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FOOLS PROPHETS!

Jimmy Jenkins Of The F.L.C.S. Comes Up With Two Good Ideas

By Gene Collett
One of our favorite people is Jimmy Jenkins of Newark, N. J.
Jimmy has come up with not one, but two, new ideas in the operation

One new idea is unusual for a club. Two new ideas verge on the sensational. And, when both ideas are good ones, we feel like yelling "Stop the press!"

First, Jimmy Jenkins has discovered a new and economical method

of getting out a chess club bulletin—he prints it on a postcard (see cut)!

The advantages are easy to see. It costs only one cent to mail.

Under new postal regulations, it costs two cents (at least) to mail other types of bulletins. So postage bills are cut in half. And his bulletins go as first class, not third class, mail matter, thereby getting expedited

Jimmy doesn't use the regular government postcard. He found, after a huddle with mail officials, he could use a card one-fourth inch deeper than the ordinary (making it 3 x 5½ inches) and could use half of the front side for news. The sample of his bulletin shows how he utilizes the space-problem, standings in the club tournaments, announcements of meetings—and anything else wants to get in.

Using this typepage size, he can employ a small, inexpensive hand duplicating machine, stencils for which are much cheaper than those the bigger bulletins require.

Our estimate is that Jimmy is getting his bulletin out at least per cent cheaper than any other editor who prints the same amount of matter—and 75 per cent cheaper than some of them. Which goes to show that a new idea isn't al-

Jimmy Jenkins' other idea has to do with raising money for the operation of his club-The Finger Lakes Chess Society at Newark.

Everybody knows what a nuisance dues are but B. J. (Before Jimmy) nobody did anything about it. They watched while financially lazy members got farther and farther and farther behindand the more aggressive members finally forked over more dough to take up the slack. The lax ones either were dropped from the club rolls or let play free. Even when there were no "free riders", the subject of dues was always pain-

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ways harmful!

MARTINSON WINS GARY CITY TITLE

By virtue of his fifth round vic tory over W. Kenneth Rearick, George Martinson was awarded the Gary (Ind.) City Championship in a 6-round Swiss Tournament. Martinson and Rearick tied in points with 11/2-11/2 each in score and 19 .-75 in S-B points. Third place went to Underwood with 4-11/2 and 19.25 in S-B points, while Hybarger placed fourth and Cox fifth with 4-2 each. Fourteen players participated in the tournament.

N. Y.-AMSTERDAM TIE RADIO MATCH

In their second attempt the New York Stock Exchange team gained a tie with the Amsterdam Stock Exchange players by a score of 5-5. In the previous encounter Amsterdam won by 51/2-41/2. The second match was married by slow transmission of moves, and the play nearly 24 hours. On first board I. Kashdan gained a victory over T. D. van Scheltinga.

KATZ, REIMS TIE IN BOSTON TITLE

Boston City Tournament ended in a tie for the title be-tween Dr. Katz and Charles Reims with 9-2 each. Third place went to former Mass. Junior Champion Hubert in a tie with Daly at 8-3 Twelve contestants played in the round-robin championship

HART HOUSE HAS COMPLETE SWEEP

By defeating Gambit Chess Club 4-2 in a playoff match, Hart House (Toronto) won the major section of the Toronto Chess League and in consequence holds the championship in major, intermediate

minor divisions of the League.
In a recent international tour, Hart House lost to Cornell by a score of 61/2-3 and defeated Rocnester University by a score of

In the club championship, Keith Hastings won the Hart House title by a score of 5-1 with R. F. Rodgers second with 4-2, E. V. Shulman third with 2-4, and J. Patterson-Smyth fourth with 1-5. Hastings thus becomes holder of both the Toronto University and Undergradnate titles.

BOSTON PROMOTES COLLEGE CHESS

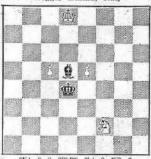
In the New England Intercollege League, Boston has become very active with Harvard drawing a match with Tufts while College downed Boston University by the score of 3-2.

For the fourth time Brookline High has won the Interscholastic League championship (it was runner-up the other three times) by besting Boston Latin twice by 6-4 scores, downing Cambridge Latin 81/2-1 and 10-0, topping Milton 7-3 and 61/2-3 and Roxbury Memorial 7-3 and 91/2-1/2. Against Boston English they won 9-1 and then con-ceded a 5-5 tie.

Ceskoslovensky Sach, 1930



Position No. 52 By Dr. Enrico Paoli Reggio Emilia, Italy



White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

Positions No. 51 represents a delightful minature, the composition of T the great Bohemian endgame composer, M. Havel. Both White and Black queen their Pawns; but White with the jump traps the Black Queen by a series of well-conceived maneuvers. Just how this may be achieved is the problem to be solved.

Position No. 52 is the work of Dr. Enrico Paoli of Italy and represents a rather ingenious method of saving what, at first glance, seems a hopelessly drawn position. Apparently White can neither save nor advance his Pawn. But appearances are often deceiving in endgame positions. Nihil desperendum, says the composer merrily; and whisks a victory out of his invisble sleeve.

Solutions to these positions on Page 4.

REDDY REELECTED BY MASS. STATE

Robert W. Reddy was reelected president of the Massachusetts State Chess Association, with Charles Acorn as treasurer, J. Leland Cawthorne as secretary, and Waldo L. Waters as publicity director. Waters is editor of a chess column in the Boston Sunday Herald.

At President Reddy's own Brattle Chess Club the veteran Charles S. Jacobs displayed his ever-young ideas in chess by giving a four-teen board simultaneous and conceding only two draws and one loss. The loss went to 16-year old Joe Richards of the champion Brookline High School.

