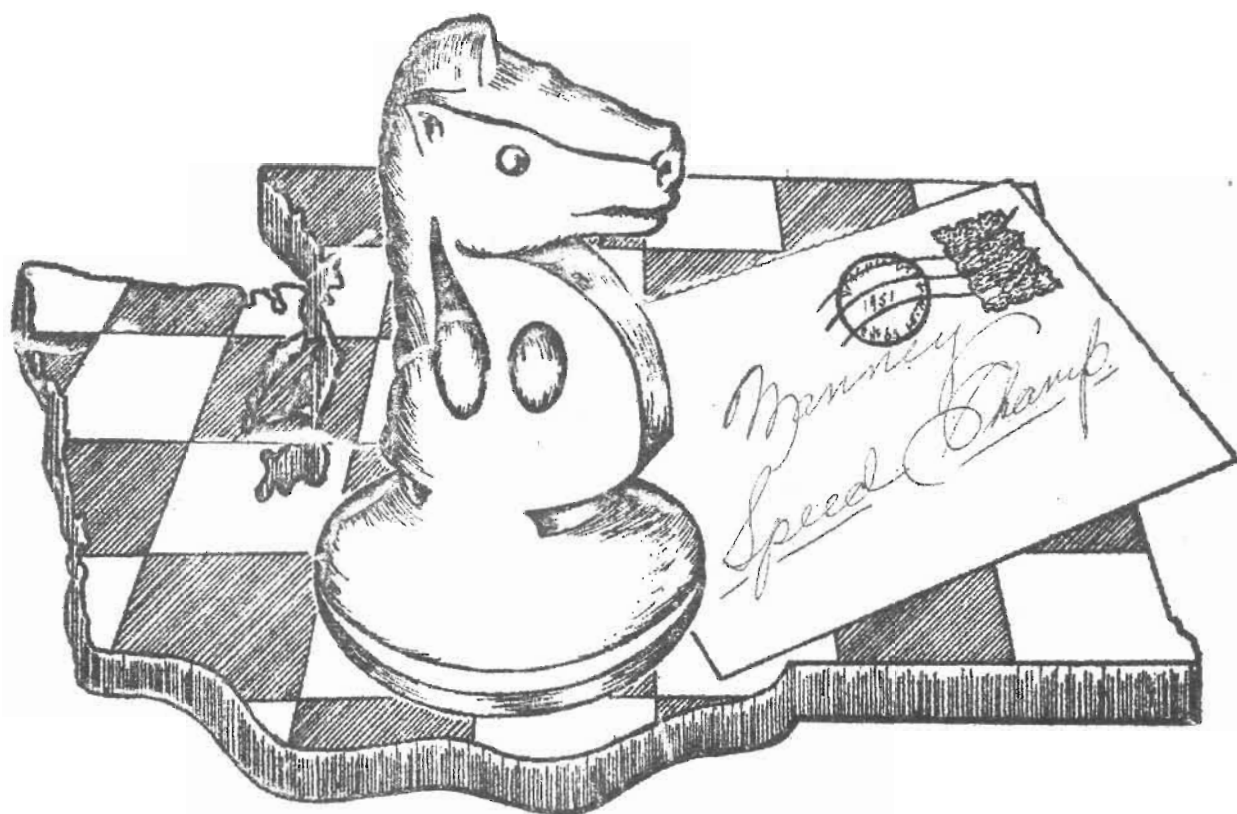


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EDITORIAL

By Robert C. Stark

We are beginning to make some progress with the recently devised system of various Associate Editors each taking charge of a section of the Washington Chess Letter; however there are still some faults that have to be ironed out. It takes some time to become accustomed to typeing stencils, thus several of our stencils were not typed as clearly as they might have been, and I hope you will put up with our efforts until all of us have learned the ropes. The Washington Chess Letter has become too large a project for one man to handle (even if the single individual is as interested as I have been) and so, as you may have noticed from the Title Page, many of our chess players have volunteered their services. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who are participating in this publication, and mention that they are doing a magnificent job. We still need a little more help, so if anyone else is interested please contact me at my Seattle Address which is in this issue of WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER.

Because of the modesty of O. W. Manney, many people do not realize the extent of his chess ability. In these parts it's a little known fact that he has an assortment of trophies from the Texas State Championship, various Texas City Tournaments, a trophy for a speed championship, which I believe was in New York City, The Trophy for the Nevada State Championship which you all know about and in addition to other cities trophies, the Las Vegas City Championship Trophy! As you notice Manney has just won the Washinton State Speed Championship to add to his list, and is the only player which can meet Holmes more than halfway on this skittles time limit we have in the Puget Sound League.

We have some good news for the Chess Players of this area. Olaf Ulvestad, who has not been actively participating in chess here in Washington, has agreed to participate in the coming Washington State Closed Championship. It almost goes without saying that he will be our new State Champion, but if someone else can steal inhead of him they will have gained an honour to which few Washington State Champions are entitled. I am very glad to see you back in Washington Chess Ole, and though all of us will try our very best to beat you it will warm my heart to see you as Washington State Champion, and incidentally bring a great deal of prestige to Washington Chess. Here also is a challenge to all players who would like to make a mark in the Chess World. Beat Ulvestad for the State Championship and you will be recognized.

I might also make it known that Ulvestad is giving lessons at the Seattle Chess Club every Wednesday, and the fee is very reasonable for anyone interested. Try it out one time -- you can't lose.

..YMCA TAKES ONE POINT LEAD OVER KITSAP.

