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### Let's Get Acquainted

MEET GUTHRIE MC CLAIN, EDITOR OF "THE  
 CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER"

WHEN HE WAS RECOGNIZED as a chess master  
 "Mac" simply would not believe it!! He  
 denounced USCF's Harkness System instead!  
 That's GUTHRIE MCCLAIN--, he doesn't want  
 any recognition for anything unless he  
 has earned it!

One thing "Mac", as Guthrie McClain is  
 called by his friends, does deserve is  
 credit for editing a fine periodical in  
 THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER, official  
 organ of the California State Chess  
 Federation. Through this publication  
 "Mac" has more or less been the guiding  
 light of the CSCF. Mr. McClain, of  
 course, does much for the organization  
 as chairman of their board of directors.  
 He is also V.P. of the USCF.

"Mac" was on a team representative of  
 this area a few years ago that went on a  
 European tour. This particular team was  
 not out to be a world beater, the idea  
 mainly being to create some friendship in  
 chess circles between our country and  
 those in Europe.

Getting back to his rating, McClain  
 was surprised to find himself rated a  
 master last year, considering other rated  
 experts of California his betters. "Mac"  
 says he will not be a master long, quote,  
 "I did lousy in the U.S. open!". He  
 figures Henry Gross, who we introduced in  
 the last issue, a better player. Strange  
 as it seems, "Mac" always seems to manage  
 to come up with the white pieces whenever  
 playing for the championship against  
 Gross in the Castle Chess Club! It seems  
 he was the T.D. there. Perhaps, since he  
 considers Henry to be the better player,  
 that Mr. Gross should be handicapped with  
 the black pieces!

### C. D. 's VIEWS

IT IS REMEMBERED THAT THERE were a few  
 people around town that said that the  
 Precita Valley Chess Club would not  
 last anywhere from five weeks to five  
 months. I am happy to report that we  
 are now observing our first anniversary!

However, a question does arise--,  
 that is, how much longer will we go on?  
 I would like to live, God providing, to  
 see our 20th anniversary with no end in  
 sight! But--, will it??!! Maybe I  
 have nothing to fear, but I cannot help  
 being a worry wort. As your C.D. I  
 have tried my utmost to keep activity  
 in and around the club interesting. I  
 have done my best to raise finances to  
 better the club. It seems I must admit  
 to failure in all of my efforts because  
 we don't seem to be any better off than  
 the day we started--, which was on  
 nothing. That is, nothing but a desire  
 and will to establish a club that chess  
 players would like to come to. That  
 seems to be the biggest difficulty. I  
 have the membership, but not the attend-  
 ance. Do those that are so constantly  
 absent realize that their attendance  
 alone helps make a club a success? Or  
 perhaps, do they wish it to fail? I  
 would like to know the answers.

At our anniversary special meeting  
 Friday, March 15th, which is our birth-  
 day, I hope to find a lot of answers.  
 I hope all that can will attend.

As of this issue, CHESS HERALD will  
 have two duties. That of still keeping  
 club members posted with activities of  
 the club, and that of instigating more  
 interest in the San Francisco Bay Area  
 Chess League. From this edition onward  
 we shall carry results of all divisions  
 of the league rather than just the one  
 that our own team is entered. I am  
 hoping that our club affiliates in the  
 league will find our publication of  
 some interest and take it upon them-  
 selves to make it even of more interest  
 by sending in games, problems, items of  
 interest, etc. All correspondence to  
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San Francisco Bay Area Chess League

"A" DIVISION

CASTLE C.C. EDGES M.I. KNIGHTS 4-3

M.I. BISHOPS BEATS PALO ALTO 5-2

GOLDEN GATE - UNIV. OF CALIF. DRAW

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 16, 1957.  
At Mechanics' Institute there was a lot of buzzing going on as the Castle C.C. edged the M.I. Knights 4-3! This result makes it a wide open race for the "A" division championship.

At the same time M.I. Bishops beat Palo Alto 5-2, and at the Golden Gate Chess Club Univ. of California was drawing with Golden Gate 3½-3½. The Oakland Juniors forfeited their match to Oakland 7-6.

