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Vicepresident Foy from Charleston advises the Association of the tentative plans for our annual championship events:

(1) Place: Willow Room, Elks Club, Charleston, West Virginia.

(2) Time: Labor Day week-end commencing at Saturday noon, September 1st, preceded by registration from 10:00 A. M.

(3) Events: Championship, Open, Players and Junior Championship.

(4) Entry Fees: Championship Sr. \$5.00; Jr. \$2.00; other events \$3.00. These fees include membership in WVCA and subscription to the Bulletin. Though the tournaments are open to all comers, only a resident of W. Va. may attain a championship title. Junior is defined as one not having reached his majority.

(5) Tournament Director-Reid Holt who will announce scheme of play, either Swiss System or Round Robin, depending upon registration.

(6) Prizes will be awarded to winners in each event.

(7) Players are asked to bring clocks, boards and men, whenever possible.

(8) Overall jurisdiction of the Congress will be in the hands of the WVCA with the Charleston Chess Club the local sponsor.

(9) For any additional information and for tournament and room reservations, communications should be sent to Mr. John M. Hill, President of the Charleston Chess Club, 1208 Alexander Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

## TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT IN HUNTINGTON

Mr. L. Carl Cornell, President of the Huntington Junior Chamber of Commerce announced the sponsorship by his organization of the annual Tri-State Tournament in Huntington over the Armistice Day week-end.

The champions and runners-up of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia will play in a round robin tournament to determine the Tri-State champion. A similar tournament will be held for the Junior champions and runners-up of these states. In addition, a large Swiss-system Tri-State Open tournament will take place instead of the team matches of former years. This tournament is open to all chess players of the three states ~~and~~ as well as to the players of Kentucky, who will be invited to participate for the first time since 1945, the year of the first Tri-State Chess Congress.

John F. Hurt, Jr., President of the W. Va. Chess Association, the host of the tournament for 1951, appointed Drs. Hayward & Werthammer of Huntington to organize the tournament. A meeting will be held at an early date with the committee of the Jaycees to work out the details. As in 1949, when the Huntington Jaycees sponsored the W. Va. Chess Congress, an adequate playing hall, trophies, publicity and clerical help will be furnished by the Chamber. Also a nationally known tournament director will be secured.

The W. Va. Chess Association, the Huntington committee and the Jaycees will do everything in their power to make this one the best Tri-State Chess Congress yet.

## ANOTHER MEMBERS VIEWS

Paul Sayre, of Huntington, and a player of improving strength, tells us that his interest in the game was first stimulated by seeing it played in New York's Central Park. There, large groups enjoy the good weather of the city's summer season, as well as the game itself, with their chess boards placed on park benches, with players and spectators, alike, draped over same, supplying interest where dignity may be lacking.

While Sayre, who has played but a few years, believes most can be gained by club membership, books, and practices, he none the less feels that outdoor chess, as above described, even as a "display ad", could well stimulate interest, if only through curiosity. The game should then be more popular among many, unable to avail themselves of club facilities, until they consider themselves capable of giving competition.

Paul and Donald Burdick recently demonstrated this technique in Huntington's Ritter Park on a Saturday afternoon, and even though "rained out" were sufficiently pleased with their experiment.

Sayre, incidentally, has taken over as mentor for the junior group at the local "Y", succeeding Burdick. Also, he has rendered invaluable help in a variety of ways in getting out the Bulletin.

## EDWIN FAUST

Mr. Edwin Faust, formerly a teacher at W. Va. Institute of Technology at Montgomery, advises us that he has accepted a position as Head of the Language Dept. at Plainfield (N.J.) High School.

Mr. Faust has been well and popularly known, in these parts, for several years as a cultured gentleman, whose hobby is chess. As a competitor of note in tournaments of this state as well as those (including the U. S. Open) outside the state, he will be long and kindly remembered for his affability and sportsmanship by all associated with him.

His competence in the game is a matter of record.

