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# SHERWIN WINS COLLEGIATE! 

## Hearst Second, Wachs and Kaufman

Tie for Third in 23 Player Event
New York State Champion James T. Sherwin of Columbia won the Intercollegiate Individual Championship with a 6-1, drawing in the final round with Saul Wachs of Temple University, the U. S. Junior Champion. Sherwin also drew with Francis Mechner, also of Columbia, in the semi-final round.
Former New York State Champion and CHESS LIFE columnist Eliot Hearst, also of Columbia, placed second with $5^{1 / 2-11 / 2}$. Hearst lost a game to former team-mate Sherwin, and drew with Saul Wachs.
Saul Wachs of Temple and Allen Kaufman of N.Y.U. tied for third with 5-2. Wachs, undefeated, drew four games, while Kaufman lost games to James Ricard of Rensselaer Polytechnic and James Sherwin.
Next ranking players in the
round Swiss event were Francis round Swiss event were Francis Mechner of Columbia and Robert
D. Sobel of Philadelphia College of D. Sobel of Philadelphia College of $41 / 2-21 / 2$ each.
Seventh to eleventh with equal 43 scores were Herbert Hickman of Haverford, Marvin Rogan of
Indiana, Karl Burger of Columbia, Indiana, Karl technical, and Girard Kay Rosenblum of Pennsylvania

While not as large an event as some previous Intercollegiates, the number of new faces and institutions represented for the first time in these annual events. Fourteen
colleges wore represented, includcolleges wore represented, includ-
ing players from Indana, Kentucky and No. Carolina.
Sherwin's victory at Houston Hall of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia gives him possession of the Arthur Nabel Paul L. Dietz of Pittsburgh.

## LEW TRIUMPHS IN MISSOURI

Veteran
H. Lew of St. Louis
L. Open Championship to win the title on S-B points. Losing no games, Lew drew with Robert H
Second on S-B with $4-1$ was former State Champion R. H. Steinmeyer, who drew with Lew and W, M. Byland.

Third place on S-B points with $31 / 2-1 \frac{1}{2}$ went to USCF Vice-President W. M. Byland of Pittsburgh. Byland lost to K. R. Smith of Dallas and drew with Steinmeyer.

Fourth with $31 / 2-1^{1 / 2}$ was Walter Grombacher of Chicago, who lost to Steinmeyer and
Godbold of St. Louis.
Five states were represented in the 14 player 5 round Swiss event, held in St. Louis.

## BRAUER TAKES MIDLAND CITY

Alvin Brauer won the double round Midland City Championship with a 7.3 score, losing one game
each to Charies Starnes and Hans each to Charles Starnes and Hans
Grether and drawing with Starnes and Joseph Frank. Second place went to Walter Cepela and Charles Starnes in a tie at 6-4 each. Cepela lost twice to Braucr and once each to Starnes and Grether. Starnes
lost a game apiece to Cepela, Frank and Frank Michlick, and drew a and Frank Michlick, and drew a
U.S. INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP
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## LARSEN TOPS

## 2ND OAHU OPEN

Yale, won the annual Oahu Open Championship at Honolulu by $61 / 2$. $1 / 2$ in an 11 player 7 round Swiss event. Larsen drew with Charles Powell.
Second place with 6-1 went to K . L. Kum of Honolulu, who lost one game to Larsen. Charles Powell was third with $41 / 2-2 \frac{112}{}$, drawing In the 13 player 7 round "B" Class event, honors went to RobSecond place on S-B points went to H. D. Kirschman with $5-2$, while Raymond Killgrove of the U. S. Navy placed third, also with $5-2$
score, score.

## KERES, GELLER HOLD USSR LEAD

After 16 rounds, Keres and Gel ler are tied in the USSR Championship with $10 \frac{1 / 2}{}-4^{1 / 2}$ each. Smyslov and Taimanov follow with $91 / 2$ $5^{1 / 2}$ each. Then comes Petrosan with 9.5 and Botvinnik with 9-6. The final 17th round and the results of seven adiourned games will decide the issue shortly

## FERRIS TRIUMPHS IN WOODPUSHERS'

Stephen Ferris with an 11-1 score topped the Miami Woodpushers' Tournament, losing one game to Anthony Talarczyk in the round robin event. A. Pederson and Anthony Talarezyk tied for second with $10-2$ each. Pederson lost to Ferris and M. E. Duckles; Talarezyk to Pederson and Ernest Scheuplein.
Tied for fourth with 8-4 each were C. Robert Adamson and M . E. Duckles. Adamson lost to Ferris, Pederson, Talarezyk and Duekles; Duckles lost games to Ferris, Tal arczyk, Scheuplein and Victor arczyk,
Emanuel.


