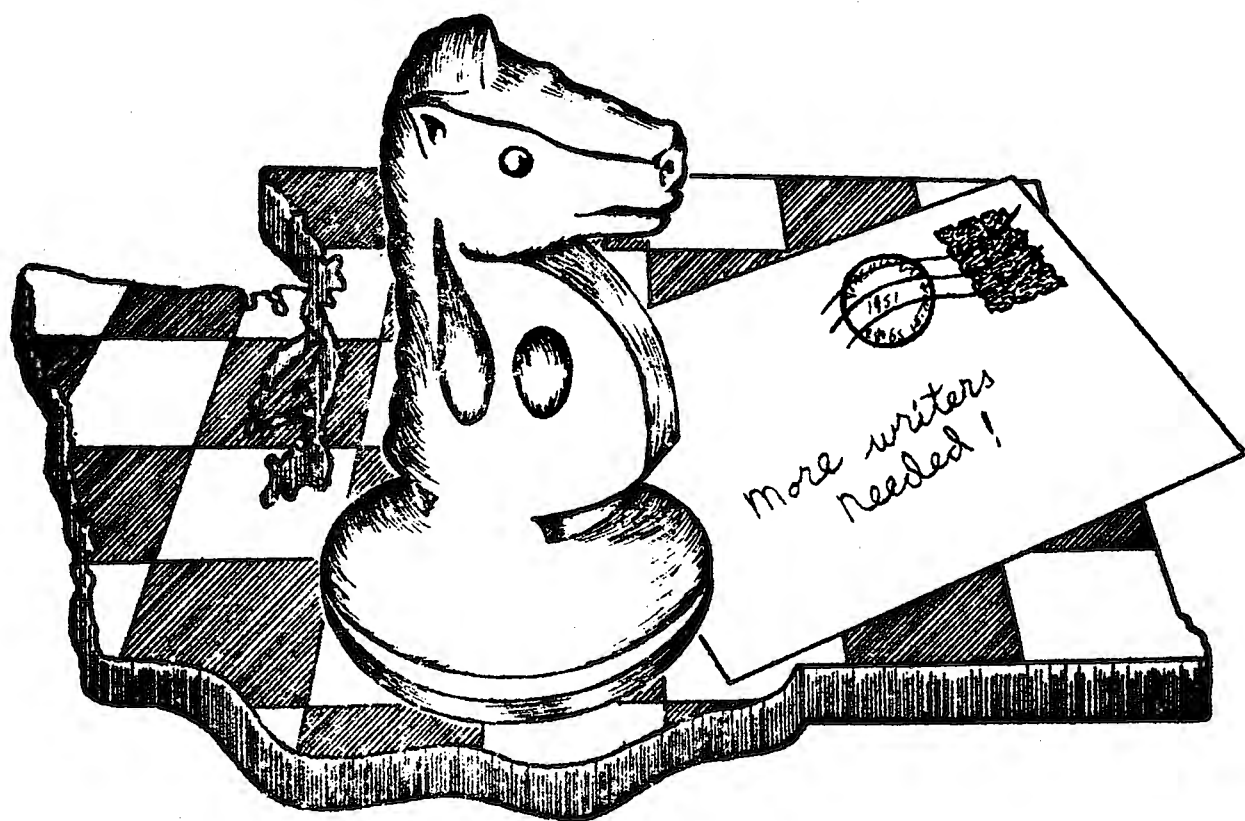


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Pierce County Junior

Although letters were sent to 16 high schools and colleges in Pierce County inviting players 18 and under to play, only two showed up for this event.

Don Kendall won first place and Tom Laurent second. Both are Lincoln High of Tacoma students.

University of Washington Tourney

Charles Ballantine successfully defended his U. of Washington chess title. He defeated all four of his rivals to finish with a 4-0 score. Clark (3-1), Sanden (2-2), Hynes (1-3) and Broughton (0-4) were the other contestants.

Seattle Chess Club Championship

The 14-player, double round robin Seattle Chess Club tourney continues to stagger on for the umpteenth week. It has practically come to a standstill. If it is not finished, it will be the third year in a row this has been the case.

Defending champion, Anthony Walloch, is currently in the best position to win the 1953 title. He has a 13-5 score with 8 games left to play. Only Cummings, Davidsen, Blau and Bjerkeseth remain in Walloch's path. Other players and their scores: Muller (14-6), Seiter (11½-6½), Wade (9½-6½), Edberg (14-8), Vellias (13½-10½), Mulford (10½-9½), Shephard (5-7), Davidsen (4½-8½), Bjerkeseth (7-12), Koenkow (3-9), Roberts (5-15), Cummings (½-1½) and Blau (0-6).

Oregon Open - June 13-14

The Portland Chess Club will be the location of the 1953 Oregon Open. This tourney will start at 10 A. M. Saturday, June 13th.

At this writing, Washington players who plan to attend are Joe Cerretelli, Russ Vellias and Dan Wade.

Women's Tournament by V. W. Bever

The Women's Tourney at the Seattle Chess Club room on May 17 was not a 100% failure. Miss Mary Jean Hebert did appear and perhaps should be declared the Women's State Chess Champion by default. However, someone might say she forfeited her claim because it was not much past the starting hour before she was seen tripping along toward a drug store as if lured by a candy bar. She is seven years old, you see.

As a substitute tourney, four ready, willing and able young men hastily organized a four player double round-robin. Entry fees of fifty cents each (including promises) promptly appeared upon the table. Prizes were set at \$1.25 for first place and \$0.75 for second. The results: Wade 6-0, Vellias 3-3, Bever 2-4 and Mulford 1-5. Anyway, it was a lot of fun.

1953 Seafair Open

Charles Joachim would like to see the 1953 Seattle Seafair Open played on August 1st and 2nd and be divided into class A and B divisions. The "B" division would be for junior players and also older players who feel they are not strong enough to win in the "A" division.

