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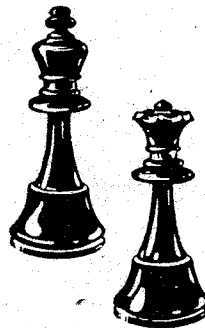
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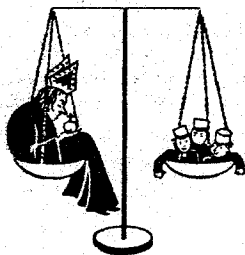
IT'S CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TIME

The first round of the Memphis City Championship Candidates Tournament will open Friday night (Jan. 5) at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody at Lemaster. The top five finishers in the Candidates will join the three defending tri-champions in a round-robin tourney to decide the 1979 city champion. The three now sharing the title are Mahlon "Scott" Smith, Tommy Olsen and Gary M. Pylant. Those players under 1600 who don't qualify for the city championship finals are eligible to play in the Memphis Amateur Championship Jan. 12.



ART HAGER IS NEW PREXY

Arthur L. "Art" Hager is the new president of the Memphis Chess Club. Others elected on Dec. 8 were: vice president Charles Dangeau, secretary Fred Lowe, treasurer Jim Gallenger, tournament director Bill Neitzel, statistician John Purvis and on the board of directors Philip Maclin, Scott Fletcher and Paul Linxwiler. Also on the board as past presidents are John F. Hurt and Gary M. Pylant.



JOHN HURT WINS ANOTHER TITLE

Memphian John F. Hurt, despite being 64 years old, still manages to win his share of chess trophies. Hurt won the 19th annual Mid-South Open here on tie-breakers. Second was Warren B. Porter of Jackson, Miss. Third was Marty Appleberry of Memphis. All three finished 5-1, but Hurt was first on tie-breakers. Gary M. Pylant took Class B honors. Mike Sulcer won Class C. Paul Linxwiler, a 15-year-old Christian Brothers student, won the Amateur Division. Second was David Myers, and third was John W. Purvis.

