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WELL folks, I am back on the job . . . not so spry yet but able to make the old Underwood (not an advertisement) go again . . . The folks in the office did a mighty good job of getting out the last issue . . . I thought it was better than usual . . . funny thing though . . . in this issue we carry a story about President Ermatinger saying that horseshoe pitchers never have appendicitis. . . looks like I haven't practiced what I preach very well . . . it is true I have been busy and haven't pitched much for a year or so . . . so after all, Mr. Ermatinger is perfectly correct in his assertion . . . Carrol Jackson has proposed a new method of holding tournaments and we would like to know what you think about it . . . read the article in this month's issue . . . Spring seems to be here . . . that is it is in Ohio . . . now the shoes will fly.

Our Secretary

WE CANNOT restrain from saying a word about our National Secretary, Mr. Cottrell, who was re-elected, along with the other national officers, at the convention in Florida in February.

Mr. Cottrell is always on the job. He is doing a great deal more to promote the horseshoe game than any other man today and his record as Secretary is one that he may point to with pride.

We congratulate the horseshoe pitchers of America upon having, through their state delegates, again selected Mr. Cottrell as secretary.

OUR READERS COME FIRST

In publishing THE HORSESHOE WORLD, our readers come first. The magazine is printed monthly for them and every article is run with the idea of interesting them. Suggestions to the editor for the betterment of the magazine are always welcomed.

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Jackson Advances New Tournament Plan

THE HORSESHOE WORLD is in receipt of a duplicate copy of a letter sent by Carrol E. Jackson, son of Frank Jackson, famous Iowa tosser, to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association assembled at St. Petersburg. The letter, followed by Jackson's proposal, follows:

To The Horseshoe Pitchers and Officers of the National Association:

As I will be residing in Chicago this summer, I will sponsor the National Horseshoe Tournament, and run it according to the method I have given, tournament to be held in Chicago sometime this summer.

I can get splendid support from the Illinois State Horseshoe Pitchers Association; also from the different clubs and individuals in Chicago.

I will charge nothing for my time and will give all the gate receipts, after expenses of conducting the tournament have been taken out to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, to be given as prizes.

I must have the horseshoe pitchers to back me, and also the National Association, so please write and let me know whether or not you will come to a tournament of this kind.

If I am willing to put in my time to promote a tournament of this kind, the horseshoe pitchers should be willing to come and help make it a success.

Let me hear, in particular, from C. C. Davis, "Putt" Mossman, "Jim" Risk, Nunamaker, Bert Duryee, Harold Falor, Elmerson, and any other state, city or county champions.

Let me know if you will or will not attend in person. I will not sponsor it without your support.

Sincerely,
CARROL E. JACKSON,
6531 S. Racine Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

In view of the known facts that practically every National Horseshoe Tournament has been a financial failure for the parties who have sponsored the same, I wish to suggest and offer, for the approval of the horseshoe pitchers and voters, an amendment to the by-laws of the Horseshoe Pitchers Association. I believe that this clause, if added to the rules, will make it possible to get plenty of bids for the National Tournament, because it will simplify the rules so that the spectators will be able to understand

"what it is all about."

Another thing which this amendment will make possible is that (providing this clause is added) it will be possible to broadcast the National Tournament play by play. With the present method of running a tournament it is impossible to broadcast play by play. In fact, it takes sometimes several weeks to figure out all the data. Even the pitchers themselves do not know how they stand during the tournament, so how are the people in the grandstand going to understand the game and be interested in watching the game when they have

THE HORSESHOE WORLD will be glad to receive letters regarding Mr. Jackson's plan of holding tournaments, either pro or con. These letters which should be marked "Attention, Tournament Editor," will be turned over to Secretary D. D. Cottrell of the National Association. Some parts of these letters may be printed, as space permits.

We are doing this at the request of the national body, as shown in Secretary Cottrell's report in the last issue of THE WORLD, which reads as follows:

"A long letter was then read from Carroll Jackson, 6531 E. Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill., about changing entirely the plans of holding national tournaments. Action on the same was deferred until Saturday night at the banquet. * * * The letter of Carrol Jackson was then considered again, and it was agreed that it should be sent to THE HORSESHOE WORLD for publication and that the players throughout the country should be asked to send THE WORLD their opinion about the letter. The editor of THE WORLD to be asked to send the letters he receives about the matter to the secretary of the National Association for the consideration of the next convention."

to get a newspaper the following morning to get the results of the previous day?

