



A. R. Phillips (right), president of Ohio Chess Association, presents the trophy to Ohio State Champion, Thomas Ellison.



Victors in the Ohio Tournament: (left to right) E. E. Stearns, fourth place; Thomas Ellison, winner; Mrs. Catherine E. Jones, women's champion; Marty Levitan, second in junior tourney; and James Harkin, winner of junior meet.

## LOG CABIN BESTS MERCANTILE LIB'RY FOR THIRD TIME

With a team featuring two former Amateur Champions and two former N. J. Champions, Log Gabin Chess Club (West Orange, N. J.) defeated on September 20 the Mercantille Library Chess Club (Phladelphia) which featured an equally impressive line-up. Up-set of the match was Dr. Mengarini's victory over J. Levin.

Log Cabin	Mercantile
Dr. A. Mengarini1	J. Levin
E. S. Jackson, Jr	W. Ruth
S. Kowalski1	B. Winkelman
J. Partos1	A. Stern
A. Rothman	H. Morris
C. Parmalee	A. Regen
F. Howard	S. Wachs
T. Ambrogio1 -	G. Bliggard
L. Neidich	S. Sharp1
N. Malzberg	E. Dreher
H. Jones1	M. Logan
E. McCormick	D, Schrader
B. Kozma	C. Rheams
A. Sobin	G. Marcus
R. W. Wayne	A. Chressanthus]
Log Cabin	Morcantile

## TORONTO HOLDS FALL FESTIVAL OF CHESS LEAGUE

The Toronto Chess League held its Fall Festival at the auditorium of the Central YMCA September 18. There was an exhibit of rare chess sets in charge of W. H. Rockett, and one exquisite set owned by T. J. Flood drew much admiration.

Problem solvers were presented with a group of tough nuts to crack including a grand cylindrical twomover by F. M. Watson which was mastered only by A. L. Rubinoff and M. Sim in co-operation.

Lectures on opening strategy in the French Defense by W. Kenyon and in the Vienna by C. A. Crompton were well attended.

Bernard Freedman conducted a ten-section speed tournament, Section winners were: F. R. Anderson, C. Johansen, W. G. Stickle, A. Forward, H. Flint, J. Jeffrey, A. Pataky, J. Tigbe, K. Hastings, W. Oaker, R. Siemms,

## D. BYRNE WINS NYCA LIGHTNING; ENDICOTT ITEMS

Further details of the New York State Chess Tournament at Endicott reveal the fact that forty-four players entered in the Speed Tournney which was divided into four sections. The two top players in each section entered the finals which Donald Byrne won with 6-1 with Hans Berliner second with 53-13. Shainswit, Anderson, Jackson and Weinstock tied with 3-4; Almgren finished with 23-43; and Partos (the blitz expert) ended with 2-5.

Onondaga County won the Genesee Cup after a lapse of many years by 23-3, beating Tompkins by 23-13, Monroe by 4-0, and drawing Broomeby 2-2. Monroe's match score was 2-1, Broome's 1-2, and Tompkins' 4-13 in the four-team competition. Eleven teams entered the Susque-

Eleven teams entered the Susquehanna Valley Cup match which was played on a Swiss system. Queens placed first with 4-0. Other totals were: Syracuse and Rochester 3-1 each, Elmira 24-15. Poughkeepsie and Kodak of Rochester 2-2 each. Binghamton and Newark Valley 13-23, Syracuse Suburban and IBM 1-3. Endicott-Johnson 5-33.

Five prizes were donated by H. M. Phillips for the best game in each of the last five rounds of championship play, in memory of Henry Atlas, long a Manhattan Chess Club official. The winners in order were: Heyzberger, Pinkus, Pinkus, Soudakoff and Santaslere.