## White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

123 No. Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, Hllinois,
A MERICAN ingenuity has produced very few end-game studies beore it is there are almost no end-game composers in the USA. There fore, it is a pleasure on this occasion to present two examples by home talent. Posiiton No. 83 is an interesting study in which the possibilities
of stalemate make White's strategy a matter of yory eareful plonning of stalemate make White's strategy a matter of very careful planning.

Position No. es is not only interesting but important, for it upsets one of the general dicta in Fine's Basic Chess Endings. Fine (p. 566) states that Black R,P and K draw against White K and Q. when the Black P is on R3. Mr. Nash's study would indicate that this is true only when the Black $K$ is on R2.

Composer Milos Marsyko writes from Prague that his study No. 89 (December 20, 1950) was incorrectly printed and should have had a White $P$ on QKt6. Addition of the $P$ would destroy the suggestion of Russell Chauvenet and Neil Bernstein for an alternate solution.

For solutions please turn to page four.

## The Capablanca Chess Stamps

## by PAULINE NEARING

## President, Decotur Chess Club

DE of the most fascinating phases of stamp collecting is selecting a topic, collecting stamps related to this subject and specializing knowledge to be acquired is unlimited

When Bulgaria, in 1947, issued the first adhesive postage stamp honoring The Royal Game of Chess, by depicting a "Knight" chessman, not much attention was given to this, excepting by those interested in "sports stamps," But soon other countries issued stamps commemorating world events in chess. 1948, Russia issued stamps commemorating "The Chess Championship of the World." Hungary in 1950 issued stamps in honor of "The World Chess Championship Candidates' Tournament." The same year, Yugoslavia issued stamps commemorating The Ninth International Chess Team Championship Tournament."

On November 1st, 1951, a large group met in the Post Office, Havana, Cuba. The occasion was the first day of sale of a series of bi-colored stamps honoring Jose Raul Capablanca, World's Chess Champion, 1921-1927. These stamps, in seven denominations, and four designs, commemorate the 30th anniversary of Capablanca's winning the World's Chess Championship title in a match with Dr. Emmanuel Lasker, in Havana. Senor Alberto Garcia, Director of Club Capablanca, Havana, who originated the idea of the stamps, and selected the color and dewho originated the idea of the stamps,
signs, was the speaker for this occasion.

The one cent regular postage, and the 25 cents air-mail stamp show the picture of Capablanca, taken from the famous painting by $\mathbf{E}$. Valdenama in 1938. The 2 cents regular and the 8 cents air-mail show a later picture of Capablanca, seated at his chess board. The 5 cents regular postage and 10 cents special delivery stamp depict Club Capablanca, in Havana. (This beautiful club was made possible by a generous contribution of the Cuban Government, and was formally opened in 1947.) The 5 cents air-mail, in green and yellow, from a photo, shows Capablanca's own chess table and board, upon which the match with Dr. Lasker was played. Chessmen are placed in the exact position of the game when Dr. Lasker resigned, and Capablanca became World Champ-
The first day of sale of these stamps execeded all previous records in Cuba, with the exveption of the 2 cents Roosevelt commemorative, Over $50 \%$ of the "First Day Covers" had the complete set of stamps.
By November 15 th, all of the one and two cent stamps were sold, By November 15th, all of the one and two cent stamps were sold, and
few of the others were to be found in Post Offices.

