

MODESTO CHESS FIRST BIRTHDAY (CAL.) CELEBRATES

Leaping the hurdle of no regular meeting place the Modesto (California) Chess Club celebrates its first birthday with a proud record of successful operation.

Among the events that now cast their shadows ahead are the forthcoming series of team matches with the Fresno (California) Chess Club, the first annual championship tournament and a ladder tournament. Exhibitions by George Koltanowski and I. A. Horowitz are scheduled for February and a standing invitation has been issued to all visiting masters.

In 1946, despite its infancy as an organization, the Modesto Club has had exhibitions by Koltanowski, Horowitz and Steiner. The last named master has given two, and although one of these was on the inauspicious date of Friday, December 13th, thirty members were present despite the fact that only three days notice was given in advance. On this occasion with twenty-two boards played Herman Steiner won twenty and lost two, to Monte Jackson and A. Andrews. Mr. Jackson (of Riverside) holds the distinction of besting both Horowitz and Koltanowski as well in their exhibitions. Herbert Paul is president and Herbert Betker vice-president of the Modesto Club.