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All Aboard For Corpus Christi!



SCENIC CORPUS CHRISTI

A paradise for vacationers, offering boating, fishing, swimming, golf, tennis, and not the least of all, chess. Site of the 1947 U. S. Open Tournament, August 11-23.

Photo: Terrell

WINKLEMAN WINS FRANKLIN TITLE SHARPE SECOND

Barnie F. Winkelman gained possession of the George W. Childs cup, emblematic of victory, in the Franklin Chess Club (Philadelphia) Tournament with a score of 12-1, drawing with C. F. Bauder and H. Fleming. Sydney T. Sharpe was a close second with 11½-1½, losing to Winkelman and drawing with Henry H. Chu. Third and fourth were shared by C. F. Bauder and Isaac Ash.

WALKER, JR. WINS PORTLAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Completing twelve rounds of play without a loss, Charles B. Walker, Jr. won first prize in the Reginald B. Cooke memorial tournament sponsored by the Portland (Maine) Chess Club. The feature of the tournament was the three-cornered tie for second place between Dwight Parker, Gordon Spofford and E. Wright. In the playoff, Parker, secretary of the Portland club, came out on top.

KEENEY GIVES JUNIOR TOURNEY FINAL REPORT

As CHES LIFE goes to press, S. S. Keeney sends a final report on advance registrations to the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament. Additional entrants include Richard Kujoth (Milwaukee), Wisconsin State Champion; J. Alan Cross, Jr. (Miami); Jackie Mayer (Louisville); James L. Harkins (Cleveland); Donald McElroy (Minneapolis); John F. Hubert (Newton), 1946 Massachusetts Junior Champion; Wilfred K. Hastings (Islington, Ontario); William Oakes (Toronto); George Krauss (Jamaica), tied for Junior Chess Championship of Marshall Chess Club; Harold White (Richmond), 1947 Junior Champion of Richmond, Va.; Robert B. Hideron (Baltimore), 1947 Maryland Junior Champion; and defending U. S. Junior Champion Larry Freidman.

According to S. S. Keeney, in charge of registration, entries now received represent, eighteen States, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Ages of the players vary. Sixteen is the popular age with twelve entries; fifteen and seventeen year olds tie with eight entries each. Two valiant eleven year old boys challenge their seniors.

RUSH WILLARD SPONSORS WEEKLY CHESS LECTURES

The Rush Willard Chess Club of Bay City (Mich.) is sponsoring a series of weekly lectures and demonstrations on chess fundamentals at the YMCA. These are to last through the summer. The club, which is 100% USCF, has a number of strong players, including Arnold Hausmann and Dr. J. Campbell Smith, co-holders of the city championship, who illustrate their talks graphically on a large demonstration board. These meetings have been well attended by beginners and veterans.

CORPUS CHRISTI BECKONS CHESS PLUS VACATION FUN Climate And Scenery Combine To Make Corpus Christi Ideal For Tournament

Seldom does the chess player have the opportunity to combine vacation relaxation with a chess tournament that is offered him at the U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi, August 11-23. Historically significant and interesting, scenically beautiful, Corpus Christi is worth a visit for its own sake. And plans for the Open Tournament promise to exceed the fondest expectations of the local committee.

Strongly backed by the *Callier-Times* and the business men of Corpus Christi, the tournament is shaping as an outstanding event which will have place for everyone, from average amateur to master. First prize of \$1,000—the liberal donation of Sam E. Wilson, Jr. of Corpus Christi—sets a new mark in Open Tournaments. But the general prize fund also promises liberal awards to those who have no aspiration for the championship title.

PRESS INCORRECT ON US-USSR TEAM POSTPONEMENT

Wrong impressions have been created by unauthorized statements in the press concerning the postponement of the US-USSR team match.

Mr. Maurice Wertheim, chairman of the U. S. Match Committee, authorizes the statement that the match has been postponed until 1948 due solely to the fact prior engagements of the Russian team prevented arranging a date before May; and it was found impossible by the American Committee to hold open reservations for hotel accommodations and playing space for a later date.

Both Russian and American committees accepted the postponement with regret as inevitable, but all expressed hope that suitable arrangements could be made in 1948 for the return match.

Toronto, Montreal vs Sydney, Melbourne In Canada vs Australia Radio Chess Match

Playing in two sessions, on Friday and Saturday, June 13-14, picked teams from Toronto and Montreal faced ten strong players of Sydney and Melbourne in an ambitious short-wave radio chess match. At adjournment the score stood 3-2 in favor of the Canadian stalwarts with five games subject to adjudication to determine the final score.