Culminating his activity in W. Va. was his cooperative effort as manager and player, for his school, in the recent radio match of 12 May. Our regret of the moment is that we are unable to give his present home address.

The W. Va. C. A. wishes him success in all of his endeavors and hopes that it will not be too long before we see him in person.

GAME SECTION

The first game in our selection is a rare treat. It is a magnificent game won by Al DuVall from Roy T. Black of Buffalo. It was played there recently while Al was vacationing. Roy Black is one of the strongest players in this country, although he is not very active in tournament play. His wins (and also his losses) against Capablanca are famous. Capablanca published one of his wins from Black in his "Best Games". Al handled the difficult game with the heavy pieces in a superb manner. His notes to the game are in themselves a work of art.

Also annotated by Al DuVall are the two games from the recent Carbide tournament. Liggett against Bruce Marples plays an exciting Evans Gambit. Blagg outplays Hartling then falters in the late middle game and Bill shows his great skill in recovering a lost game.

Hartling did not duplicate this feat against Schmittberger. The game is a pleasing, sharp and snappy brevity also from the Carbide affair.

Ed Faust send the pretty game against Foy from the Charleston Championship Tourney with the remark: "This will be my last chance to have any of my games published in the WVCB". Through the years this department has been privileged to publish many Faust games, wins and losses. The pages of this bulletin will be always open to Faust games. The editors do not hold with the German proverb "aus den Augen, aus dem Sinn". (You know, Ed is a professor of German).

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White: Roy T. Black	plan much better than the	12 N-N3	Q-Q2
Black: A. H. DuVall	text	13 B-K5	O-O-O!
French Defense	7 O-O N-Q2?		
1 P-Q4 P-K3	the proper move is still		with the idea of oper-
2 P-K4 P-Q4	QN-B3, since at Q2 the N		ating on the KN file af-
3 N-QB3 B-N5	obstructs the Q		ter 14 BxN, PxB even at
4 PxP Pxp			the expense of the
concerning his 1st	8 P-KR3 B-KR4	14 BxN PxB	doubled Ps.
	9 B-KB4	15 Q-B4	
match game with Capa-	a move Alekhine sug-		similar to Black's
ablanca in 1927, Alekhine	gested for Capablanca		13th move; White hopes
says "if White has any	in the game mentioned		to profit from the open
fighting ambitions, he	above		QB file if Black plays
must avoid in this var-			BxB
iation the P exchange	9 P-QB3		
at the 4th move".	10 Q-Q2 B-N3	15	BxB
5 B-Q3 N-K2	Black took 3 moves to		there is no good alter
6 N-K2 B-N5	oppose White's KB, Ale-		native
Alekhine continued	khine did it in one		
QN-B3 followed by		16 PxB P-KB4	
B-KB4, a	11 QR-K N-B3	17 R-B B-Q3	
		18 Q-B3 B-B2?	
	to make way for the Q		

this loses an important tempo. KR-N is the proper course, but Black needlessly feared 19 NxQP or N-QN5. However, after NxQP he would have at least an even endgame after 19xN 20 QxN, BxN 21 QxQ, RxQ 22 PxB

He answers 19 N-QN5 with BxN 20 PxB, P-QR3. Not 20...K-N?? on account of 21 Q-B4ch, K-R (K-B?, 22 NxPmate) 22 N-B7ch, K-N 23 N-R6dou-ch, K-R (K-B? 24 Q-N8mate) 24 N-B7ch, K-N 25 N-K6 or NxQPdis-ch and wins

- 19 N-R4 P-N3
- 20 KR-K K-N2
- 21 P-QN4 KR-N
- 22 N-B3 BxN
- 23 PxB R-N3
- 24 P-N5? PxB
- 25 RxN

with NxNP White obtains as good attacking chances without sacrificing the exchange

