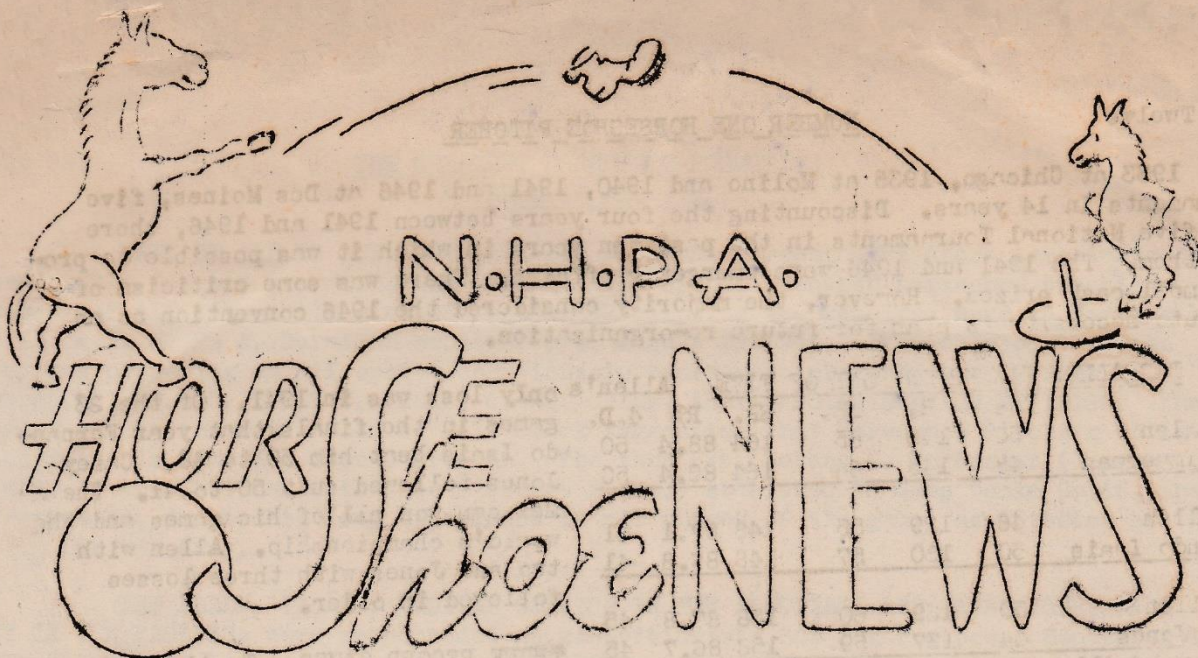




A STRONG NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS ESSENTIAL
BY ROD THOMAS OF
THE WASHINGTON EVENING STAR

IN INVITING ME TO contribute to the first issue of his horseshoe pitchers' publication, Mr. Woodfield stipulated that anything I submitted would not be blue-pencilled, and, I am holding him to his word. If the agreement had not been made, it would have been out of the question for me to slip past him this humbly written sentence. In 38 years of widely-varied experience as a newspaperman, bringing under close observation thousands of persons in every field and strata of society, Harry Thorpe Woodfield stands out in my mind as being the most endowed with the urge and the energy to accomplish good for others.

HORSESHOE PITCHING COMPARED WITH BOWLING. Mr. Woodfield requested an expression on the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, presumably an estimate of its potential value to the sport. For an insight into this, let's side-glance at another game which intrigues so many. In our country, according to reliable statistics, are between 18 and 20 millions of bowlers. The American Bowling Congress alone possesses more than one million paid-up members. Approximately a BILLION dollars is invested. All this came about through two factors the sport has universal appeal; it is organized.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP PROVERBIAL. Horseshoe pitching in some respects is stronger in its appeal than bowling. Athletically perhaps, it requires more skill and endurance to be a topflight ringer thrower than to be an ace bowler; yet, the game is equally enjoyable to pitchers of all degrees of skill. It is played in the health-giving outdoors, requires little space, and, IT IS INEXPENSIVE. Moreover good fellowship AMONG HORSESHOE PITCHERS IS PROVERBIAL.

