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As we come to a New Year we find horseshoe pitching in full blast in the warmer climes and in indoor courts . . . but it won't be long until the robins will begin to sing and we will all have a chance to limber up the old pitching arm . . we cleaned up most of the tournament stories in the December issue and the remainder this year . . . one or two have written us that they sent stories which were not printed . . . if they were overlooked we are sorry . . . we have checked and rechecked and find no more horseshoe news . . . in fact it is a bit scarce right now . . and just to think we were so crowded a few months ago . . what we would have given for extra space in our effort to please everybody then . . . fortunately all our readers (we hope) are our friends and realize that the bumper crop of tourneys tax our space in the summer and fall and that we do the best we can, giving priority to those sent in first . a Happy New Year to you and to vours.

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

The Horseshoe World pauses to pay a tribute to the memory of Rev. E. V. Stevens who died recently.

The entire horseshoe fraternity mourns his loss. Many who will not know of his death until they receive this message will be shocked by the news of the passing of this fine gentleman, this true sport and loyal horseshoe booster.

Rev. Stevens was very much interested in amateur horseshoe pitching but attended the National Horseshoe Pitching Association conventions, aiding in the direction of its activities. He was a valuable organizer and a good worker in the ranks and his even-tempered advice in meetings was a source of much satisfaction to all.

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## New Jersey Tourney Won By Mahoney

Larry Mahoney, of Lincroft, N. J. successfully defended his state championship Sunday, Sept. 26, 1937, at Lincoln Park, Jersey City, in the most successful state championship, conducted to date when a record entry list of sixty players participated. Mahoney was undefeated and in his clean sweep of games set two new state records—averaging 71.5% ringers for the entire tournament and pitched 17 double ringers in one game. In all games he averaged over 65% ringers and was over 70% in six games. His best game of the day was 79.5% and the best string of ringers was 19 ringers with 20 pitched shoes. In winning his fourth consecutive state championship, he had the honor of winning the first leg on the new Senator A. Harry Moore trophy which must be won three times for permanent possession.

Class "A" was a three-cornered tie between Mahoney, Jos. Puglise of Patterson and Clare Hume of Jersey City, until the sixth round when Hume and Puglise met to break the tie. Hume won but not without a battle. Puglise led 21-6 in a flashy start but with steady pitching Hume gained the lead at 29-25 and continued to press on to gain a lead of 46-29. At this stage Hume relaxed and Puglise shot away to within one point of his opponent 45-46. On the next pitch Puglise missed the stake completely and Hume quickly ran out the game with a ringer to win 50-45. Both players seemed to tighten up and were too cautious as evident by their very low ringer percentages-their lowest for the day.

From then on the championship race was on between Mahoney and Hume. The stage was set for a climax to the day's festivities when both players met in the final round. This was played after all other matches had been completed. It was witnessed by the many celebrities present for the presentation ceremonies.

Mahoney started with a long string of ringers to jump into the lead at 25-9. Hume then started tossing doubles and had the record crowd of 3000 spectators in a frenzy as he pulled up to 24-25. It was Hume's first state championship and at this stage the pressure and excitement proved too much and he tightened up and missed the stake repeatedly. Mahoney took advantage of the situation by tossing 12 straight ringers to take a commanding lead 43-25. He proceeded to run out the game 50-28 before Hume could find the range again. Mahoney averaged 74.1% ringers while Hume had 55.5%.

Clare Hume finished second, averaging 54.9% ringers. His only defeat was chalked up by Mahoney. He proved to be the dark horse of the tour-Joseph Puglise, 1933 state nevs. champion, finished third—losing games to Mahoney and Hume. He averaged 50.6% ringers. Daniel Paluzzi, another Jersey City player, finished fourth with six wins and three losses to average 46.2% ringers. This was his first state championship. John Landers, of West Orange, a newcomer in tournament play, surprised many by finishing fifth with 41.3%, ahead of Paul Puglise who averaged 47.8% ringers. Surprisingly, only three players averaged over 50% ringers. John Rosselet, of Elizabeth, who showed real promise of giving Mahoney a battle and defeated him earlier in the season in tourney play, was a real disappointment as he had one of those rare off days when nothing seemed to work right. He just couldn't get started and consequently finished tenth with an average of 39.1% ringers.

Some of the interesting close games were: Jos. Puglise nosed out Gene Hillman 50-44 after trailing 44-42; Paluzzi trailed 42-44 when he came through 50-44 to defeat O'Rourke; Ed. Lane upset Paul Puglise 50-44 in a very close game throughout; Paluzzi defeated Rosselet 50-41 after trailingi Jos. Puglise had a real battle to subdue O'Rourke 50-44; John Landers scored a sensational victory over Hillman 50-43 after trailing 10-31. Paluzzi nosed out Paul Puglise 50-44 coming from behind again from 22-36.

In the qualifying round of 50 shoes Larry Mahoney was first with 114 points and 68% ringers. Jos. Puglise was second with 110 points and 64%.

Paluzzi was third with 104 points and 60%. Low score to qualify for class A was 95 points. Class A as a group averaged 47.6% ringers.

