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## JOHN G. WALLENBURG OF AIKEN WINS 1961 S.C. CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Playing superbly against an exceptionally strong field of contestants John G. Wallenburg, 20, won five straight games in five rounds of play to capture the 1961 South Carolina closed chess title. This was Wallenburg's first win of the State Title in a field of 16 contestants, including three former State Champions, Prof. Lanneau Foster, Peter Grant and Max Edelsburg.

This very successful tournament, conducted under the auspices of the South Carolina Chess Association, was held in Columbia on Nov. 24, 25 and 26 at the New Foster School of the Dance, at 4600 Trenholm Road. In comfortable playing quarters generously donated by Prof. Foster the event was thoroughly enjoyed by chess enthusiasts from throughout the state.

Dewey Varn, now in his second year at Furman University, was runner-up, losing only to Wallenburg. Ties for third and fourth places were Lanneau Foster and Norton Jacobi, the latter a student at Coker College in Hartsville. All four were presented trophies as was Joan Varn, the lone contestant of the gentler sex.

At the annual business meeting following presentation of trophies members reelected their present officers: President, Prof. Lanneau L. Foster and Secretary, Prof. Robert F. Brand.

The host club for the 1961 tournament was the Palmetto Chess Club of Columbia. Club meetings are held weekly on Wednesday evenings and are open to the public. Chess players and others interested in learning are invited to attend. For information call the Columbia, S.C. numbers SU 7-2072 or SU 7-3490.

(The above material is taken for the most part from the write-up of the event by Mr. W. Earle Houston of the Columbia Chess Club).  
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### JOHN G. WALLENBURG

Our new State Champion was born in Aiken, S.C. on April 9, 1941. He is now in his Junior year at the University of South Carolina in Columbia and is still undecided as to whether his major will be in Mathematics or in English, since he has enough credits in both fields to swing over into a major in either. His rise to prominence in chess has been very recent, dating only from the summer of 1961. His first appearance in "big-time" chess was at the 1960 Two Carolinas Open in Charleston, where he won only 2 out of 6 games played. Then a year later, in the summer of 1961, he suddenly skyrocketed to prominence by taking third place in the Two Carolinas Open at Southport, N.C., winning  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and losing  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .  
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 PLACING AND SCORES OF THOSE IN 1961 S.C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP  
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PLACE	NAME AND ADDRESS	GAMES WON
-1-	JOHN G. WALLENBURG, P.O. Box 842, Aiken, S.C. (Univ.of S.C.)....	5
-2-	DEWEY J. VARN, 12 Parkwood, Charleston, S.C.(Furman University).	4
3-4	PROF. LANNEAU L. FOSTER, Lake Shore Drive, Columbia, S.C.....	3½
3-4	NORTON JACOBI, Student, Coker College, Hartsville, S.C.....	3½
5-6	ALEX EDELEBURG, 116 Academy Way, Columbia, S.C.....	3
5-6	PETER GRANT, 811 Eaton St., Columbia, S.C.....	3
7-9	JAMES P. PERRY, Cadet, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.....	2½
7-9	THOMAS READ, 60 Murray Blvd., Charleston, S.C.....	2½
7-9	PETER WLUDYKA, 12-3 Hendley Homes, Columbia, S.C.....	2½
10-12	MAX L. ALPERT, 6 North Main St., Sumter, S.C.....	3
10-12	PROF. ROBERT F. BRAND, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.....	3
10-12	HARRY A. LOFTON, Ninety Six, S.C. (Wofford College, S.C.).....	3
	(Spartanburg, S.C.)	
13-15	ROLAND L. GOAD, 837 TAC Hospital, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.....	1½
13-15	JAMES D. HANLON, Route 2, Box 241, Summerville, S.C.....	1½
13-15	W. EARLE HOUSTON, 3722 Hanson Road, Columbia, S.C.....	1½
16	JOAN VARN, 12 Parkwood, Charleston, S.C. (sister of Dewey Varn).	0

Columbia and Charleston were represented by about half a dozen players each. That is as it has been for the last several years, with Columbia usually holding a little edge over Charleston in the high caliber of her chess players.

