# The Mid-Western Championships

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AFTER A LAPSE of one year the Cleveland Skating Club was very happy to be hosts for the Mid-Western Championships on February 1 and 2 at the club rink. As is always true in a Mid-Western Championship, the competition was close, the skating keen and seemingly more beautiful each year.

St. Paul's ever-lovely Ice Queen, Janette Ahrens, won her Senior Ladies' title for the fourth time. Her figure marks were challenged by cute little Joan Swanston from the St. Louis SC; however, Deedee went on to skate her super-superb free skating program to win the coveted crown.

John Lettengarver, also from the St. Paul FSC, gave another of his startling and breath-taking performances to win the Men's Senior title. He paired with Harriet Sutton of the FSC of Minneapolis to win the Senior Pairs with a very smooth and pleasing program.

Helen Geekie of the St. Louis SC was ahead all the way to win the Ladies' Junior but not without plenty of competition from a very talented field of accomplished

Hayes Alan Jenkins of the Cleveland SC, a mite of a fellow who packs a dynamic free-skating charge, maintained his slight lead in figures to nose out his teammate, Garry Wilson, in a hard-skating Novice field, and won the title.

The Chicago FSC's Carol Olsen, rendering a smilingly pretty free skating program, won out over a large number of

Ladies' Novice entries.

Jane Schellentrager and Riki Bliss from the Cleveland SC breezed through a very fast yet capably done program to win the

Junior Pairs.

The Senior Dance title was garnered in by Norma Lee Caine, a former skier, and Vernon Duckett from the Chicago FSC. This first in dancing, plus the second and third in this event and a second and third in the Junior Dance, helped the Chicago FSC to win the Cleveland Memorial Trophy. This club was, incidentally, able to steal it right under the very eyes of the Cleveland SC and the St. Paul FSC. These clubs were both piling up points on their own and not worrying about Chicago, until the results of the dancing were announced. Congratulations to Chicago!

Not to be forgotten, however, is the first place won in the above-mentioned Junior Dance by the Cleveland SC's Virginia Kelley (H. Kendall Kelley's daughter) and William Krill, who did a marvelous job of last-minute teamwork to carry on

and win the event.

Our own Henry M. Beatty did a superb job as usual as Chairman of the Competitions and referee throughout the Championship. He maintained his strict adherence to schedules and even finished fifteen minutes ahead of time.

Many thanks to all—the competitors, judges, officials, and professionals-for another grand competition. (N. B. Cleveland is planning to get that cup back next

year!)

# LADIES' SENIOR

- Janette Ahrens, St. Paul FSC
   Joan Swanston, St. Louis SC
   Mary Frances Greschke, Olympia SC

# MEN'S SENIOR

John Lettengarver, St. Paul FSC
 Patrick C. Kazda, II, Chicago FSC

# SENIOR PAIRS

- Harriet Sutton, FSC of Minneapolis, & John Lettengarver, St. Paul FSC
   Beverly Dean Osburn & Patrick C. Kazda, II, Chicago FSC

## LADIES' JUNIOR

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  1. Helen Geekie, St. Louis SC

  2. Virginia Baxter, Olympia SC

  3. Joan Scotvold, FSC of Minneapolis

  4. Joyce Scotvold, FSC of Minneapolis

  5. Ann McGean, Cleveland SC

  6. Margaret Anne Graham, Tulsa FSC

  7. Marilyn C. Sahlin, FSC of Minneapolis

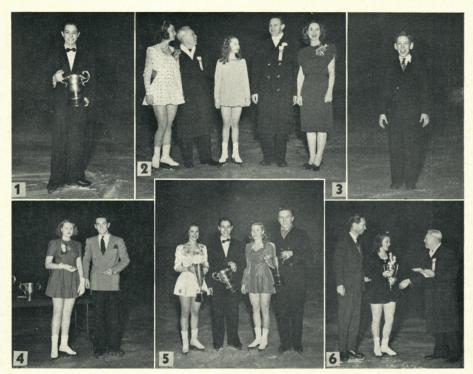
  8. Norma Lee Caine, Chicago FSC

  9. Marilyn Thomsen, St. Paul FSC

  10. Joan Erickson, St. Paul FSC

# MEN'S NOVICE

- Hayes Alan Jenkins, Cleveland SC
   Garry Wilson, Cleveland SC
   Marlyn Thomsen, St. Prul FSC
   Hugh C. Graham, Jr., Tulsa FSS
   Evy Scotvold, II, FSC of Minneapolis



MID-WESTERN CHAMPIONS: (1) John Lettengarver, Men's Senior. (2) Helen Geekie, Ladies' Junior, Mr. Walter S. Powell, USFSA President, Carol Olsen, Ladies' Novice, Mr. Henry M. Beatty, Competition Chairman, Janette Ahrens, Ladies' Senior. (3) Hayes Alan Jenkins, Men's Novice. (4) Virginia Kelley & William B. Krill, Junior Dance. (5) Harriet Sutton & John Lettengarver, Senior Pair; Jane Schellentrager & Riki Bliss, Junior Pair. (6) Norma Lee Caine & Vernon Duckett, Senior Dance, with Mr. Powell. Photos by Walter Grashaw.

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  1. Carol Olsen, Chicago FSC
  2. Harriet Sutton, FSC of Minneapolis
  3. Sandra Rittinger, Cleveland SC
  4. Janet Gerhauser, FSC of Minneapolis
  5. Roma Lee Myers, Tulsa FSC
  6. Sonnie Gene Murray, Tulsa FSC
  7. Barbara Jane Carr, Cleveland SC
  8. Joan Hansen, Rochester FSC
  9. Nancy Sue Jenkins, Cleveland SC
  10. Mary Lou Rolfson, Chicago FSC
  11. Daria Wasiewicz, Chicago FSC
  12. Patsy Ann Buck, St. Paul FSC
  13. Gloria Kuenkel, St. Paul FSC
  14. Roberta Frances Cook, Tulsa FSC
  15. Helen R. Fishbeck, Olympia-SC
  16. Anne Marie Leddy, Rochester FSC
  17. Mary Louisa Haas, Tulsa FSC
  18. Loretta M. Bargen, Rochester FSC
  19. Carolyn Lou Crum, Akron SC
  20. Harlene Jones, Akron SC

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### JUNIOR PAIRS

- 1. Jane Schellentrager & Riki S. Bliss, Cleveland SC
- 2. Joan Erickson & John Nightingale, St. Paul FSC

- 3. Nancy Sue & Hayes Alan Jenkins, Cleveland SC
- 4. Anne Marie & John Leddy, Rochester FSC 5. Barbara Stechbart & Charles Dancey, Chicago
- FSC Marilyn & Marlyn Thomsen, St. Paul FSC
   Betty & Larry van der Bosch, Chicago FSC

#### SENIOR DANCE

- 1. Norma Lee Caine & Vernon Duckett, Chicago FSC
- 2. Virginia Madson & Kirk Tischler, Chicago FSC
- 3. Wilma E. Busenbark & Charles Dancey, Chi-cago FSC
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  4. Mary Elizabeth Anderson & John T. Parks,

  Cleveland SC
- 5. Paula Krukenberg & Riki S. Bliss, Cleveland

## JUNIOR DANCE

- Virginia Kelley & William B. Krill, Cleveland SC
- 2. Ruth Smeby & Matthew Solomon, Chicago FSC 3. Dolores McCarter & Richard van der Bosch, Chicago FSC