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National Chess Month Awards

HERMAN STEINER TOPS FIELD ANTONIO BALDUCCI IS SECOND

*John Costello Jr. Sixteen Year Old
Enthusiast Third In Membership Drive*

National Chess Month ended with a bang, and the tellers have been busy tabulating the returns ever since. Final count awards top honors to Herman Steiner of Los Angeles who found time in a busy round of chess exhibitions and reporting to proselyte sixty-seven new members for the USCF. Next came Antonio C. Balducci of South Fallsburg (N. Y.) whose activities in Sullivan County for chess have already been reported. Third was John L. Costello, Jr. of Hummelstown (Pa.), the sixteen-year-old dynamo of scholastic chess promotion in central Pennsylvania.

Chairman William M. Byland of the National Chess Month Council has expressed extreme satisfaction with the results of this first national membership drive, but trusts that USCF members will not confine their activities in promoting USCF to February, but will make the membership drive a year-round goal of their activity.

The list of USCF members enrolled to awards does not include the names of several USCF officials whose personal contributions to the success of National Chess Month will be rewarded by the satisfaction of knowing that they did their part.

ST. PETERSBURG CHESS PLANS FOR SO. ASS'N MEET

With the finishing of its Club Championship Tournament on Mar. 15 in which Frank Mearson, C. L. Terzopoulos, E. W. Garrigues and W. L. Archibald were the victors, the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club turns its attention to plans for the 26th Annual Tournament of the Southern Chess Association, to which St. Petersburg will play host.

E. J. Dowling and J. Szold of the St. Petersburg Club have been appointed the local tournament directors for this event, and the cooperation of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and the Department of City Recreation have been obtained to make the Southern Association Tournament the biggest chess event in the history of St. Petersburg.

CCLA LAYS PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

Under the chairmanship of Henry G. Tyer of Andover (Mass.) the Correspondence Chess League of America—affiliate of the USCF—is laying plans for a comprehensive membership drive. Correspondence chess has long been recognized as one of the best and easiest means of improving play and learning the intricacies of the openings. It is on the basis of this known fact that the CCLA plans its drive for new members with the additional attraction of The Correspondent, the CCLA publication which is included in the membership.

PAUL POSCHEL RETAINS AUSTIN CHESS TITLE

Paul Poschel, holder of both Junior and Open State Championships of Illinois, retained his title as Champion of the Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago) without the loss of a single game. The seventeen-year-old Austin High School senior finished with a score of fourteen wins and two draws. His nearest rival was Ed. Bodenslaub with a score of 11½-4½.

In the "B" Division of the tournament a very close struggle found C. Brokaski edging out L. Wittig by scoring 12½ to Wittig's final score of 10½-4½.



At a recent visit to Miami Harold Lloyd plays chess with USCF Director Mary Bain—kibitzed and otherwise aided by Al. Ritz of the Ritz Brothers (in the beach coat) who displays graphic warnings of peril regarding a proposed move.

Deep River (Conn.) Chess Club Takes To The Air For Its Chess Matches

Air-minded members of the Deep River Chess Club (Conn.) and the Log Cabin Chess Club (N. J.) solved the problem of distance neatly on March 30 when a five-man team from West Orange, N. J., flew to play a scheduled match at Deep River, Conn.

This history-making flight required two round trips to bring in the visiting team and two round trips for the journey home, and was sponsored by E. Fory Laucks, president of the Log Cabin Chess Club. In collaboration with Fred A. Pearson, president of the Deep River Chess Club. Cooperating in the historic event were Charles Toomey, chief pilot of the Air Facilities Corporation of Teterboro, N. J., who handled the plane and William Doane, owner of the Essex (Conn.) airport.

A small Fairchild plane was used, carrying three passengers besides the pilot, and the first trip from Newark airport was made at 5:45 p. m. arriving at Essex at 6:25 p. m. It was agreed that the first three games would conclude at 11 p. m. The second contingent arrived at Essex at 9:15 p. m. and it was agreed to conclude their games at 1 a. m. Aside from the interest in the match, spectators at the airport were thrilled by the maneuvering of the plane to a beautiful landing, aided only by the lights of parked cars, and by the final takeoff in almost complete darkness.

