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Here we are with 'nother issue of the old pitching gazette . . . and since it's getting around about Christmas time may we suggest that the Horseshoe World makes a swell Christmas gift . . . just fold a dollar bill in an envelope . . . tell us who to send it to and we'll do the rest, even to notifying the person to whom you wish it sent, telling him that it was sent by you . . . Merry Christmas and all that sort of thing . . . with the "commercials over" may we get down to brass tacks and say that we are hunting news of indoor courts . . . if you send us enough news we may make a department of it around about the first of the year . . . and may we request more news from the West Coast . . . whddaye doing out there? . . . just because we didn't get to come to San Francisco for the National is no sign we want to lose track of you entirely . . . do your shopping early and don't forget to buy Christmas Health Seals!

November, 1939

IT'S YOUR DUTY

If you like horseshoe pitching it is your duty to join a local club, to see that the local club belongs to the state organization and that the state association is affiliated with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

We get weary listening to the chaps who say "Well, what does the National do for us anyhow?" We wonder how we come to have rules, how we happen to have official scoresheets, how we happen to have regulation courts and regulation equipment? It would be a funny game if New York played on 40-foot courts and New Jersey played on 35-foot courts. But that could easily happen if there wasn't a National Association.

So let's get ready for 1940 and boost the National!



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MAINE STATE TOURNAMENT

On Sept. 16 and 17 the state's leading horseshoe pitchers gathered at the Portland Club courts for their annual state meet sanctioned by the State Association and played under National Association rules. With a four club state league in plan this season, many entries were placed in their respective division from league records. All other entries qualified on Saturday morning. The B and C classes went into round-robin play Saturday afternoon, where Jesse Mains of Portland easily won the Class C championship. However, the Class B competition was evenly divided and fought out to a finish, with Dell Ellinwood of Sebago Lake, Louis North, of Portland, and Gilbert Peterson, of Stockholm, finishing all even with five wins and two losses each. Still being even after their first three-man round robin play-off, Ellinwood steadied enough to come through as champ in the second round-robin playoff.

On Sunday afternoon the Class A or championship division round robin play got underway, and in fairness to the pitchers' slightly lower averages, the writer states that a cold, strong wind continuously swept the courts, in direct contrast to the previous day when Classes B and C pitched in the hottest temperature. However, with Harold Goodier the defending champ, Clarence Carlsson, a former western state champ, Merrill Barnes, the leading state league pitcher, and Porter Clark, the dark horse Auburn Club champ, all going strong, the final outcome was not known until Barnes defeated Carlsson in the eighth round to become Maine's new 1939 champ. Clark and Goodier finished even at seven wins and two defeats each, but the play-off found Clark taking Goodier for second place. The following is a summary of the round robin play in each class.

	Class A								
	W	L	R	SP	Pct.	DR	TP	OP	BG
Barnes	8	1	262	504	52.0	69	442	287	60.6
Clark	7	2	328	664	49.4	74	446	336	58.7
Goodier	7	2	250	498	50.2	64	411	293	58.3
Carlsson	6	3	267	510	52.4	71	431	266	65.8
A. Boucher	5	4	220	542	40.6	39	357	378	47.9
S. Davis	4	5	265	582	45.6	56	384	440	56.2
Mains	3	6	166	468	35.5	22	321	413	46.0
E. Boucher	3	6	203	566	35.8	29	332	404	43.1
Robie	1	8	190	552	34.5	31	301	443	46.7
Ellinwood	1	8	189	542	34.9	34	268	453	51.5

 * HERE, THERE AND *
 * EVERYWHERE *
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 * By Leland Mortenson *

Recently I received a huge package of newspaper clippings from Harry Woodfield, of 734 19th St., N. E., Washington, D. C. These clippings included articles pictures and several cartoons relating to a local horseshoe tournament held at Washington, D. C. The newspaper is "The Evening Star," published at Washington, D. C. I think it is just about a world's record for publicity in one newspaper for one tournament.

I did some measuring and found news totaled 303 column inches; pictures 106½ inches; cartoons, 118 inches, and top page headlines, 180 inches

Mr. Woodfield and his friends in Washington, D. C., deserve a lot of credit for boosting the game in that vicinity.

Now there are lots of promoters

all over the United States who are working hard to put over the game. They will, for the most part, never derive a cent for their efforts, but it is they who, to the greatest extent, are making it possible for the pitchers to pick up a few prizes and medals; and, incidentally, making it possible for the manufacturers to sell horseshoes.

 After January 1, 1940, manufacturers will have to post a \$100 bond with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and place a five-cent stamp of that association on every pair of shoes they distribute. The funds from the stamps are to be used solely for prizes for world's championship tournaments. I can see no reason why the manufacturers should object, if any do. More prizes will mean more interest more pitchers, more shoes sold. As a matter of fact, I think a 25-cent stamp on every pair of shoes would be reasonable.

 Eddie Packham, formerly of California, is now making his home at Des Moines, and is working at Ho-

tel Fort Des Moines, and staying at Hotel Lincoln. It is my opinion that if Eddie had Allen's temperament, he would be nearly in his class.

