

## VOICE OF THE MEMBERS

Bres. A. W. Paull, Wheeling: "Thank you for the bulletin of October 10 together with the copy of the Yearbook, which is very interesting. I will play over some of the games and see how much better the participants have done than if I had been one of them... Chess is at a low ebb here. Only two or three of us are playing and the more we play, the worse we play. Clarksburg and Charleston have outdistanced Wheeling completely."

B. W. Devericks, Ft. Knox, Ky.: "What a mess of work went into that Yearbook! The question keeps coming up in my mind--just where does Gen stand in the affections of his family? Do they sit and look at him in a dull sort of wonder? Or is there the gleam of a kitchen-knife-in-the-back sort of look in their eyes? Do they refrain from discussing him with friends and relatives? Are they embarrassed when some stranger or thoughtless person mentions his name? Has his wife filed for separate maintenance or better? Is his family's life haunted with fear of that possible violent stage? Do they weep in unnoticed sorrow? Is he being treated kindly and firmly as his condition warrants? Or, by some alchemy of human relations, is his family proud of him for surviving this peculiar ordeal?... By the way, you are still surviving--yes? no?"

Harold C. Hensey, Springfield, O.: "Congratulations on the excellent job you did on the Yearbook. I am well pleased with it... I hope you are again editor in '43 and that I may be privileged to assist you then."

Robert Jamison, Charleston: "Congratulations on a fine job on the Yearbook. You should be able to raise the state association dues on the strength of it... Immediately upon its arrival, I turned to Marks' games and played them out. It seems to me he belongs in a different league."

Jesse Church, Charleston: "The Yearbook was a nice piece of work. Thanks a lot. Keep the good work up... Cliff Mosier would like to get in the State Correspondence Tourney if a spot opens up or if you get another one going."

Charles W. Chrislip, Charleston: "I received the Yearbook today and I want you to know what a grand job I think it is, both editorially and mechanically. All persons connected with its appearance deserve a world of credit... Personally, I will enjoy my copy for a long time to come, and you can bet that I will show it off to my chess-playing friends at every opportunity... I am inclosing check for one dollar to show my appreciation in a more practical way, as I feel sure that the expense of publication was greater than revenues expected."

Tyson E. Cobb, Huntington, sends us a letter which says so many nice things about us that we are covered with confusion. We plan to frame it and hang it on the wall in our basement office so that all visitors there may see it (accidentally, of course) and admire. But somehow or other, we just seem unable to get it typed into the bulletin. Modesty has to draw a line somewhere! Anyway, thanx a milyun, on behalf of myself and the others who helped!

(Comes a card from Walter F. James, secretary-director of the Correspondence Chess League of America, 4133 Tyler Street, Lee's Station, Sioux City, Iowa: "Thanks for the West Virginia Yearbook. It is a very fine job in every respect. Congratulations. I wish you continued success with it.")

MORE VOICES OF THE MEMBERS

State Champion E. Landis Marks, Huntington: "Please accept my heartiest congratulations for your splendid work in editing and issuing the Yearbook. Your efforts in behalf of the association will lead to broader organization in the future. My business here is to present my application as apprentice seaman in the Merchant Marine. It is under the tanowski, please give him my thanks for his competent annotations." (Landis' letter came from Radford, Va., and was dated Oct. 23. We're not noting any address change for him at present--probably the best place to write him is still at his Huntington address.)

Edward M. Roy, New Orleans, La.: "Your card received. You can send the Yearbook to me here at the same address. I am being transferred next month, but continue to use my present address till I tell you differently."

ERROR IN THE YEARBOOK

Grief-stricken because of the unfortunate transposition of Mrs. Ludwig Frank's name in the Yearbook (we printed it Mrs. Frank Ludwig and did not discover the error until after the books were bound), we wrote her a letter of sincere apology and self-condemnation. From that too-forgiving lady comes back this lovely letter:

"Your kind letter of October 14, 1942, is received.

"After long consideration of the case, I shall eventually be willing to exculpate you from your serious crime after you have undergone the following punishment: You are condemned to eat in our home as soon as you come to Charleston a meal prepared by myself. I hope you are not too sick afterward to play a game of chess with me."