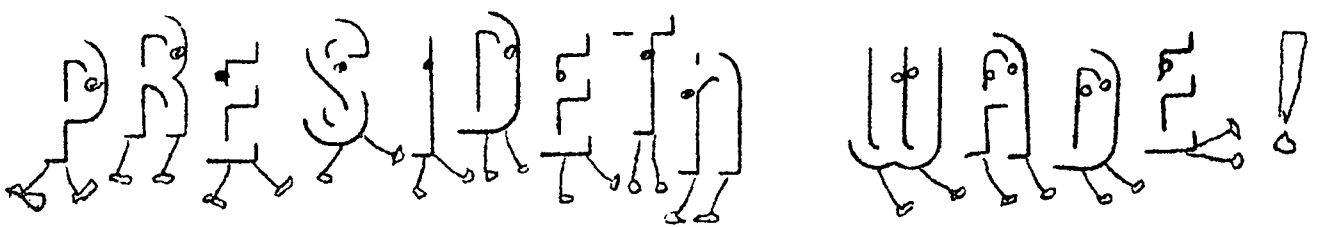
Another feature of this Seafair Open is that the top Seattle player at the close of this event would be 1953 Seattle champion.

Thus it will be possible in this unique tournament to have no less than three winners!

In order to have this tournament rated by the U. S. Chess Federation, Mr. Joachim suggests that it run six rounds. Charles has volunteered to direct.

U. S. Open and U. S. Junior Dates
NOTICE!! CHANGED NOTICE!!

JUNIOR at Kansas City - Aug. 3-8.
U.S. OPEN at Milwaukee-Aug. 10-21



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION HELD APRIL 26, 1953 AT "THE HUB", U. of WASHINGTON, AT 1 P.M.

Meeting called to order by President Manney at 1 P.M. April 26th, 1953.

Delegates and Directors present:

O.W. Manney	W.H. Raleigh	O. LaFreniere	Max Bader
Ken Mulford	Ken Borski	Victor Hultman	L.W. Taro
R.M. Collins	Peter Husby	Dan Wade	Max Mage
Chas. Ballantine	V.W. Bever	Roy Leach	Joe Cerretelli

Minutes of last meeting read by the secretary and approved as read.

The Treasurer made his report on the finances of the W.C.F. Report approved and filed.

Dan Wade made his report as Tournament Director and as Publication Director orally.

O. LaFreniere submitted and read a written report as Publicity Director.

Dan Wade made an oral report as a member of the Banquet Committee.

The President made a report as a member of the Constitution Committee, & Ken Mulford continued the report reading a new proposed Constitution. It was moved and seconded that the Constitution Committee be thanked and be continued. Moved and seconded, as an amendment to the Motion, that the Chair appoint a committee to draw up a report for publication in 'Chess Letter' setting forth the present constitution as amended with proposed new amendments. Carried.

The Chair declared the election of officers to be the next order of business. Russel Vellias and Joe Cerretelli were appointed as the Election Committee. Nominations declared open for President.

O. W. Manney nominated. Dan Wade nominated.

Moved and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Ballot: Dan Wade 11; O. W. Manney 10.

Mr. Wade assumed the Chair.

Nominations for Vice President declared in order.

O. W. Manney was nominated.

Moved and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Mr. Manney declared elected as Vice President.

Nominations declared open for Secretary.

Peter Husby was nominated.

Moved and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Mr. Husby elected.

Nominations declared open for Treasurer.

W. H. Raleigh was nominated.

Moved and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Mr. Raleigh elected.

Moved and seconded that all officers concerned with the publication of the Washington Chess Letter be re-elected for another year. Carried.

This vote meant that Dan Wade would continue on as Editor and Publication Director and R. Merk would continue on as Circulation Director.

Nominations for Publicity Director declared in order.

O. LaFreniere was nominated. Ken Mulford was nominated. Moved and seconded to close nominations. Carried. Ballot: Ken Mulford 14; O. LaFreniere 10. Mr. Mulford declared elected.

Nominations for Tournament Director declared in order.

O. W. Manney was nominated. Moved and seconded to close nominations. Carried. O.W. Manney declared elected.

Moved and seconded that the words, "He shall keep a membership roster," be stricken from By-Laws, Section 1, Paragraph 3. Ballot taken and motion carried with one negative vote.

Moved and seconded to amend the Constitution to provide that the annual meeting be held on the second Sunday in April instead of the third, if it is not Easter. Ballot was 18 Yes, and 3 No. Motion declared carried.

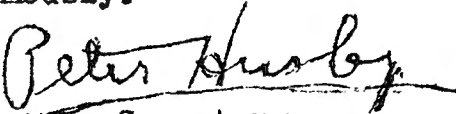
Moved and seconded that the Constitution be amended by striking Paragraph 3, 4 and 5 in Article X. (Article sets entry fees to WCF tournaments-Ed) Motion withdrawn.

Moved and seconded that the Constitution be amended by striking the words "To be taken by secret ballot" from Article 8, Section 1. Ballot: Yes 14 No 9. Motion lost as a two-thirds majority was needed.

Original Motion, that the Constitution be amended by striking out Par. 3, 4 and 5 in Article X, was renewed and balloted on. Ballot: Yes 24, No 1 Motion declared carried.

Moved and seconded that the "Oscar" for this year be awarded to Dan Wade. Motion put by the Secretary and was carried unanimously.

Moved to adjourn. Carried.


Secretary

EDITORIAL

For the second year in a row a good sized group of chess enthusiasts attended the annual business meeting of the WCF. They came from far and near, in spite of the fact that there was no fight billed. The proposed Manney-Mulford sponsored constitution, outside of the regular elections, was the chief bone of contention. However, it was found to be no small task to replace the old with the new constitution.

It is true that the Constitution as it now stands is much too long and needs some boiling down. One good change accomplished was the removal of the section setting the entry fees for each tournament. We players who are trying to promote the game of chess need a little elbow room. A Constitution that sets limits on the promoter becomes a strait jacket and is worse than useless. We must trust the judgment of all of our officers and elect only people we can trust. I am sure we can trust Manney, Husby, Raleigh, Mulford, Merk, and Wade to each do his best to advance the game of chess in the State of Washington. Remember, we are all doing this for nothing and the time we devote to this "labor of love" is our leisure period outside of the hours we must spend doing the necessary things of living. Give us a helping hand or a pat on the back once in awhile. D.W.

NOURSE⁰ AD NAUSEAM⁰

The transitional period
from

Ancient to Modern.