Members of this flying chess team were A. Rothman, J. Partos, A. Boczar, E. McCormick, G. Sobin and E. F. Laucks. The last, as a summer resident at Old Lyme, Conn. and member of the Deep River Chess Club had a divided allegiance in the match and therefore contented himself with acting as sponsor and spectator.

Deep River Chess Club, host to the air invasion, is one of the smallest chess clubs in Connecticut, but has acted as sponsor to many outstanding events. Two of its members, Dr. L. E. Cash and Joseph Hazuka have held the B Championship in the State, and Fred A. Pearson, president of the club, has served as president of the Connecticut Chess League.

Log Cabin Chess Club is one of the most active of the New Jersey Clubs, and its president, E. F. Laucks, is president of the Inter



At the Doane Airport (Essex, Conn.), left to right, Julius Partos, A. Boczar, Fred Pearson and Stanley Wysocki.

County Chess League of New Jersey and vice-president of the New Jersey State Chess Association. Its team strength includes such strong players as A. Rothman, frequent contender in U. S. Championship events, and J. Partos whose epic victory over Fine in the 1944 U. S. Lightning Tournament is still remembered.

Log Cabin Chess	Deep River Chess
A. Rothman 1	S. Wysocki 0
J. Partos 2	Joe Hazuka 1
A. Boczar 2	H. Johnson 1
E. McCormick 1	John Hazuka 0
G. Sobin 1	George Hazuka 0
Log Cabin 4	Deep River 1

WESTERN PENNA. HAS SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE

Out of the loosely-knit Pittsburgh Scholastic Chess League (formed in 1936) has grown the well organized Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess League (established in 1945). In a democratic fashion the WPSCL is governed by a council of delegates from all member schools and the council elects the officers who conduct its affairs between council meetings. The WPSCL is a high school group, and the only adult advisor to it is USCF Vice-President William M. Byland, acting for the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation.

The semi-finals of the 1947 season are finished with Taylor Alledyee victor in Section I (Pittsburgh) and Mount Lebanon dethroning the twice-champion Sewickly High in Section II. April 19 sees the final test of strength between the section winners, and the victor expects to challenge the winners of the Harrisburg and Philadelphia Scholastic Leagues.

In April also comes the WPSCL Individual Championship Tournament. Defending Champion is Paul Dietz (Mount Lebanon); confounding challengers will be Hubert Moisey (Sewickley), Herbert Hickman (Mount Lebanon), Paul Swartz (Peabody High), Jack Yaeger (Sewickley), Richard Freedman and Max Foner (Taylor Alledyee).

1947 officers of the WPSCL are: Jack Yaeger, president; Paul Dietz, vice-president; Patricia Dailey, secretary; and Randolph Winslow, treasurer. Member schools are: Alledyee, Peabody, Central Catholic, Wilkesburg, Sewickley, Mount Lebanon, South, and Samuel Hamilton. Informal members are: Carick, Perry, Ambridge and Allegheny High.

CHICAGO BESTS PUERTO RICO IN 2ND RADIO MATCH

Playing a return match via short-wave radio on April 13, the Chicago Chess Team, captained by A. C. Margolis gained revenge over the Puerto Rican sextet by a score of 3½-1½ with one game subject to adjudication.

This second USCF experiment in distant short-wave match procedure was conducted under the watchful eye of USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. and benefited from the lessons taught by the first match on March 30. Time between moves was shortened and play begun at an earlier hour so that all games except one were completed before the band faded out with nightfall. Glenn May of Chicago (W9-JDE) and Roger Wilson (KP4-AM) of Santurce were the radio operators.

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico	Chicago	Puerto Rico
P. Poschel..... 1	A. Colon..... 1	
A. Sandrin..... 1	M. Colon..... 0	
D. Thompson..... 1	R. Cintron..... 0	
A. C. Margolis..... 1	F. Benietz..... 0	
S. Cohen..... adj.	L. Rojas..... adj.	
E. Davidson..... 0	A. Higuera..... 1	
Chicago 3½	Puerto Rico 1½	

NATIONAL CHESS MONTH AWARDS

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LET'S NOT SET THE LIMIT AT A MONTH

IT is a characteristic American failing to set aside some brief portion of time to be devoted to an ideal and a cause. The brief time passes, we have paid our devotion to that particular ideal, so in our busy lives we pass to other matters and forget this one particular cause until its appointed day or week or month once again descends upon us.

