

Chess Notes

CLUB AMALGAMATION EASES PROBLEMS

THE amalgamation of R.N.L.P. and Gosport Chess Clubs has eased the problem of both match captains in making up their respective teams for Portsmouth and District League matches.

R.N.P.L., strengthened by the inclusion of three Gosport players but without the services of their regular top board, were heavily defeated by Portsmouth Community Centre. As compensation, Gosport, aided by three ex-R.N.P.L. players, inflicted an equally crushing defeat on the St John's College "B" team.

There has been considerable activity in the Schools Section, and an interesting feature is the start made by Portchester Modern School. Their first two matches both resulted in 4-1 victories, one against last season's "under-15" champions, Gosport Grammar "B."

As Gosport Grammar "B" beat Price's School by 4½-½, it would appear that Portchester has discovered some latent chess talent among its pupils.

In Division I of this section, Price's "A" team beat Gosport Grammar "A" by the odd game.

FLOWER SHOW AT EAST MEON NEXT YEAR

East Meon Flower Show, which has been lapsed since 1953, is to resume next year.

It is one of the oldest established shows in the district, but lack of support caused it to close down.

More than £35 remained in the account, and a meeting was called to decide the future of the show and the money.

Next year's event will be on a slightly smaller scale than previous shows, and is to be held in conjunction with the village's annual gymkhana.

Officers were elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. John Berry; Secretary, Mr. A. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. G. Barrow.

SENIOR SECTION

Division I.—R.N.P.L. 0, Community Centre 5. (Capt. G. B. Britton 0, B. S. Carter 1; W. J. Eaton 0, R. W. Davis 1; E. Taylor 0, R. Carter 1; H. W. Tripp 0, S. F. Adams 1; A. N. Dossett 0, R. I. Ross 1).

Division II.—Gosport 5, St John's "B" 0. (A. N. Dossett 1, A. Green 0; R. Campion 1, R. Green 0; A. F. Brameld 1, P. Miller 0; H. J. Taylor 1, P. Cullinane 0; G. E. Mellows 1, M. Willcocks 0).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I.—Prices "A" 3, Gosport Grammar "A" 2. (Curtis 1, Rance 0; Tyack 1, Jones (R.) 0; Keen 0, Brameld 1; Gay 0, Jones (J.) 1; Gisborne 1, Pringle 0).

Division II.—Fareham Secondary School 1, Portchester Modern 4. (Durant 0, Coates 1; King 1, Wallen 0; Varcoe 0, Wrenn 1; Pines 0, Tining 1; Goodchild 0, Mugridge 1).

Portchester Modern 4, Gosport Grammar "B" 1. (Wren 0, Marriott 1; Coates 1, Webb 0; Wallen 1, Betteridge 0; Mugridge 1, McBeth 0; Tining 1, Williams 0).

Gosport Grammar "B" 4½, Price's "B" ½. (Webb ½, Downes ½; Marriott 1, Vickers 0; McBeth 1, Dudson 0; Betteridge 1, Earrey 0; Williams 1, Durrell 0).

COUNTY CHESS

Hampshire's team for the 1960 County and District Correspondence Championship is:

1. W. H. Pratten (Fareham); 2. P. A. Ursell (Bournemouth); 3. M. E. Ventham (Farnborough); 4. R. C. Mitchell (Southampton); 5. J. A. C. Borland (Farnborough); 6. Cmdr. A. J. Peters (Hayling Island); 7. A. M. Edmonds (Woolston); 8. M. Thompson (Southampton); 9. D. A. Rawden (Southampton); 10. P. L. Marshall (Southampton); 11. L. E. Vine (Eastleigh); 12. A. S. La Lond (Southsea); 13. N. C. Taylor (Fareham); 14. A. C. Barton (Southampton); 15. E. W. Chandler (Bournemouth); 16. R. S. Learmouth (Southampton); 17. J. P. Price (Portsmouth); 18. H. A. Way (Emsworth); 19. S. L. Russell (Broughton); 20. H. C. Bailey (Portsmouth); 21. C. H. Henshaw (Basingstoke); 22. G. L. Pritchard (Southampton); 23. D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth); 24. W. C. Martin (Fareham); 25. Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth); 26. S. H. C. Lucas (Bournemouth); 27. G. W. Farmer (Fareham); 28. G. W. S. Goggin (Bournemouth); 29. F. H. Wallen (Southampton); 30. F. L. Taylor (Solihull, Warwickshire).

This team is considerably stronger than last year, and in an all-out effort to win promotion, it has been a regretful necessity to drop several players who have served their County well and faithfully in past years.