## I (hess Life

# N. Y. FACES AMSTERDAM 

## N. Y. Stock Exchange Girds For Action As It Faces Undefeated Amsterdam

As CHESS LIFE goes to press the valiant New York Stock Exhange team will be in the midst of battle with the Amsterdam Stoc xchange team which has scored in recent years in victories over Stock Exchange with Mr. Fnill Schram, president of the New Yew York Exchange making the first move for New York. Play will be transmitted y RCA teletype. Hans Kmock, noted international player, will repre sent Holland in New York and serve as adjudicator for unfinished games. the Manhattan Chess Clut on February 15, the lineup of the New York team was determined as follows, with Isaac Kashdan acting as team captain.

## Board

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A Pinous (D. A. Pincus \& Co.)
Charlen Stowart (G. H. Walker \& Co.) 5. Jacob Menkes (Wood, Walker \& Co.)
6. Herbert W. Marache (Grantery, Marache 1. Robert H. Cohen (Now York Stoak Ex8. Sol Ranheim (Sulzbacher, Grang
3. Joth Erdol (Hirreh \& Co.)
10. H. Wallace Cohu (Cohu \& Co.)

David Murray (Wood, Walker \& Co.) and Julius Hallgarten (Haydon, stone \& Co.) will servo as al ternates.
The composition of the Amster ed, but it is understood that there applicants for positions on the team, and that to determine the final Ine-up

## CLEVE HGTS WINS SCHOOL TOURNEY

Besting West High School, winner of West Division, by a score of 8.33, the Cleveland Heights High School won the Scholastic Champlonship of Cleveland. Cleveland Heights won its section of the East Division and then defeated East Technical High School by a score of 5-1, winner of the other section in the East Division. Jim Harkins, new scholastic chess director for Cleveland, managed the league,
In the Junior High group a league contest is also in progress with the East Division consisting of Roxboro, Patrick Henry and
Shaker; and the West Division of Harding, John Marshall. The first match, between Roxboro and Shak

## WVCA PUBLISHES BRIGHT YEARBOOK

The fourth of the West Virginia Chess Association Yearbooks is off
the press, edited by Gene Collett and containing 87 pages of mimeo graphed information. The contents ranges from 28 pages of West Virginia chess history, nine problems from WCVA Bulletins selected by Eric M. Hassberg, to 87 games an notated by Dr, Siegfried Wertham mer, George Koltanowski, Milton Fikelstein, etc. The Yearbook is
attractively bound with a bright silk-screen process cover in colors The Yearbook is not for sale, but is distributed free to members of the West Virginia Chess Association (dues \$1 per year; Reid Holt, 620 Churchill Drive, Charleston,

## PLAN TOURNEY

FOR GREATER N. Y.
The Metropolitan Chess League of New York City has set up a committee to arrange plans for holding an annual championship tournament of the Metropolitan New York area. The committee consists of Columnist, as chairman, LIFE bert Pinkus and David Hoffmann. When the committee's plans are completed they will be acted upon completed, they will be acted upon politan Learue. This is the firgt politan League. This is the first thip tournament for Greater New thip tournament for Greater
York since the early $1920^{\prime}$ s.

## COLLEGE CHESS TAKES UPTURN

The USCF College Chess Committee reports the formation of a Rocky Monntain Chess League, consisting of Colorado University Denver University, Wyoming University, Colorado $A \& M$, and the Denver Y. M. C. A. In the first rounds of the new league, Colorado defeated Wyoming 6-2, and bested Denver Y. M, C. A. $3 \frac{2}{2}-2 \frac{1}{2}$. The Denver Y, M. C. A. and Colorado University chess clubs are also sponsoring the Colorado State Tournament, to be held March 18-20.
In New England, aside from the ectivity of the H Y P D, group there is growing enthusiasm in oth er schools with Tufts battling Northeastern to a draw in Massachusetts.

## TRY RADIO CHESS AT BARTLESVILLE

Merely intrigued by their initial draw against Tampa by shortwave the Bartlesville (Okla.) Chess Club has settled into a steady oceupancy of the air-lanes with radio chess matches, In February they contested to matches, with the Hawthorne (Chicago) Chess and Checker Club on the 12th, and with the Racine (Wis.) Chess Clut on the 16 th. As games in each match were unfinished and submitted to adjudication, the results of these encounters are not yet known.