But anything in our lives that is worthy of our attention for a brief span of time should be worthy of our attention the whole year through. We should not limit our charity to the organized tag-days and drives to sell "seals." Nor should we limit our anti-fire precautions to that week that is entitled "Fire Prevention Week."

So should it be with "National Chess Month." An organized drive was necessary to focus attention on the many worthy phases of chess activity. The response to that drive has been gratifying in the increased chess activity throughout the country. But this is not time for chess players to rest contentedly upon their laurels. There is much yet to be done if chess is to attain its rightful stature in the United States and gain its rightful recognition from the press, the schools and the hospitals.

Let's not limit ourselves to a national chess month, but make every day a national chess day in promoting the cause of chess.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

PITTSBURGH OPEN TOURNAMENT BOOK

Edited by Wm. R. Hamilton (\$1.50)

The 47th U. S. Open Tournament, held at Pittsburgh in 1946 was the largest and in many ways one of the most exciting of the long series of Open Tournaments. It produced fighting chess, as could be expected from a field that included Herman Steiner, Olaf Ulvestad, Robert Byrne, Weaver Adams, Larry Evans and Anthony Santasiere to name but a few of the exponents of fighting chess.

Here is the sparkling record of that tournament—208 games from the top twenty players among the fifty-eight entrants, complete with a graphic account of the meeting and comprehensive indexes to the games and players. All compactly gathered into a handy volume of 78 pages which opens flat for convenient reading.

Highlights of the text include Hans Berliner's startling win over Sven Almgren (which received two separate brilliancy prizes) and the two thrilling encounters of Steiner and Ulvestad.

THE RUSSIANS PLAY CHESS By Irving Chernev (\$2.00)

No one denies that the Russians play chess; this book tells the story of how they play it among themselves in a selection of fifty well-chosen masterpieces by some thirty brilliant Soviet masters and near-masters. Profusely annotated by that brilliant analyst, Irving Chernev, each game is illustrated with numerous diagrams so that it is possible to play the game over without use of chessboard.

For the average player, hoping to better his style of play, this is a book of unique value, for here are many of the Soviet innovations in opening theory, hitherto unavailable except to the expert.

According To A. Sid. Test

Greed is always short-sighted. I've seen a fellow so eager to queen a pawn, he didn't see that it gave his opponent a stalemate.

Names are pretty much a matter of time, place and medium. In chess they call it "playing coffee-house style"; in military science they call it "psychological warfare"; but in business it is just plain bluff and chicanery.

There is no denying the importance of marriage; even in chess the most important thing is the mating of the king.

TOO FEW CHESS COLUMNS

A Regular Message by
Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

ACCORDING to a list compiled by Dr. Albrecht Buschke and published in the last USCF yearbook, the number of chess columns in newspapers a year ago totaled eighteen. Several new columns have since come into existence and we now have a total of about twenty-five weekly chess columns.

These columns are a credit to American Chess and to their editors. Written in the interest of the royal game rather than for financial gain, they enjoy a wide circulation and faithfully report what's new in the chess world. Some of them have been published for more years than the average age of our master players. In short, they have become an institution.

Fortunate as we are to have these columns, we cannot escape the fact that their number is altogether inadequate considering the number of daily newspapers published in this country—well in excess of 1,500. Less than one paper in every sixty carries a weekly chess column, and this despite the fact that the number of readers interested in chess has increased manifold during the last few years.



Paul G. Giers

If this shortcoming were due to a lack of interest or dearth of editorial talent, the problem of correcting it might indeed be difficult. But obviously, these are not the reasons and we may confidently expect that many columns will soon be added to the present number if we show the proper initiative and realize more fully the enormous advantages of a weekly chess column.

Most every club organizer at some time has toyed with the idea of having a weekly column in his local newspaper. He knows that a regular column will stimulate the members' interest in their club, give the club greater prestige as a community project, create new players, attract new club members and, perhaps not quite so evident, that it will serve to keep the club on its toes.

