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HAVE YOU REMEMBERED to renew your West Virginia Chess Association membership? The 1948-49 year ended officially on August 31. Copies of the September and October Bulletins are going to all on the 1948-49 list, but starting with the November issue copies will be mailed only to those members in good standing.

Our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Reid Holt, 620 Churchill Drive, Charleston 4, to whom your \$1 should be sent for renewal (or new) membership, reports that as of October 14 the 1949-50 membership roster totals a round 50. (That's a round, not around).

Of course we don't expect the membership total to bog down there, as experience has shown that the dues come in about as slow as the game is usually played. But officers of the Association would like to point out that we can keep the fee at \$1 only if we have sufficient members to pay the costs of our Association, which are more or less constant regardless of the size of our membership. We closed the year with 108 members. The yearly financial statement, which will be found on Page 2, shows that we had a balance of \$11.54, which was immediately turned over to Gene Colett as partial reimbursement for his out-of-pocket expense on the 1945-47 Year Book. So you see we really have no working capital, and need a large membership to pay our very modest expenses, if the dues remain at \$1.

The only alternative to raising the dues, if our membership does not reach the required total, would be to cut down on the size of the Bulletin (or issue it once every two months) and eliminate the publication of the Year Book. We do not believe our members want either of these things to happen. So we hope the renewals and new memberships will come rolling in.

Work on the Year Book already has been started by Dr. Werthammer and Reid Holt. They are relieving the Bulletin editor of the job this year. We know they will get out a Year Book that every chess player in the state will want.

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1949

Balance, September 1, 1948	\$1.84
 Receipts:	
Annual membership dues	\$90.50
Sustaining membership dues (7)	35.00
1948 Tournament fees in excess of prize awards and expenses	16.75
Sale of Year Books	3.00
Donation -- Charles Morgan	2.50
 Total Receipts	147.75
Total available funds	\$149.59
 Disbursements:	
Bulletin --	
Stencils, typewriter rental, etc.	\$25.39
Mimeographing service	56.27
Postage	32.33
	\$113.99
 Unpaid expenses at Sept. 1, 1948 ...	3.02
Postage	5.78
Office supplies, etc.	6.44
One-third cost of trophy to second place winner of 1948 Tri-State Meet	3.17
Year Book expenses	4.47
Election expenses	1.18
 Total Disbursements	\$138.05
 Balance, August 31, 1949*	\$11.54

*-Payable to Gene Collett as partial reimbursement for excess cost of 1945-47 Year Book over receipts therefor.

VOICE FROM THE GRAVE! Like the cooks who always enjoy a meal better when someone else cooks it, Gene Collett writes from his retirement in Pittsburgh to tell us how much he is enjoying the Bulletin now. He also wants to know what happened to the announced visit to Charleston of the Log Cabiners. (That guy has the darndest memory, hasn't he?) They just didn't show, Gene, after many trials and tribulations on their long trip. If there is room elsewhere in the Bulletin we will mention some of their troubles. Gene also mentions that the addresses of the players in the Chess Congress weren't listed (except for a few of the winners and leaders named in the story on Page 1) and points out that there are many new names and he'd like to know where they are from. In making up the round by round score tables, we didn't think there would be space for the addresses so we left them out, with the idea they would be included anyway in the list of 1949-50 WVCA members (players at the tournament always being listed first.) The list was not forthcoming for the September issue, however, and the editor was too lazy to cut another Page 2 stencil. But on the next page, Gene, you'll find the addresses.

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS 1949-50

(Reported by Sec. Holt as of October 14. Members 3 through 37 played in the 1949 Chess Congress.)