To make my argument stronger, it is a known fact that the prizes that are offered each year are becoming smaller. So little, in fact, that a man can hardly pay expenses even though he wins first prize. With my plan I

sincerely believe that the prizes would become larger each year, instead of smaller, because each year the attendance of spectators or in other words "Paid Admissions," would become bigger as more interest was created.

No individual or town will put in their time and money in anything if they cannot see where they are going to make something out of it in a financial way. The pitchers themselves have put in their time making laws and by-laws for their own benefits, or as they, or I might say "we" have always said, it gives each one a fairer chance. We have forgotten the spectators' point of view, and in place of making the tournament an interesting and fascinating entertainment, it is a jumble of figures which takes several hours to straighten out, and by the time they are figured out the first thrill, if there has been a thrill, is past, and all that is left is the discussion of the outcome.

All the pitchers are asking for more money. We are all wishing that we might get the horseshoe game to be a paying proposition, like boxing, football, baseball, and such, but the most of us are unwilling to take the chances that have to be taken in order to make the thrills that the fans of today want and must have.

Now I will give my plan and follow it with some more discussion.

Let each entrant into the tournament pitch 300 shoes to qualify, the 16 highest scores to qualify for the finals. The qualifying round shall be held on the first day, and each round of the finals shall be played each succeeding day after the preliminaries, weather or conditions permitting.

The men who qualify will draw numbers to see which player they must play in the first round of the finals. Number 1 will play number 2; number 3 will play number 4, etc. The games to be played in the first round shall be the first two out of three 50-point games. This will make it so that there will be four match games in the forenoon, and four in the afternoon. The losers will drop out and the winners will stay in for the next round on the following day. This means that there will be eight men who are dropped out, but it does not mean that they receive nothing for their time. They shall receive 22 per cent of the total amount of prize money offered,

to be divided equally among them.

The second round shall be run in the same manner as the first, except that in place of the men playing two out of three games they shall play three out of five games, making two matches to be played in the forenoon and two in the afternoon. This will eliminate four players who will have 22 per cent of the total prizes offered, to be divided equally among them.

The third round will be the same as the two previous rounds, only the matches will be four out of seven games, one match for the forenoon and one for the afternoon. This will eliminate two players who will divide equally 22 per cent of the total cash prizes.

On the last day the two remaining will play one match game, five out of nine games for the championship. The remaining 34 per cent of the total cash prizes shall be divided—winner to receive 20 per cent, loser to receive 14 per cent.

Now in order to explain why this method will be more interesting for the spectators, I will say that these match games can all be played on the same court, making it so that everyone's interest is centered on one performance, and any "rooting" or clapping of hands will be made for that particular game and would not interfere with some other game that might be in progress. Take for instance in the method used in the past tournaments. There might be two good games going on at once, and if a person was trying to watch both, his interest is so divided that he loses interest in both; or if a person is watching an interesting game and the crowd gets started to pulling for some other man, on some other court, this person is attracted to see what the commotion is about, consequently he knows nothing about the other game and loses track of the one he is following. With this new method no trouble like this would come up.

Another thing in favor of this method is the fact that a man does not have to pitch so many games, therefore each man will be pitching at top form because he is not tired out, and he will have sufficient time for warming up before the game.

Another thing in favor of this plan is the fact that each game can be broadcast over the radio in an interesting way, this causing interest and advertising the horseshoe game among people who probably never heard of it,

or don't believe that "it was possible," as I have heard so many times at exhibitions where I have been. I have been in many places where the people did not even know that there was such a thing as a champion in the art of playing horseshoes who could make from seven to eight ringers out of ten shoes thrown.

