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HURT LOOKS LIKE WINNER AT CHARLESTON; DUVALL CAPTURES SO. CHARLESTON TITLE

With play practically at an end, John F. Hurt, Jr., 1939 West Virginia chess champion, needed only a draw in his final game--against Fred White--to insure his third conquest of the Charleston City Championship.

Hurt won the Charleston title in 1935 and again in 1942, and in the present meet holds a score of 7-1, his only loss being to H. Reid Holt.

Holt, who lost to Edward Foy and drew with William Hartling and Allan B. Gilliland, had a final score of 7-2, and was assured of at least second place. Foy, with 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$, could capture third place by winning his final game from Mrs. Myrle Snyder, while Hartling and Allen DuVall, who completed play with 6-3, were certain of at least a tie for fourth. The box:

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H. Reid Holt	1	-	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	7 - 2	bottom of
Allen DuVall	0	0	-	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6 - 3	Page 10 for
William Hartling	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	6 - 3	Final Results
Edward M. Foy	0	1	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	1	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	of the Tourn-
John Wiles	0	0	1	0	0	-	0	1	1	1	4 - 5	ament. --Ed.)
Allan Gilliland	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	3 - 6	
Ray Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Mrs. Myrle Snyder	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	0	1 - 7	
Fred White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1 - 7	

(Readers are asked to preserve this box-score. Next month we will give the scores of the two postponed games, Hurt-White and Foy-Snyder, and the final totals for all players, but will not repeat the table.)

Frank Branner won the consolation tournament, with a score of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$, yielding only a draw to young Edward Holt, who was second with 5-2. Other scores: Larry Kinnamon and A. Schoenfeld, tie, 4-3; Ted Bingamon, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Lynn Cavendish and T.A. Snyder, tie, 2-5; D. Strong, 1-6.

In the third section, or minor tournament, Jesse Church and Delmer Robinson tied for first, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$, a half point ahead of Hugh Allison, 7-2. Other scores: Mrs. Ludwig Frank, 5-4; Arthur Brenneman, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$; William Truslow, 4-5; Richard Brenneman, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$; "Dusty" Rhodes, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Sam Lawrence, Sr., 2-7; Joe Hoffman, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

SOUTH CHARLESTON - DUVALL WINS

Allen DuVall won the championship of the Carbide Chess Club of South Charleston, in a six-round Swiss meet, with a score of 6-0. Ray Martin finished second with 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Both DuVall and Martin, it will be noted, played simultaneously in the Charleston city championship, finishing about half-way down in the final round--with the competition plenty tough.

Hal Liggett and Jerry McGrew tied for third in the Carbide meet, with scores of 4-2.

Announcement was made of two matches to be played in the near future against the Charleston club, one to be held with the Carbide club as host, the other at the headquarters of the Charleston club.

KANAWHA VALLEY TOURNAMENT

The Kanawha Valley Tournament, a four-man affair comprising the two top players from the Charleston City Championships and from the Carbide Chess Club's Swiss System meet, was to get under way later this month.

The contestants will be John F. Hurt, Jr., and H. Reid Holt from the Charleston tourney and Allen DuVall and Ray Martin from the Carbide club. They will play a double round robin, running three weeks, with a game each Monday night at the Charleston Club and another on Wednesday night at the Carbide club.

This should be a strong tournament, with some good games resulting. We hope to have an opportunity to report the scores of most of them in subsequent issues of the Bulletin, with possibly from annotations from the leading players.

HARRISON COUNTY TOURNAMENT

A Harrison County tournament, sponsored by the Clarksburg Chess Club, got under way Wednesday night, April 30, at the Stonewall Jackson hotel in Clarksburg, with weekly sessions to be played. It will be a double round robin meet, with two games to be completed each evening. Results of the first round were:

J. Cunningham took on two opponents the same evening, R. Hawkins and Sam Allison, and defeated each by a 2-0 score. Frank Wisinski won from Dr. Robert T. Humphries, 2-0; Criss defeated J. Black, 2-0; B. Malone downed W. Maxwell, 2-0; Roush defeated T. Gensel, 1½-½; and Kingsley Smith and C. Lewis drew, 1-1.

Standings at the end of the first night's play: Cunningham 4, Wisinski, Criss and Malone 2 each, Roush 1½, Smith and Lewis 1 each, Gensel ½, Hawkins, Allison, Humphries, Black and Maxwell, 0.