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#### NORTH CAROLINA DEFEATS SOUTH CAROLINA 5½-3½ IN 1962 INTERSTATE

After winning the 1961 Interstate Team Tourney, South Carolina lost to North Carolina in the 1962 annual event, which was again held in the YMCA at Charlotte, N.C. Samuel Reshevsky, world famous American master, put on a simultaneous exhibition following the team match. Here are the individual scores in the interstate team match:

SCORE	NORTH CAROLINA	BOARD	SOUTH CAROLINA	SCORE
0....	STEVEN SHAW, Columbia, S.C....	-1-	OLIVER C. HUTAFF, JR. Wmton..	1
0....	JOHN G. WALLENBURG, Aiken..	-2-	MR. FINK (Full name unknown)	1
0....	PROF. LANNEAU L. FOSTER, Col..	-3-	DAVID STEELE, Raleigh, N.C...	1
1....	S. NORTON JACOBI, Hartsville-	4-	DR. A.M. JENKINS, Raleigh....	0
1....	ROLAND L. GOAD, Shaw AFB....	-5-	PROF. R. GRADY BROWN, Charl..	0
0....	ALEX EDELSBURG, Columbia....	-6-	HARRY BOYTE, Charlotte.....	1
½....	HASKEL SIKES, Sumter, S.C..	-7-	HENRY JONES, Charlotte, N.C...	½
1....	MAX L. ALPERT, Sumter, S.C.	-8-	ALBERT T. PEARSON, Charlotte.	0
0....	JAMES D. HANLON, Summerville-	9-	L.F. LITTLE, Charlotte.....	1

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#### CADET JAMES P. PERRY WINS 1962 CITADEL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

After winning the 1961 Citadel Chess Championship (in Charleston, S.C.) Cadet James P. Perry of Arlington, Virginia staged a repeat performance by annexing the 1962 Citadel title. He was erroneously reported in our last issue as being from Alexandria. He was champ of Wakefield H.S., Arling

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DEWEY VARN WINS CHARLESTON AND S.C. 1961  
GO CHAMPIONSHIP

DEWEY VARN OF CHARLESTON, after winning second place in the 1961 State Chess Championship, then proceeded to win, for the second time, the S.C. and Charleston GO CHAMPIONSHIP. He was also the 1959 GO Champion, but lost the title in 1960 to Thomas P. Bold.

The game of GO is today very widely played in Japan, and also in China, where it goes under the name of WEI CHI. It is mentioned in old Chinese manuscripts as early as 1000 B.C. Edward Lasker, eminent chess master and America's foremost authority on the game of GO, calls GO the world's "best strategic game including chess." Like chess, GO is a game of pure skill which has occupied the attention of some of the world's greatest minds for ages. GO is a board game like chess, but in all other respects it is entirely unlike chess. GO is a struggle to gain territory, play being alternate on intersections of lines, 19 running each way at right angles to each other. The mentality of the chess player makes him singularly susceptible to GO, and the best place to introduce GO is in a chess club. There are now GO clubs in many of the larger American cities and in Charleston, S.C. All S.C. chess players who are interested in learning about the game or in starting a GO CLUB in their community, send 25¢ in stamps for a booklet on the game to Robert F. Brand, Secretary, Charleston GO Club, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

The CHARLESTON GO CLUB was started in 1955. Following are the S.C. and Charleston Champions:

1957.....ROBERT F. BRAND (The Citadel)

1958.....THOMAS READ (60 Murray Blvd.)

1959.....DEWEY VARN (Then at 2-B Wilson St.)

1960.....THOMAS P. BOLD (16 Logan St.)

1961.....DEWEY VARN (12 Parkwood,  
Furman Univ., Greenville, S.C.)

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!!!! 1962 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP, HOTEL FORT SUMTER

At the annual business meeting following the 1961 S.C. State Closed Championship it was voted by the membership to hold the 1962 State Tourney in Charleston. Robert F. Brand, State Association Secretary, was commissioned to carry out local arrangements in Charleston. Reservations are now completed to hold the 1962 Tourney on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 24 and 25, in a room on the Mezzanine Floor of the Hotel Fort Sumter. This will make the sixth S.C. State Chess Championship Tournament to be held in Charleston, and the fourth to be held at the Hotel Fort Sumter. Previous tournaments at the Hotel Fort Sumter were in 1927 (won by James Henry Rice, Jr., second State Champion); in 1930 (won by Elmer B. Hallman, still living in Spartanburg); and in 1932 (by P.J. Walker of Varnville, winner). The Hotel Fort Sumter is one of Charleston's most distinguished old hostelries. It is primarily a tourists' resort. It is beautifully located on the famous Charleston Battery. Come all!

\*\*\*\*\*SAINT ANDREW'S PARISH HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB MAKING PROGRESS

This club is located in the Charleston subdivision west of the Ashley River known as St. Andrew's Parish. Play is now in progress to determine the 1962 school champion. The following are serving as officers: President, Donald Peeples, 611 Wateree, West Oak Forest; Vice-President, Dennis Gazes, 304 Parkwood Drive, Parkwood Estates; Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Heise, Jr., 507 Betsy Road, Stono Park.

These addresses are all in subdivisions west of the Ashley River.