 Sidney Harris, of Minden, has recently successfully defended his Nebraska title. Did you know that this summer Harris drove out to Frisco to compete in the big meet only to find that it had been called off? Maybe Sidney was sore about that and had to take it out on his Nebraska rivals.

(Editor's Note—This may be "treason" but it proves our contention that even the champions don't read the Horseshoe World regularly. Surely the calling-off of the meet was well publicized by your former National Secretary).

 * GOOD WORK, MY BOY! *



Secretary of State Frederick Robie, president of the Main State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (left), congratulates Merrill Barnes, of Bangor, (right), who had just won the 1939 State Championship.

VINS COUNTY MEET

Steve Raymond won the county tournament at Lafayette, Ind. William Evertt was runner up with Shell Hatton coming in third place.

OREGON STATE TITLE IS UNDETERMINED

Because of a good humored disagreement about procedure, the Oregon State Horseshoe Tournament, held at Salem, the state capital city, on October 1st, ended without the championship being decided. The meet was originally scheduled for two days, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, with a round robin to be played on the first day to select the players for the finals. Due to a late start and differences of opinions it was decided to use the 100-shoe pitch for qualification. Roy W. Smith of Wallowa, was the high-point qualifier, with 73 ringers out of 300 shoes.

The tourney was to have been held on the nine-lane courts at Olinger Field, but due to rain on the night of the 30th, play was switched to inside clay courts. At the conclusion of the semi-finals, with 12 pitchers participating, the six to enter the finals were qualified on a basis of ringer percentage. They were Jack Smith, Bill Hayden and C. C. Clark, of Portland, Hilmer Pell, defending champion, of Pendleton, Roy W. Smith, of Wallowa, and H. E. Donaldson, of Salem.

In the final session, in which each player pitched five games, Jack Smith and Hayden were tied for first with four wins and one loss each while Champion Pell had won three and lost two. But on the basis of all games played for both semi-finals and finals, Pell was tops with seven wins and three losses, while Smith and Hayden each had six wins and four losses.

Some members contended that qualifications for the finals should have been on the basis of games won in the semi-finals and not on ringer percentages. However, either way it was figured, after so many different rulings had already been made, it appeared that some would not be getting a square deal. It was finally placed in the hands of a committee who decided for a three-way play-off.

The report was approved, but everyone was so tired and worn out that Hayden stated he would use the right to forfeit rather than play. Pell declined to play and wanted to forfeit to Jack Smith. Smith refused to accept the title under protest. So, all in all, it was a very much mixed up affair and all the pitchers said they would return next year and battle it out.

The mistakes and difficulties encountered were honest and sincere ones and no one could be or was blamed for them. Everyone displayed a splendid brand of sports-

manship which, after all is the most important factor to be considered as, regardless of who wins or loses, it is the way that one plays the game that really counts.

The association voted to hold the 1940 tournament in Salem on Labor Day and the preceding Sunday. New officers elected were: President, Stephen A. Stone; secretary, Vernon Frahm, both of Salem; vice presidents, Otto Johnson, of Portland, Hilmer Pell of Pendleton, Roy W. Smith, of Wallowa, H. C. Cook, of Eugene, and Ward Terry, of Silverton.

A drive will be made to enlarge and strengthen the states membership and under the able leadership of Mr. Stone, the 1940 tournament is sure to be one of great success. Several of the old timers were heard to remark that this year's aggregation of tossers were the toughest they had ever seen assembled for the state meet. This is a pleasing sign that Oregon is forging to the front and that more interest is being displayed in the grand old game of horseshoe. Truly, next year's tourney should bring out some interesting developments!

GANDY DEFEATS DAHLENE IN PLAYOFF IN KANSAS

Twelve men, representative of the best horseshoe pitching in Kansas, stepped up to the pegs at 1 o'clock. From then until 5:30 the residents of Columbus, Kansas, saw a total of 5,186 ringers tossed around the various stakes. The day was ideal for pitching as well as for the spectators. In fact fall days in the middlewest are hard to beat for sheer beauty.

While the courts were not in the best of shape, nevertheless the first three men, namely Gandy, Dahlene and Kraft had a good percentage of 71.6, 72 and 68.7 respectively. After four hours of pitching it developed that Gandy and Dahlene were tied at 10 wins and one loss each. Dahlene had pitched superb horseshoes on his three arch rivals, Woodard, Gandy and Kraft, in the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds. On Woodard, Dahlene slipped on 51 out of 64 for 79.5 per cent. In the sixth round Gandy the defending champion, and Dahlene locked horns and a thrilling battle ensued, with the Lawrence man coming out on top thus, Dahlene 50 and Gandy 39. In this game, Dahlene had 67 out of 86 for a neat 77.5 per cent average.

In the Dahlene-Kraft game with Dahlene leading 47 to 27, Kraft rallied to go ahead 48 to 27, with 15 straight ringers. However he singled in the next inning and Dahlene

doubled out. The standings at that time were, Dahlene, 7 and 0; Gandy, 6 and 1; Kraft, 6 and 1. It looked as though Dahlene might become champion, but in the ninth round, Sites, of Wichita, tossed a "hot" game on Dahlene of 77%, thus setting the stage for the play-off.