CLARKSBURG-W.I. ISSUES CHALLENGE

The Washington Irving High School Chess Club, which has been meeting with the Clarksburg club, has issued a challenge for a match with any high school in the state. Persons interested should write to Principal Kenneth Cubbon, in care of Washington Irving high school, Clarksburg, W. Va.

A beginners' class is being held by the Clarksburg club at its regular Wednesday night sessions in the Stonewall Jackson hotel. Students from the various high schools of the county have been invited to attend.

Dr. Robert T. Humphries, president of the Clarksburg club, announces plans for formation of a Clarksburg chess team to hold matches with other teams in the state later in the summer. His address is 414 West Main Street, Clarksburg, W. Va.

A woman's auxiliary of the Clarksburg club will be organized if enough players are interested. A preliminary meeting was scheduled for May 7.

Other activities of the Clarksburg club are reported in this interesting letter from Frank B. Wisinski, secretary-treasurer of the club:

"The Clarksburg Chess Club is now meeting at the Stonewall Jackson every Wednesday night, either in the Jackson room of the Dixie room, whichever is open. The usual starting time is around 7:30 o'clock. We had discontinued meeting there during February and March because we hadn't enough members to pay expenses but have resumed there the last few weeks.

"At recent meetings, we've had quite a number of new players come in, mostly thru the efforts of Kingsley Smith, an attorney, who is quite interested in the promotion of the club. He was in Charleston and met the players there and was quite impressed with their club. He has also rounded up quite a few boys from Washington Irving high school who are interested, so that at the last few meetings we have had anywhere from 12 to 20 at the meetings. For instance, we had 18 at our April 23 meeting, six of them Washington Irving high school students... Sam Allison is trying to interest some of the Roosevelt-Wilson high boys and maybe we can arrange a match between the two groups."

WHY NOT A WHEELING CLUB?

Here are some letters showing renewed chess interest in Wheeling and giving the hope that an active club will be organized there in the near future. William R. Cuthbert, 88 Washington Avenue, Wheeling, writes (April 21):

"When I lived in Pittsburgh, up until four years ago, I managed to get in a fair amount of chess of reasonably good caliber at the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, of which I am a member. Upon moving to Wheeling, I found chess interest at low ebb, far removed from the days when Wheeling could send its Stover, Paul, Altmeyer and others to Pittsburgh and compete ably with Dolde, George, Feurst, Enory, Erdeky and other top players of the old Pittsburgh Chess Club... There is still some good chess played here, but no club open to the public; and the neophytes, if any, are left to stew in their own juice and improve little because they have no opportunity to compete with better, more experienced players. It isn't a bright prospect since youngsters haven't a chance even to get interested in the game...

"My work takes me to Morgantown and Charleston often and the hospitable addicts of these cities have made me welcome. I had games with Bill Schaeffer before he moved to Washington; in fact, he had me join the WVCA--I also had enjoyable games with several other Morgantown players whose names escape me.

"In Charleston and South Charleston I've been especially fortunate. Ed Foy made me welcome at the K. of C. hall though I haven't played him yet; I have, however, played with Hurt, Holt, Snyder and Mrs. Snyder. On April 7 I visited the Carbide C.O. and had a fine game with Hal Liggett. I have great admiration for the way the game has been kept going in the Charleston area--the regular meetings, the tournaments both inter and intra-club, the teaching of youngsters to play, the excellent feeling, spirit and interest which indicate the game will not decline there.

"But what can be done in Wheeling? I had a moment of hope some weeks back when the papers carried an item about a 'chess' club here getting incorporation papers. Upon phoning, I found to my chagrin that the members didn't play chess--that the most usual opening presumably was, 'Let's have a beer.'

"Can you steer me to any Wheelingites who might be interested in doing something to get chess hereabouts out of the doldrums?"

Wheeling, of course, we told Brother Cuthbert, has dozens of good chess players; what it needs is a first-class promoter, the which usually are made, not born. We sent him a list of Wheeling WVCA members, both past and present, along with a few suggestions about what might be done. He wrote us again (April 26) and his letter gives us to hope that there will be a Wheeling club. Cuthbert says, in part:

"I have talked to Curt Fox, secretary of the Wheeling YMCA, and he says we are more than welcome to use the Y for a meeting place. Of course, the immediate thing is to find how many interested chess players there are, probably by postal canvass, and to invite their reaction to a get-together for organization at some early date, preferably before the weather gets too warm. I have already obtained several names in addition to those you sent, but have to let the chess organizing fit in with the times I am home from business trips.

