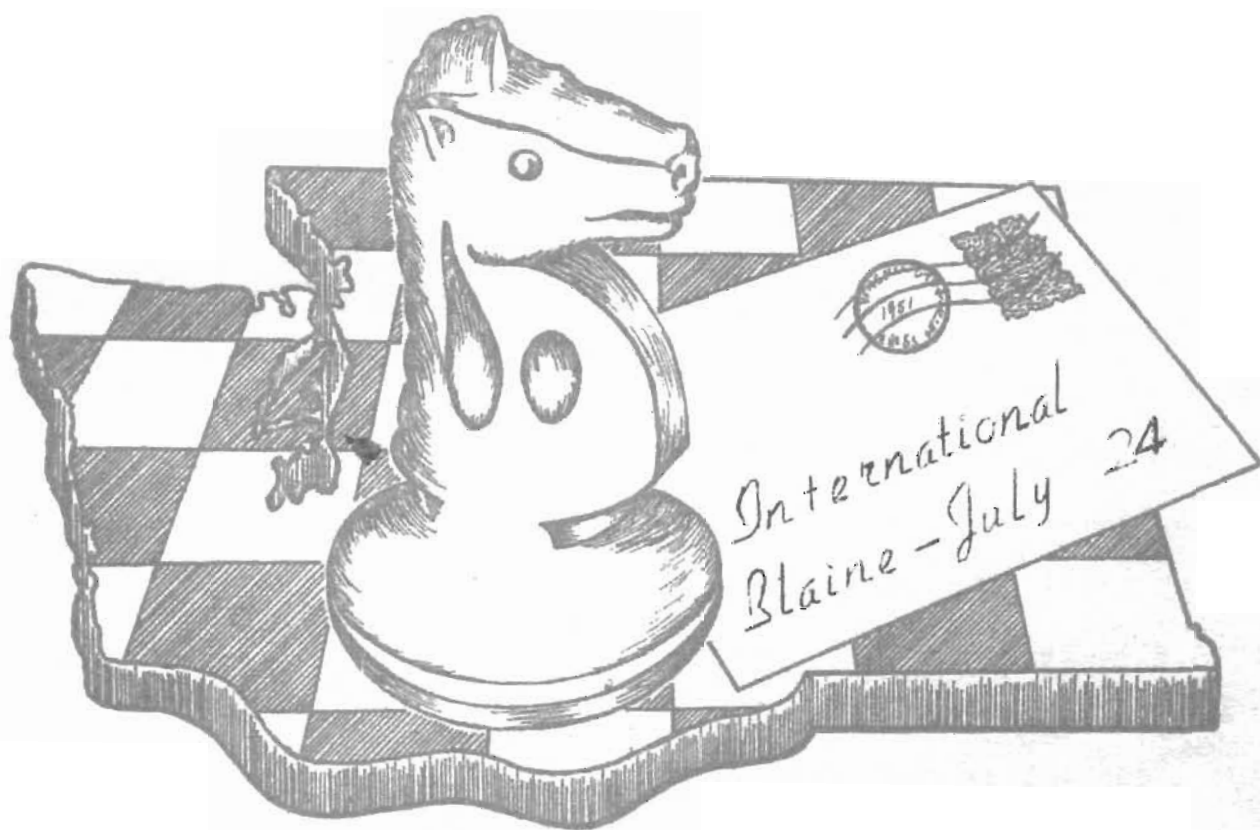


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Editorial

It seems as though there is no representation in the USCF in Western Washington by any chess organization including the WCF. There is the possibility that the expense is not balanced by the advantages. But most people are interested in comparative ratings with players spread throughout the country. Without Organization on the national level it is quite impossible to determine a national rating.

Since the cost is small, while the advantages of national organized chess are many, this writer believes the WCF will gain by joining USCF.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? Send a note to the Chess Letter and let us know.

INTERNATIONAL at BLAINE JULY 24!!
Be one of the happy players that
spend a delightful day competing.

The Breiger "30-30 tournament" at the Seattle Chess Club on June 26 will be the next major (or minor) chess function that is open to all Seattle Chess Club members. See you there!!

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Chess Letter History

By Wade

A few facts about our Washington Chess Letter. The first issue was the Nov. 1947 number. LARRY TARO was the editor. TARO edited Nov. and Dec. 1947 issues, 12 issues for 1948 and the first 3 months of 1949 for a total of 17 issues.