In the play-off, Gandy subdued Dahlene, but only after a hard fought two games, 50 to 42 and 50 to 48

Kraft, Woodard and Sites pitched their usual good games with Woodard having a run of 11 consecutive doubles on Sites.

Wichita was well represented with four pitchers, namely Sites Cooper, Tamboer and Barnes.

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Dahlene	10	1	549	532	194	758	72.0
Gandy	10	1	553	535	189	752	71.6
Kraft	9	2	549	526	180	762	69.0
Woodard	8	3	526	527	174	800	65.6
Sites	7	4	507	509	163	766	65.5
Woods	5	6	464	399	115	724	55.0
Barnes	4	7	459	406	117	738	61.3
Cooper	4	7	454	380	113	686	59.0
Tamboer	3	8	402	397	105	724	54.0
Miller	2	9	394	363	88	702	50.7
Meanor	2	9	347	360	93	708	49.1
Collett	1	10	264	252	54	574	41.9
Playoff—							
Gandy	2	0	50	64	21	90	71.1
Dahlene	0	2	42	63	20	90	70.0
Gandy			50	60	21	88	68.1
Dahlene			47	58	18	88	65.9

NEW CHAMPION

Foxboro—With a field of 51 entries attempting to wrest the title of state horseshoe champion from Jimmy O'Shea of Brockton, Stanley DeLeary, full-blooded Indian of Amesbury came through to regain the title which O'Shea had taken from him two years ago.

The pitching was witnessed by a large crowd from all corners of the state on the Elm St. courts. The qualifying rounds started at 9 a. m. and the six courts were kept busy from then until the field had been narrowed down to a four-man round robin for the final play-off.

In Class A were former State Champions Larson, or Lynn, Hurfurth of Northampton, and DeLeary, besides O'Shea, Jackson, Comeau Graichen and 17-year-old L'Abbe, who in his first tournament reached the finals.

Besides prize money awards of gold and silver, engraved belt buckles went to the new champion and the runners-up, Murfurth and Jackson.

The finals in Class A resulted in the elimination of O'Shea, Comeau, Graichen and Larson, who, in the seven matches required were bested by Hurfurth, Jackson, DeLeary and L'Abbe, who then went into the round robin with DeLeary emerging the new champion.

 * A MESSAGE OF GOOD *
 * WILL FROM CANADA *
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September 17th, 1939

Horseshoe World,

45 W. Second St., London, Ohio

Owing to the gala year held by horseshoe pitchers throughout Canada this year, I have been unable to keep in touch with you as I wished, but as the United States have played such a great part in making this the greatest year for Canadian horseshoes, it is only right that the Horseshoe World should have a report of the activities as a means of making a greater contact with all pitchers on the American continent through your well-known magazine, which is getting a large following in Canada.

First of all, through my correspondence with Pop Woodfield of Washington, I was contacted with Frank Gamble, of New York, and we made arrangements to bring a Canadian team on a goodwill tour through Washington, Staten Island and Long Island.

Our team was comprised of Dean McLaughlin, Dominion champion; Norm Black, captain; Roy McLaughlin, Lack Lovatt, George Craggs, Whitey Hudson, Fred Hilson, Lefty Ferris, Dave Lambie, Ed Popay, Jim Liston, Geo. Arrowsmith and myself as manager.

The games ended in a tie, two games to Canada two to United States and the very least I can say is that the hospitality, friendliness and the sportsmanship in the United States is really wonderful, for apart from the games themselves, in which we were given the preference, the efforts of all who took part to see that we had a good time, were outstanding, and for this, on behalf of the Canadian players, through your Horseshoe World, I wish to extend our thanks to all in the United States and hope that this may be only one of many trips to follow, and wish all the best of success in horseshoes.

We also wish to thank the New York Association for the beautiful plaque presented to us by Frank Gamble, which is the admiration of all here.

Canada was then paid a visit by pitchers from Rochester, Ralph Casper, Stan White and George Sutherland, losing out on a game at Oakwood, against a picked team, but putting on a wonderful show.

This visit from Rochester was really the first build-up for the United States entry into Canada, the first for the creation of good will and friendship between the two countries,

which was closely followed by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamble for a three-day stay at which time Mr. Gamble made arrangements for a New York team to play at the Canadian National Exhibition, the first time horseshoes were ever played there.

Frank wrote me that he was sending up a team of children, and they arrived in Toronto on August 23rd. The team was, Larry Mahoney, Ken Hurst, John Hurst, Art Scolari, Jimmy Ruggles, with Henry Christy as manager, and Benny Hendrickson as driver.

Their first practise at Oakwood opened the eyes of the locals, but on August 25th, at the Exhibition, the "children" began to turn it on, and in front of the huge gallery, Dean McLaughlin, Canada, first broke the Canadian record with a run of 22 straight ringers in an 81 per cent game, and broke this with an 82 per cent. In spite of this, the New York team gathered momentum and came first in the inter-city international tournament, with Toronto second, Buffalo, third, and Washington fourth. Miss Ruth Allen who was in Toronto at the same time, put on four exhibition games with male opponents, winning all her games, pitching an average of 65 per cent which astonished the audience.