## JARNAGIN WINS GEORGIA TITLE; STATE ASSN. FORMS

August 30 saw the birth of the Georgia State Chess Association in a meeting at the Ansley Hote! in Atlanta. Paul Cromelin of Augusta was elected president of the new association and Grady N. Coker, Jr. the secretary-treasurer. First business of the new GSCA

First business of the new GSCA was to organize an Open Teurnament—a seven round Swiss with 26 entries under the direction of John Hay of Knoxville (Tenn.).

Martin Southern of Knoxville, Southern Ass'n president, was winner of the Open with a score of 6à-3. Second place went to J. G. Sullivan, Jr. Southern Ass'n Junior Champion, also of Knoxville, with a score of 5-2. Third place and the title of Georgia State Champion went to Milton Jarmagin (Athems) who was closely dogged by two young Atlantans, Keown and Poole.

## DENKER WINS MANHATTAN TITLE

In New York Arnold S. Denker took the Manhattan Chess Club title by drawing the third game of a four game match with Kevitz. The final score was  $2_{0-3}^{1}$ . At the Marshall Chess Club forty-eight entries are competing in the preliminaries of the annual tournament. The summer tournament went to H. Fajans and E. McCormick with tied scores of 7-1 each.

## AMERICANS WIN WORLD 'PROBLEM' CHAMPIONSHIP

Eric M. Hassberg of New York, J. Buchwald of New York, and F. Gamage of Brockton (Mass.) walked away with the first three honors in a composite scoring of international problem composing tourneys in 1946. On the basis of awarding 3 points for first place, 2 points for second place, 1 point for third place, and fractional points for joint or ex aequo awards, the results of over ninety international chess problem composing tourneys in 1946 were as follows:

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PLANS PROGRESS FOR TELEVISION CHESS SPECTACLE

Under the energetic guidance of David M, Crandall, Director of Television Programs for the Los Angeles Times, and Dr. Ralph Kuhns, President of the Varo Chess Club, plans for a spectatular chess match between the Veterans Chess Clubs of Sawtelle Veterans Hospital and Birmingham Veterans Hospital are advancing rapidly. The match will be played as a

The match will be played as a game of chess with living pieces in costume, and the scene of the giant chessboard projected on television for the fortunate owners of television sets.

Tentative arrangements set the match for January, 1948. The Passdena Play-House will furnish the costuming; chess-board for the pageant will come from M.G.M. or 20 Century-Fox; Pawns will be enacted by children from the Los Angeles Recreational System; and the Queens of the Pageant-game will be represented by Linda Darnell and Carmen Miranda. Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns will serve as announcer.

## EDWARD LASKER WILL DIRECT USCF LIGHTNING

Dr. Edward Lasker of New York has been appointed by USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. as chairman of a committee to arrange and direct the Sixth Annual U. S. Lightning Chees Tournament which will be held this fall. Details remain the concern of the committee which will report its decisions later, but it is probable that the 1947 tournament will be held in New York City, scene of the five previous tourneys.

## PLAY BEGINS IN ANNUAL 'MAIL' U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

On the fifteenth of September 228 contestants from thirty-six States and the District of Columbia began play in 40 seven or eight man sections in the preliminary round of the 15th Grand National for the title of "Correspondence Chess Champion of the U.S.A.," according to CCLA Secretary Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City, Iowa,

This annual event, conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America, the correspondence chapter of the USCF, has once again drawn many of the country's strongest correspondence chess players, who will match their skills against students and players of every walk of life, many of whom are denied the opportunity of satisfying their appetites for the game in cross-board competition, in three rounds of eliminations, lasting between three and a half and four years altogether.

The state of California heads the list for total entries with 46, inincluding H. H. Robieson (Oakland) currently playing in the finals of the 9th and 11th Grand Nationals; Alan G. Pearsall (Chula Vista), many times a finalist; and Robert Wyller (Hillsboro), currently playing over 500 games by mail.

New York State is next in line with 36 entries, headed by Erich W. Marchand (Rochester), CHESS LIFE Games Editor and President of the CCLA; Sol Weinstein and Irving Rivise (New York City); while Illinois is third highest with 18, abetted by James F. Fifer (Chicago) and his entry into no less than seven sections.