Scolari was the sensation of the day as the crowd roared its approval. His motto for the day seemed to be"The bigger they are the harder they fall." In winning, he established several new state records for this class: averaging 60.6% ringers for the tourney; new high single game of 73.8% and pitching a ringer in every inning of one game, the first time accomplished in Class B. In the sixth round he easily defeated Otto Peters who finished second, 50-9 by pitching 73.8%. Peters, usually a class A contender, dropped to Class B for the first time in a tourney. Frank Boyce, of Old Bridge, and Donald McNeill of Wood Ridge, gave him the best competition. McNeill was able to score 31 points while Boyce scored 30 points. In all other games he simply dazzled his opponents off the courts with a continued barrage of Ringers. Scolari clearly demonstrated his ability to pitch ringers. In his first year of tournament play, he seems to be the only one in the state who can stop Mahoney. Under the careful tutoring of Paul Puglise he seems headed for the state championship title.

Otto Peters finished second with the loss of only one game and a ringer percentage of 51.4%. He cinched second place when he defeated Frank Boyce defending champion, in the sixth round by a score of 50-33. Boyce led at the start but after Peters gained the lead at 22-19, he never relinquished it. Boyce was third with two losses and an average of 46.1%. Sam Mongillo of Jersey City, was fourth with three losses and 45.9% Ringers.

The closest games in this class were: Boyce defeated D. Brown 50-43; leading throughout the game; Peters came from behind to nose out D. Brown 50-46; Henry Arthur, of Atlantic Highlands, pulled a few ringers out of a bag when he defeated David

|     | CLASS "A"                     | W | L | Ringers | Game |
|-----|-------------------------------|---|---|---------|------|
| 1.  | Larry Mahoney-Lincroft        | 9 | 0 | 71.5    | 79.5 |
| 2.  | Clare Hume-Jersey City        | 8 | 1 | 54,9    | 64.4 |
| 3.  | Jos. Puglise, Paterson        | 7 | 2 | 50.6    | 55.8 |
| 4.  | Daniel Paluzzi, Jersey City   | 6 | 3 | 46.2    | 71.4 |
| 5.  | John Landers, West Orange     | 4 | õ | 41.3    | 59.4 |
| 6.  | Paul Puglise Paterson         | 3 | 6 | 47.8    | 62.9 |
| 7.  | Ed. Lane, Jersey City         | 3 | 6 | 44.0    | 51.6 |
| 8.  | Kenneth O'Rourke, Jersey City | 2 | 7 | 42.7    | 52.8 |
| 9.  | Gene Hillman, Paterson        | 1 | 7 | 37.6    | 51.9 |
| 10. | John Rosselet, Elizabeth      | 1 | 8 | 39.1    | 56.2 |
|     |                               |   |   |         |      |

#### Class "B"

Arthur Scolari, 12 years old, Paterson youth, defeated all players in Class "B" to easily win the Championship and the Governor H. G. Hoffman trophy. He is barely three feet tall and a protege of Paul Puglise. Englewood 50-49 after trailing 33-47; Mongillo defeated Pennewell in an excitingly close game 50-44; H. Brown came from behind at 41-48 to nose out Pennewell 50-48; Boyce defeated Mongillo 50-46 after trailing 46-39; Mc-(Continued on Page 3) Neill defeated Pennewell 50-45; Mongillo came from behind at 36-43 and 45-49 to eke out a 50-49 victory over D. Brown: Peters and Davis had a real battle with the lead changing hands several times but Peters finally won 50-42. In qualifying D. Brown was first with 93 points and 54 percent while H. Brown was last with 86 points and 42%.

ringer after ringer in true championship form to run away with a 40-8 victory over McMurtrie. Walter Haring, of Westwood, finished second with the loss of two games, losing a "heartbreaker" of a game to Arthur Hillman 40-39 and another to McMurtrie 40-23. Ed Fredericks, of Midvale, was third, losing three games: to Pasternak 23-40, Haring 27-40 and McMurt-

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|    | CLASS "B"                        | W | L | Ringers | Game |
|----|----------------------------------|---|---|---------|------|
| 1. | Arthur Scolari, Paterson         | 9 | 0 | 60.6    | 73.8 |
| 2. | Otto C. Peters, Jersey City      | 8 | 1 | 51.4    | 56.5 |
| 3. | Frank Boyce, Old Bridge          | 7 | 2 | 46.1    | 57.5 |
|    | Samuel Mongillo, Jersey City     | 6 | 3 | 45.9    | 57.7 |
| 5. | Donald McNeill, Wood Ridge       | 5 | 4 | 44.0    | 55.7 |
| 6. | D. E. Brown, Camden              | 3 | 6 | 39.0    | 44.9 |
|    | Hugh Brown, Pompton Lakes        | 3 | 6 | 31.8    | 40.4 |
|    | Melvin Pennewell, Allendale      | 2 | 7 | 41.2    | 51.6 |
| 9. | Lee Davis, Englewood             | 1 | 8 | 39.5    | 59.6 |
|    | Henry Arthur, Atlantic Highlands | 1 | 8 | 31.8    | 42.6 |

#### Class "C"

Alec. Robertson, of Jersey City, captured the Class C title after the regular round robin play ended with a triple tie with Douglas Fogal, of Ramsey, and Harry Schmidt, of Jersey City, each player winning 7 and losing two. In the play-off Robertson dedefeated Fogal 50-34 and Schmidt 50-35. Fogal in turn defeated Schmidt 50-26 to take second place. Claude Hart, of Jersey City, was fourth. In the regular round robin play, Robertson lost to Krawckzy 38-40 and Hart 25-40; Fogal lost to Robertson 27-40 and Bell 31-40; Schmidt lost to Robertson 16-40 and Fogal 13-40. Incidentally, Robertson regained title to this championship which he held in 1934.

Some of the close games were: Robertson defeated Bell 40-35; Gustavsen defeated Hart 40-38, and Bell 40-37; Brady defeated Keane 40-38; Schmidt defeated Keane 40-37; Hart defeated Keane 40-31; Massei defeated Keane 40 - 34.