## Dear Mr. Major:

May 1 take this opportunity to con vey through you my appreciation of many heartwarming messages sent to me by the local chess clabs and the numerous associates of Mr. Factor, known to me persondly.
me personally.
HAZEL H. FACTOR, Chicago, Illinoi

Position No. ${ }^{49}$
By L. I. Kubbel (USSR)
From 250 Selected Studies


## White To Play And Win!

## Conducted by William Rojam

POSITION No, 49 represents ingenious maneuvering against a PawnP chain in which Black queens a Pawn (it can scarcely be prevented) but finds a mate menacing his King

Position No, 50 is a tactical study in proper moment for queening a Pawn, Too hasty action is rewarded with a draw, but patience proves that White's two fragile Pawns can be made more dangerous than Black's hopeful Bishop.

Solutions on Page four.

## TULSA HEADS OKLA. LEAGUE

The Tulsa Chess Club finished in the top spot at the end of the first season of the Oklahoma Chess League by match score of 7-1. Second place wont to the Norman Chess Club with 6-2. Teams from Tulsa, Norman, Stillwater, Bartlesville and Oklahoma City comprised the League which is sponsored by the Oklahoma Chess Association. Members of the victorious Tulsa team included CHESS LIFE anno tator Dr. Bela Rozsa, Oklahoma State Champion; E. N. Anderson, president of the Oklahoma Chess Association; S. B. Lefton and Robert Virgin.

## TULSA CHESS ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Tulsa (Okla.) Chess Club E, N Anderson of Owasso was reelected president, S. B. Lofton elected vicepresident, and Robert Garver and A. G. Miller reelected gecretary and treasurer respectively. Ben C Connor was elected honorary vicepresident, and Robert Virgin team captain for the Oklahoma chess league matches.

The annual tournament of the club is planned as a five-round Swiss, followed by a round-robin finals between the six leaders,
scheduled to begin March 18.

## The Kibitzer Has His Day

Better late than never is our thought in presenting these letters which lack of space previously has prevented.-The Editor.

## Dear Sir:

Being a problemist, I can hardly stay out of a flight by some chess players against the chess problem. it seems silly to me for any real chess enthusiast to blast the artistry of the chess problem. Chess is comparable to music in that the note and the plece correspond in creating variations in composition. Some like to play a musical composition while others with creative ability go in for composing. In chess also there are those wth creative ability who just cannot keep way from the combined art and science of composition. don't hold any brief for those who have no creative ability and, therefore, pay little or no attention to chess problems. But they should at least respect those problemists who love it. I want to point out that every move, especially in midgame play is a problem. I, nor few problemists, do devote all in chess
to problems. I have been active in promoting chess in Texas for a number of years. I do not subscribe for chess literature that does not carry a problem section C. B. COOK Fort Worth, Texas
Dear Sir
Your editorial in Sept. 5th issue egarding "Chess Play or Horse Play?" was very good. It should have the desired effect of eliminating such unsportsmanlike practices, I think George Koltanowski's column is one of the best in the paper. "Chess for the Tired Business Man" by Fred Reinfeld is great also, as is the "Tournament Life" page,
I like "Problems of Chess Life" by Dr, P. G. Keeney very much. Even if I didn't, I wouldn't object to it as I know it is interesting to others. Why be greedy? One good feature in the paper and you get

## CROMPTON WINS TORONTO TITLE

In the current Toronto City Championship Charles A. Cromp
 Star, has elinched the title with only a few scattered games left to
be completed. In winning the title be completed. In winning the title Cromptan bested defending champion F. R. Anderson and S. E. Gale, finishing with a score of nine wins and three draws for 101-11.
Leading scorers as the tournament draws to a close are: Cromp ton, $10 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2} ; \mathbf{R}$. Orlando, $8 \frac{2}{2}-3 \frac{3}{2} ; \mathrm{An}$ derson and Gale 7i-21 each; R. F

## NAME WOMEN CHAMP. ELIGIBLES

Dr. Rueb, president of FIDE, women player the list of eligible World Champion the in Moscow Ten of these were desicnated by the Nations were designated by the Nations they nated by the

The U.S.A. will have three reps: Mrs, Gisela K Gresser and Miss N. May Karfi Co Women Champions of the $U$. S. both nominated by the USCF. The third nominee, selected by FIDE, is Mrs. Sonja Graf Stevenson, known in continental chess cir cles as Sonja Graf when she played under the German flag. Now married to an American, Mrs. Stevenson expects to make the $\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{S}$. A. her home and participate in the activities of American chess.