M. I. KNIGHTS (3) CASTLE (4)

J. Schmitt.....	½	G. McClain.....	½
C. Bagby.....	½	N. Falconer....	½
K. Bendit.....	0	W. Hendricks... 1	
E. Pruner.....	½	R. Hultgren....	½
H. Bullwinkle... ½		D. Belmont.....	½
A. Bourke.....	1	C. Wilson.....	0
C. Svalberg.....	0	F. Adelman.....	1
Totals	3		4

Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Games
Castle.....	3	0	13½-7½
Golden Gate.....	2½	½	15-6
M. I. Bishops.....	2	1	14-7
Univ. of Calif.....	2	1	12½-8½
M. I. Knights.....	1½	1½	13½-7½
Oakland.....	1	2	10½-10½
Palo Alto.....	0	3	4-17
Oakland Juniors....	0	3	1-20

Next Matches

Mar. 9

Palo Alto vs. Univ. of Calif. (at M.I.)  
Oakland Jrs. vs. Golden Gate  
Castle vs. Oakland  
M.I. Bishops vs. M.I. Knights

Mar. 23

M.I. Knights vs. Palo Alto (at M.I.)  
Oakland vs. M.I. Bishops  
Golden Gate vs. Castle (at G.G.)  
Univ. Calif. vs. Oakland Jrs. (at M.I.)

"C" DIVISION TO START SOON

The "C" division of SFEBACL will start in approximately two weeks, or around April 1st (no foolin'!). Five teams are entered at this writing.

"B" DIVISION

GOLDEN GATE UPSETS OAKLAND 4½-2½

MECH. INST. B/1 EDGES PRECITA VALLEY

ALAMEDA TOPS UNIV. OF CALIF. 5-3

Oakland, Calif., Mar. 2, 1957. The Golden Gate Club upset Oakland, previously undefeated, 4½-2½ on the latter's home ground! This surprising result makes it a wide open race for the "B" team championship.

San Francisco, Calif., Mar. 2, 1957. Two team matches were going at full steam at the Mechanics' Institute. When the smoke had cleared it was to find Mechanics' Institute B/1 edging a hard fighting Precita Valley team by 4-3, while Alameda was topping the University of California 5-2.

PRECITA VALLEY (3) MECH. INST. B/1 (4)

J. Reynolds.....	0	D. Taggart.....	1
E. Bartholomew..	0	R. Kiel.....	1
N. Renaud.....	1	D. McLeod.....	0
J. Cook.....	1	N. McLeod.....	0
L. Allen.....	1	L. Miller.....	0
L. Tullis.....	0	R. Barringer....	1
R. Blakenore....	0	A. Christ.....	1
Totals	3		4

Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Games
Mech.Inst. B/1.....	3	0	13½-7½
Oakland.....	2½	1½	18-10
Golden Gate.....	2	1	14½-6½
Alameda.....	2	2	11½-16½
Mech.Inst. B.....	1½	1½	12½-8½
Precita Valley.....	1	3	11-17
Univ. of Calif.....	0	3	3-18

Results Feb. 23

Oakland 6, Univ. of Calif. 1  
Alameda 4, Precita Valley 3  
Mech. Inst. B/1 4, Mech. Inst. B 3

Next Matches

Mar. 16

Alameda vs. Golden Gate  
Mech. Inst. B/1 vs. Univ. Calif. (at M.I.)  
Mech. Inst. B vs. Precita Valley  
Oakland---bye

Mar. 30

Univ. Calif. vs. Mech. Inst. B  
Golden Gate vs. Mech. Inst. B/1  
Oakland vs. Alameda  
Precita Valley---bye

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 GAMES SECTION  
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Edited by Noel Renaud

THE FOLLOWING GAME was played in a team match between Golden Gate and Precita Valley, January 12, 1957. --Board 7  
 Game No. 20

White: Ben Wong (GG)

Black: Ivan Vegvary (PV)

NIMZOVITCH'S ATTACK

1. N-KB3 N-QB3  
 2. P-QN3 P-Q4!

Making White's second move quite useless.

3. P-Q4 N-B3  
 4. P-K3 P-QR3  
 5. P-QB4 P-K3  
 6. B-R3 . . .

Questionable move as it allows Black to exchange an undeveloped piece and weakens White's black squares.

