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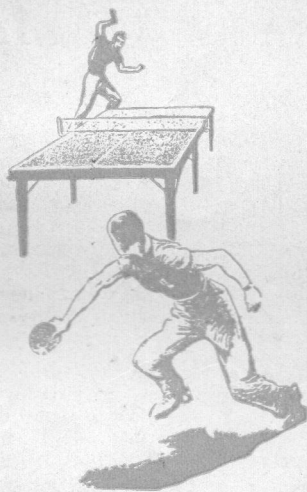
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By ROSE STRADNER

Viennese stage star, now with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

TABLE tennis, though comparatively new as a popular sport in America, is really an old established institution in Vienna. I played it as a little girl and many of my elders played it when they were youngsters.

As a matter of fact, it's not a new game in America. I'm told it has been played here for almost 40 years. But lately, especially in Hollywood, it seems recently to have taken sports lovers by storm.

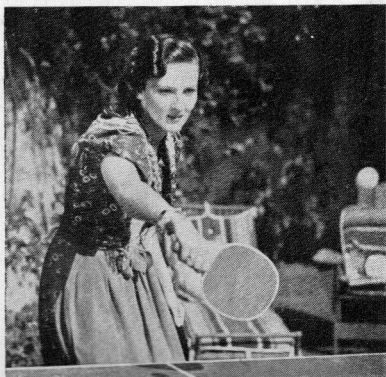
In Hollywood they have outdoor courts and indoor courts; they play it under trees and in patios; and I have seen old stores furnished as public table tennis courts.

I used to play it indoors in Vienna. Many of the stage folk found relaxation at it. Several theatres had tables under the stage, where players relaxed between acts.

Now I play outdoors. The home I rented in Beverly Hills has a clever arrangement: a court that can be used for table tennis or badminton. It accommodates three tables when I give a table tennis party. For rainy weather, which isn't often, a tennis table in the rumpus room is popular.

Hollywood has many devotees of the game. One of the cleverest players is young Leatrice Joy Gilbert, daughter of John Gilbert. One of the fastest, despite his size, is Karl Freund, who photographed "The Good Earth." I used to marvel at his playing in Vienna and still marvel at it here. Peter Lorre and Judy Garland are clever players. While I was working with Edward G. Robinson in "The Last Gangster," my first American picture role, at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, I found that Robinson was a devotee of the game, as well as Jean Hersholt. They play together frequently. Freddie Bartholomew and Mickey Rooney are players of almost professional skill.

Table Tennis in Hollywood and Vienna



*Rose Stradner
plays outdoors*

Professional matches or appearances of star players in tournaments attract large picture crowds in Beverly Hills. Pete Smith recently made a table tennis short subject, starring Coleman Clark, that has attracted attention all over the world.

More and more people are learning the joys of table tennis. Perhaps Hollywood is helping a little.

● A CLYDE MCCARTHY table tennis movie show, made in Brooklyn in April by Warner Brothers with the aid of the new Table Tennis Manufacturers' Association, will be shown starting this fall to an estimated 30,000,000 theatre-goers. The players are Ruth Aarons, Emily Fuller, Laszlo Bellak, Sandor Glancz, Louis Pagliaro, Bernard Grimes.

● "All I can say is we have missed something. *Topics* is a splendid magazine, I enjoyed every page of it. It is worth more than 10¢—at least a quarter."—*Cecil Woodworth*, Topeka TTA.

The Secret of a Service

By
Herbert Aronson

(When Chicago's "Chubby" Aronson defeated Sol Schiff, U.S. No. 1, in straight games in the 7th Intercity at St. Louis, *Topics* asked him to write an article on how he did it. His answer shows that a heady attack wins.)

TWO or three years ago Sol Schiff taught Herman Leavitt his tricky service, which is intended to force his opponent to return a set-up for Sol



"Chubby" Aronson
Photo by Rex Gary
(St. Louis) shows
the follow-through
of his drive

to kill. Herman learned it so well that I think he now does it better than Sol himself.

Playing against Leavitt often, I learned how to get that serve back and get it back low. That is really how I beat Sol at St. Louis.

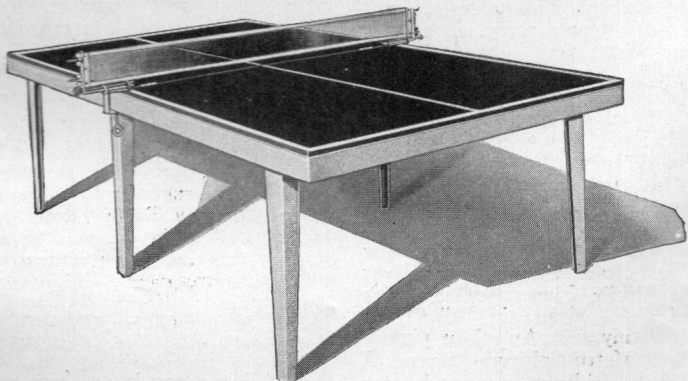
Every time Sol used that spin serve of his I would place it 'way over to his backhand at such an angle as to prevent his driving my return. Then I would take the offensive and drive to Sol's back-hand two or three times and then one to his forehand, which would get him off balance.

After winning the 1st game 21-14 I thought he would try to take the offensive in the 2d, so I tried much harder to keep him off balance, and won 21-16, driving throughout.

(Topics would like to have other "inside" stories by stars on how particular matches were won or lost.)

● STARS! What was your most exciting match? Write it for *Topics*.

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By EMILY FULLER
U.S. Women's Champion

WHY are there so few exciting women's matches in tournaments when so many thrilling ones are played by the men?

Why is it that during a match when some woman makes an error spectators say to themselves: "Well! It's to be expected"? Yet when some man playing an opponent of comparatively the same ability makes the same mistake everybody says: "How in the world could he ever miss that set-up"?

Why are we "expected" to miss when we are facing comparatively the same class of play that the men are?

The reason for this is, in my estimation, that few if any of the leading women players can boast of the consistent all-around game that most of the top-notch men possess.

It is this annoying fact that makes me realize the great need for improvement in the women's game.

One of our greatest faults is that we have the tendency to practice new strokes for weeks but "leave them at home" when we go to tournaments.

It is "bravery under fire" that creates heroes—and "strokes used in competition" that mould consistent games.

No matter how much time you spend in improving your weaknesses and learning new strokes, no matter how good your game appears in practice, the final test will always be tournament play, without which you are left in the dark as to whether your strokes are good, bad or indifferent.

Therefore we must discover through experience what the weaknesses in our games are, what new strokes we have to learn, then set a pattern for building up our games—and stick to it conscientiously.

For my own part, the 8th National Tournament at Philadelphia made me realize how much more I still have to learn before I am half-way satisfied with my game. In fact, I think the

Stick To It!



Queen Emily

more one learns about table-tennis the more one understands that no matter how much we may improve there will still be room for improvement.

- EMILY FULLER played T.T. in Bermuda in May.
- H. N. SMITH of London visited his many T.T. friends in America in May and June en route to Australia on a business trip.
- So evenly balanced were the mixed (men's and women's) teams in Gene Smolens' Philadelphia Summer League of 16 4-player teams that at the end of the first half 2 teams were tied for first place in Group 1 and 5 teams were tied for first place in Group 2.
- Patronize *Topics* advertisers.