In qualifying Hart was first with 79 points and 38% while Krawczyk was low with 80 points and 48%. CLASS "C"

Final Standing

W L Pts. Alec Robertson, Jersey City 7 2 343 Douglas Fogal, Ramsey .... 7 2 .337 Harry Schmidt, Jersey City 7 2 309 Claud Hart, Jersey City .... 6 3 333 Dewey Massei, Wood Ridge 5 4 291 A. Krawckzy, Jersey City 4 5 296 Fred Bell, Jersey City ..... 4 5 292 J. Gustavsen, Jersey City.... 4 5 283 Frank Brady, Jersey City 1 8 210 John Keane, Jersey City .... 0 9 262

#### Class D.

Kyle McMurtrie, of Camden, won the Class "D" title with the loss of only one game. Jos Mahoney, of Lincroft, brother of state champion, Larry, must have had an inspiration of ringers from Larry when he tossed

rie 26-40. Joe Mahoney finished fourth just losing third place on points, he having also lost only three games.

Some of the close games were: Weatherwalks beat Wolfe 40-38; Pasternak beat McIlwaine 40-37; Insley 40-32; Mahoney defeated Pasternak 40-30 and Hillman 40-32; Fredericks defeated Weatherwalks 40-29. In qualifying McIlwaine was high with 79 points and Fredericks low with 72 points.

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|---------------------------|----|-----|------|
| CLASS "D"                 | W  | L   | Pts. |
| Kyle McMurtrie, Camden    | 8  | 1   | 328  |
| Walter Haring, Westwood   | 7  | 2   | 342  |
| Ed. Fredericks, Midvale   | 6  | 3   | 356  |
| Jos. Mahoney, Lincroft    | 6  | 3   | 332  |
| M. Pasternak, Metuchen    | 5  | 4   | 318  |
| Arthur Hillman, Paterson  | 4  | 5   | 282  |
| Weatherwalks, P'n Lakes   | 3  | 6   | 286  |
| Norman Insley Jersey City | 3  | 6   | 284  |
| Wm. McIlwaine, Fairlawn   | 3  | 6   | 248  |
| H. Wolfe, West Orange     | 0  | 8   | 56   |

#### Class "E"

Twenty players competed in Class "E" in three sectional round robins; two of six players and one of 8 players. Four players entered the final round robin for the championship: Clifford Axworthy, C. Dorshimer, Chas. McGinley and Wm. Williams. Williams, of Navesink, made a clean sweep of games in the final round robin to win the Class "E" championship. Axworthy was second, losing his only game to the champion, Dorshimer was third and Chas. McGinley fourth.

Axworthy made a clean sweep of his preliminary round robin matches to enter the finals. Sutherland came second, losing two games in this section.

Dorshimer also made a clean sweep of his preliminary round robin matches to enter the finals. Ellis and Peterson each lost two to tie for second in this sections.

Williams made a clean sweep of his

preliminary round Robin matches and along with McKinley who lost one game, entered the finals from the third section. Both players had close calls as each ran into difficulty early. Williams just nosed out Perch by a 25-24 score and McGinley won in a "bheather" from Anderson by a 25-24 score.

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|    | CLASS "E" FINALS W             | L |
|----|--------------------------------|---|
|    | Wm. Williams, Navesing 3       | 0 |
|    | Cliffd' Axworthy, Bloomfield 2 | 1 |
|    | C. Dorshimer, Collingswood 1   | 2 |
|    | Chas. McGinley, Metuchen 0     | 3 |
|    | CLASS "E" SECTION 1 W          | L |
|    | C. Axworthy, Bloomfield 5      | 0 |
|    | M. Sutherland, Mahwah 3        | 2 |
| į. | Guy Menta, Jersey City 2       | 3 |
| Ĵ  | Baird Fox, Elizabeth 2         | 3 |
| ĺ. | Carl Bard, Englewood 2         | 3 |
|    | W. R. Loveless, Englewood 1    |   |
| Ĩ  | CLASS "E", SEC. TWO W          |   |
|    | C. Dorshimer, Collingswood 5   |   |
|    | Thomas Ellis, Jersey City 3    |   |
|    | K. Peterson, Jersey City 3     |   |
|    | M. Valley, Jersey City 2       |   |
|    | Al. Vietmeyer, Jersey City 2   |   |
|    | J. McDonough, Jersey City 0    |   |
|    | CLASS "E" SEC. 3               |   |
|    | Wm. Williams, Navesing 7       | 0 |
|    | Chas. McGinley, Metuchen 6     | 1 |
|    | A. E. Beling, Harrington Pk 4  |   |
|    | Wm. Kelly, Everett 3           |   |
|    | Al Anderson, Englewood 2       | 5 |
|    | ,                              |   |

- 6. Karl Reich, Jersey City .. 2
- 7. John Knightly, Jersey City 1 6
- 8. John Pangaro, Jersey City 1 6

This 1937 State Championship was originally scheduled for September 19, but due to rain it was postponed to Sept. 26th. It was sanctioned by the Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and sponsored by the Bergen County Horseshoe club. The arrangement committee consisted of Claude Hart, newly elected president of the Bergen club, Ben Murphy, O. C. Peters all of Jersey City, and Reynold Santoro, of Perth Amboy, state secretary. The 60 players represented 23 cities from all sections of the state and round robins were conducted simultaneously on twenty-five courts. It is probably the only state championship conducted in the country with all the entries playing round robins in five different classes. Qualifying rounds were held Sunday morning and the finals started at 1:00 p.m. All classes were completed by 5 p.m. The courts were built by the Bergen club who worked hard to make this the best State Tournament to date. Over one hundred dollars was distributed among 24 players in the five classes in addition to trophies and medals. Three thousand spectators were held spell bound in the afternoon and failed to leave until the final presentation ceremonies were over.

