

## STATE AND REGIONAL CHESS

California. Chess activity in the state continues to reach new highs. Los Angeles alone now has 20-odd chess clubs with a substantial membership. The Hollywood Chess Group, now well on the way to the 300-member mark, is staging its championship tournament with 65 entries; Class A has 29 entries. Much of the credit for this phenomenal growth deservedly goes to Herman Steiner's prodigious efforts.

The Los Angeles Chess Club, with over 100 active members, recently concluded its championship tournament. First place went to LeRoy Johnson 7½-1½, closely followed by Postalite H. T. Abel 7-2. A nine board match with the Los Feliz Chess Club ended in victory for Los Angeles by 5-4.

Last March the Modesto Chess Club was organized by a group of local enthusiasts who profited by the interest created by recent exhibitions of Horowitz and Koltanowski. Officers are Herbert E. Paul, President; Herbert Betker, Vice-President; Lee H. Kerfoot, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. Donald G. Weston, Chairman of Special Events.