3 N-R3
- 19 R-QN N-N5
- 20 R-N4 Q-R4
- 21 BxN PxB
- 22 Q-Q QxP
- 23 QxP P-R4
- 24 R-N6 Q-K2
- 25 R-B P-B4
- 26 Q-Q N-B2
- 27 Q-N B-B3
- 28 Q-N2 NxB
- 29 PxB R-R6

- 30 R-N Q-QB2
- 31 Q-R3 R(1)-R
- 32 QxP RxBP
- 33 B-B4 R-R8ch
- 34 K-N2 R(1)-R7c
- 35 K-B3 RxB
- 36 Q-R8ch K-Q2
- 37 RxB RxB
- 38 R-R RxBch
- 39 B-K3 Q-Q
- 40 R-R7ch Q-K2
- 41 RxBch KxB
- 42 Q-KN8 B-K
- 43 Q-N7ch B-B2
- 44 Q-B6ch K-K
- 45 K-B4 R-N6
- 46 Q-R8ch K-K2
- 47 Q-QB8 P-N4
- 48 Q-Q2 P-N5
- 49 BxBch RxB
- 50 Q-B5ch

and White wins Rook and game.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

WHITE: HARTLING

BLACK: HUMPHRIES

- 1 P-Q4 N-KB3
- 2 P-QB4 P-K3
- 3 N-QB3 B-N5
- 4 P-QR3 BxNch
- 5 PxB P-QB4
- 6 N-KB3 O-O
- 7 Q-B2 P-Q4
- 8 B-N5 P-KR3
- 9 B-R4 QN-Q2
- 10 P-K3 Q-K2
- 11 N-K5 PxB
- 12 BPxB(4) Q-Q3
- 13 B-N3 Q-N3
- 14 B-Q3 Q-R4ch
- 15 K-K2 P-QN3
- 16 N-B6 Q-R3
- 17 P-B5 Q-N2
- 18 N-K7ch K-R
- 19 P-B6 R-K
- 20 PxB BxB
- 21 B-Q6 QR-B
- 22 NxB RxB
- 23 Q-N2 N-K
- 24 B-N3 P-B4
- 25 KR-QB P-KN4
- 26 B-N5 N-B3
- 27 BxN

Black resigns

BOTVINNIK WINS AT GRONINGEN

Dr. Max Euwe of Amsterdam, ex-world champion, had his chance to win the Groningen, Holland, tournament in its 19th and final round--and muffed it!

The championship of the tourney went to Mikhail Botvinnik of Russia, who scored $14\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, to Dr. Euwe's 14-5.

Both the Dutchman and Russian lost their final round games! Dr. Euwe bowed to Alexander Kotov of Russia while Botvinnik lost to Mendel Najdorf of Poland. Guess even the big ones feel the strain when it gets really rough!

U.S. Champion Arnold S. Denker tied with Kotov for 10th place, each with a score of $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$. Denker drew his game with Botvinnik and also his game with Vassily Smyslov with whom he paired in the U.S.-Russian match the next week. Smyslov was third, $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$.

The other American entrant, the U.S. Open Champion, Herman Steiner, finished in 18th place with a score of 6-13.

Other scores: Najdorf tied for fourth with Laszlo Szabo of Hungary, $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$; Isaac Boleslavsky, Russia, tied with his fellow countryman, Salo Flohr, for sixth, at 11-8; Erik Lundin and Gosta Stoltz, both of Sweden, tied for eighth, $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$; Dr. S. T. Tartakover tied with Denker and Kotov for 10th, $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$; Cenek Kottbauer of Czechoslovakia, 13th, 9-10; Abe Yanofsky, Canada, 14th, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$; Dr. O.S. Bernstein, France, and Carlos E. Gulmar, Argentina, tied for 15th, 7-12; Dr. Milan Vidmar, Yugoslavai, 17th, $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$; A. O'Kelly de Galway, Belgium, 19th, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $13\frac{1}{2}$; Martin Christoffel, Switzerland, 20th, 5-14.

The Russian winner, Botvinnik, who captured the Russian championship six times between 1931 and 1945, is only 35 years . . . His last appearance in a big international tournament was the A.V.R.O. meet in 1938 in Holland, when he finished third behind Paul Keres of Estonia, first, and Reuben Fine, of the U.S., second. Botvinnik, a high-tension engineer living in the Urals, is married and has a baby daughter.