In the Ontario four-man team championships, Toronto came in first, with Hamilton a close second, but these games were climaxed with the international game, a picked team from Canada, Dean McLaughlin, Fred Harbin, Jimmy Daniels and George Craggs, against Larry Mahoney, New Jersey, Ken Hurst, Rhode Island, D. Bickerton, Buffalo, and Stan White, Rochester, when the finest brand of pitching ever seen here was shown.

This game the United States took after a hard battle, but all records were broken by Ken Hurst, who beat Jimmy Daniels, 50 to 3, 36 shoes pitched; Hurst 34 ringers, Daniels 18; Hurst 95 per cent, Daniels 50 per cent. Enclosed please find copy of score sheet.

The New York team then made a tour of the Toronto clubs, with Larry Mahoney pitching an 89 per cent, and at Oakwood, Art Scolari broke loose with a 92 per cent game, with trick pitching being put on, their skill being a revelation to enthusiasts who were gathered in hundreds to see the exhibition.

To say the least the pitching ability of these boys was marvelous, but something that was not expected in so young a team, was their real sporting attitude, topped off with a gentlemanliness that indicated Frank Gamble's selection was after great

study for individuality and teamwork, and in selecting Henry Christie as manager, a perfect job was completed, for the horseshoe fans in Canada cannot say enough of the team, their pitching, and their manager's ability in handling them, and we take our hats off to the United States once more for not only their ability to welcome and entertain, but also for having such gentlemen and players, and for the executives who arrange these games and selections, we also thank them for the boost they have given the game here, and hope this year is just a beginner for the future, as Canada is now changing to the hooked shoes, and we may be able to compete on more equal terms.

ED C. STEADMAN

470 Winona Drive, Toronto, Canada.

**KEN HURST KEEPS
 HORSESHOE TITLE**

State Champion Ken Hurst, 17-year-old Providence horseshoe expert, retained his title at the Columbia courts in Englewood when he won six games and lost none in the double round robin for the state crown.

Hurst leading figure in Rhode Island horseshoe circles for several seasons past and star of the American-Canadian matches held in Canada, is a member of the Columbia Park team.

The championship matches were split into two divisions and Johnny Hurst, brother of Ken, and another leading member of the Columbia Park team, won top honors in the second division. Ken won the Mayor Thomas P. McCoy trophy, a three-year cup, which went into competition for the first time this season. Johnny won the Governor William H. Vanderbilt cup.

In the championship division, A. Bourgeois of Esmond was runner-up with three victories and three defeats and won an added prize for turning in the best qualifying round score. Walter Gustafson of Lymanville was third with two victories in six games and S. Franzen was fourth with one victory in six.

Runner-up in the second division was C. Smith of Lymanville, while D. West of Washington Park finished third.

	SP	R	Pct.
Hurst	300	205	68.33
Bourgeois	420	227	54.04
Gustafson	364	167	45.32
Franzen	400	187	46.75

The final meeting for the election of officers for next year will be held on Wednesday night at the home of Joseph Le Claire in Lymanville at 7:30 o'clock.

STARK COUNTY TOURNAMENT

The 1939 Stark County Tournament was held in Canton on September 10. This was the third successive year the tournament was held on the second Sunday in September, and will be held in 1940 also on the second Sunday in September.

The games were pitched on the courts in Dueber Park and a crowd of approximately 300 people had assembled in the afternoon to see the finals. It was a nice day for horseshoe pitching. A strong west wind blew the first half of the tournament and bothered some of the pitchers.

In the very first round chance had it that Stuckey, last year's champion, was scheduled to pitch against Stolarik. In a tough fought battle Stuckey lost 47 to 50. This was an unexpected upset and made it harder to predict as to the winner. In the second round, Hanley Wheeler, runner-up last year, was scheduled to play Stolarik and lost 36 to 50. In the meantime Sebek was winning his games and pitching splendidly and was looked upon as a likely winner.

In the seventh round, Sebek and Stolarik met, each having won all their games. Stolarik got off to a good start, pitching 30 ringers out of the first 38 shoes and was leading Sebek 49 to 9. Sebek gained 18 points for a total of 27 before losing the game 27 to 50.

In the ninth round, Stolarik got

off to a poor start against Stinchcomb and it looked very much like he would lose the game and tie for first place with Sebek, who so far had lost only one game. However, Stolarik rallied and only after pitching nine double ringers in a row, forged ahead and finishing with four more doubles in a row, defeated Stinchcomb 50 to 26.

In the worst upset of the day Kovacs defeated Stuckey 50 to 38, thereby throwing Stuckey in a tie for third place with Wheeler, and giving Sebek second place. Sammy Pettit, a 19-year-old lad, won fifth place. For his first tournament he performed nicely. F. Walter didn't do bad for his first tournament, but he was a little nervous. He is a promising pitcher and has good form and pitches a nice shoe.

Chaney, a fairly good pitcher, came in last. He got to pitch practically all the best pitchers in the first round, and then couldn't get started.