"Until something in the nature of a club gets going here, there seems little chance of Wheeling supporting the State Tournament or any other formal chess activity in our city. I will keep you advised of developments, if any, in this Wheeling chess; I may not get anywhere, but will at least give it a whirl!"

The Rev. Wm. M. Erhard of Wheeling postcards (April 29): "I am much interested in Mr. Cuthbert's desire to start an honest-to-goodness chess club here. The logical place would be the YMCA; this puts us next to young men who might learn the game. I plan to call him tonight and will let you know what is done."

Go to it boys, and may your club be a big one and a good one!

LULL AT MORGANTOWN

Milford Mott drops us a postcard from Arthurdale (April 29), reporting on the chess situation in the Preston-Monongalia county area:

"When West Virginia University opened this fall, it was swamped with students, and the professors at once were overworked. Dr. Lemko, Dr. Spiker and others simply quit turning up for sessions of the Morgantown Chess Club and when Bill Schaeffer left for Washington, the club just expired, so far as I know. I've played Dr. 'Choppy' Moser two or three times since the 1946 State Tournament but otherwise--no chess at all for me except two correspondence games with George Koltanowski, which are now up to the 12th moves. Besides, I've been very busy liquidating Arthurdale and getting started in on my insurance."

BOB CREAN BOWS TO HAL LIGGETT

Robert B. Crean, Whiting, Ind., writes (April 24): "Hal Liggett finally beat my head in on one of our correspondence games. We've started another to take the place of it.. The Problem Page situation is pretty discouraging, isn't it? It's a shame--all that work, too. What the page needs is at least a dozen or two active solvers and, just now, it doesn't look too hopeful. DeBlasio's presentations are concise and perfect for attracting newcomers to the field--it's really served to them on a platter."

HEAT 1946 USCF OPEN TOURNAMENT BOOK

Let us again direct your attention to the tournament book of the USCF 1946 Open at Pittsburgh, just published by the United States Chess Federation. All the games--208 of them--from the 20 top players in the meet. It may be had for \$1.50 a copy from Paul G. Giers, 2304 South Avenue, Syracuse 7, New York.

ARE YOU READING--?

American Chess Bulletin--bimonthly, \$2 a year--150 Nassau St., New York 7, N.Y.
 Chess Correspondent--8 issues a year, \$3--W.J.Prewett, Auburn, California
 Chess Life--seminonthly, \$2 a year--United States Chess Federation, Edward I. Treend, Secy., 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.
 Chess News From Russia--biweekly, \$2 a year--80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N. Y.
 Chess Review--monthly, \$3.75 a year--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.
 Clarksburg C.C., 7:30 p. m. each Wednesday, Stonewall Jackson hotel, Clarksburg.
 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.

SOMEBODY ELSE REALIZES OUR LONG-TIME DREAM

The dream of every chess editor is that sometime the finances of his organization will permit him to publish a press-printed paper. Each editor hopes he will be the first to achieve the distinction. From now on, all can quit hoping--it has been done.

We have just received, thru the good offices of Montgomery Major, editor of Chess Life, the first issue (March) of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin, and in pursuance of a letter to its editor, Jack Spence, 208 South 25th Ave., Omaha 2, Neb., the April issue.

To Jack and to the Nebraska Chess Association, our heartiest congratulations on being first off the press, and also on a paper which survives triumphantly all the tests for a good bulletin.

Both issues contain a roundup of Nebraska and other mid-West chess news; articles by A.C.Ludwig, the state champion, on the Ruth Variation of the Queen's Pawn Game (1 P-Q4 N-KB3, 2 B-N5) which Ludwig uses successfully against strong competition in

important meets; setup and purpose of the NCA; rules for the state correspondence tournament; editorials; members' games department, and problems department.

In addition, the March issue contains the story of the Nebraska State tournament, the April number the story of the Omaha championship—with pictures of the winners.

A. C. Ludwig, the writer above mentioned, won the state meet. Actually he tied with Editor Spence for first but took the honors because he "downed" Spence in their game. Parenthetically, we'd like to ask what business a chess editor has appearing at the in championship play? We thought only Horowitz could do it!...Of course, there's Steiner, but he's only a columnist!