To arrange with your newspaper for the publication of a weekly column is not nearly as difficult as it might seem. However, since most city editors are not yet sufficiently chess-minded nor exactly clamoring for chess columns, plan your approach with care, offer good and logical reasons for use of the column and, above all, give proper assurance that your copy will be turned in on time each week.

You need not be a master player to edit a chess column. Only a few of our present columns are written by chess masters. More important is an eye for news values and a style of writing which will hold your readers' interest. Combining your local club news and game scores with news and games from "Chess Life" and a good weekly problem you will have ample material to fill your allotted space.

As chess interest expands, more and more weekly columns are needed. Every club should enjoy the advantages of a local column and we urge our potential scribes to fill the need.

Who's Who In American Chess

Alfred C. Ludwig

The affinity of chess to art and literature and music is an oft noted fact. It is not therefore surprising to learn that Alfred C. Ludwig, present Nebraska State Champion divides his love between chess and the writing of lyrics for popular songs. Among his more recent numbers is "My Heart Jumped Over The Moon" in collaboration with Burke Bivens, the composer of "Josephine."

As a chess player Ludwig has courage as well as skill—a trait exemplified in the heart of the depression when he married in complete disregard of the warning of his friends about the economic consequence.

A graduate of Omaha University, Ludwig is a persistent player. His persistence is shown by the winning of the Omaha City Chess Championship three times and the Nebraska State Championship twice in a city and state which boasts of several other persistent and strong players.

In national competition Ludwig won the Consolation division of the 1945 U. S. Open Tournament at Peoria, Illinois, without loss of a game. Believing firmly in organized chess, Ludwig is president of the Omaha Chess Club, associate editor of the new Nebraska State Chess Association Bulletin, and one of the organizers of the Nebraska Chess Association.



Alfred C. Ludwig

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Is "Reserve Knight" The Answer?

Dear Sir:

As you know, there have been earnest attempts by champions and the best analysts to improve contemporary chess. The outstanding reasons are: 1st, the difficulty of equalizing by Black (Fine, Horowitz and others; its impossibility, Adams); 2nd, preponderance of White wins in the best games. And the consequence, 3rd, a preference to play White, more marked as one goes down the scale of player strength.

The desirable equality before White's first move (which persists in other games), is upset when White by his first move governs two squares in Black's half of the board, acquiring thereby a slight advantage through no fault of Black's. This slight advantage can persist. My idea is to give Black a counter-initiative-advantage equally slight to equalize.

After plausible attempts the best seems to me is to give Black the initiative of developing a new Kt first at either R1 when vacated. This costs Black a move but governs two squares as White's initiative did. Better reasons for this plan are: the Kt is the weakest piece on the weakest square here, hard to play to its full strength, is colorful, is developed to the board after the conclusion of most of the openings so knowing them remains an advantage, and dangerous defenses may be strengthened.

The power of this reserve Kt must be felt gradually, so White must have a free R1 to reply with his reserve Kt immediately. Both Kts may capture on the two squares but may not move there (which ties in with what the pawn can and cannot do). (Also con-

sider the beneficent artificiality of a pawn capturing a pawn on a square on which the captured pawn does not stand, as in en passant.)

But the reserve Kts may go to contiguous squares of the other color than the one on which it stands ("changing color," characteristic of Kts) which steps up its power to a 3-square-governing Kt; or to one more square on the same rank three squares away (still changing color) where it becomes a 4-square-governing Kt, provided White on his next turn can also step up the power of his reserve Kt by governing one or two more squares. If Black elects a three, White may follow by a three or four-square promotion but is not compelled to do either. The next step-up by Black is to a six-square-governing square when he desires and if White can follow immediately by his six square promotion, Black increasing his power by this much first. (But he must not short-cut to an 8-square-governing square though he may capture on them.)

All this reads as more intricate than it plays. Here at six (the third stage) both Kts become unrestricted and Black's advantage in initiating this process, even with a Kt, balances as far as I can find out White's initiative of the first move, the stepping up process having absorbed the preponderance of Black's initiative. Preference for White will then give way to curiosity to play Black, with the rewards of increase of sound sacrifices and beautiful positions.