The Seattle YMCA chess club has won a $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ lead over Kitsap in games played recently. Max Bader won one and drew a game with Gross of Kitsap on board two and on board one Jack Nourse and D. Wade celebrated Christmas early. Nourse lost the first when he blundered in a drawn end game and Wade with a cinch win tried to be cutie and lost the second game.

The rest of the match is scheduled to be played Sunday, November 18th over in Bremerton. Vellias, Hebert and Chipman are set to go for the Y. Kitsap can counter with a large number of very good players such as Rehberg, Magerkurth and Allen. So the final score of this Puget Sound league nix is very uncertain.

Last year the teams played to a 5-5 standoff.

THE 1951 CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	SCORE	S-B
1. Chas. Joachim	W5	W3	D8	W7	W2	L4	4½	22
2. Leonard Sheets	W6	W12	D1	W3	L5	W7	4½	20.5
3. Glenn Muller	W12	W7	W10	L2	L1	W5	4	20.
4. Gerald Schain	L11	L5	W14	W9	W6	W1	4	17.
5. Donald Seiter	L1	W4	W11	D3	W2	L3	3½	22.5
6. Dr. J. Shephard	L2	W14	D8	W10	L4	W12	3½	16.
7. Ames Anders	W13	L3	W9	L1	W8	L2	3	21.
8. O. W. Manney	W9	L1	D6	D5	L7	W11	3	19.5
9. Russell Vellias	L8	W12	L7	L4	W14	W10	3	14.5
10. V. W. Bever	W14	D11	L3	L6	W13	L9	2½	15.
11. T. McGunnigle	W4	D10	L5	L13	L12	W14	2½	14.
12. Dan Wade	L3	L2	L13	W14	W11	L6	2	16.5
13. Ted Davidson	L7	L9	W12	W11	L10	L8	2	16.
14. Max Bader, Jr.	L10	L6	L4	L12	L9	L11	0	17.5

A play-off between Joachim and Sheets was necessary to determine the 1951 city championship. Joachim lost to Schain in and Sheets won from Anders in the last round to cause the tie. The play-off has been delayed due to Sheets' illness. Max Bader, Sr. played the first two rounds and then dropped out on account of illness. Fourteen-year-old Max Jr. played the last four rounds. Schain finished strong after dropping the first two. Muller's only trouble was in having to play both Sheets and Joachim. Manney found the competition too tough. Although he was in the event of his own accord, Dr. Shephard and Seiter he was only able to draw.

SHEETS, JOACHIM TIE FOR FIRST IN CITY

CHARLES JOACHIM AND LEONARD SHEETS TIED FOR FIRST PLACE IN A FOURTEEN PLAYER SIX ROUND SWISS TOURNAMENT FOR THE CITY OF SEATTLE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP. ALTHOUGH THIS TOURNAMENT TOOK PLACE IN OCTOBER THE PLAYOFF FOR FIRST PLACE AND THE CUP HAS BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF JOACHIM'S HEALTH.

The fight for first place was a dilly right from the start with Muller, Joachim and Sheets getting out in front in the first three rounds. Muller with 3-0 led by a half point when Joachim and Sheets drew in their important third round meeting but in subsequent rounds lost first to Sheets and then to Joachim to drop from first place contention. He in turn knocked Donald Seiter out of his chance to tie for first place in the 6th and last round by defeating Seiter and securing third place. Seiter had given Joachim his chance to win first prize by upsetting Sheets in round five. But it

The Olympia-Seattle YMCA chess duel has been postponed until later.

was not to be for Jerry Schain, Washington junior champ and winner of the wood-pushers tourney, downed Joachim while Sheets won his final from Anders to tie things up. Schain started badly losing in his first two starts and then settled down to win four straight and take 4th place.

Besides Seiter who won fifth place, others that played well in the tourney were Dr. Shephard and Ames Anders who finished 6th and 7th. O.W. Manney, one of the favorites, had to be content with 8th place. Max Bader lost his two games and his 14 year old son Max Jr. finished the match for his father. It appears that the platoon system has now entered the realm of chess!

Tom McGunnigle started well defeating Schain but couldn't find the key to victory again until the last round and finished 11th. Dan Wade, tournament director couldn't find the key until the fourth round and just barely edged Ted Davidson to take 12th place. Russ Vellias broke even to take 9th place while V.W. Bever took 10th spot.

WASH CHESS HISTORY

By J. NOURSE

There is little remaining to include in this history which has not been recorded in past issues of the Chess Letter. However, the history is not complete without doing honor to the man who in 1944 was responsible for launching the idea of the Canadian-American Chess International - Mr. R.C. Cannon of Mt. Vernon.

His brainchild has been a successful undertaking from the initial tourney up to the present time. It has provided enjoyable holidays and cemented enduring friendships, and is a perpetual reminder to the world that we prefer to live in peace and amity with our neighbors.

Mr. Cannon organized and managed several of the tournaments at Mt. Vernon, and nowhere have we been privileged to enjoy better planning and management than under Tom's efficient handling.

The Chess International fired the imaginations of the chess world, with the result that chess tournaments are now held annually all along the Canadian-American border from coast to coast. When one considers other borders in other climes, one realizes what a fine advertisement for democracy Mr. Cannon has initiated.

Tom Cannon is to be congratulated on a fine idea, splendidly conceived and perfectly executed.

This history to date has been a record of the stalwarts who win tournaments, or who have been leaders in organization and development. These are the men who keep interest in the game at a white-hot peak. Without them our game would be anemic indeed, but I cannot close this record without paying tribute to the faithful core of loyal members who play and back the game purely for the fun they get from it.