KMOCH ENLIVENS MILWAUKEE CHESS

Hans Kmoch, Dutch-American master and USCF Vice-President, enlivened the routine of Milwaukee chess with a 38 board simultaneous exhibition in which he won 29, drew 4 and lost 5. Draws went to Dr. O. M. J. Wehrley, Paul Liebig, Rev. Lucius Martriner and Bernard Gill, while the losses went to Arpad Elo, Douglas Se-gaard, S. L. Kittsley, Robert Schmidt and Fritz Rathmann, publisher of the Wisconsin Chess Letter.

In the Industrial League Individual Championship John Fashingbauer of Allen Bradley leads in the early rounds; while in the Municipal Chess Association League the Elo team leads with a score of 14-7%. Individual scoring leaders are Morrel and Pirhofer with 4-0 each,

CINTRON LEADS IN TITLE MATCH

In the current match for the Championship of Puerto Rico, former champion Rafael Cintron continues to increase his lead over defending champion Miguel Colon. To date at the end of eight contests, Cintron leads Colon by the score of 51-21.

COUNCIL CENTER PLANS TOURNEYS

Plans of the Council Center Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) include a tournament for boys under 15 in addition to the regular club championship tournament. In a recent match with the Dearborn Chess Club the Council City team scored a 61/2-21/2 victory.

A simultaneous exhibition held by N. T. Whitaker resulted in 33 wins; 2 draws and 2 losses for the visiting player. One loss went to Dr. A. Gaba and the other to a lady guest from Wayne University.

GUSTAFSON TOPS ATTLEBORO MEET

For the fifth time since 1940, Frank D. Gustafson has won the Attleboro (Mass.) City Championship, this time with a score of 18-1. Hudnut tripped him in the 15th round for his only loss. Sven Brask, eight times champion, trailed by one-half point throughout the contest and finally due to a last-round defeat finished with 16-3 in a tie for second with Hudnut. Twenty players participated in the 19-round tournament.

BISGUIER TOPS MANHATTAN CLUB

A surprise finish to the Manhattan Club Championship saw Arthur Bisguier come from behind in the final rounds to outlast Albert Pinkus and finish for the second consecutive season as the Man-

hattan Chess Club Champion.

Pinkus and G. Shainswit finished in a tie for second, with G. Kramer fourth and former U.S. Champ-

BILL IS THREAT TO MAIL CHESS

A bill before the U. S. Congress is a serious threat to the growth of correspondence chess. It provides for the increase in postcards from 1c to 2c, doubling the cost to

all correspondence players.
Players by mail are advised to write their own Senator and Representative, protesting any increase in the cost of postcards, of which correspondence chess players are among the most numerous users.

REELECT TAYLOR AT ST. PETE CLUB

Clarence E. Taylor was reelected president of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club; Fletcher Henderson was chosen vice-president: Albert J. Mailhot secretary; J. S Gaylord treasurer; E. M. Weeks tournament director.

The St. Petersburg club boasts of an unusually large feminine membership and features team matches between the women players regularly in addition to a wo man's tournament. Another regu-lar feature is the weekly contest between the Dodgers and Yankee teams into which the club membership is divided.

The club frequently draws upon its own membership for simultaneous exhibitions to vary the routine of play, and spices these events with occasional visits from outside players. In recent weeks simultaneous exhibitions have been given Mrs. Mary Bain, Newell W. Banks and Nat Edson. The last is a nationally known cartoonist

SAVE THESE DATES

July 11-25, 1949 for the

U. S. Open Championship Omaha, Nebraska The Fiftieth "Jubilee" U. S. Open Championship Tourna-ment will be held in the Grand Open Ballroom of the beautiful Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. Plans for the meeting include tours around Omaha for the contestants to historic Boys Town, the Joslyn Memorial and other spots of scenic interest.

Entry fee is \$10.00 to USCF members (Non-members may enter by adding \$3.00 annual dues to the USCF). Entries and requests for hotel reservations may be addressed to: Howard Ohman, 5016 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

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TO M. S. KUHNS BEST WISHES!

ON APRIL 12 Maurice S. Kuhns, President Emeritus of the United States Chess Federation will round out his count of years by celebrating his nintieth birthday. More than just successful in the business world, M. S. Kuhns found time in his busy round of affairs to lend his organizing talents to the cause of chess. As a monument to his endeavors the USCF exists as the amalgamtion of the National Chess Federation, of which he was the principle founder, with the American Chess Federation. This alone is sufficient to guarantee him gratitude and respect from American chess players, and it is but one item in a long list of achievements for chess too numerous to catalogue here.

Therefore it is only fitting that American chess players everywhere pause on April 12th long enough to wish Mr. Kuhns a happy birthday, CHESS LIFE, remembering Oliver Wendell Holmes' happy thought that "To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old," expresses the wish that Mr. Kuhns remains ninty years young on this happy occasion, for we have reason to know that he was eighty-nine years young a year ago.

LETTERS OF A CHESS PLAYER TO HIS SON

I understand that you wrote to Bill that I wasted a lot of time on chess. He dectected the youthful scorn in your remarks and commented dryly that in a few years from now you would come home from college and he surprised at how much your Dad had learned in the last few years while you were away. He said that you would wonder then how I had graduated from an imbedile into a human being while you were gone.

I thought Bill was a little harsh about it, for I am sure that I rank at least as a high-grade moron in your estimation; but that is beside the point. What I wanted to tell you was a few of the reasons why I "waste" so much timejon chess.