First blood in the Melbourne-Toronto division was scored by M. Green (Melbourne) over J. S. Morrison (Toronto), a victim of time trouble; but the score was soon evened by the victory of C. A. Compton (Toronto) over the veteran C. G. Watson (Melbourne). In Montreal the first game finished was the drawn between M. Fox (Montreal) and C. J. S. Purdy (Sydney). Toward the end of the session D. A. Yonofsky gave Canada the lead by scoring a victory over G. Koshnitsky (Sydney). The remaining games, except the draw between R. E. Martin (Toronto) and F. A. Cowl (Melbourne) were un-

finished at time for adjournment and offer many perplexing problems to the adjudicators.

Montreal	Sydney
D. A. Yonofsky 1	C. Koshnitsky 0
M. Fox 0	C. J. S. Purdy 1
Dr. J. Ratch adj.	M. Gohstein adj.
P. Brunet adj.	B. V. Mills adj.
C. L. Smith adj.	H. Klass adj.
Toronto	Melbourne
F. J. Yerhoff adj.	Dr. M. Gellis adj.
R. E. Martin 0	F. A. Cowl 1
J. S. Morrison 0	M. Green 1
C. A. Compton 1	C. G. Watson 0
N. Glasberg adj.	L. Oliver adj.
Canada 3	Australia 2

The match was played under the auspices of the Chess Federation of Canada and transmission was through the courtesy of the Canadian Marconi Co.

Early entries indicate an exceptionally strong group of contestants from Central and South America. The National Association of Chess of Colombia is sending an official three-man delegation: Miguel Cuellar Gacharna, National Champion; Luis Augusto Sanchez; and Luis Salomon. Mexico has entered Major Jose Joaquin Arraiza, General Manuel Soto Larrea, Alfonso Ferriz, and Jesus Mondragon. Miguel Blas Aleman, Champion of Cuba, will represent our Caribbean neighbor.

Among the early birds from the United States are former Open Champion Anthony E. Santasiere; Charles Joachim, Seattle Champion and former Vienna Amateur Champion; Albert Sandrin, former Illinois State Champion; Robert Steinmeyer, St. Louis Champion; Dr. Gustave Drexel, former Southern Ass'n Champion; Larry Evans, the promising New York Junior; and Mrs. Mary Bain, former U. S. Women's Champion.

The tournament will be held in the luxurious White-Plaza Hotel. Non-playing members of the family will find Corpus Christi rich in facilities for boating, fishing, golf, tennis and bathing to occupy the hours while chess players are engaged.

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GIERS, EUWE MEET KNIT USCF-DUTCH RELATIONSHIP

A closer tie of friendship bound the USCF and the Netherlands Chess Federation in mutual understanding as the result of a luncheon shared by USCF Vice-President Paul G. Giers, former World Champion, Dr. Max Euwe and former U. S. Champion Arnold S. Denker upon the occasion of Dr. Euwe's visit to New York. The groundwork for a practical friendly association with the Netherlands was laid, and Dr. Euwe placed the USCF under great obligation by volunteering to meet Paul Giers at the Amsterdam airport and drive him to the FIDE meeting at Hilversum.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

NOTHING is in a name says that sage of Avon who proclaims "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Yet Meredith the poet does protest: "A devil's in it when you must rhyme English names with a French here/there." And lastly Southey testifies that "last of all an Admiral came, a terrible man with a terrible name,—a name which you all know by sight very well, but which no one can speak, and no one can spell."

As the testimony cited gives the edge to the importance, after all, of a name, this writer ponders rather curiously upon the fact that Chess Clubs remain so prosaic in their nomenclature. A prosaic name serves to identify, it is true; but must we merely identify? Can we not soar imaginatively above the dull title of "Podunk Chess Club?"

Happily enough, we can, as many a group of players has given proof in their choice for christening. There is a Red Rose Chess Club in Lancaster (Pa.) to commemorate the days when red roses were the symbol of Lancaster and white roses of York in that fancifully entitled "War of the Roses." Yet York (Pa.) does not as yet accept the challenge with a White Rose Chess Club.

In Cleveland (Ohio) there is the King's Knight Out Chess Club—a name to tickle a punster's soul—and Minneapolis (Minn.) has its Chessmates. The Orange Knights Chess Club of Orange (N. J.) has a pleasing sound, as does the King's Men Chess Club of Detroit (Mich.). We note with pleasure the Queen's Women Chess Club of Cleveland (Ohio) and the Checkmate Club of the same city. And our approval is registered for the Shah-Mat Club of Peoria (Ill.).

