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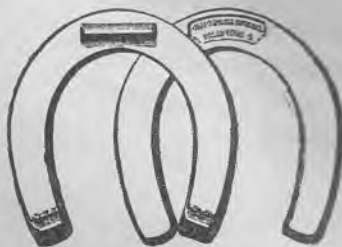
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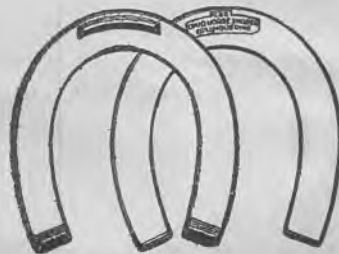
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FRANK JACKSON OF IOWA

By Louis Dodge

(Frank Jackson of Kellerton, Iowa, who was champion horseshoe pitcher of the world seven years ago, lost the championship at that time at the age of 53. On the 18th of February, 1926, at the age of 55 he competed in the annual national tournament at St. Petersburg, Fla., and recaptured the championship, winning from Orren Mossman, aged 19, who had achieved the wonderful record of 22 ringers out of 24 shoes.)

Excuse me, neighbor and brother and gent—
Hats off a minute while I present
Frank Jackson of Iowa.

Who is Frank Jackson?—I hear you say;

Well, he's the man who the other day
A horseshoe pitcher's banner unfurled
The champion pitcher of all the world
St. Petersburg, Florida, was the spot
Where the war on the shoes waxed
high and hot;

Mossman, the champion, keen as the morn,

Was there with the laurels two years
he'd worn—

Mossman, splendid and sure in his youth,

A marvel of marvels was he in truth,
Also a veteran, frosty of hair,
Sixty years old, he, too, was there—
Frank Jackson of Iowa.

It isn't my task to tell you here

How thousands looked on to wave and cheer,

Or to gaze in silence, transfixed profound,

As the battle progressed from round to round

Until Jackson won. I will tell, if I can
Of the mightier victory of this man,
Frank Jackson of Iowa.

Seven years ago—a veteran then—
Jackson was first of the pitching men.
It was then he entered the lists once more

(At an age when most men's joints are sore).

To the battleground he sauntered down—

And a young man wrested from him his crown!

And men smiled wisely (if sadly, too).
And said that Jackson was old—and through.

But said Jackson, a man with the gift of grit,

"I'm just beginning—that's how I've quit!"

Said Jackson of Iowa.

And for seven long years he stuck to the job

Of making the shoes go round the stob
For seven long years, with a single aim,

He toiled like a Trojan—and played the game!

Holding himself with a man's firm grip

Till he won it back—the championship

Fleeting, you say, is the hour of fame,
And horseshoes is only an idle game;

But I hold that the man whose hat is tossed

To the old arena where once he lost—
Whether he lost his glittering wealth,
Or place or favor or pride or health—
That man is a hero who will not quit,
Who battles with faith and a true man's grit;

Who wants what he's lost, and refuses to crack

But pegs away till he wins it back!

Excuse me, neighbor and brother and gent,

Hats off a minute while I present
Frank Jackson of Iowa.

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Horseshoe News In Becket

By BOB BURNHAM, Becket, Mass.

Well, the horseshoe pitching season is nearly over in Becket—and what a season it has been! The “colt’s kicks” have had little rest since last May, and several pairs of iron stakes have been pretty well worn out making ringers—or maybe attempting to make them. And the worst part of it all is, that now the “boys” are just getting “good,” the summer wanes; and by another spring they will be back where they will again endanger the lives and liberties of stray dogs crossing the pitching grounds.

But why dwell on such a melancholy, depressing subject, when those of a much brighter hue are easily found for the seeking. Supposing we take “Art” Snow? Is the old boy right there with the huckle berries this year? Does a flopper have bare knees and use powder? We’ll all say so! “Art” last year strutted home with the county “singles” championship at Pittsfield and expects to make another try this year. Bring home the bacon, “Art,” or at least a toothsome meal of liver by way of second honors!

I think that I’ll have to pause here to tell you a little story about “Art.”

You know, one day, not so very long ago, “Artie” teamed with another hoof hurler, was pitching in a warm game against two of the local horseshoe lights; and, among others, one of “Art’s” boys was standing around anxiously regarding the game. Finally when the score reaches 20 to 19 in their favor, “Art” makes a duet of wild pitches, and the other side nestles around the stake for two runs. At this stage Snow’s youngster pulls a face like the first of the month to a buyer on the installment plan, while some one in the crowd speaks up and asks him what is the matter.

“Nothing,” the sorrowful urchin replies, “only when dad gets beat, he usually licks us kids when he gets home from the game.”

One of the latest additions to the ranks of the regular horseshoe heavers in this town is Harris, Sr., of Becket’s leading department store, who at present is helping his son juggle slow accounts with one hand and molasses jugs with the other in a wild effort to keep the sheriff away.

A couple weeks ago, a hard-fought “foursome” was in progress. The score was tied at 19 up and two to go, with Harris pitching up against a hayseed novice of 60 winters, with

whom making two ringers at one time was his meat. But, anyway, Harris lets go with a pair of slippers to land within a couple inches of the stake, whereupon the other side steps in to do his dirty stuff and decorate the iron pole with a pair of pretty bracelets. So, up he comes and takes a graceful stance, at the same time squinting a practised eye over the top of the opposite stake before he hauls back the old teat crusher for the toss. Just as he gets set for the cast, however, a funny look comes into his eye all of a sudden, and he seems to lose his balance a little, while the next moment the shoe sails majestically about a rod over the post to achieve a landing square on the bunion of his partner’s big toe, who stands all this time licking his chops and waiting for the pony’s pump to flop over the stake. The next pitch is some better, but Harris scores an easy two, and while they are changing sides after the game is over, somebody asks the turnip-growing bozo if his foot slipped or he had a dizzy spell. About all the satisfaction they ever got, however, is a kind of a sly look out of one corner of his eye while he says, no, but he owes a big bill at the store.

The winners of the county doubles contest last fall were Bob Richmond and Oscar H. Sprague. Oscar says, no, that his middle initial doesn’t necessarily signify the kind of climate he is going to after he dies, as his folks couldn’t very well have known that he would chew tobacco and skip his meals to play barnyard golf when he was christened.

It might possibly be kind of hard to understand how Oscar happened to get so good at this sort of stuff, but for a little light which some people who used to live near neighbors to the Spragues have lately thrown on the subject. It seems that Oscar’s father was an incurable addict to the quoit habit and was very anxious for his only son to follow in his footsteps and inherit the standing which he held among the spud-spearers in his community by his almost uncanny ability to always take some rust off from one of the stake or the other.

Anyway, the story goes that “Old Man” Sprague used sometimes to journey eight miles into town, and just on a purpose to buy a big bag of licorice sticks, molasses kisses and lemon drops. To explain a little: It seems that his son detested with his whole

boyish soul the taste of licorice, while he was fairly fond of kisses and simply reveled in lemon drops.

