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REID HOLT AND ED FOY IN FIRST-PLACE TIE HALF-WAY THRU CHARLESTON TOURNEY

With four rounds played and five still to go, Reid Holt and Edward Foy were in a first-place tie in the Charleston City championship, each with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. Allen DuVall and John Hurt were tied for third with 3 points each. William Hartling was in fifth place with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Holt's only minus came in the first round when he drew with Allen Gilliland. Foy had a draw with Hartling, who also dropped a game to DuVall. DuVall lost to John Wiles, while Hurt dropped a game to Holt.

Wiles, at the end of the fourth round, had 2 points; Ray Martin and Mrs. T. A. Snyder, 1 each; Gilliland, $\frac{1}{2}$; and Fred White, 0. White had a tough opening schedule, being paired against Wiles, Holt, DuVall and Foy, in the order named.

Summary of the scores for the first four rounds follows:

	Foy	Hol	DuV	Hur	Har	Wil	Mar	Sny	Gil	Whi	Ttla
Foy	---				$\frac{1}{2}$		1		$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Holt		---		1		1			$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
DuVall			---		1	0			1	1	3-1
Hurt		0		---		1	1	1			3-1
Hartling	$\frac{1}{2}$		0		---		1	1			$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Wiles		0	1	0		---				1	2-2
Martin	0			0	0		---	1			1-3
Mrs. Snyder				0	0		0	---	1		1-3
Gilliland	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0					0	---		$\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
White	0	0	0			0				---	0-4

Standings at the end of four rounds in the Consolation event were:

Frank Branner and Larry Kinnamon, 3-0; Edward Holt, 2-1; Ted Bingham, A. Schoenfeld and Tubbs, 1-2; Lynn Cavendish, T. A. Snyder and Strong, 1-3. Some games were unfinished.

Standings in the Minor tournament were: Hugh Allison and Mrs. Ludwig Frank, 3-1; R. Brenneman, Jesse Church and Robinson, $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$; A. Brenneman, 2-2; Joe Hoffman, 1-2; Rhodes and Wm. Cruslow, 1-3; Sam Lawrence, Sr., $\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

SOUTH CHARLESTON TOURNEY

Scores in the Swiss System tournament under way at the Carbide Chess Club in South Charleston, at the end of the second round, showed Kingsley Hughes, Ed Liggott and A. Farley with 2-0 scores, while Swarbrick was fourth with $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

BULLETIN FROM CLARKSBURG

In addition to the new signs of life from the Clarksburg club, given in an article on Page 5 of this issue, we are in receipt of a clipping from the Sunday Exponent-Telegram for Sunday, March 30, in which plans are announced for a meeting of representatives from the four Clarksburg high schools--Roosevelt-Wilson, St. Mary's, Victory and Washington Irving--with the object of establishing chess as an activity in each of the schools.

This is a splendid project and we wish the Clarksburg Chess Club, which is promoting it, the very finest sort of luck. We are hopeful of a report on progress for publication in the next issue of the Bulletin.

"CHESS LIFE" KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER

As WVCB readers know we'll never be quite happy with Chess Life until the subscription price is included in the USCF membership fee and it goes to every member of the organization. We have argued for this point since long before the paper was established and will keep on hammering away at it until the USCF decides to take action—we're hopeful that won't be too long.

Anyway, until such time as this is done, we wish to urge every chess player, whether a member of the USCF or not (you should be, of course!), to send in his subscription and get behind the paper that has the potentiality of becoming the finest chess organ in the world and which, we trust and hope, will make the USCF the world's greatest chess organization.

Montgomery Major is doing a fine job within the physical limits of the paper, by which we mean its four bi-weekly pages. It will be a larger paper one of these days and how soon depends purely on how many persons support it through their subscriptions. The USCF realizes it is cramped for space in its present format—it needs only assurance that it will not lose money in order to double the size of the paper. Your subscription price, if enough other people also put out their subscription prices, may bring you even more than Chess Life promises you.

Among the things you are getting now, in four pages, are all the national and local chess news of the bi-weekly period, articles on USCF and general chess policy, forward-looking editorials both by USCF officers and guest writers, a half dozen or so games fully annotated by Eric W. Marchand, and many other worthwhile features.

You should be reading Chess Life if you want to keep abreast of the latest developments in the world of chess. The subscription rate is \$2 a year or you can get a sample copy for 10 cents. Send your check, payable to the United States Chess Federation, to Edward I. Treend, Secy., 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich. And while you're at it, if you haven't done so, include another \$1 in your check, making you a USCF member and assuring you of a copy of the 1946 USCF Yearbook, which will be issued within a short time.