6. . . . BxB  
 7. NxB O-O

There is no hurry for castling. Could have considered 7...., N-QN5 followed by 8...., Q-K2 or 7...., N-K5 followed by 8...., P-B4.

8. N-B2 N-K2  
 9. B-Q3 P-B3

As this limits the Bishop's prospects 9...., P-QN3 seems more promising.

10. O-O N-N3  
 11. N/2-K1 R-K1  
 12. Q-B2 P-K4

Premature. White could win a pawn with 13. BxN.

13. PxKP NxB  
 14. NxN RxB  
 15. N-B3 R-K2

As the net result of Black's premature P-K4, he now has a cramped position and has allowed White to post his Queen Knight in a commanding position.

16. N-N5 P-KN3  
 17. QR-K1 Q-Q3  
 18. P-KB4 . . .

Trying to discourage 18...., N-N5 which could now be countered by 19. R-B3.

18. . . . B-Q2

So ends the struggle to find a good square for the Bishop. But Black could have played more aggressively, 18...., Q-B4 followed by 19...., N-N5 exerting

pressure on the backward King Pawn.

19. P-K4 QR-K1

Better is 19...., PxKP.

20. P-K5 Q-B4 ch

21. Q-B2 QxQ ch

22. RxQ N-N5

Black should take advantage of the pin on the White Rook to improve his position with 22...., P-R3. The text move only drives the Rook to a better square.

23. R/2-K2 PxB

Not well-timed as indicated in previous note.

24. BxB P-R3

This gives White a tremendous attack with 25. BxP ch, RxB; 26. NxR, KxN; 27. P-KR3.

25. N-B3 P-QN4

26. B-Q3 P-KR4

Necessary to provide an escape for his Knight.

27. P-KR3 N-R3

28. P-QN4 B-B4!

Forcing the exchange of Bishops and bringing his Knight into play.

29. BxB NxB

30. R-QB2 R-B2

31. P-R3 . . .

Not best. Should block the QBP and strive to make use of his pawn majority on his King-side.

31. . . . R/1-B1

32. K-B2 P-B4

33. R-QB1 P-B5

AGREED DRAWN

An interesting game. Black still has good winning chances.

#### NOTICE

All members of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League are invited to mail in their games for publication in this periodical. Games should be mailed to Noel Renaud, 125 Brompton Avenue, San Francisco 12, California.

Any member of the league wishing to have CHESS HERALD mailed regularly please notify Jim Reynolds (address on page 2). \$1.00 per year is requested to cover mailing charges. --Editor.

PROBLEM CORNER

Problem No. 3 by Jim Reynolds

BLACK (9)

.....  
 ..... p r  
 ..... n k  
 R . . . r . . .  
 . . . q p N p P  
 . . Q . . . . .  
 . . P . . P . .  
 . . . . . R K

WHITE (7)

White mates in three moves

Solution on page 3

ABOUT THE "OPEN" CHAMPIONS

Of course, Noel Renaud and James Cook are still the regular co-champs of the club, Bob Blakemore is the regular

"B" champ, and Jack Craig is the regular "C" champ. Their's were earned through a hard fought round robin schedule.

As was said, the Swiss System has a habit of bringing around unexpected results, but it is a nice way to bring about other titles to hopefuls who regularly attend the club. The tourney was expected to end something like 1. Renaud, 2. Cook, 3. Reynolds, and 4. Allen, etc. As it was the youthful and upcoming Leighton Allen, student at Mission High School, came through with flying colors. His feat was not an easy one as he approached the tourney with a sort of quiet confidence. He started right off by defeating co-champ James Cook, and then taught Jim Reynolds a lesson in the 2nd round. In the 3rd he beat the ever improving Ivan Vegvary. He was finally bested by Noel Renaud, the other co-champ, in the 4th, but went on to defeat Ed Russell and the club's "B" champ, Bob Blakemore.

Ivan Vegvary also earned the "open" B championship, his most surprising win being over Jim Reynolds in the last round. We can only repeat our prediction about this young fellow (14 years old) from Hungary, --that is, he will be a great grandmaster someday. Ivan's main fault is hurrying his moves. When he sits down to think out his game he is almost invincible, but he still has a little of that youthful impatience and begins to play like an old "rapid-transit king" and throws away good positions. Ivan, of course, is a full fledged American now. Let's hope that this country's many attractions does not take him away from us and Caissa! There's no glory in chess in America, but perhaps, someday, and even in Ivan's time, this will change!