EDDIE FOY WINS AT CHARLESTON

Like Dr. Euwe, Bill Hartling lost a good chance to win himself a tournament, or at least to tie for first place, when he dropped the last two games of the Charleston Chess Club's summer invitation tournament, losing, of all things, to the two players who finished at the bottom of the list--Frank Branner and young Eddie Holt! Up until then, Bill had been beaten only once, by John Hurt, and looked as if he had an edge on first honors. Here are the final standings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals	
1. Edward M. Foy	-	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6-1	The winner, as readers may
2. John Hurt	0	--	0	1	1	1	1	1	5-2	spy with one eye, was Edward M.
3. Walt Crede	0	1	-	0	0	1	1	1	4-3	Foy, who played top chess thru-
4. William Hartling	1	0	1	-	1	1	0	0	4-3	out, losing only one game, to
5. Reid Holt	0	0	1	0	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	Hartling. Foy was superb in the
6. Hal Liggett	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	last two rounds, beating Former
7. Frank Branner	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$	State Champion's Crede and Ligg-
8. Eddie Holt	0	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$	ett. In fact, Liggett was the
										champion at the time they played.

We'd like some of the better games for use in the Bulletin. We've asked privately a couple of times without getting them, so now we're asking publicly--through the Bulletin. How's about it, boys?

The two Charleston clubs are now preparing to open play for the Charleston City Championship in the near future. Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, state champion for the third time, was scheduled to give an exhibition of simultaneous play at the Charleston Club Sept. 18. We're hoping for a full report!

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT--AUG. 31, 1945, TO AUG. 30, 1946:Receipts:

Balance in WVCA treasury at end of 1944-45 fiscal year (see Bull. 37)	\$ 5.36
Memberships 1945-46, 98 @ \$1, 8 @ 75¢, 2 @ 50¢, 11 @ 45¢, 1 @ 40¢, 1 @ 35¢	110.70
" 1946-47, 15 @ \$1	15.00
Donations: Griffin \$15, Pauli \$12, Sweeney \$4, A. Brenneman \$3, Altmeyer & Devericks \$2 each, E. Allison, Holt, Mutchler & Collett \$1 each	42.00
1944 Yearbooks sold \$5.20, commission on chessbook sold 50¢	5.70
Total to be accounted for	<u>\$ 178.76</u>

Expenditures:

Publication 11 Bulletins (Nos. 37-47, Sept. 1945 to July-Aug. 1946)	\$ 86.91
Rental typewriter Dec 1945-Sept 1945, 9 mos. at \$3. \$27; typer Ribbon 29¢	27.29
Bates stapler & supply of staples	6.60
Mimeo correction fluid 35¢, mending tape 10¢	.45
Correspondence on association business	19.37
Printing 1945-46 Yearbook \$4.15, postage mailing 1944 Yearbooks 32¢	4.48
Mimeo: 1945 renewal notices 25¢, 1945 ballots 45¢, 1945 tourney scores \$1	1.70
Donations: 1945 Tri-State Tourney prizes \$10, 1945 W. Va. tny prizes 25¢	10.25
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 157.05</u>
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 30, 1945	<u>\$ 21.71</u>

Breakdown of Bulletin costs given above: Mimeo (stencils, paper, ink, etc.), \$46.11; mailing (postage, express charges, envelopes, gummed labels, etc.) \$37.80; printing (insert picture for Oct 1945 issue) \$3; total \$86.91. This is an average of \$7.90 each for 11 issues. During the year members got 146 pages of Bulletin, or an average of 12.2 pages per month, as compared with 11.7 pages per month in the previous fiscal period. Total number of copies printed in year, 1,735, or an average of 158 per issue. To these Bulletin costs, of course, must be added a fair share of such items as typewriter rental, purchase of stapling machine, etc.

Note: Members will note that of the \$21.71 balance shown above, \$15 came from pre-paid 1946-47 dues, so that the actual balance from 1946-47 receipts is \$6.71.

Gene Collett
Secretary-Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS (1946-47 YEAR)

(Here begins our annual listing of members, starting as usual with the Tournament players, and continuing with others in order in which dues are received.)