- 25 QxR
- 26 NxQP RxN

forced to return the exchange, but Black remains with a superior position

- 27 QxRch K-R3

and not K-N, because after 28 Q-K5ch, QxQ 29 PxB White's 2 center Ps would give good winning chances

28 Q-B3 White must meet the threat of Q-K6ch winning the R. If 28 K-R2, Q-K6 29 R-B3?, QxPch 30 K-R or N, Q-K6ch followed by QxR with a winning position

- 28 Q-Q3
- 29 K-R2 P-R4
- 30 P-KR4

Black threatened P-R5 but White could not play QxRP or BP for that matter on account of mate in two by 30... QxPch. The best practical chance (suggested after the game by White) is 30 Q-B4, QxQ 31 PxB, R-Q3 and though the endgame position is in Black's favor a win would require careful play

- 30 R-N5
- 31 K-R3 QxP
- 32 QxP

this capture allows Black a dominant position for his Q. Unfortunately the aggressive 32 R-B7 is met by Q-N8! and after 33 Q-N7ch, K-R4 34 QxRPch, K-N5 White cannot avoid mate. The best chance seems to be 32 R-B; Black's win is then difficult

- 32 Q-K6
- 33 Q-B8ch K-R4
- 34 Q-B7

protecting both the R and the P at N3

- 34 P-R3

the Q ending resulting after RxNPch 35 QxR, QxR does not assure victory. Black is correct in relying on his more aggressive position

- 35 R-B
- 36 R-B3 Q-N8

- 35 QxP
- 36 R-B3 Q-N8

prevents the threatened mate at KR but the counter-attack R-R3ch is stronger. If then 37... R-R4

- (K-N5? 38 Q-B3 mate) 38 Q-B3ch, Q-N4 (P-N5? 39 Q-K5ch, P-N4 40 Q-B7mate) the R exchange is forced
- 37 QxP
- 38 RxP

tricky is Q-B3ch which must be answered with P-N5 and not R-N5 because of 39 R-B4, Q-N7 or R5 40 QxRch, QxQ 41 RxQ, KxR 42 P-N4! and White has winning chances!

- 38 Q-B5
- 39 Q-K7 P-N5

Black sacrifices a P in order to quickly advance the QNP

- 40 Q-R-B5ch K-R5
- 41 RxP P-N6
- 42 R-R6 Q-N4
- 43 Q-K6 R-B5
- 44 R-B6

QxP will not do... QxQ 45 RxQ, P-R4 followed by R-N5

- 44 P-N7
- 45 R-B Q-N6

of course, not P-N8 (Q) 46 RxQ, QxR 47 QxRch etc.

- 46 Q-K2
- 47 R-QN K-R6
- 48 Q-K K-R7
- 49 Resigns

- 46 P-N4
- 47 R-QN K-R6
- 48 Q-K K-R7
- 49 Resigns

a fighting game throughout, despite Alekhine's comment

Col I

Col III

Col II

White: Hal Liggett  
Black: B. Marples

somewhat better is  
NPxP, QxP 7 P-Q4 etc

the logical result of  
White's brilliant play  
is 16 N-K6ch11, if then  
PxN R-Qch wins after  
17 ... B-Q2 18 QxNP or af  
ter 17... K-B2 18 Q-B4ch,  
K-N3(K-N 19 B-Q6mate) 19  
R-Q6ch, K-R4 20 Q-N4mate.  
Thus, Black would have  
been forced to play 16...  
QxN when 17 BxQ yields a  
winning advantage

Evans Gambit

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 B-B4 B-B4
- 4 P-QN4 BxP
- 5 P-B3 B-R4
- 6 P-Q4 PxP

- 6 Pxpch
- 7 BxP BxP
- 8 Q-B2 P-QB4
- 9 B-Q3 P-KR3

Black can ignore the  
threat to his RP and  
play N-B3 instead

Black does better  
with P-Q3, since he  
should not abandon  
the center. If then  
7 O-O, B-N3 gives  
Lasker's defense

- 10 N-B3 N-B3
- 11 R-Q N-Q5
- 12 NxN BxN
- 13 O-O Q-B2
- 14 B-B3 P-KB4?!