Well, to begin with, there is a lot more to this game of chess than the exercise of pushing a few plastic places around a board to idle away a few hours pleasantly. It is like poker in one respect (not the away a few hours pleasantly. It is like poker in one respect (not the sociable penny-ante you say you are playing at college, but the high-class, high-powered game that I hope you have sense enough to avoid)—a study in psychology. You can tell a lot about your opponent at the end of an evening, besides the fact that he plays a good or a bad game

The late Dr. George A. Dorsey of the University of Chicago (author of Why We Behave Like Human Beings) once wrote in an article:-

Poker is a cross-section of life. The way a man behaves in a poker game is the way he behaves in life . . . His success or failure in the way his physical organism responds to the stimuli supplied by the game . . . I have studied humanity all my life from the anthropological and psychological viewpoint. And I have yet to find a better laboratory exercise than to observe the manners of men as they see my raise and come back at me . . . I can truthfully say that I learned about men from

What Dr. Dorsey found in poker (where he played a strong hand), I have found in chess. If you can bluff your opponent in a game by bold moves and a bolder front that rattle him, you can count unerringly upon the fact that you can bluff him in life and that the unexpected will always make him lose his head. If he plays a reckless game across the board, all set on the attack and to beck with the defence! you can know that he is no man to rely upon for solid, conservative thinking in the business world. The adventurer has his own value in business as in chess, but it is worth something to know him for what he is and use his particular talents accordingly

Then there is the finicky player who knows all the rules and de-bates the slightest infraction, who is quick to call every advantage that the law allows him. He makes a poor companion at the chess table and a worse partner in a business deal, for you may be sure that he will be forever splitting hairs, whatever the project under consideration.

Also, there is that odd anomaly, the kibitzer, who would much rather play your chess game for you than attempt one of his own. Be rather play your class game for you than attempt one of his own. Be sure that in life he will not reform. As he makes your moves for you in the chess game, he will also want to regulate your moves in life if you associate with him. He will always know a better step than the one you contemplate taking—but rather than risk anything on his own snap judgement, he will want you to take the risk for him.

Remember Melvin? And how surprised you were that day when Remember Meivin? And now surprised you were that day when I told you that he was going to get into serious trouble. You didn't believe me then because he was such a nice fellow and such good fun on a party. Well, yesterday Melvin left town in a hurry, and the police and a bonding company would like to know his destination. His employer

isn't particularly interested in that (being bonded), but would like to

know what he did with the money.

Melvin, my boy, for all his polished manners, was the kind of chess player who would move a Knight from KKt3 to KB6 with a check, and would apologize charmingly if you caught him at it. Looking over what I have written, I note that I seem to have a very

poor opinion of other chess players (as they, no doubt, have of me!) It is too late tonight to correct that impression in this letter; but the next time I write, I'll try to remember to tell you the many fine qualities in character that are also displayed upon the chessboard.

As to your question regarding an advance upon the next month's allowance, the answer is no. Your gambit is too old, son; I used that one myself when I was at college. You'll have to find a newer and better continuation.

Montgomery Major

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Studies of Stale-Mate Release

This article is on attempt to explain the composing of a two-move problem featuring the releasing of Black from a position in which

This task, as shown in the following versions, can be simply and economically accomplished and with a variety of keys and ideas. The versions diagrammed while good examples of the task do not deny the possibilities of releases by ways other than those shown.

I would be greatly interested in any problem a composer may sub-mit revealing the maximum number of Black pieces possible of being released by the key with separate mates for each release.

Of the positions diagrammed below Version A achieves the release

by a sacrifice. This version lacks variety. There is only one mate and no try. Besides the key only other release possible would be by White Q moving on the long diagonal, for example, to Kt2. Note that this move is defeated by 1....., B-R7 ch, showing the happy placement of the White K to prevent a "cook."

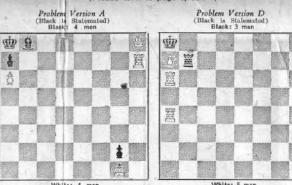
Version B also shows the stalemate release by a sacrifice but grants

Black a 2 move release of one and the same piece.

Version C brings about the release this time of two distinct Black

pieces and without the sacrifice offer.

Version D pictures the release of a major Black piece and features a rather pretty echo mate. Note that in this version I moved or placed the White B, that in B and C versions stood on B3, on KR1. Why? Because when B is on B3 duals are possible when Black would move after key 1....., R-Kt2 or R-Kt7 or R-Kt8. Placing the B on KR1 elimi-(Please turn to page 3, col. 4)



White: 4 men khāQ, p6R, P7, 8, 8, 8, 6p1, 6K1

Problem Version B (Black in Stalemated) Black 4: men

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White: 6 men . k7, pript, R2B4, KP6, R7, 5B2, 8, 8

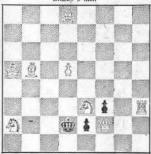
Problem Version C (Black is Stalemated) Black: 3 men

k7, pr6, RaP3, K3B3, 8, 5B2, 8, 8



White: 5 men k7, Prop. Rok, 8, R7, 8, 8, 7B

Problem Version E (Black is Stalemated) Blacks 3 men



White: 8 men 3B4, 8, 8, KB1P4, 8, 4Sp1R, 82kpQ2, 8

Problem Version F (Black is Stalemated) Black: 6 men



Chess Life In New York

THE MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB is again the center of New York chess interest. It seems probable that the club's team will emerge from this season's Metropolitan this season's Chess League competition with the highest percentage of games won in that organization's long history Scores of 8-0 in team competition are rare, and Manhattan will prob-ably manage it in half of their schedule!