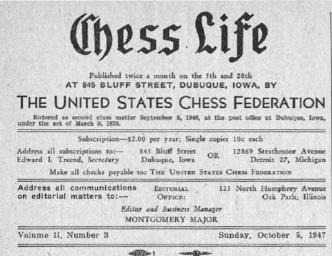
Among other well known contestants are: W. Frank Gladney (Baton Rouge, La.); Dr. Bela Rozsa, Oklahoma State Champion, (Tulsa, Okla.); John W. Harvey (Manistee, Mich.); Anton Y. Hesse (Hyatts ville, Md.); Stephen H. Kowalski (Newark, N.J.); W. M. P. Mitchell (Brookline, Mass.); Sven Brask (Attleboro, Mass.); and Henry G. Tyler (Andover, Mass.).

(Attendoro, Mass.); and Henry G. Tyler (Andover, Mass.). Reports on the results in the first round, scheduled to end October 1, 1948, will be carried in future issues of CHESS LIFE, together with the scores of many of the more interesting games.

## SOUTHERN BESTS FT. WORTH CHAMP IN 5-GAME MATCH

Martin Southern, Knoxville (Tenn.) City Champion, not content with victory in the Georgia Open Tournament at Atlanta, added further laurels to his collection by besting young Richard Harrell, Fi. Worth City Champion, in a five game match, finishing the last game just before Harrell began his trek back to Texas Christian University. The match score was 33-13, and the final game was a short draw of five and one-half hours of play.

The Ft. Worth Champion spent the summer in Tennessee, selling bibles,



#### NEWS MAKES THE HEADLINES

F ROM time to time an irate reader, full of righteous indignation at a  $\Gamma$  fancied slight, will dip his pen in vitriol to demand the reason why his own state tournament received no special featured notice whereas two weeks before the tournament of another state captured the banner headline of CHESS LIFE. Lest other readers of these pages share this patriotic anger in a more menacing silence, let us hasten to elucidate the principles that govern banner headlines and featured news stories in this or any other newspaper.

News makes a headline-for a headline can never make the news.

And so on one occasion a particular state tournament may be the one outstanding story of an issue that is somewhat barren in chess news of general interest. It earns, therefore, the banner headline, since traof general interest. It earns, therefore, the banner headline, since tra-dition decrees that a newspaper must have a banner headling whether any news clasmors for its emphasis or not. (Once the banner head only ap-peared in newspapers when the occasion warrented such stress to compel attention to a startling or unusual item; but that was long ago.)

On other ocasions several tournaments of equal importance in news on other ocasions several tournaments of equal importance in news value compete for the reader's interest. Because of their conflict for attention the impartial editor must choose a neutral banner headline stating some other fact, for one tournament cannot be exalted above the others unless it possesses some exceptional news feature that demands or justifies a special emphasis.

Then, on a third occasion a tournament, which normally would claim the banner headline and be the leading story of an issue, is quite eclipsed by some other news item of more importance in the world of chess which successfully demands priority in interest and emphasis.

In news, be it remembered, all values are relative. The big story of one week would often be lost and forgotten in the shuffle of bigger stories in the next.

Therefore CHESS LIFE cannot accept the suggestion of one earnest reader that all state tournaments be allotted an equal space and an equal featuring regardless of the other elements of news contained in the same issue. News cannot be measured by a yardstick nor weighed by the pound. State tournaments, like individuals in life, must stand the careless buffeting of circumstances and gain the recognition that the hour and its importance grants to them,

News makes the headline-not the headline news.

To illustrate, this editor's friend, neighbor and mentor many years ago was the late Henry Justin Smith, famed allke in the newspaper pro-fession as author and as managing editor of the Chicago Daily News. He told upon occasion this tale of events in the gangster prohibition era in Chicago.