Club Capablanca issued 120 specially designed courtesy covers, of which 100 were cancelled first day of issue. The writer was the proud
(Please turn to page 3, col. 2)

## EARNEST TAKES OKLAHOMA TITLE

John Earnest of Tulsa staged an upset victory to eapture the Okla homa State Championship $41 / 2-1 / 2$ drawing with runner-up John Blair in the final round of the 26 player 5 round Swiss at Tulsa. Second to fourth on S-B points with equal 4-1 scores were John Blair of
Tulsa, E. N. Anderson of Owasso and AI Miller of Tulsa. Blair drew with Earnest and Anderson; Anderson drew with Blair and Robert Garver, while Miller lost a game to Earnest. Fifth to seventh on S-B with equal $31 / 2-11 / 2$ scores were former champions Robert
Garver of Tulsa and E. H. Gill of Garver of Tulsa and E. H. Gill of
Oklahoma City, and Ben HernanOklahoma City, and Ben Hernan-
dez of Norman. Miss Maxine Cullip who scored 23 for 19th place retained the Oklahoma Women's title as ranking woman player.
In the B Class event, held concurrently, the title went to Danny Davis of Midwest City with $4-1$ on S-B points, losing one game to R. E. Lyon of Midwest City. Also R. E. Lyon of Midwest City. Also
with $4-1$ scores, but second and third on Scores, but second and Heath of Granion and Sander Davidson of Tulsa. Heath lost a game to Davis, and Davidson to Lyon. 10 players contested in the 5 round Swiss event.

## GRKAVAC TOPS MILWAUKEE CITY

## John B. Grkavac a fairly recent arrival from Yugoslavia,

 arrival from Yugoslavia, won theMilwaukee City Championship from a field of 35 players in a 9 round Swiss with a score of $71 / 2$ $11 / 2$. Grkavac lost no games, but drew with Arpad Elo, Dr. Werhley and Wendell Bulger. Second place went to former City titlist Averill Powers with 7-2, Powers lost to Grkavac and drew with Elo and Ralph Abrams.

Third to seventh on S-B points with equal $6-3$ scores were former State champion Arpad E. Elo, Ralph Abrams, Marshall Rohland, Frank Inbusch, and Orville Francisco. Of these Francisco is a young player who has very recently become locally prominent. The tournament was marred by a large number of forfeitures, but was otherwise a very successfully managed event, notable for the number of new names in the top scoring players.

During the course of the tournament U.S. Champion Larry Evans visited Milwaukee to hold a 58 board simultaneous. Evans won 50, lost 2 and drew 6. The two successful scorers against the U.S. Champion were Averill Powers and Leonids Gaigals.

## ELO CAPTURES <br> MILWAUKEE SPEED

Arpad E. Elo won the 7 round
Swiss Wisconsin State Speed Tournament in which 25 players participated with a score of 6-1. Second on S-B points with 6-1 score was E. Rozkalns of Waukesba while J. Kraszewki of Milwaukee was third with 5-2. Fourth to seventh on S-B points with equal
$41 / 2-2^{1 / 2}$ scores were $41 / 2-21 / 2$ scores were Dr. L. Young of Madison, L. Gaigals, of Waukesha, and M. Tohland and Gerald
Rutz of Milwaukee.

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## CHESS AND POLITICS

I EST it be deemed that the Editor of CHESS LIFE stands alone in 1 this disordered world in decrying the increasing intervention of politics into the once-peaceful world of chess, we publish in its entirety 1951, in which Mr. Baruch H. Wood expresses his views in an article 1951, in which Mr. Baruch H
entitled "Chess and Politics":


We might add to Editor Wood's comments on politics the fact that he Czechoslovakian Chess Federation has assumed the costs and labors of publishing an international magazine for FIDE. This is particularly
interesting to Americans, for the editor will be Karel Opocensky who previously edited that monument of propoganda entitled Bulletin International des Informations Echiqueennes. We have upon several oceasions commented upon Editor Opocensky's perverted outlook upon
the American scene and cited examples of his more outrageous and the. American scene and cited examples of his more outrageous and
distorted perversions of the truth. It will be amusing to note if the obligations of his new post as FIDE editor can make an honest man out of Mr, Opocensky or whether from force of habit and training he will remain an incorrigible liar. Needless to say, any endeavor of the Czech chess group and Editor Opocensky to convert the FIDE official publication into a sounding board for Soviet propoganda will be viewed dimly in the USA. We trust that FIDE understands this immutable fact.