CHESSIC MAN OF THE YEAR--II

When we published an article in the June 10, 1945, issue of the WVCE about Charles Hardinge of Minneapolis under the heading, "Chessic Man of the Year," we were unaware of one little fact that would ^{HAVE} added immeasurably to the story.

A letter from Chuck, dated March 26, reveals to us the hitherto unknown fact that not only is Br'er Hardinge the busiest man in chess but also that he has achieved the distinguished age of 69!

Those who know Chuck's activities—managing the Minneapolis club, directing its tournaments, arranging team play, getting out the club bulletin twice a month (doing all of the work personally), and carrying 200 correspondence games—we mention only a few of his good works—will wonder how in heck he goes about doing it all. We're only 45 but his program would kill us daid; at 69 we'll likely be reclining weakly on a chaise lounge yelling (in a weak voice) irritably for our pablun.

But not Chuck Hardinge! Of course, he has retired from active labors now—when we wrote about him in 1945, he also was a motion picture operator, but still... Anyway, we wrote him for his daily program and here is what he reports:

"I get up at 7 a.m. and have breakfast (if I'm lucky), get down to the club about 9 and fix a few electric stoves, etc., write a little on The Pawnshop, answer the phone 6 or 8 times, and first thing I know it's lunch-time. Get back about 1:30, play a few games of chess, cut a couple of stencils for The Pawnshop, answer a few bum letters (like this one from you), answer the phone about 20 times, and then it's time for dinner. Afterwards, while the wife is cleaning up, I get out about 20 or 30 postal cards on my correspondence games, with a little comment on each card. Next day I do the same thing except also I go out somewhere with the better half in the evening. Besides I have to promote all tournaments for our club and I'm club treasurer."

And, by the way, speaking of Chuck Hardinge, we've been getting quite a number of requests for the names of those Dutch, Norse and English correspondence players we mentioned (at Chuck's request) in a recent issue of the WVCB. If any more of you boys want 'em, we're sorry to say we're not going to be able to take care of your requests we're too busy and overworked. Just send them along to Chuck, he'll take care of them. The address: Charles M. Hardinge, 32 Spruce Place, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

Sixty-nine! ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

SEES THREAT TO POSTAL CHESS

Erich W. Marchand, president of the Correspondence Chess League of America, writes (March 29) a note address to carry players everywhere:

"All who play chess by mail, whether members of the Correspondence Chess League of America, or not, are faced with a serious threat to the pastime which they so enjoy. A measure has been, or soon will be, placed before the House of Representatives of the Congress of the U.S.A., to increase the postage rates of postal cards to 2 cents each. What this will mean to the pocketbooks of all who play chess, or otherwise do business via penny postcards, is readily apparent. In all probability many of you will thus be forced to give up playing by mail, and nearly everyone will be forced to greatly curtail such pleasure. This, at a time when we already have so little opportunity for an expensive relaxation and enjoyment. I, therefore, urge you, one and all, to write at once to your Congressman in Washington, asking him to please vote against this proposal to increase postal card rates to 2c. Do it now--TODAY! Tomorrow may be too late."

LIKES LOTS OF GAMES

William Schaeffer, Washington, D. C. (March 19): "Enjoyed playing over Ziggy's win over Horowitz and the other games in the February Bulletin. That's what I like in a Bulletin. That way, at least, I can get chess by proxy...How's the membership this term?...Seems funny not to be semi-active in the association any more."

Membership not so hot this term, about 40 less than last year. Bill's amusing description of himself as a "semi-active" rather plays down the fine organizing job he did in Morgantown last year or two. He is sadly missed there. If we had a half dozen such semi-actives as Bill scattered around the state, we'd have a membership of 250 in the WVCA every year!

ARE YOU READING--?

American Chess Bulletin--bimonthly, \$2--150 Nassau St., New York 7, New York.
 Chess Correspondent--8 issues a year, \$3--W.J.Prewett, Auburn, California
 Chess News From Russia--biweekly, \$2--80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y.
 Chess Review--monthly--\$3.75--250 W. 57th St., New York 19, N. Y.

WHERE THE W.VA. CLUBS MEET--

Carbide C.C., every Monday, Recreation Center, South Charleston.
 Charleston C. C., 8 p.m. each Wednesday, Knights of Columbus clubroom, 1117 Quarrier St., Charleston.
 Huntington C. C., 7:30 p. m. each Thursday, Huntington Y.M.C.A.

Each of these clubs extends a cordial welcome to all visitors to attend its sessions. Membership in these clubs is open to the public.

ABOUT THE MORPHY BIRTHPLACE

Bill Devericks, writing from his military post in Japan, sends us a magazine article about the Paul Morphy birthplace in New Orleans, telling some of the famous and tragic history associated with the structure. It's too long to reprint in its entirety in the Bulletin but, in some later issue, we will try to give a summary of its most interesting points.