A letter from Jack Spence (April 26) says: "I am a student at Creighton U. here in Omaha and have only Saturday to devote to chess. I try to work on the Bulletin, play six correspondence games, and play some over-the-board chess, all in the same day!... We have a lot of plans for Nebraska and the mid-West. If conditions permit, we'd like to expand into a mid-West bulletin, with coverage of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota and possibly Arizona. Of course, we'll have to crawl before we can walk, but this is our ultimate goal."

And here's a comment by Mont Major (April 28): "Yes, that printed bulletin of the Nebraska association is quite something. And I was surprised to find Jack Spence entered in the National Junior Tournament at Cleveland--so he is not 21 yet!"

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY--AND CONGRATULATIONS!

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Brooklyn Chess Club, which won its first two matches in the Metropolitan Team Play only to run up, in its third match, against the Manhattan Chess Club, which arrived with this line-up: At Board 1, Kevitz; 2, Denker; 3, Kashdan; 4, Horowitz; 5, Bisguier; 6, Pavey; 7, Pinkus; 8, DiCamillo. It may look like the American lineup for the Russian team play this fall but it isn't--it's just the Manhattan Chess Club team!!

The Brooklyns lost, 7-1, their point coming from draws obtained from Denker and Pinkus. You might think this would cause the Brooklyn club to be discouraged or downhearted but not so! Here's what Al Sheftell says about it in the April issue of Caissa's Clarion:

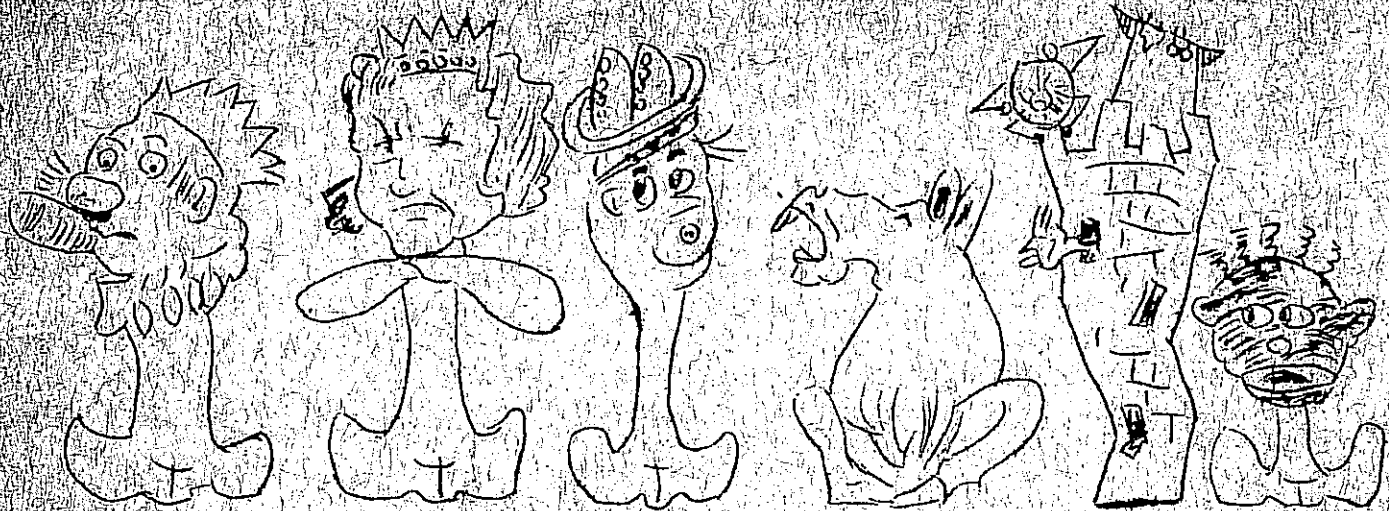
"LOPSIDED SCORE VERSUS MANHATTAN DOES NOT GIVE TRUE PICTURE OF THE GAME! MANHATTAN USES FOUR U.S. TEAM PLAYERS IN BITTER STRUGGLE WITH BROOKLYN! THE CENTRAL PARKERS POSTPONE THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB GAMES A FULL WEEK TO REST AFTER NERVE-WRACKING MEETS WITH OUR BOYS!...