Montgomery Major

## The Keader's Koad Jo Chess

By Kester Syendsen

POSITIONSSPIEL UND KOMBINATIONSSPIEL IM SCHACH. By Max Euwe. Translated by Kurt Richter. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. 109 pages,

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HIS is another in Berlin chessmaster Richter's series of "little chessbooks." Dr. Euwe offers 60 pages of theory and analysis, 10 of "Testfragen" and answers, and 40 of closely annotated recent games. The ten sections of Part One deal with the six types of center, with
strong and weak pawns, open lines for Rooks, direct attacks on the King, strong and weak pawns, open lines for Rooks, direct attacks on the King,
the breakthrough, Queen's side pawn majority, and the problem of the Queen's Bishop in the Queen's Gambit General principles and recommendations are emphasized throughout by italics. Their quality may be suggested by the following free translation of Euwe's final remarks on Der Durchbruch."
"The breakthrough often marks the end of position play and the beginning of combination play. A well-caleulated breakthrough often wins quickly, whereas a badly timed one may recoil immediately like a boomerang upon the attacker. Take care, then, that the circumstances are as favorable as possible when the position is to be opened up. Maneuver in advance for the greatest mobility, so that your pieces can reach their highest efficiency without delay. On the other hand, don't spend too many moves on preparation, for in that case your opponent, in spite of your impressive position, may have a chance to play his pieces to good defensive posts."

The test questions of Part Two deal exclusively with pawn position; and the 20 diagrams here illustrate Euwe's statement that pawn formation is the basis for position play. Then come the 10 master games, one from 1939 (Keres-Euwe match), one from 1943 (Botvinnik-Smyslov, Sverdlosk), and the others from 1948. O'Kelly, Szabo, Reshevsky, Ros-
solimo, and others are represented. The games are discussed in Euwe's clear, dry, methodical style, with frequent cross-reference to Part One. Euwe observes: "See our theory on the open file, subsections IV and V: Open a file only when you can get more use out of it than your opponent can.'"Here, as elsewhere, the emphasis on pawn play clarifies and illuminates moves which club players like this reviewer find inexplicable.

For a sample of the games, Euwe's win from Kitto (Plymouth 1943) will serve well


## Mate The Subtle Way!

by Vincent L. Eaton
Road, silver Spring, Maryland.
PROBLEM No. 295 ushers another new composer on the scene with his first attempt. Mr. Bakos is a protege of Edgar Holladay and seems to have learned much from that skilful composer.

The Melbourne (Australia) Weekly Times announces an informal composing tourney for original problems in three moves. Entries should be addressed to "Gambit," The Weekly Times, Flinders Street, Melbourne, Australia. A. Goldstein will be the judge and the closing
date is December 31, 1952. Three money prizes will be awarded for date is December
the best entries.


For solutions to previously published problems, please turn to page four.

## The U. S. Championship Tournament

By HANS KMOCH
USCF Vice-President and Secretary of Tournament Committce
TWO years ago the Tournament Committee, under the co-chairmanship of Messrs George E. Roosevelt and Maurice Wertheim, worked out a tentative schedule for the 1950 Championship, to be held as an invitational tournament, and the championships thereafter, to be open for especially qualified participants. On December 1, 1949, Mr. Wertheim sent a summarizing report of the Tournament Committee's sug-
gestions to President Giers. gestions to President Giers. On April 4, 1950, President Giers wrote the Tournament Comm

Unfortunately, a number of unforeseen events caused delay in the 1950 Championship. There was first of all the paralyzing blow delivered to the Tournament Committee by the death of Mr. Wertheim; there was the participation of a U.S. team in the so-called Chess Olympics at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, in August and September 1950; then there was the change in the Presidency of the USCF which had been impending for some months before it became a fact. I may add, if it matters, that 1 myself as the secretary of the Tournament Committee, had been absent from this country for seven months (June-December, 1950).

Our new President, Mr. Phillips, did great efforts to reactivate the Tournament Committee and get the postponed 1950 Championship held in 1951.