1. Gene Collett (life)	125 Meritt Ave., Pittsburgh 27, Pa.
2. Sam Abrahams (life)	Present address unknown.
3. William Adkins	1751 Crestmont Drive, Huntington.
4. Herman W. Allison	1440 W. Market Blvd., Lima, Ohio
5. Hugh Allison	1448 Fourth Ave., Charleston
6. Jack Allison	1440 W. Market Blvd., Lima, Ohio
7. Dr. J.S. Blagg	620 Montrose Drive, South Charleston
8. Donald Burdick	7 Chestnut Drive, Huntington
9. H.D. Burke	3273 Route 60, Huntington
10. James Cappellari	221 Tenth Ave., Huntington
11. William R. Cuthbert	1104 W. Washington Ave., Wheeling
12. A.H. DuVall	119 Hughes St., St. Albans
13. Edwin Faust	W.Va. Institute of Technology, Montgomery
14. Edward M. Foy	4 Arlington Court, Charleston
15. O.C. Feuchtenberger	1500 Lexington Ave., Ashland, Ky.
16. H.H. Gregg	2669 Guyan Ave., Huntington
17. W.F. Hartling	131 Park St., St. Albans
18. Dr. V.S. Hayward	1128 Ninth Ave., Huntington
19. Andy Hoke	113½ Fayette St., Beckley
20. Edward Holt	Box 2, Chrisman Hall, Uni. of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho
21. Reid Holt	620 Churchill Drive, Charleston 4
22. John F. Hurt, Jr.	3303 Boyes Ave., Charleston
23. H.W. Liggett	915 Montrose Drive, South Charleston
24. H. Landis Marks	1904 Steadman Drive, Huntington
25. Raymond Martin	329 Kenna Drive, South Charleston
26. Charles T. Morgan	1208 Tenth Ave., Huntington
27. Rudd T. Neel	1505 Sixth Ave., Huntington
28. G.H. Ogden	3307 Central Ave., Ashland, Ky.
29. Jack Pearson	1533 Crestmont Drive, Huntington
30. Dr. J.S. Pearson	1633 Crestmont Drive, Huntington
31. David Rodger	1102 Eleventh St., Huntington
32. Paul Sayre	1033 Fourteenth St., Huntington
33. G.E. Shinkle	1408 Sixth Ave., Huntington
34. Harry Sweeney	1522 Piedmont Road, Charleston
35. T.B. Sweeney, Jr.	Hawley Building, Wheeling
36. Harlow Warren	320 North Kanawha St., Beckley
37. Dr. Siegfried Werthammer	2008 No. Englewood Rd., Huntington
38. William M. Schaeffer	4828 Seventh St. N.W., Washington 11, D.C.
39. M.C. Scott	1034 Tenth Ave., Huntington
40. Sister M. Hedwig	St. Marys Hospital, Huntington
41. Tyson E. Cobb	509 Jefferson Ave., Huntington
42. Gene Thomas	Y.A.G.A., Huntington
43. Victor J. Lemke	903 Rawley Ave., Morgantown
44. Kingsley R. Smith	Ritter St., Bridgeport, W.Va.
45. R.H. Griffin	303 Greaney Blvd., Clarksburg
46. B.W. Devericks	P.O. Box 2183, Clarksburg
47. John M. Hill	1208 Alexander St., Charleston
48. G.F. Schilling	815 Garden St., Charleston
49. R.L. Jamison	1207 Virginia St. E., Charleston 1
50. Alex Siebrecht	182 Buttles Ave., Columbus, Ohio

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GAMES SECTION

Conducted by
 Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
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(NOTE: Next month this section will have a new heading, drawn by our "Staff Artist", Al DuVall.)

The game between the Junior Champion Morgan and his runner-up, Burdick, is lively. It demonstrates the remarkable up-to-date opening knowledge of our junior players. The game against Foy is the first one marks lost in a State Tournament. He tried to win a drawn game and lost. Liggett comes from behind and wins prettily from Faust. The game DuVall-Werthammer is a heavy affair and shows Al's great tactical skill despite time pressure. DuVall-Burke played the shortest game of the tournament.

JR. STATE TOURNEY
 1949
RUY LOPEZ
WHITE: CHAS. MORGAN
BLACK: DON BURDICK

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| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3 B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4 B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5 O-O | NxP |
| 6 P-Q4 | P-QN4 |
| 7 B-N3 | P-Q4 |
| 8 PxP | B-K3 |
| 9 Q-K2 | |

This variation has been played several times in the world championship tournament. White permits the exchange of his KB but gets the open QR file.

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| 9 | B-K2 |
| 10 R-Q1 | N-QR4 |
| 11 QN-Q2 | NxB |
| 12 RPxN | N-B4 |
| 13 N-B1 | O-O |
| 14 B-K3 | N-Q2 |
| 15 N-Q4 | |

Up to this point the opening was correctly played. The chances are about even.

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| 15 | NxP?? |
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This is a blunder after which Black's

game rapidly disintegrates. White is able to gobble up all of Black's Q-wing pawns.