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It has long been known that the distinctive feature of modern chess is the enlarged power of the Queen and Bishop. The former from weak to strong, and under the primitive name of "Fers", (Vizier or Minister) was only allowed to move one square diagonally either forward or backward. The bishop, then called Alfil and Elephant moved two squares diagonally and commanded only the square next but one to it, not the intervening square, and like the knight was not impeded by any pieces that stood between.

The period when these two pieces acquired their additional power is now determined as between 1450 and 1500 A.D. and on.

The earliest MSS in the English language is the Porter Ms. in the Rivington Wilson collection, about 1453 A.D.; this agrees with the older texts in presenting the moves of the queen and bishop according to the ancient limited fashion.

The first hint of a more powerful piece than the rook occurs in the Bonus Socius Problem #29, a problem in which the rook has the power of the alfil in addition to its own. This innovation bore no fruit for a century and a half. We then begin to find two modes of play flourishing at the same time, and a Florentine Ms of the 15th century giving both rules calls the new chess "Alla rabiosa", from the greater violence of the attack when so powerful a piece was added. The enlarged power of the Alfil is more obscure and difficult to trace than the transformation of the "Fers" to "Dama" or modern queen. On this transition period a remark of Dr. Van der Linde's is fully borne out by the earliest printed books; namely, that the old rules continued to prevail in problems after the new had obtained a footing in practical play. It was in this way alone that the extant problems could be made available.

Up to about 1550 A.D. castling was unknown. The king had optional moves which permitted him to move two squares in any direction, including the knights move, providing he was not in check and captured nothing. This move was known as the "Kings Leap" and permitted him in effect to leap over the rook into the corner in two moves.

Later the king was permitted a choice between the "Kings Leap" and castling. In parts of Burma, Thibet and Turkey castling is still known as the "Kings Leap".

Shortly after, (about 1700) the Kings Leap died out and castling in one move was established. Prominent scholars place this date as the time when modern chess became regulated by uniformity, Philidor being accepted as being the first master of modern chess.

A tangible legacy of Philidor's genius is the following splendid finish to one of his games:-

White:-

King on QN3; Queen on KN3; Knight on QB7; Rook on Q7; Pawns on QR2; QB2; QB5; and KR2.

Black:-

King on QR2; Queen on QB1; Rook on QN1; Knight on KN3; Pawns on QR3; QN2; QB3; KB2; KR2.

Solution:- Philidor- White.

Queen to Q3; N- K4. Queen takes QRP(check) and mate in two.

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Bedlam

The Wade family is seated at the Dinner table. The day has been fine and the meal is nourishing and sufficiently appetizing; even the children are behaving themselves. Mrs. Wade is happy as she settles back with her after Dinner coffee. She is happily engaged in plans for redecorating the living room. In her mind's eye she has just superimposed "nasturstium" over the chartreuse currently on the walls.

Mr. Wade then drops a bombshell. Says he, "I guess I'll write my editorial for the next Chess Letter tonight. Chartreuse and Nasturstium swim hazily before Mrs. Wade's eyes as she clutches desperately at the table for support. "Not tonight, please, not tonight! I'm not prepared, I haven't been taking my vitamin pills. I'm really just not up to par tonight. Tomorrow night, maybe, please?"

Mr. Wade is adamant. Tonight he feels like writing an editorial. If the children had any sense they'd run for cover but they are blissfully ignorant of the stormy weather ahead. Mr. Wade gets the typewriter and places it on the table and goes off to get some paper. The youngest Wade, Conan, yanks the ribbon from the typewriter. Mr. Wade returns to typewriter and roars like a wounded bull; Mrs. Wade puts the ribbon back on the typewriter.

Mr. Wade settles down at the typewriter and starts typing. The children were temporarily subdued by his outburst but soon return to the battle. Conan picks up the kitten, using a death grip about the neck. Our little girl, Sherry, rushes to her kitten's rescue, knocking Conan down. The kitten yowls, Conan cries, Sherry screams. Mr. Wade separates the combatants, rescues kitten and turns on Mrs. Wade. "Do something about these kids, I can't even think." Mrs. Wade enters the room wringing soapsuds off her hands. "What would you suggest", she says, "should I drown them in the bathtub, or just chain them in the basement?"

Mrs. Wade escorts the offspring to their bedroom where she reads to them for an hour. At the end of that time she has read her way through the children's extensive but tattered library; with expression and sound effects and now can barely speak above a whisper. The children are stuffed with Little Red Riding Hood, Chicken Little, (the sky is falling, you know), and we've huffed and puffed through "Three Little Pigs." Twice we've read one little gem that runs thusly; "Ugh Ugh I'm a little bug; Bump, Bump, Bump, I'm a camel with a hump; Pick, Pick Pick, I'm a little chick" and so on, and on. "Alas, Alas, I'm an ass" says Mrs. Wade, sotto voice, as she closes the bedroom door on her soon to be sleeping children.

Mr. Wade is going to town meanwhile. Sparks are flying from the far from noiseless old Underwood. It sounds like an old fashioned Fourth of July. He looks up and says "What have you been doing all this time, I need some help" in an aggrieved voice. "Putting the kids to bed", croaks Mrs. Wade. "Hey, what's the matter with your voice, you've been smoking too much, better watch that, they aren't giving those cigarettes away you know. How do you spell asinine?" Mrs. Wade stops short. It doesn't matter how you spell it, whatever it is you can't say it. An editorial conference follows immediately; Mrs. Wade redlines and Mr. Wade starts over. "How do you spell "apathy"; and so

it goes far into the night. The dictionary should be in the bookcase but it isn't. After an extensive and frenzied search with Mr. Wade bellowing from behind the typewriter, the dictionary is found under the bed. Mrs. Wade then remembers that she was reading in bed and got it to look up a word. "What word, pray tell, that couldn't wait until morning?" "Bedlam", croaks Mrs. Wade. "I should look it up when I'm living in it."

And so, gentle reader, that is how Mr. Wade's editorials are born. It is not so much a birth as a miscarriage.