Foot-Headwork

By

EUGENE R. SMOLENS

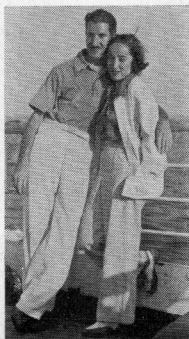
THERE'S a sport adage: "Those that can, do; those that can't, teach." So here goes.

Much has been said, rightly, about the necessity of moving your feet prior to hitting the ball, left foot in front for your forehand, right foot in front for your backhand. But don't forget your feet may be correctly placed and you still won't hit a good shot, one that has force, deception and accuracy, if your *weight distribution* is not right.

Watch how many times you seem to swing hard but the ball doesn't go at all fast. The reason is weight distribution.

Your weight must be on your *fore foot* as you hit the ball. Then you will be surprised how fast you make the ball go, with little arm effort.

Now, to do this you must use foot-headwork. It is impossible to get your body into your shot unless you are away from the table (except on short near-the-net set-ups) and your feet are in correct neutral position. Remember how many times you smacked the ball, got your set-up return that should be killed and missed it a mile or "pooped" a half-hearted drop-shot that bounced about two feet in the air? The reason is you were too close,



Mr. & Mrs. Smolens, Philadelphia mixed doubles champs. He is No. 2 in Penna., holds various T.T. titles. His hobby is capturing T.T. cups on ocean liners (champ of the Kungsholm, Lafayette and Iroquois) and his middle name is Rabindranath.

unable to swing hard and keep the ball on the table.

After you hit your shot, get away and swing into the next return.

Schiff and Abrahams are fine examples of weight distribution. They usually lead with their backhand, a soft build-up top-spin, all arm movement. But their forehand—boy! How they swing into that! Watch Schiff turn completely around or end his swing almost on his opponent's side of the table. You can't swing on both feet and do that. Abrahams especially steps beautifully into the ball. (Incidentally, I predict, perhaps rashly, that Johnny will be 1-2 in the U.S. when he stops *thinking* and concentrates on the point).

Let me sum up: (1) Keep your eye on the ball—all the time. (2) Keep away from the table. (3) Hit your shot and get back. Never try an offensive stroke when the ball gets past your feet. (4) Join the USTTA and learn how to play table tennis.

● **T.T. IN PRISON:** Any equipment that any firm or club can spare would be appreciated by the Woodbourne TTC, composed of inmates of the Woodbourne Medium Security Prison, who were transferred there because of over-crowding at Sing Sing. A letter says that immediately after formation of their club their only table collapsed. Communicate with Edward Cowan, Pouch 1, Woodbourne, N. Y.

● **NEXT ISSUE of Topics** will be October. Meantime, many thanks for your kind cooperation all year—and a pleasant summer to you all!

● **JOHN E. RODGERS**, founder of Rodgers Engraving Co., official US TTA photoengravers, died June 5 at his home in Philadelphia, aged 70. *Topics* mourns the loss of a real friend.



SO THIS IS LONDON? . . . The U.S. Teams, holders of the Swaythling and Corbillon Cups, arriving in Britain's capital. L to R, Mildred Wilkinson, Morris B. Bassford, George Hendry, Mrs. Clara Harrison, Louis Pagliaro, Betty Henry, Jimmy McClure, Bernard Grimes, Sol Schiff. Note Sol's and Jimmy's superior smiles—they'd been there before.

London Ideas

By
MORRIS B. BASSFORD

TOURNAMENT committees looking for ideas will do well to adopt some carried out so perfectly by J. Morris Rose, Referee of the 1938 World Championships at London.

Think of the problems facing Mr. Rose and his associates to visualize the enormous task—ideal playing conditions, powerful but uniform lighting, accommodations for 5,000 spectators at each session (10,000 at the final), dressing rooms, private telephone system from control room to various playing areas, interpreters for the people of 20 nations, hotel accommodations, hospitality for foreign guests, practice facilities for each foreign team, publicity, tickets, umpires and numerous other details.

It would take many pages to describe all the activities, but everything went off without a hitch. It was the perfect tournament.

One important feature of the 1938 Worlds which we could adopt to advantage is the use of Table Stewards. A Steward, responsible for the same table throughout the tournament, sat with the Umpire beside a small table and while the Umpire called the score and devoted his entire attention to the game, the Steward, who was responsible for the proper height of the net, the balls and the completed score card,

checked the Umpire's score and officially timed the match under the IT TF time-limit rule of 20 minutes for each game. Under our anti-pushing regulations, the Steward could count the strokes.

Criticism is frequently heard about the multi-ring circus appearance of many of our tournaments. With 5 to 10 tables in use, spectators often find it difficult to follow any one match closely. This confusion was overcome in London by using only 4 tables on the main floor, well spaced and separated by barricades. On these all outstanding matches were played. Seven additional tables were set up in another part of the hall for the less important matches, and from these all spectators were barred except those of interested nations. We could use this idea to fine advantage.

Important

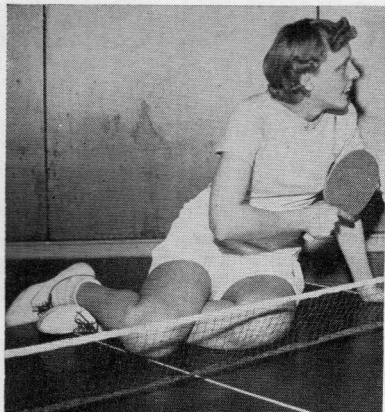
All exhibition players who have not applied for sanction should do so at once because under By-Law 8 they are subject to penalty. Write at once to USTTA Headquarters, 3424 N. 23rd St., Phila., Pa.

● **THE OLD TIMER SAYS:** Be sure that every player in your league is a USTTA member. If not, don't play in it till they all join. That's the way to build a strong organization.

● **ACTION PHOTOS** of table tennis players are wanted by *Topics*.

ABC of TT

By MILDRED WILKINSON



W is for Wilkinsen

A IS for agility which Bellak has so much of.

B is for backhand—what we never knew anything about till Barna came along.

C is for chop or for chiseler—sometimes they go together.

D is for drive—it's best to put 'em where your opponent ain't.

E is for eyes—and does Emily Fuller have 'em!

F is for fight—see James McClure.

G is for grace—and Ruth Aarons has it.

H is for helpmate—that's a good doubles partner.

I is for impudence—this is when the other guy drives your drive.

J is for joy—when you get the 21 points first.

K is for kill—what to do with the ball when it's 'way up high.

L is for laurels—which you'll get if you keep on trying.

M is for mean—and I mean net balls and edgers.

N is for nonsense—see Earle Coulson or take your cherche.

O is for opponent—Show It No Mercy.

P is for penholder—and I think of Mayo Rolph.

Q is for quake or quiver—what not to do before the tournament starts.

R is for reliable—Bud Blattner's forehand.

S is for scribe—how about our Hon. V. P. Octavus Roy Cohen?

T is for table—and that's what we play on.

U is for upsetter—Ges Hoo, in the 1939 National.