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DECEMBER 1946 WVCA SOLVING TOURNEY

Last year only three members participated in this event, with the following results:

1. Gene Collett finished first with a score of 132 points, thus becoming the 1946 WVCA Problem Solving Champion.
2. Bertrand Mulligan came in second with 110 points.
3. Victor Shortino became inactive after April last, with 26 points.

Note: Answers to the Christmas problems, which did not count in the contest, were received only from Gene Collett, who scored 20 of a possible 34 points.

SOLUTIONS

January: No. 151 BxP. No. 152 Rg3. No. 153, 1 Sd4 R any, 2 RxBch.

February: No. 154 Qe7. No. 155 Qd1. No. 156, 1 Bd7 (a) threat 2 Sf4ch; (b) 1... Ke4, 2 BxSch; (c) 1... Qa1, 2 Bg0ch; (d) 1... PxP, 2 BxS.

APOLOGIES

For reasons beyond our control, we were unable to make up this column in time for last month's issue. We apologize for the delay and promise that it will never happen again... Last month's No. 159 is hereby withdrawn. It has no solution and, further, its corrected form has been entered in another tourney.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

So far in 1947, we are receiving solutions from only a very few solvers. Unless we hear from others soon, Poetica Regum will be forced to discontinue. We should regret very much being forced to take this step but, obviously, the WVCA cannot continue to devote a page or two each month for the sole benefit of two solvers. We are hopeful that by the May issue, which our first Solvers' Ladder for 1947 may appear, that we will have listed on it a sufficient number of solvers to justify continuation of the column.

PROBLEMS NEEDED

In any event, we shall be glad to receive standard two and three-movers from all members of the WVCA. Don't forget--closing date for answers on problems in this issue is June 10. Mail them to the problem editor at the address given above.

REVIVAL AT CLARKSBURG?

It's probably too early to say yet but it looks from here, it looks as if the spring weather is resulting in a revival among the chessers at Clarksburg. With only a few players attending sessions, the club had been having difficulty in keeping things going during the winter, but now everything is more hopeful.

Dr. Robert T. Humphries, president of the club, writes March 23, that two new players, Kingsley Smith, 337 Washington Ave., and the Rev. J. Emerson Foster, 614 West Main St., have joined; and that another player, Jack Faught of Milford Street, a beginner, is coming to sessions. Also M.F. "Hap" Allison, the city champion, has resumed club play.

Bob reports also that a project is a foot to get chess started at Washington Irving high school. A good move and we hope it comes off.

Ray Griffin, who takes an annual winter vacation during the income tax season, is also back in the fold. He writes March 28:

"Week before last the club met at the St. Paul Methodist parsonage; the pastor, the pastor, Mr. Foster, has been at most of the recent meetings. Last week and this, we met at Dr. Humphries' home; these are the only meetings I have attended since December. Next week we are going to try the Stonewall Jackson hotel again. Some of the members have promises from some of the high school boys to attend; I will let you know how it works out."

COMMENT ON THE "OPEN LETTER"--AND A CORRECTION

We hope Montgomery Major, editor of Chess Life, won't give us heck for quoting him without asking permission but, after all, he didn't mark this paragraph in his letter of March 24 as confidential:

"Read your Open Letter in the March issue of the WVCE with much interest and can subscribe to much of it as being good hard common sense. You will be interested in President Wagner's letter on the subject in the March 20 issue of Chess Life. However, I think your slip is showing in the matter of Dake. If I remember correctly, he almost walked away with the first U.S. Championship; fumbled at the end but finished among the very top."

We plead guilty with regard to Dake. Our Open Letter was based entirely on the last four championships--the only ones sponsored by the U.S.C.F.--and we did not have before us a record of the N.C.F. tournament in which Dake played and scored his near-triumph. As Editor Major suggests, Dake's name should be added to the list of those suggested for play in a Seeding Tournament to precede the national event.

We mentioned a 10-year time limit for automatic seeding of national champs to future championship events; we intended to extend this to the selection of players for the Seeding Tournament but failed to make this clear.

President Wagner's letter, published in Chess Life, is very fine. Wagner calls on every chess player in the U.S., whether he is a possible championship contestant or one who merely plays in local meets, to offer his suggestions regarding the championship. If you have ideas, do not hesitate to send them in. Your suggestion may be the happy thought the U.S.C.F. is looking for. Address your letters to Mr. Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 4, Illinois.