Hardly one of this group can be described as a top player, but they do more for the game than all the boys who make the headlines. Their names and their actions are all on record in the Chess Letter, and their numbers are so great that it would be folly to single any one above the others as an example.

I pay honor to the group of selfless men who accept and work hard on profitless appointments, who faithfully attend Federation and other meetings, and whose dependability is the rock to which our ship is moored. This group is in chess for the love of the game, and their reward is not to be found in Ecclesiastes, 1:2;.

I wish to thank the following persons for their help in furnishing the official data to render this history authentic - Messrs. J.L. Sheets, Hugh Enochson, Carroll Crain, Clarence Bushnell, and particularly Messrs. Otto Case, E.A. Erickson and Norman Jemar, without whose sparkling side-lights this record would have been dull indeed.

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The foregoing history has been concerned primarily with the tangibles of the game - what has been done and how it was accomplished. Ever so often among the letters I have received appears an interesting speculation, a theory or even a conjecture which has a bearing on the welfare of chess. Neither is the ever-recurring WHY of thinking people a stranger to the correspondence. A clear answer to these questions and theories could help clarify the uncertain course the Chess Federation must follow to capitalize on the recent expansion. Next month I hope to present some of these observations in the hope that they will throw more light on current problems.

One correspondent queries:- "Why is the mortality of chess club members at so high a peak." The turn-over of club members is appalling high, and highest of all in the "champion" group. Not many ex-champions are active in chess.

The answer to this question is also the answer to the problem of building membership. I hope that this aftermath of the chess history will produce some discussion, and perhaps some concrete benefits.

FUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE NEWS

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.	Games Won	Games Lost
TACOMA YMCA	3	0	0	3	19	11
AMIDON'S CLUB	2	0	0	2	16	4
UNIV. OF WASHINGTON	2	1	0	2	19	11
SEATTLE	2	1	0	2	17½	10½
EVERETT	1	2	1	1½	15½	24½
WEST SEATTLE	1	3	0	1	11½	26½
KITSAP	0	1	1	½	7	13
SEATTLE YMCA	0	1	0	0	4½	5½
OLYMPIA	0	2	0	0	8	12

TACOMA YMCA TAKES OVER LEAGUE LEAD WITH SURPRISE WIN FROM U. OF W.

The University of Washington chess team's championship dreams suffered a rude awakening at Tacoma on Nov. 11th when they lost a tough match to the Tacoma YMCA 6 to 4.

The Tacomans two top men, Holmes and Crain, practically cinched the match by taking three out of four games from the University's pair of champions, State Champ Chuck Ballantine and Ex-champ Bob Stork.

The hurdle was the big one for Tacoma but on Dec. 16th they tangle with the strong Seattle team. A win for Seattle in this one and the championship race will be a three or four team free-for-all! Match score:

TACOMA YMCA (6)	U. OF WASHINGTON (4)
Holmes	2, Ballantine
Crain	1, Stork
Hewitt	½, Noland
Collins	½, Mulford
Coubrough	2, Ferris

TACOMA YMCA BEATS WEST SEATTLE

The West Seattle chess club also found the Tacomans ungracious hosts for the most part in dropping an earlier match at the "City of Destiny" by the score of 6½ to 3½.

West Seattle's top player, O. W. Manney, started his team out right with a pair of wins over Vernon Holmes but the lower board players were unable to hold their own against the Tacoma club.

TACOMA YMCA (6½)	WEST SEATTLE (3½)
Holmes	0, Manney
Hewitt	2, Ijage
Coubrough	1½, Seekamp
Collins	2, Vukonich
Hiltman	1, Woodward

SEATTLE GETS BACK INTO WIN COLUMN WITH 5½ TO 2½ VICTORY OVER WEST SEATTLE

The Seattle Chess Club won its second match in three starts to pull up into a third place tie with the U. of W. The second board games will be played later between Mr. Sheets of the Seattle club and Mr. Schmoeyer of the West Seattle club. Match score:

SEATTLE (5½)	WEST SEATTLE (3½)
Joachim	1, Manney
Sheets	, Schmoeyer
Seiter	1, Ijage
Shephard	2, Howard
Davidson	1½, Vukonich

AMIDON'S CLUB DOWNS EVERETT 6 TO 4

Amidon's "upstarts" retained a virtual tie with Tacoma by winning a 6-4 decision at Everett on Nov. 18th. It was actually the first match for the team, their other win in the 2-0 record having come on a forfeit. Box Score:

AMIDON'S (6)	EVERETT (4)
Warner	2, Nourse (Sid) ...
Sams	0, Husby
Bussy	1, Miller
Amidon	1, Thompson
Alexander	2, Ring

EVERETT VICTORIOUS OVER OLYMPIA

Everett's number 4 and 5 boards, I. Thompson and J. Ring came thru with a pair of wins apiece to lead the team to a narrow 5½ to 4½ win over the Olympia chess team. Match results:

EVERETT (5½)	OLYMPIA (4½)
Nourse	½, Murray
Husby	1, Corretelli
Miller	0, H. Yocom
Thompson	2, Harmeson
Ring	2, G. Yocom

GAMES

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G. MULLER -- D. WADE

GAMES EDITOR

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Albin Counter Gambit

CARL ENZ

white

1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. PxKP
4. N-KB3

Development is most important when playing the receiving end of a gambit. For the benefit of those unfamiliar with the Albin the move P-K3 in this position will lose.

5. P-KN3

PCO recommends P-K3 here. The line taken by Enz is no doubt equally good as one can hardly go wrong seeking a safe and solid development when faced with a gambit attack.