Kovacs, last year won 11th place, and this year jumped up to eighth place. He is a fine pitcher and expects to do even better next year.

A. Heimann, the only pitcher from Massillon, has a lot of bad breaks and the best he could do was to get into a tie for fifth place, finally getting seventh place.

All ties were decided by ringer percentages. The summary:

	W	L	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.	OP	OR	ODR	OSP	OPct
A. Stolarik	11	0	550	401	119	672	59.6	324	322	77	672	47.4
J. Sebek	10	1	527	415	135	630	65.8	268	330	85	630	52.3
E. Stuckey	8	3	534	430	136	668	64.3	305	354	96	668	54.4
H. Wheeler	8	3	484	326	86	598	54.5	287	273	63	598	45.6
H. Stinchcomb	5	6	404	304	77	618	49.0	410	313	83	618	50.6
S. Pettit	5	6	384	281	68	600	46.8	438	305	80	600	50.0
A. Heimann	5	6	408	306	68	654	46.7	448	321	83	654	49.0
J. Kovacs	5	6	414	292	67	662	44.1	459	308	70	662	46.5
L. Miller	4	7	395	292	60	662	44.1	463	296	71	662	44.6
H. Hunt	3	8	354	263	58	600	43.8	464	299	80	600	49.8
F. Walter	2	9	304	237	37	614	38.5	519	306	73	614	49.6
H. Chaney	0	11	177	143	20	494	28.9	550	263	70	494	53.2
Total	66	66	4935	3710	931	7472	49.6					

TRICK HORSESHOE PITCHER APPEARS ON FAIR PROGRAM

(From Union Bulletin, Walla Walla, Washington)

An exhibition of trick and fancy horseshoe pitching was afforded to the thousands of spectators at the Southeastern Washington Fair programs Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons, Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

These exhibitions were staged by Roy W. Smith, of Wallowa, Oregon, in front of the grandstand during intermissions between races. Smith is recognized as one of the top rank-

ing show pitchers in the Pacific Northwest and is the author of the instruction book, "Science at the Stake."

Smith with his assistant, Bill Branstetter, of Enterprise, Oregon, and the world famous rodeo clown, Homer Holcomb, performed many novel, dangerous and comical stunts which drew bursts of applause from the spectators. Included in the exhibitions which Smith and Branstetter successfully performed were such stunts as pitching blindfolded, over a blanket, lighting and extinguishing matches, ringing a watch and an egg placed against the stakes, kicking

ringers on with the feet; pitching through hoops; flicking ashes off a cigarette, ringing legs of a chair, the paper bag trick and many others too numerous to mention.

The boys were originally hired for only two days, but the act proved to be such a hit that they were held over due to popular request. The boys wore white uniforms trimmed with black which added greatly to the presentation of their act.

RESULTS OF COLORADO STATE TOURNAMENT IN DENVER

	W	L	Pct.
Robert Decker, Denver	14	1	66.9
Harley Aikins, Denver	12	3	59.9
H. Achziger, Longmont	12	3	57.9
Howard Leblow, Denver	11	4	62.6
Chas. Uhrich, Windsor	11	4	56.3
W. Demarest, Greeley	10	5	57.6
Ralph Carr, Denver	8	7	54.2
Elwin Green, Niwot	8	7	52.5
R. Bowman, Denver	8	7	53.4
Wm. Shoemaker, Denver	8	8	50.9
Renzy Potter, Denver	5	10	48.8
Henry Schilb, Denver	5	10	43.6
Carl Woods, Denver	4	11	45.8
R. Cate, Denver	2	13	42.6
Geo. Bossen, Denver	2	13	46.2
C. Beltz, Denver	1	14	42.0

Robert Decker, Denver, retains his title as state champion. All ties were played off and players finished in order mentioned above.

Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, of Englewood, Colo., retained her title as lady champion.

Richard Allen, of Boulder, nephew of Ted Allen, world's champion, won the boys' championship. Richard is 15 years of age and pitched several 50 per cent games.

The officers of Colorado State Association for 1940 are: President, Renzy B. Potter, 997 S. Pearl St., Denver, Colo.; Vice President, Chas. Uhrich, Windsor Colo.; Secretary and Treasurer, Ralph Buchanan, 3055 S. Broadway, Englewood, Colo. All these officers were re-elected.

LIFE TAKES UP PITCHING

A recent issue of Life magazine carried photographs taken at the Mid-West National Tournament in Des Moines. Ted Allen came in for some mighty fine publicity as did the game in general, and Life's editors are to be thanked and congratulated for grabbing a real human interest feature.

AT MORTON, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Zimmerman delighted an audience of 1000 at the Caterpillar Tractor Horseshoe Courts on August 28.

Chester Hefner, of Morton, won the league championship. Four leagues have a membership of 75.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Erie, Pa., Oct. 5, 1939

Mr. R. B. Howard, Publisher and Editor, The Horseshoe World, London, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Howard:

After reading the Aug. and Sept. 1939, combined issue of the Horseshoe World, was quite disappointed to find no honorable mention of the man who did such a fine job as president of our National Horseshoe Pitchers Association from 1936 to August, 1939, Mr. L. E. Tanner. A president and a promoter that gave all he had to make our game 100 per cent, but did not have the same kind of support.