HORSESHOE PITCHING IS A MAJOR SPORT. These are a few of the things that inspired Mr. Woodfield to spread the gospel of horseshoe pitching. It is easily understood by the newspapermen who know him why this gentleman was chosen president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. It was a distinctive honor he accepted, but Mr. Woodfield would be far more gratified, I believe, if his association became the instrument of increasing his strength to achieve benefits for his fellow men and to attain for horseshoe pitching its rightful place in the world of sports.

EDITOR'S NOTE: As sports promotion director of the Washington Evening Star Mr. Thomas has achieved many notable successes. For instance, this winter he conducted a bowling tournament in which there were 12,264 entries. During the war, the Treasury Department awarded him a medal for initiating a national War Bond bowling campaign which raised \$485,000,000. General Eisenhower, in a letter written in Germany, commended him for an outstanding job as public relations man for the Bowlers Victory Legion. General MacArthur officiated at the presentation of trophies for one of his events the National Marathon Championship, which featured the sports program of the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration in 1932. But, to quote Mr. Thomas "One of the biggest 'kicks' I've obtained in the promotion field came from organized a horseshoe tournament. Some 200 communities in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia participated in the preliminaries and there were more than 5,000 contestants." In future contributions to The Horseshoe News, Mr. Thomas has agreed to write about horseshoe pitching and pitchers and not the editor Harry T. Woodfield.

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THE GREATEST HORSESHOE PROMOTION
PROGRAM OF ALL TIMES

MANY OF YOU DO NOT KNOW that the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association was responsible for the promotion and organization of the greatest horseshoe pitching program of all times. It started when an AP clipping was received here in Washington, D. C. at N. H. P. A. Duration Headquarters, August 29, 1944. It disclosed that the Army was preparing an all sports championship tournament program, the officer in charge, LIEUT. COL. HENRY W. (ESKY) CLARK, CHIEF, ARMY SPECIAL SERVICE DIVISION. That same day a letter was mailed to Col. Clark suggesting that Horseshoe Pitching be included in his Army All Sports Program. The then Pvt. Leland S. Mortenson (long a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc.) stationed in Camp Cooke Calif., was recommended, due to his long experience in all phases of the game, as director of the sport for the Army.

TED ALLEN, IN ARMY MEDICAL STATION IN THE ALEUTIANS AND CASEY JONES, ON A PBV IN THE PACIFIC, were recommended as exhibitionists and instructors. September 1, Col. Clark's reply was, "Yes sir, by all means. We will include horseshoe pitching and we will start right now the routine of having Mortenson transferred to Special Service Division Headquarters in New York."

Mortenson was transferred early in October and his boot training consisted of touring U.S. Army camps with a Special Service troupe with Horton Smith, Chick Harbet golfers, Sol Schiff, Table Tennis Champion Joe Louis; and Man Mountain Dean wrestling.

Army Special Service and Col. Esslinger, Chief of recreation and sports for Army Convalescent Hospitals, tried for months to have Allen transferred without any success. Early in March '45, Mortenson was promoted to Sgt. and sent overseas to all Army camps in the ETO, supervising the construction of courts (as many as 30 to 40 in many) giving instruction organizing and directing tournament and showing a full length Pathe Inc. Sport Reel of horseshoe pitching, most of which was taken in and around Washington, D. C. and in New York City.

MORTENSON PUT IN MANY EXTRA HOURS BEYOND ARMY ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS, giving many famous athletic coaches a view of horseshoe pitching at its highest level and a tremendous boost for the game. It is true that his job was an Army detail but it was as a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn., that his interest never flagged.

HIS PROMOTION OF THE ARMY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT at Nuremburg, Germany Aug. 11-12, 1945, was a duplicate of the many tournaments he directed in Des Moines in pre-war times. Leonard Leerzel of Chicago and Earl Green of Indianapolis tied in the singles with Leerzel winning the playoff. Green was a member of the winning doubles team.