Many of the players who are in tournaments today accuse others of "throwing games." I want to ask one question: Would this be done in this new way to run the National Tournament? No, because if a man did, he would be liable to lose out and not get into the next round. Every man would have to "pitch his best" to win, and there would be no "fooling around as he wasn't much to be afraid of." Wouldn't this be more interesting to watch than to know that even though this man or that lost a game it wouldn't put him down any lower, as is the case in so many instances with the present method.

To prove that this new method is not a lot of foolishness, I am going to cite to you, Mr. Horseshoe Pitcher, some sports that are advancing by leaps and bounds, that are using this method, while our own game is on the decline.

Take basket ball for instance; only a few years ago it was only a pastime, but by using this method at the professional tournament for national championship held at Kansas City last Fall, they had capacity crowds in a stadium seating 40,000 people. The same was true with the high school tournament held in Chicago. Golf and tennis have also been built up in the same way. Why can't horseshoe pitchers do the same with horseshoes? If we had several thousand spectators in place of a few hundred that we now have, could not we have better prizes? It is quite true that with this method the pitchers are taking more of a chance on winning first or second place, but on the other hand isn't it better to take a chance on getting something out of the tournament, than it is to win first or second prize and still not make expenses?

I would like to have this article read to the members of the Horseshoe Pitchers Convention, have an article drawn up and discussed and passed on, and if possible made as an amendment to the Constitution of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Let me hear from anyone, including the men who are entered in the meet

in Florida this winter. Let me have your views either for or against this method. I would like very much to hear from the present champion and also the National Officers, and any other horseshoe pitchers, clubs, or individuals all over the United States and Canada, who might give their opinions.

This is a big thing so let's make it go.

Sincerely,
Carroll E. Jackson,
6531 S. Racine Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.



Some of the East Port, L. I., N. Y., horseshoe tossers are J. D. Stafford, Eugene Corzett, Max Luder, Coalton Stearns and P. B. Deane. All but Mr. Stafford get their mail from Forestville, N. Y.

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S. A. Davidson, care Y. M. C. A., Brockton, Mass., is a shoe tossing enthusiast. He sends his regards to C. C. Davis. We do not know where Charles is located so this is our only means of passing the word on.

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Carl Stenzhorn, ort Huron, Mich., is a real booster for the game.

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E. F. Wynes, manager of a fruit farm, at Malboro, N. Y., thinks the rules should be changed to give the pitcher who does not score first pitch. "It is an advantage to have a free stake to pitch to" says Mrs. Wynes, and the advantage should go to the weaker player."

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The second edition of the horseshoe booklet published by D. D. Cottrell, secretary of the National Association, is a mighty fine one in our estimation. Many pitchers send for this book through THE HORSE SHOE WORLD. In so doing they only send 35 cents, whereas the price of the new edition is 40 cents. Orders should be sent direct to Mr. Cottrell for prompt delivery, but we will clear your orders through this office, if you desire.

Now is the time to see your Fair Board and urge that a horseshoe tournament be made a feature of the fair.

NEWS, OFFICIAL
REPORTS, ETC.

From The SECRETARY'S DESK

D. D. COTTRELL, Sec'y
746-C 5th Ave. N.,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

The demand has been so great for "Horseshoe Pitching—How to Play the Game" the only book published about the sport, that a new and revised edition of the book has recently been published by the National association. This edition contains the records of all the World's Championship tournaments held up to the date of going to press. A great deal of new matter has been added especially telling about the sport in different parts of the United States and Canada. The activities of the different State associations and clubs affiliated with the National association have been given especial prominence. There is a mass of interesting and helpful matter interesting to every horseshoe fan. A much heavier and more durable cover has been used. It was printed by the press of the Horseshoe World. The price is 40 cents per copy or three copies for one dollar postpaid. Books will be mailed promptly on receipt of price by your National Secretary, D. D. Cottrell, 746-C Fifth Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Lakeside association, Lakeside, Ohio, has been granted a sanction to conduct an Ohio State Tournament for the Horseshoe Pitching Championship of the State of Ohio by the National Association. This tournament will probably be held the week of August 12 to 17 on the grounds of the association. All horseshoe players that are residents of the state of Ohio, with the possible exception of those that have been world's champions, will be eligible to enter. There will be a good prize list of probably 12 prizes and in addition an appropriate medal for the winner. All you Ohio horseshoe pitchers must plan to enter this tournament which if you make a success of will probably become an annual event. It is also hoped that there will be manifested enough interest so that a vigorous state association may be organized. It seems rather peculiar that the state where the National Association is incorporated and where there is such an interest in the game and where there are at least four manufacturers of pitching horseshoes located, has no State Horseshoe Pitchers Association as far as the writer knows. Your secretary expects to be in at-