JACK FINNIGAN took over the editor's reins in the April, 1949 WCL and edited the remaining 9 months of 1949 and January through May 1950 issues. Total - 14 Washington Chess Letters.

ROBERT STORK became editor in June, 1950. There were two June, 1950 issues, one the regular and one a special issue in a campaign for new members. STORK finished out 1950 editing 8 Washington Chess Letters, took care of 12 issues during 1951 and also handled the magazine from January until the combined May-June 1952 issue. STORK totaled 25 issues of the Washington Chess Letter.

DAN WADE handled the July, 1952 issue and finished out the year for a total of 6 1952 Washington Chess Letters. All 12 1953 issues added to the string. The first 3 months of 1954 were also edited by WADE though February and March found much help from JOHN DEWITT. TOTAL issues edited by WADE 21.

April, 1954 found JOHN DEWITT officially at the WCL helm. He finished out the year 1954 for a total of 9 issues and took care of the January and February, 1955 Wash. Chess Letters for a final total of 11.

GERALD SCHAIN became editor and thus far has handled the March, April and May, 1955 issues for a total of 3.

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Finnigan	14	DeWitt	11	you now hold in your hand
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The Washington Chess Letter is extremely valuable to any fan who is interested in the happenings of Washington chess. No where else can the chess fan get all of the details or even all of the Washington chess news sans details. The WCL brings you news of the State Closed, State Open, Puget Sound Open, Inland Empire Open, Seattle City, Spokane City, State Junior, Woodrushers, State Speed and State 30-30 tournaments.

This magazine also gives you news of the Puget Sound League, simultaneous matches, International match, Washington Postal results and standings, games from Washington tournaments, a printed problem page, (who will carry on this feature?) and chess articles ranging from Weaver's antics to news on the national and world plane. Whenever writers for the WCL run out of breath, the blank spots are filled with cartoons.

A bargain for \$2.00 for 12 issues. Send money to Mr. Raleigh.

EDBERG WINS

For the first time in its history of twenty years, the Montana chess title left the state when ROBERT EDBERG of Tieton, Washington won the first place trophy. ADAM SMITH of Butte tied for the lead with $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ but lost out in the tie break.

GERALD MOORE, Billings, defending champion, could do no better than tie for third place with DR. GRIFFITH PARKER, Spokane. This tie was unbroken. They had 4-1 scores.

Other Washington players taking part were WILLIAM VOGET and BOB DYCUS, Spokane, and TERRY NELSON, Yakima. VOGET and DYCUS had 3-2 scores and placed 7th and 13th respectively. NELSON managed to salvage two points.

EDBERG drew with SMITH in the fourth round to give each of them $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. In the final game EDBERG played DIGHTMAN, Great Falls, also $3\frac{1}{2}$. SMITH won his final game very quickly and that information passed on to EDBERG and DIGHTMAN meant that a draw would cost both any chance for a tie for the title. Consequently it was an all-out battle for a win.

There were 28 entries in the tournament including at least 7 of Montana's strongest players.

On his way to the title, EDBERG won from EDWARDS, Missoula; FLENNING, Great Falls; PARKER, Spokane; drew with SMITH and won from DIGHTMAN. The game with PARKER ended in Bob's room in the wee small hours of Sunday morning after the players had been ousted from the tournament room at midnight. VOGET and DYCUS finished their private battle in their room after hours also.

PARKER won from DAVE MOORE, Harrison; NELSON, Yakima; SAL-

MONTANA OPEN

By Parker

VERSON, Missoula; and EDWARDS, Lewiston; losing only to EDBERG.

VOGET drew with BULLINGA, Missoula; lost to AULECIEM, Great Falls; won from DYCUS, drew with BARTO, Great Falls; and won from ANDERSON, Great Falls.

DYCUS, who finished 5-1 in the Inland Empire, found that you don't rank the same in all tournaments. He won from SHANLEY, Deer Lodge; lost to BULLINGA, lost to VOGET, won from COGHLAN, Manhattan; and BRANT, Great Falls.

NELSON won from HANSON, Missoula and ANDERSON; losing to PARKER, GERALD MOORE and SALVERSON.

From the standpoint of hospitality and good fellowship, the tournament was tops. We "foreigners" were treated like royalty all the way through. The home folks were there for a good time and there was much joking and joshing over the games between old time opponents.