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| 16 B-B4 | N-N3 |
| 17 NxB | PxN |
| 18 QxPch | K-R1 |
| 19 B-N3 | B-B3 |
| 20 RxQP | Q-K2 |
| 21 RxxR | RxxR |
| 22 QxR | BxP |
| 23 QxP | Q-B3 |
| 24 Q-B4 | |

Starting a forceful attack.

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| 24 | R-B2 |
| 25 R-Q8 ch | N-B1 |
| 26 B-R4 | Q-B4 |
| 27 N-K3 | Resigns |

Somewhat early, but after Q-B5 28. QxQ, RxQ 29. B-K7, K-N 30. RxNch, RxR 31. BxR the endgame is easily won for White.

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SICILIAN DEFENSE
WHITE: LANDIS MARKS
BLACK: EDWARD FOY

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| 1 P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2 N-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3 B-B4 | |

A harmless deviat-

ion from the book lines.

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| 3 | P-K3 |
| 4 P-Q4 | PxP |
| 5 NxP | N-KB3 |
| 6 N-QB3 | B-K2 |
| 7 O-O | O-O |
| 8 B-K3 | N-B3 |
| 9 P-B4? | |

Too early.

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| 9 | NxP! |
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Refuting White's 3rd move. Black could have made this pseudo-sacrifice before but it is stronger after White's P-B4. White will get weak points on his K4 and K3.

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| 10 NxN/4 | P-Q4 |
| 11 B-N5 | |

Stronger is B-Q3.

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| 11 | NxN |
| 12 QxN | PxN |
| 13 QxP | Q-R4! |

Black's skillful manoeuvres on the Q-side tend to observe the White P majority, the only potential danger in White's position. White's K-side attack is not to be feared.

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| 14 B-Q3 | P-KN3 |
| 15 K-R | |

Loss of time as after B-B4 White's QB will have to be exchanged as he has no good square to move (one of the sequelae of 9. P-B4?)

15 B-B3?

Better B-B4

16 B-Q4?

P-B3! instead. After B exchange Black can develop his Q-wing pieces as his QNP is not threatened anymore.

16 BxB
17 QxB R-Q
18 Q-B6 B-Q2
19 KR-K B-N4
20 R-K5 R-Q4
21 RxR PxB
22 Q-Q4 BxB
23 PxB

Safe is QxB, the game is then a dead draw. Also after the text a draw should result. White probably had mating intentions with his R on the 8th rank and his Q occupying the diagonal. But it comes different.

23 R-K
24 P-QN4?

The losing move. P-KR3, R-K7
25. R-QB with an easy draw.

24 Q-R6
25 P-KR3 R-K7
26 P-B5?

The first of two obvious blunders.

26 Q-N7

27 Q-N?? RxNP
28 QxR QxRch
29 K-R2 Q-K4ch
30 Q-N3 QxQch

The ensuing end game is neatly won.

31 KxQ K-N2
32 K-B4 K-B3
33 PxB BPxB
34 P-R4 P-KR3
35 P-Q4 P-QN4
36 K-N4 P-N4
37 P-R5 K-K3
38 K-B3 K-B4
39 K-N3 K-K5
40 K-N4 KxP
41 K-B5 K-B5
42 K-N6 P-N5
43 KxP P-N6
44 K-R7 P-N7
45 P-R6 P-N8 (Q)
46 Resigns

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FRENCH DEFENSE
WHITE: H. LIGGETT
BLACK: E. FAUST

1 P-K4 P-K3
2 P-Q4 P-Q4
3 N-QB3 B-N5
4 P-K5 P-QB4
5 B-N5ch

This leads eventually to the exchange of the White KB, a piece which is very important in the attacking manouvres of White in this variation of the "French".

5 N-QB3
6 P-QR3 BxNch
7 PxB B-Q2
8 BxN BxB
9 Q-N4 K-B

The Black K is quite safe here.

10 N-K2 P-KR4
11 Q-R3

Q-B3 at once saves a move.

11 P-KN3
12 N-B4 N-R3
13 Q-B3 N-B4
14 N-K2 K-N2

Black has a very good game. By simply playing R-B followed by Q-R4 he would exert strong pressure with an easily developing attack on the Q-side. The text, which intends to connect eventually the black Rs, gives White occasion to push his KPs and open up the black K-position.