7 O-O PxP

the so-called  
compromised defense,  
which gives Black  
a very difficult game

this weakens the KP  
and exposes the K but  
Black's plan is P-QN3,  
B-N2 and an attack on  
the KN file

- 15 KR-K K-B2

- 8 Q-N3 Q-B3
- 9 P-K5 Q-N3

not NxP on account  
of 10 R-K, P-Q3 11  
NxN, PxN 12 Q-N5ch

White threatened BxP

- 16 B-K2 P-K4
- 17 B-R5ch K-B3
- 18 BxB KPxB

- 10 B-R3 B-N3

somewhat better is  
KN-K2, although  
White's position is  
much superior: 11  
NxP, BxN (O-O 12 QR-  
Q) 12 QxB, O-O 13 QR  
-Q

this allows White  
the open K file and  
isolates the KBP, how-  
ever, BPxB gives White  
the Q-side P majority,  
still the lesser evil

- 19 Q-Q3 B-Q2
- 20 R-K2 B-B3
- 21 R/1-K Q-Q3

- 11 NxP N-Q5!?

if KN-K2 12 QR-Q,  
prevents the text  
which forces an ex-  
change

preparing to exchange  
the Q for the two Rs  
at K3. If B-K5 22 RxB,  
PxR 23 QxP gives White  
a powerful attack

- 22 Q-KR3 QR-KN
- 23 Q-R4ch R-N4

- 12 NxN BxN
- 13 N-Q5! BxR

the alternative is  
B-N3, when White simp-  
ly completes his de-  
velopment with 14 QR-Q

this loses the R  
but if 23...K-N2 24  
R-K7ch, K-B 25 R-B7mate

- 24 P-B4 K-K5
- 25 RxB?!

- 14 NxPch K-Q
- 15 BxP Q-R3

simply PxRch is suf-

- 17 P-N3 BxP

White has to meet the  
threat of QxP mate!

- 17 N-B3
- 18 Q-N4 P-Q3
- 19 Q-R5ch K-K2

best

- 20 QxBch KxB
- 21 QxP B-R6
- 22 N-B7 BxR
- 23 Q-K6ch K-N3
- 24 N-Q5?

White must content him-  
self with KxB

- 24 B-B5??

Black wins with R-K!  
(a) 25 N-B4ch, QxN 26 Qx  
Rch, NxQ 27 PxQ, B-B5  
(b) 25 N-K7ch, RxN 26 BxR  
(QxR, B-R3), Q-R6  
(c) 25 B-K7, B-R6  
(d) 25 Q-Q6, B-R6

- 25 N-K7ch K-R4
- 26 Q-R3ch K-N4
- 27 B-Dch Mate.

White: Dr. J. Blagg  
Black: Wm. Hartling

English Opening

- 1 P-QB4 N-KB3
- 2 N-QB3 P-K3
- 3 P-K4 P-Q4
- 4 P-K5 P-Q5
- 5 PxN PxN
- 6 PxNP

25 PXR 6 NxB N-B3 White: R. Schmittberger  
 26 RXP? 7 KN-B3 Black: Wm. Hartling

the logical continuation by far better is Italian Game  
 is PXRch, PXP 27 R-Bch etc. QN-B3, the KN to

26	R-KN	go to R3 and later	1 P-K4	N-QB3
27	PXRch	to B4 and after	2 N-KB3	P-K4
28	Q-B2ch	Black's P-K4 to Q5.	3 B-B4	B-B4
29	Q-B7ch	After the text the	4 P-QB3	<del>P-KB3</del>
30	R-K7	QN has no good sq-	5 P-Q4	PXP
		uare to support an	6 PXP	B-N5ch
		attack	7 N-B3	P-Q4
			8 PXP	NXP/4

stronger is R-K6 threat-  
 ening the Q and mate at  
 R6. If then 30... Q-B  
 White can exchange both  
 Qs and Rs and obtain an  
 easily won endgame