U. S. Senator A. Harry Moore led the many celebrities present and presented the new A. Harry Moore tro-

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WINNER



#### LAWRENCE MAHONEY

Mahoney recently won the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitching tournament. His picture is reproudced here through the courtesy of the Hudson Dispatch.

phy to Larry Mahoney and on behalf of Governor Hoffman, presented little Arthur Scolari with the Governor H. G. Hoffman Trophy, emblematic of Class "B" Championship. Others present were Commissioners McGovern and Potterson, County Superintendent John F. O'Neil, Supt. of Lincoln Park Dunn and Deputy Commissioner of Fire and Police Flaherty. Official scorekeepers were Buckshaw, Fitzpatrick, Enright, Engle, Brown, Gough,

Witchert, Carlson, Beilan. Class "E" was conducted by Philip Majestic. All other classes were efficiently handled from the desk. W. E. and Reynold Santoro were the tournament directors with W. E. capably handling the loud speaker .-- New Jersey Horseshoe Pitchers' Assn. Reynold Santoro, secretary-treasurer.

#### GEORGE CURRY IS PENNSY CHAMPION

The Pennsylvania state horseshoe championship was won by Geo. Curry, of Fayette City in the state tournament held at South Park, Pittsburgh, Pa., Sunday, Sept. 12, 1937.

Class A

| UIUBB           |       |     |      |
|-----------------|-------|-----|------|
|                 | W     | L   | Avg. |
| Geo. Curry      | 10    | 1   | 68.3 |
| Dale Carson     | 9     | 2   | 71.5 |
| John Clingan    | 9     | 2   | 64.0 |
| Ray Fazenhaker  | 6     | 5   | 64.8 |
| Don Evans       |       | 5   | 60.0 |
| Wm. Stahl       | 5     | 6   | 61.0 |
| Bert Miller     | 5     | 6   | 61.6 |
| Steve Onderko   | 5     | 6   | 57.1 |
| Wm. Frye        |       | 7   | 53.2 |
| Chas. Mawhinny  | 3     | 8   | 57.3 |
| Herman Vogel    | 3     | 8   | 53.3 |
| Murphy          | 2     | 9   | 53.3 |
| Murphy          | В     |     |      |
| A. Clingan      | 11    | 0   | 64.2 |
| W. Mazur        |       | 2   | 61.7 |
| Bourett         | 8     | 3   | 62.6 |
| S. Biggi        | 7     | 4   | 57.3 |
| R. DiRocco      |       | 4   | 56.2 |
| Finals Cl       |       |     |      |
| W L             | SP    | R   | Pet. |
| Tate14 1        | 1056  | 708 | 67.0 |
| Swinehamer 12 3 | 1084  | 788 | 72.7 |
| Griggs          | 986   | 677 | 68.5 |
| Bemke11 4       | 1030  | 724 | 70.2 |
| Peters10 5      | 1034  | 692 | 66.8 |
| Leinwebber 7 8  | 1080  | 711 | 65.8 |
| Hefner 7 8      | 1112  | 723 | 65.0 |
| Ingersoll 7 8   | 912   | 561 | 61.5 |
| Moore 6 9       | 1008  | 637 | 63.1 |
| Collier 6 9     | 1072  | 674 | 62.8 |
| Peterson 6 9    | 1130  | 773 | 68.4 |
| Cox 5 10        | 1106  | 674 | 60.0 |
| Baker 5 10      | 982   | 567 | 57.3 |
| Turner 4 11     | 988   | 569 | 57.5 |
| Sigler 4 11     | 972   | 555 | 56.9 |
| Hilst 4 11      | 1076  | 646 | 60.0 |
| Finals Cl       | ass R |     |      |
| Terry           |       | 6   | 1    |
| J               |       |     | +    |

| Terry    | 6 | 9  |
|----------|---|----|
| Zobrist  | 5 | 1  |
| McAnelly | 4 | -  |
| Ferro    | 4 | -  |
| Moefield | 3 | 4  |
| Sligar   | 3 | 4  |
| Attwood  | 2 | 1  |
| Paluska  | 1 | .( |
|          |   |    |

The Second Annual Boys Horseshoe tournament was held at the Illinois State Fair on August 17, 1937, with the following results:

Preliminary, 100-Shoe Pitch P R Herbert Patrick, Fairbury....220 63

| Wm. Kew, Springfield187   | 49 |
|---------------------------|----|
| W. Seymour, Auburn        | 44 |
| O. Vernia, Fairbury174    | 46 |
| H. Scott, Payson          | 44 |
| R. Miller, E. St. Louis   | 44 |
| D. Young, Dawson163       | 40 |
| Billie Morris, Decatur153 | 35 |
| Finals, Boys' Tournament  |    |
| 317                       | T  |

|               | VY | 14 |
|---------------|----|----|
| Patrick       | 6  | 1  |
| Seymour       | 6  | 1  |
| Vernia        | 5  | 2  |
| Scott         | 4  | 3  |
| Kerr          | 3  | 4  |
| Miller        | 3  | 4  |
| Morris        | 1  | 6  |
| Young         | 0  | 6  |
| 7 11 7 00 1 1 |    |    |

In the play-off between Patrick and Seymour, Patrick won.

