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BANK EXHIBIT SELLS CHESS

BATTLE CREEK SELLS CHESS WITH UNUSUAL DISPLAY

*Security National Bank Cooperates
With Battle Creek Chess Club*

Selling chess to the general public by visual display, the alert Battle Creek Chess Club and the Security National Bank of that city combined resources in a very effective display in the lobby of the bank.

The display was the joint creation of Robert Hunkins of the bank (in charge of the lobby displays) and of Howard Rider and Reuben Buskager of the Battle Creek Chess Club. For the period of two weeks it was a continuous feature in the bank and attracted much attention, while creating a great deal of interest among non-chess players.

Features of the display were a jade chess set from Peiping and a bone set from Hong Kong, both hand carved. A magnetic set (labeled by USCF Secretary Trend) attracted considerable attention as its pieces defied the laws of gravity. Other interesting items included a hand-carved Mexican set and a hand-carved German set. In the background large chess figures (gifts of Julius Ross, manager of the Nobil's Shoe Store) focused attention on the display.

The Security National Bank advertised the chess display in the local press and during the course of the exhibit Mr. Edward J. Trend and Mr. Reuben Buskager were interviewed in a fifteen minute broadcast over WBCK by announcer Don Quinn, who became so interested in the subject that he asked for lessons after the broadcast was over, and is now becoming a very proficient player under the tutelage of Reuben Buskager.

Effectiveness of the display was proven conclusively by the number of non-players who evinced interest in learning the game; and the Battle Creek Chess Club in cooperation with the YMCA is offering lessons to those whose interest was aroused.

At the YMCA a chess club of young boys is already active under the direction of Boys Work Secretary Thomas Best, and at the YMCA Summer Day Camp about thirty boys were added to the chess playing group through instructions at the camp.

THOMPSON TAKES SO. WEST OPEN

In the annual Southwestern Open Championship at San Antonio, J. C. Thompson (Grand Prairie, Tex.) captured the title with 6-1, in a field of sixty-six entrants.

Second place went to CHESS LIFE annotator Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa) with 6-1, and third place to R. L. Garver (Tulsa) with 6-1 on weighted scores. Fourth place was taken by Al Lipton (Dallas) with 5-1-1.

In the Women's Championship Mrs. Maxine Cutlip (Wewoka, Okla.) won first place with 6-0, and Mrs. J. C. Barnett (Houston) was second with 4-2. There were four entries.

At the annual meeting of the Southwestern Chess Association, Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa) was elected president, A. G. Miller (Tulsa) 1st vice-president, Frank H. Graves (Ft. Worth) 2nd vice-president, and J. C. Thompson (Grand Prairie) secretary-treasurer.

MINNESOTA TRIMS WISCONSIN TEAM

In the annual Minnesota-Wisconsin team match, held at LaCrosse, the Minnesota steam-roller flattened out its Wisconsin rivals by a score of 21-7. George Barnes and Dr. G. A. Koelsche headed the Minnesota aggregation, while Richard Kujoth and Averil Powers led the Wisconsin team.

Wisconsin	Minnesota
R. Kujoth.....0	Geo. Barnes.....1
Averil Powers.....1	Dr. G. A. Koelsche.....0
R. Schmidt.....0	Robert Ott.....0
Paul Lick.....0	Carl Dissen.....1
F. Prilling.....0	Robert Gaddan.....1
Hugh Gauper.....0	R. C. Helto.....0
Pleschke.....0	Orin Oulman.....1
Shogren.....0	M. Ottosen.....1
Roger Haines.....0	H. Pruetman.....1
Merford.....0	C. H. Simmer.....1
Fritzold.....0	K. N. Pederson.....1
Richards.....0	S. Sorenson.....1
S. Morford.....0	Peter Gantaris.....1
Moer.....0	W. E. Kaiser.....1
Alexander.....0	Stam McMahon.....1
Schuman.....0	Lloyd Kile.....1
Adgamin.....0	H. McCuey.....0
Lunde.....0	H. G. Johnson.....1
Weidner.....0	E. C. Johnson.....1
H. C. Zierke.....0	U. S. Smith.....1
Mack.....0	Sheldon Rein.....1
Schuman.....0	M. Janowitz.....1
Meier.....0	Bruce Church.....1
Hurley.....0	J. A. Baker.....0
Schultz.....1	E. T. Baldwin.....0
Scheitke.....0	T. Jorgensen.....1
Stoecker.....0	E. Mehl.....1
Albete.....0	Mac Mangat.....1
Wisconsin.....7	Minnesota.....21

FAUCHER WINS IN NEW JERSEY

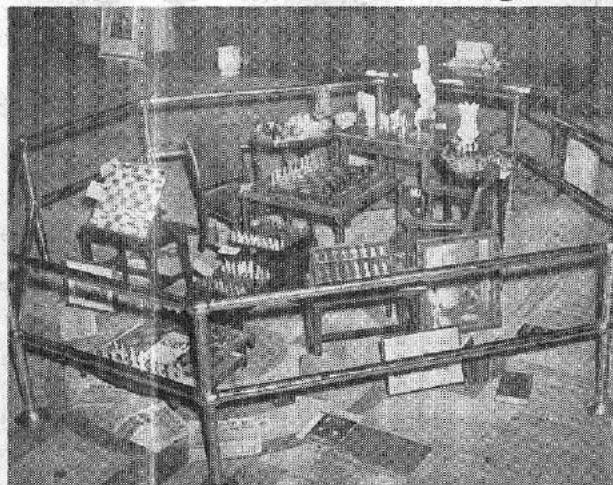
Seven players competed in the finals of the New Jersey State Championship which ended in a triple tie between Joseph Faucher (1947 Co-Champion), Homer Jones (1948 Co-Champion of North Jersey) and Albert Saxer. In the play-off Joseph Faucher captured the title by virtue of victories over both Jones and Saxer.

