Sonoma 7th Annual Chess Festival Set

By George Koltanowski

The seventh annual chess festival will take place in Sonoma on Sunday, July 21, and will be dedicated to H. A. (Hutch) Whitehead, who has helped promote the yearly festival since its inception.

Sonoma is becoming the yearly meeting place for chess players from throughout Northern California. The festival is sponsored by the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce and directed by International Chess Master George Koltanowski.

There will be a short tournament from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. consisting of three games which may start as late as 2 p. m. and which will count if all three games are played. Entry fee up to and including July 17 is $1.50. Late entry will be $2.50.

A simultaneous exhibition is scheduled at 3 p. m. The fee for this is $1. for those entered in the festival and $2 for those who are not.

Bring family and friends, picnic on the plaza and play chess. There will be numerous trophies, books and merchandize prizes. Send your entry to Lois McVeigh, secretary Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sonoma, California, and state which class you will play in: A, B, C, women or Juniors (up to 14.) Entry lists will be published in this column.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION — George Koltanowski will play 30 boards simultaneously followed by two blindfold and a lecture at the Los Altos Club at 8 p. m. Thursday in the Covington School, Covington road (off El Monte) in Los Altos. Players should bring board and men.

LOOKING AROUND — Switzerland: The Benedict tournament was won by Germany 16; Holland 14½; Austria 9½ Switzerland 9; Italy 7 and France 4 . . . S. Gligoric won the Bognor tournament . . . Industrial Chess League Results: Calif. Research 6-Bank of America 2; Bank of America 6½-Kaiser 1½; PG&E 6-Crockett 2 . . . The playoff for the High School Interclub championship ended in a victory for Hayward. The first match with Sequoia was drawn 3½ each; in the return match Hayward won 5-2.