What's in a name? Nothing, perhaps, and yet it is always very pleasant to encounter the unexpected and admire an ingenious flight of whimsy.

Guest Editorial

A VISTA FOR THE FUTURE

By Edward I. Treend

Secretary, United States Chess Federation

SOME of us who have been promoting chess have been looking through the wrong end of the telescope and as a result we have obtained a distorted vision of the possibilities of effective chess promotion. It is the firm conviction of this writer that we have been spending too much time and energy rushing about looking for people that already know how to play chess; in trying to organize them into clubs, leagues, state and national associations; and not spending sufficient time in the education of people who do not now know how to play, and in bringing to them the beauties and romance of this oldest of games.

The need for education is not so great in the big cities. Most of them have their chess clubs, but even in these clubs the program of instruction is a minor one. The neophyte often receives a cool reception. If we are to make chess popular with the masses we must convince a skeptical public that chess is a game for the home and for the family. To be sure, Father has his old crony come in of an evening and Junior goes out occasionally to play with some of his friends. But chess is a game that can be enjoyed in the home by all the family. The ideal place to reach the family is in the smaller community where family life is conducted in a more leisurely manner, and families are more closely knit together in their associations.

The logical question that next arises refers to the place where this instruction should be given. Why not the Public Library? The library is the cultural center of the community and the knowledge of chess is certainly a cultural accomplishment. This idea has become a reality in Wayne County, Michigan as you will have observed by the news columns. Included in the jurisdiction of the Wayne County Public Library Commission are several populous communities, all within a short distance of the great city of Detroit. Following is a statement prepared by Mr. Walter H. Kaiser, County Librarian. (Mr. Kaiser is not a chess player).

The Wayne County Library undertook its experiment in providing free chess instruction and equipment for two small communities with the conviction that the game is eminently wholesome, fascinating, and from an educational view, exercises the logical and imaginative powers of the mind. Further, since the game is unknown to many in the smaller towns in the country, it was thought that someone or agency might profitably conduct an experiment to determine just how much enthusiasm there was

for the game. The library decided to undertake the experiment. Results, so far, have been encouraging. Interested local players, at the end of the seven lecture series, must be prepared to take over, if organized chess groups are to come into existence.

This writer has observed this experiment in its early and middle stages and the results are almost impossible of belief. This is a game for the family. Looking down the long tables one sees all ages. While this program is particularly attractive to the youth, both boys and girls, yet the percentage of youth to age was less than half. The young married folks were there as well as the older parents who were trying to capture a common ground of thought with their children.

The enthusiasm thus generated can well be organized along club lines. The library is in an excellent position to command proper publicity, much more so than the embryo chess club could command by itself. This will then attract those who already know the game and who do not need the instruction. In many communities the library already has recreational facilities used by various civic groups. What better atmosphere could there be in which to hold periodic meetings of a chess club? By proper organization the inherent spirit of competition between communities can be used to further develop the clubs and to provide enjoyment for their members. It is at this stage that we organizers step in and assist the clubs in getting started and in securing the maximum benefit from organized chess activity.

The ground has been tilled, the seed has been sown, the harvest is ripe for the reaping. Isn't this something to think about, and doesn't it offer an excellent approach to the promotion of chess?

¶ The views expressed in a Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

CORPUS CHRISTI PREVUE

(Monthly Letter No. 43)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

ONE of America's oldest cities, yet one of its most enterprising and fastest growing, will make its debut next month in the role of host to a national chess tournament. Corpus Christi was 100 years old in 1940, but just to lend weight to the adage that the first hundred years are the hardest, it more than doubled its population in the first seven years of its second century. A running start on a lusty second childhood. And quite in keeping with the spirit of such a vigorous growth is the manner in which the Tournament Committee has made plans for the Federation's 48th Annual Congress and Open Championship Tournament.

In sheer numbers the Corpus Christi tourney promises to be the largest of the Open Tournaments ever held, exceeding even last year's record entry. But the size of the entry list is one of the minor attributes of the 48th Open. The Tournament Committee reports that entries have already been received from the chess champions of five other countries! An international fling to rival any tournament held in this country in recent years.

Herman Steiner, who won the Open Championship in '46, will defend his honors against a field comparable to that from which he won them. Abe Yanofsky, Canadian master, with whom Steiner shared the Open title at Dallas in '42, will lead the foreign opposition. Anthony E. (Tony) Santasiere, Open Champion in '45 and winner of third place in the U. S. Championship Tournament last November, has also filed his entry. Any prognosticator who can pick the order of finish among these three players can likewise reap a fortune by turning his crystal ball toward the stock market.