The tournament was played in two weekend rounds, the first at the home of Edgar McCormick at East Orange, the second at the headquarters of the Log Cabin Chess Club in West Orange. Vincent L. Starke, assisted by Henry E. Blankarn, acted as tournament director.

TEXAS CHESS ASSN. CONSIDERS NCCP

At the annual meeting of the Texas Chess Association at San Antonio, it moved to appoint a special committee to consider the National Chess Coordination Plan of the United States Chess Federation.

Mr. Frank R. Graves of Fort Worth was appointed chairman of the committee.



BATTLE CREEK SELLS CHESS

Display in the lobby of the Security National Bank of Battle Creek which attracted many new players to the ranks of the Battle Creek Chess Club.

Add Chess To Hazards Of Reporting Says Les Nichols of Mutual Staff

Les Nichols, Mutual's United Nations correspondent currently substituting for the ailing Henry La Cossitt on "The Editor's Diary" program (week-days, 9 to 9:15 a.m., EDT), has a penchant against chess. And, during a recent broadcast, Les told why. It seemed that ten years ago, when he was in Transjordan as a foreign correspondent, a story "broke" that required an interview with the usually reticent King Abdullah, the Arab leader now fronting his own troops in Jerusalem. Friends and American diplomatic officials advised Les that chess was the King's pet hobby game. Nichols, at that time, didn't know a pawn or rook from a castle. So, for two solid days Les Nichols took chess lessons.

Came the fateful interview day. Nichols was ushered into the royal presence. After the formal amenities, there was a brief pause broken finally by the King asking, in perfect English: "Mr. Nichols, do you play chess?" Quickly Nichols replied: "Certainly, your Majesty!" In recounting the story during his broadcast, the Mutual correspondent added: "I thought I could play

by then. But King Abdullah was a whiz. Anyway, during the course of the game his reticence disappeared—and he talked. I got my story all right. But I nearly lost my shirt. He was giving me a sound trimming. I was having a deuce of a time keeping up with him on the chess-board, until, fortunately, a servant entered to announce dinner. Was I happy to see him!"

DAKE CONQUERS IN OREGON OPEN

Coming out of retirement, Arthur Dake won the Oregon Open Championship without loss of a game for a score of 6-0. Second was Jim Schmitt (victor in the recent Puget Sound Open) with a score of 4-1-1, drawing with Noland in addition to his loss to Dake.

Ten players competed in the six round Swiss, played at the Portland Chess Club.

JERSEY CITY Y VISITS VETERANS

Members of the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club visited the Haloran Hospital, Nathaniel Cohan and William Walbrecht specialized in teaching beginners, while Philip Page, Alexander Strofin and Paul Helbig played the more advanced players. Despite competition of radio stars, the visit was such a success that a regular schedule of visits is planned.

OHMAN WINS MEMORIAL MEET

Victory in the Axel C. R. Swenson Memorial Tournament held at the Omaha YMCA went to Howard E. Ohman, former State Champion, with a score of 4-1-1. Close on his heels was State Champion Lee T. Magee with 4-1 in the five round Swiss tourney with 14 entrants. Third place went to Alfred C. Ludwig, former State Champion, with 3-2-1-2.

Ohman's draw was against Jack L. Spence who finished fourth with 3-2, while the victor had the satisfaction of defeating both Magee and Ludwig. Magee's only loss was to Ohman, while Ludwig drew with David Ackerman in addition to losing his game to Ohman.

LOUISVILLE HAS SCHOOL OF CHESS

The Louisville Chess Club is holding for eight weeks a school of chess on Monday nights at the YMCA. Classes of beginners will receive instruction from various members of the club, and the graduation exercises will consist of a simultaneous exhibition by either Kentucky Champion Richard W. Shields or Former State Champion Jack Moysse.

CHICAGO LEAGUE BEGINS SEASON

The Greater Chicago Chess League inaugurated its annual team competition on October 8th in a double round-robin which will extend until March 18, 1949. Other events planned by the League are a team 10-second tourney on December 17 and a 10-second Chicago Area Championship on April 1, 1949. All clubs participating in the League are USCF Chapters.

Officers elected at the annual meeting were H. Newell president, F. Stoppel vice-president, and Paul Adams secretary-treasurer.

The Kibitzer Has His Day From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

CHESS LIFE with Dr. Keeney's column is a real chess paper.

I wish J. Mc. of Janesville, Wis., who made the funny remark of "fanatical problemists", would read Dr. Keeney's column and solve a few two-movers; his chess playing would improve. I know it, because I played a postal chess game with him.

P. PALAZZO,
Lorain, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am asking you to uphold the "Problem Chat" space and not allow the game fans to have it all. We problem lovers are entitled to our share and we all consider CHESS LIFE as being the BEST periodical in our U.S.A.

T. LUNDBERG
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

In the September 5 issue Dr. P. G. Keeney, editor of CHESS LIFE's problem department undertakes to reply, (to the letter by Jack McCarthy of Janesville, Wis., Editor) I say "undertakes" because frankly I don't think he replied at all. McCarthy's point was that (in his opinion) chess problems took too much space. Dr. Keeney's reply was entitled "A Plea for Harmony" and urged chess players interested in one type of chess not to criticize those who liked another type. He did not undertake to reply to McCarthy's charge, merely urging that we chess players have peace among ourselves. I, for one, was unaware that McCarthy had declared war on problemists. Surely as a chess player he has a right to (Please turn to page 3, col. 5)

