Chess Notes

FAREHAM PLAYER IN JOINT SECOND PLACE

IN the outstanding game of the 1957/8 Hampshire individual championship tournament M. E. Ventham beat L. E. Vine and thereby earned himself a half-share in the second prize. The County champion who also gains a prize of £10 10s., was M. Thompson (Southampton) with six points.

Equal second and sharing a prize of £5 5s. were W. H. Pratten (Fareham) and M. E. Ventham (Southampton) with 5½ pts.; equal fourth, J. A. C. Borland (Fareham), A. Cullinane (Portsmouth), S. L. Russell (Andover), and L. E. Vine (Eastleigh), with 3½ pts.; equal eighth, W. C. Martin (Fareham) and C. H. Henshaw (Basingstoke) with 3 pts.; equal 10th, Capt. G. P. Britton (Portsmouth), R. W. Davis (Portsmouth Community Centre), and L. West (Portsmouth Community Centre), with 2½ pts.

St John's College "A" won their match against Northern Grammar School in the first round of the National Schools Championship tournament. C. Thomas, P. James, and D. Peniston-Bird won for St John's, and F. Brown drew.

A total of 246 teams from all over England have entered the tournament. The winning team in the contest just ended was from Calder Grange Grammar School, Wirral, Cheshire. They hold a trophy for a year and each member of the team receives an engraved plaque. All 16 teams reaching the zonal finals were given a Chess Clock.

POSTAL CHESS

P. J. Oakley, 27-year-old research chemist, is this year's British Correspondence Chess Champion. Mr. Oakley played top board for the B.C.C.A. in the recent match with the Portsmouth and District League when he beat Brother Charles of St John's College.

Fareham Chess Club have entered a team in the Third Division of the British Correspondence Chess League. Play starts next month and Fareham's team will be made up of the following players: W. C. Martin, G. W. Farmer, J. E. C. Grant, E. G. Potter, A. F. Garner, C. W. Brading, R. Hughes and D. G. Keen.

First-round results so far received in the Individual Championship of the Portsmouth and District League are: Richardson beat Makar, Noke beat Cartmell, Potter beat Grant, and Carter drew with Lalond.