These astonishing Texans who are promoting the 48th Open already have many accomplishments to their credit. A special gift of \$1,000 has been made for the first prize, a record in Open competition. The remainder of the prize fund also exceeds previous attainments. The Tournament Committee calmly speaks of a total entry "of at least 100," and if they had not already made good on a number of other amazing promises, his one might be salted down. But this tournament is giving further proof that it is never safe to take a Texan at anything less than his entire word.

But although the Tournament Committee have given ample evidence of competent and careful preparation, there is one respect in which their powers are inadequate. They have not found it possible to materialize chess clocks. The Gulf of Mexico has conferred many blessings upon the inhabitants of Corpus Christi to add to their enjoyment of life, but it has not yet cast up a jinni who will produce chess clocks at a magical touch. To remedy this condition, the rest of us must come to the help of our hosts. Every player who is entered in the tournament and who owns a chess clock should bring it with him. By so doing, he will find that virtue is truly and automatically its own reward. For he will not only grant a boon to a harried Tournament Committee; he will also insure himself of having a clock when he sits down to play. And those other players, from whom Providence has uncharitably withheld the opportunity of joining the trek to Corpus Christi, are asked to lend their clocks to the Tournament Committee so that his one remaining void may be filled. If you own a clock and are willing to contribute the use of it, please write to Mr. Harry E. Graham, Chairman of the Tournament Committee, 325 Laurel Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas.

During the past several years, many chess players in all parts of the country have enjoyed contributing to the tournament fund for the Open. Although the Texans have done very nicely, thank you, on their own, they would be heartened by the swelling of the tournament fund by donors elsewhere so that the national flavor of the Open may be retained. For although the Open is played each year in a different section of the country, it is never a sectional tournament. It is what the name implies, a tournament "Open" to all the players of the United States. Contributions should be sent to Mr. Conway C. Craig, Finance Chairman, in care of the Caller-Times, Corpus Christi.

A word should be spoken concerning the Congress of the Federation, less spectacular than the tourney, but of more lasting importance. On Wednesday, August 13, the annual membership meeting of the Federation will be held, at which the individual members will hear the reports of their officers and committees and will elect their directors by states for the coming year. On Thursday and Friday, the annual Directors' meeting will be conducted in two concentrated sessions. The growth of the Federation program makes necessary the increased attention and service of every Director, and the meeting this year will consider problems of greater magnitude than any that have gone before. Every Director who can possibly do so should be present.

Who's Who In American Chess

Edward I. Treend

Punsters say that industry is the "treend" in chess; and certainly Edward Treend represents industry. For many years active in many capacities in the Michigan State Chess Association Ed. resigned from these labors to undertake the more herculean task as Secretary of the USCF. As a mere sideline to this activity he handles the secretaryship of the Detroit Edison Chess Club in leisure moments.

A player of better than average strength, Ed. has willingly sacrificed the playing of the game to organizing that others may play; and the numerous chess organizations in Michigan affiliated with the USCF stand as mute testimony to his gifts as organizer and missionary.



Edward I. Treend

Modestly taking the background when matters like the "Operation Michigan" are discussed and credit for them bestowed, Ed cannot deny the fact that he is always somewhere in the background when any new chess scheme is undertaken in Michigan.

Aside from his manifold activities in organizing chess, Ed. Treend is one of the real bibliophiles of chess, and his collection of rare chess books and prints is the envy of many a fellow bibliophile. Generous with these as with his own time, choice specimens from his collection see frequent light of day in connection with various chess gatherings and have often proved to be the focal point of interest for chess players.

Marvin Palmer

Born near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Marvin Palmer has been a Michigander for more than twenty-five years, and much of that time has been devoted in one way or another to the organizing and developing of chess in Michigan.

As a lad of eleven, Marvin learned the game of his father who was one of the good players of his day. That he learned it well was shown by his capture of the Iowa State Championship at Des Moines in 1917 when not yet twenty.

Marvin Palmer

In 1922 at Sioux City he won the championship of the Missouri Valley Chess Association, to prove that his years of service in World War I had not dimmed his skill.

In 1924 Marvin won the championship of the Philadelphia Chess Club, and served in 1925-26 as secretary of the Western Chess Association (parent of the USCF). It was in this capacity that in 1925 he organized the Western Tournament at Cedar Point, Ohio. Playing in the tournament in addition to organizing it, he finished fourth, behind Kipchik, Factor and Jaffe. In 1933 Marvin organized the Western Association Tournament at Detroit.