ODDS AND ENDS

J. L. Sheets, O. W. Manney, Charles Ballantine and Elmars Zemgalis are currently engaged in a U. S. Open Training Tourney. The object is to get Zemgalis and Manney into good playing shape by the time the Open starts on August 10th. This is to be a double round-robin. At this writing, Zemgalis leads with 2-0 followed by Manney and Sheets each with 1-1. Ballantine went to the hospital suffering from a case of adhesion. We sincerely hope he will soon be hale and hearty.

"Having been sent a copy of your wonderful magazine the "Washington Chess Letter" by my good friend Mr. Ray Hiscox, I'd like to say it found many friends at my chess club here.

I am confined at Charlestown Mass. State Prison and organized a chess group. As for myself, I play postal in "Chess Review" and "Chess Courier". To be able to continue this sport, I annotate chess games for 50 cents to one dollar apiece. This covers my postage.

"Chess Life" had a piece about me and my misfortune. For two years, 1947 and 1948, I composed problems for "Chess Life" and am still active at it. Recently I have been writing articles on chess for the "Chess Courier" club which you may have seen.

The purpose of this letter is to get on your mailing list and if any of your members would like games annotated for the nominal fee of 50 cents, send them on to me.

I am enclosing some of my more recent problems and a few middle and end game tactics for the enjoyment of your readers."

Yours truly,
William Joseph Couture
Box 100
Charlestown 29, Mass.

I would like to see articles, news letters and other chess items sent to the "Chess Letter" by you readers. How about you former writers such as Taro, Allen, Finnigan and Joachim writing for this magazine again? Three or four pieces a year from each shouldn't be too much of a strain. Support of the editor of the "Chess Letter" has always been on the scanty side and today it has reached a new low. When the editor has to create a dozen pages each month to make a half-way decent showing, then IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE as someone said recently. If support is not forthcoming soon, do not be surprised to see the magazine reduced to five pages per issue with only the most important news given. If that happens, do not be surprised to see the present subscription list dwindle to the vanishing point. Typing a page or a stencil each month isn't difficult. It is only when such a task is multiplied a dozen or more times that it becomes work. If I were retired with more time than was good for me on my hands, or even had as much time as the average unmarried man, it wouldn't be so bad.

Sincerely,
Dan Wade

FROM 'CHESS LIFE' By WEAVER

The dates for the U.S. Open and U.S. Junior tournaments have been set two weeks later than originally planned. The Open will be held at Milwaukee from August 10th to August 21st inclusive, and the sponsors of the U.S. Junior Championship have designated August 3rd to 8th inclusive, at Kansas City. The change in dates was made at the suggestion of the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, who found that hotel accommodations will be swamped by a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention during the week originally scheduled.

Plans for the third annual Colorado Open, called by many the "Little America" of chess tournaments, are now completed. Play begins at 1 PM, Saturday July 18, with a speed tourney, followed by a banquet at which a Calcutta Auction, well known to golf players, will be a chess innovation. First round play will start at 8 PM at the Denver Y Chess Club. Last year seventeen States were represented. Prizes will total \$500.

Alfred Ludwig, of Omaha, lays claim to being the champion tournament participant in the USA for 1952. He played in 8 Opens, finishing 29th, 19th, 10th, 5th, 3rd, 1st, 4th, and tied for 1st. In addition he directed four tournaments.

Santasiere, in his first European venture, tied for first in an international event at Milan, Italy. Olaf Ulvestad, of Seattle, finished 6th, but chalked up the only victory over the Russian player, Engeliew. Other entrants were Primavera (Italy), Kottbauer (Czecho), Paoli (Italy), Ferrantes (Italy), and Giogieri (Italy).

Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia won the important international event at Mar del Plata, Argentina, with 16-3, while Miguel Najdorf placed second with 14½-4½. Herman Steiner, the U.S. representative, placed 14th.

The Massachusetts State Championship was won by Julian Keilson. Second was former champ Sol Rubinow. Tied for third were Russell Church and former champion Ervin Underwood.

Chess stories are said to be written either by chess players, inexperienced in writing, or by writers with only a hazy and idealized knowledge of the game. That is why, comments Montgomery Major, there are so few good works like "Last Round", "Time Trouble", "The Royal Game", "The Three Sailors Gambit", or "The Devil That Troubled The Chessboard".

The high quality of Washington Chess Letter games has again been given national recognition by reprint in Chess Life of the Sheets-Zengalis State Championship game with Sheets's fine analysis and comment exactly copied.

The 20 player Hollywood Invitational Tournament was won by Isaac Kashdan. Second place went to Eugene Levin, and Herman Steiner was third.

The new Iowa State Champion is youthful John Penquite, who scored 4½-½ in the 29 player Swiss. Second to fifth, with equal 4-1 scores were A. W. Davis, Peter Muto, Marvin Baldwin, and Chuck Rosburg.

The Nevada Tournament, lavish as always, was won by Maurice Gedance, formerly champion of Switzerland. William Beheditti placed second, while third and fourth places were won by William Taber and George Kirby. Ten prizes, valued at a thousand dollars, were distributed at the banquet.

GAMES

We present the four remaining Washington vs. Oregon match games played at Centralia. Our first presentation is the Manney vs. Dahlberg board #4 game with annotation by Elmars Zengalis.

O. W. Manney I. Dahlberg
White Black

French Defense

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. P-K5 | P-QB4 |
| 4. P-QB3 | N-QB3 |
| 5. P-QR3 | |

This new move has been extensively analyzed by Hamburg friends after the war. It is still too early to say the final word about it.

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| 5. | PxP |
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Not bad, but more elastic was the immediate 5....Q-N3, postponing the exchange of the pawns.

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| 6. PxP | Q-N3 |
| 7. N-KB3 | KN-K2 |
| 8. B-Q3 | |

A very common inaccuracy in similar positions. As Mr. Manney rightly comments, Dr. Euwe's suggestion, 8. P-QN4, followed by N-B3, B-N2 or K3, R-QB1, N-R4 is a better line.

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| 8. | B-Q2 |
| 9. B-B2 | N-N3 |

A routine move instead of a planned development, e.g. R-B1, N-R4 or the more unusual P-KN3, followed by N-KB4 etc. N3 is the wrong square for a knight in this position.

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| 10 N-B3 | B-K2 |
| 11 P-QN4? | |

An unnecessary weakening of the QB file. P-KR4 instead would have taken advantage of the unfortunate knight's position.