Fritz Rathmann of Milwaukee, editor of the Wisconsin Chess Letter, has this to say in a letter of March 24:

"I agree with your statement in your Open Letter that Chess Review is wrong in trying to establish the chess 'population' of the country on the basis of its subscription record. Here in Wisconsin we have more than 60,000 chess players; they read the Wisconsin Chess Letter and the chess column by Ayerill Powers in the Sunday Milwaukee Journal because they concern Wisconsin chess activity. They are not nearly so interested in the activities of chess masters and experts in other parts of the world."

CHESS CLUB BULLETINS - A BIBLIOGRAPHY - PART II

(Note: This is the second part of a bibliography of bulletins published by U.S. chess clubs and associations. The first part was published in the March, 1947, issue of the WVCB and listed Caissa's Clarion, Chess Chat, Chess Notes, Cleveland Chess Bulletin, En Passant Detroit, En Passant Pittsburgh, Firestone Chess and Checker Club Bulletin and Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Bulletin.)

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LANSING CHESS CLUB BULLETIN, founded Dec., 1944, official organ of the Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club, published weekly, size 8x14 inches, hektographed, average number of pages per issue, 1. Number issues published to March 24, 1947, about 100; total no. pages reading matter issued, about 100; total no. copies distributed to date, about 4,000; no. printed last issue, 45. Exchanges with other editors. Editor: V. E. Vandenburg, 505 W. Lenawee, Lansing 15, Mich.

OHIO CHESS BULLETIN, founded April 5, 1946, Ohio Chess Association, no regular publication date, about 4 issues a year as needed, 7x8½ mimeographed, avg. no. pp., 12. Number issues published to March 1, 1947, three; total no. pp. reading matter published, 37; total no. copies distributed to date, 300; no. printed last issue, 100. Exchanges. Subscription rate, \$1 a year, including membership in the Ohio association. Editor: A. R. Phillips, 607 Williamson bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

THE PAWNSEOP, formerly the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club News, founded May, 1945, the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club, twice a month, 8x11 mimeo, avg. no. pp., 6. No. issues published to March 15, 1947, estimated 147; total no. pp. reading matter published, est. 492; total no. copies distributed to date, est. 17,300; no. printed last issue, 150. Exchanges. Sub \$2.50 a year. Editor: Charles M. Hardinge, 32 Spruce place, Minneapolis 4, Minn.

READINGER CHESS-NUT, Reading (Pa.) YMCA Chess Club, founded Jan. 1, 1945, monthly, 8x13 mimeo, avg. no. pp., 6. Issues published to Feb. 15, 1947, twenty-one; total no. pp. reading matter issued, 72; total no. copies distributed to date, 1,200; no. printed last issue, 55. Exchanges. Editor: Alwin R. Schiebler, Hamburg, Pa.

RED ROSE CLATTER, Red Rose Chess Club, Lancaster, founded Jan. 1, 1945, monthly, 5x8 photo-offset printing and mimeo, avg. no. pp. per issue, 8. Issues published to March, 1947, twenty-seven; total no. pp. reading matter to date, about 158; total no. copies distributed to date, 2,100; no. copies printed last issue, 150. Editor: C. K. Malcolm, 517 Third St., Lancaster, Pa.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHESS ASSOCIATION BULLETIN, founded Aug., 1946, South Dakota Chess Association, 8x11 mimeo, avg. no. pp., 4. Issues published to March 1, 1947, eight. Total no. pp. reading matter to date, about 34; total no. copies distributed to date, approx. 600. No. printed last issue, 100. Sub \$1 a year. Exchanges. Editor: M. F. Anderson, Box 1466, Rapid City, S. D.

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS BULLETIN, founded Aug. 1, 1941, West Virginia Chess Association, monthly, 8x11 mimeo, avg. no. pp., 8. No. issues published to March, 1947, fifty-four; total no. pp. reading matter published, 496; total no. copies distributed to date, 5,290; no. printed last issue, 160. Exchanges. Sub \$1 a year, including membership in the W. Va. association. Editor: Gene Collett, 125 Meritt Ave., Pittsburgh 27, Pa.

WIN, LOSE OR DRAW, founded Dec. 1, 1946, Piccadilly Chess Club, weekly, 8x11 hektographed, avg. no. pp., 2. Number issues published to March 12, 1947, eleven; total no. pp. reading matter, 22; no. copies distributed to date, 550; no. printed last issue, 75. Exchanges. Sub \$1 a year. Editor: U. S. Smith, Box 547, Willernie, Minn.

WISCONSIN CHESS LETTER, founded Jan. 1, 1939, Wisconsin State Chess Association, 8x11 and 8x15 mimeo, quarterly, avg. no. pp., 20. Issues published to Jan., 1947, twenty-nine; total no. pp. reading matter to date, 350; total no. copies distributed to date, 17,500; no. copies printed last issue, 1,000. Sub \$1 a year. Exchanges. Editor: Fritz Rathmann, 4124 South Austin St., Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin.