The complete list, with countries represented, is as follows
Jozsa Langos (Hungary)
Ingrid Larson (Denmark)

## Edith Keller (Germany) Sonja Graf Stovenson (USA)



## Maria Teresa Mora (Cuba) Slavica Cvenkel (Yugoslavia)

Gisela K. Gresser (US
N. May Kurf (USA)
Inooborg Holmertz-Anderson (Sweden)
Hruskova Belska (CZeohoslonakia)
F. Heemskerk (Holland)
Regina Gerlecka (Poland)

The four nominees from the USSR have not yet been announced, or the details on the final arrangement of the tournament.

## 35 CONTESTANTS

 IN CHICAGO MEETThe preliminary rounds of the Chieago City Championship, ducted by the Illinois State Chess Association at the Chess Club of Chicago, has become a hot contest between the thirty-flye contestants, playing in three sections, In Section one at the end of eight rounds Paut Poschel leads with $7 \frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, closey followed by Angola Sandrin with an with in Section two Herwitz leads wich $8 \frac{1}{2}$, dogged by Cohen with $7 \mathrm{t}-\frac{1}{2}$. In Section three B, Dah-
strom leads with $6 \frac{2}{2}-13$, one point strom leads with $6 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$, one point
ahead of Albert Sandrin with $5 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{2}$.

March 5 will mark the beginning of the final championship tournament in which the top four players from each preliminary section will contend in a round-robin for the Chicago City title, held in 1948 by Einar Michelsen

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## WILLIAM J. PREWETT

$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{N} \text { the first - anys of rebruary, Amercican chess lost one of tes most }}$
 tremely active chess career, Bill Prewett served the Correspondence Chess League in almost every official capacity, serving many times upon its Board of Directors. Ever an exponent of correspondence chess, he held over the years a consistent and astounding record for the number of games in progress at one time-yet never failed to give each of his many opponents a cheery word of greeting upon the countless number of postcards that he malled almost dally.

His cheerful words of greeting will be missed when the mailman passes by the door-those friendly words that this writer remembers To his family go the sincerest sympathy of all correspondence players of America, for one could not play chess by mail and not know Billof America, for one could not play chess by mat
nor know him without friendship and respect.

Montgomery Major

## Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keency


## Some Of Life's Problems

$\mathrm{R}^{\text {EALIZING that the mere publication of Chess Problems is not suf- }}$ ficient to attract the attention of readers to my column and also
realizing that I must gain an increasing interest in the column with the hope of eventually demonstrating to those, who manifest an interest, there is delightful and fascinating enjoyment to be found in the solving of Problems of Chess Life, I have decided to present in this issue some of the Problems of Life which, I am sure, many of the readers have at one time or another attempted to solve. I am confident they will understand them despite their lack of understanding of the Problems of Chess Life

One of the first Problems of Life confronting a child is whether or not he likes his parents and whether or not the Stork has brought him to the right place. If he correctly solves the problem-he will remain with his parents. If his solution is faulty, he will leave home and regret it ever after.

Such faulty solutions were so numerous they were eventually responsible for the writing of that wonderful revival hymn "Where is my wandering boy tonight?"

Then there is also a problem for the parent in the rearing of the child. What school shall he attend? Who are to be his companions? What is to be his religion? Shall he be humored or must he be punished? These and numerous other questions are problems to be answered by the parents and they must be answered correctly if the child is to gain the proper perspective of Life.

The solution of such problems is not always easy. There is often disagreement among the parents and family quarrels and wrangles occur that sometimes result in discordance in the home and have a bad fnftuence on the child's future.

How are you solving these problems? Has your solution been the correct one?

When the child attains maturity, his problem is "what am I going to be?" or "what is to be my vocation in Life?" When a child, he thought he would like to be a cowboy, a train engineer, a streetcar conductor, a fireman or a policeman! Now, however, the childish desire for these vocationg no louger dwells in his mind. He has visions of future greatness, His problem is-shall he be a lawyer, a doctor, a teacher, a minister, a machinist, an architect or what not?

The problem is indeed a vital, serious and perplexing one. It requires a correct answer in establishing happiness and security for
the future. Can you look back to the time when you were that age the future. Can you look back to the time when you were that age
and say today: "I solved that problem correctly?" If you can, I must and say today: "I solved that problem correctly
rate you as an expert solver of Life's Problems.

