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STEINER WINS PITTSBURGH OPEN

Larry Friedman Wins Title In First USCF Junior Tournament

Ohio Shows the Way with Four Players Qualifying for Championship Finals

Thirty-two eager youngsters, ranging from fourteen to nineteen years in age, gathered in the ballroom of the Lawson YMCA in Chicago to inaugurate the first USCF National Junior Chess Championship Tournament. They represented the strength of junior chess in fourteen states, and the official contestant from each state came as the guest of the Illinois State Chess Association. From July 1st to July 6th the battle raged, and not until the last chess piece was removed from the board were the respective final positions of all of the players decided, so close was the struggle and so evenly matched the players.

Best known among the contestants was Hans Berliner of the Washington Chess Divan (Champion of the Federal Chess Club) to whom tournaments were no novelty; but he had many rivals with formidable records. Among them were Larry Friedman (1945 Junior Champion of Cleveland); Harold Miller (1946 Cleveland Junior Champion) and his twin brother, George Miller, (1946 Cleveland City Champion); Phillip LeCornu (Detroit Junior Champion); Paul Poschel (Illinois State Junior Champion and Champion of the Ausnit Chess Club of Chicago); Larry Evans (Junior Champion of the Marshall Chess Club of New York); Julian Leavitt (top man of the Harvard University Chess Team and winner of the brilliancy prize in the Daniel Levinne Memorial Tournament in New York); Eugene Levin (victor in the Scholastic Tourney in the 1945 Pan-American Tournament in Hollywood); and Donald Kilgore, whose tournament experience dated back to the 1942 Open Tournament in Dallas in which he played at the age of fourteen.

But the competition was so keen that not all of these players qualified for the Championship Finals; some were forced to yield place to lesser known contestants in one of the liveliest preliminary battles in tournament records.

Round by round the final contest in the Championship Division was fought with grimness, and only three and one-half points separated the winner from the holder of sixth place when the smoke of battle finally cleared to emphasize the tightness of the struggle.

Larry Friedman of Cleveland hit a winning stride at once; he drew with Phillip LeCornu, Larry Evans and Carl Driscoll, lost to Paul Dietz (Pittsburgh Scholastic Champion), but won his other games, including those against his old rivals, the Miller brothers, to place first with a clear one-point advantage.

Hans Berliner drew with Phillip LeCornu, lost to Larry Friedman, Larry Evans and Richard Kujoth of Milwaukee, and won his remaining games to hold a tie for second place. In a brilliant fashion Phillip LeCornu rallied from a bad start

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1ST USCF CHESS PROBLEM TOURNEY HAS 226 ENTRIES

Judges Kenneth S. Howard and Geoffrey Mott-Smith cannot complain of a dearth of chess problems for many days to come. In selecting the winning problem compositions submitted in the first USCF Chess Problem Tournament they must study 226 separate compositions, some from distant countries; and pick the best.

There were 134 entries received in the Two-Move Tourney; and 92 compositions in the Three-Move Tourney. The names of the winning composers will be announced in *Chess Life* as soon as the judges have rendered their decision.

SEIDMAN RAN A CLOSE SECOND VETERAN KUPCHIK WAS THIRD

Ulvestad Sensation of Preliminary Rounds Fails to Maintain the Pace in the Finals

Herman Steiner of Los Angeles added the 1946 Open Tournament Championship to a long list of distinguished achievements. He won the title impressively with only one loss and five draws for a total score of 13½ points out of a possible 17 points. Steiner has held the title once before (in 1942) when he shared first place with A. Yanofsky at the Dallas Open Tournament.

Second place went to Herbert Seidman, co-champion of the Marshall Chess Club, who totaled 12½ points. His encounter with Steiner was a hard and long-fought draw of 17 moves. Third place was held by veteran Abraham Kupchik with 12 points. Kupchik played sound and solid chess, losing only two games, to Steiner and Ulvestad.

Fourth and fifth place were shared by the 16-year-old Donald Byrne of the Manhattan Chess Club and Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle, Washington. Byrne played with the maturity an older player might envy, and Ulvestad lived up to his reputation as an analyst and advocate of original play. During the preliminaries it seemed likely that Ulvestad would sweep the meet as he scored 6½ points out of a possible 8 points, including his victories over Steiner, Robert Byrne and Seidman. But in the early rounds in the finals he met Steiner again, built up an overwhelming advantage, sacrificed his

one of the strongest fields ever assembled for an Open Tournament. There were fifty-eight entrants in the preliminaries from 13 states and two foreign countries.