So, when the chores were done for the night, his dad would collar him and lead the stripling of 12 autumns out back of the barn where the stakes were set out and then the fun would begin. It might be mentioned that they had about a bushel of old horseshoes collected in a sizeable pile by the stakes, and the lad would first roll up his sleeves above the elbows, he would proceed to get busy thumbing the calks. Whenever young Oscar succeeded in ringing the stake, his indulgent parent would at once fork over a lemon drop for him to suck on while for those shoes which stopped within a couple inches of stake, the boy received a molasses kiss to stick in his smacker.

But when he was unlucky or made a slight miscalculation in distance, or anyway when he failed to get within at least three inches of the stake, his irate father would haul out one of the sticks of licorice which the boy would have to choke down, even though the tears came into his eyes in the act.

Oscar says that to this day, he can almost taste the flavor of that licorice in his mouth, so well his dear, dead parent’s lessons have stuck by him.

AT GREENVILLE

GREENVILLE, O. — Horseshoe pitching was one of the big attractions at the great Darke County Fair, and the battles on Wednesday and Thursday were extremely hot, with the winner of Thursday’s contest having only one point over the second man, and with only ten points separating the first five men.

On Wednesday in a match of 100 shoes, Elvin Pegg of Greensfork, Indiana, won with 186 points and 48 ringers; S. B. McCabe of New Madison was second with 174 points and 42 ringers with E. N. Slorp of New Madison, third, with 173 points and 42 ringers.

On Thursday there was a 50 shoe match, and it was won by S. B. McCabe of New Madison, who made 76 points and 17 ringers. S. Bliss of Brookville was second with 175 points and 16 ringers. John Myers of Union City, Indiana, was third, having 73 points and 14 ringers; Jesse Clutz of Laura was next 71 points and 15 ringers; E. N. Slorp of New Madison, fifth with 69 points and 16 ringers, and Prof. Jesse Berry of Pleasant Hill sixth with 65 points and 13 ringers.

Big crowds lined the courts and cheered the fine pitching of the contestants all through the matches.

Ex-Mayor Wins \$5,000 Stake

CHICAGO, Sept. 8. — Horseshoes came out of the barnyard into the ball room last night as two experts tossed gilded and silvered shoes in a sharp-shooter's contest for the biggest stake the game ever has known.

Former Mayor William Hale Thompson won \$5000 from his old friend, Parker Blatchford, when Carroll and Hansford Jackson, brothers, pitched a combined total of 54 ringers in a contest which Hansford won with 54 points against 46 for his brother.

Thompson won his bet when Hansford pitched the 50th ringer, bringing his total to 47 against his brother's 46. Although the bet was that the two boys could pitch 50 ringers in a 50-point game, and was decided when Hansford had his 47th point, the game was played out to the end.

It was a new day for the game when the contestants entered the brilliantly lighted ballroom in silk uniforms of flaming red and blue and started their game amidst a circle of referees and judges in boiled shirts and tuxedos.

They pitched the shoes to the mellow strains of soft, slow tunes by the bass viols.

When Hansford put on the 50th ringer the crowd yelled as if some one had conquered the English channel. Hansford tossed 33 ringers and his brother scored 21 ringers.

The Jackson brothers are sons of Frank E. Jackson, the World's Champion. They both use the Ohio Horse Shoe Co.'s Make of Shoes.

A COMING STAR

At the annual Horseshoe pitching contest under the auspices of the Recreation Commission of the City of Detroit, held at Northwestern playfield, September 11. Edmon Besancon Jr. won first place in both singles and doubles. Prizes are a gold and silver medal. This was in the boys' class that is under 16 years of age. He did not lose a game. He made 51 per cent. ringers.

Edmon is a son of Mrs. B. Besancon of Detroit, winner of third place in the last two women's National Tournaments at Lake Worth and St. Petersburg, Fla.

FINAL MEETING

Creditors of I. R. Davies of the Ross Stevens Horseshoe Co. have received a notice of a final meeting on September 28, from C. D. Friebolin, referee in bankruptcy. At this meeting the petition of the Trustee for leave to abandon notes and accounts receivable and shares of stock in various companies described in bankrupt's schedule, will be heard.

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Canadian Meet Proves Success

SARNA, ONTARIO — The Labor Day tournament put on by the St. Pauls Horseshoe Club the first ever held in this part of the country proved to be quite an attraction and although we only had thirty-seven entries we expect to have a larger list next year as the contest has already created a lot of interest and we hope to see several clubs organized this fall so to all ready to get an early start in the spring so they will be in shape for the tournament next fall as we are going to make this a yearly event, as we have had two beautiful cups donated to us and must be competed for each year. Dr. MacMillen donated the Dr. MacMillen cup for the best club of 8 men. Mueller, Ltd. manufacturers of plumbing goods and supplies donated a cup for the best individual pitcher. Mr. O. B. Mueller, himself, is some horseshoe pitcher and also a great lover of the game, and advocates this and all other sports for his employes at all of his plants.

The events of the days were very keenly contested but as we are only beginners we won't mention any scores.

St. Pauls club won the Dr. MacMillen cup by a very close margin from Inwood.

W. Struthers, 14 years old of Sarnia won the Mueller Lld cup, playing the final game of 30 points with Mr. Harris, winning the game 30 to 28. Second prize to Mr. Harris, a pair of Ohio shoes. Third to Mr. Manchester Port Huron, box of candy. Best team 1st, Harris and Cain, Pt. Huron, fountain pens; 2nd, Struthers and Thompson, Sarnia, neckties; 3rd, Mr. Keown and Armstrong, Inwood, box of candy.

Most ringers out of 50 shoes—1st, W. Struthers, fountain pen; 2nd, W. Thompson, pair of Ohio shoes; 3rd, Mr. Manchester, box of candy.

Boys 16 years and under only two entries—W. Struthers, 1st, fountain pen; 2nd, S. Thompson, Inwood, box of candy.

Next year we hope for an all day session and a larger entry list and better prizes.

CONDUCTS TOURNEY

H. VanDyke, Sioux City, Ia., was in charge of the Interstate Tournament held at Sioux City September 21 to 24. Mr. VanDyke is well versed in horseshoe matters and creditably conducts the meet.

Letters To The Editor

PROGRESS MADE

Editor of The Horseshoe World,
Dear Sir:

I would like for the readers of the Horseshoe World to know of the progress made in Omaha in what will be in the early future one of the most popular sports in this country.

There are two horseshoe clubs in Omaha, that are making every effort to stimulate more interest in the sport. The city has provided us with two courts with a total of 54 lanes in two of the parks.

This spring the Greater Omaha Horseshoe League was organized with eight teams, six men on a team. Each team will play twice around or a total of 14 games. The team winning the championship will receive a 14-inch cup.

The standing for the first round:

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| The Union Pacific | 5 | 1 |
| Armour Packing Co..... | 4 | 4 |
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| Miller Parks | 3 | 3 |
| Paxton & Gallaghers | 3 | 3 |
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Previous to the organizing of this league there was very little interest in

horseshoe pitching, and it was almost impossible to get any publicity from the newspaper.

Now there are over 100 tossers who have taken part in the league and a number of others through the city who are preparing to enter a team next year. As for publicity we get all we want now.

There has been so much interest in a fall tournament here that the South Side Horseshoe Club has decided to stage a big mid-west tournament here.