Assuming that the problem of vocation has been correctly answered, the next problem confronting the young male adult is: Who shall I marry? - I love a half dozen nice girls but I can marry only one. Who shall I choose?

And to all of you who are conversant with the problem I will merely say: "that's sure some problem' and I'll venture you'll agree with me 100 per cent. Marriage will either make or break a man the same as it make make or break a woman.

The correct solution is not to be found in a haphazard guess.
The key can only be found after intense study and mature deliber-
it happiness. An incorrect solution will be penalized by a lifetime of misery and may result in divoree, diagrace or even suicide. May the good Lord give every one omniscient wisdom when the problem of a mate confronts one in Life!

And so the child has become a man, a married man and a man with a vocation! And if the problems presented him as I have related them have been correctly solved by him, I am satisfied he can be other aggravating problem remaining that will puzzle him annually. That problem will be to answer correctly how much income tax he owes Uncle Sam. And Uncle trusts he will answer correctly.

Note: The Government owes me nothing for this od. I shall feel that I am

## By Vincent Lanius Eaton Washington, D, C. $\begin{array}{ll} & \left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Problem No. } \\ \text { By } \\ \\ \text { Burney M. Marshall } \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \text { Shreveport, }\end{array}\right) \text { La. }\end{array}$ Composed for Chess Life

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$1 \mathrm{bc}, 1 \mathrm{p} 2 \mathrm{p} 1 \mathrm{K1}$, , $4 \mathrm{Q3}, 5 \mathrm{sp1p}$, R1spplicip, 3 p 4 ,


Today's problems are two exquisite examples of the composing art. Both exhibit ingenions ideas and beautiful strategic mates. Any reader Who can truthfully comment after solving them, "I have no use for problems' can be placed in the 'absolutely hopeless' class of ever becoming a devotee of the problem art.

Problem No. 75 by Vincent L. Eaton of Washington, D, C., was originally composed for the Cincinnati Enquirer 11 or 12 years ago. Due to the demise of the Enquirer chess column I never had the odportunity of giving it publicity. As far as my knowledge goes, it has never been previously published. It is an excellent problem, above the average "run of the mine" compositions ordinarily contributed to pa Problem
Purney M. Marshall, Shreveport, La, is a real beauty, 'II wager if yid composer's best and also one of his latest creations, I'll wager if you attempt its solution, you will enjoy studying the effects of the defensive strategy.
Solutions:-


## The Reader's Road Jo Chess <br> By Montgomery Major

HOW TO PLAY BETTER CHESS by Fred Reinfeld; Pitman ( $\$ 2.50$ ) $\mathrm{F}^{\text {OLLLOWING the graphic and instructive style of most of his recent }}$ once one of the most instructive and entertaining of his various chess studies.

In "How to Play Better Chess" the subject is divided (iike Gaul) Into three parts, and each part conquered with the thoroughness of a through the concept of the center, explaining by precept and well-chosen examples what is meant by a strong center, how it may be obtained and how it may be maintained. The approach is novel, and its value lies in the fact that both by text and illustrative games, Reinfeld brushes hside the vagueness which has characterized most definitions of the center and its meaning to give complete clarity to the concept.

The section of the Middie Game treats Iucidly of the matters of tactical and strategic play, supported by many diagrammed positions in which the various points are illustrated from the vast library of actual play.

The ending finds its exposition completely demonstrated from the finer examples of masterplay-each selection being a gem which not only clearly illustrates the particular point, but also is a joy to play over and study.

Even those scornful souls who feel that no one can teach them how to play chess better will find within the pages of this text an ample reward for their perusal, merely in the admirable series of illustrative games and the Illuminative annotations which accompany them