From the technical side there was room for improvement. There was no announcement as to time limit beforehand and no definite rule laid down later when the matches began to drag. There were no Swiss pairing cards so recording scores and making pairings was a laborious job.

In spite of the time trouble, there was not a single objection raised by any of the Washington delegation. We went prepared to play their way and play their way we did.

SIDE-LIGHTS

EDBERG calling TERRY NELSON at 10:30 Friday night and asking him to go to Missoula. At 11 they were on their way driving

straight through the 400 plus miles....PARKER watching the EDBERG-FLENNING match and getting a big kick out of showing Bob a two-move mate he overlooked....The roast beef at the dinner which we cut with our forks....The Missoula player who spent from five to ten minutes on obvious or even forced moves, slowing up the whole tournament....The three Montana entrants in the I. E. O. telling others what a good time they had in Spokane and some of the others promising to come over next year....DYCUS and yours truly taking sleeping pills at 2:30 a. m. in order to get four hours sleep.... Some of the Montanans driving farther than we Washingtonians to get there....

Yakima Site of Junior Tourney

The Washington State Junior Championship will be held June 18 and 19 at the Yakima YMCA. The tournament will start at 1 pm on June 18 and pending the number of entrants, will be at least a five round tournament. Entry Fee is \$2.00.

The State Junior Championship has had a colorful history. Of the previous winners, such as Warner, Pupols, and LaFreniere, many have continued to distinguish themselves in Washington Chess.

The contest is slated for Yakima because the majority of the participants live "East of the Mountains".

Generally, Chess interest in the eastern half of this state is increasing rapidly and might well soon surpass Seattle! The Award of the tournament to Yakima is a sure sign of this, and Seattle entries will have to fight for their "reward".

Victors Pupols has announced that he will defend his title, earned last year in Seattle. There is a chance though that the competition may prove more troublesome than previously.

CHESS IN 'REVIEW'

The USCF is seeking the highest rated eligible U.S. Junior available for travel to Antwerp, Belgium, July 20 to August 5, 1955. All expenses will be paid by the Belgium Federation and popular subscription now being solicited. He will represent the USA in the World Junior Championship.

Chess Life lists US players in order of success against Soviet Masters, based on encounters in the seven different occasions players of the two countries have met since 1945.

Player	Score	No. of Events
D. Byrne	3 - 1	1
R. Byrne	3 - 3	2
L. Evans	3 - 3	2
A. Kevitz	1½-1½	2
G. Koltanowski	½ - ½	1
O. Ulvestad	1 - 1	1
S. Reshevsky	18-23	6
H. Steiner	3½-5½	3
I. Horowitz	3 - 5	3
A. Dake	1 - 2	2

The list continues with nine more Masters.

IDAHO OPEN (20 players)

1. William Taber	6½-1½
2. Kenneth Jones	5½-2½
3. R. Vandenberg	5½-2½
4. Lloyd Kimpton	5½-2½
5. Mrs. Piatigorsky	5½-2½

CONN. VALLEY (16 players)

1. Dr. Platz	4½- ½
2. Eli Bourdon	4 - 1
3. Julian Leavitt	3½-1½
4. S. Wysowski	3½-1½
5. Robert Lane	3 - 2

NEW YORK * MANHATTAN

1. Al Kevitz	(tied)	9 - 4
2. James Sherwin	(tied)	9 - 4
3. Arthur Bisguier		8½-4½
3. Arnold Denker		8½-4½
3. Max Pavey		8½-4½

Three thousand US chess players are rated in the National Chess Ratings released by Chess Life in May. Forty-two are accredited as Masters. Among the eighty Washington players listed, three are graded above the 2100 mark denoting Expert; Sheets, Bills, and Ulvestad. Oregon shows one Master, no Experts. California has five Masters and about ten experts.

The new list of ten top-ranking U.S. players shows Reshevsky, Evans, R. Byrne, Bisguier, D. Byrne, Steiner, Pavey, Rossolimo, Kashdan, and Seidman.



Seattle Chess

By Wade

The writer wishes to personally congratulate BOB EDBERG. For the first time in its history of twenty years, the Montana chess title left the state when ROBERT EDBERG took the crown with $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. A splendid achievement. Congratulations.

