

TENNESSEE MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

according to the latest figures received USCF now has 72 members from Tenn. plus four affiliations. Affiliations include TCA, East Tenn., Memphis, and Chattanooga State Tech. This represents an increase of five individual members over last year. East Tennessee is best represented with 33, followed by Middle Tenn. with 22, and the West has 17.

TCA membership stands at 64 members. In addition we have four affiliations, an increase of eight individual members. In addition we have ten TCN subscribers from out of state. However, one of the big reasons for no substantial increases year after year is the big turnover. We lost 25 members from last year. However, we gained 31 members at the last Tenn. Open that had not been members before. The membership by areas is more evenly divided here with the East leading with 23, the Middle has 22, followed by the West with 19.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hunter Weaks won the twenty player Mississippi Open with a 4-1 score ahead of Henry Kleinfeldt of La. Kleinfeldt had the same score but was relegated to second after tie-breaking. Spencer Hurd was declared the state title-holder.

The annual Memphis club tourney has Wright in the lead. He defeated both John Hurt and Mark Gilley. The tourney will conclude on March 8. Plans for a possible match with Nashville after this date are under consideration. Last year was the first time in many years when such a match did not materialize.

The Nashville Chess Club has its first rated club championship ever. Leading after two rounds are Lynch and Lahde with 2-0, followed by Estes and Bowen with 1-1 and then Akers and Leiserson with 0-2. An amateur event that is unrated is being played among eight players. Two games from the Championship are on page nine.

Eric Isaacson, now residing in Indiana and formerly from Nashville, tied for third in the 37 player James Kalan Open in Indianapolis with 4-1, behind GM Byrne (5-0) and William Kennedy (4½-½). A considerable improvement from his play in the 1966 Tennessee Amateur. Glad to have you back as a TCA member.

The Murfreesboro Rank and File seems to have folded after they lost their meeting place. They met at the home of TCA proxy Robert Keathley before he moved. Dr. Roy Clark who heads the WTSU Club thinks that the two clubs might be able to combine. Surely they will be able to work out something.

BOOKS FOR SALE

James Schroeder of Cleveland, Ohio has published a number of tournament and other chess books. Probably the best known of these is the 1938 AVRO Tournament. But several he still has. If you would like to obtain any of these given below write to him directly at Box 5268, Cleveland, Ohio.

- (1) Moscow 1967 - Contains all the games (153 in all) of this strongest event of last year. Some with notes and with a diagram for about every second game. The best game collection of this event in English. \$ 2.50
- (2) Boris Spassky - 51 games. Excellent notes. Index of Openings and Opponents. To my knowledge the only English book about this great Russian player. I take that back - BCM published Boris Spassky's Road to the Summit. But this by Schroeder is probably better it has more games 51 vs 42 and is cheaper. It is also in the English descriptive annotation while BCM uses the Algebraic. \$ 2.50
- (3) The Futuristic Chess Opening - Santasiere's Folly. For \$ 2.50. By inventor.
- (4) Hastings 1935/6 - All the games (45 in all) for only \$1.00.

1968 NORTH ALABAMA OPEN TOURNAMENT

At Huntsville, Ala. at the Carriage Inn, Highway 72 West on March 16-17, they will have the 1968 North Alabama Open. It will be a five round Swiss starting on March 16 at 8:00AM with registration. First round starts at 9:00 AM. There will be three rounds on Saturday and two on Sunday. For inquiries write to: C. M. Appleberry, 5618 Woodridge St., Huntsville, Alabama, 35802