Don Hufnagel, our now "open" C champ is also a youngster, a student at Balboa High School. Remember that Don finished dead last in the regular championship tourney, so his 3-3 score in the Swiss is definitely an improvement. Don would probably be better in the game, too, but even as his mother says, "He has too many irons in the fire!". Don is an all around sport and it seems that chess is secondary to him. Just imagine how good a player he would be if he concentrated on the game!!! --And, remember, --all winners in this tourney are teenagers!!! Watch out you veterans!!!

ATTENTION P.V. MEMBERS!! - Your editor used up more space than planned for the past year highlights and so had to leave out the club ladder standings and ratings. They will positively appear in the April issue! ---WELCOME DAVE GIBSON, new member!!

COMPLETE SCORES OF THE PRECITA VALLEY SWISS SYSTEM TOURNEY FOR "OPEN" CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Player	Rtg	Score	SB Pts	
1. Leighton Allen....	B	5-1	14	Champ
2. Noel Renaud.....	A	5-1	12	
3. James Cook.....	A	5-1	11 1/2	
4. Ivan Vegvary.....	B	4-2	6 1/2	"B"
5. Paul Bogosian.....	B	4-2	5	
6. Jim Reynolds.....	A	3-3	8	
7. Don Hufnagel.....	C	3-3	6	"C"
8. Ed Russell.....	B	3-3	5	
9. Carl Barton.....	B	3-3	4	
10. Bob Blakemore.....	B	3-3	4	
11. Julio Eroclini....	C	2-4	3	
12. Douglas Jerdet....	C	2-4	2	
13. Richard Moreno....	C	2-4	2	
14. John Ramirez.....	B	2-4	2	1 Rtg at
15. Henry Brauns.....	C	1-5	1	start
16. Walt Lewis.....	C	1-5	1	of SST

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY - ONE YEAR OF HIGHLIGHTS AT THE PRECITA VALLEY CHESS CLUB


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IT ALL STARTED WHEN Jim Reynolds met Miss Margaret MacDonald on a Saturday afternoon on March 3, 1956. The possibility of a chess club to cover the Mission District of San Francisco was discussed. It was agreed that such a club could meet on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. and the starting date was March 15, 1956.

First Meeting Night - Six Players And A Hat

THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS announced the opening of the Precita Valley Chess Club, but just the same only six players showed up (named on page 1). It was decided to get a ladder tourney going immediately, so all six names were written on slips of paper and put in a hat. The men took turns drawing a name. The first name drawn would be on the top rung and so on down the line. Noel Renaud's name was drawn for the top rung, and, strange as it may seem, he has been there ever since. Jim Reynolds name was drawn last so you can guess where he ended up. Immediately after the drawing, chess games were begun with Jim Reynolds quickly challenging John Ramirez for rung number four and getting it. Bob Blakemore defeated Ivan Vegvary for rung two. Noel Renaud defended his top rung from challenges from Paul Bogosian and Ivan Vegvary, and John Ramirez knocked Paul Bogosian from rung three. A first night of action!!!

A Charter Is Drawn Up And Approved By Ten Charter Members

NOT WISHING TO WASTE TIME on long drawn out meetings determining laws and who would do what, Jim Reynolds took it upon himself to be club director and appointed Noel Renaud as treasurer of the club. Jim also drew up a charter to govern the club---, it took many nights of deep thought. By May it was approved by ten charter members. It was agreed that anyone joining up by May 1st was entitled to be a charter member and could approve the charter by signing his name on the last page of it. Since then it has been available for members to read around the club quarters. Reynolds fixed it so he could be voted out of office by September of the same year, but an election retained him. Noel Renaud was also retained as treasurer.

First Team Match

PRECITA VALLEY HAD ITS FIRST TEAM match versus the Keres Chess Club. It was just a friendly match and Keres won it 4-2. This was on April 5th, and two weeks later, the team travelled for the first time, on April 20th, to play the Colle Chess Club, also in a friendly match, and managed to draw it 3-3.