At a solemn conference of the Daily News executive staff at which Walter Ansel Strong (successor to Victor Lawson as publisher) presided, it was agreed that crime banner headlines were creating for Chicago an evil reputation as a city of violence and lawlessness and that they were even encouraging crime by advertising its success. It was, therefore, unanimously decided that the Chicago Dally News from that day forth would publish no more bauner headlines in which crime was mentioned.

The date was February 14, 1929-and even as the conference was making its grave decision to abolish crime news by ignoring crime, the wires were hot in the City News Room with a tale that nullified their solemn resolution.

For in a garage on North Clark Street, used by notorious Bags Moran, lay seven gansters who had been lined up against a wall and machine-gunned in a wholesale killing-the St. Valentine's Day Massacre that shocked the world.

News makes the headlines.

Montgomery Major

Guest Editorial

## CHESS IN SAN FRANCISCO Henry J. Ralston

USCF Director for California

H AVING received a very flattering invitation from the President of U. S. C. F., Mr. Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., of Chicago, to write a guest editorial for Chess Life, I think it is in order to say something about chess activities in San Francisco.

For over a half century the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club has played a leading role in chess on the Pacific Coast. Several world champlons and many grand masters and masters have visited us, including Zukertort, Harry Pillsbury, Dr. E. Lasker, Capablanca, and Dr. Alekhine. We have at our club a veteran amateur, Dr. W. R. Lovegrove, who in his day (he is still a very fine player) may have been the strongest amateur in the world, having beaten both Pillsbury and Dr. E. Lasker in individual encounters when those players were in their prime. Dr. Alekhine visited us in 1929, and we managed in a simultaneous exhibition to win eight and draw eight games out of a total of forty-three. Somewhat later, Dr. Alek-hine, when asked what club in the United States had given him the most trouble, replied: "a place in San Francisco called the Mechanics' Institute."

Mr. E. J. Clarke, an old friend of the revered Hermann Helms, for many years has been one of our most enthusiastic players. His role in San Francisco is comparable to that of Helms in the nation. Mr. A. J. Fink also has been a leading player in San Francisco and California for long time. We sent Fink to the last Championship Tournament, didn't do anything startling in that tournament, but there were strong extenuating circumstances. Those of us who know Fink intimately have the greatest respect for his chess ability. Fink, by the way, is an internationally known problem composer.

We have a number of younger men of high chess ability. I might mention Charles Bagby, Carol Capps, V. Pafnutieff, H. Simon, W. J. McClain, William Barlow, and Neil Falconer. All of these men would be very tough customers indeed if they were to get a few hard tourna-ments under their belts. We also have several youngsters coming up who show plently of talent. We were very unfortunate this past summer in losing through death a young player, Charles Howland, who was always good for a point in local matches.

We have extensive plans for the future. A major, minor, and open tournaments will be played each year, plus rapid transits at frequent intervals. We have great hopes that a Sán Francisco player will break into national prominence within the not too distant future.

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

PUERTO RICO TAKES HER PLACE Monthly Letter No. 46 By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. President, United States Chess Federation

A BOUT 1400 miles southeast of New York lies Puerto Rico, eastermost

A of the Greater Antilles. In size about two and one half that of Rhode Island, its population of approximately two million ranks it above

many of our States. From 1493, when it was discovered by Columbus, until 1898, Puerto Rico was a Spanish possession with occasional pro-

vincial status. It is now a territory of the United States and the people share with us the enjoyment of American citizenship.

chess activity of the present which now commands our interest. Our insular compatriots gave notice a year ago that their chess was of a high quality when M. Colon and R. Cintron performed creditably in the Yank-

quality when M. Colon and R. Cintron performed creditably in the Yank-ton International Tournament, the former tieing for second place with Albert C. Margolis, former Western, Illinois and Chicago Champion. Earlier this year they followed up that accomplishment by dividing a pair of radio chess matches with a strong Chicago team. At Corpus Christi, two Puerto Ricass, Arturo Colon and Hector Vissepo, entered the Open Championship Tournament and comported themselves with honor in a fuld which numbered some of the stronger there is the be

field which numbered some of the strongest players in the Western Hemisphere, each finishing with a plus score.

