



### ROY E. FARNSWORTH

*Loses finger tip, gains chess*

We have heard how some East Indian chess enthusiasts wagered a finger or two on games of chess. Roy E. Farnsworth of Mare Island, California, lost a finger tip but gained the game of chess. About 10 years ago, he suffered his loss, then during the enforced leisure that followed, discovered the joys of the game.

Roy has many hobbies, DX and amateur radio, stamp collecting, music (both as admirer and performer) and publishing a postal employees' monthly. But Roy's wife furthered the good cause by giving him Reti's "Masters of the Chessboard" and now he says chess is his predominant interest. He has taught his two daughters to play. One has known the game since she was 5 years old! Lately, he has been able to rejoin the Vallejo Chess Club and compete in over the board tournaments; but he credits postal chess for filling a long interval when the pressure of wartime work allowed him no spare time to visit clubs.

For a postal employee to turn to postal chess seems quite a matter of course. But Roy says he learned of it 4 years ago with quite a thrill. And he must have! For since then, he has played 98 games by mail at one time. Yet he has climbed from an 850 rating to Class A, secured prizes in 7 out of 8 tournament sections and won through to the Victory Finals.

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