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By Eliot Hearst

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T last the devotees of outdoor chess in Central Park will have a roof over their heads! About two weeks ago an anonymous bene factor donated $\$ 38,000.00$ for the express purpose of protecting the chess players from the elements For quite a few years now the habitues of the "Central Park Chess Club" have played outdoors -come rain, hail, or heat-on the 18 cement chess tables and benches set up by the New York City Department of Parks. Soon the shel ter, a briek octabonal structure, will be erected, and the city's out door chess fans will no longer have to face both their opponents and the weather! "The New York Times," incidentally, carried prominent feature story on this donation together with a large pic ture of the proposed building and a reproduction of a photograph of two old men playign chess on a park bench, which was the photo graph that aroused the interest of the local philanthropist in this project.
IN BRIEF: Marshall Chess Club recently held an intra-club match to celebrate Mrs. Mary Bain's vie tory in the U. S. Women's Champlarge turnout for the popular wom an expert, and what with the vie tory speeches, friendly matehes, evening was a big success George Krauss, ex-Marshallite now in the Air Force, sent his Christ mas greetings from mas greetings from Morocco this feated C.C.N.Y., 5-2. . Nick Bakos, another Marshall expert now in
the Armed Forces, had his first furlough recently, and judging furlough recently, and judging
from his strong showing in the rapid transits in which he partici pated, it seems his chess skill is as expert as ever . . . The inter national tourney scheduled for Cuba in February will be very powerful, indeed, and New York chess fans await with enthusiasm the prospect of secing many foreign masters in person here in the metropolis on their way to and from Havana . . . Marshall champ ionship standings at the haifway and Pilnick ( $6^{1 / 2} 31 / 2$ ), Collins ( $6-3$ ), Brandts $(51 / 2-31 / 2)$. . . Manhattan championship has just begun, fur ther news next issue.
WISCONSIN STATE SFEED CHAMPIONSHIP Milwaukee, 1951


## PLAN FOR CHESS IN CENTRAL PARK

Aecording to the Now York
Times, an anonymous gift of $\$ 38$, Times, an anonymous gift of $\$ 38$, 000 has been received from a prom inent New Yorker to build a chess Park. The shelter grew out of a photograph of two old men play ing chess on a bench in Central Park. A member of the Park AsPark. A member of the Park As-
sociation showed this pieture to a philanthropist and asked him if philanthropist and asked him if
he wasn't interested in doing something for these old men and many like them, who played ches and checker in Central Park. The Philanthorpist became interested asked for designs for such a shelter and estimates of the cost. Then he visited the Park and saw for himself the chess enthusiasts immersed in their games.
The shelter will be an octagonal brick structure with a slate roof thirty-five feet in diameter with ten-foot-wide doors, and eigh tables. It will be usable the year round, and provide adequate shelter for the players who are most ly retired oldsters who meet daily except in the worst weather.


BEST AMERICAN CHESS PROBLEMS of 1946, Compiled by Eric M. Hassberg; Omaha, Neb. 1948; $68 \mathrm{pp} ; \$ 1.50$. Order from E. M. Hassberg,
$T$ HIS collection of 100 of the best examples of American ingenuity $T_{\text {in }}^{\text {Ha }}$ problem composing, ranging from such famous veterans as wald, De Blasio, Eaton, Holladay and the editor, Eric Hassberg, deserves a place in the library of every player interested in the problem art. Most of the examples are prize-winners, and those which won no honors
certainly deserved them. The book represents a cross-section of problem skill in these United States, for almost every active composer is
U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

On March 28, 1951 the Tournament Committee met and came to the conclusion the postponed Championship should be held in August 1951
with $14-16$ participants. On April 19, 1951 the Tournament Committee with $14-16$ participants. On April 19, 1951 the Tournament Committee
decided on a list of 16 participants by name. On May 5, 1951, the Tournament Committee changed the schedule for the 1951 Championship in such a way that 24 players could participate instead of 16 while
the number of rounds would increase only from 15 to 16 . On June 11, 1951, invitations were sent out to the selected players. As for the additional names, the Tournament Committee had accepted
the National Rating List as a guide, emphasizing, however, it had no obligation to follow that List.
July 281951 Championship tournament was held in New York from July 28 During June 11 to July 28 many changes in the list of the participants became necessary, because some of the invitees were unavailable,
some made claims which the USCF had no chance to fulfill, some needed time to decide, and some didn't answer at all.
As time went on, the difficulties to get sibstitutes were mounting. To many players, the idea of acting as a substitute had a humiliating
touch. Others could not accept at short notice, while still others did touch. Others could not accept at short notice, while still others did
but later withdrew at zero notice. During the last week before the tournament, I had to work frantically so as to present a complete list of 24 players at the draw on July 28. On that day, just before the
draw was to start, Herman Hesse from Pennsylvania and George Eastman from Michigan announced their withdrawals by wire. And there was still no answer from U.S. Champion Steiner.
However, I had foreseen possible trouble of this kind and was fortunate enough to find a number of distinguished players who would
not mind acting, so to say, as substitutes for substitutes, willing to step in at any moment. The names of the gentlemen who by their comprehensive attitude substantually contributed to the tournament are: Edgar
McCormick, Jack Collins, Dr. Ariel Mengarini, Dr. Joseph Platz, and Ed. Schwartz. McCormick had even to wait until the first round had started, for I felt that Steiner's place must be kept open until the very
last minute. Mr. Thillips and myself. We acted in accordance with the dorgely done by Tournament Committee had previously taken. Our bid to get some of the best-placed players from Fort Worth netted only Jim Cross; Eliot
Hearst from New York and Lee Magce from Nebraska were unavailable. As for our critics, we had New Yorkers who would wonder what non-New Yorkers were doing in this tournament, as well as non-New
Yorkers who simply couldn't imagine why so many New Yorkers should participate. We had those who wouldn't mind a few thousand dollars if these dollars were to be produced by the USCF, those who considered
themselves second to nobody in importance, those who would blame the Tournament Committee for a player's failure, and those who gencrally seemed to believe that ill-will was the only guide the Tournament