JOHN DEWITT bowed out of the Seattle Chess Club Tournament which began many moons ago sporting a $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ record. The inability of most of the contestants to play a "catch as you can" playing schedule has been obvious for the past ten years, at least. If a tourney for the club championship is to be a success, then it must have regularly scheduled rounds of play such as all of our WCF tournaments. DEWITT'S withdrawal gives WADE with 5-1 the right to play VELLIAS with $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ for the club title. It is likely this playoff will be held but don't bet!

The Seattle Chess Club was a member of the USCF for years but is so no longer. During the past two or three years, the club's rent has exceeded its income so drastically that it has been forced to let expire all subscriptions and affiliations.

Only 54 members are paid up and in good standing in mid-May, 1955. This includes out of town and student members who can join for reduced dues. Approximately 14 others are still considered members for the time being which is growing rather short. The club needs 72 members paying full dues just so it can break even. Seattle chess players must support their club or believe it or not, there will soon be no club to support!!!

What the absence of a general meeting place for our Puget Sound area chess players could mean to all WCF chess promotion can easily be imagined. Support the club NOW.

Your Hobby Tells All

BY WEAVER

Chess players are safe in assuming that they have kind lovable personalities and even a vivid scintillating charm and warmth of character, because chess is not mentioned in published findings in assessment of "Tattletale Hobbies" from studies conducted by the University of Michigan, the Veterans Administration, the University of California, Clark University, or even by the noted psychologist, Dr. Paul Boynton.

Your hobby tells a lot about you, whether you live a happy life, and even how smart you are. The investigation points out that when a person chooses a hobby he exercises free choice. And this choice is motivated by personality factors. In explaining their findings, the psychologists point out that in selection of a leisure interest, the less well-balanced individual tends to emphasize fantasy rather than practical performance.

MUSICAL HOBBIES. You are ruled by your heart rather than by your head, and your moods are likely to be extremely variable. However when a strong interest in music, literature or the arts is coupled with a mechanical or scientific hobby the individual is the most likely of all to be well adjusted.

MECHANICAL AND SCIENTIFIC, such as woodworking, model building, and astronomy. You tend to be better adjusted than average, with stable emotions and fewer personality conflicts than most people.

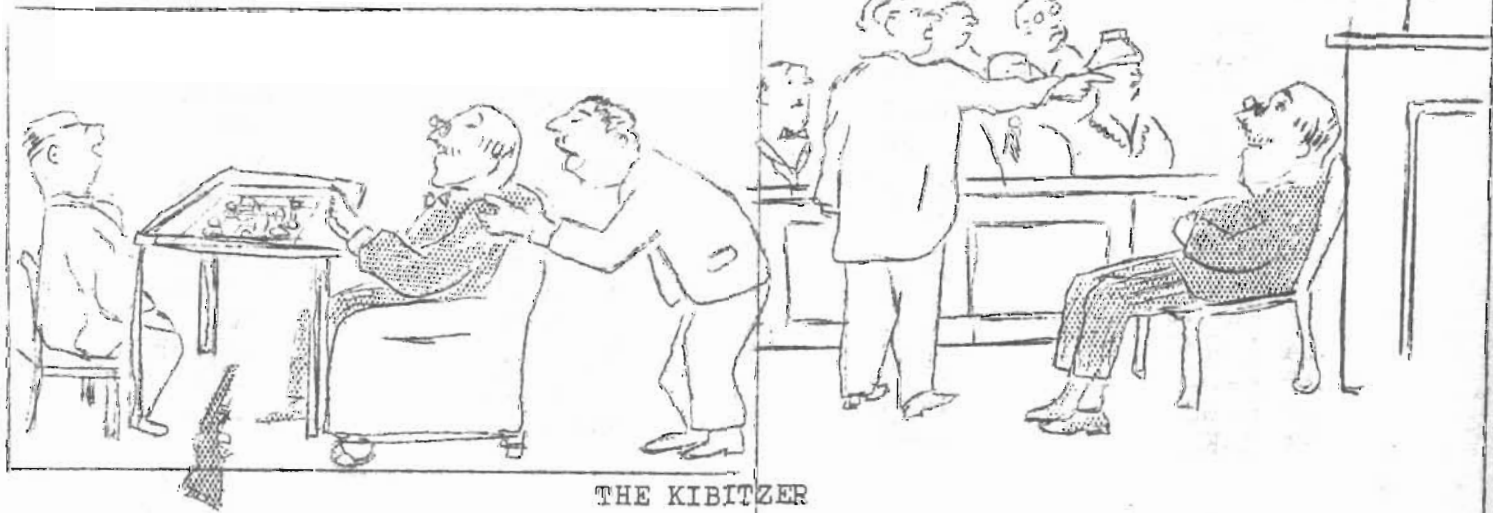
COLLECTING, such as stamps, scores a high rating, and collectors were found to be the happiest and best adjusted.

