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Last Call For Corpus Christi!



STAGE SET FOR ACTION

In the background, the White-Plaza Hotel at Corpus Christi, scene of the 48th Annual U. S. Open Championship Tournament.



I.B.M. COUNTRY CLUB

Inviting site of the 1947 New York State Championship Tournament, the Genesee Cup Match and the Susquehanna Valley Cup Match.



DR. MAX EUWE IN CUBA

Jose Victor Reguero, delegate of FIDE for Central America, offers the homage of all Cuban chess players to Dr. Euwe in the Chess Club of Havana.

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Special Cablegram From Paul Giers

Hilversum, Holland

August 3, 1947

FIDE General Assembly concluded in harmonious agreement on principle matters. Russians arrived last day. Their entry makes World Chess body complete. Unanimously voted World Title Tournament—four games each, six masters: Euwe, Reshevsky, Fine, Botvinnik, Keres, Smyslov, March 1948. First half in Holland; second half at Moscow. No substitutions and no deferments if player absent.

New Constitution adopted, including American and Russian proposals. United States established as Separate FIDE zone. Maurice Kuhns, Chicago, named Honorary President; Dr. Rueb reelected President. Spain not barred from membership. Place reserved for American on qualifications commission. 1948 Assembly at Stockholm.

NEW YORK PLANS UNUSUAL TOURNEY AT I.B.M. CLUB

Many unusual features will mark the holding of the 1947 New York State Chess Association Congress August 30 to September 7 at the I.B.M. Country Club in Endicott, N. Y.

Chess players attending will be housed in Tent City, a development of tents located in the hills overlooking the I.B.M. Homestead and I.B.M. Country Club. No charge will be made for housing, and meals will be served at the I.B.M. Country Club at a small standard charge. Because of the enormous summer program of the I.B.M. Country Club, it will be impossible to include children.

The Tournament will be held at the I.B.M. Country Club, maintained for the employees of the Endicott plant of International Business Machines Corporation, which maintains facilities for over thirty different forms of indoor and outdoor recreation. The contestants are invited to use these facilities as I.B.M. guests. Swimming, golfing, hiking, and horse-shoe pitching are only a few of the numerous diversions at the Club. Playing time for games will be arranged so that there will be plenty of time for enjoying these activities. Contestants may use the facilities of the Country Club at minimum membership charges.

In addition to the State Championship Tournament and the Genesee Cup Championship, held since 1910 to select the Up-State Team Champion, there will be a new team championship inaugurated called the Susquehanna Valley Cup, denoting the team championship of the State. The trophy for this new event is the joint donation of the I.B.M. Chess Group and the Binghamton Chess Club. The Susquehanna Cup event is open to five men teams from any section of New York and details may be obtained by writing Harold Evans, 260 Robinson St., Binghamton, N. Y. For general information on the Congress write Harold Thayer, Vestal, N. Y.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States Chess Federation will hold its 48th Annual Congress and Open Championship in Corpus Christi, Texas, from August 11 to August 23, 1947; and,

WHEREAS, the congress and the championship tournament will bring to this city the top ranking chess players from all parts of the world, and the progress of the tournament will be of interest to chess enthusiasts everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that our honored guests be welcomed to our city and that the sponsors of the tournament, the Christi Caller-Times, and the hosts to the visiting chess players, the Corpus Christi Chess Club, be accorded recognition in bringing to Corpus Christi such a worth-while and entertaining event;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wesley E. Searle, Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi, do hereby commend those responsible for bringing the chess congress and the tournament to Corpus Christi, and in honor of our distinguished visitors, do hereby proclaim the week beginning August 11, 1947, as CHESS WEEK in the City of Corpus Christi.

Done this the 24th day of July, A. D. 1947.



Wesley E. Searle

WESLEY E. SEARLE
Mayor of the City of Corpus
Christi, Texas.

VACATION LURE PLUS CHESS FUN AT OPEN TOURNEY

Lured by the many attractions of this Texan vacation-land and the added bait of what promises to become one of the outstanding U. S. Open Tournaments, chess players from everywhere are flocking to Corpus Christi, Texas, for the vacation days of August 11 to share their time between play at the White-Plaza in the tournament and fishing, swimming, golf and tennis in hours off among the many vacation spots that abound in Corpus Christi.