- George Koltanowski, P.O. Box 318, Yankton, S. D. (HONORARY MEMBER) (new address)
- 1 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, 917 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.
- 2 Allen DuVall, 402 Elm Street, Charleston 2, West Virginia (NEW)
- 3 William F. Hartling, 1979 Benedict Circle, Belvil Park, St. Albans, W. Va.
- 4 John F. Hurt, Jr., P. O. Box 891, Charleston 23, West Virginia
- 5 Prof. Victor J. Lemke, 903 Bayley Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia
- 6 Milford B. Mott, Arthurdale, West Virginia
- 7 Edward M. Foy, 4 Arlington Court, Charleston 1, West Virginia
- 8 Richard Grimm, 5412 Ohio Street SW., Charleston 3, West Virginia
- 9 Dr. Robert T. Humphries, 414 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia
- 10 Harold W. Liggett, 110 Central Avenue, South Charleston 3, West Virginia
- 11 Frank Wisinski, 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia
- 12 William Schaeffer, 343 Dorsey Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia
- 13 Sam Allison, Nutter Fort, West Virginia
- 14 Gene Collett, 125 Meritt Avenue, Pittsburgh 27, Pennsylvania (LIFE MEMBER)
- 15 W. E. Mutchler, 4819 Forty-seventh Street NW., Washington 16, D. C.
- 16 Anthony Foy, 4 Arlington Court, Charleston 1, West Virginia
- 17 Cliff Mosier, in care of The Times-Advance, Box 67, Dunbar, West Virginia
- 18 Kenneth Mosier (no address)
- 19 Capt. B. W. Devericks, Safety Division, Post Headquarters, Fort Knox, Kentucky

- 20 Mrs. E. W. Devericks, 317 Sumner Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia
 21 Otto Oppenheimer, 3240 Henry Hudson Parkway, New York 63, New York
 22 A. W. Paull, Wheeling Stamping Company, Wheeling, West Virginia
 23 Albert S. Pinkus, 1700 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn 26, New York
 24 Edward I. Treend, 12869 Strathmoor Avenue, Detroit 27, Michigan
 25 J. B. Mulligan, 5 North Tyson Avenue, Floral Park, New York
 26 Waldo L. Waters, 1165 Franklin Street, Melrose 76, Massachusetts
 27 William Challinor, Box 1082, Clarksburg, West Virginia
 28 Ariel Robinson, Arthurdale, West Virginia
 29 Ray H. Griffin, 303 Greaney Building, Clarksburg, West Virginia
 30 Isadore Moshein, 324 Stealey Avenue, Clarksburg, West Virginia (NEW)
 31 C. H. Simmerman, 209 Sumner Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia (NEW)
 32 William R. Cuthbert, 88 Washington Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia (NEW)

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT--AUG. 1 TO SEPT. 15, 1946:

	<u>Recd.</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Bal.</u>
Bal. on hand Aug. 1 (see Bull. 47) (corrected)			32.36
Receipts: 1945-46 dues, Hardinge \$1, Pinkus 35¢; 1946-47 dues, Paul, Pinkus, Treend, Mulligan, Waters \$5; donation Paull \$4	10.35		42.71
Expenses: Bull. 47 (24 pp. 225 copies) mimeo \$8.50, express charges to Charleston \$1.11, postage \$4.78; 400 scoresheets for tourney \$2; correspondence \$2.61; typewriter rental Aug. 7-Sept. 6, \$3		21.00	21.71

(MEMORANDUM: BOOKS CLOSED AUGUST 31 ON ASSOCIATION'S 1945-46 FISCAL YEAR)

Bal. on hand Aug. 31 (see above)			31.71
Receipts: 1945-47 dues, Challinor, Hartling, Liggett, Humphries, Wisinski, Lemke, Grimm, Hurt, DuVall, Schaeffer, Werthammer, Robinson, Griffin, Moshein, Simmerman, Cuthbert, \$16; balance 1945-47 dues, S. Allison, 35¢; from '46 tourney fund, 13¢	16.48		38.19
Expenses: Correspondence \$1.62; typewriter, Sep. 7-Oct. 6, \$3		4.62	33.57

NOTICE: The 1945-46 year of the West Virginia Chess Association ended Aug. 31, altho the present issue of the Bulletin is being mailed to all last year's members, whether renewed or not. The membership list is being revised this month, however, and names of those failing to renew will be dropped after this issue. If your name is not among those listed above, or if you paid your dues prior to March, 1945, you are no longer a member in good standing. Send your \$1 renewal immediately to the secretary-treasurer, Gene Collett, 125 Meritt Avenue, Pittsburgh 27, Pa.

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BULLETIN!!! As we go to press, nine games of the first round of the Russian-American over-the-board match at Moscow have been completed, with the Russians leading 6-3. The Russians won three games, Smyslov over Denker, Flohr over Steiner and Ragozin over Pinkus. These games were drawn: Reshevsky-Botvinnik, Fine-Keres, Horowitz-Botvinnik, Kashdan-Kotov, Dake-Lillienthal, Kevitz-Bondarevsky. The Ulvestad-Bronstein game was adjourned, with the Russian holding an apparent advantage. Though the Americans were trailing, their score seemed much better than in the radio match at this stage, and play was so close the tide might turn in their favor in the second round. The matches were playing to a tremendous crowd with cheering so loud that police had to caution the spectators to restrain themselves. Announcement was made that another round of the match will be played in New York City in 1947.