The plan is to raise between \$300 and \$500 and mail invitations through the Mid-West to every horseshoe tosser whose name and address we are able to get. A special invitation will be given to Jackson, the present champion, and Mossman. The tourney will be held in September, the exact date to be determined later.

Any who are interested in this tournament and wish for more information write to

R. L. Jackson,
2610 H Street,
Omaha, Neb.

WELD COUNTY MEET

Geo. C. Briggs was in charge of the Weld County Tournament held at the Weld County Fair, Greeley, Colo., September 6, 7, 8 and 9.

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California State Tourney Held

LOS ANGELES — The California State Horseshoe Pitchers' sixth annual tournament, held at the Good-year Rubber Company's athletic grounds, Los Angeles, terminated Saturday afternoon and the state secretary of the association, George E. Krinbill, who is also secretary of the Long Beach club, states that this year's tournament in all respects was the most successful yet held.

Participant in the pitching represented clubs from all over Southern California from Fresno to San Diego and in point of entries, pitching skill and interest, eclipsed all previous tournaments. Several hundred horseshoe fans went wild with enthusiasm when the judges in several of the events often announced "four dead" (four shoes around the peg.)

In the elimination for classes A and B forty-four entered, with sixteen to qualify in pitching 150 shoes, the eight highest in points to enter Class A and contest for the State championship and prizes, the eight second highest to play for prizes only. Dean Brown of Riverside won the State championship, a \$60 cash prize and a gold medal donated by George E. Krinbill. Eddie Hansen of Fresno, Vernon Robison of the Exposition Park club, Los Angeles; S. F. Griffith of Long Beach and A. V. Austey of Glendale tied for second place. In the pitching-off Hansen won, placing him second, Robinson third, Griffith fourth, Austey fifth, James Doyle of the South Park club, Los Angeles, sixth, H. L. Smith of Pasadena seventh and F. R. Chapman of San Diego eighth.

Class B results were: J. Armitage, San Diego, first; Gerald Hiatt, Glendale, second; W. Rose, Pasadena, third; George Beale, South Park club, Los Angeles, fourth; F. W. Knox, Riverside, fifth; F. L. Phillips, Long Beach, sixth; John Sprague, Pasadena, seventh; A. Beatty, South Park, Los Angeles, eighth.

In the State team contest two men from clubs in the State association, two teams entered and six prizes were offered. Results:

F. W. Knox and Dean Brown Riverside, first; Eddie Hansen and L. H. Johnson, Fresno, second; F. R. Chapman and J. Armitage, San Diego, third; Vernon Robinson and W. E. Hornbeck, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, fourth; H. L. Smith and W. Rose, Pasadena, fifth; James Doyle

and Morris Nelson, South Park, sixth.

In event four, for over 50 to 70 years of age, 200 shoes to be pitched, W. R. Bradfield, Long Beach, won first with 366 points; M. W. Claypool, Redondo, won second; S. E. Blatchly, Glendale, third; E. C. Ford, Long Beach, fourth, and J. L. Wilson, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, James E. Pettit, Glendale, S. E. Hill, Santa Monica, and W. H. Smith, Santa Monica, finished in the order given.

In event five, for players with local records of twenty-five ringers and under in five twenty-one-point games, Vernon Wineland, a 13 year old youth from San Diego, won first; Edward Gibbrook, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, second; Robert Shields, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, third; T. F. Berryhill, San Diego, J. Lavine, Pasadena, and D. Phillips, Maricopa, tied for fourth position, to be decided later; Lawrence Fairman, Santa Ana, seventh.

In the "boys" game, for men 71 years old and up, Thomas Awrey, Pomona, took first; G. T. Watkins, South Park, second; H. V. Temby, Pomona, third; R. M. Foster, Santa Ana fourth, and H. N. Allen, La Mesa, fifth.

The extra event (100 shoes) with 174 points, was won by W. E. Hornbeck, Exposition Park, Los Angeles. S. D. Williams and U. S. Swigert, Long Beach, were second and third, respectively.

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 * CALIFORNIA NEWS *

The Sixth California State Tournament of horseshoe pitchers held in Los Angeles August 26, 27 and 28, in point of entries, interest and pitching skill, was the best yet held. The Good-year Rubber and Tire Co. donated the use of their fine athletic field. Dean Brown of Riverside won the state championship over a field of eight, with Eddie Hausen of Fresno a close second. Vernon Robinson of Los Angeles third, F. L. Griffith of Long Beach, fourth; A. V. Anstey, Glendale, fifth; Jas. Doyle, Los Angeles, sixth; H. L. Smith, Pasadena, seventh; F. R. Chapman, San Diego, eighth.

In Class B, J. Armitage of San Diego won first and Gerald Hiatt of Glendale, second, and W. Rose, Pasadena, Geo. Beale, Maywood, F. W. Knox, Riverside, F. L. Phillips, Long Beach, J. Sprague, Pasadena, and J. Betty, San Diego, in the order named.

Of the 12 teams entered Brown and Knox of Riverside captured first with Hansen and Johnson of Fresno second.

In the 200-shoe pitching contest for points, W. R. Bradfield, of Long Beach won first in a field of sixteen.

Vernon Wineland, a 13-year-old youngster of San Diego, out-distanced seven other competitors in winning 7 straight games in the 25 and under ringer record contest.

Thomas Awrey of Pamona, in the 71 to 90-year-old "boys" contest captured first prize with 8 games won and one lost, against 9 other participants. In the extra event for a medium class of players, W. E. Hornbeck of Los Angeles won 1st prize and G. D. Williams and W. S. Swigert of Long Beach second and third. Upwards of \$500 in cash prizes were distributed among the winners.

The program committee Geo. E. Krimbill, Long Beach, Wm. H. Smith, of Santa Monica and Jas. Doyle of Los Angeles had the hearty co-operation of all interested and are pleased with the result. The game in California is growing in popularity and interest and there is room for many more lovers of the sport, for the fact that the state is about 1000 miles from north to south, and 250 miles wide, east to west in its greatest breadth.

 CHAMPIONS KEEP

HORSESHOE TITLE

Springfield Pair Decisively Beat Orange Men at Holyoke Club.

HOLYOKE, MASS., Aug. 11—Per-

kins and Frasier of Springfield, Hampden county horseshoe pitching champions, more than lived up to their reputation as county titleholders tonight when they made a clean sweep against Johnson and Goyettell Orange experts, in a series of singles and doubles matches at the Holyoke Canoe Club grounds.

In the first set of daubles, Perkins and Frasier scored 50 points and had 18 ringers and three doubles against 38 points for Johnson and Goyette, who turned in 11 ringers and two doubles. In the second set the Springfield men had 50 points 19 ringers and four doubles against 11 points and 6 ringers for the Orange men. In the third set the Springfield men collected 50 points and 21 ringers and five doubles against 25 points and 11 ringers for the opposition.

Perkins, playing Johnson in the singles, won the first set with 50 points, 23 ringers and four doubles against 23 points, 15 ringers and two doubles, and took the second set with 50 points 17 ringers and one double against 28 points, 15 ringers and two doubles.