Since open tournaments require no advance registration the list of competitors cannot even be guessed until the first round opens, but among those whose intentions to play have already been registered is an exciting and international group. Our Latin neighbors present a strong delegation of champions including Miguel Cuellar Gacharna (Colombia), Miguel Blas Aleman (Cuba), Major Jose Joaquin Arraiza (Mexico) Luis Augusto Sanchez (Colombia), General Manuel Soto Larrea (Mexico), Luis Salomon (Colombia), Alfonso Ferriz (Mexico), and Jesus Mondragon (Mexico). Canada will be represented by its champion, Dan Abe Yanofsky, who shared the Open Title with Herman Steiner at Dallas in 1942. Former Champion R. G. Wade of Australia and former Vienna Amateur Champion Charles Joachim are among the entries.

From the United States comes former Open Champion Anthony Santasiere, fresh from his victory at Venier City; former New England Champion Weaver W. Adams; and that veteran of many tournaments, Dr. Edward Lasker. The list swells with Albert Sandrin, former Illinois Champion; Mrs. Mary Bain, Southern Ass'n Woman

Champion; Dr. Gustave Drexel, Florida State Champion; Robert Steinmeyer, St. Louis Champion; George Kramer, former New York State Champion; and Olaf Ulvestad of the American Team in the U.S.-USSR team match.

Names of expected entrants, not yet definitely registered, include former open champions, Herman Steiner and A. C. Margolis; and the list of players not quite as well known is growing every day with names like Ambrose Gring (New England problemist) and Angelo Sandrin (brother to Albert), Gladney of Louisiana, Coles of New Mexico, Gray of Colorado, Gilbert of Missouri, and a host of ambitious Texans whose names are too numerous to mention; while the latest news suggests the entry of two of Puerto Rico's strongest players.

Thus all signs point to a most spectacular event, and not the least surprising of the achievements of the local Corpus Christi Chess Club, business men, and Caller-Times is the size of the prize fund with its special first prize of \$1,000 donated by Sam E. Wilson, oil man of Corpus Christi, and its general fund of over \$1,000 for other prize awards.

These and other special features of the 48th Annual Open Tournament may be attributed to the team-work of a small group of chess enthusiasts led by Harry E. Graham, president of the Corpus Christi Chess Club. Others in the group responsible for the tournament's successful planning are James A. Creighton, Conrad Hoover, Henry Youngman, Hank Scibienski, Arthur Roach, Amadee Gerard, Dr. C. A. Duran and Pablo Cortez. Sr. Obregon, Mexican Consul, has been most helpful as well, and Conway Craig, publisher of the Caller-Times, together with reporters Tom Mulvany and Kay Bynum have rendered invaluable assistance.

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THE MEANING OF THE OPEN TOURNAMENT

WHILE the U. S. Open Tournament to be held at Corpus Christi, Texas, this August 11-23 is listed as the 48th Annual Open Tournament, it is in the strictest sense the 14th of these events. For while the tournaments of the Western Chess Association (beginning at Excelsior, Minnesota in 1900) were semi-open and semi-invitational, it was not until the epic meeting in 1934 at the Lawson YMCA in Chicago that the true status of "open" tournament was gained.

The innovation was eyed dubiously at the time by many of the players, although those who were assured of a seat under the old invitational method expressed full willingness to try it out and risk the chance of not qualifying. Time, measured by fourteen years, has justified the concept of the Open Tournament; and while the details of procedure have undergone some modification during the course of these years, the basic structure of the tournament has remained unchanged.

But what is the underlying motive of an "open" tournament? First, it provides a democratic mode of procedure in keeping with the basic economic and political structure of the United States—a tournament in which talent and ability (rather than past performance or reputation) determine the champion. It is theoretically possible for an amateur to enter the tournament without previous tournament experience and win the title; it may not be a practical possibility, but it always remains a potential one.