Due to the number the preliminaries were conducted as an eight round Swiss System with the ties broken by the Sonneborn-Berger "weighting" method. Then the finals were divided into six separate round-robin tournaments, according to the Sonneborn-Berger scores of the entrants in the preliminaries.

An indication of the strength of the entire field is best illustrated by the known players who failed to qualify for the final championship division. Among them was Anthony E. Santasiere (defending Open Champion), George Koltanowski (world-famous blindfolded expert), Weaver W. Adams (New England Champion), George Kramer (New York State Champion), Miguel Aleman (Cuban Champion).

It was decided by the tournament committee to carry over the point scores compiled in the preliminary rounds as a part of the final score—for which a precedent had been established by the 1914 St. Petersburg Tournament. This gave an added importance to each game in the preliminary rounds and made the competition tight throughout the whole tournament. Eight players withdrew after the preliminaries were completed, and the finals began with an even fifty contestants.

Even more than at Peoria in 1945, this Open Tournament was remarkable in the fact that Youth was pitted against established reputations—and did not suffer in the conflict. Three teen-age players fought

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BOTVINNIK LEADS GRONINGEN MEET

At the end of five rounds of play Botvinnik leads at the Gronigen Tournament with five wins and no losses. Euwe is second with 4½. Denker holds a tie for third with Stoltz at 4-1. Other scores: Smyslov 3½-1½; Tartakover 3½-1½; Flohr 3-2; Kotov 3-2; Najdorf 3-2; Szabo 2½-2½; O'Kelly 2-3; Lundin 2-3; Bernstein 1½-3½; Bole-slavsky 1½-3½; Guimard 1½-3½; Kottnauer 1½-3½; Yanofsky 1½-3½; Christoffel 1-4; Vidmar 1-4; Steiner ½-4½. Fourteen rounds of play remain.



Photo by V. E. Vandenburg

Harry Fajans (left) meet his first defeat at the hands of Herman Steiner (right). The Pittsburgh Open Tournament.

Larry Friedman (left) of Cleveland faces Paul Poschel (right) of Chicago in the Junior Chess Championship. In the background, left to right, are William Grossman (San Diego), Larry Evans (New York), Romana brothers (Mirbawah), Herman Steiner, one of the Miller twins (Cleveland), and John Carron (St. Louis). Photo: Courtesy Chess Review.

PAN-AMERICAN TOURNAMENT AT YANKTON, S. D.

Starting off with a burst of dazzling speed, the newly organized South Dakota State Chess Association inaugurates its program with a three-ring tournament from September 15th to September 22nd at the Hotel Charles Gurney, Yankton, So. Dak.

A Pan-American Tournament, endorsed by the United States Chess Federation, tops the bill with invited participants from South and Central America. Those invited include F. Planas (Cuba), A. Loynaz (Venezuela); M. Citron and M. Colon (Porto Rico); and Fred Rein-feld, O. Ulvestad, Sol Rubinow, Hans Berliner, Averill Powers, and William Byland from the United States.

In addition there will be the



South Dakotan Chess Championship Tournament, the Woman's Championship for South Dakota, and a tournament open to all players who wish to enter. Those interested should write to Nancy W. Gurney, Secretary, Hotel Charles Gurney, Yankton, So. Dak.

Tournament Director for all the events will be George Koltanowski, and a visit to the Black Hills with a rapid transit tourney and simultaneous exhibitions are a part of the elaborate program for entertainment.

Queen for a winning combination—then faltered, and the ingenious Californian found the way to victory. With this loss Ulvestad's morale seemed to crack and he lost the zest for victory.

The 47th Open Tournament of the United States Chess Federation was held at the Roosevelt Hotel July 8th to 20th, under the joint sponsorship of the Pittsburgh Downtown Y Club and the Pennsylvania States Chess Federation. Being the first Open Tournament since the war, it attracted the largest and

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THE FEDERATION FINDS ITS VOICE AND THE VOICE HAS A PURPOSE

MUCH has been written, praising the value of silence; and often has it been suggested that actions give speech in louder tones than words. Yet in all its aspects our daily life gives constant denial to these hoary maxims from the ancient copybooks; otherwise the air-planes, the newspapers and the mails would not ever seek to prompt us, coaching us daily about the quality of products or the virtues of people whose own actions or worth cannot apparently speak for them after all. Perhaps we are a forgetful race, grown more so in the hurried atmosphere of business which pervades even those hours reserved by us for our leisure, and therefore need and relish the prompting. At least, it must be confessed that the voiceless seldom find their actions noted or their virtues heeded in a world that has grown noisy and impatient with activity.