The reserve Kts may be distinguished by a white elastic band, halter-wise restricting the head of the Black Kt and a black band

around the White Kt—removed when they become full-fledged Kts.
AMBROSE D. GRING
Brookline, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

As an avid reader of CHESS LIFE, I'd like to put in my plug for some sort of regular table of coming chess events. This to contain essential data such as whether open to outsiders (of the club, city, county, or state in which it's being held), entry fee if any, closing date for entries, to whom same should be sent, and the dates of play, prizes (if any) or titles at stake, etc.

JAMES W. JENKINS
Newark, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I note "Speculation Limited" and recall some years ago in Washington discussing the equalization of the advantage of the first move with the late Willard Mutchler and Emanuel Lasker. The outcome was that White be limited to moving the pawn one square on the first move instead of two; but nothing ever came of it.

This would not materially alter the game and would relieve somewhat the move tempo enjoyed by White. This would also permit White if not inclined to develop new openings to take over the opening tempo of the Black game. I personally believe, however, that it would merely delay the game half a move and from then on the games would follow the same pattern with White playing Black's game. There is, however, the possibility that new openings may be developed and then the chess books would all have to be rewritten.

ROLAND G. MORRISSETTE, JR.
Cleveland, Ohio

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

...More Blessed To Give...

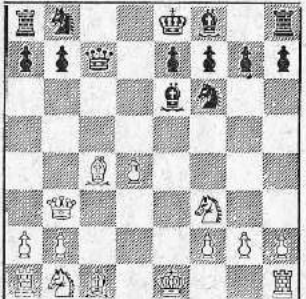
The two-Rook sacrifice cannot lay any claim to originality at this late date. Yet it will always continue to delight us as a neat way of refuting unsound attacks.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

U. S. Championship Preliminaries, 1940

White	Black
F. REINFELD	J. S. BATTELL
1. K-K3	5. B-B4
2. P-Q4	6. PXP
3. P-B4	7. Q-K3
4. P-K3	P-B4

Black has made some bad errors of judgment. His fifth move opened up lines prematurely for White's pieces; his sixth move developed the Queen too soon; his seventh is made under the mistaken impression that his Bishop cannot be captured.



After 7., BK3??

MINN. CHESS CLUB TOPPLES RIVAL PICCADILLY CLUB

The wordy rivalry between the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club and the Piccadilly Chess Club (White Bear Lake) came to blows—chess blows March 23, and the Minneapolis team retired triumphantly from the battle with a bloodless victory of 8-2.

Minneapolis Chess	Piccadilly Chess
G. Dixon	U. S. Smith
S. Rein	A. L. Johnson
C. H. Simmer	V. C. Lowe, Jr.
H. Fructman	D. Maber
R. Hammond	A. Olson
M. Janowitz	K. Moen
C. Spanglic	D. Swansick
E. J. Miller	A. Chesnick
R. L. Youngman	M. Boudreau
E. D. Baldwin	T. Daniels
Minneapolis	Piccadilly
8	2



Herman Steiner



Antonio C. Balducci



John L. Costello, Jr.

Redoutable Trio Of Chess Enthusiasts Do Not Confine Effort To Chess Month

Winners of Life Membership awards for their activities during National Chess Month, Herman Steiner, Antonio Balducci and John Costello, Jr. have never confined their activities to any short span of time. Best known is Herman Steiner of Los Angeles whose record in national and international chess ranks him among the top American players. Among his more recent victories were first place in the 1946 U. S. Open Tournament and first place in the 1946 London Tournament. Steiner edits the Chess Column of the Los Angeles Times.

A very recent comer to organized chess is Antonio C. Balducci of South Fallsburg (N. Y.) who apportions his days between managing the Rivoli Theater and promoting chess in Sullivan County. His success in converting the population of his own and neighboring towns into chess players almost overnight is one of the most heartening and yet astonishing recent events in chess. CHESS LIFE (February 20) told the story on the front page and in the editorial message of Paul G. Giers.

John L. Costello, Jr. gives the accent on youth in chess. This sixteen-year-old member of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Chess Club already ranks among its stronger players. As an organizer he has already to his credit the formation of a strong scholastic chess league in the communities around Harrisburg which he formed almost single-handed, for which he was appointed Scholastic Director for Central Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Chess Federation.