PAPERS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED

Of four other club and association papers which have been published since July, 1945, three, we know, have been discontinued. These are the AUSTIN CHESS & CHECKER CLUB BULLETIN, Chicago, last issue February, 1946; the DIVAN NEWS, Washington, discontinued after April-May, 1946; and CHESSFULLY, South Bend, Ind., which announced its discontinuance as of December, 1946, though we received no copy after July, 1946.

The fourth paper is the FEDERAL CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER, Washington, which was never a conscientious exchanger and which may simply have fallen into another period of refusing or neglecting to mail out copies. The last issue we got was October, 1946. Can anyone say if it is still published? We have written the club officers a half dozen times the last few months but get no answer.

PAPERS THAT ARE IN HIDING

The bibliography on the preceding page includes (in its two sections) a total of 17 papers, as compared with 14 listed in July, 1945. The 1945 listing was, so far as we have been able to learn, entirely complete, but we do not pretend to believe the present one is. This is due to no fault of ours; we have written repeatedly to clubs reported as having bulletins, inclosing stamped, self-addressed envelopes in most cases without getting so much as a post-card back.

Among such reticent newcomers the following have been reported to us: (1) The Neighborhood Player, reputedly issued by the Council Center Chess & Checker Club, Detroit; (2) The Scoresheet, the Los Feliz Chess Club, Los Angeles, (3) a bulletin of the Mercantile Library Chess Association, Philadelphia.

If anyone can send us a comprehensive record of these papers, comparable with what we use in the bibliography, we'll be glad to issue a supplement listing them. Actually we'd like to see a file of the papers, too--a good bibliographer doesn't take too much on hearsay; if we may borrow them from someone, we'll return them promptly and in good condition.

BUSINESS MEETING--WVCA

West Virginia Chess Association: President, Wm.F.Hartling, 1979 Benedict Circle, Belvil Park, St.Alvans,W.Va.; secy.-treas., H.Reid Holt, 164 Sunset drive, Charleston 1, W.Va. Address all letters on association business to the secy.-treas. Membership in the association is \$1 a year, including subscription to--

The West Virginia Chess Bulletin: Official organ of the WVCA, published the 10th of each month by Gene Collett, 125 Meritt Ave., Pittsburgh 27, Pa., to whom should be sent all material for publication and all magazines for exchange.

New Member of the WVCA: 88 Larry Kinnamon, 1010 Loudon Heights rd., Charleston, W.V.
Quarterly Report of Secy.-Treas.: Balance, Jan. 1, 1947, \$56.41; receipts, dues \$4.80, donation R.H.Griffin \$20, total receipts \$24.80; total of balance plus receipts, \$81.21; expenditures, bulletin expense--mimeograph work \$7.78, postage and insurance \$9.04, rental typewriter 3 months \$9, supplies \$0.84, total bulletin expense \$26.66; correspondence on association and bulletin business \$3.44; total expenditures for quarter, \$30.10; balance March 31, 1947, \$51.11.

Picking a Site for the State Tournament: Several members have written, asking about the site of the 1947 WVCA State Tournament, to be held next Labor Day week-end. At least one city has asked for the event. All city groups interested in inviting the tournament should write at once to Secy.-Treas. Holt, at the address given above. If you have any special inducements to offer, be sure to set them forth so that this information may be complete when it placed before the board of directors. Last year's meet was held in Clarksburg, that of 1945 in Morgantown, and the 1944 tourney in Charleston. These three cities have been host to all the WVCA State tournaments; one state championship event, held prior to the organization of the WVCA, was at Wheeling.

TOURNEY BOOK OF '46 OPEN OFF THE PRESS

The tournament book of the 1946 United States Chess Federation Open, in Pittsburgh, has just come off the press. It is ably edited by William R. Hamilton of Pittsburgh and contains all of the 17 games played by each of the top 20 players in the meet. This makes a total of 208 games and includes 53 of the 58 players who participated in the tournament.

In its 77 pages the book contains a total of 208 games. The 20 top players were Champion Herman Steiner, Weaver Adams, Miguel Aleman, S. Almgren, Hans Berliner, Arthur Bisguier, Don Byrne, Richard Byrne, Larry Evans, H. Fajans, K. Forster, H. Gordon, Gerald Katz, George Kramer, A. Kupchik, E. Levin, Tony Santasiere, Herbert Seidman, Walter Shipman, Olaf Ulvestad and Frank Yerhoff. From this lineup you know you are in for some good games. Also included are games by WVCA Members George Koltanowski, Milton Finkelstein and Edmund Nash, who either did not finish in the finals or did not play in them.

