

The Yearbook is Finished!!!

As this bulletin is being written, the 1942 yearbook trembles on the verge of completion. All the stencils have been cut and proof-read and the printing of the final pages is under way. It is merely a question of hours which will come off the press first--the yearbook or the bulletin. We have decided, therefore, to save some postage by mailing both together as it likely will mean a difference of only a day or two. (We have to use third-class rates as the p. o. refuses to give us book rates for the yearbook.)

The number of completed copies of the yearbook will be 75 (we hope!). Of these, 46 go to the members listed on page 8 of the yearbook, 1 to Honorary Member Koltanowski, three to 1941 members who did not renew for 1942 (Ernest Johnson, Box 1024, Baltimore, Md., E. E. Campbell, Elm Grove, Wheeling, and B. E. Stover, Oakmont, Wheeling), one for the association's official record book, three to the chess magazines (Bulletin, Review and Correspondent), and one to the artist who drew the Landis Marks portrait on page 5 in the yearbook.

This brings us up to 55 copies going into the mail today. We, therefore, have 20 copies (we hope!) left for future distribution. How's about signing up those 20 additional members and putting \$10 into the treasury? We can use it with funds low and several bulletins still to be printed before another club year rolls around!

If you think the Yearbook is something West Virginia chess players would want, show it to your friends and forward their memberships. First come, first served! After these 20 copies are gone, there are no more! (As the publishers say, "The plates have been destroyed.")

Credit Line for George Clark

One helper failed to get credit in the "Editorial Swan Song" (pp. 49-50 of the Yearbook). He is George Clark who for several weeks has been saving all the large envelopes which came into his possession (and he gets a number of them, as editor of the Clarksburg Exponent). These are being used to mail the Yearbooks. Many thanks, George, for your fine work and our apologies for failing to include you in the "E. S. S."

New Members!

Since our last bulletin, ~~six~~ <sup>been</sup> more members have been added to the list, making the total to date 46. We may get to 50 after all, huh?

- 41 H. Reid Holt, 6 Front Street, Richwood
- 42 Robert Jamison, 1207 Virginia Street, E., Charleston
- 43 Mrs. Frank Ludwig, 1570 Kanawha Boulevard, Charleston
- 44 Cliff Mosier, c/o The Gazette, Hale Street, Charleston
- 45 Dr. O. E. Shefreland, Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin
- 46 Rev. Wm. M. Erhard, 201 Webster Street, Clarksburg

Note that we now have a member of the fairer sex among our adher-

Charleston is gaining steadily on Clarksburg in the race for members. Clarksburgers and ex-Clarksburgers on the list now total 17, Charlestonians and exes, 16. Others are distributed as follows: Huntington 7, Wheeling 3, Parkersburg 1, out-of-state 2.

### Address Changes

Ray Martin, Box 117, South Charleston  
 Robert Apgar, 209 Hale Street, Charleston  
 Thomas Frye, 6 Cliffs Street, Trenton, N. J.  
 Capt. Robert T. Humphries, M. C., Box 92, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

### Kolti to Clarksburg, Charleston

Honorary Member Koltanowski, world blindfold champion, will give a chess exhibition in Clarksburg sometime early in November. He suggested November 3 but as this is Election day, we have asked him to pick another date if possible. . . . A note in Walt Crede's Daily Mail column says Kolti will appear two nights in Charleston but dates are not yet arranged. (FLASH! Kolti will be in Clarksburg Nov. 4!)

### That Huntington Article

The article on Huntington chess, promised us by Prof. W. Page Pitt of Marshall College never did arrive and we finally put the yearbook to bed (weeping bitterly) without it. Our apologies to the Huntington boys! Will some member there start work on a story for the 1943 yearbook and send it along? It can be up-to-dated next fall and slapped right into the volume.

### Ernest Reel Tells a Story

Sam Abrahams sends us an amusing story by Ernest Reel, chess editor, which was published in the Huntington Herald-Advertiser on Sept. 13, 1942. Members will enjoy it:

A teacher requested her pupils to write an essay on "Sports." Each child was to take up the subject of the sport he or she knew most about. When the compositions were read, football, baseball, golf and bingo were widely discussed. One little chap, however, eschewed all of the muscular sports, and wrote on the subject that interested him most. Here is his unique symposium:

"Chess--It is a game what only two can play. Sometimes as many as five stand around, but they dassent move except from one foot to another. When you begin chess you end talk. First you lay a square board on a round table. You stand your figgers up straight and set yourself down. Then the fun begins. You cross your feet under the table, and with your hand at your forehead, you begin to beat your temples. The man acrost the table pulls in his chair, coughs and then hollers, 'Shoot!' They then both stare down on the board. Sometimes the eyes stray on the vest and one player begins to rub the egg spots off with his finger-nails. Then the other man scratches his head and gets ready to do a lot of thinking. The man who said 'Shoot' finds a loose button on his coat and wiggles it. Then his partner takes a long breath and both make another move. The feller

hot for he pulls them away so quick and rubs both his hands together. Then when the guy with the white pieces talks about his Knights I realize it is my bedtime; besides my foot has gone to sleep. I like chess, cause it makes me feel grown up."