players from complete participation in American chess. There could be but one answer. The initial item of business at the meeting of the Directors was the offering of a resolution to accord equal status to all territorial possessions of the United States with that enjoyed by the

thereupon took his seat as the first Federation Director from Puerto Rico. marking also the first time a Director had represented any place beyond

Important as representation on the Federation Board of Directors

may be, and happy as we are to welcome Directors from the territories (and this includes Alaska, Hawaii, certain of the Virgin Islands and possibly other places), the effects of this action do not end here. An

additional result is the eligibility of players from these places to com-pete in our national championships. The Puerto Ricans have already announced their intention to enter the qualifying rounds in 1948. Their

of the several States is a long step forward in the promotion of American

halled for supplying the inspiration which led to it. We look forward to continued enjoyment of the relationship which has so happily begun.

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Its effect will be a lasting one and the Puerto Ricans should be

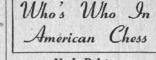
States themselves. It was passed without a dissenting vote.

presence will lend both color and interest to the play.

the continental limits of the United States,

Small wonder that when the Federation's 48th Annual Congress convened, it was in the mind of everyone present to question why any artificial barrier should prevent this energetic and capable group of

Fascinating as is the historical background of Puerto Rico, it is the



## H. J. Ralston

Chess has a peculiar attraction for those of the medical profession, yielding to its fascination and in H. J. Ralston of San Francisco joins the company of many distinguished colleagues.

Born in San Francisco, Ralston took his degrees at the University of California and Harvard

University, and

now is Assist-

ant Professor of Physiology

and Pharma-cology at the College of Phy-

sicians and Surgeons in San Francisco.

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H. J. Ralston

is well known many of the top-notch chess in clubs throughout the country and has visited the leading clubs in England where he has become ac-quainted with Sir George Thomas and other leading chess figures in Great Britain.

As a player, he has not been spectacular, although a familiar figspectacular, athough a raminar fig-ure in local San Francisco and Cal-ifornia tournaments where he has always turned in a respectable score. But although he hopes to enter the next U. S. Open Tourna-ment, Ralston has yet to play in his first national tournament,

A man of definite opinions, Ralston is on record as believing Alek-hine in a class by himself as a player, and considering that Bot-winnik and Keres, etc. were very lucky in the fact that Alekhine no longer bars their path to fame. He considers chees as a form of art, comparable to music and painting; and believing that no important music has been written since Beeihoven, hopes that the death of Alekhine will not bring a similar fate to chess.

#### Ralph H. Kuhns

As a son of the President Emeri-tus of the USCF, Ralph H. Kuhns could hardly escape being a chess player. He learned chess early and has always been interested in 'he many phases of its organizational work

Dividing his interest between chess and medicine, Ralph graduated from the

University of Chicago and from Rush Medical College, and is now Attending Psychiatrist for the Veterans Administration Center in Los Angeles and Vice-President of the Veterans Ad

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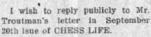
ministration Medical Association of Southern California.

He served as secretary of the Chicago Beach Chess Club in 1933 where he also acted as assistant to Maurice S. Kuhns as director of the chess activities of the Century of Progress Exposition where chess museum, an intercollegiate tournament, a record blindfold exhibition by Dr. Alekhine and au out-door game of chess with living pieces in costume were some of the outstanding highlights.

Since then Ralph has served in many capacities; and is at present chess editor of the Los Angeles Athletic Club "Mercury" with a circulation of over 10,000; and president of the Varo Chess Club. Two years ago he was prominent in the organizing of the Pan-American Chess Tournament at the Holly-wood Athletic Club, sponsored by the California Chess Association and the Los Angeles Times.