P-QB4

Probably better is N-QB3 as rapid development is essential to black here.

6. B-N2
7. O-O
8. P-K3

N-QB3

Now that the king is secure, white makes the freeing move.

K-K2

Black decides to keep his advanced center pawn and forces the following exchange making a passed pawn. The move turns out badly however as the queen is able to take small part in the remaining game. A question remains, however, as to whether a better move by black at his thirteenth turn might have justified the above play. At this point, black could have regained his pawn by N-KN3 with B-N5 coming.

9. PxP
- 10 P-QR3
- 11 QN-Q2

P-KR3?
N-QB3
KN-K2
P-KR3?
N-QB3
KN-K2

PxP
P-QR4
N-N3

12 R-K

B-KN5

13 O-B2

R-Q?

B-K2, or even O-O-O, is preferable here. White takes immediate and decisive advantage of the black king's exposed position.

14 N-K4!

B-K3

This retreat appears forced and is therefore the first indication that all is not well in black's camp. Should he try instead KNxP; 15 NxN, NxN; 16 P-B5, Q-B2; 17 B-B4, P-B3; 18 BxN, PxB (Queen takes bishop loses queen); 19 N-Q6ch, BxN; 20 Q-N6ch, Q-B2; 21 QxB and black has no satisfactory moves. If 21...BxP, 22RxPch, B-K2; 23 QR-K, R-Q2 (other moves are equally hopeless); 24 B-N3, R-B2; 25 RxB! winning the bishop and queen for two rooks. Black cannot take with the rook because of 26 Q-B8 mate.

On 14...BxN white will reply with N-Q6ch. It takes more than an average ability to recognize the necessity of retreat in a position as involved as the text, but it is too late to rescue this game against white's brilliant play.

15 P-B5

Q-R2

16 N-Q6ch

BxN

17 KPxB

N-B1

Forced, since white threatens RxB followed by QxN. K-Q2 is not by RxB also since if black tries KxR, 18 B-R3ch is followed by mate.

18 N-R4

R-Q2

19 P-B4

P-KN3

20 Nxf!

PxN

21 RxBch!

K-B2

If 21...NxR, 22 QxPch, K-C; 23 QxN, and if black meets the treat of Q-B6ch with 23...R-K(K-B also loses the exchange 24 Q-B6ch, K-B; 25 B-R3 regains the exchange with an overwhelming material advantage.

22 P-B5

NxR

23 P-Nch

K-N2

24 PxR

N-K4

25 C-C2	CxP
26 CxPch!	RxC
27 BxRch	KxB
28 P-C8queen	P-C6ch
29 K-R	C-C5
30 C-R8ch	K-N4
31 C-R4ch	CxC
32 PxQch	KxP
33 R-C	resigns

SEATTLE CITY TOURNAMENT
Colle System
(Notes by Vellias)

<u>O.W. MANNEY</u>	<u>RUSSELL VELLIAS</u>
white	black:
1. N-KB3	P-C4
2. P-C4	N-KB3
3. P-K3	P-B4
4. P-B3	QJ-C2
5. B-C3	P-KN3
6. QJ-C2	B-N2
7. P-K4	

The characteristic break.

8. NxB	CPxP
9. NxB	PxP
10 B-K3	O-O
11 BxN	NxN
12 B-B2	N-B4
13 O-O	P-CR3
14 N-B3	N-K3
15 R-K	C-B2
16 B-K4	P-CN4
17 C-B2	B-N2
18 CR-C	KR-K
	CR-B

My intention with this move was to try to nullify white's queenside majority in which I was not successful.

19 N-N5	NxN
20 BxN	P-K3
21 C-K2	BxB
22 QxB	P-KR3
23 B-B4	C-B5
24 CxC	RxC
25 P-KN3	P-N5
26 PxP	RxP?

Probably better was BxP.

27 P-N3	R-N4?
28 R-C6	R-R
29 R-CB	P-CR4
30 R-B4	P-R5?
31 RxBP	RxR
32 PxR	R-R4
33 R-C8ch	K-R2
34 R-C2	RxP
35 P-R4	P-B4
36 B-C6	R-C5?

A faulty exchange of rooks. Black will have to give up his bishop now for

the white rook pawn else lose all his kingside pawns.

37 RxR	BxR
38 K-B	K-N
39 P-B4	K-B2
40 K-K2	P-R4?
Losing valuable time.	
41 P-R4	B-N3?
42 B-N4	B-R2
43 B-K	

Intending B-B2 when black must lose his bishop for the pawn.

44 PxP	P-K4
45 B-B2	K-K3
46 P-R5	B-N
47 P-R6	KxB
48 K-B3	P-B5
	PxP?
Black is lost anyway.	
49 BxPch	resigns

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Alekhine's Defense

<u>MAX BADER</u>	<u>V.V. BEVER</u>
white	black
1. P-K4	N-KB3
2. N-CB3	P-C3
3. P-C4	P-KN3
4. B-KN5	B-N2
5. N-KB3	O-O
6. P-KR3	N-CR3
7. P-K5	PxP
8. PxP	N-C2
9. BxN	PxB
10 C-C5	R-N
11 O-O-O??	

White's castling into range of the only effective piece black has is hard to understand.

12 KR-K	R-N3
13 B-K3	C-K
14 C-B4	P-CB3
15 BxP?	P-CB4
16 P-CN4	R-B3
17 C-N5	P-CR4
18 PxN	NxB
19 CxP	B-CR3
20 N-CR4	C-CB
21 P-B3	C-N2!
22 K-B2	B-R3ch
23 R-C4?	B-CN4
24 C-N4	R-R3
25 C-N2	RxN
26 RxR	C-R3
27 C-N3	CxRch
resigns	C-R3!