Upon five occasions Marvin has won or tied for first in the Michigan State Championship Tournaments: 1934, 1937, 1940, 1942, and 1943.

By profession Marvin is a linotype operator for the Detroit News; by avocation he is a collector of chess books and owns one of the largest private collections of tournament books in existence.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Missed Opportunities

WHEN Nimzovich invented the defense which now bears his name, he did not say "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" He did not patent or copyright his discovery; he assuredly did not make a penny out of it; he did not sell his interest in the Nimzoindian to a radio sponsor who might have made the air hideous with the gripping question: "Will the Nimzoindian Defense help Van Johnson win the Tomsk Tournament? Listen to this program tomorrow for the answer!"

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

London, 1927

White	Black
SIR G. A. THOMAS	W. WINTER
1. P-Q4	K1-KB3
2. P-Q5	P-K3
3. K1-QB3	B-K2
4. Q-B2	P-B4

For 4 ... Kt-B3 see Schaefer-Woitsekovsky (Chess Life, May 20, 1947).

5. PxP	K1-R3
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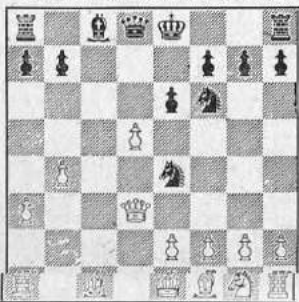
Rarely played, as in most cases Black must yield the two Bishops or leave the Knight stranded at the side of the board.

6. P-QR3	BxKtch
7. Q-B3	KtP
8. P-QK4	P-K3

Attractive but premature; best is Rubinstein's 8 P-B3, keeping Black's Knights out of K5.

9. Q-Q3	Q1-K5
10. PxP?	P-Q4!

10 P-B3 was absolutely essential.



10. ... KtBP!!

Despite Black's lead in development, this interesting sacrifice comes as a surprise.

11. KxK1	Kt-K5ch
12. K-K3	KtP

If 12 K-K1, Q-B3 wins easily.

13. ... Q-B3

The crucial variation is now 13 KxK1, P-R4ch!; 14 K-K1, P-R5ch; 15 K-R3, PxPch; 16 P-Kt4, QxB mate—or 13 K-K1, Q-B7ch; 14 KxK1, P-R4ch; 15 K-R3 (15 K-K1, Q-B3 mate), PxPch etc.

13. K1-B3	QxP
14. B-Q2	K1-B3
15. P-K4	PxP
16. PxP?	O-O
17. B-B3?	

White was lost in any event, but this move considerably hastens the end.

17. ... QxQB

For if 18 QxQ, Kt-K5ch with a whole Rook ahead.

R. COVEYOU WINS TENNESSEE TITLE; FORM STATE ASS'N

Winning the triple crown of Open, Tennessee State and Oak Ridge Championships in one sweep, R. Coveyou (Oak Ridge) outdistanced forty players in the Oak Ridge Open Tournament, May 30 to June 1. Second place went to L. Norderer (Oak Ridge) in the Swiss meet, and third to Martin Southern (Knoxville). J. R. Sweets was fourth. Mrs. Mary Hofferbert won the Woman Championship; J. G. Sullivan, Jr. the Tennessee Junior title, and Henry Gordon the Oak Ridge Junior. The Reserve Championship was won by E. B. Manderson (Atlanta). George Kotanowski acted as Tournament Director and played an eight board blindfold simultaneous.

At the meeting the Tennessee State Chess Association was organized with George E. Somers (Oak Ridge) as president; Albert V. Walker (Chattanooga), Michael H. Kurek (Nashville), and Robert P. Miller (Memphis) as vice-presidents; Gustav Hardt (Elizabeth-town) secretary-treasurer; and J. G. Sullivan, Jr. (Knoxville) assistant secretary-treasurer.

FULL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE FOR U. S. OPEN NAMED

The 48th U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi (Texas), August 11-23, promises to be an international affair. Special invitations have been issued to the champions of Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Puerto Rico and the USSR to attend, and many acceptances have already been received.

Committee for the tournament represents an able selection from the ranks of Texas chess players, including those of the Corpus Christi Chess Club, co-sponsor of the tournament with the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, and representatives of the Texas Chess Association.

Chairman is Harry E. Graham, 325 Laurel Drive, Corpus Christi. Finance is entrusted to Conway C. Craig of the Caller-Times; and publicity to F. E. Hutchens of the Caller-Times. Dr. C. Armando Duran (Corpus Christi) handles Pan-American relations; and the general members of the committee are: J. A. Creighton (Corpus Christi), Conrad P. Hoover (Corpus Christi), Henry Youngman (Corpus Christi), Homer H. Hyde (San Antonio), Mevis R. Smith (Houston), Frank R. Graves (Forth Worth), and Al Lipton (Dallas).