The USCF has long felt the need of speech to give tongue to its earnest endeavors. Between each Yearbook of the Federation lay a vast expanse of industry and achievement, unexplored by the members of the USCF, of which the Yearbooks could do no more than chart the greater contours in a brief summary. The members of the USCF and chess players as a whole have always been entitled to a more detailed and dramatic story of the Federation's many engrossing activities on behalf of chess; but hitherto there has been no medium of expression to convey that intriguing story to them. Now the silence is broken.

CHESS LIFE is published for the chess players of the nation. It is dedicated with this inaugural issue to these certain aims:

- 1) A constant story of the USCF program for the development of chess, as it unrolls—tournaments, Chess for the Wounded, education in chess, encouragement of junior chess, increased appreciation of chess problems with emphasis on problem composition, and promotion of chess in colleges and schools, in playground and in recreational board schedules;
- 2) A continuous reporting of the current news about chess and chess players (amateur and master) with a particular emphasis placed upon the varied activities of chess clubs and associations throughout the country;
- 3) A thoughtful consideration of the problem that may confront the individual player or his club; and a department devoted to his quandries where he may ask his questions freely and have them answered fully;
- 4) Game scores, chess problems and other departmental activities for the chess reader, running the gamut from the ridiculous (probably) to (we hope) the sublime.

The precise nature of the news and features in the future issues of CHESS LIFE will be guided by suggestions from the readers. This is no solemn program of Adult Education (?) in which the Editorial Board decides gravely what the reader should have to improve his game or mind. CHESS LIFE exists as a cooperative venture in which the reader has a voice and a vote.

But it is also well to define at once the limitations set for CHESS LIFE. It will not be a magazine and will not attempt to perform the functions of a magazine. The various chess magazines now in circulation merit your continued support and we hope that you will continue to read your favorite magazine as well as CHESS LIFE.

Many voices in the past have clamored for the USCF to grow articulate. Here is the voice at last, but that voice has a body that must be fed. It eats paper and postage and printer's ink. Feed it with your subscription and those of your friends.

Guest Editorial

By

Maurice S. Kuhns

President Emeritus, The United States Chess Federation

To the Editor of CHESS LIFE:

"Piece out our imperfections with your thoughts."

Thank you for the opportunity of addressing our members and friends in this, the first issue of the first newspaper published by a national chess organization in the U. S. A.

I bespeak for CHESS LIFE the success for which you and our Federation so earnestly hope.

It will be successful because it is dedicated to the interests of all who worship at the shrine of Caissa. The masters, the experts and the rank and file of chess players.

It will be successful because its columns will be open to those to whom it is dedicated, and I am confident that they will make it their forum.

It will be successful because it will be the mirror reflecting the chess life of the United States.

It will be successful because it will be the channel in which will flow the stream of thoughts, hopes and plans of our Federation, which in turn will give renewed chess life wherever it touches.

CHESS LIFE will likewise take its place in European chess centers, as our Federation is one of the foremost Units of F. I. D. E. (Federation Internationale des Eschecs), from the President of which CHESS LIFE will soon contain greetings.

CHESS INTEREST REACHES NEW PEAK

(Monthly Letter No. 33)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

INTEREST in chess in the United States is at a height never before attained and is still going up. This growth represents nothing of the mushroom variety, or, to change the metaphor, is no sudden boom. It is rather the normal consequence of a unification of effort, the result of cooperation on the part of people everywhere who love chess.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

This fact remains true no matter from which side a cross section is taken. Approach the question on a geographical basis, and we find bee-hive activity on the Pacific coast as well as the Atlantic and innumerable points between. In this respect the Federation has attained ideal representation with its Executive Committee composed of men in eight principal cities of the United States and active Directors in 40 States.

Consider the matter on the basis of age and we find a typical answer in the Open Tournament recently held at Pittsburgh where the youngest contestant was only 14 years of age and the senior was a ripe and vigorous 78.

Our program has expanded so that it now embraces every field of known chess activity. The Junior Program. Chess for the Wounded. The Problem Department. Correspondence chess, through a closer relationship with the Correspondence Chess League of America. The Collegiate Program. A long list of national championship and sectional tournaments, either conducted directly under the Federation auspices or with its endorsement.

When the matter of playing skill is regarded, we find once more that the Federation is made up of every class. Masters, experts, ordinary wood pushers and beginners taking their first lessons. And the Federation program is for every one of these. The master players are an important part of American chess and many of them are included in the officers and directors of the Federation and in committees which are doing constructive work.

It is our purpose to work in closest harmony possible with everyone whose goal is the same as ours: The promotion of chess as a recreation and the development of the game so that the United States will always be at or near the top in the international program. We now have the benefit of and enjoy such cooperation.