V is for volley—this is what you should never do.

W is for worry—what not to do during tournament matches.

Y is for youth—George Hendry, he's young but is he the player?

X is for XP—it's Greek and it's what not to say when you miss that slam.

Z is for zest—zest is for table tennis if you're a player.

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A Gal's Slant

By REBA KIRSON

IN no other sport can one improve as rapidly as at T.T. . . . There is interesting similarity between Bobby Riggs' lawn tennis and Jimmy McClure's table tennis mentally—shrewdness, caginess, always a jump ahead—albeit we prefer Jimmy's personality . . . T.T. girl players are prettier than lawn tennis ones. T.T. is much easier on the lassies—no hot sun, physical brawn unnecessary, no fainting or complete exhaustion as a result of a match.

Mrs. Clara Harrison's hubby was prominently mentioned for Governor of Ohio (political—not T.T.). T.T. seems to attract physicians (Drs. Morest, Smith, McCallan, Fisher, Meyers), insurance men (Messrs. Kittermaster, Bassford, Littell, Hammond, Smolens, Shepherd), lawyers (Esqs. Schaad, Foster, Burton, Stelle, Spaulding); and now we have a Methodist minister (Rev. Potts).

Let's prove to the athletic world that T.T. is—and will remain—an international major sport, and not viva voce, but by action. So, to arms, table tennisers throughout the world!

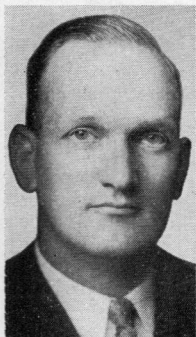
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● EVER HEAR of a deuce-game score as high as 52-50? Read about it in October *Topics*.



Reba Kirson

Bassford Elected Unanimously



Morris B. Bassford
Washington, D. C.
President



Frank H. Trolle
Trenton, N. J.
1st Vice-President



Dr. F. Stanley Morest
Kansas City, Mo.
2d Vice-President



Urban R. Lamay
Upper Darby, Pa.
3d Vice-President

The Nominations Committee slate (Morris B. Bassford, president; Frank H. Trolle, Dr. F. Stanley Morest, Urban R. Lamay, vice-presidents; Frederick J. Clouther, treasurer; Donald F. Vaughan, recording secretary) was unanimously elected for the 1938-39 season at the close of balloting April 30 and took office June 1.

Votes (counted as of Jan. 1) were received from Lamay (Penna. 542), Kundig (Mass. 233), Leahy (Ill. 173), Smith (Ohio 154), Woodruff (Neb. 153), McFadden (Mo. 150), McReynolds (Mich. 132), Hester (Ind. 109), Ursic (Wash. 100), Spencer (R. I. 92), Warner (W. V. 44).—total, 1882. Oregon's 43 sent by Abendroth were not counted, as it was not an affiliated State association Jan. 1. No ballots were received from Shepherd (Conn.), Burton (D. of C.) or Boyd (Md.) by the Kansas City Division of Ernst & Ernst, national certified public accounting firm, which tabulated the results.

● EVERY MEMBER get a member. Then we'll double membership.

FROM the outgoing First Vice-President: "In retiring from office which I have held for the past 3 years, I give my unqualified support to Morris Bassford and the other officers. I know that all members will give him the same cooperation they gave Carl Zeisberg. Every official can relieve the tremendous strain on USTTA officers by seeing that his own job is well done.



D. A. Kittermaster

"It is a great regret to me that I cannot continue to find the time for the ever-increasing work which holding office entails. It reached a point where I had to decide whether to retire from business or table tennis.

"No one appreciates more than I do the thousands of hours which Carl has devoted to the USTTA. We marveled at the way he did two jobs in 24 hours and still found time to sleep. He deserves the unlimited thanks of every member of our Association."—*D. A. Kittermaster, Chicago, Illinois.*

Hartigan and Berna Reappointed



Frederick J. Clouther
Arlington, Mass.
Treasurer



Donald F. Vaughan
Portland, Ore.
Recording Secretary



Joseph D. Berna
Philadelphia, Pa.
General Secretary



Jack Hartigan
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Executive Secretary

FROM the outgoing President: "Five years ago I set out to learn to drive a forehand that would hit the table, but national work interrupted the lesson, and so for 5 years I've been called a pusher, which gripes me horribly. Frequently I begged good old Kitt (he is getting old, you know) to take my job, but in vain. After 3 years working side by side, though 800 miles apart, Kitt and I persuaded Morris Bassford to run for President. All of us are very lucky that such a fine executive accepted the responsibility. It is a great burden, one that no man can shoulder without lots of help. I am grateful to you all for your kindnesses to me and if you all will help Morris and his capable right-hand man, Joe Berna, as I intend to, our Association will be much stronger. So now may I return to my lesson? I will learn how to hit that forehand."—Carl Zeisberg, Glenside, Pa.



Carl Zeisberg

Jack Hartigan was reappointed Executive Secretary and takes his place among the 6 elected officers as a member of the 1938-39 Executive Committee of 7.

Joseph D. Berna was reappointed General Secretary and will continue to be in charge of USTTA headquarters in Philadelphia.

President Bassford's other appointments will be announced next issue.

● TO SPEED UP slow matches the Rules Committee is working on new regulations to replace Close Law 3, which is considered too complicated and drastic. Dozens of test games and one tournament have been played under stroke-counting, stroke-defining and time-limit rules and the results will soon be incorporated in a new close law.

● PLAYERS intending to compete in the World Championships in Cairo, Egypt, in Feb. should start raising money now for the trip, as the USTTA 1938-39 budget contains no item for this expense. The cost per person round-trip is estimated at about \$450.

● KEEP YOUR EYE on the ball.

Across the Country

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Mountain Climber "Tops"

● OREGON: Telore W. Abendroth (Portland), whose hobbies are climbing snow peaks and plotting to make his baby son world T.T. champion, was re-elected president of Oregon T.T.A. Other officers: Fred LaMear and Oral Tichenor, v. p.; Vernon Ricks, sec-treas.; Dr. Leighton Roy, memb.; Morrie Braden, pub. . . . The Barna-Bellak exhibition is being publicized by posters, newspapers and radio.



Oregon's Prexy atop Mt. Adams (upper) and holding Terrell Douglas A. Abendroth (age, one month)

Iowa's Nidy
● IOWA: "The Central Western States tournament under sponsorship of Des Moines TTA and direction of Carl W. Nidy, was exceptionally fine, with a large entry and a total gallery of over 1,000," writes Jerrold M. Woodruff, president, Nebraska TTA. "No other city has a finer group of T.T. executives. They will be heard from." President Nidy plans a summer campaign to build a big organization, re-organize the T.T. league for more juniors and novices and form a women's league.

Collegians Invited

● KANSAS: Entry blanks for the Kansas State Closed, writes Dean

Patch (Topeka), were sent to colleges, high schools and YMCA's.