15 P-KR4!

If now 15 ..., NxRP?? Black loses the piece after 16 Q-B6ch

15 Q-R4
16 K-Q KR-QB?

This is already the decisive mistake. Better is B-N4 to try to exchange the dangerous white N for the inactive B.

17 P-N4 PxB
18 QxNP R-R

Does not help. Black's K won't be able to escape. A very elegant finish follows.

19 P-R5 QR-KN
20 P-R6ch! NxRP
21 Q-R4!!

The pretty point. Black loses at least a piece.

21 N-B4
22 Q-B6ch K-B
23 RxR PxB
24 NxP QxBP
25 NxPch Resigns

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* tinued on Page 6. *

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GIUOCO PIANO

WHITE: AL DUVALL

BLACK: S. WERTHALMER

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

Evading the Max Lange attack.

5 P-B3

White deliberated a long time before this move. He considered instead P-QN4 -- an Evans Gambit after castling -- but decided against it. After the text Black equalizes without difficulty.

5 B-K3
6 BxB

Better B-N5. White's attack on the black KP will be futile.

6 PxB
7 Q-N3 Q-B
8 N-N5 N-Q

A standard defense manouvre well known from the Danish Gambit. Black's position is safe and sound. White's pieces will have to retreat or are driven back.

9 P-Q3 P-KR3
10 N-B3 N-KB3
11 QN-Q2 O-O
12 Q-Q

White abandons the attack. But also P-Q4, PxB 13 PxB, B-N3 14. P-K5 would favor Black

12 N-B3
13 P-QR4 P-Q4

14 Q-K2

On P-QN4 Black plays B-Q3.

14 N-KR4
15 P-KN3

On NxP?, N-B5 wins the piece. After 15 N-N3, B-Q3 16 NxP, NxN 17 QxN, NxP Black has an irresistible attack.

15 Q-K
16 N-N3 B-Q3
17 N-R4 P-KN4
18 N-N2 Q-N3
19 B-Q2 R-B2
20 QR-K QR-KB

White is slowly choked.

21 P-KR4

Running out of good moves. White cannot form a plan in his position. Black threatened N-N2 followed by P-KR4.

21 P-N5
22 Q-Q P-Q5!

More paralysis.

23 B-B R-B6
24 Q-B2 Q-B3
25 Q-K2 R-Q
26 N-Q2 B-B
27 NxR PxB
28 Q-Q PxB
29 KxP Q-N3
30 B-Q2 B-K2?

Black has won material and White is still constricted, his Rs not having open files. Black should bring his Ns in play. Good was 30 ..., PxB 31 BxB, N-Q5 followed by N-KB3 and Black should have no

trouble to win eventually. The text is the beginning of a series of weak moves. Black wrongly assumed he could force matters quickly on the K-wing.

31 K-R3

White's K has been forced to a better square.

31 K-R2
32 K-N PxB
33 BxBP N-N5?

A severe mistake. N-Q5 is still very good.

34 R-K3 R-KB
35 R-B3 R-KN?

Black sees a combination. Instead RxR 36 QxR, N-QB3 still with a good game.

36 BxB BxB??
37 PxB!

Despite severe time pressure (White had only seconds to spare before time control) he refutes the incorrect combination.

37 Q-K

Of course, if QxR 38 R-B7ch loses the Q.

38 RxR QxR
39 R-K3!

A pretty concluding move: the black N is lost.

Resigns

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FRENCH DEFENSE

WHITE: AL DUVALL

BLACK: H.D. BURKE

1 P-K4 P-K3
2 P-Q4 P-Q4

3 N-QB3 P-QB4
 4 KPxP KPxP
 5 Pxp Bxp
 Loses a P. After
 P-Q5 Black eventually

would regain the P.
 6 B-Nch N-B3
 7 QxP QxQ
 Loses the game.

Q-N3 still with some
 fight.
 8 NxQ R-N1
 9 B-KB4 Resigns

DR. WERTHAMMER HOLDS A CLINIC AND NEATLY EXCISES SEVEN SCALPS!

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, who was forced by illness to call off a simultaneous exhibition scheduled several months ago at the Charleston Chess Club, appeared the other night (eons ago!) in the month this Bulletin is dated. (Now we know what they mean by the expression that a thing is "dated".)