Yes our hats are off to Mr. Tanner for his fight will lead us to an assurance of legal equipment and that his fight for all shoe men to place the proper amount of stamps on the carton will assure us of a National tournament financed by the National itself.

Members, what do you say, let's not pitch or sell any shoes that do not comply with the rules and regulations? Not only will this help our game but will prove to Mr. Tanner how we appreciate his fight to make the game what it should be.

Here's hoping our new officials will keep up the good work our friend has started.

Mr. Tanner should also be given credit for appointing men on the Rules Committee who are not only 100 per cent for the game, but for their integrity.

Although I have never had the honor of a personally meeting with Mr. Tanner, I know through his efforts and marked progress, he was indirectly responsible for the National Tournament held at the Chicago World's Fair. If it were not for Tanner there would never have been a World's Tournament in Mo., line. All the credit for this big event held in Moline is due to Tanner.

Now in Illinois alone he has conducted the state meet for 15 years, and from what I read and hear he is responsible for putting horseshoe pitching in many schools and universities in his state.

I believe all true members of our association join me in wishing you, Mr. Tanner, the best of health, and success, and that you will continue supporting and promoting horseshoe pitching.

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL A. WHITE,
1156 W. 21st St.

(Editor's Note—We agree that horseshoe pitchers everywhere wish Mr. Tanner well and we regret we

did not give Mr. Tanner a well deserved article of thanks. Your letter does it much better than we could hope to have done and we heartily join in the sentiment).

THANKS EX-OFFICIALS

Mr. L. E. Tanner, Retiring President, N. H. P. A., Anchor, Ills.

Mr. R. B. Howard, Retiring Secretary Treasurer, N. H. P. A., London, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

We had hopes that the National Convention idea in connection with the Mid-West National Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa August 27, had been abandoned, until only a few days ago we received official notification of results.

Your dropping out as national officers, is an ever reminder that no worthwhile undertaking can possibly be made a success without consistent financial support. With the exception of the time actually devoted to earning a livelihood, we know both you gentlemen have given up the greater "if not the best" portion of your adult lives to our sport, with many years as national officers, and while you have kept it a living thing with the little financial support received from those who control conventions and a scoring method favorable only to themselves and directly against the rank and file of players, in addition to the amount from boosters in the organization, stands out as a genuine monument to your ability and character.

With your great amount of experience, contacts and the publicity standpoint, it is possible that you can both be of even greater service to the sport in the future from the sidelines, as it is going to need your wise counsel, which we have every reason to feel will be freely granted, if it is ever going to be permitted to expand and take its place along with other great sports by gaining the support of all players irrespective of ability by eventually having but one method for all, scoring all points earned, with favoritism to none. The percentage of sportsmanship is just as high, if not higher among horseshoe players, as any other sport, but they cannot be fooled always. When something worthwhile in fairness and helpfulness is done for them we can rest assured that they will not be found wanting in their full financial support.

Pursuant with the above and on behalf of not only every player, but every one interested in the sport, in any way, in the State of Ohio, it becomes a very personal and pleasant duty of mine as state secretary to say to you both, We thank you

most sincerely for all you have done for this grand sport, and hope that you will both live to see the day when the rank and file of the players will be permitted to put it where it belongs.

With our greetings and very best regards respecting the health and happiness of you both, we are

Sincerely yours,

D. O. CHESS, Sec.

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Dear Howard:

I would like to add my word of sincere appreciation of the fine things you have done for the game of horseshoes while acting as National Secretary.

The Horseshoe World, I agree, should now be an even better publication with the benefit of more of your time.

Sincerely yours,

C. VON DER LANCKEN

JONES IS CHAMPION

The Horseshoe World learns that Charles (Casey) Jones won the 1939 Wisconsin championship meet. No other details have been learned, although sought by this magazine.

How about some news from Wisconsin?

Mrs.—Say, do you think I am going to wear this old squirrel coat all my life?"

Mr.—Why not? The squirrels do, don't they?



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H. F. Gardner, 303 West 58th St., Ashtabula, Ohio, writes that the Ash-tabula club had a very busy summer with matches with Erie, Warren, Painesville, Fairport, Geneva and Conneaut.

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The Novak Quoit Club invites both quoit and horseshoe pitchers to join. Harry Harkensee, 3114 E. Monument street, Baltimore, Md., writes us a very interesting letter regarding the club, where both horseshoe tossers and adepts of the quoit game are welcome.

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Comes a fine letter from M. De-Woody, Oil City, Pa., that does our heart good. He says that he likes the Horseshoe World so well that he feels that he and other readers should try to interest other pitchers in the magazine.

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W. C. Morris 1806 Alta Vista, Houston, Texas, is vice president of a newly organized club in Houston.

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Stephen A. Stone, 373 Leslie St., Salem, Oregon, has originated a new horseshoe score sheet that is a dandy.

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Ellis Cobb, 430 Galena Blvd., Aurora, Ill., is one of Illinois' real pitchers and boosters for the game.