N.H.P.A. Duration Hdqtrs. in Washington was in constant touch with Leland and there is no doubt the excellent job he did can be of much benefit to both the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. and the game when the thousands who witnessed his exhibitions in Europe see horseshoe pitching again in the United States.

The Army awarded him a citation of a most excellent job well done, but that is no wonder to those who know him, as he puts everything he has behind this grand old game. N.H.P.A. was in close cooperation with the Army during and after the war and was commended many times for able assistance. Harry T. Woodfield.

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LET'S JOIN THE N. H. P. A.
BY ARCHIE J. GREGSON, NATIONAL SEC.

QUITE OFTEN LETTERS are received in this office requesting information on how to join the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, and occasionally, information is asked on how to form a State Association.

Any reputable person may become a member of the National Association upon payment of one dollar to the National Secretary. This entitles the individual to one year's membership, beginning January 1 and ending December 31. Of this one dollar membership fee, fifty cents is returned to the State Association. In the event there is no State Association, the entire fee is retained by the National Association. State Associations may be organized under the National Body and be known as (name of State), Division of the N.H.P.A., upon receipt of membership fees for ten or more members of an organized State group. A charter is issued to them free of charge and they are granted authorized to organize and develop the advancement of horseshoes in their territory; to permit, encourage and aid the affiliation of individuals, clubs, leagues, and associations within their state.

AT THE 1946 CONVENTION AT DES MOINES, it was voted to have manufacturers place a five cent stamp on each pair of shoes made by them. Of this stamp fund, twenty-five per cent will be divided among States according to their percentage of membership in the N.H.P.A.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, we have twenty-three active chartered State Associations. The question comes up occasionally, "Why should I join the National Association?"

- (1) It is the only recognized authority on horseshoes.
- (2) It is responsible for the standardizing of rules of play, method of scoring, and proper equipment.
- (3) It holds a National Tournament and Convention annually.
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- (5) It has been responsible for bringing HORSESHOES from barnyards to court-house lawns.
- (6) It is constantly striving to advance the game.

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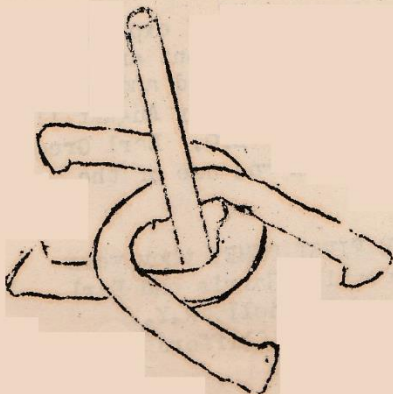
AN INVITATION TO UTAH
BY ARCH STOKES 1st VICE PRESIDENT

TO THE BOYS WHO LOVE TO PITCH HORSESHOES, wherever you may be, Canada, United States, Europe or the isles of the sea, I wish to send greetings that the 1947 season be the best ever our grand old game has ever known. That we all may be united in our National Association and work as one to build it up. I sure feel proud to be associated with it and hope I can be of some help.

I TRULY HOPE TO MEET MOST OF YOU HERE IN SALT LAKE CITY, August 25 to 30, 1947, when we in Utah will do our best to make the 1947 World's Championship Horse-shoe Tournament the greatest in N.H.P.A.'s history. Bring your ideas and plans for a bigger and better organization, so that in our convention, we can add to what we already have even though we may have to replace some of our rules with those more popular and constructive. We plan to make the last week in August, 1947 a memorable one.

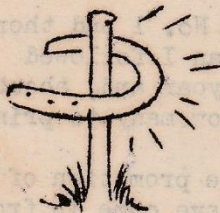
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AN ODE TO HORSESHOES
BY LOUIS GEGOX, PRESIDENT
FARMERS HORSESHOE CLUB



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THE POEM ABOVE WAS COPIED FROM A CHRISTMAS CARD SENT TO THE PUBLISHER. In the third line, "lots of ringers" was substituted for Merry Christmas for obvious reasons. The farmer and the stake and shoe are printed on their stationery, they have 20 members and sent in orders for 20 copies for the first issue of HORSESHOE NEWS.