JACK MOYSE KENTUCKY STATE CHESS CHAMPION

Successfully defending his 1946 title, Jack Moyses (Louisville) was victor in the 1947 Kentucky Chess Championship and retains possession of the Courier-Journal's Showalter Trophy. Runner-up was W. B. Long (Mayfield) and other prize-winners: former Louisville Champion Richard W. Shields; Jim Yunker, captain of University of Louisville chess team; and W. H. Meadows. Winner of the Premier Reserve was Angel Acevedo of the University of Louisville School of Medicine with Carrol Sauer as runner-up. Awards for the three outstanding games in the tournament were made to Prof. Jose I. Puente (Lexington), Robert H. Kannapel (Louisville) and Merrill Dowden, chess editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

KANSAS STATE CHESS ASS'N REORGANIZED

Meeting in May, Kansas chess players reorganized the Kansas State Chess Association (dormant during the war years). At the meeting at the Broadview Hotel in Emporia, Dr. W. R. Granger (Emporia) was elected president, Carl Weberg (Salina) secretary-treasurer.

Seventeen players entered in a two-day Swiss tournament to determine the current State Champion, and victory went to J. M. Stull (Wichita) with 6½-1½ who succeeded to the title held by the late Arnold Davis (Wichita). Second place went to Kirk Mechem (Topeka) with 5½-1½. Bert Brice-Nash (Medora), Herman Brauer (Havana) and Carl Weberg (Salina) finished in the order named with 4½-2½ each.



E. Bensley (left) faces Donald Stetzer over the chess board while, left to right, D. MacDonald, S. Winikatis, Edward Mohan (treasurer of the Chicago Chess & Checker Club) and Paul Adams (Secretary of the Illinois State Chess Ass'n) are interested spectators.

ILLINOIS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AT CHICAGO CHESS AND CHECKER CLUB

Photo Courtesy Chicago Daily Times

Men Who Work For Chess

Louis B. Seltzer

COOPERATION of the "Fourth Estate" has always been an essential in the development of a creative chess program; and much of the rapid growth of chess in Cleveland must be attributed to the friendly and helpful attitude of the local newspapers in giving publicity to chess events.

Outstanding has been the cooperative spirit of The Cleveland Press, acting as a co-sponsor for the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament through the active interest of Louis B. Seltzer.

Louis B. Seltzer, editor of The Cleveland Press, has been associated with that newspaper since 1911 when he was hired as an office boy. During the course of his career he has covered every type of news "beat" in the city; and even while editor he is regarded by his staff as the best reporter in town.

Except for a brief period away from The Press, 1913-15, Mr. Seltzer has been with this newspaper in a variety of positions as reporter, news editor, city editor, chief editorial writer, and editor for more than twenty-five years. When appointed city editor of The Press, Louis Seltzer was not yet old enough to vote, and was at that time the youngest city editor of any metropolitan newspaper in America.

Mr. Seltzer has been named as the man responsible for the introduction of a new "feature" in American journalism, that of closely tying in the activities of his newspaper with the activities of the many "nationality" groups in the city. This unique link has been copied by other newspapers throughout the country.

In addition to his leadership of The Cleveland Press, Louis B. Seltzer has been editor-in-chief of the Scripps-Howard newspapers in Ohio since 1937. He has been president of the board of the Cleveland Convention Bureau for three years, is president of the Cleveland Welfare Federation, vice-president of the Boy Scouts of Cleveland, and trustee of the YMCA.



Louis B. Seltzer

DON MUGRIDGE NEW CHAMPION WASHINGTON, D. C.

Donald Mugridge regained the championship title of Washington, D. C. in the 18th annual competition for the I. S. Turover Silver Trophy with a score of 7-1, losing his single game to former champion M. C. Stark. Stark was second with 6½-1½, drawing with Nash, Thomas and Berliner.

Twice before Mugridge has held the title, the last time in 1936. In 1939 he placed second to Stark and was not again a contestant until his comeback victory of this season. Play was held on Saturday afternoons at the Washington Chess Divan under the direction of Wm. Burke from March 29 to June 7.