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C. A. Durbin writes "we are keeping open house to all top line pitchers passing through New Orleans. Just ask the cab driver to take you to the Rickerville Horseshoe club, 5027 South Jackson street."

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Clyde R. Claus, 914 World Bldg., Tulsa, Okla., writes to say he expects to visit horseshoe clubs en route to Pittsburgh, Pa., this summer.

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Mike Belsky recently won the Queens, N. Y., championship for the Elmhurst Club. He followed in the footsteps of Henry Christy, who won it twice. Christy also is an Elmhurst Club tosser.

FOURCADE WINS MATCH

Here is the score of a game played recently between Dean Brown, of Oakland, and Marty Fourcade, of Santa Cruz, Calif.:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Fourcade	50	91	37	114	79.8
Brown	40	87	33	114	76.3

YOUTH WINS PLAY-OFF

The New England championship playoff was held at Providence, R. I. September 16, in a match of four games out of seven, between Bernard Herefurth of North Hampton, Mass., and Kenneth Hurst, of Providence.

Ken is only 16 years of age and holds the state championship of his state. He played in an international match at Toronto, Canada, recently, breaking the single game record with 95 per cent, and the tournament record with 76 per cent.

Here are the play-off scores:

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct.
Ken Hurst	50	49	17	70	70.00
B. Herfurth	39	46	15	70	65.70
Ken Hurst	37	77	28	102	75.49
B. Herfurth	51	82	32	102	80.39
Ken Hurst	51	47	19	60	78.33
B. Herfurth	22	40	15	60	66.66
Ken Hurst	23	67	24	90	74.44
B. Herfurth	51	76	30	90	84.44
Ken Hurst	47	87	35	110	79.09
B. Herfurth	54	89	35	110	80.90
Ken Hurst	51	91	34	116	78.44
B. Herfurth	44	88	32	116	75.62
Ken Hurst	50	78	29	100	78.00
B. Herfurth	49	77	29	100	77.00
Totals—					
Ken Hurst	309	496	186	648	76.54
B Herfurth	310	498	188	648	76.85

TOURNEY IN OREGON

On Sunday, August 20, a horseshoe pitching tournament was staged in Wallowa, Oregon at the home of Roy W. Smith. The meet was well attended with 14 men participating with a large crowd of spectators to watch the experts perform.

Each player received a fine prize, all of which were put up by the various merchants and business firms of Wallowa. Free ice cream and cake was supplied by the local lumber company, the creamery and bakery. State Champion Helmer Pell was present, which added a great deal to the success of the affair.

Bill Branstetter, new owner of the greenhouse at Enterprise, Oregon, walked off with first prize in the A class. Helmer Pell and Roy Smith tied for second place and the state champion avenged two previous defeats handed to him by Smith, by soundly trouncing the latter in the play-off.

Don Griffin, another new arrival in this section, won first prize in the B class.

The non-cancellation system of scoring was used and proved of great aid in running off the tourney and making a success. The East

Oregon slipper slammers had their shoes performing to perfection and percentages often ran into the 60's and 70's. It is hoped that this can be made an annual event.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, trav'ling a lone highway
 Came at evening, cold and gray
 To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.
 The old man crossed in the twilight
 dim
 The sullen stream held no fear for
 him
 But he paused when safe on the
 other side
 And built a bridge to span the tide.
 "Old man," said a fellow pilgrim
 near
 "You're wasting your strength with
 building here
 Your journey will end with the pass-
 ing day
 You never again will come this way.
 You've crossed the chasm deep and
 wide
 Why build you this bridge at even-
 tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,
 "Good friend, in the path I have
 come," he said.
 "There followeth after me today
 A youth whose feet must come this
 way
 This chasm that has been as naught
 to me
 To this fair-haired youth may a pit-
 fall be.
 He, too, must cross in the twilight
 dim
 Good friend, I am building this
 bridge for him."

—Author Unknown

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BROWN TOPS BUTLER

Maynard Brown of Brattleboro, won the Vermont state title of horseshoe pitching champ at the playground when he defeated Freddie Butler, of Bennington 50-30 in the final game of the round-robin tournament. Brown's win came after tossing 44 ringers out of a possible 66 to finish up a full day in which he gave a remarkable exhibition of stake-ringing.

Butler also gave a fine exhibition throughout the day and deserves considerable credit for his fine showing in view of the fact that he was responsible for the successful completion of the first contest of its kind in Bennington. Freddie downed all competition until the last match when he met the stubby ringer-artist from Brattleboro. The Bennington entrant evidently somewhat weary from his many duties throughout the day, got away to a poor start and against a lad as cool and as accurate as Brown, just couldn't catch up.

It was evident halfway through the afternoon play that Brown and Butler would be the ones to play it off for the title. Both boys disposed of all opposition in the round-robin series and came together with eight wins and no losses each to start the last game.

Ten tossers competed in the title tourney, they being the highest in the qualifying rounds in the morning play. Each player was scheduled for nine 50-point games in which he met each of the other contestants once.

The 10 competing for the title are as follows: Brown of Brattleboro; Butler of Bennington; McLean of Wallingford; Kerry of Randolph; Bortel of Townsend; Baker of Rutland; Ryder of Brattleboro; Parkhurst, of Wallingford; Myers of Bennington, and Pierce of Randolph.