5. BxK1! QxB ch. 10. BxP ch. K-Q1
9. K-IC2 QxR

Although Black is a Rook ahead, his game is hopeless. If 10. K-Q2; 11. QxP ch. wins rapidly. 11. QxP Q-B5 13. QK1-Q2 Kt-K5 12. QxR! QxP ch. Despair. If 13. QxR; 14. QxKt ch. K-Q2; 15. Kt-K5 mate. 14. QxKt QxR 16. Q-B5 ch. K-Q1 15. Q-Q5 ch. K-B2 If 16. K-K12; 17. B-K6 decides quickly. 17. B-K6 Resigns For if 17. Kt-Q2; 18. Q-B6 (the quickest), Kt-K13; 19. Kt-K5 followed by Kt-B7 mate.

After all these years, I note with some embarrassment that there was a quicker win with 10. QxP!! If then 10. QB-8; 11. Kt-B3! etc. Or 10. PxB; 11. Q-B8 ch. K-B2; 12. Kt-K5 ch. K-K11; 13. QxP mate. Tsk, tsk!

RED ROSES PLAY TO TIE WITH READINGER CLUB

On March 28 the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster (Pa.) traveled to Reading to battle with the Reading Chessnuts at the Reading YMCA. The battle was a hard-fought draw.

Red Roses Chess	Readinger Chess
McDivitt, D.	Kneeroun
Bekenrode	Zitman
Pfelester	Nagle
Loose	Candfield
McDivitt, E.	Thoms
Laferty	Pattison
Snyder	Brooks
Good	Fencil
Hoyer	Kawescki
Handel	Nields
Red Roses	Readinger
5	5

COLLEGE CHESS IMPROVES—HART BESTS GAMBIT

In Toronto the quality of collegiate chess is on the upgrade as Hart House Chess Club defeats the redoubtable Gambit Chess Club in the major section of the Toronto (Can.) Chess League.

Hart House	Gambit Chess
J. Paterson-Smith	A. S. Mallinson
H. Foyne	F. A. Scott
F. Talbot	J. Sundeen
D. Fox	W. Hodges
R. F. Rodgers	F. L. Hogg
E. Beusfield	E. Jewitt
Hart House	Gambit Chess
4	2

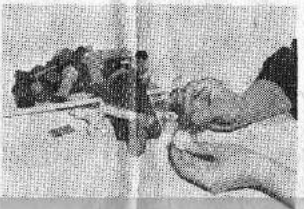


Mrs. Catherine Jones, Women Chess Champion of Ohio, with her ingenious "spool" chess set.

Chess Has Its Novelties And Oddities Not The Least—A Spool Chess Set!

Necessity is the mother of invention. During the period of shortages, which included chess sets, Mrs. Catherine Jones, present woman chess champion of Ohio, undertook to build a set of chess men out of spools as a hobby. The hobby turned out so well that many have asked how they too could make a set of chess men at home. So CHESS LIFE has prevailed upon Mrs. Jones to furnish pictures of her set, together with some easy directions for the making of a set out of spools.

Spools suggested themselves to Mrs. Jones as a suitable material for the work for two reasons. First, they are available for the asking at dressmaking and tailoring establishments. Second, since spools roughly approximate the shape of chessmen, the job of making a set from various sized spools is already half done. Furthermore, the wood in spools is readily workable.



After selecting thirty-two spools that were in the best condition, Mrs. Jones first cleaned the labels off. Most of the spools were already notched to hold loose ends of thread, so it was only necessary to exaggerate these notches and add others to form the tops of the rooks and queens. To make the pawns and bishops, the top flange was removed entirely from each spool. In the case of the knights, both the top and bottom flanges were removed and the center hole filled with plastic wood. While the plastic wood was still pliable, the knights' head, cut from a piece of cross grained wood about the size of a checker, was fitted into place and the plastic wood permitted to harden.