PHOTOGRAPHY ranks second to the stamp collectors as far as well balanced personalities were concerned.

SPORTS have been only partly explored by psychologists, but some interesting differences have already been observed. For instance badminton players are much more extroverted and less self-centered than volleyball players, and volleyball players tend to be more unstable at least mentally and emotionally than basketball players.

A man who frequently changes his hobby tends to be definitely neurotic. His hobbies don't represent real interests, but sporadic whims, indicative of emotional immaturity and an unstable mind.

A Washington Chess Letter subscriber who lives in Long Beach has pithily observed that hobbyists are cranks, usually double-barrelled at that. For instance, he claims, an Anti-vivisectionist is likely to be an Esperantist too. He says that a chess player is a cinch to be a good fisherman.....



THE KIBITZER

Games

By Wade

The only game Bills was unable to win in the finals of the last State Championship Tournament was this game with Warner, who paradoxically, finished last. This has happened two years in a row now as the year before, last man DeWitt drew with first place Sheets for the only blemish on a record otherwise filled with won games.

W. BILLS

1. F-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. N-QB3
4. P-K3
5. B-Q3
6. N-B3
7. P-QR3
8. PxB
9. O-O
- 10 R-K1
- 11 B-N2
- 12 Q-B2
- 13 BPxP
- 14 QxB
- 15 P-B4
- 16 QxP
- 17 Q-B2
- 18 P-QR4
- 19 B-B3
- 20 R-R2
- 21 N-Q2
- 22 BxN
- 23 P-B3
- 24 RxQ
- 25 R-N1
- 26 P-K4
- 27 P-Q5
- 28 B-B4
- 29 B-K3
- 30 BxR
- 31 R-N4
- 32 PxF
- 33 KR-N2
- 34 R-QB2
- 35 K-B2
- 36 R-N3
- 37 K-K3

T. WARNER

- N-KB3
- P-K3
- B-N5
- O-O
- P-B4
- P-Q4
- BxNch.
- N-B3
- P-QN3
- R-K1
- Q-B2
- B-R3
- BxB
- PxF
- PxF
- N-R4
- P-B5
- QR-B1
- N-N6
- Q-N2
- NxN
- Q-K5
- QxQ
- P-QR3
- N-Q2
- R-B3
- R-B2
- R-B4
- KR-B1
- RxB
- P-N4
- PxF
- P-B6
- N-N3
- K-B1
- N-R5
- K-K2

- 38 K-Q3
- 39 R/2xN
- 40 RxP/N7
- 41 R-N4
- 42 P-N3
- 43 F-B4
- 44 PxF
- 45 PxF
- 46 K-K4
- 47 R-N3
- 48 K-B3
- 49 K-N4
- 50 R-KR3
- 51 RxPch.
- 52 R-R8

- N-N7ch.
- PxR
- K-Q3
- P-N4
- P-B3
- PxF
- P-B4
- RxPch.
- R-B4
- R-B5ch.
- P-N5
- K-K2
- R-B2
- K-Q3
- R-QN2

Drawn.

McCormick defeated Clark in this nice game in the first round of the State Consolation Tournament. However, to the victor is unable to carry on, takes French leave, finishes last while Clark goes on to win the tournament by downing Bishop and Amidon.

A. CLARK

1. P-QB4
2. P-Q4
3. N-QB3
4. P-QR3
5. PxB
6. P-KN3
7. B-N2
8. B-Q2
9. Q-N3
- 10 Q-N5
- 11 QxQ
- 12 PxF?
- 13 BxR
- 14 K-Q1
- 15 B-N4
- 16 K-Q2
- 17 B-Q6?
- 18 B-N2
- 19 B-K5
- 20 K-B3
- 21 B-N7
- 22 K-N2
- 23 B-Q6

J. MCCORMICK

- N-KB3
- P-K3
- B-N5
- BxNch.
- P-QB4
- O-O
- Q-R4
- Q-R3
- N-B3
- PxF
- PxQ
- NxP!
- N-B7ch.
- NxR
- R-K1
- P-QR4
- B-R3
- R-QB1
- N-N6ch.
- BxF
- N-Q4ch!
- R-Q1
- N-Q5