We have included Hans Berliner, whom Washingtonians lovingly call "The Brat", in the above list not because he finished in the top 20 but because the book contains four of his games, including one game--against Almgren--which George Koltanowski picked as the most brilliant of the tournament and which Tony Santasiere chose as the best played, thus giving it a double award.

The 1946 Open book, which you should definitely have in your chess library, may be obtained for \$1.50 from Dr. Albrecht Buschke, 80 East 11th Street, New York 3, N. Y.

The Berliner-Almgren game was published on page 21 of the July-August issue of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin. Since it has won double honors, however, we take pleasure in reprinting it here:

WHITE: berliner	10 PXP	P-QN4	23 Q-R5	N-K6
BLACK: Almgren	11 B-R3	N-N3	24 BxN	PxB
<u>FRENCH DEFENSE</u>	12 O-O	P-QR4	25 P-N6	P-R3
1 P-K4	13 P-KN4	P-R5	26 QR-B	Q-Q3
2 P-Q4	14 P-B5	N-B5	27 P-B6	B-K3
3 N-QB3	15 N-N3	P-B3	28 P-B7ch	K-R
4 P-K5	16 KPxP	BxP	29 R-B6	N-K2
5 QN-K2	17 P-N5	BxPch	30 QR-KN	P-Q5
6 P-QB3	18 NxB	Q-N3	31 B-K4	N-Q4
7 P-KB4	19 N-K2	P-K4	32 QxPch	PxQ
8 N-B3	20 B-N2	Q-B4	33 P-N7ch	KxP
9 P-KN3	21 K-R	PxN	34 N-R5ch	K-R
	22 N-N3	R-R2	35 RxP mate	

TWO GAMES FROM CHARLESTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Frank Branner has sent us a couple of games from the Charleston City Tournament, now in progress, both played by John Wiles. Both are Danish Gambits. In the first, Wiles loses to John Hurt, then apparently learning something from the defeat he proceeds to win from Allen DuVall, who was runner-up in the 1946 W.Va. Tournament.

WHITE: Hurt	4 NxP	N-QB3	10 P-K5	PxP
BLACK: Wiles	5 N-B3	P-KR3	11 Q-N3	B-K3
1 P-K4	6 B-QB4	B-N5	12 BxB	PxB
2 P-Q4	7 O-O	BxN	13 QxPch	N-K2
3 P-QB3	8 PxP	P-Q3	14 NxP	R-K3
	9 B-R3	N-B3	15 QR-Q	Resigns

WHITE: DuVall
BLACK: Wiles

1 P-K4	P-K4	11 Q-B2	B-B4	22 BxP	NxR	39 P-R4	P-B7
2 P-Q4	PxP	12 Q-K2	IxB	23 KxN	R-QB	40 Resigns	
3 P-QB3	PxP	13 QxN	QxP	24 B-N3	RxPch		For if 40 B-N2,
4 NxP	N-QB3	14 QxQ	NxQ	25 K-N2	R-B3		then B-R6.
5 B-QB4	B-N5	15 B-Q2	KR-Kch	26 K-N3	P-KR3		The annotations,
6 N-B3	KN-K2	16 K-Q	QR-Q	27 N-B3	B-K3ch		Frank says, are the
7 Q-N3	BxNch	17 R-Q3	N-N3!	28 K-N2	R-N3ch		result of analysis
8 PxB	O-O	18 R-K	N-B5	29 K-B3	BxP		after the game by
9 N-N5!		19 RxR	RxR	30 N-K5	B-K3		several of the more
		20 B-B4	N-N7ch	31 P-B3	P-QR4		persistent night
		21 K-Q2	N-Q6!	32 B-B2	R-N6ch		owls, including Ed
				33 K-B2	P-R5		Foy and Bill Hart-
				34 P-N4	P-QN4		ling, also entered
				35 B-Q4	P-B3		in the championship
				36 N-Q3	K-B2		tournament.
				37 P-R3	B-B5		
				38 N-K	P-R6		

Premature attack.

Black could have drawn by perpetual check with 21...Nb5 ch, 22...N-N7ch etc. if he wished.

9 ... P-Q4!
10 PxP N-K4

PUERTO RICO SHADES CHICAGO IN RADIO MATCH

George Koltanowski writes (March 31): "Here's a scoop for the WVCB. I happened to be in Chicago Sunday, March 30, and had the honor of refereeing a radio match between Chicago and P.R. --by short wave, too. The event shows it is possible for any chess group in the country to hold international matches... Chicago, when the hour grew late realizing that Puerto Rico had a strong edge, conceded the match, thus sparing me a lot of headaches in adjudicating the unfinished games... This kind of match should be started as early in the day as possible to be successfully played to a conclusion... It certainly does Chicago great credit, much of which goes to Al Margolis who worked hard at the idea and brought it to realization."