LARRY EVANS, not yet 17, with a long string of chess achievements under his belt, is winner and still champion! Larry, who dropped 2 points early in the tournament for the championship of the Marshall Chess Club, recovered to finish his schedule without dropping another game. With the final round unplayed at this writing, Larry's 131 points places him 1d ahead of the field. Santasiere, still in second place, lost his chance to win when he drew his semi-final encounter with the young state champ. Note how quickly Larry completes his development and doubles his rooks on the open file!
White: Evans; Black: Santasiere. 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. Kt-QB3, B-Kt5; 4. Q-B2, Kt-B3; 5, Kt-B3, P-Q3; 6. P-QR3, BxKt ch; 7. QxB, P-QR4; 8. B-Kt5,
P-R3; 9. BxKt, QxB; 10. P-K3, P. P-R3; 9. BxKt, QxB; 10. P-K3, P-
R5; 11. B-K2, P-K4; 12. PxP, PxP; 13. O-O, O-O; 14. QR-Q1, Q-K2; 15 . R-Q2, B-Kt5; 16. KR-Q1. Drawn, GEORGE KRAMER continues to lead at the Manhattan Chess Club,
closely followed by Pinkus, Bisguier and Shainswit. Denker, after a poor beginning, is showing good form and should finish among the prize-winners.
Dr. Harold Sussman, former Brooklyn College star and now president of the Brooklyn Chess Club, leads in that, club's amnual curnament. It was Sussman who won a city-wide round of chuckles about 12 years ago, while he was a ment. I belleve it was in an ad-
ment ment, I belleve it was in an ad-
journed position against Marshall journed position against Marshall
himself that Sussman found himself in a very tight spot calling or finely calculated play. He thought of little else, and therefore can hardly be blamed for answering a question put to him by one of his professors by announcing a chess move! Some people can really concentrate on the game!
$M_{\text {emorable }}$
Chess Dates
Compiled by A. Buschke

1878 Cart Schlechter, Austrian Grand-
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1910, editor of last and standard
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# Chess For $_{\text {The }}$ Tired Business Man <br> By Fred Reined <br> <br>  

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## The Unpardonable Sin

 lapses are unpardonable when committed by a master. Such a
blunder is seen here on Black's eighth move, when he permits the irreparable breaking up of his Kingside. Only ten moves later, he hears his opponent announce a forced mate in six.

Nowadays, such crude misplays are largely limited to the games of inexperienced players. In justice to Mason, however, it must be emphasized that basic principles were not so well understood in 1878 as they are today.

## FRENCH DEFENSE



The game has transposed into the Exchange Variation, which gives Black an easy game with reasonably careful play. 5 . B-K2, for example, avoids the subsequent pin on the King's Knight. 6. $\mathrm{B}-03$
7. 0.0

And here the more comfortable course is 7. ..... B-KKt5; 8. B-KKt5, P-B8; 9. P-KR3, BxKt (else 9. B-R4; 10. P-KKt4, B-Kt3; 11, Kt-K5 gives Black a hard game) : $10 . \mathrm{QxB}$, QKt-Q2.
8. B-KKts Kt-K2??
This is where Black goes wrong irretrievably, 8, ..... B-K2 was far better, despite the loss of time involved.

White's task is obvious: to concentrate his attacking forces against Black's pitiably exposed King. Although this procedure is for from taxing to a player of master strength, Mackenzie deserves praise for the economical way in which he mounts the offensive on


Black has no good moves, If for example 16. QR-K1; 17. Kt (3). B5ch, K-Kt1 (not 17. K-B17?;
18. Q-R6ch and mate next move. 18. Q-R6ch and mate next move,
Or 17. ..... BxKt; 18. KtxBch, KKt1; 19. KtxB, QxKt; 20, P-B5, Kt-K2; 18. Kt-R6ch, K moves; 19. P-B5 and wins.
After 16. ..... ExP or 16, ..... Ktx $P$, a Knight check at B5 is likewise decisive.
This allows a sparking finkibi.

17.0-R6 oh!!
White an
announced mate in five more moves: 17, ..... KxQ (must!); 18. Kt (1)-B5ch, BxKt; 19. KtxBch, K-R4; 20. P-Kt4ch, KxP;
$3 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{R} 4 ; 22, \mathrm{~B}$ K2 mate!

## CHESS BOOKS

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(One of many brilliant games ineluded in RELAX WITH CHESS by Fred Reinfeld, published by the Pitman Publishing Corporation.)