24 P-K4	N-N3
25 B-B7	R-K1
26 BxN?	PxB
27 K-B3	N-N4ch!
28 KxB	N-Q3ch.
29 K-Q4	NxB
30 N-B3	R-QB1
31 R-QN1	R-B3
32 N-K5	R-Q3ch.
33 K-K3	N-B4
34 N-B4	R-Q6ch.
35 K-K2	P-N3
36 RxP	R-QB6
37 NxP	RxRP
38 N-B4	R-R5
39 N-Q6	NxP
40 R-N8ch.	K-N2
41 N-K8ch.	K-R3
42 P-B3	N-N4
43 N-Q6	R-R7ch.
44 K-K3	R-R6ch.
45 K-K2	NxP
46 NxPch.	K-N2
47 N-Q6	NxRP
48 K-B2	N-N5ch.
49 K-N2	N-K6ch.
50 K-B2	N-B4
51 N-K4	P-Q4
52 N-N5	NxP
53 NxPoh.	K-B3
54 N-B4	N-K5ch.
55 K-K2	K-K4
56 N-Q3ch.	K-Q5
57 R-N4ch.	K-B6
58 K-K3	N-B4
59 R-Q4	NxN
60 RxNch.	K-N7
61 RxR	KxR
62 Resigns.	

11 BPxN	P-KB4
12 B-K3	P-B3
13 B-QB4	K-R1
14 N-N5	B-B1
15 PxQBP	B-N5ch.
16 K-K2	NxP
17 N-B7ch.	K-N2
18 B-R6ch.	K-B3
19 B-N5ch.	K-N2
20 B-R6ch.	Drawn.

Pupols had things going his way in the following game which is also from the State Junior.

O. LAFRENIERE

V. PUTOLS

1. P-QB4	N-KB3
2. P-KN3	P-KN3
3. N-KB3	B-N2
4. B-N2	O-O
5. N-B3	P-Q3
6. O-O	P-B4
7. P-Q4	N-B3
8. B-N5	R-N1
9. R-B1	N-Q2
10 P-Q5	QN-K4
11 P-N3	NxNch.
12 BxN	N-K4
13 B-N2	P-QR3
14 P-QR4	B-Q2
15 B-Q2	P-QN4
16 P-B4	N-N5
17 RPxP?	B-Q5ch.
18 P-K3	NxKP
19 Resigns.	

A game from the last State Junior Tournament which was held in Yakima. The ultimate tourney winner was Victor Pupols but in this game he had to settle for a draw with young Terry Nelson. A surprising finish.

T. NELSON

V. PUPOLS

1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KN3
3. N-QB3	B-N2
4. P-K4	P-Q3
5. N-B3	O-O
6. B-K2	P-K4
7. FxP	PxP
8. QxQ	RxQ
9. B-N5	R-K1
10 N-Q5	NxN

chesschat

Chess is simple! Last month we demonstrated how easy it is to win using the basic, but so effective, threat of mate! Additional proof of the nature of the game is shown when one looks at a contest in which a recognized master defeats a lesser foe. His sparkle and grace seem so easy to imitate that it is somewhat surprising to find not everyone as fully capable.

Witness now the strength of the master.

WHITE: A.S. DENKER BLACK: DR. GONZALEZ. US OPEN, DETROIT

1. P-K4, P-K4 2. P-Q4, PxP 3. P-QB3, PxP 4. B-QB4 PxP

The man is not only greedy; but avaricious. Gambiteering like this, however, exposes both sides to psychological pressures, and the master makes the better showing.

5. BxP, B-N5ch 6. K-B1, N-KB3 7. P-K5, N-N1?

Insulting the master by moving to and fro is only permissible if the insult can be backed up in the further course of the game. (7. ...P-Q4 was definitely indicated with the possible continuation 8. PxN, PxB 9. QxQch, KxQ 10. PxP, R-N1.)