7 0-0  
 8 0-0 P-Q3  
 9 R-B P-K4  
 10 P-Q5 N-K2  
 11 Q-B2 Q-K

this variation gives  
 Black a difficult game  
 which has to be very care-  
 fully defended

30 Q-R3 with the following  
 31 B-B3? 5 moves Black lines  
 R-K6 is still best up against the white  
 31 P-N5 K and White attacks  
 the black Q-wing.  
 Both proceed well  
 but Black's attack  
 is more dangerous

9 0-0 NxBN  
 10 PxB B-K2  
 11 R-K 0-0  
 12 Q-K2  
 threatens P-Q5 and to win  
 the B

Black suddenly has  
 counterchances

12 KR-Q Q-R4  
 13 N-B N-N5  
 14 P-B5 P-B5  
 15 PXP PXP  
 16 Q-B7 N-B4  
 17 Q-B3?

12 R-K?  
 loses at least a P.  
 Much better is B-B3  
 13 N-N5 R-B

32 B-K2

White should now try  
 R-K8

32 R-KB  
 33 R-K8 Q-B8ch  
 34 K-B2?

the text releases  
 all the pressure  
 White had and Black  
 gets through at the  
 K-wing. Instead R-B4  
 with chances for both

White's riposte was dif-  
 ficult to foresee, other-  
 wise Black would have pre-  
 ferred to lose a P by B-K3  
 14 NXP!!

B-B is forced

34 Q-K6ch  
 35 RxQ RxQch  
 36 R-B3 PXR  
 37 BxP R-K2  
 38 P-QN3 P-Q6  
 39 P-KN4 P-Q7

17 PXP  
 18 RXP P-K5  
 19 N/3-R2 NxBP!!

very elegant and leading  
 to a forced win if Black  
 takes the N

and won easily after  
 a few more moves

this pretty move expo-  
 ses the K for the kill

14 KxN  
 which he does

White: Ed Foy  
 Black: Ed Faust

20 Q-K  
 KxN also loses quick-  
 ly by NXPdis-ch! e.g.

15 Q-R5ch K-N  
 16 B-Q3 P-B4

Dutch Defense

1 P-Q4 P-K3  
 2 P-QB4 P-KB4  
 3 P-KN3 N-KB3  
 4 B-N2 B-N5ch  
 5 B-Q2 BxB

21 KxN(K-N, NXPch loses  
 the Q or K-K, QXPchmate),  
 Q-N4ch! with mate soon

on P-KN3 17 BxP, PxB  
 18 QXPch, K-R 19 R-K5  
 wins

although the exchange  
 is not bad we would pr-  
 efer to keep the B and  
 retreat to K2

20 NXR  
 21 QxN Q-B2  
 22 BxP NXP  
 23 Q-Q3 Q-B7chmate

17 B-QB4ch R-B2  
 18 QXRch Resigns

### MISCELLANEOUS

Circumstances beyond human control have disarranged tentative plans suggested in our last issue by our Games Editor and Champion, Dr. Werthammer. We are pleased to note, however, that whatever may have happened to the "plans", the Doctor is his natural, energetic self again.

Pfc. Tom (Stalemate) Bergquist has completed a training course at Lowry Air Field, Denver, Colo., and is on furlough at home.

Ohio Champion, Pvt. James Schroeder, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and is expecting an overseas assignment subsequent to his present furlough.

Bridegroom Murray Scott, complete with bride, visited your editor, and Kentucky's Mammoth Cave during his brief honeymoon. He does not speak so well of the cave.

Junior State Champion, Donald Burdick, will be among the competitors in the "Junior (USCF) Open" at Philadelphia. After completing his work at Oley Junior High School with an enviable scholastic record, both Donald and his father look forward to this tournament as well-earned recreation.

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