Frasier Beats Johnson

Frasier beat Johnson two straight also. In the first set Frasier scored 50 points, 16 ringers and two doubles, against 11 points and seven ringers. In the second set Frasier had 50 points, 15 ringers and four doubles, against 10 points and six ringers. Frasier then beat Goyette three in a row. In the first set the Springfield man had 50 points, 22 ringers, three doubles, and his opponent 32 points 17 ringers and two doubles. Frasier took the second game with 50 points against 16, 18 ringers against six and three doubles, while he won the third game, 50 to 13, with 19 ringers and six doubles, against seven ringers and two doubles for Goyette.

Perkins beat Goyette 50 to 2, getting 21 ringers and seven doubles, while Goyette had six ringers and one double.

A team of firemen from the High and engine house will play the Holyoke Canoe Club on the playground Thursday night, and the Springfield Auto Body Company will play the Canoe Club Friday night. Plans are being made for a Connecticut Valley tournament Labor Day afternoon. There will be teams from Brattleboro, Orange, Greenfield, Springfield and the Holyoke Canoe Club. Perkins of Springfield established a record here recently when he scored 26 ringers in 34 pitches.

OHIO LADS MAKE
 FINE SHOE RECORD

Gerald Smith of Wilmington and Marin Shadley of Sabina broke the world's record for 25-point horseshoe pitching game, established in 1925 by Putt Mossman, by their tossing in the finals of the Ohio Horseshoe Pitchers' State championship contest, held in connection with the Dayton Fair, recently.

The two finished second and third, respectively, in the State contest. Smith played 47 ringers and 14 double ringers and Shadley 47 ringers and 13 double ringers in the elimination bout. Mossman's world record established in 1925 was 44 ringers and 10 double ringers.

The two youths will go to Florida the first of the year to take part in the World Championship Horseshoe Pitching contest to be held at St. Petersburg in February.

Forty-four horseshoe pitchers from all parts of Ohio competed in the State championship event at Dayton, which was the most hotly contested match for the State title ever witnessed.

After two days of hard battling through the eliminations of the finals, John Spitler was crowned "champion slippery slammer" of the State.

The tournament was managed by Frank List of Dayton, well known to all horseshoe slingers.

Contestants who survived to the finals finished in the following order: Spitler, Smith, Shadley, Denlinger, Idle, Blackburn, Shank, Patterson, Porter and Beam.—Wilmington, Ohio, News Journal.

 STUDEBAKERS HOLD
 HORSE SHOE TOURNEY

The Studebaker plants at South Bend held their annual horseshoe pitching tournament week of September 5.

The Chassis division won over the Body division team by a margin of 79 points. Chassis division players were L. Overholser, J. Stoddard, O. Driver, H. Zillmer and R. Stahly. Body division were O. Sutherly, E. Riddle, C. Ridenour, E. W. Kelley and Landis.

Awards of \$10 for first and \$5 for second in all classes were awarded by the S. A. A.

Winners of Singles—Class A, First, L. Overholser; second, H. Zillmer. Class B, first O. Sutherly; second, O. Driver. Class C, first, R. Stahly; second, G. Hardy.

Doubles—L. Overholser and E. Landis, first; J. Stoddard and H. Zillmer, second.

Mossman-Risk Match

The following is a story of the match held recently at Glenmore, Ohio, between Putt Mossman, former world champion and Jimmy Risk, Mt. Pelier, Ind., state champion of the Hoosier state, as told by C. S. Walters:

The weather conditions were none the best but quite a crowd gathered from far and near to see these two fine boys compete. Everyone went away satisfied that the boys could sure put old Dobbins shoes around the peg.

This series of games was no doubt the best ever played in this part of the country and I doubt if their equals have ever been played anywhere.

Two world's records were beaten in this match, the double ringer record which Mossman held himself at 30 doubles in one game he raised to 33 in one game with Risk.

And in one game during the series Mossman finished with 73 ringers, 33 doubles and a percentage of 90.

But during this offal game Risk continued to pile up the ringers on top of Mossman's shoes with such skill that made us all see in Risk a wonderful horseshoe pitcher. With all the disadvantages in which Risk fought this game against the high ringer score he finished with a ringer percentage of 72. Mossman with 90%, Risk with 72%, makes an average of all shoes pitched during the game of 81%, which is another record for you fans to crack at.

In the first game of the series Risk led Mossman to a hasty defeat, and many thought Mossman was outclassed, but Mossman didn't seem to worry and came back in the next game with that long stride and keen eye. You who know him know what I mean and set a pace that would have made the strongest weaken. But Risk kept up the pace and was only beaten by six points.

In the fifth game Mossman started out with doubles and kept it up for eleven throws then he missed one shoe but came back with four more doubles then missed one shoe and came back with five more doubles, making 20 doubles and 2 singles out of 44 shoes.

After the first game Mossman took six straits from Risk.

Mossman's percentage during the series of games was 78. Risk's was 68.

And the average percentage of all shoes pitched for the seven games was 73. Another record to take note of.

The writer has attended the National meets for several years but must say, I never seen any better horse shoes pitched than in this contest.

You Guys that are sparring for National honors in the game better keep one eye on the boy from the Hoosier state.

First game—

| | P | R | DR | SP | Pct |
|---------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Risk | 50 | 35 | 11 | 50 | 70 |
| Mossman | 19 | 26 | 7 | 50 | 50 |

Second game—

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Risk | 46 | 65 | 27 | 86 | 75 |
| Mossman | 50 | 69 | 27 | 86 | 80 |

Third game—

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Risk | 34 | 57 | 22 | 76 | 75 |
| Mossman | 50 | 64 | 22 | 76 | 84 |

Fourth game—

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Risk | 17 | 38 | 10 | 62 | 61 |
| Mossman | 50 | 49 | 17 | 62 | 61 |

Fifth game—

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|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Risk | 19 | 62 | 23 | 82 | 72 |
| Mossman | 50 | 73 | 33 | 82 | 90 |

Sixth game—

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Risk | 13 | 25 | 8 | 46 | 54 |
| Mossman | 50 | 37 | 15 | 46 | 80 |

Seventh game—

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Risk | 33 | 37 | 14 | 54 | 68 |
| Mossman | 42 | 42 | 18 | 54 | 77 |

Rain—

Totals—

| | | | | | |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Risk | 212 | 319 | 115 | 456 | 67.8 |
| Mossman | 301 | 360 | 139 | 456 | 78.3 |

Take Game From Springfield Team

Just as predicted, the Urbana Horse Shoe club put a team on the Park avenue courts Saturday afternoon which won an easy victory over the Springfield city team by taking 17 of the 25 games played, thereby wiping out the sting of a recent defeat at the hands of the Clark county tossers on the Springfield courts.

A large crowd of fans was attracted to Park avenue and was rewarded with victory. The Urbana team took four of the five games played in the first round; three in the second; two in the third; five in the fourth, and three more in the final round.