"At first board, after securing an excellent game, Dr. Sussman (playing against Kevitz) went awry under severe time pressure. Jack Collins played strongly against his respected opponent (Kashdan) but the clock proved a friendly ally to Kashdan who finally won a tight ending. Sid Goodman completely outplayed Denker by going into an ending with two Rooks and three Pawns for Denker's three pieces. He, too, felt the strain of the clock and allowed his opponent a perpetual check. At board 4 Grossman missed a promising win (against Horowitz) due to too long a lay-off from clock play. One more 'tempus fugit' hit us in Kielson's game (against Bisguier); his strong attack with Queen and two Pawns for Rook, Bishop and Knight went up the creek when he ran out of seconds. Battell didn't let Pinkus go so we split the point. Henry Ekstrom had two Pawns up and an EASY WIN (over DiCamillo) when the time pressure hit him on the nose. Sven Almgren lost to an opponent (Pavey) who scored Manhattan's only outright win.

"At 20 minutes before the four-hour mark, the tension mounted to the nerve-breaking point. We looked like winners 4½-3½!!

"We are not attempting to belittle Manhattan. After all, the race goes to the victor. But in our defeat, we find a promise of victory for our club in the future. WHAT DEFEATED US WAS LACK OF CLOCK PRACTICE! AND WE ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!"

This may sound like a yell of "We wuz robbed!" but when they have spirit like this, we don't see how those Brooklyn boys can lose the return match! Good luck to you, you plucky Brooklyns!



CHESS OR MAMMON? By U.S. Smith

(Editor's Note: We told you in the March issue that we'd give you some more quotes from U.S. Smith's Win-Lose or Draw, official publication of the Piccadilly Chess Club at Willemie, Minn. Above is a very rugged reproduction of one of his excellent chess cartoons. Sorry we can't give you the original. And we think you'll enjoy Smith's delightful zany article on whether we want to be successful at chess--or business.)

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There are some who have declined to play chess, claiming that business absorbs all their time. What a shame! When business interferes with chess, out with business, say I! Ah! but then one hears from every⁵, "One must eat." A clever phrase--and with a grain of truth in it, I dare say.

Without question, in this highly complex social organization man has wrapped himself in, the problem of surviving, at least on a par with one's neighbors, is acute. If it were only a problem of eating, it wouldn't be nearly so difficult, but we must continually raise our standards (outward show) and then strain might and muscle to achieve them. This inane process serves only to tear a perfectly sound nervous system to shreds, produce premature stiffening of the arteries, and end in giving everyone an inferiority complex.

Few there are who have given their all to the petty process of trade and gyp, usually dignified as "business," that don't yearn for a solid solace when the pace has left them withered and broken. By then it is too late to embrace Her Ladyship, for Her loves must have the courage and daring of the young, the virility of the fit, the imagination of the artist, and the mental elasticity of the Free!

Does one think the music of the clanging cash registers, the ledger's glorious columns of profits, of mounting stocks, of juicy bribes, lucrative swindles, the petty art of buying for the least and selling for the most, is going to step aside easily and let the finer and more wholesome problems of chess reign? Never!

For that which was employed for one's sordid ends is now the master, and the brain shall ever bubble and ooze and gush forth with their music, and it shall ever be closed to the beauties of all things!

This is the price one pays, and one is left to judge in the beginning if it is worthwhile. But one cannot delay his decision too long, for the blood will soon learn to throb, the saliva to flow, the mind to dance at that mystic word--"profit"!

Yes, Chess will shackle you, for it is the law that man becomes the slave of whatever commands the forces of his intellect, but what a pleasant taskmistress to serve! Never will Her charms be exhausted nor will there be etched on the faces of her proteges the lines of greed and fear and resentment. Instead, as mind contemplates Her myriad mysteries, the ego is humbled, the mind becomes like a limpid pool--quiet and thoughtful, and the blood remains forever fresh and youthful. Have you made your choice?

CHESS CLUB BULLETINS-A BIBLIOGRAPHY-PART II

(Note: In our March and April issues, we listed 17 club and association chess bulletins and noted our belief that the list was incomplete. We hardly expected, however, to be able to add four more in the next issue, bringing the total to 21. But here they are.