DEDICATED TO ARCH STOKES
CHAIRMAN OF 1947 TOURNAMENT
BY JAKESPEARE

If you play horseshoes fairly well. A tale to you I want to tell;
So I'll begin this little ditty, By saying that in Salt Lake City,
In Utah quite a State out west. Where they want you as a guest,
In August nineteen forty-seven. There's going to be a "pitchers" heaven.

They'll hold a horseshoe pitchers' meet, To place a champion in the seat.
And prizes there will be galore; A couple dozen, maybe more.
So start right now to save your dough, If you intend to really go.
It's not too early to prepare, Because it costs a lot of fare.

Come by plane, by train or car; If you're living near or far,
Bring your wife and all the kids; Leave your business on the skids.
You're sure to have a trip worthwhile; One you'll enjoy mile after mile.
So let's get going, horseshoe folks And get in touch with Archie Stokes.

Editor's Note: When he writes a poem, he is Jakespeare; when he is on the horseshoe courts, he is Jake. He was christened Byron Jaskulek and is the newly elected Second Vice President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

November 3rd, last, Jake was director of an open horseshoe tournament in Central Park, New York City, on the courts of the Hilltop Club. Twenty-four finalists in 3 classes fought it out in single round robins for cash and cigars. It is one thing to conduct a one-day open tournament in July when daylight has reached its maximum length and quite another to stage one in November with the shortest day in the year about six weeks away. The tournament was as smoothly run as any I have ever witnessed. A lot of credit for this was due to the able assistance of Mr. E. Englebracht, a fellow member of the Inwood Club, that with Hilltop, Williamsbridge, Woodlawn, St. Mary's and Sunnyside, make up the closely knit Metropolitan Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

There was a real community spirit so evident that it speaks well for the future of organized horseshoe pitching in Metropolitan New York and sections just outside its borders.



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THE EDITOR'S PAGE "YOUTH IS NOT A TIME OF LIFE" — "IT'S A STATE OF MIND" —

"HEY! POP, WHERE'S MY COPY OF THE N.H.P.A. HORSESHOE NEWS?" I have orders for 800 copies; 450 will be sent to that many addresses; the remainder will go to about 15 other addresses in lots of from 50 to 150 copies. No one, as yet, has complained about the long delay in getting out the first issue of HORSESHOE NEWS. I sure do appreciate your patience.

I MADE A MISTAKE. I should have completed the printing of No. 1 and then solicited subscriptions. No, I had to play smart. I figured the plan I followed would bring in all the subscriptions I could expect at this time of year and, about when I was ready to go to press. In that way, I would know better how many to print.

MY IDEA WORKED IN REVERSE. I have a lot of ideas about the promotion of the grand old game of horseshoe pitching. In the past nine years they have come in from a group of the finest type of sportsmen - HORSESHOE PITCHERS. I have passed many of them on to others. It was their responsibility to try them out. This time I used one of my own; on myself and, it backfired. I thought at the start I'd have the NEWS ready by January 1st; March is almost gone but I am over the HUMP. Looks like printing will get underway this week. I had to learn a lot of things. How to operate the duplicator, how to cut stencils and how to write for a publication. This place is full of used stencil sheets and abandoned typewritten copy. I have a lot of news. I know a lot of words that I want to use; they seem perfect when they start in my mind - on paper - not so good. YOU WILL BE THE JUDGE. WHAT'S THE VERDICT?

DON'T PULL ANY PUNCHES. FIRST DO THIS - READ THE NEWS TWICE, - once for your eyes and once to remember; then, let me know what you think of it. Especially, about the following: N.H.P.A. did originate rules of play, create standards of equipment, and since its establishment 26 years ago, have developed horseshoe pitching to one of the most scientific of sports. As an inducement for new members in our National Association, we cannot claim Rules of Play as one of them which includes CANCELLATIONS, the method of scoring that originated shortly after the National Association was organized, has become common property. However, there are services and improvements important to the game that can only be distributed through or developed by a National Association and its own publication.