Why, oh why did I ever make any predictions? Arthur Bisguier has done it again, putting on a burst of speed in the final rounds to finish in first place in the Manhattan Club Tournament! The final standings: Bisguier (8-2); Pinkus and Shainswit (7½-2½); Kramer (6½-3½); and Denker (6-4). Soudakoff, Avram, Turner, Williams, Vasconcellos and Kay finished below the prize-winners in the or der named.

Some names have become legends in chess, high among them being that of Akiba Rubinstein. New Yorkers were pleasantly surprised to learn recently that one of Rubinstein's sons has settled in the city, and that he plays chess, and plays it well. It would seem a safe prediction to say that we'll be hearing much more of the name of Rubinstein in the near future. He came close to gaining a prize in one of the Marhattan rapids in his first attempt!

Rapid transit chess has been described as the curse of American play. It has been argued that rapid play weakens tournament ability. One may well disagree, especially when aware of the extent to which young New York players have depended upon rapid play to make their first contacts with the mas-ters. Fine, Byrne, Bisguier, Pavey, Evans—all are or were inveterate rapid-transit fans. And now a new star begins to shine — George Krauss of the Marshall Chess Club. And what will the critics say when George begins to win tournaments?

Memorable. Compiled by A. Buschke

(probably old style, i.e. April 13 n.s.) E. D. Bogoliubov, Ukrainian Grandmaster, now living in Ger-born Aprican

Grandmaster, bo many, G. N. Cheney, prominent Americ problemist, bo H. Noustadtl, Czech master a cheas columnist, bo S. Boden, English master, auth Driina, Czech problemist, Gehlert, German probl

A. Activers, author, Baron Ignaz Kolisch, Au andmaster, Guimard, Argentine master, arles Vezin, prominent Philia ia chess player, P. Michell, English m

Whitaker, American m

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11 1843 Minckwitz, German master r, Berger, Austrian master, tist, endesme composer av

thor, H. E. Bird, English master, Maurica S. Kuhna, co-founde tional Chess Federation (now President Emeritus of I States Chess Federation

1860 Oppen, German

A. G. Olland, Dutch master, G. H. Mackenzie, American

promoter on the West Coast (old style?) V. V. Smyslov sian Grandmaster, sian Grandmaster, 18 1870 Ed. Pape, French problemist, 18 or 19 1900 R. Charousek, Hum

18 or Grandmaster, 19 1909 C. H. O'D. Alexander, English

ter, author, 1909 V. Rohacek, Czech master,

By Fred Reinfeld

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Creating Complications

THROUGHOUT this game, White plays for complications to make life hard for his opponent. Such a course naturally carries a certain amount of risk, but in practical play the advantage is almost invariably with the attacker. The mood of the attacker is buoyant, optimistic and often inspired; the defender, in all too many cases, is easily intimidated, fatigued or bored.

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

		Paris,	1926
	White		Black
١.	GUDJU		V. BOGDANOVSKY
	1. P-K4		P-K4
	2. Kt-KB3		Kt-QB3
	3. B-84		Kt-B3
	4. P-Q4		PxP
	5. 0-0	100	KtxP
	6. R-K1		P-Q4
	7. Kt-B3!?		*******

Giving Black something to think Giving Black something to think about. A game Kendall-Borochow (Correspondence, 1935) continued 7., PxB; 8. RxKt ch, B-K3; 9. KtxP, KtxKt; 10. RxKt, Q-K2; 11. Kt-K4, R-Q1; 12. B-Kt5, P-KB3? (12., RxR!); 13. RxR ch, QxR; 14. KtxP ch!, resigns.

7. 8. KtxKi 9. QKt-P	t Ct5	B-K3 PxB Q-Q4
Leads to	o trouble. 9	, B-K2 is
safe and		

12. KtxB R-B1
12., B-Q3 leads to difficult play in which Black seems to have more promising game than after

the text. 13. B-R6!? If 13. , PxB; 14. Q-Kt4 ch, If 13., PxB; 14. Q-Kt4 ch, K-B2; 15. R-Kt4! (with the subtle threat 16. Q-B3 ch, K-Kt1; 17. R-Kt4 ch), Kt-K2; 16. QR-K1 and Black's game is untenable.

14. KtxKtP!? 14. P-QB3! was obvious . . . and quite good.

Could he have taken the Rook? Apparently not: 14. ____, BxR; 15. Q-Kt4, BxP ch (if 15. ____, K-B2; 16. RxB with a decisive attack);
16. KxB, R-B1 ch;
17. Kt-B5 ch, K-B2;
18. BxR, RxB;
19. Q-Kt7 ch

15. R-K2 15. Kt-B2 would be answered as in the game. If 15. B-B1; 16, Kt-R5!, Q-K3; 17, RxKt!

B-B1; 16, Kt-Rts; Q-RS; 17, RKKt;
16, P-QB3
Seems to win material.
17, Kt-RS;
This has all the earmarks of a crushing rejoiner: three White pieces are en prise! with the nonchalance of a film hero, White concludes in superb style:

18. R-K8 ch!! 19. Q-Kt4 ch!! RxR Resigns



If 19., QxQ; 20. Kt-B6 mate.

