

# Did Well in First Year

**F**AREHAM and Portsmouth Community Centre did well to take second and third places respectively in the Hampshire Chess League for 1956/57, and Portsmouth Community Centre's performance was all the more remarkable for being their first attempt in this competition.

Bournemouth did not complete their programme, and the final placings were:

Woolston Comm. Ctr. ...	6	6	0	36	6
Fareham .....	6	4	0	19	4
Portsmouth Comm. Ctr.	5	2	0	11	2
Basingtoke .....	5	2	0	10½	2
Southampton .....	5	2	0	10½	2
Bournemouth .....	3	1	1	7	1½
Andover .....	6	0	1	6	½

Lancashire won the 1957 Counties Correspondence Chess Championship with 22 points. Hampshire (last year's winners) could muster only 18½ points to share 8th/9th places with Suffolk.

Of the local players taking part, S. Parnell, K. S. Walker, A. R. Cooper (all of Portsmouth) and W. C. Martin (Fareham) won their games, whilst W. H. Pratten and R. E. Walmisley (Fareham) obtained draws.

The County Chess Association suffered a loss by the death of its correspondence chess conductor, Mr. C. Bullows, of Bournemouth. Mr. J. E. C. Grant (Fareham) has been appointed to carry on this task during the coming season.

## PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth and District Chess League is being held next week. Several proposals have been put forward for improving the competition, and already news has been received of two new teams—A.S.R.E., Portsdown and R.N. Physiological Laboratory "B." Cosham Chess Club (who withdrew last season) will probably also be taking part again.