In December George Koltanowski will travel east from San Francisco to Philadelphia and New York, returning later in the month to San Francisco. While not planning a regular exhibition tour, the blindfold wizard will schedule a few exhibitions of simultaneous play to break the monotony of the trip.

Before leaving San Francisco, on December 2, Koltanowski will participate in a gala Chess Festival staged by the San Francisco Chronicle and conducted by the Bay Area Chess League and the Industrial Chess League of San Francisco. Among other novelties planned for this festival will be the setting of a new blindfold chess record by George Koltanowski, who is already recognized as the wizard of blindfold chess.

N CALIFORNIA

With equal $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ scores, Charles Bagby of San Francisco and C. M. Capps of Oakland topped the 9 player round robin qualifying event in Northern California, which also awarded the Northern California title. Bagby and Capps drew against each other and Capps lost a game to B. Popoff while Bagby and Capps drew against each other and Capps lost a game to B. Popoff while Bagby was bested by J. Schmitt. J. Schmitt of Oakland was third with 6-2, losing to Capps and drawing with H. Gross and J. B. Gee. E. Pruner placed fourth with 4-4.

The top qualifiers could not compete in the finals, their places going to Pruner who was 4th and Svalberg, tied 5th.

CALIF OPEN

Neil Falconer of Berkeley topped the 43 contestants in the California Open Championship with 6-1 in a 7 round Swiss event at Santa Cruz to win the Open title. Falconer lost no games but drew with runners-up Walter Pafnutieff of San Francisco and William T. Adams of San Jose. Second and third on S-B points were Pafnutieff and Adams. Pafnutieff drew with Falconer, Adams, and Henry Gross; Adams drew with Falconer, Pafnutieff, and Gross.

CALIF STATE

In the 7 player round robin finals

of the California State Championship at Santa Monica, Arthur Spiller of Culver City strode resolutely to victory, conceding one draw to Charles Svalberg. Spiller won the 1950 California Open Title and his victory came as no surprise.

Second place went to Irving Revise of Los Angeles with 4-2. Revise lost outright to Spiller and drew with Sven Almgren and Earl Pruner. Almgren and Pruner tied for third with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ each. Both lost to Spiller, drew with Revise, and drew with Charles Svalberg.

The seven contestants were survivors of preliminary events held in the North and South of California to qualify finalists.

OMAHA

A. C. Ludwig once again won the Swenson Memorial tournament at Omaha, a small event this year of eight players in a 4 round Swiss. Ludwig disposed of Spence, the runner-up in the second round and drew with Dave Ackerman, outmaneuvering his opponent in a pawn ending. Second place on S-B points went to Omaha Champion Jack Spence with 3-1. Spence lost to Ludwig but was otherwise victorious. Third, also with 3-1, was E. Bishop.

NAT. RATINGS

The following Washington tournaments were given these ratings in the July 31, 1951 National Rating List published recently in Chess Life.

State Open, Seattle, 1951	1727
State Championship, Seattle, 1951	1860
Puget Sound Open, Seattle, 1951	1700
Seattle City Championship, 1950	1676
These are in classes B and C.	

The following residents of Washington were given these national ratings.

MASTERS	
Olaf Ulvestad (Seattle)	2305
EXPERTS	
O. W. Manney (Seattle)	2151
CLASS A	
Robert C. Stork (Chohalis)	1915
C. K. Joachim (Seattle)	1950
CLASS B	
James Amidon (Seattle)	1834
CLASS C	
Oliver LaFreniere (Yakima)	1529

°CHESS LIFE° REPORTS

MARY BAIN WINS U.S. WOMEN'S

LA FRENIERE ASS. EDITORS WEAVER

Mrs. Mary Bain, often top contender for the U. S. women's title, in a brilliant manner this time gained the crown, to become U. S. Women's Champion with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. Gisela Gresser, former co-champion, placed second with $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. and Miss May Karff, also former co-champion, was third with 6-3. Mrs. Gresser defeated Miss Karff but lost in a surprise upset to Mrs. Owens.

With Miss Helen Faith Keane, star of the Television program "For Your Information" making the first move, the U. S. Women's Championship Tournament began in style on October 20th at the Marshall Chess Club in New York. All games were held at the Marshall Chess Club except the round of October 28th at the Log Cabin Chess Club in West Orange, N. J. and the round of October 31 at the London Terrace Chess Club in New York. Mrs. Caroline Marshall was tournament director.

Here are the final standings.

Mrs. Mary Bain	22	$8\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Gisela Gresser	16	$7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Miss M. May Karff	20	6-3
Mrs. Kathryn Slater	15	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
Miss Lucille Kellner	15	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Lena Grunette	17	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Nancy Roos	20	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
Miss Willa White Owens	15	3-6
Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky	14	3-6
Miss Adele Raettig	19	2-7

This year the U. S. Women's Championship has a new trophy. The Edith Lucie Weart Trophy, donated by Miss Weart, a player of distinction and a devoted teacher of chess.

EVANS MATCH

While negotiating with Herman Steiner for a title match, Larry Evans plans a North-South tour of simultaneous exhibitions in November and December.

Sam Reshevsky, who is momentarily awaiting final arrangements for his match with Najdorf in November, plans a transcontinental tour beginning in January.

In Los Angeles, Herman Steiner is arranging a match with Isaac Kashdan to precede his title bout with Evans, if the latter can be arranged.

HELPS VETS !