Championship Tourney Started

ON THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1956 THE CLUB started its championship tourney and only 9 of 11 members entered the tournament. At about the same time the club entered into team competition for blood, entering in CINC's El Camino Real Chess League. Being that we were new, the dopesters had us finishing last--, but there was a lot of spirit in the Precita Valley Chess Club. The club decided to name its team SHOWALTER as CINC insists on masters' names for teams. So many masters' names were overused so it was soon decided to have our team honor the little heard of American master, Jackson Showalter. Our debut in the El Camino Real League was a 6-0 (!) shellacking of the Colle team, the same team we had drawn with in a friendly match.

Came the month of June and we had our club nomination for officers to be elected in September. This was done by secret ballots so as not to waste time and as stated to be done in our club charter.

Thursday, June 7, we took our first and only league defeat of the schedule from the Botvinnik team of the Carroll Ogden Club 4-2. Then, on June 9th, we travelled on up to San Quentin to win two matches for CINC teams, our Showalter team defeating the Lasker team of S.Q. 4-2 and the Keres team of S.Q. 5-1. On Thursday, June 14th, the Showalter team travelled to San Bruno to upset the defending champs of the league, the Evans team of the San Bruno Chess Club, 4-2!

Keres Club Merges With Precita ValleyHIGHLIGHTS

HAVING DIFFICULTIES finding a stable home, the Keres Chess Club joined with Precita Valley. This made our membership jump to 20, and we also inherited another team--, Keres which was at the bottom of the league after having a good previous season during which they came in 2nd. The merger was on June 28th and on the same date Keres and Showalter had a scheduled team match. Showalter squeezed by it  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

On July 12th, the Showalter team went on its winning ways beating the Max Lange team of the Carroll Ogden Club  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

SHOWALTER OF PRECITA VALLEY WINS TITLE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH WAS A BIG NIGHT at Precita Valley--, the club had two team matches going in two different club rooms. Showalter was hosting the Alekhine team of the Marin Chess Club (San Rafael), and our Keres team was hosting the Colle team. While the Keres team was losing, the Showalter team was winning  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  and along with the victory the El Camino Real League team championship! Colle came in 2nd.

Renaud And Cook Become Co-Champions

JAMES COOK AND NOEL RENAUD battled to a draw on September 6th and this ended the club's championship tourney in a draw! The Club director had neglected to make a provision in case of a tie, so to solve matters, declared them co-champions--; both were presented with a trophy on "Presentation Night", September 20th. Bob Blakemore won the "B" championship and Jack Craig took the "C" championship. They also got trophies. Also on "Presentation Night" our Showalter team was presented with a trophy from the CENC tournament director. James Cook donated medals to the individual members of the team. Don Hufnagel received a consolation prize and Bob Blakemore's wife donated extra prizes for the champs and the club director. The club also held a speed "rapid-transit" tourney on this same night and the winners were Bill Stevens, Noel Renaud, Richard Moreno, and Ed Russell. Results of the club election were announced, too--: they were club director, Jim Reynolds; ass't. club director, Paul Bogosian; treasurer, Noel Renaud; secretary, Ivan Vegvary; and team captain, James Cook (who has since resigned).

Spaghetti Feed And "Pot Luck"

A SPAGHETTI FEED WAS HELD by the club on October 23rd in hopes to raise funds, and though everybody had a fine time, the club merely ended up with a plus of about \$6. Julio Ercolini was the chef and guests were entertained by Noel Renaud (piano), Don Hufnagel (accordion), Ivan Vegvary (piano), and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Castellanos (singing and guitar).

A "Pot Luck" elimination tourney was held as a breather after the tough championship tourney and within six weeks Ed Russell emerged as the winner of it, upsetting co-champ Noel Renaud.

December 6th started the just ended Swiss System tourney.

We're Up-To-Date

SO NOW WE'RE UP-TO-DATE. We just had the Al Horowitz exhibition. We have dropped from the El Camino Real League because we were dissatisfied with CENC's present administration. Thus, we are now affiliated with the San Francisco Bay Area League of the CSCF. The January and February issues of CHESS HERALD have given a good account of all of these recent events.