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| 11 | R-QB1 |
| 12 N-QR4 | Q-B2 |
| 13 R-R2? | |

Loses material which can be saved by either B-N3 or NB5

(The better looking 13 B-Q3 appears suspicious on account of 13....NxKP; 14 PxN, NxP; 15 N-N2, Q-B6ch; 16 K-K2, NxN; 17 PxN, P-K4 and Black's attack should be successful.) However, on 13 N-B5, P-QR4 and on 13 B-N3, 0-0 leaving Black in both cases with a superior game.

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| 13 | BxPch! |
| 14 B-Q2 | B-K2 |

With a pawn ahead there was no reason to avoid the exchange of bishops.

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| 15 0-0 | |
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Even at this late moment 15 P-R4 could have been tried.

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| 15 | N-R4 |
| 16 B-N4 | N-QB5 |
| 17 BxB | NxB |
| 18 N-B5 | P-QN3 |
| 19 NxB | QxN |
| 20 B-Q3 | |

Since Black has both positional and material advantage White rightly decides to try his luck in a king's side attack, but the chances are not promising. At any rate B-N1 was a better move for the B.

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| 20 | N-N3 |
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And not 20....0-0 because of 21 BxPch.

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| 21 P-N3 | 0-0 |
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This can now be played as Black has sufficient defensive resources.

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| 22 P-KR4 | KR-Q1 |
| 23 N-N5 | |

More practical chances for fishing in troubled waters would probably result from P-R5 - R6.

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| 23 | N-B1 |
| 24 Q-R5 | P-KR3 |
| 25 P-B4 | N-K6! |

This ingenious knight now blocks the attack completely.

Now the end should be near.

26 R-K1 N-B4

27 BxN

If P-N4?? This would cost White his queen after 27..P-N3

27 PxB

28 N-R3 R-B6

Here comes the counter attack.

29 N-B2 RxPch.

30 K-R2 R-QB6

31 N-Q1 R-QN6

More accurate was R-B3.

32 R-KN2 N-N3??

This throws the game away 32....K-R2; 33 N-K3, P-N3 was the right course.

33 P-K6! Q-Q3

34 PxB. K-R2

On 34...KxP; 35 RxN, QxR; 36 R-K7ch. etc.

35 QxNch.?

Time trouble? White misses the win. 35 QxBP, R-KB1; 36 R(K)-N1, or 35...QxPch; 36 QxQ NxQ; 37 R-K8 etc. The resulting position should still be a draw provided White exercises the necessary care.

35 QxQ

36 RxQ KxR

37 R-K8 KxP

38 RxR R-Q6

39 N-B2 RxP

40 R-Q7ch. K-B3

41 RxRP

Good enough though 41 K-N3, R-R5; 42 RxQP, RxPch.; 43 K-N2 with a prospective draw came into consideration.

41 RxP

42 K-N3

Perhaps R-N7 was better.

42 R-QB5

43 N-Q1?

Perhaps R-Q7 was better.

The situation requires active counter measures and not a passive defense. Thus 43 R-N7, R-B3; 44 P-R5! Or 43...R-B6ch; 44 K-N2, RxP; 45 RxPch., K-K4; 46 P-R5 would have secured the draw. After the text move, the White position becomes very difficult. A draw, if it is there at all, would require problem-like moves. Realizing this, we abstain from analyzing the vast possibilities in the following endgame. E. Z.

43 P-KN4

44 PxB. PxB

45 R-QN7 R-B3

46 K-B3 P-Q5

47 R-N8 K-K4

48 R-K8ch. R-K3

49 R-KN8 P-N5ch.

50 K-N3 K-K5

51 R-Q8 K-Q6

52 N-B2ch. K-B5

53 N-Q1 R-K8

54 R-B8ch. K-N6

55 R-B1 KxP

56 K-B2 R-R8

57 K-K2 P-B5

58 K-Q3 P-N6

59 KxP P-N7

60 K-B4 RxN

61 RxR P-B6

White resigned after a few more moves.

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C. Burnham

R. Vellias

White

Black

Ruy Lopez

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|-------------|-------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5. O-O | NxP |
| 6. P-Q4 | P-QN4 |
| 7. B-N3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. PxB | B-K3 |
| 9. B-K3 | N-QR4 |
| 10 QN-Q2 | NxB |
| 11 NxN(N3) | P-QB4 |
| 12 Q-K2 | B-K2 |
| 13 QR-Q1 | O-O |
| 14 N(B3)-Q2 | NxN |
| 15 RxN | P-Q5 |
| 16 Q-R5 | Q-B1 |

Threatening to win the bishop or trap the queen with 17...B-N5. 16...PxB; 17 RxQ, PxB. 18 RxP, QRxR was also worth consideration. The two bishops would give Black a fine game.

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| 17 B-N5 | B-N5 |
| 18 Q-R4 | P-B3 |
| 19 PxB | BxP |
| 20 BxB | RxB |
| 21 NxP | |

This wrecks Black's game though he has some attacking chances based on White's un-

guarded knight and on the king knight file.

21 R-N3

Stronger was 21...R-R3! then Black gets three possible continuations all more or less fatal for White. (A) 21...R-R3! 22 Q-N3, R-KN3; 23 Q-K5, B-B6; 24 P-KN3, Q-R6 and mate soon. (B) 21...R-R3! 22 Q-K7, B-B6! 23 PxB, Q-R6! 24 Q-K5, R-N3ch. and White must give up his queen to avoid mate. (C) 21.. R-R3! 22 Q-K7, B-B6; 23 Q-K5, BxP; 24 KxB, Q-R6ch. and mate or the loss of White's queen soon follows.

22 N-K4 R-R3
23 Q-N5 R-KN3
24 Q-K5 B-R6
25 N-N3 R-R3

Black threatens 26....BxP and if 27 KxB, Q-R6ch.; 28 K-B3 and an easy win for Black.

26 RxB! B-Q2

If 26...BxP? 27 N-B5! and White threatens mate or at the least the winning of a rook. This game lasted 40 more moves before Black was definitely forced to resign, but being 2 pawns down after move 26 he could have resigned then. (All notes by Russ Vellias.)