These statements are not intended to present a picture of Utopia. Differences of opinion are as much a part of chess as they are the whole of life. These have in general contributed to our growth rather than otherwise. When they cease to exist, so shall we, for then the germ of our life will have atrophied and we shall no longer constitute a living body.

Such differences as may here and there exist, which cannot honestly be regarded as constructive, are likewise part of human experience, but in any field of human endeavor, sports, industry, politics, even religion, is without them, it fails to come to mind at this writing.

The overall picture, however, is most encouraging and we look for a year of growth compared with which all that have gone before will seem but veriest beginnings, as indeed they are.

Forward, together, for American chess.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

For the original issue of *Chess Life*, the comments have been selected from the questionnaires sent to members, asking for suggestions in making the work of the USCF more effective. Hereafter, this column will be devoted to the opinions of the readers who are invited to express their ideas freely.

Continue to put good sound thought into every phase of Federation work, as you are now doing.
James F. Murphy
Bradford, Pa.

The Yearbook is fine. The USCF publication idea dealing with matters within the Federation, inter-club news, plans, boosting for national or international corrections in chess thought needed. Something to knit into one voice the thoughts of thousands, an ideas clearing house.
S. J. Alexander
Manhattan, Mont.

Console the Chess Masters, pacify their pride and urge some Amateur to take their measure.
Judge B. C. Jenkines
Gary, Ind.

I would suggest the designing and manufacture for sale to members at minimum cost of a striking lapel button which would show (first) that the wearer was a chess player and (second) that he was a member of the U.S.C.F.
Charles W. Seaman
Hollywood, Calif.

We should all of us teach more persons—old and young how to play chess. Inspire in them the lure and excitement of the game.
Henry G. Tyer
Andover, Mass.

I would like to see U.S.C.F. make it obligatory for any organized State Association to hold an annual State (open) Championship same approximate time annually, properly publicized, or else U.S.C.F. does not recognize said association. The minimum that organized chess can do for the players is to hold such tournaments.
Dr. Harold W. Tower
Petaluma, Calif.

Your program of democratized chess should be continued. You are on the right track. Look at the results in Russia.
Averill Powers
Milwaukee, Wis.

None—Games are fun and relaxation; when they become too serious they lose both features.
F. N. De Leyer
New York, N. Y.

Who's Who In American Chess

Maurice S. Kuhns

It is only proper to begin this series of chess biographies with the name of Maurice S. Kuhns, for that name has been identified with almost every important movement for the organization of chess in America for many years. Mr. Kuhns was one of the organizers of the National Chess Federation of the United States of America, chartered by the State of Illinois in 1926, and was its only president. When the NCF united with the American Chess Federation to form the present USCF in 1939, Mr. Kuhns became the President Emeritus of the latter organization, an office which was conferred upon him for life in recognition of his services to chess in America.



Maurice S. Kuhns

It was under Mr. Kuhns' guidance that the present series of biennial tournaments for the chess championship of the United States was planned, and the first of such tournaments was held in 1936 when the U. S. Champion Frank Marshall graciously designated the winner of such a tournament his successor in the championship.

Mr. Kuhns was also active in the promotion of the London-Chicago cable match of 1926 and the London-New York cable match of 1927. For these he originated an improved system of notation for transmission by wire which was used with great success in both these matches and many others since that date.

Active as well in international chess affairs, Mr. Kuhns is vice-president of Federation Internationale des Eschecs (FIDE), an office which he has held for many years. To Mr. Kuhns' credit may be added further the fact that he was in large measure responsible for the establishment of the international team tournaments, brought to an abrupt conclusion with the Argentina tourney of 1939 by the outbreak of the war.

In private life Mr. Kuhns is a certified public accountant, holding one of the first certificates ever issued by the State of New York. And the Kuhns tradition in chess is in its second generation, for a son, Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, is a USCF director for California.

JR MEET FUN SAYS WINNER FRIEDMAN

The general sentiment of those who played in the first USCF Junior Championship Tournament is concisely expressed by the winner's letter to President Emeritus Maurice S. Kuhns:

Dear Mr. Kuhns:

I would like to thank you very much for the beautiful chess set you gave the winner of the Junior Chess Championship. I like it very much and shall always cherish it in the years to come.

The tournament was a lot of fun for all the boys who participated. We certainly would like to thank the U. S. Chess Federation for the wonderful opportunity the tournament gave us, not only for playing some good chess but for giving us an opportunity to meet boys from all over the country.

In my opinion the tournament was a great success. The first of many to come.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Friedman

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

For Chess is Life — both are the same;
Temptation pitfalls each,
We win a pawn — then lose the game;
A sermon without speech.