Mrs. Frank's conditional exculpation is accepted and we shall all too gladly pay the full penalty required. (Does anyone else want his name mixed up?) (P. S. to that parenthesis: After due reflection we withdraw the offer to mix up any more names, unless accidentally; we had too bad a moment when we discovered the Frank error and no one will ever know how anxiously we awaited each day's mail after we had written our note of apology.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE 1943 YEARBOOK

Harold C. Heisey, Springfield, O.: "I would prefer that the notes be given in between the moves themselves even though it would take up more room. As for games to be included in the yearbook, I would not include games with an obvious blunder--losing a R or Q--if they had no other point of interest, unless it was the only game won by that participant." Darned good suggestions, both of them. We think probably--unless members will otherwise--the moves next time will be treated as Harold suggests, as the time spent in planning layout sheets for the method used in the current yearbook is tremendous. Under the other plan, all the editor would have to do would be to start typing his sten-grams and keep going until the games ran out. And either method, I believe, would make the play equally clear to the reader. What do other members think?

Tyson E. Cobb, Huntington: "I suggest you consult Rud T. Neel regarding Huntington article for the 1943 Yearbook, as his qualifications

Thus, we have a probable income of \$14.50 with expected expenditures of \$22 to \$25.

Of course, we can decrease the size of the monthly bulletin--holding it to a single sheet printed on both sides--or even on one side only--if this becomes necessary, but we'd rather give the members something better than that, if possible.

However, we can easily make up this probable deficit if members will order their chess books and magazines through the association. We can get commissions ranging from 20 to 33 1/3 per cent on all orders. A list of such publications is included at the end of this bulletin. Orders will be forwarded promptly and there should be no delay in receiving the desired books. The list includes only books which we have seen and know to be good, or publications recommended by the publishers which we have not seen. In the latter case no comment on the book is given.

With Christmas only a little more than a month away, it is likely many of the members will wish to give chess books and magazines as presents. Or, you might show the list to your wife, just as a gentle hint. Tell her Gene Collett at 231 Woodland avenue, Clarksburg, will be glad to have her order for as many books as she desires. Santa Claus, in person, no doubt.

### BATTLE OF THE ANNOTATORS--ROUND ONE

Harold C. Heisey, Springfield, O.: "Additional note on the Heisey-Jeffries game, No. 19 in the Yearbook. Annotator Griffin should be complimented on his full and painstaking notes. I believe, tho, that on move 22 he missed the logical continuation for White, as I did in the game. On move 22 White should have played R-Q6 which would win the B due to a mating threat: 22... Q-K, 23 RxB(B6) BxN, 24 NxB, and White is a piece ahead. Black could have prevented this by moving the Q or B against the Black K. On replaying the game, R-Q6 looked tempting as early as the 18th move but would fail as follows: 18 R-Q6 QxP, 19 RxB(KB6) BxP, 20 Q-R5 BxN, 21 RxB P-KN3, 22 Q-N4 QxQ, 23 PxQ PxR, 24 PxP, and Black is ahead the exchange and a pawn."

Your Editor is no great shakes as an annotator but in checking Harold's last-noted line (above), he does not believe it would have failed. Assuming the preceding moves to have been made as given (18 R-Q6 QxP, 19 RxB(KB6) BxP), White could then play 20 Q-N4 (instead of 20 Q-R5) and Black is helpless. Mate is threatened. To avert it Black may play 20... BxN, 21 QxQ PxR, 22 QxQB, and Black has lost his Q for a R and a P and the game is over. Or Black may play 20... P-KN3 to which White replies 21 N-Q6, winning another piece--and the game.

Ray H. Griffin, Clarksburg, calls attention to a typographical error in Game 8 in the Yearbook. White's move 20 given as 20 R-BB!(h) should read 20 R-R3!(h) instead. Will members correct their books accordingly?...And while you are at it, turn to page 22 in the "Blindfold Chess" article and in line 8 strike out the word "citizen" and insert the word "resident." Your Editor doesn't know whether he or Author Peterson made the error but the Editor at least knew Kolti has not been in the U. S. long enough for citizenship and should have discovered the error before the article went into the book. Sorry, Kolti, but we're impatient for you to become an American and the slow passing of time makes us sort of impatient. (Note: If Kolti goes into the Army at year's end, as he hopes, he will automatically become a citizen. His services should be valuable as he speaks 7 or 8 languages.)