tendance at the tournament, but would like to hear from any one in the state who is interested in forming a state association and in boosting the sport by such an organization, at once so that plans may be laid before the tournament. You Ohio folks just write me frankly what you think of this proposition.

It is time now for every state association and club to get in touch with state, county and local fairs throughout the United States and Canada and try to get each of these fairs to put on a horseshoe pitching tournament as one of their attractions at their next meet. Under certain conditions and requirements the National Association will sanction such tournaments and recognize the winner as champion horseshoe pitcher in the territory covered by the fair. Most any fair will put on such a tournament and give good prizes, where there is a reasonable interest shown among the local horseshoe pitchers for such a meet. Your secretary will be pleased to hear from any pitchers or others that are interested in this matter and will be glad to help plan such tournaments anywhere desired.

Mr. Al. F. King who has been a resident of Akron, O., for a long time is at present living in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. King has always been a horseshoe pitcher and fan and for a number of years was associated with your secretary in conducting a number of National Tournaments.

He has organized a horseshoe club in Phoenix of which the governor of that state and leading lawyers and professional men are members. The city authorities are cooperating with him and the club is furnishing courts in the different parks of the city. Although Mr. King found no club when he went to Phoenix he now has a club of more than 80 members. He has just organized 12 teams outside of the club with four men in each team. The plan is for each team to play one other a round robin one night each week until all have played around. The newspapers of the city are working very closely with him and giving the sport and games plenty of publicity. This shows what an ardent booster for the sport can do where there is little

if anything to start with, if he just has the determination to bring the game to the front.

The proposition of Carrol E. Jackson in reference to a different method of holding National Tournaments which is printed elsewhere in this issue, was presented to the National Convention and referred to the committee on constitution, by-laws and rules who carefully considered it and reported in their opinion the changes proposed were so fundamentally different from the manner in which all national tournaments have been held since horseshoe pitching became an organized sport that they should be printed in the Horseshoe World and have a full discussion before they were either adopted or rejected. It is hoped that a great many letters will be received from players and fans through the country and that some, if not all of which may be published in the World, so that the next convention may know something of the mind of those interested and take whatever action in its judgment may be wise. Let every one that writes, enter the discussion with an open mind and do his best to contribute something constructive for the benefit of the sport.

Now is the time when clubs are being revived and reorganized all over the country and especially in the colder parts of the United States there is that urge to get out the old horseshoes and get ready for the summer's sport. As far as the writer knows every active state association in this country is affiliated with the National, but a large number of local clubs, especially in states where there is no state organization, are not affiliated with the National. The National issues charters to all clubs that send in their dues which are \$5 for clubs of less than 50 members and \$10 for clubs of over 50 members, each year. If your club does not belong to the National write the National Secretary and he will do all he can to help you to get it to join and become a part of the large body of organized horseshoe pitchers. If you do not belong to any club you may become a member of the National and receive a membership card with the seal of the National on it by sending \$1.00 to the National

Secretary. Let us all boost the game we love so well by joining and encouraging all other fans to do the same and in this way make the year 1929 the banner year of the organization.