James Hough led his teammates to victory by taking all five of his games in his usual easy fashion and thereby kept his unusual record of never facing defeat in team competition, clean, Bernard Huston, of Concord and H. H. Dovell of Urbana each won four of their five games. Rude of Springfield led the visitors by winning four

out of five, being defeated only by Hough. Although Rude ran up the highest score against Hough, it was Conrad and Hough who pitched the best game of the afternoon games. In this game Hough pitched 39 ringers and 15 doubles, while Conrad pitched 31 ringers and 10 double ringers in 54 shoes pitched.

Urbana took the contest easily, winning 17 of the 25 games, and piling up a total of 1147 points to Springfield's 893. Games won and lost by Urbana pitchers are as follows: Hough won 5, lost none; B. Huston, won 4 lost 1; H. Dovell won 4, lost 1; H. Huston won 3, lost 2; A. Criffield won 1, lost 4.

The totals for the Urbana team are as follows:

| | Pts. | R. | DR. | SP. |
|-------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Hough | 250 | 147 | 46 | 262 |
| Huston, B | 245 | 119 | 22 | 290 |
| Govell, H. | 239 | 144 | 27 | 358 |
| Huston, R | 205 | 92 | 11 | 306 |
| Criffield A | 198 | 99 | 15 | 316 |

Totals 1147 601 120 1532

Score by rounds:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5—T |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|------|
| Urbana | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3—17 |
| Springfield | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2—8 |

—Urbana (O.) Democrat

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—Liberal News

Isaac Cavinee, Jeffersonville, Ohio, pitcher, died recently. Members of his horseshoe club sent a beautiful floral wreath, made up in the shape of a horseshoe.

Urbana Loses To Springfielders

With a hurriedly selected team, including new blood, the Urbana Horse Shoe Club went to Springfield Saturday afternoon, where the local team lost a match to a picked team from the industrial league tossers of that city. The Urbana club lost 14 of the 25 games played and the match, being the second defeat of the club since its organization.

The victory was the first for the Springfield pitchers over the local club although the teams have met in competition several times. However, the Clark county tossers did not face the same opposition Saturday that they did last season. With Criffield in Michigan on a vacation and Dovell out of the running for awhile, Raymond Huston, brother to Bernard, and Warren Hanna, both young bloods in the game, were substituted. The youngsters made a very creditable showing in their first appearance in competition, too. Raymond Huston proved a real sensation by winning three of his five games, boasting victories over Conrad and Rude, Springfield's best

at the game.

Young Huston's work is remarkable, considering the fact that he first attempted the game at the county picnic this summer. His progress has been interesting and he promises to be one of the best pitchers ever developed in this section of the state.

James Hough upheld his long standing record of no defeats in competition by taking his five games handily, being easily the high-point and high-ringer man of the tournament.

Sand Is Handicap

The Urbana tossers were up against a new game on the Y. M. C. A. courts this year, which bothered them not a little. The courts are constructed with sand—something with which the local pitchers are unfamiliar. The Urbana tossers lost many ringers because of this handicap, but they offer no alibi and are only waiting until the Clark county team pays them a visit at Park avenue, where the visitors will have to meet them on clay courts once more. The next match is scheduled for Park avenue on Saturday, September 4.

Urbana won 11 games and Springfield 14. Bernard and Raymond Huston, both of Concord, won three games

each and James Hough took his usual limit of five.

| Urbana (11) | Pts. | R. | Dr. | SP. |
|---------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Hough | 250 | 133 | 26 | 310 |
| B. Huston . . | 207 | 110 | 23 | 308 |
| R. Huston . . | 216 | 83 | 17 | 306 |
| P. Hanna . . | 120 | 71 | 10 | 308 |
| W. Hanna . . | 172 | 78 | 12 | 356 |

| | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Totals . . . | 965 | 475 | 88 | 1588 |
| Springfield (14) | | | | |
| Conrad . . . | 217 | 116 | 79 | 326 |
| Rude | 224 | 107 | 17 | 308 |
| Grav'nk'mp | 219 | 103 | 15 | 326 |
| Patchell . . | 211 | 109 | 18 | 312 |
| Kramer . . | 187 | 74 | 8 | 316 |

Totals . 1058 509 77 1588
 —Urbana (O.) Democrat, August 28.

Odd Natural Freaks

Fish that climb trees, monkeys that brush their teeth after meals and birds that sleep upside down are among the strange creatures discovered in the Malay peninsula, according to a recent explorer. Another freak of this part of the world is a fish that flirts. It is the only swimming animal known to have a real wink.

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Letters to the Editor

Boulder, Colo.

Editor Horseshoe World:

Dear Sir—The writer, while not a horseshoe pitcher, never having pitched a shoe in his life, is nevertheless very much interested in this game, so very fascinating from many angles of health, skill, sport and pleasurable competition to which to contribute in a slight degree recently offered to any or all members of our local club a year's subscription to The Horseshoe World, as a little prize for pitching fifty consecutive shoes scoring 25 ringers and 100 points or better.

This prize was today won for the first time by Mr. Wm. A. Fox, (67 years young) with a score of seven doubles, 13 single ringers and 13, six inch or better points, total count 102.

Considerable interest seems in evidence all along the line and very good amateur scores resulting frequently, with Mr. Henry Heiberg much in evidence with 26 ringers and total of 96 as his latest achievement, leading toward the anticipation of his as well as others, names to soon appear upon your mailing list.

As stated I do not personally pitch horseshoes but have witnessed and scored a good many interesting games here and elsewhere—have been a close observer and done much figuring toward analysis of results, etc., and right here I desire to protest most emphatically the rule whereby a peg winner is permitted the succeeding lead pitch.

It is not at all necessary to explain here the great advantage of the lead pitch to a clean goal, also the winning of a game on points by fair and equitable conditions is of utmost importance which is simply impossible whereby peg winning permits of lead pitch.

My figures prove most conclusively to my satisfaction that the leading pitch is undoubtedly worth a material and unjustified advantage which precludes any encouragement to a slightly weaker contestant, hence in my opinion the only equitable solution of of the injustice of the present rule and custom of peg winning permitting lead pitching is that such rule be amended to read absolutely alternating lead in pitching shall prevail.

For instance and in support of such a rule in horseshoe pitching let us witness a couple of close contestants in a foot race—One runner wins by a yard—so in the next heat he should be given one yard on at the start—if so would the result be absolute proof of running ability? Positively not.

Yet where a peg winning horseshoe pitcher assumes the lead pitch he accepts a big advantage to the tune of 5 to 10 per cent which constitutes discouragement to many of as good or slightly weaker contestants in safe or as actual pitching is concerned.

Very truly yours,
C. W. ROWLAND.

Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Editor:

We are writing you a letter hoping to see it in print: so that the readers of the Horseshoe World may know that we have some followers of the "grand old sport."

We have a club of about fifty pitchers in our town. On August 18th and 19th, we conducted the Richland County Horseshoe tournament at the county fair.

The first day a qualifying round was pitched to reduce the number of pitchers. The high score in this was made by John Perkins from Richland Center who made from the fifty shoes pitched—27 ringers, 10 double ringers and 101 points.

The second day a round-robin was to be pitched. The two winners of this were then to pitch a best 6 out of 11 games for 1st and 2nd place.

John Perkins and Lester Cooper were the two finalists, the former lost one game and Cooper two.