#### **12-YEAR-OLD WINS**

Twelve year old Art Scolari defeated Joe Puglise, former state champion, in the annual tournament of the Englewood Horseshoe Club held at the Dwight Morrow High School grounds, Oct. 17th. Fourteen members of the club participated in the tourney. Scolari won the final game averaging 68 per cent ringers, while Puglise averaged 58 per cent Clarence Saunders topped the class B contenders with 6 victories and one loss. Three were tied for 3rd place. Carl Bard winning the playoff.

The Standings:

| Class A    | W | L | Pet. |
|------------|---|---|------|
| Scolari    | 5 | 0 | 66   |
| Puglise    | 4 | 1 | 68   |
| Davis      | 3 | 2 | 35   |
| Anderson   | 1 | 4 | 34   |
| Beling     | 1 | 4 | 28   |
| Smith      | 1 | 4 | 25   |
| Class B    | W | L | Pet. |
| Sanders    | 6 | 1 | 32   |
| Weisledder | 5 | 2 | 30   |
| Beekmann   | 4 | 3 | 28   |
| Bard       | 4 | 3 | 30   |
| Cohen      | 4 | 3 | 26   |
| Covert     | 3 | 4 | 25   |
| Grant      | 3 | 4 | 20   |
| Loveless   | 0 | 7 | 18   |
|            |   |   |      |

Englewood Club has 30 members and many of them are taking a keen interest in the game. Next year we expect to take the game more serious than ever. We intend to make a plea to the officers of this city for improve. ment of other courts. We would like to have at least 10 perfect courts and then we can go to town.

The Englewood team won 2nd place in the Jersey State Horseshoe League for which we have to thank 2 of the best players especially on our team, former state champ Joe Puglise and perhaps the future champ the 12 year old wonder boy, Arty Scolari, who lost only 2 games during the season. Arty is pitching 40 feet starting at the beginning of the season.

#### EASTERN HORSESHOE LEADER SUCCUMBS

Horseshoe pitchers everywhere will be saddened to learn of the death of Rev. E. V. Stevens, Marlboro, Mass. Mr. Stevens has long been identified with the National Horseshoe Pitchers association and was a familiar figure at national conventions and tournaments.

He was greatly interested in the amateur side of horseshoe pitching, although he always declared there was a place for professional pitching.

He died in Columbus, Ohio, having been stricken on the train en route to visit his son in Columbus. (Unfortunately the editor of this magazine did not learn of his death for some time. Columbus is only 25 miles from London, home of the Horseshoe World -E: itor.)

The story as told in the Marlboro Enterprise is as follows:

News of the death of Rev. Ezekial Vose Stevens, which occurred in University hospital, Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday, was received with universal sorrow. Funeral service will be held at the Rutherford funeral home in that city and the body will be taken to Urbana, Illinois, for burial on Friday after service in the Universalist Church there, where he formerly served as pastor.

Rev. Mr. Stevens, pastor of the Marlboro Universalist Church for several years, left a week ago to visit his son, Wentworth H. Stevens at Columbus and was taken ill on the train enroute. He was taken to his son's home and later removed to the hospital, where he passed away.

He was much beloved by the members of his parish as well as all who



#### **REV. E. V. STEVENS**

had come to know him . A lover of clean sports and athletics, he took pleasure in organizing a horseshoe pitching league here and for several years had active participation in the pastime himself. He was widely known in the circles of Universalism and held many important officers in church affairs.

Only a few weeks ago Rev. Mr. Stevens was called back to Buckfield, Maine, where Mrs. Stevens, with whom he had spent the summer vacation in that place and was remaining over a longer time, was injured severely in an automobile accident. Finding Mrs. Stevens was not seriously hurt and making favorable recov-

100 couraged, but his friends just can't allow that to happen as we all get that way occasionally. However we 4 can't let it get us down but must keep on plugging away.

I hope Mr. Rose is successful in the formation of his league. His suggested division of players and teams is similar to what we have been experimenting with here in Northern California. Our aim is to divide our portion of the State into districts and after each district has run off a series of preliminary matches to hold interdistrict events. Our program wasn't altogether successful last season but the possibilities were proven and if the necessary leadership can be obtained in some of the district's the program could be a great success.

I do believe a great deal more thought should be given to the entertainment side in Horseshoes. League work can be used to take care of a certain amount but care should be ery, the pastor later left on a contemplated trip to visit his son, when he was taken suddenly ill. Mrs. Stevens is still in Maine.

Rev. Mr. Stevens was born in Turnersville, Maine, November 20, 1859. He was educated in the schools there and entered the Theological school of St. Lawrence University in Canton, N. Y. and was ordained to the ministry at Oakland, Maine, in 1885. His first pastorate was in Oakland and then he served in Lyndonville, Vermont in 1889.

He later held pastorates in Herkimer, N. Y. and Urbana, Ill. In the latter place he served for eight years and a new church was erected during his pastorship.

During the World War he was pastor of a Columbus, Ohio church and was awarded a gold medal by the U. S. Government for patriotic service. In 1924 Mr. Stevens accepted the call to the Saugus Church where he remained for six years and after a year as supply pastor at New Bedford, accepted the pastorate of the Universalist Church here in January, 1931, succeeding Rev. Harold I. Merrill.