CLUB ROSTER

Following is a list of the members of the Gloversville (N. Y.) Y. M. C. A. Horseshoe Club:

George Van Heusen, 46 Washington St.; Fred L. Bremer, Fulton County Bank; Joe Kalil, 174 W. Fulton St.; Clark Bennett, 19 W. Eleventh St.; Tyler Bennett, 19 W. Eleventh St.; E. Harrison Sleezer, City National Bank; George P. Higgins, City National Bank; Irving Allen, 12 Fosdick St.; Floyd Fox, 104 Broad St.; Walter Robinson, 99 Forest St.; Albert Bishop 99 Forest St.; Charles M. Shaffer, 99 Forest St.; Merrith Gifford, 99 Forest St.; Edgar Blodgett, 173 Spring St.; Wm. H. Marple, City Building; Jerry Visconti, 24 3rd Ave.; James Sardella, 24 3rd Ave.; Joseph Girard, 24 3rd Ave.; Stephen Chvila, 24 3rd Ave.; Francis Brown, 24 3rd Ave.; Frank Deming, 24 3rd Ave.; William Grant, 24 3rd Ave.; James DelSavio, 24 3rd Ave.; Louis Mattus, 106 Forest St.; Arch Tabor, 106 Forest St.

ART IS IN THE MONEY

In a letter from Alex. Cumming, First Vice President of the National he says that although Art. will not get any horseshoe money this time, he is not losing out altogether for he is going big in the bowling team and will win approximately \$100. In the I.B.A. tournament in Minneapolis. He incloses a clipping from the Star of that city showing the picture of his son Art. under which it says Al. Hahn rolled into first place with a 690 total while Art Cumming went into second place with a 682 total. They are members of the Washington Shirt Store team.

Art. Cumming has been a strong contender for World's Championship honors in a number of National Horseshoe Pitching Tournaments.

20 PLAYERS IN LEAGUE

The Des Plaines, Ill., Horseshoe league consists of 20 players or 10 two-men teams. Prizes are donated by local business men and a silver cup was given first place team. Cash and merchandise to those finishing first and third.

F. W. Scharringhauser, 1341 Jefferson St., is secretary of the league.

IS 65 AND ISSUES CHALLENGE TO ALL COMERS THAT AGE



E. J. STEWART

Mr. Stewart is claimant of the championship for the state of Iowa for men over 60 years of age. He is now 65 years of age and challenges any pitcher in the Union over 65 years of age. He hails from Adair, Ia.

VERSATILE

Charley Clyde Davis is one of those versatile fellows when it comes to the winter sports on the west coast. Undisputed champion of the horseshoe tossers for several years, Davis trotted up to the roque stadium in Mirror Lake park Saturday afternoon and handed Ervin Locke, national roque champion of last year, a 32-6 trouncing in a game that attracted a large gallery.

And Davis played like a master when he tripped the former roque champion. Always in front and seldom threatened as he outplayed Locke, Davis proved himself an expert with the mallet as he is with the horseshoe.

The slipper champ will not enter the national roque tourney here next week, however, as horseshoe pitching engagements will keep him busy.—St. Petersburg (Fla.) Evening Independent, Feb. 4, 1929.

ST. LOUIS MUNY LEAGUE ROSTER

Complete roster of six teams, comprising the Municipal Horse Shoe Pitching League for the season of 1928.

Justin T. Flint's Laundry Team—O. Parker, 1029 Third St., Venice, Ill.; A. Michel, 2433 Madison, Granite City, Ill.; H. Dietz, R. R. 1, Belleville, Ill.; K. Dietz, R. R. 1, Belleville, Ill.; A. Mercer, 2619 Hodge St., Granite City, Ill.; J. Strawhun, 4226 Blaine; Gus Klemme, 4878 Anderson.

Angelica Auto Supply Co. Team—Geo. Rathke, 5244 Wren; Geo. Fortschneider, 2631 Palm; J. Shepherd, 430 Lynch, E. St. Louis, Ill.; W. Reilly, 2521 N. Sarah; J. O'Leary, 1610 Burd, L. Forst, 3912 Vest; Edw. Schraer, 4318 Prairie.

Liberty Bell Oil Co. Team—L. A. Fogassey, and L. J. Fogassey, 1121 Etzel Terrace; C. Foster, 5712 E. Virginia; J. Reese, 3209 Morganford; C. Reese, 3209 Morganford.

Sunset Burial Park Team—Jack H. Claves, 3548 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis; E. Horton, 5450 Arsenal, St. Louis; Frank Meyer, 2532 Belt, St. Louis; L. Meilert, 5007 Plover, St. Louis; J. Collins, 7048 Lester, University City, Mo.