## SAN DIEGO BESTS COMBINED TEAM

The San Diego Chess Club acted as host in its Hotel Sandford headquarters to a combined team from Chula Vista, Escondido and La Mesa in which forty-four players were engaged. Victory rested with the San Diego Club, although the margin was close.
Chufa Vista $2 \frac{1}{2}$ San Diego ..... 3 Escondido ..... 3 San Diego. La Mesa ....... 4 San Diego ... 5


## It's A Question

## Advice to the Chess-lorn on


Question: Could you give me a ruling on the following case? Attleboro City Championship, 22 players entered in a round robin tournament. One player withdrew after playing (and winning) his first game. As Chess Editor of the local paper I report a bye in each round for the player that is scheduled to play the withdrawn player, with no point score. The tournament director claims that I am wrong and he first gave the player that lost in the first round, to the player that withdrew, one point and gives one point in each round for the one player that should have played the withdrawn player. I claim that only in a "Swiss System" can he do that. In the first place, how can he give a point to a player for a game that he lost!

> SVEN RASK

## Attleboro, Massachusetts

Answer: The best and almost universal practice is to cancel the score of any player who has not finished half of his scheduled games in a round robin tournament. (In a Swiss his score stands, and he forfeits remaining games, if his withdrawal causes a bye.) In cancelling a withdrawn player's score, his wins and losses are both erased from the record, and it is considered that he never entered the tournament at all. Refer to CHESS LIFE, November 20,1946 or the Yearbook of the USCF, In both publications the cross score table of the $1946 \mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$. Biennial Championship Tournament omit the name of Lewis J. Isaacs entirely, al-
though he played in nine rounds before retiring from he tournament.


## THE KIBITZER HAS HIS DAY

your money's worth. To me, getting the current chess news and the ditorials are worth the price alone. The solution to the battle for space seems to be in building up the subscriptions, then there will not be such a scramble for space as the paper will be increased in size. Everybody will be happy.
D. J. GRAY

Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:
Apparently writer Palazzo (The Kibitzer, Oct. 20) is of the belief that one must be a problem solver in order to play a decent game of
chess, and I hasten to dispute such a viewpoint - especially since he went out of his way to throw a clever crack at my chess game. Tm all too well aware that I'll never be more than a mere woodpusher, but here are some interesting facts which Mr. Palazoo manages to overlook,
I began my game with him in Sept. 1946 at which time I had played the grand total of eight games of chess in all my life. I had learned the moves about 10 months previously, and had never played over the board. However, it's interesting to note that in Jan. '47 Chess Review rating list Palazoo sported a respectable "C" rating of 760 , a respectable "C rating of 760 ,
while I could boast a mere 440 , While I could boast a mere 440 ,
thanks to my first two sections, thanks to my first two sections,
out of which I salvaged just one out of which 1 salvaged just one
game. Yet in the latest listing in game. Yet in the latest listing in the same magazine I find myself in
the softy realms of Class "C" with the lofty realms of Class "C" with
812 while my critic has "improved" a negative 238 points-a 522 rating. All explained, no doubt, by the fact that I've neglected to bother about. problems!

Furthermore, Pm more than a little proud of an over-the-board win I scored against a player who finished in the U.S. Open with 62 points. Following that I also won the city championship here last December, undefeated in an 11 . round tournament.
So, you see, Mr. Palazzo, I have improved, in spite of the fact that I've struggled along without the wonderful (?) knowledge to be gained from the field of problemsolving; and in view of the latest, rating list I intend to continue struggling along in the same misguided fashion. Let Mr. Palazzo worry about his game improving -possibly to a rating of 812 -and
I'll worry about mine.
JACK McCARTHY
Janesville, wisconsin

## Dear Sir:

I admire and respect Mr . Richard Wayne, in addition to liking him personally, but I cannot agree with his (\& Reinfeld's) conclusion that attempting to enforce the 30 move rule would lead to more disgraceful situations than ignoring it. Suppose that we accept his consequences, and find that:
a) the players make farelal and ridiculous moves. Well, one of them hate to mako the first move. By doing so, hod very likely give his opponent a winning chance. If a player will break a legal rule against the early agreed draw to get $1 / 2$ point, what's to prevent him from breaking an illegal agreemont, thereby snatching the full point? Surely his opponent could hardly carry a protest to the tournament committee: "N. agreed to draw with me as soon as we got a chance, and now he's gone and won!"
b) the players make unforced and silly repetitions of the positimon, as by king-shuttling. Now the point here is that no one will start a king shuttling attempt to draw without an agreement with his opponent, and that this agreetment is in itself illegal. To prove that such an agreement was actually made would probably be difficult, but this does not mean law-breaking should be encouraged because evidence of guilt is not always easy to secure. Moreover, the players must submit the score of the game, which then forms a permanent part of their playing records.
It is my opinion that an attempt to enforce the rule against agreed draws in less than 30 moves would be likely to succeed, and that the only ways in which players might manage to evade the law are ways in which all the disgrace would be concentrated on the players party to the evasion, and none be spread to the tournament director and committee as at present.
Everyone knows that a certain player S. will settle for a. draw at the slightest chance, yet he places a certain value on his reputation as a solid and able player. Taking him as a typical example, he will readily write "drawn" under any series of reasonable moves, however short, but I cannot really see him pleased by the idea of putting his name to a score containing obviously inane moves, transparent king-shuttles, or similar absurdities.