The contestants' records of wins and losses are as follows.

	W	L
M. Brown	9	0
F. Butler	8	1
F. Baker	7	2
L. Kerry	6	2
J. Bortell	5	4
A. McLean	4	5
L. Ryder	2	7
R. Myers	2	7
L. Parkhurst	1	8
R. Pierce	1	8

Brown's performance against Butler was his best exhibition of the day although he was consistent the entire tournament. Butler had the longest consecutive run of ringers throughout the match, 10 in a row, and the highest percentage of ring-

ers for one game, 68 per cent.

During the Butler-Brown match four ringers were on the stake at once six times, the most doubles of any match.

The number of shoes pitched during the tournament and the number of ringers made by each man is as follows:

	SP	R	Pct.
M. Brown	456	255	55.9
F. Butler	482	266	55.2
F. Baker	550	247	44.9
L. Kerry	480	226	47.1
J. Bortell	512	181	35.3
A. McLean	438	146	33.3
L. Myers	484	168	34.5
R. Ryder	580	185	31.8
L. Parkhurst	524	165	31.3
R. Pierce	430	105	24.4

HARRY HARRISON WINS AT STATE FAIR

Harry Harrison, Rensselaer County horseshoe pitching champion, out-scored 34 competitors to earn the championship in the tourney at the State Fair in Syracuse, N. Y. First place was worth \$50 and Harrison will also get a medal.

Harrison, who won 12 games and lost three in the round robin competition, qualified easily. Other finalists were Mike Belsky, of Queens,

Clarence Baker, of Chautauqua Louis Thompson, of Syracuse, Charles Secor, of Westchester, and Joseph Kellner, of Orange.

A. H. Holzhauser, of Schenectady, who barely missed qualifying for the finals, was given a consolation prize of \$5.

The grandstand crowd was enthusiastic over the skill displayed by Ruth Allen, of Hempstead, L. I., horseshoe pitching champion of Nassau County, who put on an exhibition in the infield in front of the grandstand.

Miss Allen easily defeated James McGuire, 15-year-old Auburn star, in a brief contest.

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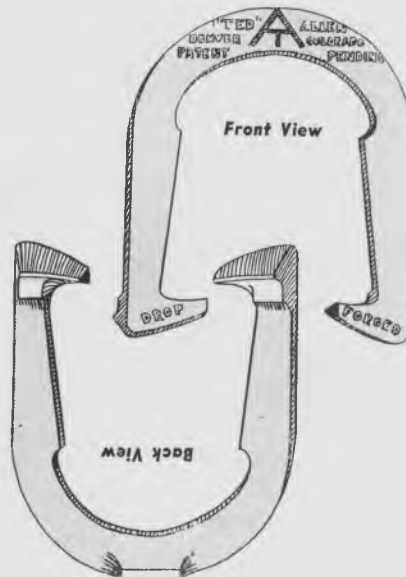
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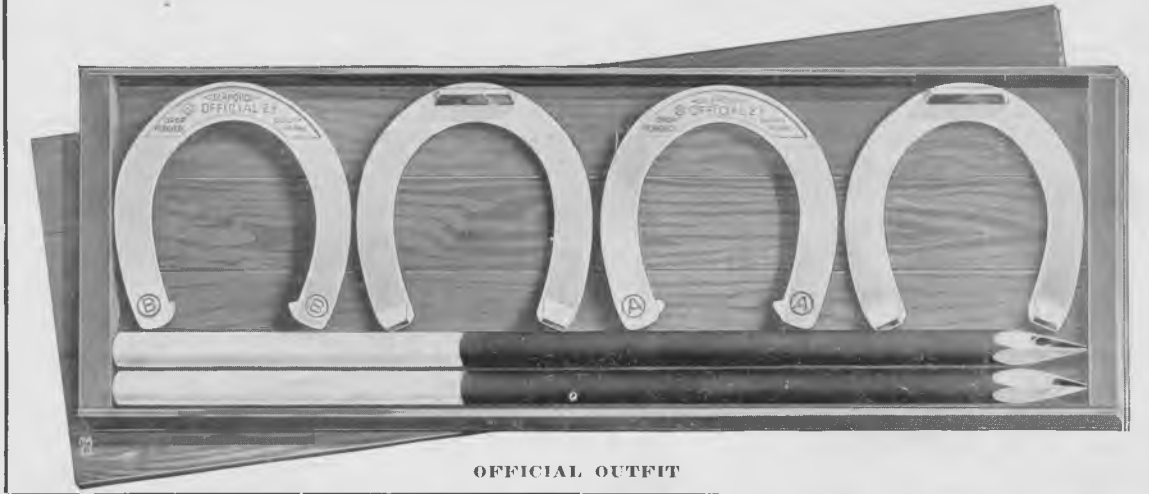
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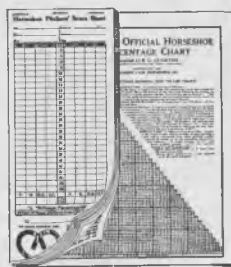


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