Second, it provides the aspiring player the opportunity to improve his own game in contest with recognized masters of the game. And not only does the aspiring amateur occasionally upset the record book by defeating a recognized master, but even in losing he often gains a knowledge of technique and finesse that he would never learn from his victories over players approximating his own standing.

Third, it brings tournament chess to the individual player. It makes him a part of national chess in the very fact that his participation is invited and even urged. The "open" is his tournament; and he need not view it with wistful eyes from afar.

The more democratic procedure recently adopted for the U. S. Championship Tournament in no way lessens the value of the Open Tournament as the meeting ground for players of all ranks and classes. For, of necessity, the U. S. Championship will always be hedged with certain requirements—one must qualify for its finals in preliminary tournaments. And these consume time—more time than many players can spare. It is fitting that the U. S. Championship Finals be a concourse in which the entry is not too easy.

But the Open! Just pack up your bag, hop on a train or gas up the old jalopy, and you're on your way. No red tape, no preliminary requirements, no bother. You may not win a prize or startle the world, but you'll play a lot of chess and have a lot of fun. And that is the basic reason for an "Open" Tournament.

Montgomery Major

Guest Editorial

AN INVITATION TO ALL CHESS PLAYERS OF AMERICA

By Harry E. Graham

President, Corpus Christi Chess Club

YOU, as an American chess player, regardless of your playing strength, are cordially invited to come to Corpus Christi, August 11 to 23, to spend an enjoyable vacation and to compete in the United States Open Chess Championship. Despite a common impression, if you enjoy chess and are interested in improving your game, you are not too weak to compete in the Open. The Masters are wanted in the Open and, incidentally, will probably win most of the cash prizes. However, the Tournament is not intended to be for them alone. The major purpose of the United States Open is to give the average player a chance to compete against better players from other portions of the country and to give him an incentive to learn more about chess and to improve his game.

The average American chess player gets very few opportunities to play against first class opposition. It is difficult and extremely rare for a player to become much stronger or to go into the fine points of the game much deeper, than his opponents. Unfortunately the usual result is that the quality of his game stagnates and his interest lags.

The State and Regional Tournaments help to counteract this. Some are quite successful. Unfortunately most of them, of necessity, are run off over a holiday or over a weekend. They tend to become almost endurance contests with no time for rest, research, and "Why did I lose that game?"

The best answer yet found is the United States Open Chess Championship. It is the one annual Tournament in which National Champions, State Champions, City Champions and Country Crossroad Champions, Grand Masters, Masters, Experts, Average Players, Dubs and even Beginners, all compete in one grand tournament on an even footing. Past records count for nothing. Each contestant must fight his own way to

the top or to the bottom on his own merits. It is not always the favorites who come out on top.

The prizes should be, and this time are, large enough to make competing attractive to the experts but they are far from the whole tournament. The heart of the tournament is the great number of ordinary players who are competing out of a love for chess and the desire to improve their game. It is almost certain that we will have a record turn-out. There is no limit on the number of entrants. We would like to see a couple of hundred.

Play will be on a leisurely basis. It is hoped to confine the play as far as possible to one game a day. This should give everyone time to analyze his lost games and to come back to win the next day. It should also give plenty of time to enjoy a nice vacation, preferably with his family, in a resort town.

I repeat our invitation. Spend your vacation in Corpus Christi, Texas, August 11 to 23 inclusive. Have a fine time while competing in the 48th U. S. Open Chess Championship. We can promise almost everyone that he will compete against several players that are stronger than he is and also several that he can defeat. A grand time will be had by all and it will be an experience that no one will ever forget.

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

A BOND OF FELLOWSHIP REMAINS

(Monthly Letter No. 44)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

ONE of the incidentals of the recently finished Junior Chess Championship Tournament of which little mention has been made, but which is nevertheless one of the real and lasting values of the event, is the bond of fellowship among the boys who competed for one of the nation's most highly prized honors in chess.