He was president of the Marlboro Ministers Association being dean of local Ministers. He held the office of chaplain in United Brethren Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

While pastor at Herkimer, N. Y. he was editor of the 'Covention at Work" the official organ of the New York Universalist Convention. Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Clayton Mark of Evanston, Illinois, and a son, Wentworth H. Stevens of Columbus, Ohio.

taken not to allow League schedules to be so drawn out as to become tiresome to the players or so severe as to interfere too much with Club activities.

I am beginning to believe that perhaps the creation of seasons for the various types of match play might be a good idea. In other words the early part of a league season should be used in scheduling team play matches, in which this type of play would be utilized to warm up the veterans and as a training ground for the rookies, while the latter part of the season should be utilized for championship and other open tournament type of events.

Also, Mr. Howard, in view of the fact that a great deal could be accompilshed by these informal discussions on the subject through the pages of the Horseshoe World. I agree with Mr. Chess that something should be

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#### 4 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 4 委 LETTERS TO EDITOR 4 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **MANY THANKS!**

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 28, 1937 Dear Mr. Howard:

We wish to compliment you on your very interesting November issue of the Horseshoe World. You had a combination of reading in that issue which should be of interest to everyone connected with horseshoes.

The accounts of the Mid West tournament was especially interesting. That match certainly must have been a dandy and wish we could have been on hand to have witnessed such superb display of expert ringer tossing.

Of especial interest to me and no doubt others interested in the organization of horseshoes were the letters of Mr. Chess and Mr. Rose. Mr. Chess I'm afraid is getting just a little dis-

#### FAIRFIELD COUNTY TOURNEY

Following are results of the Fairfield County (Conn.) Horseshoe tournament in which Stamford Horseshoe

r- Club seems to have taken a full r- share of the honors:

| Class                   | A  |    |     |     |             |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-------------|
|                         | W  | L  | R   | DR  | Pct.        |
| S. C. Lane, Stamford    | 11 | 0  | 341 | 102 | 609         |
| Wm. Croburt, Shelton    | 10 | 1  | 327 | 96  | 596         |
| J. Kamzik, Bridgeport   | 7  | 4  | 320 | 74  | 466         |
| H. Higbie, Stamford     | 7  | 4  | 272 | 55  | <b>40</b> 2 |
| S. Bartram, Bridgeport  | 6  | 5  | 315 | 65  | 441         |
| A. Doshna, Stamford     | 5  | 6  | 255 | 50  | 404         |
| A. Kilnig, Cos Cob      | 5  | 6  | 275 | 51  | 402         |
| E. Bush, Shelton        | 5  | 6  | 252 | 54  | 382         |
| L. Lane, Stamford       | 4  | 7  | 288 | 55  | 402         |
| J. Capro, Bridgeport    | 3  | 8  | 266 | 55  | 401         |
| Wm. Cooper, Bridgeport  | 3  | 8  | 256 | 38  | 381         |
| F. Wagner, Stamford     | 0  | 11 | 223 | 29  | 341         |
| Class                   | В  |    |     |     |             |
| T. Gray, Stamford       | 7  | 0  | 147 | 25  | 430         |
| J. McCarty Shelton      | 5  | 2  | 136 | 24  | 317         |
| J. Kaliskih, Bridgeport | 4  | 3  | 148 | 18  | 301         |
| O'Byrm, Stratford       | 4  | 3  | 135 | 14  | 299         |
| S. Bush, Shelton        | 4  | 3  | 112 | 14  | 236         |
| F. Soukup, Bridgeport   | 2  | 5  | 124 | 14  | 278         |
| Doming, Shelton         | 2  | 5  | 136 | 16  | 267         |
| H. Brady, Stamford      | 0  | 7  | 113 | 11  | 228         |
| Class                   | C  |    |     |     |             |
| I. Belive, Cos Cob      | 7  | 0  | 155 | 28  | 398         |
| V. Olsen, Bridgeport    | 6  | 1  | 130 | 20  | 302         |
| J. Blomquist, Stamford  | 4  | 3  | 114 | 13  | 226         |
| Gustavason, Bridgeport  | 3  | 4  | 119 | 12  | 267         |
| R. Johnson, Stratford   | 3  | 4  | 118 | 19  | 258         |
| J. Barton, Shelton      | 3  | 4  | 92  | 6   | 200         |
| C. Johnson, Bridgeport  | 1  | 6  | 91  | 10  | 216         |
| Carroll, Stratford      | 1  | 6  | 101 | 8   | 205         |
|                         |    |    |     |     |             |

LETTERS TO EDITOR (Cont'd.) done about yours. If besides the various individuals, every club through its secretary would subscribe and if Tournament officials when making up prizes would include subscriptions to the Horseshoe World, (I can think of no prize better), perhaps that might help some.

> Sincerely yours, W. F. Pearce, 589 36th St. Oakland, Calif.

#### SEEK TO FORM DISTRICT LEAGUE

The secretary of the Massachusetts State Horseshoe Association is co-operating with the Athol Horseshoe club in trying to organize a Western Massachusetts Horseshoe League.

No definite plans have been made yet, but it is hoped to have enough teams entered to form two divisions with teams averaging over 45% in the "A" division and teams averaging under 45% in the "B" division, with four men on a team. The first meeting will be held at the Athol Club rooms sometime late in February. Any club wishing to enter a team in this league, please write to either Charles Wheeler, 611 Pequoig Avenue, Athol, Mass., or to Ralph Forrstrom, 896 Worthington street, Springfield, Mass., for further information.

#### HOLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Northern California championship tournament was held last summer. Participants: Ira Allen, Fresno, brother of Ted Allen, world's champion; Czar Marcevich, Oakland; M. E. Fourcade, Watsonville; Sam Pipe, Salinas; Walt Whitton, Sam Faix, Roy Pentacost, Ham Davidson, F. S. Pomeroy and Maclellan, San Francisco; Guy Stapp, Bob O'Flynn and Tomsic and Craig, of Oakland.

Czar Marcevich won all his games, two by byes; Fourcade only dropped one, and Allen two.

#### **OUR CONGRATULATIONS**

Here are some Massachusettes champions we wish to congratulate: H. Schouler, 38 Grove St., Greenfield, Greenfield playground champion; Raymond La Mothe, 185 Hazel Street, Fitchburg city champion; Thomas Laurino, Bridge stree, Ludlow, Forest park club champion; Clyde Clark, Conway, Franklin county champion and Bernard Herfurth, 208 South St., Northampton, Western Mass. champion.

#### ELLIOTT WINS

Jay Elliott won the county championship at Yakima, Washington, Elliott winning in a match played to break the tie.

#### Here are the figures:

| TTULL BALL BALL THE DECON |    |     |     |  |
|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|--|
| Art Waterbury 7           | 1  | 238 | 52% |  |
| Jay Elliott 6             | 2  | 227 | 58% |  |
| Peter Cook 6              | 2  | 217 | 53% |  |
| Harry Scott 5             | 3  | 211 | 45% |  |
| W. W. Trueblood4          |    |     | 40% |  |
| Al Miller 4               | 4  | 152 | 35% |  |
| Alex McLeod 3             | 5  | 117 | 34% |  |
| Rosser 1                  | 7  | 99  | 30% |  |
| Clift Rediske 0           | 8  | 39  | 20% |  |
| Jay Elliott 50 54         | 14 | 88  | 62% |  |
| Art Waterbury 31 47       | 5  | 88  | 54% |  |
| Jay Elliott 50 31         | 10 | 58  | 54% |  |
| Art Waterbury 40 26       |    |     | 45% |  |
|                           |    |     |     |  |

#### COUNTY TOURNEY

The Converse County (Wyoming) Horseshoe Pitchers Association held an Inter-County Tournament, including Converse and Natrona Counties, for the championship of said Counties, in Glenrock, Wyoming, on September 12. At this Tournament the following parties competed: Glenrock, Carl Jung R. R. Gardner, Lew Smith, Fred Jones, D. L. McDermett; Casper, John Hancock, John Humphries, Leonard Hanson, W. A. Clark; Douglas, Jack Jones, Emil Kaspar, Scott Larsen, George A. Jewell.

Fifty shoes were pitched to qualify, and the six players having the largest score were placed in Class A, and the next six in Class B. The Class A players then played off their games, each player playing each of the others, or a total of five games, and in this competition Hanson, of Casper, Wyoming was high man, Emil Kaspar of Douglas was second, and Carl Jung of Glenrock third. In the Class B group Jack Jones of Douglas was high, R. R. Gardner of Glenrock second, and Scott Larsen of Douglas, third. The qualifying scores were as follows:

| A Bracket      | Pointe    | Ror's |
|----------------|-----------|-------|
|                |           |       |
| Carl Jung      | 80        | 22    |
| John Hancock   | 78        | 19    |
| W. A Clark     |           |       |
| Leonard Hanson |           |       |
| Lew Smith      |           |       |
| Emil Kaspar    |           |       |
| B Bracket      | Points Ri | ngers |
| Jack Jones     |           |       |
| R. R. Gardner  | 60        | 13    |
| John Humphries | 58        | 12    |
| Scott Larsen   | 54        | 10    |
| Fred Jones     | 53        | 10    |
| George Jewell  | 52        | 7     |
|                |           |       |

#### **IS QUITE ACTIVE**

Harry Woodfield, 734 19th St., N. E. Washington D. C. is quite active in horseshoe pitching in the capital city. He is secretary of the District of Columbia pitchers association and has some ideas about organizing certain states in the Middle Atlantic region.

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#### JACK JONES IS WYOMING VICTOR

Jack Jones, of Douglas, is the Wyoming champion horseshoe pitcher. Mr. Jones copped the crown at the state tourney held at the city park in Glenrock.

The tournament was divided into two classes, according to the percentage of ringers thrown with 50 shoes in the qualifying round. The top

eight contested for the championship with the remainder battling it out in the class B section.

Palmer, of Cheyenne, and Jones of Douglas, each lost one game during the round robin schedule and were to play the best two out of three games for the championship. Jones won two games 50-26 and 50-46.