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C. Joachim
White

S. Eikrem
Black

Q. P. Game

1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-KB3	P-QN3
4. N-B3	B-N5
5. B-N5	B-N2
6. P-QR3	BxNch.
7. PxB	O-O
8. N-Q2	P-Q3
9. P-K4	P-K4
10 P-Q5	QN-Q2
11 B-K2	P-QR4
12 O-O	P-R5
13 P-B4	P-R3
14 B-R4?	PxP
15 RxB?	P-KN4
16 BxP	PxB
17 R-B5	N-R2
18 N-B3	P-B4

19 Q-Q2	P-B3
20 P-R4	B-B1?
21 PxB	PxP
22 RxBch.	KxB
23 R-KB1	K-K1
24 P-K5	PxP
25 P-Q6	B-N2
26 Q-Q3	P-K5
27 Q-K3	Q-B3
28 N-Q2	Q-K4
29 Q-R3	QN-KB3
30 B-R5ch.	K-Q1
31 B-N6	B-B1?
32 Q-R6	N-N5??
33 QxN	QxQP
34 NxP	Q-R7ch.

Black is lost and helpless

35 QxQ	NxQ
36 KxN	P-N5
37 R-B7	R-R3
38 N-B6	B-K3
39 R-KN7	BxP
40 R-Q7ch.	K-B1
41 B-B5	K-N1
42 R-Q8ch.	K-B2
43 R-Q7ch.	K-N1
44 N-K8	P-N4
45 R-Q8ch.	K-R2
46 N-Q6	B-K7
47 B-K4	P-N5
48 R-Q7ch.	K-N3
49 R-N7ch.	K-R4
50 PxBch.	Resigns,

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J. Nourse
White

F. Aiken
Black

Sicilian Def.

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. P-KB4	P-Q3
3. B-B4	P-KN3
4. N-KB3	B-N2
5. P-QB3	N-KB3
6. P-Q3	O-O
7. O-O	B-Q2
8. P-KR3	P-QN4
9. B-N3	P-B5
10 B-B2	B-B3
11 Q-K2	PxP
12 BxB	QN-Q2
13 N-Q4	B-N2
14 NxP	N-B4
15 N-Q2	P-K4
16 P-B5	NxB
17 QxN	NxP
18 PxBP	Q-N3ch.
19 K-R2	BPxB

20 RxRch.	RxR
21 NxN	BxN
22 QxB	QxN
23 P-QB4	Q-N3
24 P-QN3	R-B8!?
25 B-K3	QxB
26 QxQ	RxR
27 QxRP	P-K5
28 Q-R8ch.	K-B2
29 Q-Q5ch.	K-K2
30 QxKPch.	B-K4ch.
31 P-N3	RxPch.
32 K-N1	R-QN7
33 Q-Q3	R-QR7
34 P-QN4	R-R8ch.
35 K-B2	R-QB8
36 P-KN4	R-B6
37 Q-B1	R-QN6
38 P-QN5	R-QB6
39 K-N2	R-B7ch.
40 K-B3	K-K3
41 P-R4	R-KR7
42 Q-K1	R-QB7
43 Q-KB1	R-KR7
44 Q-R1	R-R6ch.
45 K-K4	R-R7
46 Q-Q1?	RxP
47 Q-Q5ch.	K-B3
48 Q-Q1	P-R4
49 P-N6	RxPch.
50 QxR???	

If 50 K-Q5! White wins.

50	PxQ
51 K-Q5	P-N6
52 P-N7	P-N7
53 P-N8(Q)	P-N8(Q)
54 Q-Q8ch.	K-B4
55 Q-Q7ch.	K-B5
56 Q-B7ch.	

The record ends here but of course Black won, being a bishop and pawn ahead. In the record I found 56....K-K6; 57 K-B6. This is ridiculous as 57 Q-R7ch. wins the Black queen! It is certainly hoped that White did not have this opportunity and not see it!

All notes and marks by the editor.

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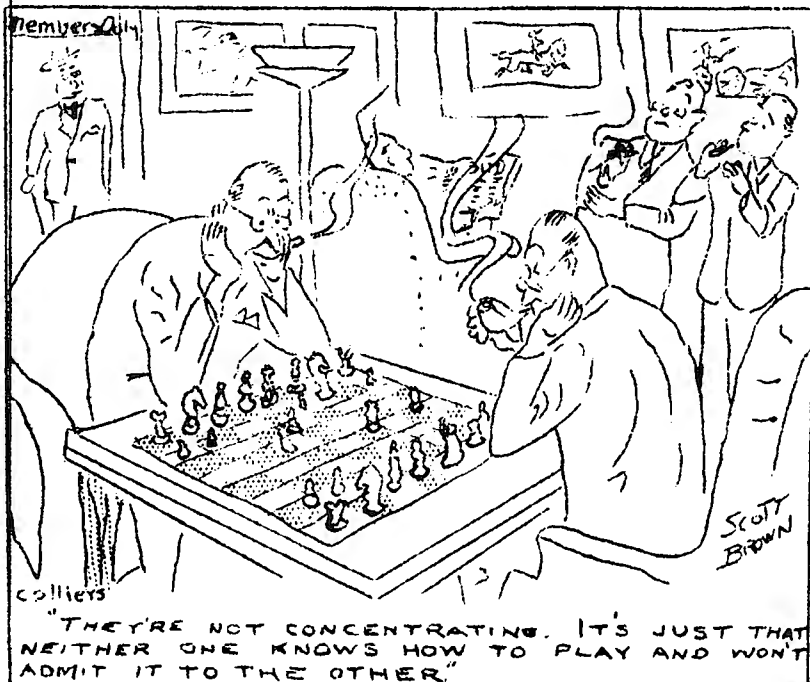
A game submitted by Mr. Sheets. It may be of interest as showing that the present Oregon O. champ is not invincible. From the Wn. State Open, Sept. 27th, 1952.