Grabbed by Graf

● MARYLAND TTA's sensational increase from 30 members to 250 (average, 4 a day) was due mostly to Max Graf and Tom Burroughs, writes Gordon Barry. Few people can boast of having left the Paddle Club as a non-member . . . Maryland rankings for 1937-38: Men: 1 Manny Moskowitz, 2 George Semepeles, 3 Gordon Barry, 4 Karl Schleunes, 5 William C. Collins, 6 Hugh Monaghan, 7 Joseph Vaeth, 8 George E. Dodelin, 9 Donald P. Kahl, 10 J. Walter Hands. Women: 1 Dorothy Halliday, 2 Mrs. Wilhelmina Jones, 3 Virginia Halliday, 4 Mary Strockbridge, 5 Barbara Sine, 6 Mrs. Eleanor Dodelin, 7 Mrs. Helen Stockbridge, 8 Elinore Abbot, 9 Sally Beasley, 10 Lucile Espenan.

Chicopee Falls Stays Up

● MASSACHUSETTS: Chicopee Falls (Frank O'Connor, Charles Forant, Oral Lamica, Joseph Gosselin, mgr.) won the State League title for the 2d successive season . . . Colonial TTC Summer League starts June 30 . . . Greater Boston League's 5th season was won by Newton TTC in A Division; Tennis & Squash Club (Cambridge), B; Burroughs Newsboy Foundation (Boston), C. James J. Musto is president . . . State Rankings for 1937-38: Men: 1 Leslie Lowry, 2 James Jacobson, 3 Frank O'Connor, 4 William Holden, 5 Joseph Filipek, 6 Frank Filipek, 7 William Keenlyside, 8 Edward Filipek, 9 Charles Forant, 10 Alan Lobel. Women: 1 Mrs. Mae Cloucher, 2 Barbara Shields, 3 Lucia Farrington, 4 Priscilla Woodbury, 5 Mrs. Lloyd N. Shepardson, 6 Doris Crough, 7 Harriet MacDonald.



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Pacific Coast Correction

● A CALIFORNIA correspondent states April *Topics* was incorrect in saying Ray Pearson (Seattle) defeated Weissbuck, Siegel and Abelew in exhibitions; that he bested Weissbuck and Siegel but tied Terry and lost to Abelew . . . George Umbaugh (Waterloo, Iowa) writes Long Beach is one of California's best T.T. towns. Long Beach TTC, headed by P. G. Grunisen, plans to sponsor 4 tourneys. Jack Irvine is men's champion, Mrs. Glen Brown women's.

A Star Is Born

● MICHIGAN: When Roderick Noah Benton Purcell, Jr., of Reading, was 2 days old, his proud papa put into baby's hand a tiny T.T. paddle with blade measuring 2x2½ inches. The way t h e youngster 'clutched it' (see photo) convinced many he is a future champion. Mr. & Mrs. Purcell formerly played in Cedar Rapids and Sioux City, Iowa.

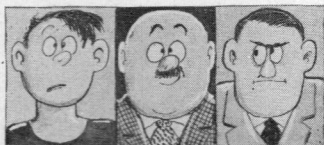


996 Miles for 46 Cents

● OHIO: Carl Heyl (Cleveland) traveled 996 miles to the Nationals by route of thumb; 27 rides, 47 hours, 46¢ transportation expense . . . Clara Harrison and Jean Everling flew both ways . . . State rankings for 1937-38: Men:

1 Calvin J. Fuhrman, 2 Merle O. Arens, 3 Herman Lykins, 4 Joe T. Carter, 5 Howard D. Thomas, 6 Albert Beals, 7 Alan McCullough, 8 Ernest Walker, 9 Harry Sage, 10 James Ratliff. Women: 1 Clara Harrison, 2 Norma Hieronymus, 3 Norma Schmaltz, 4 Glee Shade, 5 Jean Everling. Committee: Heyl, Sage, Arens, Fuhrman, Ed C. Cannon.

Chumps



Mr. Goon Mr. Goof Mr. Dope

● A FEW STATES: Messrs. Goon, Goof and Dope, our secretary, chairman and president, respectively, who don't answer mail and won't work, but hang on to their titles, are a triple pain in the neck in any man's league and three drawbacks to the game. There aren't many Goons, Goofs and Dopes, Thank Heaven.

60 Had \$1.25 But No Eats

● PENNSYLVANIA: For PTTA's 4th annual banquet in Philadelphia's swanky Arcadia International Restaurant, May 12, 140 persons paid \$1.25 each, 60 applicants were turned away. A black walnut desk and chair, gold-and-onyx desk set, silver plaque, 2 quarts of champagne from friends were presented to Carl Zeisberg, retiring USTTA president, by President-elect Morris B. Bassford; silver trophies to Urban R. Lamay, retiring PTTA president, and President-elect Robert G. Metcalf and trophies to the season's league and tournament winners. It was followed by a floor show

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'Cross Country

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and dancing. Guests included Laszlo Bellak, Sandor Glancz, George H. Perryman, Thomas C. Bradley. Toastmaster: Clarence L. Walker. Chairman: Mrs. Violet Smolens . . . 1937-38 State rankings: Men: 1 Isadore H. Bellis, 2 Forrest Sweeney, 3 Gus Wolov, 4 Joseph LeBow, 5 Bert Lazar, 6 Paul Capelle, 7 Morris Glatt, 8 Hamilton Canning, 9 Eugene R. Smolens, 10 Ivan Marks. Women: 1 Ruth Wilson, 2 Mrs. Matilda Plaskow, 3 Mrs. Florence Archer, 4 Mrs. Henrietta Wright, 5 Mrs. Gladys McKechnie, 6 Mrs. Violet Smolens, 7 Mrs. Lee Muhleman, 8 Terry Greenspan, 9 Mrs. Margaret Higgins, 10 Mrs. Rose Cohen. Veterans: 1 Albert Hambury, 2 Charles Lee, 3 Carl Zeisberg, 4 Thomas C. Bradley, 5 Jack Kolendo. Boys: 1 Reuben Perloff, 2 Sam Geller, 3 Harold Landesberg, 4 Edward Miller, 5 Morris Brodinger.

Press Cooperates

● MINNESOTA: Despite competition from baseball, a Vines-Perry tennis match and a boxing bout, the Minnesota Championships were successful, with 207 entries, and play ending in time to get results to the newspapers, which gave excellent cooperation . . . An exhibition was staged at Northwest Sportsmen's Show.

Police Sponsor Tourney

● MISSOURI: Kansas City's police department sponsored the Heart of America Open at the Annual Sportsmen's Show at the American Royal, attended by 50,000 people . . . As a "spring tonic" J. A. Green arranged Thursday night handicap tournaments for HATTA for April 14-July 7, with prizes for men's classes A & B and women.

Dallas' Flying Colonel

● TEXAS: Unprecedented publicity and early registration for their State

tourney followed a 1500-mile tour by David E. Koch and Howard Baumbaugh (San Antonio), who obtained placard, radio and newspaper publicity in 15 cities. Honorary Vice-President Col. W. E. Talbot (Dallas), who is 67, plans to fly to the championships. Louie and Dudy Revkind opened an air-conditioned court in Dallas. Percy Smith plans to increase memberships in Houston.