It is but natural that the first reports of the Cleveland tourney should concern the splendid repeat victory of Larry Friedman; the magnificent preparations which were made by the generous Cleveland hosts; the thrill the youngsters had at the ball park when they met President William Veck and Manager Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians as well as Manager O'Neil of the Detroit Tigers and a number of major league baseball players; the spirited water polo game at the St. Clair Recreation Center. But after all of these enjoyable experiences have fitted into their rightful places in the recollection of a truly fine outing, there will emerge the recollection of the friendships made with other boys who live 1,000 and 2,000 miles away.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

When a boy who lives in California finds out that one who comes from Florida is a fun loving youngster like himself; when a boy who has learned his chess in Cleveland and one who has played at the Marshall and Manhattan Chess Clubs in New York arise from the chess table with a healthy respect for each other's prowess; when a young chap from the State of Washington discovers that a lad from Virginia is schooled in the same gentlemanly manner as himself. When these experiences are found in a meeting such as the Junior Chess Championship, provincialism has been rolled back to the vanishing point.

And that is a value in human relationships to be treasured and preserved.

Men Who Work For Chess

Sam E. Wilson, Jr.

Texans have, through the years, reduced their population into two general classes. In typical blunt Southwestern language, one either falls into the "he'll go" class or automatically is relegated into the "won't go" group.

Probably the growth of Corpus Christi can be more directly traced to its having more than a fair share of men "who'll go" than most communities, than any other factor. In 1936 the population was 27,740. Oil had recently been discovered in small quantities around the city, and the deep water port had just opened. That was the year that Sam E. Wilson, Jr. came to Corpus Christi.

One of the pioneer independent oilmen, Mr. Wilson was impressed with what he saw. Immediately he ordered all his equipment and personnel to Corpus Christi, and started into work.

From the very beginning he took an active leadership in public affairs. Today, Corpus Christi, with a population of 125,000, boasts of its bright future because of men like Sam Wilson, men "who'll go."

Donor of the first prize for the U. S. Open Championship Tournament, Mr. Wilson's check for \$1,000 set a new high award in the 43-year history of the event. Although not a chess player, when approached by a committee from the sponsoring club, Mr. Wilson immediately suggested \$1,000 with the remark: "Let's give them something to shoot at... show them that we mean business in Corpus Christi."

Probably no other man in South Texas has displayed as great a public spirit as Sam Wilson. Known from one end of the state to the other as Sam, his countless acts have always been cloaked in secrecy. Hospitals, schools, charities, religious organizations and public improvements have all been aided by his kindly efforts and splendid financial assistance. Countless professional leaders of the area openly admit owing their education to his grants.

Recently Sam Wilson summed his philosophy to a group of friends with the statement that "everyone of us should do everything in our power to aid the growth of our city and this area. We should help build better roads, schools and other educational facilities, more and better hospitals... in other words to make Corpus Christi the finest city in all America. If we approach the problems of this city, our home, from a sound business basis, and not throw away money, we can accomplish that goal. That's my goal in life... because I want to make my home city a better place for my children and my employees' children to live in."



Sam E. Wilson, Jr.

Who's Who In American Chess

Harry E. Graham

President of the Corpus Christi Chess Club, sponsoring the U. S. Open Tournament, Harry Graham belongs to the modest school of chess players who insist that their skill is only average. He started on the road to chess playing in his home town of Chestertown (Md.) some thirty years ago at the age of ten, and has been playing ever since.

According to his own confession, Harry's game was "terrible," but despite that fact he won a city championship at Trenton N. J., sponsored by the local YMCA. In 1942 Harry Graham came to Corpus Christi and



Harry E. Graham

in the first week-end met Horowitz in a simultaneous exhibition. That, says Harry, was the top of his chess career for he gained three connected pawns and should have won the game. But Horowitz struggled desperately and managed to get a draw.

As befits an ardent chess enthusiast Harry enters the Southwestern Open regularly and usually finishes half-way up the list; in the local City Tournament he usually ends up third.

As a highlight to his administrative skill (and good practice for the U. S. Open) Harry helped in 1945 to stage the biggest and best Southwestern Open Tournament to date. This, he insists, was not his single contribution but that of the group of Corpus Christi players who are once again his able collaborators in staging the 1947 U. S. Open Tournament.