The following is a score of the final games:

| First game— | P | R | DR | SP | Pct |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Perkins | 50 | 36 | 7 | 66 | 54 |
| Cooper | 26 | 30 | 6 | 66 | 45 |
| Second game— | | | | | |
| Perkins | 29 | 20 | 4 | 44 | 45 |
| Cooper | 50 | 25 | 6 | 44 | 57 |
| Third game— | | | | | |
| Perkins | 50 | 25 | 5 | 54 | 46 |
| Cooper | 24 | 17 | 3 | 54 | 30 |
| Fourth game— | | | | | |
| Perkins | 50 | 28 | 5 | 54 | 50 |
| Cooper | 39 | 25 | 6 | 54 | 41 |
| Fifth game— | | | | | |
| Perkins | 27 | 18 | 3 | 62 | 30 |
| Cooper | 50 | 24 | 5 | 62 | 40 |
| Sixth game— | | | | | |
| Perkins | 50 | 30 | 8 | 66 | 45 |
| Cooper | 42 | 27 | 7 | 66 | 40 |
| Seventh game— | | | | | |
| Perkins | 30 | 26 | 6 | 62 | 43 |
| Cooper | 50 | 31 | 7 | 62 | 50 |
| Eighth game— | | | | | |
| Perkins | 36 | 26 | 4 | 72 | 36 |
| Cooper | 50 | 31 | 5 | 72 | 43 |

At the end of the eighth game the score was four games apiece, and the two pitchers were so tired from playing the finals in addition to the round robin that day that it was decided to call it a tie and split the first and second money between them.

Hoping to see this in the Horseshoe World.

Richland Center Horseshoe Pitchers

TRIPLE "A" TAKES CONTEST

Pittsfield, Mass.—The Triple "A" horseshoe pitchers were too much for the Pittsfield Y. M. C. A. barnyard golfers in the single matches played at Forest park. Every Triple "A" man was a victor in this event. In the doubles, however, the Pittsfield players showed great improvement and won two matches.

The feature vent of the afternoon was an exhibition match in which John Fraser, Wilbraham horseshoe pitcher and claimant of New England honors, contested. Fraser pitched three games. In the first, he was defeated by Earl Dunbar of the Rolls-Royce team, 50 to 44. In the second match, Fraser found his eye, and tossed on 16 ringers out of 20 matches, defeating Dunbar, 50 to 12. In the third game, Fraser defeated Francour of Pittsfield, 50 to 17. The scores:—

| Exhibitions | | |
|-------------|------|-------|
| | Pts. | Ring, |
| Dunbar | 50 | 17 |
| Fraser | 44 | 15 |
| Fraser | 50 | 18 |
| Dunbar | 12 | 6 |
| Fraser | 50 | 20 |
| Francour | 17 | 12 |

Singles
Dunbar (S.), 50—12; Francour, (P.) 36—16; Chennelli (S.), 50—12; Maher (P.), 23—5; Lindfors (S.), 50—22; Saunders (P.), 33—11; Bertu (S.), 50—13; Bailey (P.), 12—3; Rote (S.), 50—12; Blair (P.), 18—3; Gamach (S.), 50—9; Featherstone (P.), 15—2; Haskell (S.), 50—13; Hamilton (P.), 29—4; Mitchell (S.), 50—10; Harrington (P.) 27—3; Hannes (S.), 50—11; Burt (P.), 43—10.

Doubles
Dunbar and Chenelli (S.), 50—12; Featherstone and Maher (P.), 10—4; Bailey and Saunders (P.), 50—16; Lindfors and Martin (S.), 40—10; Roti and Burtu (S.), 50—7; Harrington and Burt (P.), 25—4 Blair and Francour (P.), 50—13; Haskell and Pyne (S.), 25—4.

R. A. Davis, physical director of the Pittsfield Y. M. C. A., accompanied the players from Pittsfield and announced after the games that an elimination tournament for the championship of Western Massachusetts would be held in Pittsfield on Saturday, September 11, under the auspices of the Pittsfield Y. M. C. A. He extended an invitation to all Springfield players to take part in the pitching.

Beckman Wins

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Ed Beckman, of Louisville won the horseshoe championship of Kentucky in the Kentucky state finals pitched at Third and Guthrie streets. Beckman defeated Sam B. Mattingly, also of Louisville, in two straight games by scores of 50 to 39 and 50 to 40 to win the crown.

Both pitchers played steadily, Beckman coming through with 36 per cent ringers and Mattingly with 31 per cent. Beckman pitched eight double ringers and Mattingly six. Beckman's highest number of ringers in any one game was twenty-five. The contestants pitched sixty-eight shoes in the first game and sixty-six in the last contest.

Beckman won the championship over a group of more than sixty of the best horseshoe pitchers in the state.

After Mr. Beckman had been crowned king of Kentucky horseshoe pitchers, he competed with "Putt" Mossman, of Eldorado, Iowa, National horseshoe champion in 1924. Beckman lost the first conflict by a 50 to 10 score and the second by a 50 to 27 count.

Mossman did not pitch up to his usual form, but played the two games with an average of 57 per cent ringers pitched. Mossman lopped 61 per cent in the first game and 53 per cent in the second. Beckman pitched 25 per cent in the initial contest and 37 in the closing fray of the afternoon. In the two games, Mossman counted eighteen double ringers and Beckman registered four.

Mossman while in Louisville, made arrangements to return in about thirty days to give a horseshoe pitching stunt exhibition. Mossman in the exhibition will pitch blindfolded, through a loop, to three different length pegs, to a hidden peg and will explain his dozen or more methods of holding and pitching the shoe. Mossman will appear in New Albany some time before the end of the month.

Mossman was 17 when he held the national championship. During the time that he was national champion, he set a world's record of per cent of ringers pitched that has not yet been broken. Mossman's percentage ringer record is 92.8 per cent ringers.

For the Class B Championship, Henry Kroll conquered Charles Steier, 50 to 31 and 50 to 17.

Complete charts of the final and exhibition games Saturday afternoon follow:

| | Pts. | Rgrs | D. Rgrs | Shoes | Pct. Rgrs |
|-----------|------|------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Beckman | 50 | 24 | 2 | 68 | 35 |
| Mattingly | 39 | 22 | 4 | 68 | 32 |
| Beckman | 50 | 25 | 6 | 66 | 37 |
| Mattingly | 40 | 20 | 2 | 66 | 30 |
| Mossman | 50 | 22 | 6 | 36 | 61 |
| Beckman | 10 | 9 | 2 | 36 | 25 |
| Mossman | 50 | 32 | 12 | 60 | 53 |
| Beckman | 37 | 22 | 2 | 60 | 37 |

HORSESHOE CHAMPS

RETAIN TITLES

Perkins of Springfield and Fraser of Wilbraham Play Three Games on Fairgrounds and Win All

Brattleboror, Vt., Aug. 9.—H. L. Perkins, of Springfield, Mass., and John Fraser of Wilbraham, Mass., retained their titles as New England horseshoe pitching champions at the contest conducted on the Valley fair lanes Saturday afternoon. The winning team played three games, winning them all, a mark not attained by any of the other 12 teams which competed. They were awarded gold medals.