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

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Not so in the F.L.C.S. Let Jimmy himself tell you how it works 'We don't have any dues or initiation fees, nor do we charge for the Bulletins. All funds to cover the club's expenses are raised by charging the members 1 cent apiece per game played. When a new member joins he buys a book of 25 tickets which costs him 50 cents. One ticket is used to

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record the result of each game played (the players take turns in providing the tickets), with the winner signing on the top line and the loser on the bottom. For draws the word D-R-A-W is written bold-ity across the face. This pay-as-you-play method spreads the cost evenly in proportion to the benefits each member derives. If a player plays 10 games a year it costs him 10 cents, if he plays a thousand it costs him \$10, assuming he provides a ticket for every other game he plays. As our expenses are low and our play-ers given to rapid play, this is entirely adequate; but if it weren't, we'd simply raise the price of the tickets."

It's as simple as that! Why didn't some one think of it sooner!

We've just met Jimmy and these are the only new ideas we've got off him so far. But, like his namesake of radio fame, he probably has "a million of them!!"

(Editor's Note: - The writer is now making a survey of local club and association chess papers which



SALT LAKE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1949

Left to right: Champion Lewis N. Page, holding the Dittmann Trophy, Farrell Clarke, Hermann A. Dittmann and Gaston Chappuis.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP By Jack Soudakoff and Sidney Goodman: Chess Press (\$3.00)

F or fullness of analysis one must search far and wide to discover r another tournament book in which the games have been studied as searchingly and subjected to such intense and detailed criticism. As befits a collection of games which decided the World Championship, every phase from the opening moves to the final endgame maneuvers has been carefully studied, with particular attention given to the innovations born of this championship contest.

The annotators, Jack Soudakoff and Sydney Goodman, are both well known experts, recognized nationally for their contributions on chess practice and theory in CHESS LIFE and the CHESS CORRES-PONDENT. In their careful analysis of the championship games, they have drawn upon the resources of many foreign chess publications such as Shakmaty and the Revista Romana de Sah to enrich their comments with the best of the suggestions and annotations of European annotators, not generally available to the American student.

The result has been a work that is entertaining and instructive in every phase. The searching analysis is enlivened and relieved by more human comments on the course of the games, while numerous dia-grammed positions make the following of the text comfortable and easy.

Physically the book is extremely well-made, printed upon heavy opaque stock and set in Varitype with an attractive and durable binding. Not for sale in the bookstores, World Chess Championship 1948 may be obtained only from CHESS PRESS, Box 10, New York 53, N.Y.

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Below, both sides of a typical Finger Lake Chess Societty bulletin, as published by Jimmy Jenkins,

PAGE REGAINS SALT LAKE TITLE

L. N. Page, three times winner of the Hermann A. Dittman Trophy, made it four by winning the 1949 Salt Lake City Champion-ship with a score of 4-1. Farrell Clarke finished second with 31/2-1 while Gaston Chappius and Dale Morgan (twice a winner) finished in a tie for third with 21/2-21/2 each.

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Chess Life By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 22



1k5r, 1r4pp, 1PQ6, 4pp2, R7, 8q3P, 5PP1, 6K1 White to play

Send solutions to Position No. 22 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by April 20, 1949.

Solution to Position No. 20

Solution to Position No. 20

E. Gruenfeld-P. M. List, Berlin, 1926. 1.

Kt-Kit5-chi! White resigned, as after 2. PaKt, R-B3 ch; 3. R-B5 (best), BxR; 4. PxB, RxP ch; 5. KtRl, R-ES ch; 6. K-B2, P-Ri5i followed by R-R4 mate, Correct solutions were received from: J. A. Baker (Mankato), Sven Braak (Attleboro), Malcolm D. Brown (Holland), Russell Chauvenet (West Hyatraville), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), Joe Faucher (Garden City), Dr. Howard B, Gaba (Detroit), Eddie Gaulf: (New Brighton), E. P. Hawes (Riverside), J. Russ (Lancaster), Norman Kay (Bronx), B. Klein (Atlantic Reach), Edw. J. Korpanty (Mondaide), Ed. Nash (Washington), Charles Morgan (Huntington), Frank A, Neal (San Francisco), De. J. S. Weingart (Des Moines), Win. B. Wilson (Amherstburg), Congratulations!

Melbourne: C. J. S. Purdy won the championship of Australia. (This is the third time he has won the title.) with 11½. He lost to M. E. Goldstein, who came in sixth with 7 pts, and drew with D. M. Armstrong, who came in 11th with 5 pts. 2nd. J. N. Hanks 91; 3, F. A. Crowl 9; 4, G Koshnitsky 8; 5, S. Lazare 75, etc.

W. Levick of New South Wales won the Schoolboy Championship of Australia with 8½ out of 9! Wanganui, New Zealand: A. E. won the Championship with 9 pts (out

of 11); D. Lynch was second with Så, etc.

Russia has 11 grandmasters, 63 (Please turn to Page 4, Col. 5)

PROBLEMS OF CHESS LIFE

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 2)
nates these duals. An unfortunate dual remaining in the position which I was unable to prevent follows 1....., RxP.

Analyzing Version D still further I ascertained that the release of

stalemate by a different White piece, with the same idea (by a slight chance in the setting), would be possible. In Forsythe this position would be k7, Pr6, R7, 7p, R6K, 8, 8, 7B.

Version E reveals complete release of the entire Black force with four resultant variations. Some one may query: Why the White P on Q5? Anticpating such query, I'll explain now the P so placed prevents

a cook by 1. QxBP. Can you "top" this?

All of the versions displayed in the article exhibit relief of Impending Stalemate. Other versions from Complete Block positions are possible. In this latter form all the Black pieces are not in stalemate positions.

