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**CENTRAL INDIANA CHESS ASSOCIATION  
PAPERS, CA. 1925-1978**

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Central Indiana Chess Association was formed in March of 1934 with four teams represented: Eli Lilly Team, North Salem Team, Knights Team, and Fletcher Savings and Trust Team. Rudolph Miller of Eli Lilly was elected the groups first president, and B.F. Settles of North Salem was elected first secretary. By the summer, the Fletcher Savings and Trust Team dropped out, but three new teams joined in its place: the YMCA Team, Business Team, and Rytex Team.

The association's first official annual city chess tournament was not held until 23 March 1936. The tournament was held at the YMCA with 33 players to start. The ultimate winner was Daniel Luten, who defeated C.O. Skaar in the final round of play. As his trophy, Luten received an inlaid chess board.

The group's president and secretary roles served for a term of one year, so in the 1935-1936 season, Mr. Miller and Mr. Settles were replaced by Daniel Luten and Howard Caulfield. Harlan Hicks, a laborer at Bemis Brother Bag Co., took over as secretary in 1936.

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Materials in Collection

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains Central Indiana Chess Association related materials from the association's 1936 secretary, Harlan Hicks. It includes chess match results, notes, and correspondence. There are multiple chess publications dating from 1935 to 1938 including one issue of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*, one issue of the *Australasian Chess Review*, and two issues of the *American Chess Bulletin*. Also included are various Indiana publications from the 1970s.

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