The Kibitzer From the Editor's Mail-Bag

#### Dear Sir:



I am sorry my letter gave the impression the veterans could not 'take it." Nothing of the sort was intended. The courage of the veteran is fully understood and appreciated by all, and so it is not necessary to go into that,

My only desire is to aid in every way possible the cause of the vet-eran, also the advancement of chess. It just seemed reasonable to me that the veteran, sick, wounded and hospitalized, should not be subject to more disaster, even in a game. But I agree with you, Mr Troutman, chess is not a game if played to the best of one's not ability. I believe the solution would be to match players as nearly equal in strength as possible. Then the game will be a tonic. Otherwise, how could it be anything but depressing where there is an overwhelming defeat?

I agreed to play two of the veterans chess and was shocked when one of them wrote and said he would be glad to play me, but aid not know the board well enough to play without one. He sent his move, however, and I might add, needs instructions in describing hi.

Mr. Vissepo

or somebody should get busy and do something about it,

I admire your fighting spirit, Mr. Troutman, and I accept your chal-lenge. Two dubs playing each other; we should have a great time. I suggest we play two games at once, each with White, This would speed up play and save postage, I recommend it for other players also. I hope you best me badly, Mr. Troutman, but I will do everything in my power to prevent it.

having you as chairman as have the necessary spirit and drive and are in a position to know the problems and aid in remedying them.

Sincerely yours, D. J. GRAY Denver, Colorado

It may be that organization has not progressed very far as yet and this condition will be remedied soon. Otherwise, the Government

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# Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

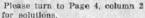
#### POOR RICHARD In the style of Ogden Nash Who seems to have made quite a splash, A chess club has the usual amount of collective sense Divided unequally among its occupents.

-Reuben Buskager

PROBLEM Oddities are only one of many diverting facets of chess literature displayed in that fascinating collection entitled CHESS TALES (Longmans Green) by Professor Willard Fiske, who from 1857 to 1866 was editor of Chess Monthly. Space permits only the reprinting of two of these amusing chess puzzles, words by Professor Fiske and posi-tions by the equally versatile Samuel Lloyd. As they originally ap-peared, they professed to be translations from an anelent manuscript obtained from a Latin monk in Jerusalem: T

Arrange your white pieces and pawns, O lovers of the gentle art of chess, in battle array, as at the commencement of a game. Then tell me on what square the black monarch shall be placed in order to en-able the player of the white forces to mate in three moves. II

Not far from the banks of Not far from the banks of the deep-flowing Indus, over-shadowed by cloud-reaching mountains of Northern Hindu-stan, stand four time-worn pil-lars of marble. They mark the burial place of the inventor of chess. His disciples, to honor his memory and to express their memory and to express their gratitude, erected this monument styled: The Four Columns of Sissa.





## The Reader's Road To Chess By John D. French

THE ART OF SACRIFICE IN CHESS By Rudolf Spielmann; McKay (\$3.00)

THE BASIS OF COMBINATION CHESS By J. DuMont; McKay (\$3.00) David McKay, Philadelphia's gift to the chess-reading public, has again issued a pair of specialized volumes that go well together for the

again issued a pair of specialized volumes that go well together for the more advanced player and student of the game. A fascinating aspect of chees, rapidly being lost in the exact style of master positional practice, is the sacrifice. Spielmann, an attacking player of the first water, was famed through 30 years of tournament play for his sacrificial lines. In this slim, but comprehensive book, "The Art of Sacrifice in Chess," the German master points out the "how" of sacrifices. He frankly warns that it is something that can not be learned in the way a set of opening lines is memorized. The book, how-ever does go a long way in guiding the beginner or expert in making a ever, does go a long way in guiding the beginner or expert in making a sound "sac," and rejecting a poor one. The book is broken down into a discussion of the types of sacrifice and the values of them. It is really thrilling reading and shows that Spielmann was motivated in his play by more than just a "feel" for the game. Much of the "brilliancies" of chess can be learned from it. can be learned from it.