Second place went to Plummer and Robbins of West Swanzey, N. H., who were awarded silver medals, and third place was won by Bloom and Willis of Winchester, N. H., who received bronze medals. Due to the late arrival of the contestants, the championships did not get away until afternoon, and the contest came to a stop before it was finished, because of darkness. It was at first decided to run off the finals Sunday morning, but later in the evening the contestants agreed to award second and third places on a percentage basis, figured on the number of points won by the contestants throughout the tournament.

There were 26 contestants, divided into teams of two each. All were eliminated except three teams as follows: Tasker and Lackey of Brattleboror, Bloom and Willis of Winchester, and Plummer and Robbins of West Swanzey. The three teams played a round robin, each team winning one game and losing two games. Another match was played and each of the three teams won one game and lost one. Darkness intervening, the match was given up and the awards made on the points each team made throughout the day. The percentage of the local team was less than that of the other two teams and consequently was out of the running.

Perkins and Fraser, the winning team, won the New England champ-

ionship a year ago, on Aug. 8, at Hampton Beach, N. H. On Wednesday night they will play two Orange, Mass., pitchers who were unable to come here Saturday. Mr. Perkins is planning to take part in the contest which will be one of the first-day features at the Valley fair next month.

Oregon Notes

Sunday, July 25, horseshoe pitchers from Ashland and Medford in Jackson county, invaded Grant's Pass, the climatic city of Josephine county, which boasts of having some of the best horseshoe pitchers in the state, and they justified their host, by winning most of the games from both of the visiting teams.

I wish to mention the fact that Grant's Pass has the only regulation court of six lanes in southern Oregon. Built by the city last year in the park. They have a club with thirty members with John Sparlin and son as high men of their club.

Ashland has twenty-five members in their club with Doc. Pitman and Wild as high men of the Ashland club. They have a very good three lane court in Lithia park.

Medford Horseshoe club has twenty members with Moody and Miller as high score men of their club, Miller being county champion. Our most enthusiastic pitcher in the Medford club is Wm. Timan, or better known as Daddy Timan, 82 years old, who is our efficient secretary and one of the greatest horseshoe boosters in the state, as well as the best dobbin slipper pitcher in the state of any one within ten years of his age.

We haven't any regulation courts in Medford yet, but hope to have some in the city park.

The town of Central Point has a three lane court with a club of 18 members. Jim Watkins and Ira Grigsby are high men of their club and several other contenders that will be ready to go by the time of the Jackson County Fair meet in September.

Jim Greaves of Prospect is getting his club members in training for the annual horseshoe meet at the Jackson County Fair grounds in September.

B. W. MILLER,

Route 1, Box 64, Medford Ore.

Bovine Obstinacy

Just what a cow finds to eat on a paved highway is more than the average motorist can figure out, but still the cows persist in taking up the center of the road just for the sake of hearing the horns blow for them to step aside, it would seem.

Torbert Wins Illinois State Championship Meet

A new state champion horseshoe pitcher was created September 6 when Walter Torbert of Clinton, after a hard day's pitching against 92 "barnyard golf" stars from all parts of the state, carried away the honors. In the final game he won 50 points, 55 ringers and 19 double ringers with a percentage of 70½. He defeated Howard Collier, of Canton, runner-up, who had 45 points, 51 ringers, 18 double ringers and a percentage of 68.

With clanging shoes, clerks for everyone of the 16 courts, the horseshoe tournament had a businesslike appearance. As many spectators were crowded around the courts as could see. Star horseshoe pitchers from all parts of the state were there and most of them had a band of rooters. Mrs. C. A. Lanham, of Bloomington, ex-champion woman horseshoe pitcher, gave an exhibition of her skill.

The results:

| | W | L | R | DR | % |
|--------------------------|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Walter Torbert, Clinton | 7 | 0 | 279 | 93 | 62 |
| Howard Collier, Canton | 5 | 2 | 241 | 59 | 52 |
| R. G. Bright, Hudson | 4 | 3 | 205 | 45 | 48 |
| Geo. Hilst, Green Valley | 4 | 3 | 199 | 47 | 48 |
| C. R. Thompson, Chicago | 3 | 4 | 174 | 27 | 43 |
| Ed. Kunz, Trenton | 3 | 4 | 179 | 41 | 45 |
| C. Heffner, East Peoria | 1 | 6 | 174 | 27 | 39 |
| Gaylord Peterson, Toluca | 1 | 6 | 191 | 47 | 44 |

Class B

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|-----|----|----|
| C. Cleveland, Rockford | 7 | 0 | 204 | 34 | 58 |
| S. G. Smith, Anchor | 5 | 2 | 210 | 53 | 51 |
| E. M. Crank, Wilburn | 4 | 3 | 214 | 53 | 55 |
| M. Tate, Knoxville | 4 | 3 | 180 | 46 | 46 |
| P. Ingersoll, San Jose | 3 | 4 | 192 | 36 | 46 |
| A. Johnson, Arrowsmith | 3 | 4 | 158 | 27 | 41 |
| Fred Senn, Highland | 1 | 6 | 117 | 15 | 30 |
| K. Vawter, Chicago | 1 | 6 | 153 | 29 | 39 |

Class C

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|-----|----|----|
| E. A. Torbert, Clinton | 6 | 1 | 182 | 34 | 41 |
| Harry Torbert, Clinton | 5 | 2 | 182 | 44 | 47 |
| J. W. Heskett, Clinton | 5 | 2 | 156 | 26 | 35 |
| A. J. Coon, Washburn | 4 | 3 | 149 | 34 | 38 |
| P. Moore, Homewood | 3 | 4 | 157 | 22 | 36 |
| W. W. Hasselburg, Milford | 2 | 5 | 138 | 29 | 33 |
| I. L. Ellis, Saunemin | 2 | 5 | 118 | 15 | 28 |
| Walter McCowan, Anchor | 1 | 6 | 138 | 24 | 32 |

Walter Torbert, State champion, pitched a real game of horseshoe. In his game with Collier he pitched 70%, getting 55 ringers while Collier was getting 51 ringers with 19 and 18 doubles.

The tournament was pitched on ground which had been flooded with water for a week. The stakes would not stay in place. Walter and Harry Torbert also won the Farm Bureau championship by winning two games from Peterson Bros.

The champion received \$50 cash, \$25 medal, pair shoes and carrying case. He lacked a ringer of pitching a 40 ringer average. No ties were pitched off except for third and fourth place of one class, which was won by R. G. Bright.

Results of 100-Shoe Preliminary

Class A — Walter Torbert, 224;

Geo. J. Hilst, 215; Howard Collier 211; R. G. Bright, 201; Gaylord Peterson, 201; Chester Hefner, 201; C. R. Thompson, 195; Ed. Kunz, 194.

Class B—Sim Smith, 193; E. M. Crank, 191; Paul Ingersoll, 190; Fred Senn, 189; Kendall Vowter, 189; Arthur Johnson, 185; Milton Tate, 185; Clyde Cleveland, 185.

Class C—I. L. Ellis, 181; Harry Torbert, 180; E. A. Torbert, 179; Walter McCowan, 176; J. W. Heskett, 172; A. J. Coon, 172; Parks Moore, 170; W. W. Hasselburg, 170.