PROPOSAL FROM DR. BUSCHKE

We have received a letter from Dr. Albrecht Buschke, 15 West Fifty-sixth street, New York city, which says: "I just read in Walt Crede's chess column of October 18 about your W. Va. Chess Assn. Yearbook. As you will see in the enclosed issue of my new periodical publication, 'Book News,' I am specializing in the field of chess and announcing all new publications in this field--of course, as soon as they come to hand. Unfortunately, I did not know of the Yearbook to include it in the first issue of my house organ, but this will gladly be done in a later issue if you will kindly care to send me a review copy and to let me know your terms in case my customers order copies from my firm. Of course, if you are interested in purchasing chess books, I shall be only too glad to consider even to take over a limited number of your Yearbooks on a 'swap' basis."... While we felt all flattered to think Dr. Buschke had mistaken us for a real publishing concern, we had to write him, telling him the Yearbook is not a for-profit publication and that we have reserved all copies for present and prospective members.

KOLTI IN CLARKSBURG

Honorary Member Koltanowski played in Clarksburg the night of Nov. 4, scoring 11-0-1 in simultaneous play and 3-0-0 at simultaneous blindfold play. Bill Challinor, dean of the Clarksburg club, got the draw at simultaneous.... Kolti, by the way, gave an exhibition Oct. 29 in New York, celebrating the opening of Dr. Buschke's new store (see above).

TUN IN CHARLESTON AND ELSEWHERE

Departure of members for war & work has disrupted team schedules in Charleston, we note from Walt Crede's "Chessboard," so players are finding various ways to amuse themselves. One event was a rapid transit tourney won by Mrs. Myrtle Snyder. Players, be it known, included such luminaries as our Members Church, Hurt, Liggett, Jamason, Crede and others. How about signing Myrtle up for the WVCA? We need her!

Another Charleston's autumn evening pastime is the tandem tourney. Players are divided by lot into two groups and assigned numbers. They toss for colors and all play at one board. White player No. 1 makes the first move at his board, to which Black player No. 1 responds. White player No. 2 makes the next move, and so on. Sounds like fun! (And heaving help the guy who makes the losing move!)

Another night former State Champion Johnny Hurt put on a 6-board simultaneous, winning 4, losing 2 (to Ham Lyon and Hal Liggett). Now the club proposes to put on another simultaneous, drawing the Player by lot. Hmmm! Well, we'll wait for results....

Crede is campaigning to start the Charleston city tourney now so as to get it over by New Year's. However, Johnny Hurt likely will have last word on the suggestion as he is the current champ and it would cut some six months off his title-holding (unless he dood it again).

Read Holt is back in Charleston and playing as a member of the capitol city club again, we note....

The Clarksburg club just now is playing a Danish Gambit Tourney, a double round robin affair. The stronger players are leading slightly but percentages seem to hover around .500, indicating White actually does have a lost game against proper defense.

We have a couple more pages of stuff but it'll have to wait until next time. Don't forget to look over the book-list given on the next two pages.

Following is a list of books on which the West Virginia Chess Association will receive a commission if they are ordered through the secretary. Orders will be forwarded promptly and books should be received within two weeks (unless the mails are slowed up by the war). Make checks and money orders payable to Gene Collett, 231 Woodland Avenue, Clarksburg, W. Va. The price given is the publisher's price and the entire commission goes to the association. The publisher pays the postage.

### ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOKS

- Chess the Easy Way--Reuben Fine--A new and original way for learning chess--with practice problems for the beginner but helpful to the stronger player, too--an excellent book. . . . . \$1.50
- Hoffer's Chess--L. Hoffer--Thru 17 editions and still highly recommended--a favorite with Member Deavericks. . . . . 1.50
- Chess: An Easy Game--R. E. Kemp and W. H. Watts. . . . . .75
- Chess for Fun and Chess for Blood--Edward Lasker. . . . . 2.50
- Lasker's Chess Primer--Emanuel Lasker--For beginners. . . . . 1.00
- Common Sense in Chess--Emanuel Lasker--12 lessons which take you thru chess lore from beginning to end. . . . . .50
- A Guide to the Game of Chess--David A. Mitchell--The old standby--includes the International Chess Code (paper 35c)--cloth. . . . .75
- Vest-Pocket Chess Manual--G. H. D. Gossip--Flexible binding. . . . .50
- Beginner's Book of Chess--Frank Hollings. . . . . .75
- Principles of Chess in Theory and Practice--James Mason--Fourth edition--probably the best book for beginners ever written with much also for the experienced player. . . . . 2.50