DuMont, widely known for his chess translations (Spielmann, above, for one), frankly states in his book, "The Basis of Combination in Chess": "My object has been to make combinations easier to understand and to conceive for those who have no natural gift for them." He warns that conceive for those who have no natural gift for them." He warns that brilliantly played games can not be had every day, but adds that "the object of a combination, though many-sided, is perfectly clear-cut, and its means of attainment are capable of being analysed." Dr. Alekhine, greatly impressed by the book, said: "DuMont has carefully studied his flock. He is a master on his subject. Few books will be so useful to the beginner and the more advanced amateur as this novel study on the physiology of the chess pieces." The book takes the pieces singly, then in mixed pairs and sets. The fractional diagrams also lend an in-teresting note. teresting note.

#### MY SYSTEM By Aron Nimzovich; McKay \$(3.00)

If you are the kind that devotes the summer to one solid book on chess; a book that makes you sweat with work on the cool days and freeze with the logic of it all on the hot ones; then your book is now in print. It is "My System" by Aron Nimzovich, Caissa's "Stormy Petrel"-The editor is (who else?) CHESS LIFE's Fred Reinfeld. As the sub-title points out, "My System" is "a treatise on chess," not just a book. The System could well afford to be made "Your System."

for it is not just a few statements of the "control of the center" type. It is a theory of chess that led to the hyper-modernism of Reti and Alekhine; staying in line with Steinitz; bucking Tarrasch head-on.

Nimzovich is an interesting writer. The translation from the Ger-man has lost little in the change, keeping the humor and originality of the great Russian fairly well intact.

"My System" deals with ideas now considered basic to all chess play, although the designer of the Nimzo-Indian Defense and other lines bearing his name, stood alone for 20 years. The repetition of these principles is not a burden, for "My System" explains them (interestingly) in the full and gives a much better concept of them than most chess texts, which are prone to make flat statements.

Of the elements Nimzovich deals with: center, play in open files, play in the seventh and eighth ranks, passed pawns, pins, discovered check, exchanging, and the pawn chain.

The second part deals with position play including the Pawns, both doubled and isolated; the center, the two Bishops (a must), and protec-tion and weaknesses. The third part of the book is devoted to illustrative games: many of them gems not before seen in the light of the appended annotations.

## LUDWIG RETAINS NEBRASKA TITLE; GREENE SECOND

In the Labor Day weekend Nebraska State Championship Tourna-ment in the Colonial Room of the YMCA at Lincoln the defending rate at Lincoin the defending champion, A. C. Ludwig (Omaha), retained his title with four wins and three draws for a score of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing with Greene, Spence and Underwood.

Second place went to L. M. Greene (Lincoln) with 5-2, drawing with Ludwig and Spence, but losing to his fellow-townsman, F. C. Swearingen. Lee Magee (Omaha) was third with 42-22, losing to Ludwig and Greene, and drawing with Spence.

Eight players participated in the round-robin tournament. The young-est was Jerry Belzer of Omaha at 13, and the oldest was L. M. Greene of Lincoln at 70, who placed second.

Nebraska State Tournament

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## **57 ENTRIES VIED** IN PENN. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

As reported in last issue of CHESS LIFE, A. DiCamillo suc-CHESS LIFE, A Dicamino suc-cessfully defended his crown as State Champion from fifty-six easer aspirants in the Pennsylvan-ia State Tournament at Allentown. M. Yatron was a close second and J. Shaffer finished third.

In the seven-round Swiss tourney, Mrs. Mary Selensky retained her Women's Championship and Saul Wachs repeated as Junior Champ-lon. The tournament was directed by USCF Collegiate Director, Milton Finkelstein of New York.

1947 Pennsylvania State Tournament

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## TWEEDDALE WINS SNOHOMISH CO. CHAMPIONSHIP

In convincing style with five wins, one loss and one draw Dean Tweeddale defeated the defending champion, Lawrence Taro, to be-come Suchornish County Champion. Tweeddale won the first three games to take a commanding lead, drew the fourth by missing the right continuation, lost the fifth, and bounded back to win the two remaining games.