On Sunday, September 16, Bruno A. Czaikowski of Chicago set a record of five years of Sunday visits to play chess and checkers from 2 to 9 P.M. with the patients at Vaughn General Hospital at Hines, Ill. without missing a single Sunday. Mr. Czaikowski, now a retired business man, served for many years as president of the Chicago City League, and began his work with the Hospital in the early days of World War 2. As early as 1947 Mr. Czaikowski had already received the American Red Cross award for 1000 hours work with wounded veterans in the then active institutions of Downey and Fardiner General Hospitals in addition to his serving at Hines. Aside from this activity, Mr. Czaikowski also devoted much time to playing chess with soldiers on leave at the Chicago Service Men's Center during its five years of existence to compile a record, of devotion to the recreational needs of service men that few volunteers equal.

HONOLULU JR.

The Second Oahu Junior Championship was held at the Nuuanu YMCA in Honolulu. It resulted in the victory of 12 year old Richard Ginn with a perfect score of 5-0 in a 16 player 5 round Swiss, with the age limit set at 18.

Thomas Maeda placed second with $3\frac{1}{2}$ $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Homer Maeda (also 12) was third with 3-2. Defending champion Alrich Kong did not place among the prize winners.

YAKIMA ACTIVE

The efforts of Oliver LaFreniere, corresponding secretary of the Yakima County Chess Club, have brought success. He has been attempting to start a chess club in the Tri-city area. In reply to a card sent to Ricaland, an immediate challenge was received. Yakima had to refuse it because there was insufficient time to get the team together. They have attempted to get alternate dates, but so far there has been no more mail from the Ricaland team.

The rooms of the club will soon be redecorated by the Y.M.C.A. It will afford

better playing conditions.

The Yakima High School Chess Club is offering a chance to interested students to learn the rudiments of chess. Teaching are LaFreniere and Dick Meyers. The lessons are being presented during the meetings of the club.

The high school club's postal team has challenged all eight of the Seattle high schools. So far only one has accepted.

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YOU'RE SO CLOSE TO US WE'VE

Editor,
Chess Letter

Dear Bob:

With regard to my alleged disappearance from my old Kitsap haunts, I do wish to make it plain that this is against my desires, and plainly the fault of the Ferry system. They retired the ferries.

In the many years I have been associated with the club I have grown to feel a genuine affection for the club and its members, and I certainly miss the fun I had with the old familiar friends.

However, I see by your magazine the Kitsap club is not enjoying the first good management it has ever had, so I am confident it will get along nicely. However, I hope someone will miss me as I am missing them.

Bob, there is a notable need in our magazine for more interesting and amusing articles such as the clever and witty numbers of "Yuck" Beaver and "Jocko" Crain. Why doesn't such imaginative talent as this report? Why can't we cajole Ole Ulvestad into writing some more of his fascinating travelogue. Surely there are other members who have a yen for the joys of creative writing. Lets go, boys.

To allay the fears of the pessimists, I am happy to report that it looks as though our favorite game will endure for many more years in spite of the flossy lure of television!!

The Universities of Manchester and Princeton have each perfected a digital computer which can play chess. For this I give hearty thanks. No more headaches no more futile struggles, no more bitter self-criticism. Now at last we may relax. Push a button and let the machine do it. Following is an article sent me by Capt. Tollars, U.S.N. and clipped from the Electronics Magazine, Sept. 1951.

"Chess.....The ability of the new digital computer at the University of Manchester to play chess has been investigated at some length, and progress has been made in programming the machine for this purpose. Matters have gone so far, in fact, that a "trans-atlantic challenge chess match" between Manchester and Princeton University is in prospect as soon as the new computer in Princeton is ready. If this hoped-for event comes off, we hope the moves are sent from one side of the ocean to the other in the clear, so ordinary mortals can kibitz.

Should Princeton or Manchester make an obvious display, there will be a very great satisfaction in the detection thereof. The Manchester machine has 3,500 tubes, 12 c-r storage tubes, 100,000 soldered joints, 6 miles of wire and a power consumption of 27 kilowatts. It can also be beaten, regularly, by any human chess player in the master class, many of whom live largely on cornflakes, corresponding to not more than 100 watts, with no soldered connections whatever."

JACK NOURSE.

TWO FIFTEEN MINUTE TOURNAMENT GAMES

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|-----|---------|----------|
| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | Kt-KB3 | Kt-OB3 |
| 3. | B-Kt5 | Kt-B3 |
| 4. | O-O | KtxP |
| 5. | P-Q4 | Kt-C3 |
| 6. | PxP1 | KtxB |
| 7. | P-QR4 | Kt-Q3? |
| 8. | PxKt | BxP |
| 9. | Kt-Kt5 | B-K2 |
| 10. | O-R5 | P-KKt3 |
| 11. | O-R6 | B-B1 |
| 12. | R-K1ch | Kt-K2 |
| 13. | Kt-K4 | P-KB4 |
| 14. | Kt-B6ch | K-B2 |
| 15. | Q-R4 | B-Kt2 |
| 16. | B-KKt5 | P-KR3 |
| 17. | O-B4ch | K-B1 |
| 18. | RxKt! | QxR |
| 19. | Kt-R7ch | RxKt |
| 20. | BxQch | KxB |
| 21. | OxOBP | BxP |
| 22. | R-R2 | B-B5 |
| 23. | P-QB4 | K-B2 |
| 24. | R-K2 | R-R1 |
| 25. | O-O6 | P-QR4 |
| 26. | Kt-OB3 | R-R3 |
| 27. | O-O5cn | K-Kt2 |
| 28. | Kt-QKt5 | R-K3 |
| 29. | Kt-O6! | R-O1 |
| 30. | K-B1! | Resigns. |

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| 1. | P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. | P-Q4 | P-KR3 |
| 3. | PxP | PxP?? |

a good way to lose.