Woodruff Re-elected

● NEBRASKA TTA elected these officers: Honorary V.P., George Brandeis, Eugene C. Eppley, John J. McDonald, Frederick Ware. Executive Committee: Pres., Jerrold M. Woodruff (Omaha); V.P., Ralph Reed, Willis M. Redenbaugh, Verne Wood, Fred Hoyer; treas., Evelyn Schnackel; rec. secy., Virginia Perkins; exe. secy., Louise Woodruff. Directors: A. B. Martin, H. L. Bithell, Joe Camero, Mary Distefano, S. Furtak, P. Goldberg, Warren Hotz, Ralph Miller, Chas. E. Olsen, J. Doyle Phillips, Robert Wood.

Sweeney Breaks Arm

● NEW JERSEY: Walter E. (Ted) Bourne, Mercer Co. TTA trick shot

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player, becomes golf instructor at Ontwentsia Country Club, Chicago . . . Forrest Sweeney (Trenton) is in the hospital with a broken arm suffered in a fall.

'Fraidy Cats?

● **WASHINGTON:** As Winchell would say, "Prexie Rudy Ursic and Marion Hoffman will middle-aisle it soon." . . . Writes a West Coast fan: "No women's singles were held in the Pacific Northwest Open, due to lack of entries. Three of our best women players got married. The rest figure Georgiana Fossas and Marion Hoffman are too good for them." (Editor's note: 'Fraidy cats?').

● **OTHER STATE NEWS** will be found on other pages.

● **NEXT ISSUE (OCTOBER)** will inaugurate a series of splendid articles by Octavus Roy Cohen, Sidney S. Lenz, Sandor Glancz, Emily Fuller, Ruth Aarons, Reba Kirson, Mildred Wilkinson, Calvin J. Fuhrman, George Littell, Coleman Clark, Dr. F. Stanley Morest, Jack Hartigan, D. A. Kittermaster, Reginald G. Hammond, Carl Zeisberg, Merle O. Arens and others and "Table Tennis in Hollywood" stories by movie stars.

● **MR. DZINDZILIAUSKAS** plays on the Lithuanian T.T. team. At the World Champs at London this name was too much for the announcer to pronounce over the loudspeaker, so he summoned him thus: "Mr. D for donkey, Z for zebra, I for ink, N for nobody, D for donkey, Z for zebra, I for ink, L for London, I for ink, A for apple, U for uncle, S for sugar, K for Katie, A for apple, S for sugar!"

● **LEFT-HANDED** players should be encouraged to note that U.S. Champ Laszlo Bellak, Runner-up Sol Schiff (U.S. No. 1) and Dorothy Halliday (U.S. No. 2 girl) are southpaws.

● **PUSHERS** are scarce in the 1937-38 ranking lists. Players are gradually learning that an all-around game pays.

Boston Breaks U.S. Record

A new U. S. record for attendance at a table tennis match was set in Boston Arena April 8 with 4,067 paid admissions for Sandor Glancz's 4th international tour circus.

'Twas a miserably stormy night, too, else the fans would have reached the 6,000 mark.

The attractions were Ruth Aarons, Laszlo Bellak, Louis Pagliaro, Johnny Abrahams, Les Lowry and Glancz. The sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd N. Shepardson, of Newton TTC. The publicity, handled by George White, was enormous.

Caballeros in Torneo

A "torneo de tennis de mesa" is what our neighbors south of the Rio Grande call a table tennis tournament. The championship "torneo" of the Club Aguila, at Tampico, leading T. T. club of the Republic of Mexico, was held March 23, with these results: Sencillos para caballeros (men's singles): Alfredo Felix Lenskin d Rafael Benitez. Dobles para caballeros (men's doubles): Bernardo Iglesias & Guillermo Rodriguez d Lenskin & Brigido Pineyro. A newspaper account said Benitez in the final severely pressed Lenskin, who had eliminated Rodriguez, "the great and invincible pusher after a long match of amazing endurance and resistance. Senor Rodriguez then took vengeance in the doubles, teaming with the hard-hitting Iglesias."



Alfredo F. Lenskin

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● **WE HAD HOPED** to print the standings of the world's Swaythling Cup players, but complete results have not been received from London.

● **ASK A FRIEND** to subscribe to *Topics*.

Tournament Results

There are not enough ads to pay for additional pages to print more than bare tournament results. Abbreviations: M, men; W, women; X, mixed; B, boys; V, veterans; J, juniors; G, girls; S, singles; D, doubles; C, consolation; (1), (2), etc., seedings.

Southern New England Spring Open

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Y.M.C.A., April 23: MS: Swaythling Copper Bernie Grimes d Dan Klepak (N.Y.) 18 4 9; ½s, G d Leslie Lowry 16 15 -17 17, K d Jimmy Jacobson 10 9 -5 13. WS: Ruth Wilson d Florence Archer 15 16 19; ¼s, W d May Spannaus, A d Ruthe Brewer. MD: Jacobson & Lowry d Grimes & Klepak 16 -12 15 -18 22. XD: Lowry & Jane Stahl d Jacobson & Mrs. R. O. Slenker (New Rochelle).

New York State Open

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Brooklyn TTC, May 5-6-7: MS: Harry Cook d Charles Schmidt 3-2; ½s, C d Louis Pagliaro 3-2; S d Jack Hartigan (who had upset Bernie Grimes 20 23 15); ¼s, S upset John Abrahams. MD: Abrahams & Pagliaro d Hartigan & Rose. WS: Helen Germaine d Ruthe Brewer 3-0; ½s, G d May Spannaus, B d Florence Archer. BS: Ed Pinner.

Tri-State (N.Y.) Open

NEW YORK, N. Y., 1579 Broadway, May 12-13: MS: Sol Schiff d Louis Pagliaro; ½s, S d Harry Cook, P d John Abrahams. WS: Spannaus d Helen Germaine. MD: Schiff & Klepak d Cook & Feitelson.

New Jersey Open

NEWARK, N. J., Broad & Market TTC, May 1: MS: Harry Cook upset Bernard Grimes; ½s, C d Charles Schmidt, G d Dan Klepak. MD: Klepak & Schiff d Cross & Grimes. WS: Ruthe Brewer d Molly Korivis. Unranked MS: Carl Luftig.

New Jersey Closed

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Evergreen TTC, May 13-14-15: MS: Wm. Cross d Abbott Nelson; ½s, C d Dan Kreer, N d Morris Miller; ¼s, Miller upset Manny Moskowitz, holder. WS: Molly Korivis d Alice O'Connor. MD: Kreer & Nelson upset Miller & Moskowitz, holders.

Tri-State Team Match

BALTIMORE, MD., Maryland Casualty Co., April 30: Pennsylvania (Bellis & Raucher) won the Max Graf Tri-State Team Trophy from Maryland (Moskowitz & Halliday) and D. of C. (Shuman & Farwell). Scores: Pa. 5, Md. 3, D.C. 1. A dance in honor of Miss Halliday followed.

Maryland Closed

BALTIMORE, MD., Paddle TTC, March 20: MS: Manny Moskowitz d George Sempeles; ½s, M d Gordon Barry, S d Henry
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Neubauer. WS: Dorothy Halliday d Mary Stockbridge. MSC: Karl Schleunes.