By and large, however, the Tournament Committee's good-will was Mr. Alexander Bisno, and Mr. George E. Roosevelt, are concerned. Sapienti sat. The thankless job of raising the funds was accepted and
in spite of tremendous difficulties satisfactorily done by Mr. Phillips. The tournament itself was a smooth affair. There were no incidents of any importance.

Kitsap (Wash.) Chess Club electC. L. Miller viec-president, W. E. Jackson secretary-treasurer, and
G. L. Christey tournament di-
rector.

CHICAGO BESTS
GARY IN MATCH
posed Northern Indian Or the proney and instead there was an informal match between five Chicago players, who came to play in the
tourney and members of the Gary Chess Club. Chicago won $41 / 2-1 / 2$ with vietories going to Kimbail
Nedved, Angelo Sandrin, C. P. Adams and Skultins, while Walter Martinson of Gary.

Cambridge (Mass.) YMCA Chess Club is leading in the Metropolitan
Chess League with $5-1$ in matches and $181 / 2-111 / 2$ in games. Cambridge lost a first round match to
Boston College and has since remained unbeaten.


CAPABLANCA CHESS STAMPS
(Continued from Page 1, Column 3)
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System for its employees. The postal tournaments of the System
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Saturday, January 5, 1952
Alchhines' Carty Chess Career

Additional Data
By A. Buschke
V. ALEKHINE IN SOVIET-LAND

This Championship Tournament has recently been mentioned again
"From the Past," in "Shakhmaty
v. SSSR," 1951, no. 7, p. 216. There
also the final score table of this event showing Alekhine as winner of everyone of the 11 games played Armii" 1920, no. 4, p. 23, April
20,1920 ). In his first chess column ("K
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same game, in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland," called "played
in the first class of the Moscow Local Tournament $1919^{\prime \prime}$ makes it
possible to classify all the other games in "Schachleben in Sowjet-
Russland," which are called "played in the first class of the
Moscow Local Tournament," as games played in the Moscow
Championship of $1919 / 1920$ where Alekhine competed "hors de con-
cours."

So far, no other games played by Alckhine in that tournament
have come to light. The notes to the games with Issakoff in "My
Best Games" are considerably Best Games are considerably
more extensive than those in
"SShent "Schachleben in Sowject-Russland," we can therefore refrain from a republication and refer to
game no. 53 in "My Best Games of Chess, 1908-1923."
The games with Liubimov and
Greigoriev, as published in "Schachleben in Sowjet-Russland" with Alekhine's notes, and with Zubarev, as translated from the German
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QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING
North and South Carolina Championship
Columbia, 1951
Notes by B. Rudich, those marked (C) by Kit Crittenden from the Bulletinn of the Tournament.
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No. 291 OMarshall): 1. q8: Kt\%. Unusual pins and cross-check in Marshall's
characteristically complex style.



## SOLVERS' LADDER

(Two points for two-movers; four points for three movers. Extra credit for correct claims of "cooks," i.e. (valid solutions not intended by the composers. This
tally covers solutions for problems in the November 20 issue rectived up to the time tally covers solution
we went to press.)


Hearty congratulations to Kenneth Lay and E. J. Korpanty, who are join A. skeris as he joins the solvers' circle