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| 4. | O-R5ch | K-K2 |
| 5. | OxPch | K-B2 |
| 6. | B-B4ch | P-Q4 |
| 7. | BxPch | K-Kt3 |
| 8. | O-Kt3ch | K-R4 |
| 9. | B-B7ch | P-KKt3 |
| 10. | P-KR3 | O-B5 |
| 11. | Kt-KB3 | B-K2 |
| 12. | Q-Kt4ch | BxQ |

Now White mates in five.

Said to be the shortest tournament game ever played:

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| A. Gibaud | F. Lazard | |
| White | Black | |
| 1. | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. | Kt-O2 | P-K4 |
| 3. | PxP | Kt-Kt5 |
| 4. | P-KR3 | Kt-K6! |

and White resigns, as Black forces mate or wins the queen.

Tournament	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location
Washington State Speed Championship	Nov. 25, 1 p.m. 1951	Round Robin	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
"Centennial" Cities Tourney	Dec. 2, '51 1 p.m.	Invitational	\$5.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Open Championship	Jan. 5-6 9 a.m. 1952	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Women's Championship	Jan. 6 9 a.m. 1952	Swiss Tourney	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Championship	Feb. 16-17 23-24	Round Robin Invitational	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Puget Sound Open	Mar. 22-23 9 a.m. 1952	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Junior Championship	Mar. 29-30 9 a.m. 1952	Swiss Tourney	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Northwest Experts	May 31 Jun 1 9 a.m. 1952	6 Round Swiss Invitational	?	Assembly Hotel Seattle

* Section 14 Paragraph 3 of WCF BY-LAWS allows a 50% reduction to all W.C.F. members.

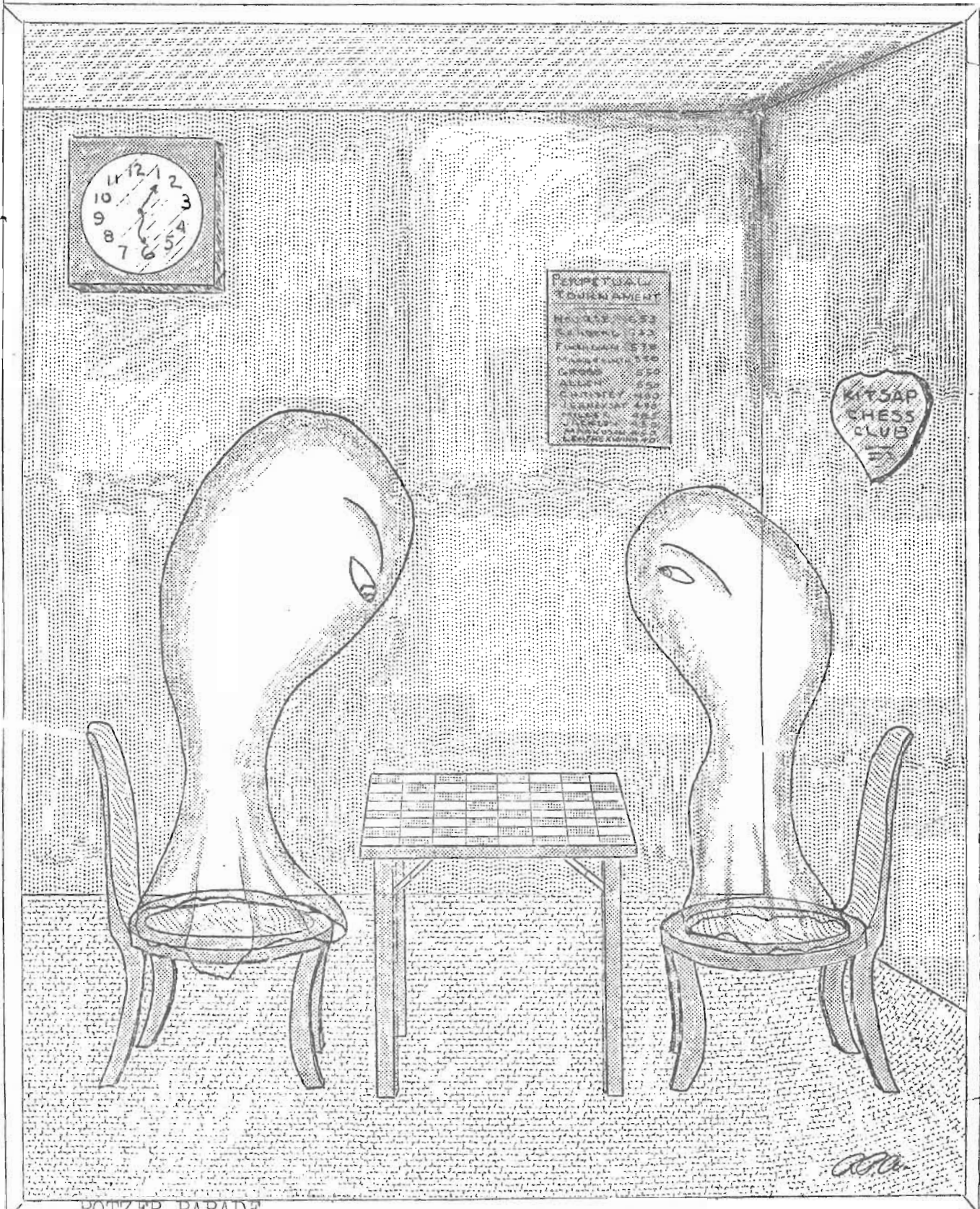
ULVESTAD ACTIVE LOCALLY

Our own chess master, Ole Ulvestad is going much to promote local interest and develop new experts. He is giving lessons weekly at the Seattle Chess Club. All interested may attend at 8.00 p.m. each Wednesday for a nominal entry price. University of Washington students are arranging for Mr. Ulvestad to give lessons at the University of Washington Chess Club once a month.