SUCH AS, THE DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASE IN SKILL among Teenage boys through a nation-wide program of supervision and expert instruction, sponsored through our National Association. This is two-edged. It will not only increase the number of top-notch pitchers in a few years, but also PUT TO GOOD USE MANY HOURS OF THE YOUNGSTERS' SPARE TIME. Here is a grand opportunity for a father and son sports combination. The Dad can learn to instruct in the two turns either of which are used by master pitchers, the $1\frac{1}{4}$ and $1\frac{3}{4}$ turns. THE BEST INSTRUCTION BOOK EVER PUBLISHED (so say the experts) "SCIENCE AT THE STAKE" by Roy W. Smith, 214 W. 77th St., Los Angeles, California. It is now on sale.

ANOTHER LATE IMPROVEMENT TO HORSESHOE EQUIPMENT IS A CLAY that may well increase the number of horseshoe pitchers to staggering heights. It will be on the market soon. It is a product through the collaboration of John D. Sebek, 2236 Winfield Way, N.E., Canton, Ohio (Ohio State Champion and one of the top-ranking pitchers in the U.S.), and a large chemical plant in the midwest. A combination of chemicals are mixed with clay with these results - it stays soft, will not freeze and cannot absorb moisture nor soil hands or clothing. Pitching tests will soon be underway to determine proper depth, area around the stake and consistency.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW REASONS WHY HORSESHOE PITCHERS SHOULD BECOME MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSN. And in addition, merit full cooperation of all horseshoe pitchers by subscribing to the N.H.P.A. HORSESHOE NEWS. Pop Woodfield

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BY ROY W. SMITH

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NATIONAL TOURNAMENT & CONVENTION
DES MOINES, IOWA
JUNE 30 TO JULY 4, 1946

WHY DOESN'T MY NEWSPAPER PUBLISH RESULTS OF NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS? If your newspaper subscribes to the AP Service, it did get such a report. The Sports Editor of your paper decides what shall or shall not be printed on the sports page.

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FINAL STANDINGS
1946 TOURNAMENT

	W	L		W	L
1 Ted Allen, Colo.	22	1	13 Roland Kraft, Kans.	C	12
2 Casey Jones, Wisc.	21	2	14 Orville Harris, Ind.		11
3 Sidney Harris, Neb.	19	4	15 Henry Harper		12
4 John Sebek, Ohio	18	5	16 Bob Cash, Ohio		15
5 Vito Fileccia, New York	17	6	17 Earl Green, Ind.	D	16
6 Arner Lindquist, West Va.	A	16	18 Bill Kolb, New Jersey		16
7 Dale Dixon, Iowa		16	19 Alvin Dahlene, Kansas	F	16
8 W.O. Maxwell, Ohio	B	15	20 Wm. Danhauer, Illinois		18
9 Arlo Harris, Ind.		15	21 Clifford Hansen, Iowa		19
10 John Lindmeier, Illinois	C	13	22 Marion Lange, Iowa		20
11 Tom Brownell, New York	F	13	23 H. Robinson, Nebraska		21
12 Andy Stolarik, Ohio		13	23 Evan Tishock, Ohio		23

A position decided by playoff match	PLAYOFFS - 6th place tie - Lindquist won
B position determined by lot.	from Dixon 50 to 44.
C position determined by ringer per cent	10th place tie - Lindmeier
D position determined by playoff 100 shoes	70.7% Brownell 66.5 Stolarik
E Brownell, Kolb & Dahlene forfeit from Tishock	64.8
17th place tie 100 shoes Green 231 Kolb 227	13th place tie Kraft 68.4
Dahlene 205	O. Harris 64.5

