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.....And time marches on, engrossing all life into its inevitable cycle from spring to winter.....

The winter of life for our beloved Executive Secretary, Mr. BERNARD OAK, came to a sudden end last week. It was at the end of a road lined with achievements, deep in a forest where the trees were his friends and where eternal sunlight filtered through the branches to fill him with warmth, kindness and understanding. Some of the trees were in the shape of chess pieces, always beckoning to him, always bowing in grace as he walked with head held high within his domain; these trees and their wisdom he made his own.

Unflinching, Bernard OAK dedicated himself to helping people, organising, inspiring and encouraging them. Without exception, he was loved by all who knew him: people from all walks of life, of all ages, race, color and creed -- a love that was thoroughly reciprocated by him.

The City Terrace Chess Club owes its existence to Bernard OAK; it also owes its tribute to him for becoming one of the best-known clubs in California, and creating its own tradition and spirit.

We shall continue this tradition, work and build and retain the spirit that he created.

We shall retain the august philosophy of the trees, that now provide eternal shade for the man.....the man we all loved.

We will always remember Mr. BERNARD OAK as the Bishop of the Forest.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Bernard OAK passed away on Thursday morning, Sept. 21, at age 78, after a heart attack which followed preliminary signs of a chill at the City Terrace Chess Club on Wednesday night. Your editor took him home; he didn't say good-night, but promised to come back later to lock up the club premises. These were his last words to a clubmember.

Memorial Services were held on Sunday at the Glasband Mortuary, after which he was laid to rest at Mount Carmel Cemetery. Our deep appreciation goes to the large number of clubmembers and friends from other clubs who attended the services; and we regret that we were unable to notify some members, who may have wished to attend, in time. These members may like to know, however, that a beautiful spray of flowers was sent in memoriam in the name of the entire Chess Club.

To-night, at a special board meeting of club officers, changes necessitated by Mr. OAK's untimely passing will be discussed. We will continue our activities as before; while Mr. OAK will not actually be with us, his spirit will always greet us at the door as we arrive.

We will always remember.

ITEMS

A suggestion to re-name City Terrace's Eastside Open Tournament (scheduled to start Oct. 18) to "The Bernard OAK Memorial Open Tournament" is being submitted to the board to-night for approval.....Interclub match activity is being resumed tonight at Whittier, with the new WHITTIER CHESS CLUB taking on MONTEREY PARK.....The STEINER CHESS CLUB is starting a weekly lecture series on Wednesdays, to be given by different teachers.....Mike REINA and E. JIMENEZ testing the condition of their tomahawks, for a B-I-G match of six games with a \$10.00 prize at stake... Dale BAKER took the lead (4 - 0) in the Downey Club Championship, by defeating Frank PYE (3 - 1). Other notable results:

ANDERSON	1	SABLESKI	0
POSTMA	1	BYLINKIM	0
MEPZGER	1	KEESEY	0
RADER	1	KATZ	0
SLEEP	½	STEWART	½

That brings ANDERSON's score to 3½-½, POSTMA to 3 - 1.

It was a very pleasant surprise to see both Frank and Fred PRILLING visit us last week -- hope we'll see them again soon.....RADER and your editor battled to a K-K draw in a Kriegspiel game refereed by JIMENEZ....

The latest U.S.C.F. Rating Supplement, published in the August "Chess Life", lists some new ratings for Terracemen:

WEINBAUM	2085	ASH	1955	KAZIMIERCZAK	1803
BARRETT	1990	GISH	1783	SANCHEZ	1554
CHAVEZ	1965	IFILL	1764	BECK	1465
KAKIMI	1961	WILLETTE	1657		

We are postponing our "Summary" until next week. Time and space problems.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Now that this tournament (match, simultaneous etc.) is over, what do we do next?" -- The always active BERNARD OAK.