I. Dahlberg
White

L. Sheets
Black

1. P-QB4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-Q4
3. PxP	NxP
4. P-K4	NxN
5. NPxN	P-K4
6. B-QB4	B-Q3
7. N-KB3	O-O
8. P-KR3	N-QB3
9. O-O	Q-K2
10 R-K1	N-QR4
11 B-KB1	B-K3
12 Q-QR4	P-QN3
13 P-Q4	B-Q2
14 Q-B2	P-KB3
15 B-QN2	QR-Q1
16 QR-QB1	Q-KB2
17 P-QB4	PxQP
18 NxP	P-QB4
19 N-QN5	BxN
20 PxB	B-K4
21 BxB	PxB
22 R-K3	R-Q5
23 R-KB3	Q-Q2
24 RxRch.	KxR
25 Q-K2	R-Q7
26 Q-KR5	Q-Q5
27 Q-B5ch.	K-K2
28 R-K1	P-KN3
29 Q-N5ch.	K-K1
30 R-K3	R-Q8
31 Q-KN4	Q-Q2
32 Q-N5?	N-B5
33 R-KB3	RxBch.

White soon after resigned.



The following is a history of organized chess in Washington State dating back to 1936. In this record are given the results of some of the major tournaments and other chess promotions prior to the formation of our Washington Chess Federation in 1946.

My first major state chess tournament was the 1936 Seattle. Harou Ishida won this with an 8-1 score, losing only to J. L. Sheets. Sheets and Philip Woliston (6-3) tied for second and third. Olaf Ulvestad and George Bills were next ($5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$) followed by Julius Schmidt (5-4), Dan Wade ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$), George Shuck and Keller-Block (2-7) and R. Dightman ($\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$). This tournament was marred by a large number of forfeits. Nine of the forty-five games were forfeits! Only Ishida and Shuck played all games.

In 1937, Sheets won the Seattle championship with a fine 7-1 score, losing only to Ishida. Ulvestad, Bills and Ishida all tied for runner-up honors with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Wade was next with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ (with his win over Ulvestad being the shocker of the tournament), W. F. Sullivan (3-5), J. McCrockin ($2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$), F. Sigmond ($1\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$), and J. Turner (1-7). McCrockin forfeited three and Sigmond four games. Robert Neale withdrew from the tourney after drawing with Wade, defeating Sullivan and Turner and losing to Ishida.

The 1937 Washington State Championship Tournament found James Hurt winning with a 7-1 score in a nine player round-robin. Hurt's only loss was to Sheets. Ishida, who lost one and drew two, was second with a 6-2 score. Sheets and Hugh Enochson tied for third each with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Other contestants and their scores were: Richard Dightman ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$), John Nourse ($3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$), L. A. Walker (2-6), W. F. Sullivan ($1\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$) and Sidney Nourse ($\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$). J. L. Sheets was the 1936 defending state champion.

A Seattle vs. Vancouver B.C. chess match was played at Vancouver in 1937 with Seattle winning $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. The Seattle lineup was Hurt, Sheets, Ishida, Dightman, W. A. Dickey, J. Schmidt, C. Crain, V. Holmes, John Nourse, A. Walloch and S. Rubenstein. Ishida, Dightman and Dickey were the only Seattle losers and Crain drew his game. Sheets, Crain, Holmes, Nourse and Walloch are still well known for their chess activity today.

The 1938 Seattle championship was won by Ishida. He and Ulvestad had tied for first in the tourney and Ishida won the playoff 2-1.

In the 1938 State Tourney, a preliminary tourney was played to decide who would play in the "A" and who would play in the minor "B" tournament. Hurt, Sheets and Ishida were seeded and thus automatically qualified for the "A" division. James Hurt again won the state title with 6 won, 1 lost and 3 drawn, for a $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ score. His lone loss was to the city champ, Harou Ishida. Sheets and Ishida tied for second each with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ followed by Enochson ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$), Walloch ($3\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$) and Rubenstein ($1\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$). This was a six player double round-robin. L. A. Walker and Robert Neale tied for first with $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ in the "B" division. Walker won the playoff and was automatically seeded for the next state tourney. Other players and their scores in the "B" division: Bourne-Smith (7-3), Wade ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$), W. Sullivan ($2\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$) and Bart Bowen (1-9). Bowen forfeited 8 games. Smith lost only to Wade but four draws ruined his chances. Hurt at this time was a 23 year old University of Washington junior.

A 1938 championship tournament book was put out with annotations by Olaf Ulvestad and edited by Harou Ishida. In his editor's note, Ishida

wrote, "I am greatly indebted to Fred Reinfeld, one of the world's foremost annotators, O. I. Ulvestad, L. A. Walker and J.L. Sheets, who made possible the publication of this book with their invaluable assistance. Also to the lovers of the game who gave their support by subscribing."

The 1939 Seattle Championship Tournament was a knockout affair. As Bills and Walloch dropped out leaving only seven players; Ishida, Wade, Dightman, Bristow, Sheets, Schneider and Scribner; it wasn't a very good promotion. Sheets met Ishida in the finals, winning 3 out of 4 from him to take the 1939 title.

On Feb. 3rd 1939, Horowitz visited the Seattle Chess Club. A fair turnout of about 16 players, including Ishida, Bourne-Smith, Neale, Wade, Enochson, Sullivan, Walloch, Vidak and Griff, opposed the master in a simultaneous. He lost to Neale and drew Ishida with the others succumbing to the New York master's brand of chess.

In March, 1939, a Seattle Chess Club team visited Mr. Creque's Fox Farm for a Seattle vs. Puyallup match. The final score was 5-5. L. A. Walker won a pair for Seattle on first board, Neale lost $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ on second, it was the pleasure of this writer to down Mr. Creque 2-0 on third, Mr. Bristow lost two on fourth and Mr. Sullivan was outscored $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ on fifth board. Unfortunately, I do not have the names of the Puyallup team.

On Sunday, April 30th 1939, Seattle downed Vancouver B.C. $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ in a match played at the Seattle club. The Seattle lineup was Hurt, Ishida, J. W. Tracy, Walloch, Neale, Bourne-Smith and Wade. Only Tracy lost and Neale drew.

On Sunday, June 18, 1939, Seattle lost $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$ to Portland in the Lewis-Clark Hotel in Centralia. The Seattle lineup was Sheets, Ishida, Dightman, Wade, John Nourse, Coyle, Tracy, Weissborn, Bristow and Leonard. Only Ishida, Nourse and Weissborn finished with plus scores.