Kolty asks WVCE members to write him their opinion on the probable outcome of the unfinished games. Here is the lineup, with Puerto Rico playing White on the even boards (names of Puerto Rico players given first):

Board 1, Arturo Colon vs. T. Poschel; 2, Miguel Colon vs. Donald Thompson; 3, Francisco Benitez vs. Al Margolis; 4, Louis Rojas vs. Sam Cohen; 5, Rafael Cintron vs. Earl Davidson; 6, Antonio Figuera vs. Fred Stoppel. (Notes are by Kolty.)

BOARD NO. 1
WHITE: A. Colon
BLACK: Poschel

1 P-QB4	P-KB4
2 P-Q4	N-KB3
3 N-KB3	P-K3
4 P-KN3	B-K2
5 B-N2	O-O
6 N-B3	P-Q4
7 Q-N3	P-B3
8 N-K5	K-R
9 P-B3	QN-Q2
10 NxN	NxN
11 P-KR4	PxP
12 QxP	P-K4
13 PxP	NxP
14 Q-N3	B-B4
15 N-R4	B-K2
16 B-B4	N-N3
17 R-Q	Q-K

18 B-B7	P-QN4
19 N-B3	B-B4
20 P-R5	B-K3
21 Q-B2	N-K2
22 P-B4	B-N3
23 B-K5	P-KR3

Too early to tell --Black may have the better of it.

BOARD NO. 2
WHITE: Thompson
BLACK: M. Colon

1 P-K4	P-QB4
2 N-KB3	P-Q3
3 P-Q4	PxP
4 NxP	N-KB3

5 P-KB3	P-K4
6 N-N5	P-QR3
7 N(5)-B3	B-K3
8 QB-KN5	QN-Q2
9 QN-Q2	Q-B2
10 N-N3	B-K2
11 Q-Q2	QR-B
12 B-K3	O-O
13 R-QB	N-N3
14 Q-KB2	N-D5
15 BxN	QxB
16 P-QR3	P-Q4
17 N-R5	Q-B2
18 B-N6	Q-Q2
19 PxP	BxP
20 O-O	Q-K3
21 QR-Q	B-B3
22 KR-K	N-Q2
23 B-K3	P-B4
24 Q-K2	

Too early to tell --anything can happen here. --O--

BOARD No. 3
WHITE: Benitez
BLACK: Margolis

1 P-Q4	N-KB3
2 N-KB3	P-KN3
3 QN-Q2	B-N2
4 P-K3	P-Q3
5 B-Q3	KN-Q2
6 P-B3	O-O
7 O-O	P-K4
8 R-K	N-KR4
9 P-KN4	N(R4)-B3
10 P-KR3	P-QB3
11 P-K4	Q-B2
12 N-B	P-Q4

15 P-KB4 Q-Q2
 16 P-K5 N-Q2
 17 B-K3 B-K
 18 Q-B3 N-B
 19 B-K2 B-Q2
 20 QR-K QR-Q
 21 N-N3 P-QB4
 22 Q-B2 P-QN3
 23 N-B5

Definitely a
 pull for White--but
 again, too early to
 tell the final out-
 come.

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BOARD NO. 4
 WHITE: Cohen
 BLACK: Rojas

1 N-KB3 P-KB4
 2 P-B4 N-KB3
 3 P-KN3 P-K3
 4 B-N2 B-K2
 5 P-Q4 O-O
 6 O-O P-Q4
 7 N-QB3 P-B3
 8 P-N3 QN-Q2
 9 B-N2 N-N5
 10 Q-B2 P-QN3
 11 N-Q2 B-B3
 12 QR-Q B-B3
 13 Q-Q3 P-B4
 14 N-N5 BxN

15 PxB PXP
 16 BxP B-B
 17 QR-B QN-B4
 18 Q-K3 Q-Q2
 19 BxB NxB
 20 P-QR4 KN-K5
 21 NxN BxN
 22 KR-Q Q-KB2
 23 P-B3 P-K4
 24 P-QN4 P-Q5
 25 Q-N5 NXP
 26 RxB RxB
 27 QxP N-B6
 28 R-K NXPch
 29 RxB P-Q5
 30 R-Q2 R-K
 31 QxQch QxQ
 32 PXP QxP
 33 B-B QxP
 34 RXP QxP
 35 R-Q8ch K-B2
 36 R-Q7ch K-B3
 37 RXP Q-Q5ch
 38 K-N2 K-K3
 39 B-K2 K-Q3
 40 B-B3 P-QN4
 41 R-KB7 P-N5
 42 R-B4 Q-B6
 43 B-K4 P-R3
 44 R-B3 Q-K8
 45 B-B5 P-N6
 46 R-B

Has White got a
 draw? What do the
 readers think?