8. Q-N4, B-B1? Little can be said for Black's train of thought except that it seems to be a sleeper.

9. Q-B3, N-KR3
10. N-N3, B-K2
11. N-Q5, O-O
12. N-B6 ch!

The axe falls. If

12. ... PxN
13. PxP, B-Q3
14. Q-R5, K-R1
15. QxN, R-N1
16. B-Q5 and
Black is mated. So



And then I played P - QN4

12. ... K-R1 13. N-R3, BxN 14. PxB, P-KN3 15. Q-B4, N-B4
 16. N-N5, N-Q3 Having made the choice of moving this Knight
 once too often, he is now forced to go on, and on, and on un-
 til...
 17. NxPch!, NxN 18. Q-R6! (...NxQ, 19. P-B7 dis.ch. and a
 mate arises. Nor can it be staved off by 18. ... R-N1 19.BxN
 Q-B1 20. BxR, QxQ 21. P-B7ch, Q-N2 22. P-B8 (Q) QxB
 23 B-N3 Mate.) Black resigns.

What is the best policy when playing a well-known mas-
 ter? To grab all the material possible, sit tight, and hope
 for the best? Or perhaps to hold back and wait for a chance
 to sw-p down enough wood to force a drawn endgame?

Playing a purely defensive game is never good since too
 much leeway is afforded your opponent. He no longer has to
 concern himself your threats and thus can usually develop an
 irresistible game. The following grotesque example is an il-
 lustration of this principle.

WHITE: H. GOLOMBAK (ENGLAND) BLACK: F. PLANAS (CUBA) 1953

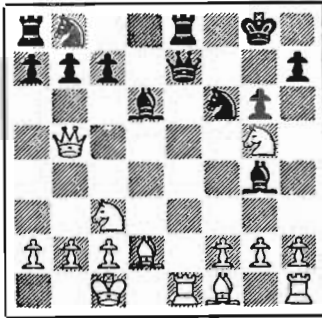
1. P-QB4, P-K4 2. N-QB3, N-QB3 3. P-KN3, P-QN3
 4. B-N2, B-N2 5. N-R3 ...

This is one of the modern systems characterized by the fact
 that little seems to happen in the early stages. Both sides
 choose to occupy a few bridgeheads only, waiting for an ad-
 vantageous moment to hit for the wide open spaces. If one
 side misplays, as in Blacks next move, and gets his claim in
 late--he is cramped horribly.

5. ...N-R4 6. BxB, NxB 7. P-B4, PxP? 8. NxP, N-B3
 9. P-K4, P-KR3? 10. Q-O, B-K2 11. Q-B3 (threatens 12.
 P-K5. Black's defense is forced, but feeble and there-
 fore amusing. 11. ...Q-N1 12. KN-Q5, N-Q1 13. NxB,
 KxN 14. P-K5, N-K1 15. P-Q4, K-B1. All the Blackmen
 are back on the reservation and they'll stay there.
 16. B-K3, K-N1 17. N-Q5, P-N3 18. Q-N4, K-N2
 19. QxP, Q-B1 20. P-K6, QxQ 21. PxQ, N-Q3 22. NxBP
 R-QN1 23. B-B4 and Black resigns due to material loss.

No. 1 - Combination

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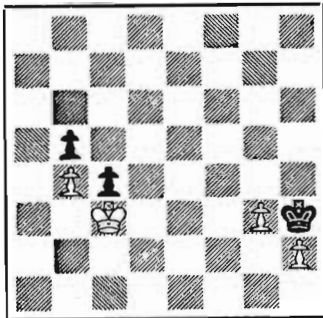
WHITE - K. GORING
Black to Play and Win

The following few positions culled from a variety of sources should give you a few days of pleasurable concentration.

1. Here is an interesting and not too difficult mating combination from the Leipzig Tournament of 1877. It would be difficult to find a similar example in a modern tournament but it is very pretty just the same.

No. 2 - ENDGAME

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WHITE
White to Play and Win

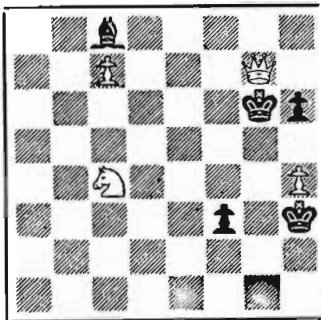
2. This endgame was given in Chess Review about 10 years ago. I cannot find the issue and so cannot give someone credit for it. It illustrates very nicely the value of the opposition in King and Pawn endings.

3. Here is another beautiful endgame study by Rinck. Originally published in the British Chess Magazine, 1917. We cannot be expected to perform like this, but it is certainly interesting to see what can be done. NB. The B should be Wte the Q Blk and the K on R3 also Wte.