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GET A HIGH SCHOOL CHESS ORGANIZED IN YOUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

High schools are the one place where your organizing talents will not be wasted. Young men and women of high school age naturally show an unbounded enthusiasm for the game. When you see your high school authorities about such a club, however, you should emphasize to them that the chess club will inevitably die for lack of attendance if meetings are attempted following completion of regular school hours. The proper way to do this is arrange for any number of clubs of different types to hold their meetings about one hour a week, or even one hour every two weeks, ON SCHOOL TIME. At the beginning of the school year each student signs up for the club of his choice (as for instance Chemistry Club, English Club, Latin Club, Chess Club, Checker Club, etc.). Also, if the student thinks it more advisable, he may sign up for study hall instead of joining a club. Once the student signs up, he is then obliged to attend the club of his choice. We already have four high school chess clubs in South Carolina. See if you can't do something in your community to help along the cause of our beloved game and be of real service to your community at the same time. Then write the story of your organizational results to Robert F. Brand, Secretary, S.C. Chess Association, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C. and we will give your club some publicity in a forthcoming issue of the BULLETIN.

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THE SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL CASTLE CHESS CLUB

This club at Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg, S.C. has been in existence since the latter part of 1959. Meetings are held every Friday afternoon directly following the close of school. The faculty advisor is Prof. James M. Smith. Student officers are: President, Billy Padgett; Vice-President, Richard Park; Secretary-Treasurer, Seth Lewis.

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There are also high school chess clubs in two high schools in Columbia: Columbia High School and Dreher High School. More about these anon as soon as your Secretary gets the necessary data.

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SETH LEWIS OF SPARTANBURG, ORGANIZER OF HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MATCH

A team match between teams of four each representing the four high school chess clubs in S.C. will be held this coming June immediately following the close of the school year, probably at one of the two high schools in Columbia. Seth Lewis, secretary-treasurer of the Spartanburg High School Castle Chess Club, will act as organizer of this match. He has been appointed High School Chess Organizer for S.C.

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The Spartanburg Chess Club does not hold regular meetings as of now. However, these players will probably start meeting again this spring.

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FORMER S.C. CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDER THE OLD STATE ASSOCIATION OF 1926- Most of the material used in these historical sketches is taken 33 from the year by year reports of tournaments delivered in 1948 by ELMER B. HALLMAN, former president of the old State Association, to Robert F. Brand, now Secretary of the State Association and Editor of the Bulletin. Your editor has added information which was gleaned from old musty Charleston newspapers. Some of the gray-beards among our present-day players will still remember some of those whose names are given below:

1927 S.C. CHAMPIONSHIP (2ND ANNUAL EVENT), HOTEL FORT SUMTER, CHARLESTON, SC  
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WON BY JAMES HENRY RICE, JR. OF WIGGINS, S.C.

This event was held on July 4 through 7, 1927. Mr. Rice, the winner, was presented with a silver loving-cup, offered by the Charleston Chess Club. (Called the Charleston Chess Association). Following are the scores of the 16 contestants in this event:

STANDING	NAME	HOME TOWN IN S.C.	SCORE	
1.....	JAMES HENRY RICE, JR. (dead)	WIGGINS.....	13 1/2	
2.....	W.R. HALE..... (deceased)	GREENVILLE.....	13	
3.....	ELMER B. HALLMAN (living)	SPARTANBURG.....	11	
4.....	DR. HENRY PLENCE (deceased)	CHARLESTON.....	10 1/2	
5.....	C.H. HAYNSWORTH (deceased)	SUMTER.....	10	
6.....	PATILLO FARROW.....	CHARLESTON.....	9 1/2	
7.....	T.F. MOSIMANN.....	CHARLESTON.....	8 1/2	*****
9.....	A.S. VOLPIN... (deceased)	GREENVILLE.....	6 1/2	For
10-12....	COL. OLIVER J. BOND (dead)	CHARLESTON (President, Citadel)	6	No. 8,
10-12....	JOSEPH B. HEYWARD.....	CHARLESTON.....	6	see
10-12....	W.A. NORTH.....	CHARLESTON.....	6	below
13.....	WILLIAM B. WHALEY.....	CHARLESTON.....	5	
14-15....	A.V. JOHNSON.....	CHARLESTON NAVY YARD.....	3 1/2	
14-15....	ROBERT A. LAMBLE, JR.....	CHARLESTON.....	3 1/2	
16.....	BENJAMIN ALPERT, JR. (dead)	SUMTER (died in his early)	0	
	(Brother of Max Alpert, now living in Sumter) (twenties)			
8.....	R.S. PINCKNEY.....	CHARLESTON.....	7 1/2	

Of the chess players listed above the only one known for a certainty to be still alive is Mr. Elmer B. Hallman. The great Ambrose Bierce, in his Devil's Dictionary refers to life as "A spiritual pickle preserving the body from decay". Says Bierce: "We live in daily apprehension of its loss; yet when lost it is not missed. The question, 'Is life worth living?' has been much discussed; particularly by those who think it is not, many of whom have written at great length in support of their view and by careful observance of the laws of health enjoyed for long terms of years the honors of successful controversy."