The state co-champion, despite the fact he was suffering with a cold, made a score of 8½ to 5½ against (and now out of modesty we quote the noted Charleston chess authority, Mr. Edward Mark Foy) "a lineup of opponents which included some of the strongest chess players in West Virginia." (End quote).

Reid Holt, Al DuVall, William Hartling and John Hurt scored wins against the champion, and Edwin Faust, Allan Gilliland and Jack Young obtained draws.

The following yielded their scalps for pathological examination: Hyman Binstock, Harold Liggett, Ray Martin, Dr. John Blagg, Thomas Griffiths, Chester Ray and Robert Jamison (who should have been home cutting Chess Bulletin stencils).

KANAWHA VALLEY CLUBS COMBINE FORCES

What looked like a big season for Kanawha Valley chess has developed (good opening, bad development) into something a little less colossal than was anticipated. The two Kanawha clubs (Charleston and Carbide) have decided to combine forces by meeting together. One week, on Wednesdays, the clubs meet in Charleston at the K. of C. club rooms. The next week, on Mondays, the clubs meet at Carbide's quarters in the South Charleston recreation Center.

While inconvenient from the transportation standpoint, this even closer relationship between the two clubs might lead to greater interest in the game in the Kanawha area. Two clubs, in combination, might be able to stage stunts, or something, to get the laggards out. And every city has many chess players who have never troubled, or been sufficiently interested, to join the local chess club. Ed Foy reports the first joint meeting was quite successful, more players showing up than have visited either club's sessions this season. The clubs are working out more complete plans now, and more about them later.

STATE CO-CHAMPION MATED!

Edward M. Foy, West Virginia chess co-champion who has been a bachelor longer than he has been a chess player, decided to forsake freedom of movement in exchange for a Queen and was married to Miss Mary Katherine Colborn, of Charleston, on Nov. 12 at Sacred Heart Church in Charleston.

BYLAND, OF PITTSBURGH, WINS TRI-STATE TITLE

(Editor's Note: Good friend Gene Collett took us off the hook on this one. The editor has been out of town so much the last few weeks my child doesn't recognize me and the dog bites me. So somehow I missed seeing the results of the Tri-State event, which was very embarrassing indeed, since the excuse for holding up this Bulletin so long--it was way late anyway--was to carry the Tri-State results. This nice uncut stencil, the last page, was just waiting, its bosom bared, to receive the indelible (and darned near non-eradicable) imprint of the Tri-State story--but no story! Then Gene came through, bless 'im, just like the hero galloping up to pay off the mortgage. Thanks, Gene. It must have been mental telepathy.)

William M. Byland, of Pittsburgh, long a force in Pennsylvania chess, won the Tri-State Championship in Pittsburgh, beating some of the best from West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Byland, present Pennsylvania title holder, won by a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. He yielded the draw to B. Kaplan, of Columbus, O., who finished fifth.

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer finished with a score of two wins and two loses. (Ed Foy, who also was eligible to play, had a previous and more important engagement. See Page 7.) Dr. Werthammer lost to Byland and the No. 2 finisher, Walter Mann, Ohio State student who won the Ohio title last Labor Day week-end. Mann lost only to Byland.

Dr. Werthammer's score put him in third position; P.L. Dietz, of Pennsylvania, was fourth and Kaplan was fifth.

Charles Morgan, of Huntington, finished fifth and last in the Junior Tournament, losing all his games, which shows how tough the Junior competition was. Stanley Amarnick, Philadelphia, won with a score of $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. C.C. French, Philadelphia, was second with 3-1; James Harkins, Cleveland, third with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Myron Frederic, Columbus, fourth with 1-3.

In the team championship, a six-man Pennsylvania team, headed by Glen Hartleb, of Erie, won a double round of play from an Ohio team, 8-4. West Virginia did not enter a team this year. (Last year it was Pennsylvania who failed to produce a team. It seems they can't work the magic of three.)

WVCA MEMBER WINS SOUTHWESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

J.C. Thompson, of Grand Prairie, Texas, a six-year member (Gene Collett informs me) of the West Virginia Chess Association, won the 15th Annual Southwestern Open Championship Tournament played in Tulsa, Okla., in September. Runner-up was Lee Magee, of Omaha, who had the same score of 6, but lost out under the point scoring system. The two did not meet in the tournament.

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