Some material in addition to the spools was found to be necessary. Three-sixteenth inch dowel sticks were used to form the top of the pawns and to anchor the knob on the bishop. From a bag of scrap mill turnings, purchased at the 5 and 10 cent store, came the round balls or knobs used on the bishops, as well as the one-quarter inch discs from which the knights' heads and the king's cross were carved.

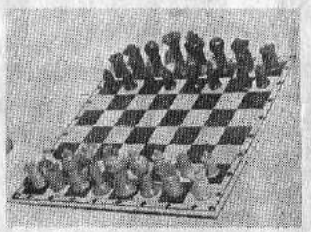
A wooden button mold was also placed on top of the largest spool to elevate the king. In Mrs. Jones' set the king and queen are actually the same height, although the queen appears taller, due to the greater slenderness of the spool. The king could be made taller by

adding another disc between the button mold and the spool.

After the spools and pieces were formed into the desired shapes, they were sanded lightly and the whitest pieces set aside for the white chessmen. Instead of painting the black pieces, they were put into a bucket of dress dye and boiled for one-half hour. After the black pieces were thoroughly dry, both sets were assembled with the aid of household cement, and when dry were given two or three coats of clear shellac.

The pieces were weighted with modeling clay, which was packed tightly in the bottom opening of each spool. They were then felted. Instead of attempting to cut perfect circles from the felt to fit the bottom of each piece, Mrs. Jones applied a coating of cement to the bottom of each spool and then placed each piece firmly and close together on a piece of felt. When the cement was dry, they were cut apart and trimmed closely all around.

According to Mrs. Jones the total cost of all extras will average less than a dollar, and there will be sufficient dowels, mill turnings, felt, shellac and dye from which to make one or two additional sets.



Sunday, April 20, 1947

Honor Roll of Club Chapters

Chartered During Month of March, 1947

The Oklahoma Chess Association
Dr. Kester Svendsen...Sec.-Treas.
The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma.

PARKDALE VICTOR IN TORONTO (CAN.) SCHOOL LEAGUE

By a second and final victory over Upper Canada the Parkdale Collegiate team won the championship of the Toronto Inter-school Team Matches. The initial season of the Inter-school League was extremely successful and much credit for the success has been due to Ralph Berrin, Toronto Junior Chess League Tournament Director.

Parkdale	Upper Canada
W. Preston	H. Trotter
W. Kopera	R. Harris
E. Krawczyk	G. Connell
B. Oaker	H. Stephenson
M. Glass	P. Reid
E. Baldwin	H. Sutherland
Parkdale	Upper Canada
4	2

SALINAS BOWS TO MODESTO CHESS IN HARD MATCH

In a match harder fought than the score indicates the Salinas (Calif.) Chess Club bowed in defeat to the Modesto (Calif.) Chess Club on March 23. Team captains were H. Betker for Modesto and G. Oakes for Salinas.

Modesto Chess	Salinas Chess
M. C. Jackson	G. Oakes
R. H. Parkhurst	J. Skillecorn
H. Paul	Dr. D. Malig
L. Davis	P. F. Clarke
L. Kerfoot	A. W. Filipp
H. Betker	V. W. Pope
C. J. Smith	B. Maison
R. W. Brown	V. Johnson
F. Saylor	D. Filipp
Dr. C. J. Cook	D. Johnson
Modesto	Salinas
7	2

At the annual meeting of the Modesto Chess Club Herbert P. Betker was named president; Herbert E. Paul, vice-president; Lawrence Davis, second vice-president; Lee Kerfoot, secretary-treasurer; and Rev. Donald G. Weston, chair-Club on March 23.

To the United States Chess Federation:

Please accept my entry to the Tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States, to be played at Cleveland, June 30—July 12, 1947.

Name: _____
Please print.
Address: _____
Street number _____ City _____ State _____
Date of Birth: _____
Month _____ Date _____ Year _____
Tournaments won or titles held: _____

It is understood that free housing accommodations are to be provided for 60 players in the Junior Tournament. In the event that I am not among those to whom housing is to be given without cost, I shall... shall not... be able to play.

I agree to be bound by the playing rules of the United States Chess Federation and to comply with the decisions of the Referee, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee.

(Please sign full name)

All entries should be sent to S. S. KEENEY, 511 Park Building, Cleveland, Ohio, together with entrance fee in the amount of \$5.00. Checks or money orders should be payable to S. S. KEENEY. Please do not send currency.