Impending stalemate may be relieved in five different ways: (1) Liberating the Black K by the formation of a battery (See Version C); (2) Liberating the Black K by the direct withdrawal of a guard; (3) Liberating the Black piece other than the K by unpinnin, by direct withdrawal (See Version F) or by the formation of a masked battery (Version C); (4) Liberating a Black piece by allowing it to capture (Version A); (5) Liberating a Black P by vacating a square that it can occupy (Versions B and C). Version E is a combination of several of these principles.

The construction of Impending Stalemate problems, if attempted.

will be found both amusing and instructive. All of the versions offered with the exception of Version F are originals of Chess Life's Problem Editor. Version F was composed by A. Van Edde and was published in Haarlemsche Courant in 1903.

All the versions have the same stipulation-White mates in two

Solutions:-

The key to Problem No. 73 is 1, P-B6 with threat of 2, Ki-B5, Nice key but outof-play White Kt on KiB is a drawback to the excellence of the conception. The key to
Problem No. 74 is 1,0-R8, Grently admired for its attractive and economical setting. Has
good variety.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 73 and 74 are acknowledged received from Burnoy Marshall (Shreveport), T. Lundberg (Dallas), N. Gabor (Chedmaid), O. Wurdburg and
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(Howard R. I.), H. Greendyke (Newport, Ky.), James Bolton (Kew Haven),
Belated correct solutions to Problems 71 and 72 are acknowledged received from
J. Bolton (New Haven).

The key to Hassberg's Enroque problem which appeared in Forsythe is 1, Q-Kt5.

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	nove & Mate in 2!	
		Gene Collett
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Manhattan International Tournament, New York, 1948-9 Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White A. HOROWITZ A. Black A. BISGUIER P.-K4 P.-K4 S. O.-O. B.-K2 Kt-KB3 Kt-CB3 G. R-K1 P-OKt B.-K1 P-

P-Q3 10. B-K3 B-Kt5 reluctant to commit himself

After 12. BxKKt BISGUIER



An obvious move which has been sadly neglected, most opening minutals contenting themselves with the vague commettivit if it. BrKKt, P.Q4, etc. The only reasonable alternative to the lext is 12, PrP, witually compelling Black to retreat his Kt. from 13. Which was the same to be supported by the same to be supported by the same that it is not be supported by the same that it is not supported by the same that is not supported by the same to be supported by the same to be supported by the same that is not supporte which has been a

BRY, GAS, 17, FRIS, Rt-Ke; 18, ISR, HaB, etc.

II. 12, _____Kt-Be!; 13, P-KR3? (Fine recommends 12, QBxRt, PxB; 14, P-KR3, B-K8, B-K8; 15, IKB, QSB; 16, QRt-Q2 and Black's Q-Side Ps will be a troublesome weakness in the endgame; B-E82; 13, P-PF (14, QBxRt), BxQP; 15, QBxRt, QBxRt; 160; 18, BxR, QBxRt; 160; 18, BxR, QBxRt; 160; 18, BxR, QBxRt; 160; 19, BxRt; 10; 18, BxR; 18, BxRt; 14, PxP with a P to the good (14, BxRt; 14, PxP with a P to the good (14, BxRt; 14, BxRt; 15, BxRt; 14, PxP with a P to the good (14, BxRt; 14, BxRt; 15, BxRt; 15, BxRt; 15, BxRt; 16, BxRt; 16, BxRt; 16, BxRt; 16, BxRt; 16, BxRt; 17, BxRt; 18, BxRt; 18, BxRt; 18, BxRt; 19, BxRt; 10, BxRt; 10,

Prp. 10, P.KB47, P.B4; 17, Kt-Q2, R.B3; 18, 18, 18, 18, R.Kx18, B.R5 and wins. B-Q3 11, P.K5 BxP2! BxP2! BxP2! BxP2! BxP3! BxP4 BxP4! BxP4

R-B321 R-Kt3 ch 22. B-Kt3 RxB ch!? l another!

QxP ch. 25. K-B2 Q-R7 cl
Q-R6 ch. 26. K-B1?

I wins. But who can biame White
ning any more complications?!

Q-R6 ch. 25. Kt-K4 Q-R7 cl
R-K1 ch. 29. K-B1
K-Q37, QPxKt ch! and wins!

Q-R7 ch
Q-R7 ch
To the inexhaustibility of chess! 0-R7 ch ime White 0-R7 ch 29. 30. K-B2

SLAV DEFENSE Manhattan International Tournament, New York, 1948-9

White
DR. M. EUWE
1. P-04
2. P-04
3. Kt-83
2. P-08
4. P-03
3. Kt-83
7. Kt-8 pponent.

Journament Life

ses the prudent way

0-B5

t once Bisguier chooses the pubut only for a while.

BxKt QxB 9. KtxP
Q-Kt3 Kt-Q2 10. B-Q3
P-K4 PxKP

dangerous for White if he takes too dis-paraging a view of the matter, 12.0.0 KR.KU.
He loses no time taking the open file, with NR.KU.
NR.KU

ing hopes, 15. Q-82 16. 8-84 17. Altrendy threatening 17. BxP. 16. P.Q517 18. BxP. 16. P.Q517 18. Altrendy by 16. BxP (16. SPKP) 17. QxQF. PxQ77; 18. B.K15-0. And mate mext movel); 17. PxKP, O-O-O; 18. PxP, R-K12 with a very difficult positive positive parameters.

B-K2, O-O-O; 17. BxP ch.