Briggs-Nash Service Co. Team—T. Burkhardt, 1184 Hodiament; H. Hoffman, R. R. 1, Belleville, Ill.; H. Knorr, 5617 Michigan; H. Koester, 5320 Easton.

Fairgrounds Team—John R. Howden, 4305 Schreve; Wm. O'Mara, 1932 S. Broadway; H. Ennis, 2638 Dalton; A. Caruso, 19th and Denver, Granite City, Ill.

HAVE GOOD SEASON

Preakness, N. J., Volunteer Fire Company No. 4 horseshoe team held some fine games with other fire company teams last summer and fall and came out undefeated, so we are told. This team is looking forward to a good season again this year.

WANT COMPETITION

The Gallipolis, Ohio, five-man team invites any Ohio five-man team to pitch with them. Single games may also be arranged, according to Frank Eachus, 37 Court street, Gallipolis. Eachus is a crack player himself.

ARE GOOD TOSSERS

The employees of the Lackawanna Coal and Lumber Company, Paterson, N. J., are mighty good pitchers.

More About Tournament

STORY OF NATIONAL
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D. D. COTTRELL—THIS
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The longest game of the tournament was between Elmerston and Davis early the first day resulting as follows:

Elmerston50	62	18	96	.646
Davis40	60	16	96	.635

This was the first game that Davis lost and gave Elmerston a great deal of prestige among the fans for winning the tournament. In this game when the score stood Elmerston 29 and Davis 28, Elmerston pitched five consecutive doubles and raised his count to 41.

The most ringers in any game was when Nunamaker won from Peterson. Nunamaker ... 50 67 21 94 .713 Peterson28 62 21 94 .660 In this game Nunamaker pitched 45 consecutive innings without missing the peg with more than one shoe. This is a record for this tournament but does not come very near however to the one made by Duryee in February, 1928, in the tournament held in St. Petersburg when in four consecutive games with Falor, Frank Jackson, Carroll Jackson and Thompson he pitched 100 consecutive innings without missing the peg with more than one shoe. This is also a record for this tournament by both players pitching a total of 129 ringers in one game.

The shortest game of the tournament was between Duryee and Benedict, Duryee winning in pitching 24 shoes with a score of 10 ringers, 8 doubles with .792 percentage.

There were three games in which more than 80 percent ringers were thrown. Risk had the honor of pitching two of these. In his first game he played May, pitching 36 ringers, 14 doubles in 44 shoes or a percentage of .818. He ended this game with four consecutive doubles. In the game between Risk and Anspaugh, Risk pitched 21 ringers, 9 doubles in 26 shoes or .808 percentage. The other game was between Elmerston and Leonard. Elmerston made 42 ringers 17 doubles in 52 shoes. Twice he had runs of

four consecutive doubles. Five times there were four ringers on the peg.

Thursday afternoon the woman's tournament was held. There were only three entrants, but in all their games they averaged .489 per cent ringers. Mrs. Francisco won both her games, the World's Championship, gold medal and \$100 in prize money with a total ringer percentage of .545. In her game with Mrs. Cole she pitched 29 ringers 9 doubles in 44 shoes or .666 percentage.

The Mossman shoe was pitched by Antill, Davis, Duryee, Leonard, Mossman, Morris, Peterson, Risk, Thompson, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Brouillette and Mrs. Francisco. Nunamaker and May pitched the National Standard shoe. Anspaugh, Benedict, Elmerston, Falor and Hough pitched the Ohio shoe.

The St. Petersburg Times and the Evening Independent gave fine publicity to the tournament, devoting from one to two or three columns almost daily to the records and best features of the games. The Evening Independent had a reporter watching the games practically all the time and nearly every day gave front page space and some times a page heading to some specially interesting feature of the games in their green edition that comes out a little after 6 p. m.

Jeff Moshier, sport editor of the Evening Independent, and J. L. McDonald, sport editor of the Morning Times are entitled to great credit for the special feature stories that they wrote and the stories that they sent out to the Associated Press and the United Press over the wire every day.

Through the courtesy of J. L. Saumernig, announcer-manager of the Station WSUN owned by the City of St. Petersburg, the results of the tournament were broadcasted. Because of the illness of John Lodwick, publicity Manager of the Chamber of Commerce R. H. Armstrong had charge of this part of the publicity tournament.