4. W. A. Shinkman is one of the most famous American composers. This study in pawn promotion is truly a classic.

No. 3 - STUDY

Henri Rinck
BLACK



WHITE
White to Play and Draw

MARCH SOLUTIONS

1. Key: 1.R-R5 If 1...Pxp 2.P-R4 Pxp 3.R(R5)xP If 1...P-N3 2.R(R5)xP Kxp 3.R-KR4.

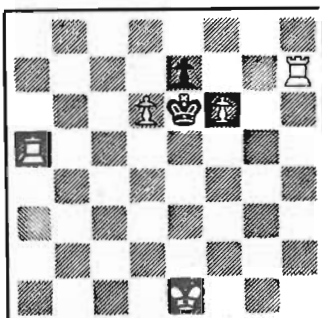
2. Yates. 1.N-N5! White threatens NxKBP, and R-R8 mate. If 1.P-B3 2.NxNP threatening both NxQ and R-R8 mate or 2.R-R8ch and 3.NxPch. If 1.. R-KB1, then 2.N(N5)xBP, RxN 3.NxNP threatening again both Queen and mate Finally, iff 1...QxN, then 2.R-R8ch, KxR 3.NxBPch.

3. Loyd. 1.PxB(N), KxN 2.N-N6, any 3.P-R8(Q) mate.

4. Rinck. 1.Q-B7ch, K-R1 2.Q-R5ch, K-N2 3.N-B5ch, K-N1 4.Q-N6ch, K-B1 5.Q-N7ch, K-Q1 6.K-Q2 and wins. Black is in zugzwang.

No. 4 - PROBLEM

W. A. Shinkman
BLACK



WHITE
White Mates in 3 Moves

FROM

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	54A-5A	Points	Games Completed	54B-3A	Points
Luters	1 Farry	0 22	Rauen	1 Waldron	0 52
Yocom	1 Farry	0 50		55B-1A	
Mage	1 Farry	0 32	Meliza	1 Reed	0 50
	54A-5B		Carpenter	1 Reed	0 50
Luters	1 Farry	0 22	Laine	1 Reed	0 50
Yocom	1 Farry	0 50	Parsons	1 Reed	0 50
Mage	1 Farry	0 32	Carpenter	1 Meliza	0 50
	54A-6B			55B-1B	
Howard	1 Cairacross	0 18	Meliza	1 Reed	0 50
	55A-2A		Carpenter	1 Reed	0 50
Carter	1 Coubrough	0 74	Laine	1 Reed	0 50
			Parsons	1 Reed	0 50

Our new player from Ritzville, Rev. Alfred Carter, really gathered in some points in his first completed game by downing Coubrough. Carter says that when he won Coubrough's Q that Coubrough resigned. This must have been a quickie with perhaps a swindle worked. Wonder what Coubrough's side of the story is.

James Reed felt obliged to resign his games in 55B-1A & 55B-1B as he has taken on some extra work that does not leave him any time for chess. Hope he gets back into postal playing when this extra work program is over. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, so the old saying goes, so take it easy, Jim.

Steve Falk advises that he is taking a vacation from his postal games 'til June 3.

Here is a quotation from a card we received from one of the players which is so opposite from what we usually receive that we thought we would print it. We had some difficulty in deciding whether to be insulted or amused. Amusement won out and we had a good laugh over it. For fear of hurting someone's feelings we have left off the names of the people involved.

"The players are so slow in answering, and write so poorly, that I have lost interest. I go to a lot of trouble in my correspondence, and use a typewriter so folks can read my stuff, and then I get a lot of scribble in return. How about that. One of your players that I had down a bishop never did answer.

"CHINEESE FOR SWEARING"

Now who could he be complaining about, surely not any of the WCF postal players, they are all gentlemen and write legible cards and reply promptly.

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Mage	1450
DeWitt	1442
Bever	1419
Vellias	1350
Magerkurth	1344
Carter	1324
Yocom	1322
Knapp	1304
Husby	1300
MacPatterson	1250
Allyn, Lawrence	1250
Hultman	1250
Weischer	1250
Roats	1250
Cairncross	1192
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Nourse, J.	1132

"B" Division

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Roberts, Don	1304
Skarsten	1268
Merk	1255
Rauen	1236
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Falk	1172
LaFreniere	1170
Waldron	1152
Parsons	1150
Tresidder	1150
Laine	1150
Southerland	1138
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