CHess, a game for moralists, philosophers and poets! Did not Pope Innocent (my authority is Hone's Yearbook, London, 1832) publish a grave Morality on Chess, in which he likened life itself to the conflict on the checkered board? For did he not say:

The world is nearly like a Chess Board, of which the points are alternately white and black, figuring the double state of life and death, grace and sin . . . In this chess-game the Evil one says, "Check!" whenever he insults and strikes one with his dart of sin; and, if he that is struck cannot immediately deliver himself, the arch enemy, resuming the move, says to him, "Mate" carrying his soul along with him to that place from which there is no redemption.



William Rojam

And has not Omar Khayyam, astronomer, philosopher and poet, sung (my source is Edward Fitzgerald):

Impotent Pieces of the Game He Plays
Upon this Checker-board of Nights and Days,
Hither and thither moves, and checks and slays,
And one by one back in the Closet lays.

But not always has the Church smiled its approval upon Chess, for we know that the sober St. Peter Damian, sometime cardinal bishop of Ostia (circa 1061), thus thundered at a wayward bishop: "Was it right, I say, and consistent with thy duty, to sport away thy evenings amidst the vanity of chess?" Even John Huss, that embattled reformer, while pondering in a prison cell gave lament to the hours idly wasted in playing chess, so dangerous to the soul because it might arouse a violent passion in the player.

With board crown not your foeman's pate
In manner quite discourteous;
It shows a soul in sinful state,
Alarming most to one John Huss.

EDWARD I. TREEND NEW SECRETARY

Among the most important changes in the personnel of the USCF Executive Board was the election of Edward I. Treend of Detroit as the new Secretary. Mr. Treend has long been prominent in his state chess circles both as



Vice-President and as Secretary of the Michigan State Chess Association and so brings unusual qualifications to the important post of Secretary for the USCF. As one of the official spokesmen of the USCF he will be no stranger to these pages in the days to come, and the USCF is to be congratulated upon the good fortune in obtaining his services.

Edward I. Treend

NEW DUTIES CALL PAUL G. GIERS

In leaving the post of Secretary, which he has so ably filled, Paul G. Giers steps in-



to even a more arduous task in the newly created office of Executive Vice-President. Into his hands have been entrusted the delicate matters pertaining to USCF participation in international chess affairs, general supervision over the publication and distribution of chess material, and the program for the development and expansion of the USCF. In all these affairs he had always had a hand, but hitherto was hampered by the volume of business pouring through the Secretary's office. By a special amendment to the By-Laws the new office was created to relieve Mr. Giers of the routine and permit him to devote his time and talents exclusively to these important projects for the USCF long-range program.

Paul G. Giers

CENTER GAME Pittsburgh Open Tournament Championship Finals Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	Black
F. YERHOFF	H. STEINER
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-Q4	PxP
3. QxP

The Center Game seldom appears in tournament play since White's Queen is embarrassed for a good place. Black probably has in mind two questions (1) Can I remember the intricate details of the theoretical refutation? (2) Has my opponent cooked up or looked up some new analysis?

3.	Kt-QB3
4. Q-K3	Kt-B3
5. B-Q2

Black could refute the powerful looking 5. P-K5 by 5., Kt-KKt5; 6. Q-K2, (if 6. Q-K4, P-Q4!), P-Q3!; 7. P-KR3, KKtXP; 8. P-KB4, Kt-Q5; 9. Q-K4, P-QB4; 10. PxKt, P-Q4; 11. Q-Q3, B-B4; 12. Q-KKt3, KtxP ch,

5.	B-K2
6. Kt-QB3	O-O

Black usually plays 6., P-Q4 here before White can prevent it with 7. B-B4. Steiner's move seems no better.

7. B-B4	Kt-KKt5
8. Q-B4	KKt-K4
9. B-Kt3	P-Q3
10. KKt-K2	Kt-R4

The elimination of this powerful Bishop fully justifies the loss of time involved as well as the opening of the Rook file.

11. Kt-Q5	KtxB
12. KtxB ch.	QxKt
13. RPxKt	P-KB4
14. P-KB3	PxP
15. QxP	P-B3

This breaks Capablanca's rule: Place your pawns on the opposite color to that of your Bishop. But the center is of more importance here.

16. Kt-Kt3
A good alternative would be 16. P-KB4 in order to exchange Queens. If then 16., B-B4; 17. Q-K3, etc. With the Queens off, White can safely restrain the center with P-QB4.