Conrad P. Hoover

Born in 1905, Conrad Hoover waited until 1940 to learn his chess; since then he has been very busy making up for the years of lost opportunity, and now ranks among the strongest players of the Corpus Christi Chess Club.

In the seven years of awakened chess play, Conrad has held the City Championship of Corpus Christi twice and been Co-Champion once. Conrad considers himself as merely an "A" class player and so ranks in correspondence chess circles where he is a consistent player. At various times Hoover has drawn against Horowitz, Koltanowski and J. C. Thompson, the Southwestern Open Champion, to make a respectable record of a mere seven years of chess playing.



Conrad P. Hoover

As a promoter of chess Conrad Hoover is well recognized in Corpus Christi and has served as president and secretary-treasurer of the Corpus Christi Chess Club as well as vice-president of the Texas Chess Association.

Alert to its possibilities Conrad promoted in June, 1947, the first short wave radio match between Corpus Christi and Houston, won by Houston; and the return match won by Corpus Christi for the first radio matches in the Lone Star State. Previously he organized four team matches between San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

In his moments away from chess Conrad Hoover is an auditor in the Post Office and a member of the National Federation of Postal Supervisors.

For The Tournament-Minded

August 11-23

48th U. S. Open Championship

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, 960 E. Mulkey, Fort Worth, Tex. Tournament held in Longhorn 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 players. Write to Harold Thayer of Vestal, N. Y. for details. To be held at the I. B. M. Country Club.

August 30-September 1

New England Championship

Boston, Mass.
Open to all New England players; under the direction of Waldo L. Walters; to be played at Boston City Club; write Albert J. Hardiman, Young Men's Christian Union, 48 Boylston St., Boston 16, Mass., for details.

August 30-September 1

West Virginia State Championship

Huntington, W. Va.
Open to W. Va. chess players; special women's and junior championships if enough entries; write H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va., for details.

BRAKE TROUBLE IS GOOD BREAK FOR SALT LAKE

Brake trouble on July 4 in Parleys Canyon with its fifteen miles of canyon, dugroads, reservoirs and its 4,000 foot drop into the city of Salt Lake could have been a "bad break" for George Koltanowski and wife; but they arrived safe, if somewhat exhausted and excited. It was a "good break" however for Salt Lake City chess players, as H. A. Dittman, president of the YMCA Chess Club seized the unscheduled stopover as an opportunity for a simultaneous exhibition.

Cooperation of Roger Freund, YMCA secretary, and the Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake Telegram and Desert News brought out a record crowd on a hurry call for the exhibition. Koltanowski, imperturbable as ever, swept the boards, conceding draws to City Champion Irvin Taylor and J. M. Boyden.

H. A. Dittman, impresario for the occasion, is the well-known craftsman in wood whose unusual trophies grace the U. S. Championship. He has recently completed a more elaborate trophy in nine varieties of rare woods which will be presented to FIDE for the World Championship Tournament.

SOUTHERN ASS'N HOLDS SPLENDID CHESS TOURNEY

As reported in CHESS LIFE July 20, the annual Tournament of the Southern Chess Association at St. Petersburg (Fla.) resulted in a splendid meeting. Conducted on a Swiss System, with ties broken on the Sonneborn-Berger method, it conferred five titles in five different classes. Stanley Weinstein (Miami) became the 26th Southern Ass'n Champion with a score of 6-1. E. J. Dowling (St. Petersburg) won the Major Reserves; J. Szold (St. Petersburg) the Minor Reserves. The Junior Championship went to 13-year-old Jerry Sullivan (Knoxville); and the Women's Championship to Mrs. Mary Bain (Miami), who placed second in the 1946 U. S. Women's Championship. The play was directed by John Hay (Knoxville, Tenn.) who served as Tournament Director.

Among the high points of the tournament were the exciting victory of E. J. Dowling over Arthur Montano (Tampa) in a brilliant attacking game; the bitter battle between Stanley Weinstein and former Champion Dr. Gustave Drexel which ended in a draw; the 73 move draw between Drexel and Jerry Sullivan, the new Junior Champion; and lastly the victory of Mrs. Mary Bain over Major J. B. Holt (Long Beach). This last had added interest from an inauspicious remark of Major Holt earlier in the tournament to the effect that in all his years of chess playing he had never seen a woman play a good game. Good-naturedly the Major took a bit of kidding after his defeat.