BOARD NO. 5
 WHITE: Citron
 BLACK: Davidson

1 P-Q4 N-KB3
 2 N-KB3 P-KN3
 3 P-QB4 B-N2
 4 N-B3 P-Q4
 5 P-K3 O-O
 6 B-Q3 P-QB3
 7 O-O QN-Q2
 8 R-K R-K
 9 P-K4 PXP
 10 NXP NxN
 11 BxN N-QN3
 12 P-B5 N-Q4
 13 P-KR3 Q-QB2
 14 BxN PxB
 15 B-K3 B-Q2
 16 Q-Q2 QB-QB3
 17 QR-B P-KB3
 18 P-QN4 P-QB3
 19 B-R6 P-K4
 20 BxB KxB
 21 PXP PXP
 22 NXP K-N
 23 Q-Q4 Q-KN2
 24 R-K3

BOARD NO. 6
 WHITE: Stoppel
 BLACK: Figuera

1 P-K4 P-QB4
 2 N-KB3 P-Q3
 3 P-Q4 PXP
 4 NXP N-KB3
 5 N-QB3 P-KN3
 6 P-B4 N-QB3
 7 NxN PxN
 8 P-K5 B-N5
 9 B-K2 BxB
 10 QxB PXP
 11 PXP N-Q4
 12 P-K6 P-KB4
 13 NxN QxN
 14 P-B4 Q-Q3
 15 O-O B-N2
 16 B-B4 Q-B4ch
 17 K-R O-O
 18 QR-Q B-Q5
 19 R-B3 KR-Q
 20 P-QN3 B-K4
 21 P-N3 BxB
 22 PxB

Too Early to tell,
 although Black does
 have the open files.
 What do readers
 think will happen?

This game is a
 win for Puerto Rico.
 (Send comments to George Koltanowski,
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GAMES FROM STATE OF WASHINGTON VS. BRITISH COLUMBIA MATCH

Passing through Pittsburgh the other night, George Koltanowski dropped in at our office, gave us the lowdown on the latest in the chess world, took us to dinner and gave us two games from the Washington-British Columbia match of March 9, which he refereed and which Washington won, 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -22 $\frac{1}{2}$. Here they are:

WHITE: Olaf Ulvestad
BLACK: Arthur Pale

1 P-Q4 N-KB3
 2 P-QB4 P-K3
 3 N-QB3 B-N5
 4 P-QR3 BxN
 5 PxB P-QB4
 6 P-K3 N-B3
 7 B-Q3 P-Q3
 8 N-K2 P-K4
 9 P-KB3 N-KR4
 10 O-O P-KB4
 11 B-N O-O
 12 Q-B2 Q-R5
 13 P-N3 Q-R6
 14 R-B2 N-B3
 15 PxB PXP

16 P-K4 PXP
 17 BxP NxB
 18 QxN Q-B4
 19 QxQ RxB
 20 B-K3 P-QN3
 21 R-Q B-B3
 22 R-Q6 B-B3
 23 RxB PXP
 24 P-N4 N-R4
 25 N-N3 NXP
 26 B-B R-Q
 27 R-B2 K-N2
 28 P-B4 B-N2
 29 PXP PXP
 30 P-B3 B-Q6
 31 N-B5 P-K5
 32 Resigns

WHITE: C. Grein of
Washington
BLACK: D. Greemer
of British Col.

1 P-K4 N-KB3
 2 P-Q4 P-K4
 3 PXP NXP
 4 P-KB4 N-N3
 5 B-K3 N-B3
 6 N-Q2 B-K2
 7 P-KN3 O-O
 8 B-N2 P-Q4
 9 P-K5 N-N5
 10 Q-K2 P-KB3
 11 PxB PXP
 12 PXP N(3)XP
 13 O-O NxB
 14 QxN N-N5
 15 Q-B3 P-B3
 16 QR-Q Q-N3ch

17 K-R B-B3
 18 Q-N3 QxQ
 19 RPxQ BxP
 20 P-R3 N-B3
 21 P-KN4 B-B6
 22 R-Q3 BxN
 23 NxB B-Q2
 24 K-N2 QR-Q
 25 RxB RxB
 26 P-N5 R-Q7
 27 N-B3 N-K5
 28 R-B N-Q7
 29 N-Q4 R-K6
 30 R-Q N-K4
 31 N-B3 BxP
 32 KxB N-B7ch
 33 Resigns

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N-K33