16.	P-Q4
17. Q-K2	Q-Q3
18. O-O	B-Q2
19. B-K3	QR-K1
20. Q-Q2	P-QR3
21. QR-K1

One cannot accuse Steiner of playing dull chess. But, if White adopts a Missouri attitude, it is not clear how Black can get compensation for his Pawn sacrifice. For instance if 22. RxP, P-Q5; 23. Kt-K4, Q-Kt1?; 24. BxP. Or if 23., Q-Kt3; 24. BxP. Or if 22., Q-Kt1 at once, threatening P-Q5 and KtxP ch., then 23. Q-Q2.

21.	R-K3
22. R-Q1

Up to this point Yerhoff has held his own. Now he weakens somewhat. In such a position, control of the only open file is fundamental. White's idea was probably to swing the Knight to K4 and then to Kt5 or B5. But this Black now prevents. Either 22. R-K2 or 22. B-Q4, KR-K1; 23. Q-B3!, Q-K2; 24. Kt-B5! would be preferable.

22.	Q-K2
23. B-Kt5	Q-B4 ch.
24. K-R1	KR-K1
25. Q-B3	Q-B1
26. P-B4

The illusion of an attack with this move and the next soon fades, and how will this poor Pawn survive?

August 10th, 1946

Dear Mr. Major:

The editors and publishers of CHESSE LIFE extend to you their sincere good wishes for the success of the Federation's new publication.

The idea of a newspaper to maintain contact with the members of the Federation is a good one and deserves to succeed. It should result in increased interest in the Federation's promotional activities and tournaments.

We hope, too, that your newspaper will aid in swelling the membership roll of the USCF and thereby make it possible for the Federation to do even more than is now being accomplished to organize local, regional and national competition among followers of the Royal Game.

Sincerely yours,
KENNETH HARKNESS
Managing Editor, CHESSE LIFE,
New York, N. Y.

August 12, 1946

The time chosen for the appearance of CHESSE LIFE is peculiarly auspicious. In point of continuous activities of national importance this year of 1946 is likely to stand alone. To be fully apprised of this, one need merely glance at the current magazines, printed on this continent, and the many useful club organs carrying matter, for which space cannot be found in the larger publications.

Perhaps the widest view of the national scene, so far as this country is concerned, is to be had through a perusal of the monthly letters so painstakingly prepared and distributed by the energetic and far-seeing president of the United States Chess Federation, Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. of Chicago. As publisher of the AMERICAN CHESSE BULLETIN I have been glad to avail myself frequently of the contents of these informative documents and it

is good to know that they will now have a still wider circulation through a channel going direct to the entire membership.

With a newspaper of its own, any other "official organ" of the Federation would be superfluous, and henceforth the AMERICAN CHESSE BULLETIN will cease to serve as such. It goes without saying that the friendly and helpful cooperation, hitherto existing, will be continued for the benefit of the Federation and chess in general.

Therefore, it is with real pleasure that I extend the hand of fellowship to Mr. Montgomery Major, the editor of CHESSE LIFE, at the same time congratulating the Federation upon the acquisition of an executive of proved ability. I feel sure that, under his trained guidance, the new venture is bound to succeed.

HERMANN HELMS,
Publisher, AMERICAN CHESSE BULLETIN, New York, N. Y.

GRAND NATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPION

Entries are pouring in from all over the country for the U. S. Grand National Correspondence Chess Tournament, whose final winner will be recognized by the USCF as the U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion. The tournament opens officially upon October 1st with entrants contesting in preliminary

sections of nine players each. In States having five or six such sections, the winners of each section play off a match for the State Championship. States with smaller groups of entrants are grouped with other States and the winners of each section in these groups play off a match for a regional title. Then winners of State titles or regional titles west of the Mississippi play for the All-Western title, while the All-Eastern title is being decided by the winners of State and

regional play-offs east of the Mississippi. At last the climax comes when the All-Eastern winner meets the All-Western winner in a match to decide the U. S. Correspondence Championship.

The Grand National Tournament is almost as old as the Correspondence Chess League of America (a USCF Chapter) which sponsors it. And, unlike other CCLA tournaments, it is open to all the chess playing public, members and non-members.

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26. QR-K1 would make sense,	Kt-Kt5
27. P-B5	R-K4
28. B-B4	R-K6
29. BxR	KtxB
30. QR-K1	KtxR
31. RxKt	Q-B3
32. Q-Kt4

White does well to decline the exchange of Queens. In any case he has three strikes against him (1) a weak Pawn (2) Black's control of the King's file (3) the advantage of Bishop over Knight on an open board. For example 32. QxQ, PxQ; 33. Kt-R5! K-B2; 34. P-KKt4, R-K7; 35. R-B1 does not hold out for long (But if 34. K-Kt1, R-K7; 35. R-B2, RxR wins a Pawn.)