Twelve players turned out for the 1939 State meet. Sheets, Ishida, and L. A. Walker were seeded into the "A" division. The remaining nine contestants competed for the right to play in the "A" division. Hurt, the defending champion, had left the state. Lapiken, Enochson and Bourne-Smith qualified for the "A" division. Hugh Enochson won the 1939 title with 6 wins, 0 losses and 4 draws for an 8-2 score. Ishida (7-3), Lapiken ($5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$), Bourne-Smith (5-5), Walker ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$) and Sheets (0-10!) followed. Mr. Sheets was definitely below par and forfeited four games.

Dan Wade won the "B" title with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Julius Schmidt finished second with an 8-2 score, losing both games to Wade. Others in this tourney were Bob Bristow, W. Sullivan, Kiva Auerbach and Sam Rubenstein.

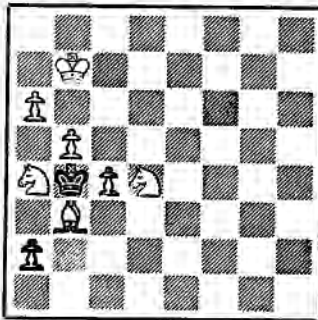
The writer was in the army from June, 1940 until July 1945 and thus he has no record for those years which were mostly war years. If there were any records of the tournaments played during that period, the writer would like to see them. (1940-1945 that is.)

According to John Nourse's "Washington Chess Hall of Fame" in the January, 1952 Washington Chess Letter, Sheets won the 1940 State, J. Hurt took the 1941 State and Sheets won it back in 1942. After that, because of the war, there was a lapse until 1947.

Next month I will attempt to give a sketchy history of the beginning of the Washington Chess Federation and a complete condensed record of the Puget Sound League which has been active for seven seasons. D.W.

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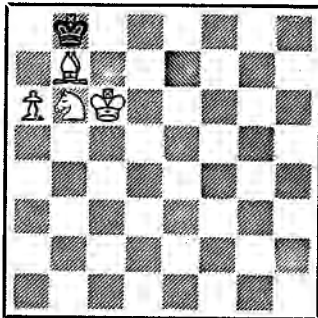
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WHITE—8 PIECES
White to mate without moving his King or a Pawn

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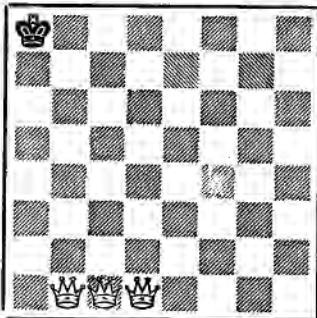
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White mates with Pawn in five

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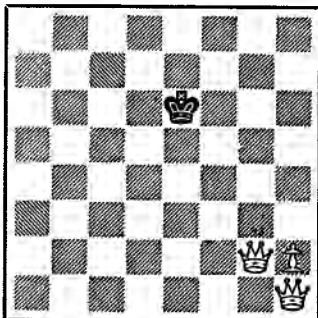
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WHITE—3 PIECES
White mates in seven without moving off the bottom row

No. 4 - PUZZLE

W. Shinkman
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WHITE—3 PIECES
White to checkmate without moving off the diagonal

THE DIAGRAM PAGE by O. W. MANNEY

This month we present - not chess problems, but chess puzzles. The difference should be obvious. All are taken from "Chess Pie" of 1922, which was the official souvenir of the London International congress of that year. To give further credit, the narrator was Mr. Henry E. Dudeney.

No. 1. We might call this White to mate in 28! Remember White must not move his King or a Pawn. A hint: Were it Black's move White would mate in 1. Therefore, merely bring about the same position, but with Black to move.

No. 2. White to give mate with the pawn - but without Queening it.

No. 3. A curious one. White mates in seven without moving his three queens from the row on which they stand - merely sliding them backwards and forwards. Also it will be noticed that the puzzle maker has dispensed with the White King.

No. 4. Of this Mr. Dudeney stated: Of all Mr. Shinkman's ingenious productions nothing gives me more pleasure than this. The two queens can only move backwards and forwards on the diagonal on which they stand. The pawn must not move, but it may be taken by Black. I have never seen Mr. Shinkman's solution, but I have no doubt it is identical with my own, which is in seventeen moves. I will admit that it is very difficult.

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APRIL SOLUTIONS

No. 1. Sam Loyd. 1. Q-N4 ch., (if P-B4, 2. PxP e.p. mate).

No. 2. Endgame by J. Moravec. Solution given in Continental notation which everyone should know.
A. 1. K-h7!, h4; 2. K-g6, h3; 3. K-g5, h2; 4. K-g4, h1; Q; 5. K-g3 wins.
B. 4. h1: Kt; 5. K-f3, g5; 6. R-d2, g4 ch.; 7. KxP, Kt-f2 ch.; 8. K-f3, Kt-h1; 9. R-a2 wins.
C. 1. g5; 2. K-g6, g4; 3. K-g5, g3; 4. K-h4!, f2; 5. K-h3, K-h1; 6. RxP wins.

No. 3. Position. 1. NxBP!, if RxN; 2. QxP ch., K-R8; 3. QxRP ch., K-N1; 4. B-K4, etc. If 2....K-B8; 3. QxRP ch., K-K1; 4. B-N6 followed by R-KB3. From a game Engels v. Bogoljubov.

No. 4. Position. Black plays B-B4, winning a piece. Too simple for you? Good, but we cater to all classes.

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There have been a number of recent inquiries regarding the rules governing our postal chess games and in the next issue we will publish the rules, as we believe that the WCL has not previously done so. The rules as applied to Postal Chess are the same as for over-the-board play except for such modifications as are obvious for the conduct of games by mail.

We have shifted a couple of the B players, Fred Howard and Bob Cairncross, from the B section to the A section as it is apparent that they have graduated from the B class. We shall hope to receive an entry from each of them soon and match them with players who will make them realize that things are not as easy as they have been in the past.

It is our guess that Ken Mulford will not make the top of the A section unless he gets in another section and we will try to match him with top players when he does.

Don Roberts has now settled down after separation from the Army and is now located in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. His games should now progress more rapidly than in the past as his mail will be delivered more promptly. Our guess is that he will really forge ahead with his rating as he is a willing and ready chess enthusiast.

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