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B.F. GOODRICH CHESS CLUB BULLETIN, founded March 20, 1945, official organ of the B. Goodrich Chess Club, Akron, O., twice a month, page size 8½x11 inches, average number of pages per issue, 1. Number of issues published to April 17, 1947, forty-six; total number of pages of reading matter issued, 55; total number of copies distributed to date, about 1,600; number printed last issue, 50. Exchanges with other editors. Editor: Charles Sitz, 85 Manor road, Akron 13, Ohio. (Printed by duplicator process.)

FRANKLIN LIGHTNING, founded 1942, the Franklin Chess Club, Philadelphia, published "every once in a while," 8½x11 inches, mimeographed, avg.no.pp.per issue, 1. No. issues published to December, 1947, about 15; total no.pp.reading matter issued, about 15; no. copies printed last issue, 50. Exchanges. Editor: Philip B.Driver, Ridley Park, Pa.

NEBRASKA CHESS BULLETIN, founded March, 1947, official organ the Nebraska Chess Association, monthly, 6x9 inches, press-printed, avg.no.pp.per issue, 10. No. issues published to April, 1947, two; no.pp.reading matter issued, 20; no.copies printed first issue, 200; distributed, first issue, 175. Exchanges. Subscription rate \$1 a year (or \$2 if Nebraska association membership is desired). Editor: Jack Spence, 208 South 25th Avenue, Omaha, 2, Nebraska.

SCORE SHEET, founded 1947, Los Feliz Chess Club, Griffith Playground, Los Angeles, Calif., 8½x11 inches, mimeographed, avg.no.pp. per issue, 2. Number issues published to Feb.12, 1947, two.

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Readers will note that our information on the Score Sheet is incomplete in the above listing. We have ^{WRITTEN} three or four times about this paper but receive no reply from the editors, whose names, even, we do not know. Possibly they are averse to exchanging or corresponding. If we receive additional data, we will offer it later. Montgomery Major, editor of Chess Life, who sent us the single copy of Score Sheet, says it is the only one he received and that he does not know whether the paper is still being published.

Regarding the Franklin Lightning, listed above, Editor Driver writes (April 19): "I had delayed answering your letter to see if we would put out an issue this spring, but have decided not to. I inclose copies of two issues put out last year. We do not issue a magazine as some of the clubs do; at the present time, there does not seem to be any call for it. About five years ago, when the club was reorganized and I was made chairman of the chess committee, I started to put out circulars like the attached as I found it was a good way to reach all the members and much easier than notifying them personally of each event. You will note our plan has been working for five years and I am glad so many of the clubs have followed suit."

A word on the (at least temporarily) defunct Divan News from ex-editor N.P.Wigginton, Washington, D.C. (April 23): "I'm gonna show you whether the News is dead or not, so help me. And soon!"...The last issue of Wig's excellent Divan News appeared just a year ago as the April-May, 1946, number.

Harry Norris of the Mercantile Library Chess association, Philadelphia, writes us (April 15) to tell us that his club's bulletin (of which we have never seen a copy) is temporarily in eclipse. He says: "I'm sorry to inform you that due to lack of assistance, I'm compelled to suspend activities on the publication of the Mercantile Bulletin, but when I do get started again I'll be sure to contact you."

And, despite the fact that we now have 21 papers listed, we still do not think our listing is complete. Will readers with clues to any other papers please write us, sending copies if they are available? If they are copies which the correspondent wishes to keep, we will gladly treasure them and return them to the sender.

JUST A FEW GAMES OF CHESS

We had hoped in this issue to bring you some of the best games from the Charleston City Championship Tournament, just on the verge of finishing, with John F. Hurt, Jr., holding a commanding lead. They haven't arrived yet, however, so we figure the next best thing to do is to print some of Johnny's games from the Charleston club's Summer Invitation tournament of 1946, in which he finished a strong second. Especially interesting is one tussle in which he had a lost game but managed to swindle his way out.

DANISH GAMBIT

WHITE: John Hurt
BLACK: Edw. Holt
Charleston C.C.
'46 Summer Tourney

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 P-Q4 PXP
- 3 P-QB3 PXP
- 4 NXP N-QB3
- 5 B-QB4 N-KB3
- 6 N-B3 B-N5
- 7 O-O O-O
- 8 R-K

8 P-K5 is strong.
8 ... P-Q3
9 B-KN5

9 Q-B2 is strong.
9 ... B-KN5
10 Q-N3

10 R-K3 is strong.
10 ... P-KR3
11 BxN

11 B-R4 is strong.
11 ... QxB
12 N-Q5! Q-N3!

13 N-Q4 K-R
13 ... NxN, if 14
QxB N-B6ch, or if
14 N-K7ch K-R2.

14 NxN
14 NxB is better.

14 ... BxR
15 N(6)-K7 QxP!
16 B-Q3

16 P-B3 saves game.

- 16 ... Q-K4
- 17 P-B4 Q-Q5ch
- 18 K-R B-R5
- 19 P-KR3 BxN
- 20 PxB B-KB3

Game adjourned here with Holt making sealed move. Note that White is down the exchange and 2 P's.