32.	B-B1
33. R-K1	RxR ch.
34. QxR	K-B2 1
35. Q-R5	BxP
36. Q-B7 ch.	K-Kt3
37. QxKtP	BxP
38. QxRP	Q-K3

Black has much the better of it because of his control of the board. Of course, not 38., BxP; 39. Q-Q3 ch. Yerhoff still puts up a vigorous resistance.

39. P-KR3	P-R4
40. Q-R5	Q-B3 1

Excellent restraint! A Pawn can mean so much in almost any ending. But 40., BxP; 41. Q-B3, B-B5; 42. Q-B2 ch. gives counter-chances.

41. K-Kt1	B-Q6
41., BxP looks quite playable,	but other fields look greener to Steiner.

42. Q-R8	Q-K3
43. Q-Q8	Q-K4
44. Kt-R1	K-R2
45. Q-R4	B-Kt3
46. Kt-B2	QxP
47. Kt-Q3	Q-Kt8 ch.

Of course, not 47., BxKt; 48. QxP ch. with perpetual check. Steiner continues to play for positional factors instead of grabbing more Pawns. Besides, he lays a neat little trap to terminate the game.

48. Kt-K1	Q-Q8
49. K-R2	B-K5
50. P-KKt4	Q-Q7 ch.
51. K-Kt1	P-Kt4
52. QxP ch.	K-Kt2

Resigns
If 53. K-B1, B-Kt3 wins the Queen. A hard-fought, difficult, and well-played game.

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their way into the Championship Finals: Donald Byrne (16) who created the biggest sensation by tying for fourth place, Arthur Bisguier (16) who placed sixth, and Walter Shipman (17) who held a four-way tie for seventh.

First honors in the Masters' Reserve were divided by Robert Byrne (18) and George Kramer (17), while defending Champion A. Santasiere placed third, S. Almgren fourth, and Weaver Adams fifth. In this division Eugene Levin (16) of Los Angeles and Larry Evans (14) of New York were among other promising teen-agers who held their own in fast company.

The Major Tournament was won by Albert Sandrin (1946 Chicago Champion and former Illinois State Champion). Second and third places were shared by James Cross (16) of Glendale, Calif., and Oscar Shapiro (1946 Washington, D. C. Champion). In this same group played Hans Berliner (17) who tied for second in the U. S. Junior Championship in Chicago.

The Major Reserves was won by Paul Poschel (17) who holds the Championship of the Austin Chess Club of Chicago and is Illinois State Junior Champion. Joseph Rauch (Montreal Champion 1941) and Donald J. Sibbett of Brooklyn, N. Y. shared second and third.

The Minor Tournament was won by F. H. Stoppel of Cicero, Ill. Morton M. Schaffer of New York City was second, while third and fourth were divided by Paul Dietz (16) the Pittsburgh Scholastic Champion and Alexander Spitzer, also of Pittsburgh.

In the Minor Reserves first place went to Ambrose D. Gring (known as a problemist) of Brookline, Mass. James B. McCord (second in 1944 New England Championship) was second. McCord, who has a second in the 1924 South African Championship to his credit as well, is a spry 76 and hails from Oakham, Mass.

Herman Helms, the "Dean of American Chess" served again as the Tournament Director with Milton Finkelstein once again acting as the Assistant Tournament Director. Exceptionally full coverage of the event through press releases was handled by Gene Collett and L. A. Scholpp.

The entrants in the 1946 Open Tournament at Pittsburgh were:—Weaver W. Adams (Dedham, Mass.); Miguel Blas Aleman (Havana, Cuba); Sven Almgren (New York City); Hans Berliner (Wash-

ington, D. C.); Arthur Bisguier (New York City); Donald Byrne (Brooklyn, N. Y.); Robert Byrne (Brooklyn, N. Y.); James Cross (Glendale, Calif.); Charles Deaktor (Pittsburgh); Paul L. Dietz (Pittsburgh); Thomas Eckenrode (Lancaster, Pa.); Dr. Karl Ertzman (Pittsburgh); Arpad E. Elo (Milwaukee); Larry Evans (New York City); Harry Fajans (New York City); Milton Finkelstein (New York City); Karl Forster (New York City); Jack Gilbert (Pittsburgh); Hyman Gordon (New York City); Newton Grant (Monroe, La.); Richard C. Grimm (South Charleston, W. Va.); Ambrose D. Gring (Brookline, Mass.); William E. Grossman (San Diego, Calif.); LeRoy Guthridge (York, Pa.).