B-Q7!! B-Q7!! P-QB4!; 26 R-KKt3, 16-4 was the logical course.
25. R-KB3 B-K44 27. Kt-B5!
On 27. P-KB1! Black has 27. P-QB4!!
27. BSR
This tempting move only creates new difficulties. 27. R-KR2! was the right move (or 27. R-BR); 28. KtxR! is feasible).
25. R-KR3!
Autoractity Black has overreached himself.

Q-Q4 ch 31. R-R7!! P×Q After: 31. R-R7!!

BISGUIER

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wine. 36. P.RS 38. R-Ki? and 36. P.RS P.KM 38. Ki-K? ch K-R2 37. P.R6 K.Ki. 39. Ki-Ki6 ch etc. 39. KkP KxP KxP 40. KtxB Resigns Deeptie its flaws, the fibest game of the tournament?

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Manhattan International Tournament, New York, 1948-9

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White
M. NAJOORF
I. A. HOROWITZ
I. P-04 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-0B3 P-04
2. P-084 P-K3 4. Kt-B3 P-04
Genetly. Why should be abstain from 4.

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Conducted by Erich W. Marchand Dept. of Mathematics University of Rochester, Rochester 3, New York

B-Rio, first introduced by Pillsbury!
4. P84 6. P-R3 KI-QB3
S. BPXP KtxP 7. B-Q3
Here too the stronger 7. B-B4 as Botvinnik
played against Alekhine, AVRO, 1988 is
mitted. 9. Q-K2 10. PxP 0-0 more space, open lines for his try a K-side attack, Black will the isolated QP, try to exchange get into an ending. KLOKE Be and will play against play pieces and 11. R-Q1 12. B-QB4 13. Kt-K5 14. QB-Kt5 15. QR-B1 21. B-Q2 17. B-Kt3 18. KtsKt 19. RxR 20. R-QB1 Why not Why not tr. P-QKt4, alti are always super 31. BxP 32. P-QKt3 33. B-Q4 34. P-B3 35. R-Kt1 36. R-Q1 37. K-B2 38. R-Q2 39. B-Kt2!



NAJDORE Threatens mate.
19. Kt-Q6 ch! 41. B-K4?
10. BxKt PxB 79. Rt-96 ch! d. B-44?

10. Bxtt. PxB

10. Both players were in terrific time pressure, but as Najdorf explained right after the grant of the state of the state

SICILIAN DEFENSE Omaha City Championship Omaha, 1948 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

W. NELSON PxP P-Q3 White
H. E. OHMAN
P. P. K.
P. P. C.
P. F. C.
P. C.
R. C.
R.

at once since it virtually company, and the following the locks his QBP.

5. Kt-QB3

But White here fails to take advantage of Black's error, 5. P-QB4 leading to the so-called "Marocry Variation" would give White a strong grip on the center.

Kt-B3 7. B-K2 B-K4 B-K4-QB4

There is no particular point to this move at this particular time since exchanging Kts will merely aid White by opening the R-Bite. Better is 8. —, 6-0; 9. 0-0, B-K3; 10. P-194, Kt-QR4 for now the Kt may go to B3.

P-134, Kt-Qit4 for now the at may go so
1-0. KtxKt. 10. RPxKt. P-QR3.
weakness leads to another. This move
ects the R-file but leaves a hole at Kts.
2-84. 0-0. 12. P-KKt4
movice would question this move since
pears up the K-position, Good choss playhowever, must not only know the rules
also when to break item, White's acsive procedure is based on (1) his
go rentrol of the rest of the board and
governal successful experiences with this
of attack consinct the Sicilium. P-K3

12. ____ 13. P-Kt5 QB8; 15, B-Ki6, Q-Q2. 19, PxKtP DIAGRAM 19, P-8 14. 15. B-Kt6 16. Kt-K7 ch 17. P-B5 18. R-Kt1 P-83

After 19. PxKtP NELSON



Of course, if 19,, RPxP; 20. KtxP ch. Rut Black jumps from the proverbial frying pan into the fire. White finds a next way to capitalize on his far superior position. 20. B-Kt5! PxB 21. Q-R5 Resigns

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DUTCH DEFENSE Manhattan Chess- Club Championship Preliminaries, New York, 1948 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

Black
J. SOUDAKOFF
0-0 0-0
Kt-B3 P-04
P-03 P-83
0-B2 Q-K1
to Dutch Defense, White DUTKA Kt-KB3 P-B4 P-KKB B-Kt2 A J. SOUDAKUFE 33 P-KB4 6. Kt-B3 P-Q4 18 Kt-KB3 7. P-Q3 P-R5 18 R-KB4 18 R-

SOUDAKOFF



KtxKt 16. P-KR4 Not wise in view of what follows, If 16, Q-Q1!, B-KKt6! Best appears to be 16, B-KKt. BKKt.
16. BKKt 17. PxB
And here 17. BxB will avert a catastrophe.
17. Kt-Q5
Resigns

CATALAN OPENING Queen Chess Club (Buffalo) vs. Rochester Chess Club, Team Match, 1949

Notes by Erich W. Marchana White OPINSKI Utfalo)

Utfalo)

P-Q4

Kt-KB3

F-KB3

F-KK3

F-KK3

F-KK4

F-KK4

Kt-KB3

F-KK4

F-KK4

Kt-KB3

F-KK5

F-KK5

F-KK5

F-KK6

F-K White STOPINSKI (Buffalo) 1. P-Q4 2. Kt-KB3 3. P-KKt3 4. B-Kt2 5. KtxP

B-K2 12. P-K3 Q-K13 o playable is 12. ... B-QKt5; 13. P (if 13. ... KcB; 14. QcB, PxF; 0-0; 16. BvKt, PxB; 17. QxFP; ch, PxB; 15. BxB, PxP ch; 16. Kx ch; 17. B-R5.