- 21 NxB QxN
- 22 P-KN3 P-QN3
- 23 R-QB

23 K-N2 at once!

- 23 ... P-QB4
- 24 K-N2 P-Q4?
- 25 P-N5 PXP
- 26 R-KRch K-N
- 27 B-R7ch K-R
- 28 Q-B2

White has a draw in hand but plays for a win.

- 28 ... R-K
- 29 PXP QxP?
- 30 Q-B2 Q-K6?
- 31 B-N3ch!

And Black resigns. (Notes by John Hurt.)

Have you some good games, either over the board or correspondence? Send them in. Let other members have fun with them, too!

FRENCH DEFENSE

WHITE: FRANK BRANNER
BLACK: JOHN HURT
Charleston C.C.
'46 Summer Tourney

- 1 P-K4 P-K3
- 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3 PXP PXP
- 4 N-KB3 N-KB3
- 5 B-Q3 B-K2
- 6 O-O O-O
- 7 N-B3 B-KN5
- 8 B-KB4 P-B3
- 9 R-K QN-Q2
- 10 P-KR3 B-R4
- 11 B-B5 R-K
- 12 P-KN4 B-N3
- 13 BxB RPxB
- 14 N-K5 N-B
- 15 Q-B3 N-K3
- 16 N-K2 NxB
- 17 NxN P-KN4
- 18 N(B4)-Q3 R-KB
- 19 Q-B5 N-K5
- 20 Q-Q7 QxQ
- 21 NxQ KR-Q
- 22 N-K5 R-K
- 23 P-KB3 N-Q3
- 24 K-B2 B-B3
- 25 P-B3 R-K2
- 26 N-N4 P-QR4
- 27 N-B2 BxN
- 28 RxB RxB
- 29 PXR N-B5
- 30 R-K NXP
- 31 R-QN N-Q6ch
- 32 K-N3 N-B4
- 33 N-K3 R-K
- 34 P-B4 N-K5ch
- 35 Resigns

Want to be an annotator? We'll let you! Just send games with notes!

FRENCH DEFENSE

WHITE: HAL LIGGETT
BLACK: JOHN HURT
Charleston C.C.
'46 Summer Tourney

- 1 P-K4 P-K3
- 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3 N-QB3 B-N5
- 4 P-K5 N-K2
- 5 B-KN5 P-QB4
- 6 BxN QxB
- 7 Q-N4 PXP
- 8 QxP(Q4) N-QB3
- 9 B-N5 O-O
- 10 BxN PxB
- 11 O-O-O P-QB4
- 12 Q-Q3 B-N2
- 13 N-B3 KR-K
- 14 QN-N QR-B
- 15 P-B3 B-R4
- 16 R-Q2 P-Q5
- 17 Q-N5 B-N3
- 18 Q-Q3 P-B5
- 19 Q-K2 P-Q6

And Black wins.

IRREGULAR

WHITE: SAM LAWRENCE, SR.
BLACK: Edward HOLT
Charleston 1946

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 P-KN3 N-KB3
- 4 N-QB3 P-Q4
- 5 P-Q4 QPXP
- 6 KNXP NXP
- 7 B-N2 B-KB4
- 8 P-B3 PXP
- 9 NXP(B3) NXPch
- 10 K-B QxQch
- 11 NxQ B-Q6ch
- 12 K-N B-QB4ch
- 13 N-B2 N-KN5!
- 14 P-R3 BxN mate

FAREWELL TO CHESS - BY VICTOR LEMKE

(Editor's Note: On page 4 of this issue is a message from Milford Mott of Arthur-dale telling us that chess at Morgantown, since the departure of Bill Schaeffer, is no more. We wrote Dr. Victor Lemke, probably the strongest player of the Monongalia-Preston group, saying, "How come?" and got back, on May 4, the following whimsical letter too precious to be buried in our files. Since all WVCA members who have met know that Dr. Lemke is one of the finest fellows imaginable, we feel we can publish his letter without the fear of subjecting him to criticism from over-enthusiastic chessers. We believe, of course, that the Morgantown club, with new hands at the helm, will rise again. We hope, too, that when the University augments its staff sufficiently to allow the members a little occasional rest, Dr. Lemke and his fellow staffers will again resume club and, we trust, tournament play. In the meantime, we wish him many a fine easy-going game by his cozy hearthside. And now for his letter!)