All players taking part in the tournament mentioned at the beginning of this article were guests of Col. R. John West on a tour of inspection of Fort Moultrie on July 5. The trip was planned and arranged by the Rev. George J. Gongaware, a member of the local chess association.

At the annual business meeting held July 7, 1927, the following officers were elected: Elmer B. Hallman, Spartanburg, President; G.M. Hamilton, Greenville, Vice President; W.B. Simpson, Jr., Columbia, Secretary; Robert A. Lamble, Jr., Charleston, Treasurer; W.R. Hale, Greenville, Honorary President. Presentation of the trophy was made by Col. Oliver J. Bond, President of the Citadel.

Call up your book-dealer and ask him to get you a copy of THE DEVIL'S DICTIONARY, by AMBROSE BIERCE, price \$1 retail. Tell him to get it from Dover Publications, Inc., 920 Broadway, New York, 10, N.Y. It's a wow!

1928 S.C. CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (3RD ANNUAL EVENT), SUMTER, S.C., JULY 1928  
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WON BY COL. OLIVER J. BOND, PRESIDENT OF THE CITADEL

The 1928 meeting was held in the Masonic Hall in Sumter, S.C., starting on Monday, July 4. President Elmer B. Hallman of Spartanburg presided and players representing Spartanburg, Greenville, Charleston, Wiggins and Sumter were present.

Play continued from 2 P.M., July 4 until Thursday, July 7th, at midnight, when Col. Oliver J. Bond, Citadel President, from Charleston, defeated E.B. Hallman of Spartanburg, in the finals, and was awarded the silver trophy cup, emblematic of the State Championship. The cup was presented by President Clarence Haynsworth on behalf of the Sumter Chess Club, acting as hosts to the Association.

On Tuesday evening, July 5, a supper was given the visiting chess players at the Sunset Country Club. C.H. Haynsworth acted as toastmaster.

The annual business meeting was held Wednesday morning, July 6th, at which the nominating committee, Messrs. W.R. Parker (died in 1959) and A.S. Volpin made their report. Col. Oliver J. Bond was named as president; Edward L. Dashiell of Spartanburg, Vice-President; L.C. Bryan, Secretary-Treasurer. L.C. Bryan is still living and makes his home in Sumter. Messrs. William B. Whaley of Charleston; James Henry Rice, Jr. of Wiggins; W.R. Hale of Greenville and E. Clarence Haynsworth (died about 1951) were named Honorary Presidents. President Bond later named A.S. Volpin of Greenville, C.H. Haynsworth and James Henry Rice, Jr. as members of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Rice extended an invitation to the Association members to play in the Myrtle Beach Chess Tournament for the Championship of America.

A challenge from the North Carolina Chess Association for an interstate Chess Match at Rockingham, N.C., on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving was accepted and appointment of members of the South Carolina team was left to the Executive Committee.

The annual dues were fixed at 50¢ for each member of the Association. The invitation extended by Mr. A.S. Volpin to hold the next (1929) meeting of the Association in Greenville was unanimously adopted. As it later turned out, however, a change in plans was made and the 1929 meeting was held in the Spartanburg Y.M.C.A.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Elmer B. Hallman, retiring president, whose efforts had been successful in making the annual tournament the success it was. Mr. E.E. Wright is the name of another player present whose name was omitted in the above account.

The minutes for this meeting were signed by L.C. Bryan of Sumter, Secretary, and corrected a year later at the 1929 session by Elmer B. Hallman, Acting Secretary.

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NEWS ITEM --- PHILIP BLOCK NOW PLAYING CHESS IN NEW JERSEY

Philip A. Block was an active member of the Charleston Chess Club somewhere around the years 1953 to 1957. A few meetings of our roving Charleston Club were held at his home at 8 Nicholson St., Byrnes Down, west of the Ashley. His present address is Denville, New Jersey at 59 Hinchman Ave. Since Aug. 1960 this graduate of The Citadel Engineering College has been employed by the Western Electric Company. This company has assigned him to the Bell Laboratories at Whippany, New Jersey, where his present assignment is connected with research and development of Missile Guidance equipment. Philip now gets all the chess he wants in the Chess Club connected with the Bell Telephone Co. Activities Dept.

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