Miami Valley Open

CINCINNATI, O., Union Central Annex, April 23-24: MS: (1) George Hendry d (2) Garret Nash; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, H d V. Lee Webb, N d Calvin J. Fuhrman. MSC: Robert Layford, MD: Hendry & Nash d Carter & Fuhrman; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, H & N d Al Keys & Webb, C & F d Merle Arens & Howard Thomas. WS: (1) Sally Green d (3) Norma Hieronymous. WSC: Leah Thall. XD: Hendry & Green d Arens & Hieronymous. BS: Roger Downs.

Hamilton City Open

HAMILTON, O., Fenmont Center Gym, May 7-8: MS: (1) Fuhrman d (6) Howard D. Thomas; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, F d Albert Beals, T d Alan McCullough. MD: Merle Arens & Howard Thomas d Lee Webb & Jack Faggert. WS: (1) Green d (2) Hieronymous. XD: Fuhrman & Green d Arens & Hieronymous.

Mid-Western Open

CHICAGO, ILL., 18 S. Dearborn St., April 22-23: MS: Herbert Aronson d Ralph Muchow; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, A d Alvin Nordhem, M d Bob Anderson. WS: Mildred Wilkinson d Betty Henry 16 17 -18 16. Eleven classes included novices and juniors.

Wisconsin Open

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Y.M.C.A., April 9-10: MS: Donald MacCrossen d Bud Carson. WS: Geraldine Bourdo d Florence Keilpinski. WVS: (over 25): Dorothy Keilpinski. MD: Carson & Maule. JS: F. Doehring. MVS (over 40): A. Price. MJVS (to 40): E. Berdinner. This tourney was run on a double knock-out basis; numerous upsets.

Central Western States Open

DES MOINES, IA., Hotel Ft. Des Moines, April 9-10: MS: Among 92 entries Joe Camero d Dick Anderson; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, C d David Newsom, A d Junior Littell. WS: Helen Baldwin d Roene Fivecoat; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, B d Virginia Perkins, F d Billy Cash. VS: D Rock (Omaha) d James Bell. JS: Isadore Friedman. MD: Anderson & Camero d R. E. Schreiber & Wyman Wilson. XD: Camero & Perkins d Newsom & Baldwin.

Tri-State (Iowa) Open

BURLINGTON, IA., Burlington Golf Club, April 9: MS: Wm. Holzrichter d Richard Hainline; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, Holzrichter d Jack Mueller, Hainline d Peter Starrett. MD: Hainline & Holzrichter d Mueller & Starrett.

Heart of America Open

KANSAS CITY, MO., American Royal Bldg., April 25-May 1: Class A MS: (1) Dr. H. L. Mercer d (2) Tom Howle; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, M d (3) Frank Miller, H d Claude Edwards. Class B MS: Eddie Hogue d Dave Herbst. High School: Lisle Hughes d Ira Stein. MD: Howle & Mercer d Edwards & Miller. XD: Howle & Ruth Forsythe d Ed-

wards & Dorothy Joseph. WS: Joseph d Forsythe.

Minnesota Closed

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., West Hotel, April 26-27-28-29: MS: Ed Litman d Ed Sirmai. WS: Harriet Tonstad. BS: David Krawitz. MD: Litman & Sirmai. XD: Litman & Belle Litman.

Kansas Closed

TOPEKA, KANS., 621 Jackson St., April 23-24: (1) Claude Edwards (K.C.) d (3) Cecil Woodworth; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, E d Malcolm Black, W d Perry Petterson. WS: (2) Louise Schoonover d (3) Mrs. Faye Patch; Holder Joyce Fasnmyer It Patch. MD: Marshall Lamott & Woodworth d Lester Martin & Melvin Shutt. XD: Woodworth & Mrs. Lois Woodworth d Edwards & Fasnmyer. JS: Jack Johnson.

Oregon Open

PORTLAND, ORE., April 23-24: Class A MS (round robin): Harold Philan won 8, lost 1, Don Vaughan 7-2, Dick Jordan 7-2, Fred LaMear 6-3. Philan's loss was to Charles Sarber. Class B MS: Bob Lloyd.

Pacific Northwest Open

SEATTLE, WASH., Seattle TTC, April 28-30: MS: (2) Walter Judd d unseeded Ed Dalbey; $\frac{1}{2}$ s, J d Elwood Martin. D d (1) Ray Pearson. MD: (2) Koch & Wilson d (1) Judd & Pearson. VS: Mel DeBolt d Rudy Ursic. MSC: T. Kubota.

Sanctioned Tournaments

Open means open only to USTA members from any State. Sponsors of "opens" or of tournaments held in unorganized states must obtain sanction from the USTA. Sponsors of closed tournaments in affiliated States obtain sanction from their own State Association. Members competing in unsanctioned open tournaments are subject to suspension.

1938

August 5-6: Bronze Dolphin and Silver Cod Quiniela at Town Hall, Provincetown, Mass. Jane Stahl, Country Store, Provincetown.

Sept. 8-9-10: Canadian National (international open), at Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto. James Cooke, Jr., 904 Railway Exchange Bldg., Montreal, Canada.

Sept. 10: Canada vs. U.S. at Toronto.

Sept. 23-24-25: Massachusetts State Open at Colonial TTC, Davis Square, Somerville, Mass. John Holden, 15 Morgan Street, Somerville.

Nov. 17-18-19: Pacific Coast Open at Portland, Ore. Telore W. Abendroth, 4425 S.E. 17th Ave., Portland.

1939

2d week in February, 13th Worlds (International Open) at Cairo, Egypt. W. J. Pope, Featherstone House, London, W.C.1, England.

Sally Green Wins Wilkinson Trophy

GARRETT Nash won the Hammond Cup and Sally Green the Wilkinson Cup for the most points compiled in the tournament season ending with the Nationals.

Nash finished far ahead of U. S. No. 1 Sol Schiff by competing in every tourney possible. Miss Green nosed out U. S. Champion Emily Fuller; had the latter competed in only one more tourney she would have probably finished first.

Tournaments from which the standings were compiled are: *Class 1:* National Championships. *Class 2:* Easterns, Westerns.

Class 3: (Open tournaments) Indiana, Northern Indiana, Indianapolis, Chicago, Southern N.E., Massachusetts, Nebraska, Washington, Middle Atlantic, St. Joseph Valley, Pennsylvania, Missouri Valley, Central States, New England Closed, Ohio, Illinois, Lakes Cities, Great Lakes, Pacific Coast. *Class 4* (O denotes Open): Illinois Membership, Missouri, St. Louis District, Philadelphia Leagues, Portland City O, San Antonio YMCA O, Philadelphia City, North Side, Berks County, Cleveland Club, Cook County (Ill.), Kansas City Metropolitan, Western Oregon O, E. Jane Hamilton Society, N. Y. Metropolitan, Greater Boston, Massachusetts, Cleveland Dist., Middlesex County (Mass.), Michigan, Maryland, Phila. Club. Results follow:



Sally Green

Hammond Cup (for Men)

Garrett Nash (St. Louis)	128
Sol Schiff (N. Y.)	98
Earl Coulson (Indianapolis)	70

George Hendry (St. Louis)	68
Alvin Nordhem (Chicago)	64
James Jacobson (New Rochelle, N.Y.) ..	52
Leslie Lowry (Newton, Mass.)	45
Ralph Muchow (Chicago)	37
Calvin Fuhrman (Hamilton, Ohio)	36
Izzy Bellis (Philadelphia)	32

27 points: Ned Steele (Huntington, Ind.); Forrest Sweeney (Trenton, N. J.).