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I could have merely put a similar sketch on a postcard and thus saved myself some time, but I feel that you should have an explanation for the big silence that is Morgantown.

Just before the last State Tournament, I had already decided to retire from chess after I had again gone through the grind. My main reason was that I didn't like to let a mere game boss me around and monopolize my mind. Formerly I derived real pleasure from chess, in comfortable surroundings and with suitable refreshments. I'd raise lukewarm hades for an evening whenever I happened to feel like playing. Then I'd forget about chess until I was again in the mood for a game or two.

When a guy reaches a point where his mind resembles a chess board (on which over-zealous Knights and Bishops run lances through any non-chessic idea that tries to appear), it's time for him to quit. During the past three years things got so bad that I even bought chess books and started to study the confounded game in my spare time. I let myself be lured into tournaments, which I abhor, and into team-matches that I considered joyless obligations. After the initial enthusiasm wore away, club play bored me silly, so silly that I regarded each meeting as a chore. However, for a long time I continued to work like mad for the local club—mainly because it meant so much to our mutual friend, Bill Schaeffer. When he looked at me with those big, sorrowful eyes and asked lagubiously, "Don't you want a chess club?" I felt like a 32nd degree heel and agreed to round up our bunch of reluctant converts.

Now that Bill is representing Morgantown in Washington, there is nobody with enough fanaticism and tenacity to goad me from my sincere disinterest. For a while, I tried to persuade some of the more active members to maintain a living monument to that great Maker of Queens, William Chester Schaeffer. I was greeted by a variety of HO-HUMS, which harmonized with my own. Now and then I meet a mourner, but I just chuckle as I wipe the glycerine from his cheeks.

I am quite happy in my retirement. I now have time for other activities that I had neglected during my caissaphobia. When I approach senility, I may dabble in the game again. Meanwhile, I shall continue to subscribe to your high-class bulletin and be entertained by the antics of those still possessed by demons. I assure you that it's been a real pleasure to know you. I hope that your principles will permit you to speak to an apostate if we happen to meet somewhere.

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1947 SOLVING LADDER (INCLUDING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY SOLUTIONS)

Gene Collett, 14; Bertrand Mulligan, 14; Otto Oppenheimer, 14.

We are starting this year's SOLVING LADDER in the hope that it may become an enviable one, but soon! So far, only three solvers have responded. We thank the first two for their standing by us through thick and thin, and gratefully welcome back the third. Thus far, each has scored the maximum of 14 points.

SOLUTIONS TO MARCH PROBLEMS

No. 157 SxP. No. 158 Rf5. (No. 159 erroneous and withdrawn.)

THEME OF NO. 158

The setting of No. 158 has two related mates (1...Sd5, 2 Sd7, and 1...SxR, 2 Sd3) which are reversed in its actual solution (1...Sd5, 2 Sd3, and 1...SxR, 2 Sd7). These two variations show what is known as Reciprocal Correction--the theme of this problem.

PRESENT PROBLEMS

They are all rather simple but pleasing two-movers. Solutions must be in the hands of the Problem Editor by July 10.

BULLETIN FROM CHARLESTON!!! HURT WINS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

An airmail letter from Edward M. Foy of Charleston arrives May 6 with the information that Foy and John J. Hurt, Jr., won their postponed games (see page 1) by default. This makes Hurt the new city champion and puts Foy into undisputed third place. Final scores (you may correct the table on page 1, if you wish) are as follows:

First, Hurt, 8-1; second, R. Holt, 7-2; third, Foy, 6½-2½; fourth, tie, DuVall and Hartling, 6-3; sixth, Wiles, 4-5; seventh, Gilliland, 3-6; eighth, Martin, 2½-6½; ninth, tie, Mrs. Snyder and White, 1-8.