HEARD AND SEEN

ARCH STOKES came by plane from Salt Lake City; had a banner full width of the courts, boasting 1947 tournament in his city. His scarlet shirt, yellow tie, white ducks, Death Valley bandanna and sombrero hold up traffic downtown. Wow! JOHN AND MRS. GORDON made an unexpected appearance. After that almost fatal auto accident when neither were expected to recover, the committee did not think they could make it. They did with a chauffeur and a pet dog. He was all over the park, doing his usual stint, passing out pitching shoes; presented a flock of them to an amateur tournament at Grinnel and a batch to the Isaac Walton Club where we had a swell dinner, thanks to Dale Dixon. Mr. Gordon has become an institution at our National tournaments.

DALE DIXON'S father kept score on the blackboard and, in between helped Mrs. Gregson in the tent. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE HEAVES A SIGH OF RELIEF when Mrs. Gregson walks into the tent. She calmly opens her brief case, unties a couple of packages and the tournament is all set to go. Never irritable, always smiling, she is a fine example of the friendly cooperation and good fellowship with which this grand old game is saturated. It was shown again with a lot of sentiment when at the close, the pitchers presented her with a beautiful pen and pencil set. She was so pleasantly surprised, it was some time before she could offer her thanks.

DONALD her four-year old son showed an original pitching style. He held the shoe vertical between his eyes and was pitching about 80 per cent ringers around a tent stake about 2 feet away when the newsreel cameraman took some shots. JIMMY, her oldest son is a young edition of Fernando Isais and in four or five more years, he should make the finals in a National Tournament.

LELAND MORTENSON is another horseshoe pitching institution and has years of experience in every phase of the game. His fine work has been so constant, so efficient and so pleasantly done, that folks are prone to take him for granted. He organized and conducted the Army National Horseshoe pitching tournament in Nuremburg, Germany August 11 and 12, 1945, while Director of Horseshoe Pitching for the Army in the ETO. Earl Green (in the finals at Des Moines) tied for the Army National singles and was one of the pair that won the doubles there.

FIFTEEN OF THE FINALISTS WERE UNDER FIRE IN DES MOINES FOR THE FIRST TIME: they were Vito Fileccia, N.Y., Arner Lindquist, West Va., Arlo Harris, Orville Harris and Earl Green, Indiana, John Lindmeier and Wm. Danhauer, Illinois, Tommy Brownell, N.Y., Henry Harper, Calif., Andy Stolarik, Bob Cash and Evan Tishock, Ohio, Clifford Hansen and Marion Lange, Iowa, and Bill Kolb, New Jersey.

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HEARD AND SEEN AT
DES MOINES (Contd.)

THERE WAS TOMMY BROWNELL FROM GLOVERSVILLE NEW YORK, Tommy was the youngest tosser in the finals. Lost ten games in his first 16, then made a clean sweep of the remaining six. One win was a forfeit. He should do better at Salt Lake City.

AN INCIDENT ON SUNDAY WAS ALMOST TRAGIC. Irwin Carlberg of Grand Rapids, Mich. (our 3rd Vice Pres.) and Mrs. Carlberg arrived too late to enter. He had the idea the preliminaries were set for Monday. It was a tough break, he had been driving all night without stopping, expecting to arrive in time to get a warmup, then a full night's rest and tomorrow, the moment he had been looking forward to for years would come. He would make his bid for a place in the finals, and who knows, the title of world's champion. And now, utter disappointment for him. The pitcher to make last qualifying place had only to finish his string to make it official. In all fairness that position should not be endangered by extending the entry deadline. There is another chance. Salt Lake City in August, 1947 - thirteen months. That's a long time to wait. But, it will be well worth waiting for. Allen, Zimmerman, Fernando Isais, he of perfect pitching form, Casey Jones, Wisconsin State Champ, with his own inimitable style of swing and sway, Dean Brown, Ervin Hosier, Boo Henson and many others will be there.