Table with 2 columns of names and scores for Southern Association Championship. Includes S. Weinstein (6-1), G. Drexel (5-1), N. Hornandez (5-2), etc.

The tournament was held at the Chess Divan of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club, who acted as host and Mayor Bruce Blackburn of St. Petersburg made the welcoming address and the opening move in the tournament play. Trophies and awards to the winners were presented at the annual banquet at the Wedgewood Inn.

At the business meeting of the Association Martin Southern (Knoxville, Tenn.) was reelected president. Other elected officers were Dr. Gustave Drexel (Miami, Fla.) first vice-president; E. A. Brown (Atlanta, Ga.) second vice-president; and Major J. B. Holt (Long Beach, Fla.) secretary-treasurer. The invitation to hold the 1949 tournament at Knoxville, Tenn., was accepted after several bids from other cities were considered.

FLORIDA FORMS CHESS LEAGUE; DREXEL CHAMPION

As a part of the enthusiasm engendered by the Southern Chess Ass'n Tournament at St. Petersburg, the Florida State Chess League was organized with J. B. Gibson (Tampa) as president, Gustave Drexel first vice-president, Bernard Klein (Jacksonville) second vice-president, and Major J. B. Holt secretary-treasurer.

At the close of the Open Tournament, Dr. Gustave Drexel was named Florida State Champion, since Stanley Weinstein (listing both Miami and New York, with the latter as his home) was declared ineligible for the State title.

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STEWART WINS IDAHO TITLE; FORM STATE ASS'N

Idaho's first State Chess Tournament was held at Twin Falls at the Rogerson Hotel over the weekend of July 4-6 and resulted in the victory of C. H. Stewart of Boise. Second place went to Mel Schubert of Twin Falls who tied in points with Stewart but lost the title on the basis of his individual loss to the new champion. Third place resulted in a tie between Laverl and Lloyd Kimpton of Twin Falls.

A preliminary tournament was played to determine finalists, and the four top players contested a round-robin to determine the State Championship. Winner of the consolation section was Don Murphy of Twin Falls.

During the meet the Idaho State Chess Association was formed with C. H. Stewart as president and Mel Schubert as secretary-treasurer; and it was voted to affiliate with the USCF. Plans were laid for a more ambitious state tournament the next year. The Twin Falls Chess Club acted as host for the tournament and meeting.

STOLCENBERG WINS MICHIGAN TITLE; ENDS RETIREMENT

After a two year retirement from serious chess, Leon Stolcenberg (Detroit) regained the Michigan State Championship at Grand Rapids, Mich., with a score of 6 1/2-1 1/2. The new champion lost a game to Dr. Bruno Schmidt (Detroit) and drew with George Eastman, but was otherwise untouched.

Second place was shared by Schmidt and Eastman with scores of 5 1/2-2 1/2 each, and the two former champions drew their game with each other. Eastman was the drawing master of the tourney, losing no games but drawing five, while Schmidt lost to Uhlman and Buskager. Fourth place was also a tie, between E. J. Van Sweden and William Lacey with 4 1/2-3 1/2 each.

The tournament was held in the lounge of the East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids from June 30 through July 3, and the Rev. Charles M. Houser was host for the occasion.

Table with 2 columns of names and scores for Michigan State Championship. Includes Leon Stolcenberg (6 1/2-1 1/2), George Eastman (5 1/2-2 1/2), Dr. Bruno Schmidt (5 1/2-2 1/2), etc.

MILLER, BORIS SHARE TOLEDO CHAMPIONSHIP

In the 1947 Championship Tournament of the Toledo Chess Club first honors were shared by Dr. L. Miller and Dr. S. Boris with the final score of 6-2 each. Third place was also a tie between Roff and Randolph with 5 1/2-2 1/2 each, while Jackson, Jr., was fifth with 5-3 and Ashley sixth with 4-4.