### ADVANCED TEXTBOOKS

- How Not to Play Chess--Eugene A. Znosko-Borovsky--Dodging dangers and finding your faults--worthwhile. . . . . 1.25
- Chess Mastery by Question and Answer--Fried Reinfeld--Master games annotated with more than 300 questions and answers. . . . . 2.00
- The Art of Chess--James Mason--Third edition--a further development of "Principles" for students and advanced players--good. . . . . 2.50
- The Game of Chess--Dr. S. Tarnasch--New edition at reduced price--not particularly well bound but otherwise a topflight book--the mid-game treatment is especially good. . . . . 2.50

### OPENING THEORY

- How to Play the Chess Openings--Eugene A. Znosko-Borovsky. . . . . 2.50
- Modern Chess Openings--Griffith and White--sixth edition revised by Reuben Fine--The Bible or rather the dictionary of chess players. . . . . 2.50
- Traps on the Chess Board--Eugene A. Znosko-Borovsky--a revision of Hereford and Watts' old "Pitfalls," with 160 games instead of 122 as in the last edition--very good. . . . . 1.50

### MIDDLE GAME AND COMBINATION PLAY

- Imagination in Chess--C. D. Locock. . . . . 1.00
- Chess Sacrifice and Traps--Alfred Emery--Pitfalls not only in openings but also in the mid-game and in the ending. . . . . 1.25
- Instructive Positions From Master Chess--J. Mieses--125 positions from Anderssen down to the present day, annotated. . . . . 1.00
- Middle Game in Chess--Eugene A. Znosko-Borovsky. . . . . 3.00

END-GAME PLAY

Basic Chess Endings--Reuben Fine--The finest book of its kind ever compiled--a monument to Fine's ability that should live forever--endings classified and indexed for ready reference--a book no player should be without--uniform with "Modern Chess Openings"...	\$3.50
Introduction to the End-Game at Chess--Philip W. Sergeant.....	3.00
How to Play Chess Endings--Eugene A. Znosko-Borovsky.....	4.00
Practical End-Game Play--Fred Reinfeld--No trick stuff in this--all limited to over-the-board positions.....	2.00
Chess Studies--A. A. Troitsky.....	3.00
1234 Modern End-Game Studies--M. A. Sutherland and H. M. Lommer.....	5.00

COLLECTIONS OF GAMES

Every Game Checkmate--Watts and Hereford--Just what the title says--101 master tourney games all ending in checkmate--the book will tell you "Mate in three" or "Mate in five" with solutions in the back--diagram on each game--lots of fun for winter evenings.....	1.25
Keres' Best Games of Chess--Notes by Fred Reinfeld.....	3.00
Rubinstein's Chess Masterpieces--100 Games.....	2.50
One Hundred Chess Gems--P. Wenman.....	1.50
200 Miniature Games of Chess--J. Du. Mont.....	3.00
Morphy Gleanings--Philip W. Sergeant.....	2.50
Meet the Masters--Dr. Max Euwe--The big shots of the chess world today, treated readably and wisely--a worthwhile acquisition.....	2.50
My Fifty Years of Chess--Frank J. Marshall--Story of Marshall's life and 140 of his best games, annotated by himself--good.....	3.00

TOURNAMENT AND MATCH BOOKS

Alekhine vs. Bogoljubow--Notes by Reinfeld and Fine.....	1.25
Nottingham Tournament Book--Notes by Alekhine.....	5.00
World's Chess Championship (Alekhine-Euwe match, 1937)--Notes by both players.....	2.00

GENERAL

Comparative Chess--Frank J. Marshall.....	1.00
Chess and Its Stars--Brian Harley.....	2.00

CHESS MAGAZINES

Chess Review--Excellent printed--well illustrated--worthwhile.....	\$3 a yr.
American Chess Bulletin--Authoritative--accurate--bimonthly.....	\$2 a yr.
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