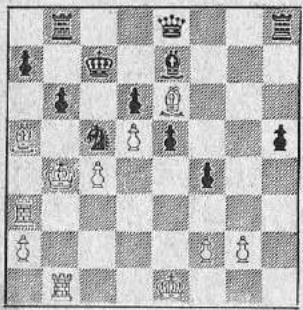
ST. PETERSBURG CLUB FEATURED IN "PRE-VUE"

The weekly St. Petersburg publication "Pre-Vue" devoted its front cover and several pages of its text to a full story of the St. Petersburg Chess Club in its issue of March 1. The "Pre-Vue" which features each week several attractive phases of recreational life in St. Petersburg (Fla.) found the "Chess Divan" unusual and intriguing.

BENONI COUNTER GAMBIT U. S. Open Tournament Milwaukee, 1935

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black J. H. BELSON A. SANTASIERE 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 7. Kt-B3 B-K5



After 22... Kt-B4 Santasiere 28. BxP ch. PxB 30. QxP ch! 29. R-R7 ch. K-Q1

Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

Dept. of Mathematics University of Rochester, Rochester 3, New York

Although this is a "book" move, in practice it seldom accomplishes its purpose. White is willing to exchange Black's KB even at the expense of doubled Ps.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE 1946 U. S. Championship Tournament

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White Black O. ULVESTAD I. A. HOROWITZ 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. B-K12 P-Q4



After 22... Q-R5 Anderson 28. BxP ch. PxB 30. QxP ch! 29. R-R7 ch. K-Q1

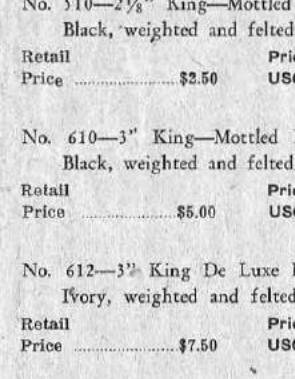
All of a sudden Black's game looks good. White is practically forced to make his next move.

ENGLISH OPENING Chicago City Tourney Preliminaries 1947

Notes by Joseph Shaffer

White Black A. SANDRIN J. SHAFER 1. P-Q4 P-K4 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

Notes by B. F. Winkelman 21. R-K4 suggests itself—but the text is much better. Any dissipation of the attacking forces is bad on principle unless a clear advantage is gained.



After 22... Kt-R2 DiCamillo 28. BxP ch. PxB 30. QxP ch! 29. R-R7 ch. K-Q1

Notes by Bela Rozsa 21. R-K4 suggests itself—but the text is much better. Any dissipation of the attacking forces is bad on principle unless a clear advantage is gained.

White Black A. SANDRIN J. SHAFER 1. P-Q4 P-K4 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

White Black A. SANDRIN J. SHAFER 1. P-Q4 P-K4 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

White Black A. SANDRIN J. SHAFER 1. P-Q4 P-K4 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

White Black A. SANDRIN J. SHAFER 1. P-Q4 P-K4 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

White Black A. SANDRIN J. SHAFER 1. P-Q4 P-K4 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

White Black A. SANDRIN J. SHAFER 1. P-Q4 P-K4 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

White Black O. ULVESTAD I. A. HOROWITZ 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. B-K12 P-Q4

White Black O. ULVESTAD I. A. HOROWITZ 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. B-K12 P-Q4

White Black O. ULVESTAD I. A. HOROWITZ 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. B-K12 P-Q4

White Black O. ULVESTAD I. A. HOROWITZ 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. B-K12 P-Q4

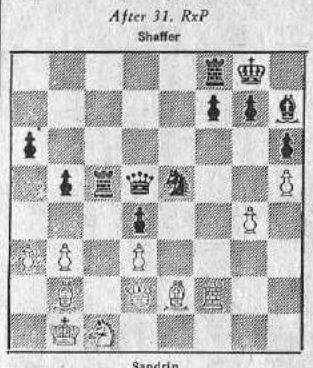
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White Black O. ULVESTAD I. A. HOROWITZ 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. B-K12 P-Q4

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