Final Standings

D. H. Mugridge	7-1
M. C. Stark	6½-1½
O. Shapiro	5-9
H. Berliner	4-4
E. Nash	4-4
D. L. Morgan	3-5
W. M. Knapp	3-5
R. S. Cantwell	2-5
G. S. Thomas	1-7

REYNOLDS CHESS CINCHES CHICAGO CHAMPIONSHIP

With a narrow margin of one point the Reynolds Chess Club wrestled victory from the Chess Club of Chicago to break the season tie for championship in the Greater Chicago Chess League. Surprise of the match was the stirring victories of three Reynolds' players over the formidable trio of Lewis J. Isaacs, Herman Hahlbohm and Einar Michelsen on the first three boards.

Reynolds Chess	Chess Club of Chicago
Joseph Shaffer	Lewis J. Isaacs
Van Dyke Tiers	Herman Hahlbohm
M. Rubin	Einar Michelsen
M. S. Ellenby	Burton Dahlstrom
Arnold Tucker	Don Thompson
Joseph Moore	George Moore
J. F. Hubert	L. Dina
Schimmel	Ilef
Ginsberg	Sam Cohen
Rosenbaum	Gronsbacher
Reynolds	Chess Club

TO THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION: Please accept my entry to the Tournament for the U. S. Open Championship of the United States, to be played at Corpus Christi, August 11-23, 1947.

NAME: _____ (Please Print)

ADDRESS: _____ (Street Number) _____ (City) _____ (State)

TOURNAMENTS WON/OR TITLES HELD: _____

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 HARRY E. GRAHAM, 325 Laurel Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, together with entrance fee in the amount of \$10.00. Checks or money orders should be payable to HARRY E. GRAHAM. Please do not send currency.

Chess Life

Saturday, July 5, 1947

For The Tournament-Minded

August 11-23
48th U. S. Open Championship Tournament
Corpus Christi, Texas
Open to all chess players; Entry fee \$10.00; address Harry E. Graham, 325 Laurel, Corpus Christi, Texas.

August 30-September 1
2nd Ohio Chess Congress
Of Ohio Chess Ass'n
Columbus, Ohio
Players must register before noon Saturday at Columbus Central YMCA, as play begins 12:00 noon sharp. Further details later.

August 30-September 1
Southwestern Open Tournament
Fort Worth, Texas
Open to all chess players; entry fee to be announced later; address Frank R. Graves, 950 E. Mulkey, Fort Worth, Tex. Tournament held in Loughorn Room of Texas Hotel.

August 30-September 1
Pennsylvania State Championship
Allentown, Penna.
Open to Pennsylvania players; will be held at Americus Hotel in Allentown with Lehigh Valley Chess Club as host. Entry fee not announced.

August 30-September 7
New York State Tournament
Endicott, N. Y.
Open to all chess players; entry fee and address of registrar will be announced later.

Club Chapters

Chartered During Month of June, 1947

Chapter No. 163
Newburyport Chess Club
Newburyport, Mass.
Meets Wednesday evenings at 13 Market St.
President.....Bartlett Gould
Vice-President.....Edgar Davis
Secretary.....Margaret Gould
Treasurer.....Charles Whalen

Chapter No. 164
Everett Chess Club
Everett, Wash.
President.....Lawrence W. Taro

CORPUS CHRISTI, HOUSTON TUNE UP IN RADIO MATCH

Warming up for the U. S. Open Tournament (August 11) on Sunday June 1, the Corpus Christi Chess Club and the Houston Morphy Chess Club engaged in a short-wave radio match with a return engagement on June 8. The first match was won by Corpus Christi and the return encounter by Houston. According to Albert C. Margolis, USCF Director of Radio Chess, Texas plans to have a Texas Radio Chess League in operation by late fall.

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

1947 Metropolitan Tournament, Philadelphia

Notes by Bernie F. Winekman

White: J. LEVIN, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP...

31. R-K1 B-B4 35. P-QKt4 B-B1
32. Kt-B3 P-B1 36. P-QRP R-QB8
33. QxP QxQ 37. Kt-R2 R-R8



31. R-K5! BxR 37. P-Kt8(Q) BxQ
32. Kt-B B-Kt ch 38. Kt-B K-B5
33. Kt-B R-Kt 39. Kt-B K-K5

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

North Jersey Championship, 1947

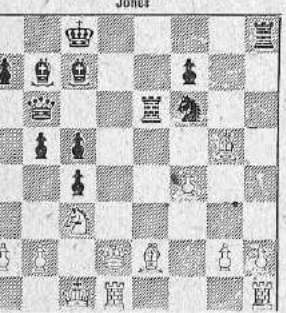
Notes by H. Jones

White: S. H. KOWALSKI, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP...