The Fox Movitone, Paramount Sound and Kinograms made movies and sound pictures of some of the games, players and courts while the games were being played. These pictures will be shown throughout the United States where the fans can hear the shoes as they strike the stakes.

Much credit is due the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and especially to Mr. M. M. Deadrick, its secretary and also to the Park Board through whose assistance and co-operation this tournament was made possible.

The Chamber of Commerce entertained the players with their wives and husbands, the helpers, score keepers, referees and National officers at a banquet at the Beverly Hotel Saturday night at which time the prizes were awarded by Mr. Ermatinger, the president of the National Association. As each one came forward to receive the prize won, Mr. Ermatinger congratulated him and invited him to say a few words about how he had enjoyed the week. Some of these players could talk better than they could pitch horseshoes and some of them couldn't. The writer will leave it to the reader to decide which was which. As a consolation prize, Putt Mossman, in the name of his company, gave a pair of his horseshoes to Mr. Benedict in addition to the other advertised prizes which were awarded.

William Frazer, Wallace, Kans., is a real fan.

URGES PITCHING HORSE- SHOES FOR HEALTH

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Whether or not there is any connection, President H. L. Ermatinger, of the National Horseshoe Pitchers association, says no active member of the organization within 10 years has suffered from or been operated upon for appendicitis.

"Horseshoe pitching indulged in by men of middle age and past is a form of mild exercise that has proven most beneficial." Mr. Ermatinger declares, "It is a game played by hundreds and here in St. Petersburg there is a club of 175 players who have at no time complained of such an ailment as appendicitis."

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WANT NUNAMAKER-MOSSMAN MATCH

The following telegram was sent March 31 to D. D. Cottrell, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association by the Wheeling, W. Va., Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. of this city will give five hundred dollars to have Blair Nunamaker and Putt Mossman pitch for the World's Championship here on Saturday June twenty-second. Twelve and half percent of this amount to go to national association, two hundred

fifty dollars to present Champion Nunamaker and balance of one hundred eighty-seven dollars to Challenger Mossman whom we have already contracted. Will also give one hundred dollars if you as a national officer will come to our city one week in advance and help stage the match and officiate. Have wired Nunamaker this offer. Please answer at once.

SPIKE SHANNON,
Physical Director Y. M. C. A.

Athletic Commission Named

(By Edwin B. Patterson)

A Municipal Athletic Commission has been adopted at Louisville, Ky., by the Public Recreation Department of the Board of Park Commissioners. The object of this commission is to foster, organize, promote and regulate competitive sports—baseball, football, tennis and horseshoe pitching are the sports involved.

The fact that the horseshoe game is recognized by this commission is a great step forward for the game.

It is a proven fact that athletics must be organized and conducted in the public interest or else lose its support. The public must not be annoyed by controversies which debase the game, and it is for this reason the commission has been appointed, and their decisions on all matters will be final.

The sportsmanship that compels a player to yield to an official's decision has become the acid test of conduct in all lines of sport, but in no sport do the players have a higher standard of personal conduct, fair play and good

sportsmanship than in the horseshoe game.

Mr. F. H. Marvin who helped conduct the world's champion horseshoe tournament at Duluth, Minn., is executive secretary of the commission, which is composed of five well known leaders of various sports and were appointed by the Mayor of Louisville. Mr. B. J. Brumleve, the commissioners' chairman, has been identified with amateur baseball for 15 years, and the 1929 season should be a great one for those interested in sports.

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CANADIANS MEET

A meeting of the horseshoe pitchers of Canada was called to meet in London on Good Friday by Walter Kane, 141 Margaret street, Sarnia, Ontario, who is anxious to see Canada have a strong horseshoe organization.

Grover Anderson, Eads, Colo., likes nothing better than a game with dobin's cast-offs.

A horseshoe club will be formed in Tucson, Arizona soon.