November 2 Ulvestad gave an informal simultaneous exhibition at the Seattle Chess Club, playing against 21 boards. It was a very informal and players consulted frequently about good or bad moves. One group consisting of Ballantine, Joachim, Schain, Sweets and Stork consulted on one board, but the best they could get was a draw. Max Bader Jr., Davidsen, Gerald Gross, and Glenn Mueller won and young Jorgen Bader drew.

FEDERATION IN THE BLACK!

Treasurer Raleigh of the Washington Chess Federation proudly announces that the entire account for our duplicator and supplies has been paid. That we need now are more subscribers. A subscription has been received for Mr. Walter Pocer of Coora, N.S.W., Australia. Mr. Pocer, formerly of Latvia, may claim to be our most distant member. Any objections?



POTZER PARADE

1st Spook: "Checkmate!"

2nd Spook: "Do you mind if I take that last move back?"

POSTAL CHESS

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Cliver W. La Freniere of the Yakima, Washington senior High School has formed a chess club in that school and has been able to have his team enter into a postal tournament with the Garfield High School of Seattle. He has suggested to us that we try to promote a similiar activity in other High Schools and we are in agreement that it would be a fine thing to promote. Your Postal Director has agreed to act as a clearing house for such activity. Anyone wishing to make contact through us with other High Schools should address their inquiries to R. R. Merk, 1026 E 71st Street, Seattle 5, Washington, WCF Postal Director.

The tournament now in progress between the two schools mentioned above is composed of six man teams, each player playing only one game with one member of the opposing team. For the service we will render we feel that a fee of \$1.00 from each club for each tournament should cover our expenses. We propose to also keep a score of the player's standings and include such standings in the Washington Chess Letter.

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| Garfield High Team
1. Gene Pelley
2. Wallie Bolton
3. Fred R. R. Jolley
4. Charles E. Kincaid Jr.
5. Jerry Coughlin
6. Patty Harper | Yakima Senior High Team
1. Oliver W. La Freniere
2. Oliver W. La Freniere
3. Bob Vann
4. Tom Hougan
5. David Smithhisler
6. Richard Meyers |
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RESULTS OF WCF POSTAL GAMES COMPLETED

	50-A-10			49-B-9		
Sams	1	H.E.Yocom	0	F. E. Merk	1	Baker 0
Eclle	1	Husby	0			
Greene	1	H.E.Yocom	0		50-B-11	
	50-A-11			Howard	1	R.R.Merk 0
Bever	1	Seering	0	Howard	1	Holland 0
Bever	1	Baker	0	W.P. Allen	1	Baker 0
W.P.Allen	1	Baker	0			

In section 51-A-12 Christey and Naas have forfeited all games due to not being able to continue.

Section 49-B-9 finished with a three way tie between Sams, Vail and Husby. This tie will be played off to determine the winner of this section.

SEE BACK OF PAGE FOR STANDING OF PLAYERS

POSTAL CHESS is becoming more and more popular every year. Get started now by sending in your registration fee. 50¢ per section of 5 players. Each one plays two games with each of their opponents. One game as white and the other as black. Enter as many sections as you wish. "A" class is for better than average players, "B" class for average. Take your choice. You enter "A" class with a rating of 1200 and B class with a rating of 1100. Each win is scored by table printed in the issue for July 1951.

CLASS A PLAYERS

Ballantine	1595
Bever	1487
Cerretelli	1400
Christey	963
Coubrough	1399
Dolle	1422
Greene	1471
Harmeson	1136
Hardinge	1300
Hazen	1288
Hellums	1190
Husby	1116
Kaffenberger	1372
Magerkurth	1294
Naas	1226
Sams	1421
Seering	1218
Tweedale	1246
Yocom, H.E.	1234
Yocom, C.L.	1305

CLASS B PLAYERS

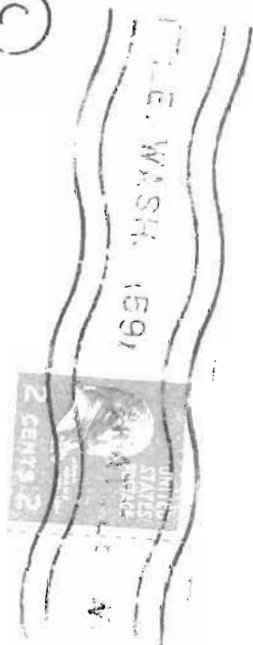
Amsden	1132
Allen, W.P.	1092
Baker	930
Cairncross	1152
Emerson	1068
Engstrom	1136
Holland	1030
Howard, F.M.	1228
La Freniere	1100
Malmgren	860
McCarthy	1148
Merk, R.R.	1071
Merk, Fred	1136
Moore	1137
Martin	997
Norman	1167
Parry	1012
Raleigh	867
Roberts, H.H.	961
Roberts, Don	1100
Vail	1106

CLASS C PLAYERS

Connell	772
Hiscox	879
Karch	746
Landenberger	993
Marshall	720
McCownell	850
Mrs. Moss	734
Neilson	805
Orme	998
Plume	732

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