Editor's Awards

YOUR EDITOR ALWAYS LIKES to name his best on anniversary editions and, though you may not agree, here are his choices: biggest news event; Keres merger with Precita; best annotated game; Cook-Tomori by Renaud, game no. 8, Vol. 1, No. 18, July 12, '56; best played game by P.V. member; Bob Blakemore vs. Akins in Max Lange team match, July 12, 1956; biggest & best event at P.V.; Horowitz Exhibition, Tues., Jan. 29, '57; best club achievement; ECRL championship; best short game; Reynolds-Wheeler.....

B A C I R O V I N G R E P O R T E RPRECITA VALLEY PLANS TRIP TO SAN  
QUENTIN ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

THE OAKLAND CHESS & CHECKER CLUB is the largest of its kind in the entire East Bay Area. It is located on the second floor at 263 - 12th Street-- , right in downtown Oakland. One has many choices of diversion at this interesting club for besides chess, there's checkers, bridge, and other card games going on. If one gets disgusted in his game of chess there's that possibility of getting one of the card players interested in a game of poker with your valuable chessmen as stakes-- , just another way to lose a piece! Russell Freeman, Ronald Thacker, and Douglas Willis are doing a great job. --But what happened to the Oakland Juniors!?? It is hoped that the members of this team did not get involved in one of those card games where their pieces were left en prise!  
WE MISS YOU, MEN!!

THE GOLDEN GATE CHESS CLUB is a unique one in downtown San Francisco, not far from MECHANICS INSTITUTE, being at the Somerton Hotel, 440 Geary Street. Tuesday is the regular meeting night, and, like at M.I., one is very likely to wag tongues with the kindly international chess master, Imre Konig. Then there's another master (at least this reporter thinks so)-- , Henry Gross, who is the club's director. The best feature noticed at the Golden Gate Club is that if you feel rotten about how you played your game of chess there's a bar only a few feet away where you can go drown your sorrows-- no remorse here!

EUT!!!...., if you want to meet the best characters and kibitzers of the ol' Royal Game, there's no place like MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on the 4th floor, Chess & Checker Room, located downtown in S.F. at 57 Post St. Almost anytime of the day one can glance in this chess haven and note many interesting games going on between equally interesting woodpushers. For instance, there's Dave Neider who pays a certain opponent four bits if he loses because-- , well who's the better player anyway??!!

Note from the CASTLE CHESS CLUB, Gross finally got white vs. McClain! To wit-- , he is the T.D. now!!

The Precita Valley Chess Club plans to take a party of chess players up to San Quentin on Sunday, March 31st. We would like as many players as possible to meet those of the San Quentin Chess Club. Anyone interested in tagging along please contact Jim Reynolds, 117 Brewster St., S.F., phone MI 8-5759. Transportation will be made available. We will leave S.F. at approximately 9 a.m. If we have time, we will play the San Quentin Club in a double round match, or finish at about 3 p.m. After a meal at the jail around this time, we will depart for S.F. about 4:00 p.m. Your return is guaranteed-- we have some political friends up there!

At any rate, we would like to take up some 25 chess players (or just woodpushers for that matter) so we could use players from other club affiliates of the BACI.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 3:

The main lines are 1. Q-K6, R-KN4; 2. QxN ch, RxQ; 3. R-R5 mate or 1...., K-N4; 2. RxP ch, K-R3; 3. R or QxN mate or 1...., K-N4; 2. QxN ch, KxN; 3. QxP mate. Of course, if 1...., RxQ; 2. R-R5 mate, so above lines are best.

EDITOR'S APOLOGIES are due for Problem No. 2 which was all cooked up. It was a good problem-- no fault of the composer as his notes were probably misinterpreted. WE'LL BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON!!

CHESS HERALD HAS NEW LOOK

On its 1st birthday, CHESS HERALD, A Monthly Chess News Bulletin, has taken on a new look. Though it is mainly a club paper for Precita Valley, the little publication will attempt to keep readers posted on BACI events. THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER does a splendid job in this regard, but then CHESS HERALD comes out in between times and it was felt it could help fill in the gaps. The editor has discussed this with BACI officials so CHESS HERALD has their blessing.

Club directors or representatives are invited to send in material to keep things humming-- BACI members, too. We hope you like our first attempt at covering the league.