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## Chess fit Abroad <br> By George Koltanowski

WHATS THE BEST MOVE? Position No. 20


Send solutions to Position No. 20 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by March 20, 1949

Solution to Position No. 18
 Correct solutions were received from: MaI-
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Germany: The Young Master Tournament (Junior) or Germany resulted in a victory for Heinz Marcus of Kassel with 112 points; 2. Klaeger, 10d; 3. Nicolai and Math, 8\& each; 5. Chrlstoph and Hell, 7 each; 7. Kripp, 62.
Argentina: The championship of Argentina went to Julio Bolbochan with 14 points (out of 17). Guinard was second with 131. Neither Najdorf nor Pilnik were entered, being in New York at the Manhattan International.

Uruguay: The championship of Uruguay went to Oliver with $12 \frac{1}{1}$ points out of 14 .
Brussels: Last two games from the recent four-master tournament which ended in a four-way tie:-
Queen's Gambit: 'White: O'KelQueen's Gambit: 'White: O'Kelry; Black: Dunkelblum. 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-QB3; 3. Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3; 4. P-K3, P-K3; 5. Kt-B3, QKt-Q2; 6. B-Q3, B-Kt5; 7. P-QR3, B-R4; 8. Q-B2, Q-K2; 9. O-O, O-O; 10. B-Q2, PxP; 11. ExP, P-K4; 12. B-R2, B-B2; 13. Kt-QKt5, B-Kt3; 14. B-Kt.4, P-B4; 15. PxBP, ExP; 16. BuB, KtxB; 17. QR-B1, P-QKt3; 18. P-QKt4, B,-R3; 19. B-B4, K.t(4)K5; 20. Kt-B7, BxB; 21. QxB, QRQ1; 22. Q-R6, R-Q2; 23. QxRP, KtK1; 24. Q-R8, KtxBP; 25. KtxKt, RxKt; 26. R-B8, RxR; 27. QxR ch, R-Q1; 28. Q-B4, P-K5; 29. Kt-Q4, Kt-Kt5; 30. Kt-B2, Q-Kt2; 31. PQR4, R-QB1: 32. Q-K2, P-KR4. Drawn.

Queen's Pawn Game: White: Van Seters; Black: Devos. 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2, P-QB4, P-K3; 3. Kt-QB3, B-Kt5; 4. Q-B2, P-Q4; 5. P.QR3, BxKt ch; 6. PxB, O.O; 7. P.K3, P-B4; 8. Kt-B3, P-QKt3; 9. BPxP, KPxP; 10. B-Q3, P-B5; 11. B-K2, $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 12$, O-O, R-K1; 18. BKt2, P-Kt3; 14. QR-K1, B-B4; 15. Q-B1, B-Kt5; 16. Kt-Q2, BxS; 17. RxB, Kt-KR4; 18. KR-K1, PQKt4; 19. Kt-B1, P-B4; 20. P-B3, Q-B2; 21. P-Kt3,, Kt-B3; 22. Kt-Q2, R-K3; 23. P-K4, QR-K1; 24. P-K5, Kt-Q2; 25. P-B4, Kt-B1; 26. Kt-B3, P-KR3; 27. Q-B2, P-QR4; 28. R-Kt2, R(1)-K2; 29. K-R1, R-Kt2; 30, R(1)KKt1, P-KR4; 31. P-KR3, R(3)-K2; 32. R-R2, Kt-K3; 33. Kt-R4, R(K2)B2; 34. R-B2, Q-Q1; 35. R(1)-KB1, K-R2; 36. Kt-B3, K-Kt1; 37. B-B1, Q-K2; 38. Kt-Kt5, KtxKt; 39. PxKt, Q-K3; 40, R-B4, P-Kt5; 41. K-Kt2, PxBP; 42. QxQBP, R-Kt2; 43. P-