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CLARKSBURG HAS W. VA. STATE MEET

The Labor-Day week-end of August 31st to September 2nd will see the playing of the Annual West Virginia State Chess Championship Tournament at Clarksburg. Play will be on the Swiss System and a record number of entrants are expected, including the defending Champion H. Liggett and former Champion J. Hurt.

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to gain a second place tie with Hans Berliner. To do this he was faced with the grim prospect of playing two adjourned games on Saturday afternoon and netting one and one-half points out of the possible two. He achieved this victory by drawing with Larry Friedman and defeating Harold Miller.

James Cross of Glendale, Calif. was fourth, losing to the players ahead of him in the final standing, but becoming practically invincible against all others. Paul Poschel of Chicago was fifth, drawing with Philip LeCornu and defeating James Cross. Larry Evans of New York drew with Larry Friedman and won from Hans Berliner, yet he could find no spot higher than sixth place in the final standings, so even was the playing strength of all the contestants.

In the Consolation Tournament Eugene Levin of Los Angeles and Jack L. Hursch of Denver tied for first place. Levin lost his games to Julian Leavitt and Gerald Roitstein; Hursch lost to Levin and Donald Kilgore. A special playoff game between Levin and Hursch awarded the title to Levin.

In the Class A Tournament William Grossman of San Diego (third in 1946 California Junior Tournament) tied with Robert Meredith of Greencastle, Ind. A playoff game between the two resulted in a draw and a continued tie for the title.

Among the odd happenings of the Tournament was the surprising fact that the delegation from Ohio consisted of four players: Larry Friedman, George and Harold Miller, and Carl Driscoll; and all four qualified for the Championship Finals. The Ohio group was also distinguished by the novelty of having its twin representatives, the Millers. There have been many pairs of brothers playing chess; in recent years we have had the Byrnes of New York and the Sandrins of Illinois, in Canada the Yanofskys; but twins playing in a chess tournament present a striking and unusual note.

The Tournament was held in the ballroom of the Lawson YMCA (scene of the 1934 Open Tournament) with several sessions in the Fullerton Avenue Day Camp in Lincoln Park, overlooking Lake Michigan. Management of the Tourna-

ment was in the hands of Howard Ohman, USCF director of the Program for Junior Chess. He received local assistance from Bruno Czaikowski of the Chicago Chess and Checker Club, while the financial arrangements were handled by Edwin Asman of Chicago. Herman Steiner, the California master, interrupted his trip to Pittsburgh to serve as Tournament Director.

On Wednesday evening the contestants were the guests of the Gits Molding Corporation at a special banquet held at Yonkers Restaurant, at which Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., USCF President, presided; and the chess sets used in the tournament were the donation of the Gits Molding Corporation toward the development of a Junior Chess Program in America.

Winners in all divisions were presented with trophies on Saturday afternoon by President Wagner. Additional prizes in chess books, the personal gift of Fred Reinfeld (New York Chess Editor and Writer), were awarded to place winners. And the newly-crowned champion was presented with a fine chess set in addition to his trophy, a chess set bearing with it the best personal wishes of President Emeritus Maurice S. Kuhns.

Saturday morning Herman Steiner entertained the players with a concise lecture on chess, followed by a simultaneous exhibition

against all the contestants. Unfortunately the Californian master had to dash wildly for his train to Pittsburgh, leaving the exhibition unfinished, so it will never be known how well he fared in his brave challenge against America's young masters of the future.

The players in this first USCF National Junior Championship Tournament were: Roy A. Berg (Chicago); Hans Berliner (Washington, D. C.); Henry Blume, Jr. (Milwaukee); John Carron (St. Louis); Roger Clites (Gary, Ind.); Joseph Cowan (Glen Ellyn, Ill.); Richard Crittenden (Milwaukee); James Cross (Glendale, Calif.); Paul Dietz (Pittsburgh); Carl Driscoll (Dayton); Larry Evans (New York City); Larry Friedman (Cleveland); William Grossman (San Diego); Jack L. Hursch (Denver); Melvin Janowitz (Minneapolis); Donald Kilgore (Dallas); Richard Kujoth (Milwaukee); Julian Leavitt (Brookline, Mass.); Philip LeCornu (Detroit); Eugene Levin (Los Angeles); Ted Lewis (Chicago); Lee Magee (Omaha); Robert Meredith (Greencastle, Ind.); George Miller (Cleveland); Harold Miller (Cleveland); Paul Poschel (Chicago); Sheldon Rein (Minneapolis); Gerald Roitstein (Omaha); James Romana (Mishawaka, Ind.); Stephen Smaile (Flint); Maurice Stiefel (Philadelphia); Ralph Williams (Denver).

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