## MILAN HEADS TCA; HYDE, KENDALL **OTHER OFFICERS**

At the annual meeting of the Texas Chess Association in con-nection with the Southwestern Open Tournament at Ft, Worth, Ben Milam (San Antonio) was elected president for the ensuing year with Homer H. Hyde (San An-tonio) as vice-president, and Wil-liam N. Kendall (San Antonio) as second vice-president. J. C. Thompson (Grand Prairie) was reelected as secretary-treasurer.

San Antonio was selected as scene of the 1948 Southwestern Open with the slogan "Who will go with old Ben Milam into San An-tonio." The slogan dates back to the new TCA president's illustri-bur encempts of Ben B. When ous ancestor, Col. Ben R. Milam, who in 1835 asked that question of a Texas army, outnumbered by the Mexican force then encamped in the city. The answer was "I will" from the whole Texan army, and they took the city with the loss of only two men, one being Ben Milam. Texas expects as encouraging response for the 1948 tourna-ment, but trusts that this time there will be no fatalities.

## CANADA BESTS MINNEAPOLIS CHESS TEAM

As reported in last issue of CHESS LIFE a Canadian Chess Team, headed by D. A. Yanofsky ream, neared by D. A. Yanorsky and R. G. Wade, defeated the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club Team, led by G. S. Barnes and Dr. G. Koelsche, by a score of 151-143. The match was played at Detroit Lakes (Minn.) and was the seventh in the series which started in 1933 but was discontinued during the war. The U.S. has four, Canada has won two, and o was tied.



PLANS SEASON

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The Brattle Chess Club of Ca bridge (Mass.) reopens its fall se son in Phillips Brooks House wi elaborate plans for a very activ session. Plans include a club tou nament, a ladder tournament. tures, and club matches, togeth with the possibility of entering team in the Metropolitan Leagu of Boston

## GERMANTOWN **AVENGES DEFEAT** BY LOG CABIN

On September 21 Germantown Chess Club defeated Log Cabin Chess Club to avenge its previous loss. On the Germantown team were all three recent Pennsylvania Champions, State, Women's and Junio

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Germantown	Log Cabin
A. DiCamillo	A, Rothinann
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C. French	F. Howard
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W. Hall	L. Neidich
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TOURNAMENT NOTES: Walter Shipman, first board of the Colum-bia University chess team, has won the Junior Championship of the Manhattan Chess Club, His score of 7-1, 3 points ahead of runner-up Donald Byrne, included victories over George Kramer, Adolph Stern and Robert Byrne. It would be nice and Robert Byrne. It would be nice to see a match between Walter and Larry Friedman this column favors Shipman to win such a match, in spite of his relatively poor showing in Cleveland last July

looks like either Jack Collins or Sven Almgren to win the Sum-mer Tournament of the Brooklyn Chess Club, This club, which now numbers Sussman, Seidman, Batteil numbers Sussman, Seinman, Battei and other well known players in its roster, becomes stronger each season. Manhattan and Marshall Chess Clubs-watch out! Competi-

tion is on the way! At the Marshall Chess Club, 47 players are entered in 7 prelimin-ary sections of the club championship. The winners of these sections will compete with a seeded group which will include Hanauer, Santasiere, Flores, Larry Evans, Carl Pilnick and Harry Fajans, Among those who will probably qualify for the finals are Mrs. Gisella K. Gresser, former National Women's Champion, Kiven Plesset, Intercollegiate champ, Dr. Ariel Mengar-ini, and Nicholas Bakos, one of New York's new crop of junior experts.

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	With a perfect score of 24 vic
to	ries and no losses, E. J. Dowling
	comes champion of the St. Peters
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Jackson third with 171-61 in the tournament, which had sixteen players and was directed by J. M. Atkins.



To celebrate E. J. Dowling

his victory, Dowling plans a month's visit to New York City, where he will seek the answer of a puzzle long intriguing St. Pete players. White has: K on KR8, B on K2, R on Q5 and Q on Q1. Black has: K-QR7, R on KK1, Kt on K4. The problems is for White to force a win in 68 moves.