ALEMAN WINS SPEED AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Miguel Aleman, Champion of Cuba, won the 62nd annual championship of the Havana Chess Club. The Cuban Champion won the preliminary tournament and then bested Rogello Ferrer in a fifteen game match after Ferrer had disposed of Zaide Valdes, who tied him in the preliminary tourney, in a shorter match.

Not content with this triumph, Aleman was victorious in the Speed Championship of the Cuban Chess Institute defeating Francisco Planas in the final match. Over one hundred players entered the six preliminary tournaments, and eighteen successful survivors (including four Caribbean Olympic players, Aleman, Planas, Alvarez and Paz) contested in the final tourney which Aleman won.

Added chess enthusiasm was engendered by the visit of Dr. Max Euwe who in the course of two simultaneous exhibitions at the Municipal Palace and the Palace of the Havana Lawyers Institution won sixty three games, drew fourteen, and lost three in a total of eighty exhibition games.

In the Havana Province Championship Jorge Bou Mondes holds first place undefeated and Eugene Rosas is assured of second place. Third place is held by Rene de la Campa, a recent home-comer from Canada.

DREXEL SPEEDY IN RAPID CHESS; WEINSTEIN 2nd

In the Rapid Transit Tournament, held in connection with the Southern Ass'n Open Tournament at St. Petersburg, Dr. Gustave Drexel was too fast for his opponents, winning the Speed King Title with 16-1. Second was Stanley Weinstein with 15-2, and third place was shared by E. J. Dowling and C. Weberg with 12 1/2-4 1/2 each. Fifth place went to Major J. B. Holt with 11 1/2-5 1/2, while sixth place fell to Arthur Montano with 10 1/2-6 1/2. Eighteen players from the Open Tournament were entered in the Rapid Transit, which was played on Monday, July 7, after the close of the Southern Ass'n Tournament.

United passed pawns are a lot stronger than a lone passed pawn. Join the USCF and get unity in American chess.

SCENES FROM THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT



Martin Southern, president of the Southern Association, with his "second love" (his pipe).

Mary Bain, Southern Association Women's Champion, poised for the battle on the chess board.

Photos: LeVaun's

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

One-Shot

WE naturally expect the finest chess to be played by the great masters, and this is true of their lifetime product when viewed at its selective best. Yet many an unknown, who has botched most of his games and ruined innumerable promising positions, succeeds at some time or other in playing the game of a lifetime. Thus he enjoys a passing moment of greatness, incidentally enriching our lives with a unique masterpiece.

Brussels, 1942

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

White: M. DEFOSSE. Black: FRANK KL-KB3. Moves: 1. P-Q4, 2. Kt-KB3, 3. P-B3, 4. Kt-B3.

This game offers still another proof that 4 P-KKt3 is White's best chance of holding some initiative.

5 B-Kt5 is more aggressive.

6 Q-B2, 7 B-Q7, 8 P-QR3, 9 P-B3, 10 O-O.

This allows a devastating attack; but it is difficult to suggest a good alternative.

11 Kt-Q2, 12 P-Kt3? It was absolutely essential to capture the Knight.



Alertly seizing on White's lapse. If now 13 PxQ, R-Kt3 ch; 14 K-R1, KtxP mate. But the best is yet to come!

13 Kt-B3 Now Black's Queen is doubly attacked.

13 Kt-Kt4!! With this charming sacrifice (which must be accepted), Black exposes the weak white squares to the raking fire of the terrible Bishop.

14 PxQ Stretching out the game a bit: if 14 KtxQ, Kt-R6 mate.

15 K-Kt2 A delicious finale results from 15 K-R1, RxP; 16 K-Kt2, Kt-K3 ch; 17 K-Kt3 (or 17 K-Kt1, R-Kt5 mate), R-Kt5 ch; 18 K-R3, B-Kt7 mate.

15 Kt-K3 ch! 16 K-R3, B-Kt7 ch; 17 K-Kt2, R-Kt3 ch loses as in the text.

17 K-B4, 18 K-K5 A less "brutal" finish than 18 Kt-B3 mate. This miniature, one of the most beautiful I have ever seen, was shown to me by Irving Chernev.