P. Q.K13 ch; F.B. B.KB, P.R.P. ch; 16, Kx
13, Q.R.S.
13, Q.R.S.
14, R.B. B.Q.K15, not 14. B.KK ch, Q.KK;
15, Q.K.P. ch, K.B.B. for then both mate and
the R are threatened, but simply 14, R.Q.I.
14, P.R.P.
15, B.K.K. ch, P.R.S.
16, K.K.P.); 16, R.S.B., P.K.S.; 17,
K.B. ch, After spending much clock time
Black decided to face the loss of two Ps
to gain dangerous attacking position. Hence
the text move.
15, B.K.K. ch. Q.R. 37, P.R.S.
15, B.K.K. ch. Q.R. 37, P.R.S.
15, B.K.K. ch. Q.R. 37, P.R.S.

black to gain dangerous attacking position. Heave the text move.

15. 8xktc h QxB 17. R-K3

16. QxKP

16. QxKP ol-0-0

18. white position is very strong and White's last move is almost the only satisfactory protection against B-KBC.

17. B-R-QS 18. Q-QRS K-KH A and heavestry of course is 18. B-KBC; 19. R-QBS, But it is too bad that Black cannot play 18. B-R-B12, 19. QxP, B-KBC (or 19. B-KH 20. R-QBS); QxP; 27. QxB ch with lots of Ps); 29. QxB ch kill lots of Ps); 29. QxB ch with lots of Ps); 29. QxB ch w

After 20. Kt-Q2 MARCHAND



QxQP leve were lovely traps and countertraps are H 20, ..., Q-K8 ch; 21, Kt-B1 (threatsing R-B8 ch and QxQ), B-QB51; 22, B-K151 21, R-Q3 22, Kt-B1 23, Q-B3 Q-KKt5 24, PxR B-B2 25, Q-R3 RxR, Q-Q8; 26, B-K8!

Kt-K3 26, P-Q4, Q-Q8, B-R6

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26,, B-Kt3; 27, Q-Q6 ch, K-R1; 28 P-B4 , R-K1; 28, R-B1, RxKt?; 29, Q

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GB1,
33, PxP
33, PxP
Dirty chess If 34,, RxBP (or 34,, RxB); 35, Q-R8 cht.
P-R3 36, BxB!
35, B-B5 PxP(5)
Much better than 36, Q-R8 ch. For as played 36,, QxB; 37, Q-K5 ch would cost a R

36. R-Kt5 ch 37. K-Rl
36. R-Kt5 ch 37. K-Rl
in severe time pressure Black had const che wild line 37. ..., Q-Q-tch; 88. RkT ch; 29. K-Rl; B-KRT ch; 40. but failed to notice that in this lime B-Rc of gives a simple draw, 38. Q-B5 ch K-Rl 39. KtR (15.9) ..., P-KR; 40. Q-B5, BKt re the piece but the ending is of course less. QxB? QxKtP

10-85.
40. Q-B5 ch
41. Kt-K5
QxRP
Hoping for 48. QxP, Q-Qt ch,
43. Q-B8 ch
Resigns

LAWSON Y ADDS CHESS CLASS

The Lawson YMCA School of Adult Education (Chicago) has added a course in "Chess for Beginners" to its Spring term which opens April 11th for a period of eight eeks. Abe Swet, chairman of the Lawson Chess Club will teach the class which will meet Thursday from 6:20 p.m. to 7:50 p.m., beginning April 14. Registra-tion for the 35 courses offered by the school began March 28 and will continue to the opening session.

CHESS LIFE ABROAD

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) masters and 200 candidate-masters. A new stamp will be published soon, honoring chess.

Jacques Mieses at 84 years young won a special brilliancy prize for this game. French Defense: White: J. Mieses; Black; Sergeant, 1, P. K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. PxP, Px P; 4. B-Q3, B-Q3; 5. QKt-B3, P-QB3; 6. KKt-K2, Kt-K2; 7. Kt-Kt3, Kt-Q2; 6. RR-K2, Rt-K2; 7. Rt-K13, Kt-Q2; 8. B-K3, Kt-B3; 9. B-KKt5, Kt-Q2; 10. Rt-R5, O-O; 11. KKtxP1; Kx Kt; 12. Q-R5, P-KB4; 13. Q-R6 ch, K-Kt1; 14. QxB, Q-K1; 15, O-O, Kt-KK13; 16. KR-K1, Q-B2; 17. B-R6, R-K1; 18. RxR ch, QxR; 19. BxP, QK1-B1; 20. Q-B6, Q-B2; 21. QxQ ch, KxQ; 22. B-Q3, Kt-K3; 23. Kt-C2 B-Q2, 24 B-Q92, RX-V1; 25. K2, B-Q2; 24, P-QB3, R-KKt1; 25, R-K1, Kt-R5; 26, Kt-Kt3, Kt-Kt4; 27, BxKt, RxB; 28, BxP, B-R6; 29. PxB. Resigns.

Solutions:

Solutions:

White to Play and Win!

Position No. 51: 1, P.Rel, B.Ki4 ch; 2, K.Ki6, P.Qe6 2, Ki-K2 ch!, B.KK (if 2, K.Ki6, P.Qe6 2, Ki-K2 ch!, B.KK (if 2, K.Ki6, P.Qe6 2, Ki-K2 ch, E.Ki6, K.Ki6, K.Ki

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