26: Ray Pearson (Seattle).

25: Sam Silberman (N. Y.).

24: V. Lee Webb (Detroit); Gordon Muchow (Chi.).

21: Jerry Lavan (Chi.).

20: Walter Judd (Seattle).

17: Edwin Woody (St. L.).

16: Louis Pagliaro (N. Y.); Robt. Blatner (St. L.); John Abrahams (N. Y.); Joe Kolady (E. Chi., Ind.); Wm. Weisbuck (Los Angeles); Manny Moskowitz (Balto.).

12: John Varga (S. Bend, Ind.); Ernest Walker (Cleve.); Bill Holden (Somerville, Mass.).

11: Frank Miller (K. C., Mo.); Paul Capelle (Phila.).

10: Joe Camero (Omaha); Wm. Diller (St. L.); Claude Edwards (K. C., Mo.); Joe Filipek (Cambridge, Mass.); Tom Howle (K. C., Mo.); Hal Philan (Portland, Ore.); Melvin Rose (N. Y.).

9: Abbott Nelson (Princeton); Harry Cook (N. Y.); Hamilton Canning (Norristown, Pa.); Al Beals (Cleveland).

8: Robert Anderson, Herbert Aronson (Chi.); Roger Downs, James McClure (Indpls.); Douglas Cartland (N. Y.); Merle Arens (Dayton); Harvey Davis (Detroit); Jack Hartigan (Mt. Vernon, N. Y.); Don MacCrossen (Milwaukee); Sam Riklin (San Antonio, Tex.); Bill Robinson (Pasadena, Cal.); Elias Shuman (D. C.); Art Sweeney (Dorchester, Mass.).

7: Joe LeBow, Eugene R. Smolens, Gus Wolov (Phila.); Morton Ladin (Chi.); Frank Filipek (New Bedford, Mass.); Sterling Mitchell (Indpls.); Ralph Reed (Lincoln, Neb.); Wm. Snyder (Kokomo, Ind.).

6: Abe Berenbaum (N.Y.); Dan Kreer (Princeton); M. O. Serbu (E. Chi.); Donald Hendry (St. L.).

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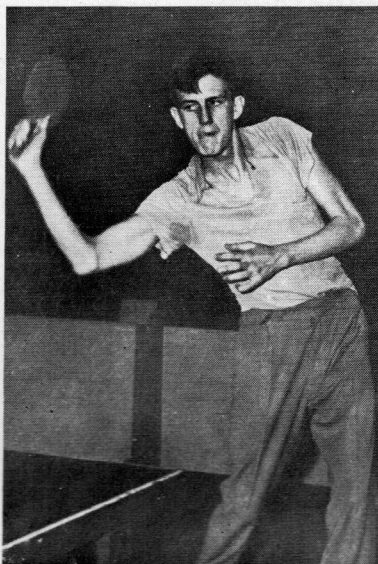
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4: Wilmott Brown-Cave (Victoria, B. C.); John Holden (Somerville, Mass.); Bill James (Portland, Ore.); Ed Master-son (Cleve.); Ray McDonald (Seattle); Jack Mueller (Peoria); Carl Nagy (Chi.); Jack O'Connor (Chicopee Falls, Mass.); Harold Pease (San Antonio, Tex.); H. Rosenfeld (Lincoln, Neb.); Charles Schmidt (N. Y.); George Sempes (Balto.); B. Starrett (Peoria); Don Terry (L. A.).

3: Telore Abendroth (Portland); A. Blumenthal (Chi.); Garner Gomon (De-troit); Jerry Glanz (Cleve.); Joel Inman (Indpls.); Jack Kyger (Cambridge); Her-man Lykins (Hamilton, O.); Mark Neff (Dayton); Roy Neubauer (Balto.); Larry Smith (Brookline, Mass.).

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nis (St. L.); Kahn, Jimmy Kerr, Nicholson, Nate Snyder (San Antonio, Tex.); Edwood Martin (Seattle); Ed Holden (Somerville, Mass.); Chauncey Gensichen, Henry Gensichen, Jim Hughes (S. Bend, Ind.); Gus Ouris (Toledo, O.); Ernest Kundig (Worcester, Mass.); Dominic Sandine, Jules Tuff (addresses unknown).

Wilkinson Cup (for Women)

Sally Green (Indianapolis)69
 Emily Fuller (Bethlehem, Pa.)64
 Mrs. Mae Clouther (Arlington, Mass.)...32
 Helen Ovenden (Chicago)32
 Ruth Wilson (Swarthmore, Pa.)32
 Dorothy Halliday (Baltimore)26
 Mrs. Dolores Kuenz (Normandy, Mo.)...26
 Betty Henry (S. Bend, Ind.)22
 Georgiana Fossas (Seattle)16
 Barbara Shields (W. Roxbury, Mass.)...16

14 points: Mrs. Clara Harrison (Cleveland), Miss Matilda Plaskow (Phila.), Jane Stahl (Providence, R. I.), Vaud VanDusen (Omaha), Mildred Wilkinson (Chicago).

12: Lucia Farrington (Auburndale, Mass.), Mrs. May Spannaus (New Rochelle, N. Y.).

10: Mrs. Florence Archer (Phila.).

8: Mrs. Ruth Woodward (Chicago).

Mrs. Henrietta Wright (Phila.).

7: Dorothy Glasson (Lincoln, Neb.), Mrs. Madeline Teghtmeyer (Providence, R. I.), Priscilla Woodbury (Worcester, Mass.).

6: Mary Baumbach (S. Bend, Ind.).

5: Margaret Hart (Toledo, O.), Dorothy Joseph (K. C., Mo.).

4: Pauline Betz (Los Angeles, Cal.), Anita Currey (Omaha, Neb.), Jean Everling (Cleveland), Helen Germaine (NYC), Terry Greenspan (Phila.), Marion Hoffman (Seattle), H. Kaster (S. Bend, Ind.), Norma Schmalz (Toledo), Helen VanDyke (Flint, Mich.).

3: Ruthe Brewer (Brooklyn), Virginia Halliday (Balto.), Margaret Koolery (Detroit).

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USTTA Finance Report

For the period from Sept. 1, 1937 to May 31, 1938:

Income: Membership, \$814.25; Equipment, \$851.79; Publication, \$1,693.65; Tournaments, \$364.23; Finance, \$1,799.45; Exhibitions, \$90.00; Misc., \$46.49 (includes balance from 1936-37 season). Total Income: \$5,659.86.

Disbursements: Salaries, \$748.00; Equipment, \$95.87; Expansion, \$106.32; Finance, \$1.50; Membership, \$53.95; Organization, \$13.49; Publication, \$1,270.29; Public Relations, \$50.62; Ranking, \$48.05; Trophies, \$34.95; Tournaments, \$1,860.88; Rules, \$1.75; Other Committees, \$90.81; Postage, \$95.19; Telephone & Telegraph, \$143.36; Stationery, \$91.53; Office Supplies, \$30.44; Office Equipment, \$247.93; Petty Cash, \$144.82; Foreign Expenses, \$360.10; General Expense, \$1.75. Total Disbursements: \$5,491.60.