TABULATION OF WYOMING STATE TOURNAMENT

| Class A.               | Champion    | ship  | Grou   | )   |    |     |      |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|-----|----|-----|------|
|                        | W           | L     | Р      | R   | DR | SP  | Pct. |
| Palmer, Cheyenne       |             | 1     | 326    | 186 | 43 | 400 | 46.5 |
| Jones, Douglas         | 6           | 1     | 314    | 164 | 33 | 402 | 40.2 |
| Farrell, Cheyenne      |             | 2     | 331    | 177 | 38 | 462 | 41.9 |
| Hansen, Casper         |             | 3     | 294    | 195 | 33 | 494 | 39.7 |
| Lawson, Wheatland      | 4           | 3     | 283    | 165 | 30 | 442 | 33.1 |
| Gardner, Glenrock      |             | 5     | 268    | 159 | 23 | 516 | 24.9 |
| Loomis, Douglas        |             | 6     | 201    | 117 | 18 | 456 | 26.0 |
| McNeil, Cheyenne       | 0           | 7     | 208    | 126 | 16 | 440 | 27.0 |
| Playoff o              | f Tie for ( | ham   | pionsh | ip  |    |     |      |
| Jones, Douglas         |             | 0     | 100    | 59  | 16 | 120 | 50.2 |
| Palmer, Cheyenne       | 0           | 2     | 71     | 51  | 7  | 120 | 42.0 |
| Playoff o              | f Tie for 1 | Fourt | h Pla  | ce  |    |     |      |
| Lawson, Wheatland      |             | 0     | 100    | 49  | 11 | 114 | 43.1 |
| Hansen, Casper         |             | 2     | 50     | 33  | 6  | 114 | 29.0 |
| (                      | lass B Gr   | OUD   |        |     |    |     |      |
| Jung, Glenrock         |             | 1     | 389    | 168 | 30 | 442 | 38.2 |
| Harrison, Cheyenne     |             | 1     | 396    | 186 | 25 | 540 | 34.3 |
| Smith, L. E., Glenrock | 6           | 2     | 376    | 156 | 25 | 482 | 33.6 |
| Thompson, Cheyenne     |             | 3     | 337    | 154 | 21 | 552 | 30.9 |
| Larson, Douglas        |             | 3     | 345    | 134 | 13 | 562 | 27.2 |
| McDermott, Glenrock    |             | 5     | 306    | 119 | 12 | 558 | 22.5 |
| Smith, N. C., Casper   | 2           | 6     | 243    | 86  | 5  | 522 | 16.0 |
| Jewell, Douglas        | 1           | 7     | 200    | 71  | 2  | 510 | 13.7 |
| Skinner, Glenrock      | 0           | 8     | 245    | 92  | 10 | 506 | 17.7 |
| Playoff                | of Tie for  | First | Place  |     |    |     |      |
| Jung, Glenrock         | 1           | 0     | 50     | 18  | 4  | 42  | 42.9 |
| Harrison, Cheyenne     |             | 1     | 12     | 8   | 0  | 42  | 19.0 |
| Playoff of             | f Tie for 1 | Fourt | h Pla  | ce  |    |     |      |
| Thompson, Cheyenne     |             | 0     | 50     | 15  | 0  | 58  | 25.9 |
| Larson, Douglas        | 0           | 1     | 40     | 16  | 5  | 58  | 27.9 |
|                        |             |       |        |     |    |     |      |

#### HAVE GOOD YEAR

Missouri had a good horseshoe year, thanks to the splendid efforts of Jack Claves and other Missouri leaders.

#### **BEG PARDON**

In the December issue we mentioned a tournament of the Vienna Firemen. It should have read Vienna, Md. instead of Vienna, Indiana.



INSTALL COURTS

Peoria, Ill. A recent addition to the "Caterpillar" Athletic Field is 15 of

employees interested in this activity. At the organization meeting 300 employees were represented. Ten men compose a team, and with the opening of the courts for practice it is expected that added interest will develop so that as many as 40 teams may become members of the horseshoe pitching league.

Chester L. Hefner served as president of last year's league.

#### HELPS GAME

National Champion Ted Allen gave more than 50 radio interviews on horseshoe pitching during the past season. He has played for three successive years at Madison Square Garden in New York. He is booked for the Denver Stock Show January 15-22.

#### GAME IS BOOSTED

The Sporting Goods Dealer, magazine going to hardware dealers and sporting goods dealers everywhere will carry a boost for the horseshoe game in a forthcoming issue. Material for it was prepared by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association as a part of the association's services in behalf of equipment manufacturers who support the association.



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Bobby Shidler, Kewanna, Ind., was injured severely when struck on the head while pitching horseshoes.

The Plainville, Ill., News says "Horseshoe pitching seems to be the main attraction here now."

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Newspapers recently carried photos of George O'Brien movie star, pitching horseshoes with his leading lady in his new picture "Hollywood Cowboy." He is shown teaching Cecelia Parker the fine art of the game,

Dewey Strunk, Somerset, Ky., is champion horseshoe pitcher in that town. Vincennes, Indiana, was in the horseshoe picture this year. John Hoffman, Vincennes sport leader, has been active in getting the game started.

Kenny Gunning, co-captain of the Indiana University basket ball team last season, won the horseshoe championship in the University tourney. He is coach at the Oliver school in South Bend this year.

The high schools of Enterprise, Wallowa and Elgin, Oregon, have horseshoe courts on their playgrounds according to Roy W. Smith, of Elgin.

#### BOOSTS HORSESHOES

We occasionally receive a copy of the Barnum (Colo.) News, a newspaper that boosts the game quite often. Since the editor of this magazine is a member of the board of directors of the National Editorial association, of course, he is pleased to note that the Barnum News is a member of the N.E.A.

#### GOING GOOD

Although 68 years of age, Chas. W. Cowan, Veedersburg, Ind., is still a good horseshoe pitcher and loses no opportunity to boost the sport.

#### HAVE INDOOR COURTS

Arlo Harris, Indiana Champ, writes that winter slowed up the game only for a time, as indoor courts were being installed. (This was in November and they are probably pitching on them in Indianapolis by now).

#### **CHUMARD IS NAMED**

George D. Chumard, Room 1, 2nd floor, 644 Main street, Cincinnati, has been named chairman of the National A. A. U. Horseshoe committee this year. Unable to attend, since finances would not permit, the National A. A. U. convention in Boston failed to reappoint R. B. Howard, who served last year.

EdVan Matre, 1626 Esplanade, New Orleans, La., is very much interested in the game.

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