Elect Officers

This was the first state tournament held by the present association. Under a former organization, a state tourney was held at Aurora in 1922. Interest seems to be growing in horseshoe contests, the men say. Most of the fairs have included the sport as

a feature. Peoria is making an effort to hold a meet. It is very possible, they say, that the state fair at Springfield may be the scene of the state tourney in 1927.

In the annual meeting of the state association held today, the following officers were elected: L. E. Tanner, Anchor, president; O. G. Addleman, Springfield, vice-president; George Stone, Ogden Park, vice president; S. G. Smith, Anchor, treasurer; C. A. Lanham, Bloomington, secretary.



Dr. R. R. Frazier

Dr. Frazier, Helena, Mont., was in charge of the State Fair tournament in that city, September 6 to 11.

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Al. Michler, former president of the National Association, is recovering from an illness of several weeks at his home in Akron, Ohio.

"Bob" Thompson, 11 year old son of B. R. Thompson of Cleveland, won the Junior Horseshoe contest in Cleveland Heights, recently. This youngster won the Northwestern Ohio contest and is a chip off the old block, his father being a member of the famous Wade Park organization. In his latest contest the youngster won 21 straight games.

New England Notes

By H. L. PERKINS
Greenfield, Mass.

Long before baseball became the national game, in every town and city throughout the country "barnyard golf" better known as horseshoe pitching, was one of the outstanding sports. For several years associations have been formed in every state in the Union to get the game on a stronger footing and a great deal of credit for this work in New England at least must be given to the New England Horseshoe Pitchers association.

Many New England cities and towns have held and are going to hold tournaments and during the summer months Springfield, Greenfield, Holyoke, Orange, Keene, N. H., Brattleboro and Brownsville, Vt., and other places have an organized club that conducts invitation matches. Springfield has two of the best pitchers in Perkins and Frazer who last year won every match in which they took part.

All interest for 1926 is centered in the New England Horseshoe Pitchers association which represents an amalgamation of all individual clubs in New England. The first grand meeting of this association was held in Greenfield recently when representatives of the New England Horseshoe Pitchers association gathered at the Mansion House for their first annual meeting and favorable reports on the progress of the sport from all parts of the states brought assurance to the members of a most successful year. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. L. Perkins of Springfield; first vice president, L. L. Bean of Freeport, Me.; second vice president, Norman A. Howe of Brattleboro, Vt.; third vice president, Dr. G. E. Chesley of Rochester, N. H.; Hyland Tasker, secretary Northern N. E. of Brattleboro, Vt.; H. G. Schouler, secretary Southern, N. E. of Greenfield; treasurer, E. H. Thomas of Holyoke; publicity, George St. Cyr of Greenfield; statistician, C. W. Bacon of Springfield; directors as follows: Hamden Tripp of Crescent Lake, Me.; H. L. Cummings of So. Paris, Me.; E. M. Wheeler of Keene, N. H.; C. L. Coane of Brattleboro, Vt.; Eugene Blood of Brownsville, Vt.; H. A. Keith of Brockton, Mass.; William Carroll of Greenfield; A. C. Andrew of Pittsfield; W. H. Langworthy of Northampton; Cuthbert Johnson of Spring-

field; B. B. Broadbent of New Haven, Conn., and H. P. Shay of Riverside, R. I.

Glowing reports were given of the popularity of the sport which is now being adopted by the colleges. Williams College already has a team, which is recognized by the athletic association of that institution, and it is expected that other colleges will have teams in the field soon. The park commissioners of this town have announced that they will put in four lanes at Shattuck Park for the use of the local pitchers. These lanes will be the best of the standard type and will give the local devotees one of the best equipped pitching fields in New England.

It was voted to affiliate with the National Horseshoe Pitchers association and an intensive drive will be conducted to establish clubs in every city and town in the six New England states.

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Keene, N. H.

Fred and Eugene Wheeler of Keene, well known horseshoe pitchers, won victories over Gardner, Orange and Winchendon, Mass., teams at Winchendon, July 5. The Wheeler brothers are well known in the game, having captured several first money prizes at Brattleboro, Vt., fair and other places the past few years.

The Wheeler brothers will contend for more honors in the near future, as they are to oppose H. L. Perkins and John Frazer of Springfield, Mass., the champion horseshoe artists of New England. The game is to be staged in this city in the near future. At that time when the New England championship match will be played, there will be match games between teams from Winchester, Westport, West Swanzy, Munsonville and other places. Teams from any place are welcome to compete in the events.

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Freeport, Me.

As the result of the open horseshoe tournament at Crystal Lake, Sunday, John Decoster of Auburn and Guy Sturtevant of So. Paris will represent Maine at the New England championships Saturday at Brattleboro, Vt.

After playing evenly through the preliminaries, Decoster and Sturtevant met in the finals, but the former was taken ill and the expected star battle did not develop. Sturtevant was an easy victor.

The matches drew 30 entries and they comprised an invitation tournament, with L. L. Beam of Freeport, well known manufacturer and sports-

man, the host, at his Crystal Lake. Gray, Camp. Earl Marsh of Auburn was director of the matches, with Guy Bean of Freeport chief scorer. A dinner was served at noon on the veranda of the Bean camp. Four courts situated in the pine grove of the Bean summer estate, were busy with the games all day.

One of the best matches of the day was the 50 to 41 victory of Sturtevant over Harding another South Paris expert. The winner shot 31 ringers which approaches the championship average of 38 which National champ display. Rowe and Scribner won the finals in the Doubles.

* * * Brownsville, Vt.

Pratt and Blood of this town had a little contest recently in preparation to their going to Brattleboro Saturday August 7, to enter the New England Championship in Doubles. They were all of 21 point games with Blood winning 3 and Pratt 2. Stillson and Herrick trimmed Blood and Cowdry four games to one. Herrick also defeated Blood.

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Holyoke Canoe Club, Holyoke, Mass.

Horseshoe pitching at the club this summer has taken a terrible jump with men pitching every day in the week now. Electric lights have been installed which make it more interesting a sport. Games are played 2 or 3 times a week with outside teams. We have a good four man team that plays all these games and they are as follows: Thomas, Langworthy, Fleming and Midgley. We all wish here that more golf clubs and country clubs would take up this "old sport" so that we could arrange even more contests.

Kentucky Notes

By E. M. MERCHANT

Official standing of the City National championship finals of Louisville, Ky., compiled by E. M. Merchant:

| | P | W | L | R | DR | SP |
|------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-----|
| R. A. Willett... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 104 | 8 | 348 |
| L. Hagen.... | 5 | 3 | 2 | 92 | 9 | 366 |
| B. Wigginton... | 5 | 3 | 2 | 87 | 13 | 328 |
| M. Jones..... | 5 | 2 | 3 | 78 | 9 | 338 |
| Ed Beckman... | 5 | 1 | 4 | 81 | 10 | 348 |
| C. Steier..... | 5 | 1 | 4 | 48 | 1 | 352 |

The first four received medals from the Louisville National club; the runner-up received a loving cup donated by Sutcliffe Co. Other prizes donated by local merchants totaling 30.

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