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After 19, Jones, B-52



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Tournament Life

Conducted by Erich W. Marchand

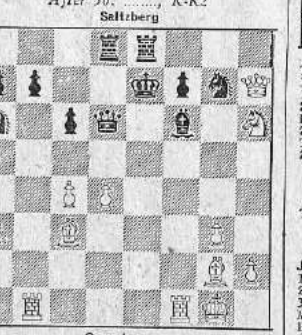
Dept. of Mathematics University of Rochester, Rochester 3, New York

RETI OPENING

Preliminaries of Manhattan Chess Club Championship

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: J. GONZALES, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP...
Black: M. SALTZBERG, P-K3, BxP, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP...



31. QxKt! The neatest and quickest way to win. BxQ 33. B-R3 mate 32. RxP ch. K-K3

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

1947 Omaha City Championship

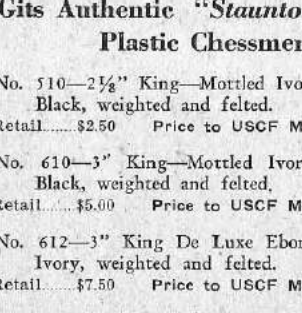
Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White: A. LUDWIG, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP...
Black: G. ROITSTEIN, P-K3, BxP, P-Q4, P-QB4, Kt-KB3, P-K3, BxP...

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KtxP with an even game.
7. Kt-K2 QKt-O2 5. BxP
8. O-O P-QB4
9. BxP
10. PxP
11. B-Q2 O-O 14. P-QK3 Kt-B
12. Q-R3 Kt-K4 15. QxKt B-R3
13. B-K1 Kt-B5 16. R-K1 QxKt1 7. There was absolutely no reason to give up the two Bs; indicated was 16. Q-K4, followed by Q-R1 and Kt-K1.
17. QxP Q-R4 18. Q-QB2
After 18, Q-QB2
Roitstein



Threatens KtxP P-Q5? 21. Kt-R5 ch. K-R3
22. Kt-K5 P-K3 22. Q-K4 P-B4
23. Kt-K1 ch. K-K2 23. Q-B4 ch. P-K4
Black's position is hopeless.
24. Q-Q6 ch. K-K2 25. BxP!
Threatens mate by P-Kt4 and Q-B6.
25. BxP
26. P-K4 ch. Resigns

RUY LOPEZ

1947 Kentucky State Championship

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: J. I. PUENTE, P-K4, B-R4, J. Moysse, Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3, 5. Q-K2
Black: P-Q3
More common is 5. O-O, B-K2 (if 5. B-R4: 6. KxP, Kt-K1; 7. P-Q4; 8. Q-Q3 (The Wornal Attack).
5. B-B4
MCO (Seventh Edition) praises this move because Alchimi played it successfully against Sir G. A. Thomas, Margate 1387. But it loses a P after 6. BxKt, QxP; 7. KtP, Q-Q5 (or K3); 8. R-K5 t and this P cannot be recaptured.
6. P-QB3 Q-K2 3. B-K3
7. O-O P-Kt4
8. B-R2 is preferable. White should overprotect the KP in order to play P-Q4 after due preparation.
8. B-K2 9. P-Q3 P-KR3
This innocent-looking move creates a weakness which White very neatly exploits.
10. B-K3 BxP 13. Q-Kt-O2 P-Q4
11. P-B Q-Kt1 14. K-R4 Kt-K5
14. Q-QB2
This proves to be inadequate. If 14. BxP; 15. Kt-K4; but 14. B-R2 offered some chance of a defense.



16. R-B3 This was probably the move Black had overlooked. After this White's game plays like:
17. P-Q5 24. R-B6 K-R1
18. Kt-K5 Q-Q5 25. Q-Q6 Q-K1
19. QxKP P-Kt4 26. RxKt ch. PxR
20. PxP Kt-K15 27. QxP ch. K-K1
21. QxP(B2) R-B1 29. K-K3 ch. R-KD
22. Q-K3 P-R4 30. RxR mate.
23. Q-RK1 Kt-R3

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IRREGULAR DEFENSE

One of eight blindfold games played at Oak Ridge, Tennessee

"Death is abrupt!"

White: G. KOLTANOWSKI, P-K4, Kt-KB3, B-B4, O-O, Kt-B3, P-Q3
Black: AN OAK RIDGER, B-KK5, KtB, P-K1, P-Q3, Kt-K5, B-K2, Kt-Kt, BxP



13. Kt-KtB B-Q2 Here White announced mate in three: 14. R-R4 d. ch; K-R1; 15. Q-K8 ch; RxQ; 16. R-K7 mate (Philidor's Legacy).

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