Bank balance: \$168.26. **Accounts payable:** \$162.60. **Accounts receivable:** \$270.60. **Commitments:** \$189.60.

Auditing chairman Robert G. Metcalf will audit the accounts.

Joseph D. Berna, General Secretary

● ALFREDO F. LENSKIN, of Tampico, Mexico, is translating the Laws of T.T. into Spanish.

Barna & Bellak are scheduled to play exhibitions in Portland, Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, sailing from San Francisco June 21 for an Australian tour.

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A GAIN (for the 3d time) we urgently call attention to the fact that the Fighting Fund deficit for the U. S. Teams at London is still hampering progress of your Association. Only \$36 was received since last issue and not quite half of the \$891.34 expense has been subscribed.

Previously acknowledged, \$409.45.

New contributions: \$10, D. A. Kittermaster; \$6, Carl Zeisberg (additional for another T.T. article written for *Encyclopedia Britannica*); \$5, Willis A. Conklin, Woodcraft Toy Mfg. Co.; \$3, Henry M. Wolfson; \$2, R. D. Ackerman; \$1, Dr. H. P. Frost; 50c each from these subscribers to *Table Tennis Activity*: R. D. Ackerman, Ruthe Brewer, Franklin A. Davison, A. Grisinger, Bob O'Neal, Percy Smidth, Howard Starkey, Scott Stickle (total \$4). Total received this month: \$36.

Total received to date: \$445.45.

Remaining deficit: \$445.89.

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& Cheers



By ANNIE MOSSITY

PHOOEY to those of you reading this who did not contribute to the Fighting Fund. If each one of you gave only \$1 (and many of you would not miss \$5 or \$10 or \$25) the fund would be over-subscribed.

HURRAH for the few who did contribute and the many who will contribute after reading this.

SO LONG, my frands, till October.

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SCHOOL FOR BEGINNERS

By PROF. KNOWES A. LOTT

Ph.D., B.V.D., S.O.S., P.P., T.T.

CLASS will come to order—and shut up, as we want to close early.

I never did like Annie Mossity, but she is right—phooey to you all.

As you know, a Fighting Fund was to be raised to send our U. S. Teams to the World Championships. The Teams went. The Fund wasn't raised.

I ask you: Is that nice? Is that the way real Americans act? Where is your patriotism, you chumps? Has any of you contributed a dime?

(Voice: "Have you, Prof.?")

What's that? Ahem—not yet. But here is my \$1 to send to Joe Berna now. How many will join me? Everybody? That's fine! Class dismissed till October.

Maryland Wins Race Penna. on Top

AS the membership race for 1937-38, ended Maryland TTA, headed by Vernon J. Boyd, won the *Topics* Cup with a gain of 673.3%, the honorary life membership by a gain of 202

members for the season, and the gold paddle for greatest gain in April.

Total memberships hit a new high—4,000 June 1. Pennsylvania TTA, with the largest total for the 3d straight year, won its 3d gold paddle in May. Other States winning gold paddles: D. C., Md., Minn., Mo., Neb., Ohio, R. I. They will be sent to each Governor at the start of next season's race. Figures as of June 1:

Affiliated State Association (President in parenthesis)	Total June 1 1937	Total May 1 1938	Total June 1 1938	1 Gain (mon.)	2 Gain (sea.)	3 % Gain (sea.)	*Group Members
1 Maryland TTA (Boyd)	30	232	232	0	202	673.3	...
2 Indiana TTA (Hester)	55	170	150	-20	95	172.7	202
3 Nebraska TTA (Woodruff) 99		216	216	0	117	118.1	...
4 Washington TTA (Ursic)..	48	88	90	2	42	87.5	...
5 R. I. TTA (Spencer)	62	101	115	14	53	85.5	...
6 Mich. TTA(MacReynolds)..	106	163	163	0	57	53.8	...
7 District of Col. (Burton)...	72	88	88	0	16	22.2	...
8 Penna. TTA (Lamay)	461	476	493	17	32	6.9	...
9 Ohio TTA (Smith)	151	143	143	0	— 8	— 5.3	...
10 Conn. TTA (Shepherd)	60	50	50	0	— 10	— 16.6	...
11 Missouri TTA(McFadden)..	156	128	130	2	— 26	— 16.6	138
12 Illinois TTA (Leahy)	230	155	164	9	— 66	— 28.7	...
13 Mass. TTA (Kundig)	319	183	186	3	— 133	— 41.7	...
†14 Minnesota TTA (Wickman) 0		96	96	0	96	...	...
†15 Oregon TTA (Abendroth) 15		51	59	8	44	...	...
†16 Texas TTA (Schelper)	5	42	42	0	37	...	...
Affiliates in unorganized states (not in cup contest)							
17 N. Y. (Metropolitan TTA 122, Hudson Valley TTA 57, Finger Lakes TTA 55, Westchester TTA 25, Nas- sau County TTA 17, Buf- falo TTA 19, Midston TTA 15, Gloversville TTA 5)	107	310	315	5	208	...	195
18 Kansas (Topeka TTA 49, Wyandotte Co. TTA 4)	21	38	53	15	32	...	...
19 Louisiana TTA	0	32	32	0	32	...	...
20 Fla. (Tampa TTA)	0	14	14	0	14	...	...
21 Wisconsin TTA	14	27	25	- 2	11	...	...
22 Iowa (Des Moines TTA)..	0	10	10	0	10	...	142
23 Tenn. (Memphis TTA)	0	6	6	0	6	...	...
24 Calif. (Sacramento TTA 10, So. Calif. TTA 2)	7	16	12	- 4	5	...	115
25 Mexico	0	1	1	0	1	...	...
26 Colorado TTA	8	8	8	0	0	...	...
27 West Virginia TTA	35	10	10	0	— 25	...	...
28 N. J. (Union Co. TTA 50, Mercer Co. TTA 29, Laurel Pk. TTA 12, NJTTA 11, Monmouth Co. TTA 2)	176	104	104	0	— 72	...	197
	2237	2958	3007	49	770	34.4	989

Total Memberships June 1 (3007 regular, 989 group, 4 honorary)4000

(* Experimental plan offered in Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska and all unorganized States)
† Minnesota, Oregon and Texas TTAs organized since June 1 and not in cup race percentages.

● **CORRECTION:** Edna Moore worked on the 8th Nationals Committee, not Edna North as incorrectly reported in April *Topics*.

● **C. CORTI WOODCOCK**, former Chairman of the English TTA, has been seriously ill at his home, "Inchcape," Epping, England.

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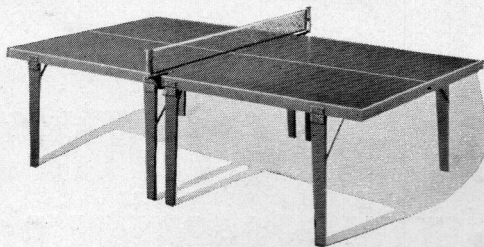
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