In the final match between Casey Jones and Ted Allen, both tied with 21 wins and 1 loss. Dale Dixon (head of the Des Moines Tournament Committee) appointed himself courts conditioner. In one action, sweeping the walkway, the newsreel camera took a shot. Dale was liason officer between Special Events Committee and the Tournament when special equipment or assistants failed to show, he would rush to the phone and in a few minutes, all was OK.

THE BUSIEST MAN DURING THE TOURNAMENT WAS Harry Henn of Cold Spring, Kentucky, Tournament Referee. When a measurement was needed to decide a point, Henn would run down the sidelines, leap the fence, get out a piece of steel weighing at least one pound and settle the argument pronto. The boys christened this measuring device "THE KENTUCKY STRAIGHT EDGE".

OUR SPECIAL THANKS GO to Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Special Events Committee of Iowa State Centennial Commission, The Register-Tribune for its excellent publicity, to members of its staff, Maurice White for human interest stories, and Frank Miles, Jr. for perfect daily reports of the contest, to the volunteer scorers, to the wives of horseshoe pitchers (mis-named horseshoe widows sometimes) who never failed to help when requested and to the fine hospitality of all citizens of Des Moines.

And now it's goodbye Des Moines and hello Salt Lake City. You fellows of Des Moines will soon have the opportunity to learn how it feels to be guests at a World's Championship Horseshoe Tournament away from home. Arch Stokes who will be our host in the Utah Capital this coming August, just six months from now. And, there'll be a lot of pitchers there from the west and northwest. We will want to meet them.

ADV. THE PITCHING SHOES ADVERTISED IN THIS ISSUE ARE MODELS APPROVED BY NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSN. THEIR MANUFACTURERS ARE HELPING TO SUPPORT YOUR ASSN. BY PLACING AN OFFICIAL N.H.P.A. STAMP ON THE CARTON OF EACH PAIR SOLD. DO YOUR PART BY PURCHASING APPROVED SHOES THAT CARRY OFFICIAL STAMPS.

MIDLAND MICH. is expecting a great revival of horseshoe pitching there this season. Ira Knight 806 Fournie St., in that city, waits only for spring to get going. Salisbury, Md. is the location of the Wicomico Horseshoe Club, with 881 members. They are planning to form a Maryland State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Applied for charter from the N.H.P.A. with view to staging a Maryland State Tournament there this season. All Maryland horseshoe pitchers interested should write the Secretary of the Wicomico Club, Elmer A. Leutner, Anderson Road, Route #2, Salisbury, Md.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON - W. A. BENTLEY, 1671 So. 45th St., writes that the pitchers in his state are very much enthused to learn about the Tournament at Salt Lake City and, that quite a group from that corner of the U.S. will make the trip. PORTLAND, OREGON SENDS PRACTICALLY A DUPLICATE MESSAGE through Cletus Chapelle, 7018 No. Greenwich St. LA CROSSE WISCONSIN THROUGH MR. WILL OTT, President of Segelke Kohlbus Lumber Co. there we learned of a large group of well organized horseshoe pitchers. Results of their last tournament will be published in a later issue. Larry Hunter address Bodiga Lunch Club in that city sent in a batch of subscriptions. Archie Gregson our National Secretary, formerly of Monterey Park, California, moved to Miami, Oklahoma. After a survey of that city he could not locate any horseshoe courts. There are five of the latest model pitching lanes there now, and he plans on an Open Oklahoma Tournament early this season.

NUMBER ONE HORSESHOE PITCHER

1933 at Chicago, 1935 at Moline and 1940, 1941 and 1946 at Des Moines, five tournaments in 14 years. Discounting the four years between 1941 and 1946, there were five National Tournaments in the past ten years in which it was possible to promote them. The 1941 and 1946 were emergency affairs. There was some criticism of the small cash prizes. However, the majority considered the 1946 convention as an absolute necessity to plan for future re-organization.