### Correspondence Tournament

The state championship correspondence tournament got under way Sept. 24. We had neither as large a group (only six) nor as wide a geographical distribution (Clarksburg and Charleston) as we could have wished. However, those who are playing seem quite pepped up and it should be a good battle. Players are engaging in a double round, making a total of 10 games for each contestant. Entrance fees (50c) have been paid by Liggett and Jeffries. We are keeping this money separate from other association funds. Rules under which the participants are playing will be found on p. 24 of the Yearbook. The list of contestants:

Capt. R. T. Humphries and Robert Appgar (see p. 2 for addresses)  
 Jesse S. Church, 1824 Odell Avenue, Charleston  
 Robert Jamison, 1207 Virginia Street, Charleston  
 Harold W. Liggett, Box 2175, Charleston  
 William Jeffries, 115 Ridenour Street, Clarksburg

### Treasurer's Report--Sept. 10 to Oct. 10

	<u>Rec'd</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Sept. 10 Balance on hand (see Bull. 4)			\$11.84
Bull. 4 (60 copies, 4 pp.); envelopes, 16c, mimeo work 72c, postage 57c		\$1.45	10.39
4 rearspaper at 95c plus 8c tax \$3.88 and 1 quire stencils \$2.75 & 6c tax both for use in yearbooks		6.69	3.70
Sep-Oct Postage--correspondence with members Memberships Holt, Jamison, Mrs. Ludwig, Mosier, Shefreland & Erhard at 50c each		.39	3.31
Gifts to yearbook fund: Liggett 50c, Challiner, Peterson 25c each	\$3.00		6.31
Paste for use in yearbook work	1.00		7.31
		.10	7.21

Balance in general fund Oct. 10, \$7.21; balance in correspondence tourney fund, \$1....Next month we plan to give a breakdown of the cost of the yearbook, including postage. With the exception of mailing charges, only a few other cost items (principally ink) remain to be entered.

### Let's Start a Real Good Fight!

What do you think of the annotations in the yearbook? Particularly the ones on your own games if you played? Do you think the annotators did you justice? Did they miss the fine points of your play? Did you avoid some deep-laid plots the annotators ignored?--or just didn't see?

Let's have your own annotations if they are in disagreement with those given in the Yearbook--whether they are notes on your own games or on those of some other player. We'll start an open forum

This suggested free-for-all, by the way, is open to the annotators, too. They are welcome to hop all over each other, if they wish, and may heaven help the man with a weak right arm!

As Kolti said, "Why not have our games annotated and learn something?" This way, as Ray Griffin points out, we can have them, maybe, annotated 40 or 50 times--and learn a lot!

Your editor also would appreciate constructive suggestions on the Yearbook. Could he have improved the games presentation? Yes! But how? How about the other departments? What do you want in the 1943 book? (With the U. S. at war and your editor on the Army's spring shopping list, you'll likely have a new editor for the '43 book, so shoot him some ideas about how he ought to do his editing. We'll faithfully record them in the bulletin for his guidance.)

How about the game selections? Were any good ones missed? Tell us which ones you think should have gone in and we'll check 'em over <sup>and</sup> maybe get them annotated for the bulletin. Are the ones included worth the trouble taken with them? If we've sent you any lemons, say so, and it'll help reduce the 1943 lemon crop, maybe.

### Chess Magazines and Supplies

We are accepting subscriptions to American Chess Bulletin (\$2 a year) and Chess Review (\$3 a year), as well as orders for chess men and chess books. On all such sales, we will receive commissions ranging from 20% up which (after postage is deducted) will go into the association treasury. Will members please forward their book, magazine and equipment orders to us so that the association may benefit therefrom?

### About the Constitution

Note from Gene Collett, chairman of the state constitution committee: "I note in the article on 'Chess in Clarksburg' that your writer has stated that the committee already is at work on the state constitution. This statement needs a little qualifying. The matter has been mentioned in letters between the committee members and the chairman has drawn up a schedule of some of the things which he thinks should be considered in making up the constitution. That is the status of the work at this time. However, I expect to go over the points with Member Challiner in the next few days and then get out the results of our joint efforts to the other two committee members for their suggestions. Indications are that we should have the constitution ready for submission to the directors and then to the membership within the next month or two...Will you, therefore, reprimand the writer of the article for being a trifle over-zealous and assure the members that the matter will be given our earliest attention?" (The Bulletin regrets the error and is glad to make this correction.)

### 1943 Meeting Place

Where shall we hold our 1943 state tournament? We ought to know definitely within the coming month so that a tourney committee can be set up and work started. Let's hear from those interested.