TED ALLEN WINNER IN FOUR OF FIVE							Allen's only loss was in 1941. Of the 23 games in the finals that year Fernando Isais beat him 50 to 46. Casey Jones followed suit 50 to 41. The Mexican won all of his games and the world's championship. Allen with two and Jones with three losses followed in order.
	Pts.	R.	LR.	SP.	R%	4.D.	
1940							
Ted Allen	50	145	65	164	88.4	50	
Guy Zimmerman	48	145	64	164	82.4	50	
1941							
Ted Allen	46	129	55	148	87.1	41	
Fernando Isais	50	130	57	148	87.8	41	
1946							
Ted Allen	50	139	60	153	87.8	45	
Casey Jones	44	137	59	153	86.7	45	
Summary of Allen vs. opponents of 3 games							THREE RECORD GAMES. To those who did not attend the last three National Tournaments in Des Moines, the tabulations above should be interesting, the longest in each of the three tournaments; Allen was the defending champion in all of them and the world's title was riding on the results. All three were so close that the winners were in doubt until the last shoe was pitched. Just before the Allen-Zimmerman game, Leroy Page announced to a gallery of at least six thousand, that a world's record was in the making. The other pitchers stopped and lined up with score sheets and pencils.
Ted Allen	146	413	180	470	87.8	136	
Opponents	142	412	180	470	87.6	136	

ZIMMERMAN TOSSES 36 CONSECUTIVE RINGERS. After a brief warmup, Zimmerman circled the stake 36 times without a miss, scoring 21 points (a National Tournament record). In the next pitch Guy added 3 points. Allen picked up points now at intervals. At 84 shoes, Zimmerman 36, Allen 25. Guy put on 14 straight doubles, Allen topped the last nine. Another National Tournament record. At 154 shoes, Zimmerman 48, Allen 41. In the next ten pitches, Allen held Guy scoreless while he made the 9 points necessary to win at 50 to 48. Many predicted that this game would never be equalled. Most of these changed their minds when they saw the Allen-Jones match in 1946. It was so closely a duplicate of the record of 1940 that Ted could have repeated if there had been 6 more shoes pitched and all had been ringers.

HOW LONG WILL ALLEN CONTINUE TO DOMINATE HORSESHOE PITCHING? Barring sickness or injury, Ted will come to the 1947 Tournament in Salt Lake City in the best physical condition, not only determined to win, but go after at least two National Tournament records: higher ringer per cent of 86.1 made in Des Moines in 1940 by Guy Zimmerman and his own high qualification record of 540 points in 200 shoes made in the same city 1946.

Ted isn't so sure he will retain his title. He did not name a possible winner. He may have been thinking of that large group of year-round pitchers coming from California or the unknowns coming from states never before having an entry in a National event. However, he does expect tough going from Isais No. 2, Zimmerman No. 3 and Casey Jones No. 4, who are ranked in that order through their performances in the last three National Tournaments.

For general information and, as a matter of comparison, below are the records of these four in the last three National Tournaments they entered.

1940	W	L	Pts.	Dr.	R.	SP.	R%	
Allen	28	2	1479	897	2187	2642	82.8	All top-ranking pitchers in the U.S. and Canada are expected to appear at Salt Lake City, 1947.
Zimmerman	28	2	1496	808	1884	2188	86.1	
Isais	28	2	1476	789	1923	2330	82.5	
Jones	24	6	1476	823	2043	2538	82.4	
1941								
Isais	23	0	1150	522	1265	1526	82.9	Close inspection of the 1941 Isais-Allen match reveals that Ted lost by the scant margin of 4 points. He won from Guy Zimmerman in 1940 by 2 and beat Casey Jones in 1946 by 6 points so, turnabout is fair play seems to apply here. An admirer of Ted's remarked shortly after he regained his title last year, "ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO WIN IN 1947 IS TO BEAT THIS GUY ALLEN". That can be quite a job.
Allen	21	2	1137	513	1262	1550	81.4	
Jones	20	3	1119	490	1215	1522	79.8	
1946								
Allen	22	1	1124	494	1173	1398	83.9	
Jones	21	2	1138	529	1304	1612	80.8	