Tournament Notes

Continued from March Issue

Four ringers were on the pegs 10 times when Nunamaker and Davis fought it out this morning. The Ohioan had a slight edge on the national champ, with 64 ringers against 63 for Davis, for he trailed in doubles, bagging only 21, while the champion got 23. The game was decided in the last frame when Davis' second shoe bounded off the peg.

Thompson continues to pitch in streaks. When he lost to Leonard this morning, the former Florida champion had four straight doubles, but the New Yorker's early lead was safe enough.

Fred Brundige and A. J. Buckman, veteran pitchers from Lake Worth, were here today to look over the national contenders and will stay through the remainder of the tournament. Both Brundige and Buckman pitched here in national tournaments a few years ago and were active in landing the winter meets for Lake Worth in 1924 and 1925. Charley Brundige, Fred's brother, expected to come over to see the tourney but was taken sick.

Duryee handed Thompson an artistic trouncing this morning in 16 frames. Although he was favored over the Illinois pitcher, Duryee was hardly expected to win without some opposition. Thompson had only nine ringers and two doubles in 16 frames, and made his poorest showing of the tournament.

Friday, Feb. 8

After his miserable showing against Bert Duryee yesterday morning, C. R. Thompson, former Florida champion, staged a comeback to dispose of J. R. Anspaugh and George May with good pitching. Tossing 22 of his 34 shoes on the pegs, Thompson won handily from Anspaugh, 50-3, and trounced May, 50-46, in a hard-fought game in which he had 14 doubles and 47 ringers with 76 shoes.

Champion Davis just can't seem to get going. Far from his old pitching form he lost yesterday morning to Hough and Nunamaker and in his games yesterday afternoon won handily, although flashing only occasional streaks of brilliant pitching. He had 39 of his 54 shoes on the pegs against Eddie Morris.

The work of Nunamaker was outstanding in yesterday's play. He was

over 70 per cent in all but one of his games. Statistics on his performance follows:

Opponents	P	R	DR	CP	Pct
Davis	50	64	21	90	.70
Benedict	50	27	9	40	.67
Hough	50	51	20	68	.76
Mossman	50	48	18	62	.77

Totals200 190 67 260 .73

His only hard game was with Davis and the champion had 23 doubles to carry the game into 45 frames.

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The sensational string of victories by Hough was cut short yesterday afternoon when Nunamaker and Antill dealt him defeats. Hough made his poorest showing of the tournament against Antill and averaged less than 50 per cent ringers. He had only seven shoes on the pegs in the last 13 frames and Antill forged ahead, scoring 32 points in these frames with five doubles and four other ringers.

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A. J. Klement, Milwaukee, president of the Wisconsin state horseshoe pitching association, enjoying the national tourney at Waterfront park and following Harvey Elmerson, only entrant from the Badger state. Accompanied by his son, Klement drove to St. Petersburg to attend the tournament.

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John Boyd Thatcher, mayor of Albany, is another horseshoe convert who is watching progress of the national tourney. Mayor Thatcher was introduced to the slipper pastime recently at the lanes of the Sunshine Pleasure club and has become an ardent fan.

STATE CHAMPION



GAYLORD PETERSON

This young man who resides at Toluca, Ill., is state champion of Illinois.

J. D. Hough, the veteran pitcher from Urbana, O., has properly been named the tournament "dark horse." When he won from Duryee the other day, the experts said it was an accident, but this morning as he trounced Davis they decided that the husky Ohioan was serious about it and out for the money. Against Davis, Hough pitched 37 ringers and 10 doubles with 60 shoes.

city and he was warmly received by the lovers of the sport. Mossman demonstrated five different holds and deliveries, explaining the advantages of each and gave a short talk on horseshoe pitching which did much to stimulate interest in the game here.

During the course of the evening he pitched an exhibition match against J. L. Amos, Tennessee state champion, whom he defeated 50 to 22. As the match was held indoors in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. on account of unfavorable weather, and the boxes were not so arranged as to allow of pitching in the usual manner (standing inside of the box and pitching on clay) each man lost a number of ringers and the score was not impressive.

However, when Mossman began his exhibition he more than made up for whatever disappointment may have been felt at his showing in the match, when he averaged 50 per cent ringers.

Not only did he do some very unusual tricks, some of which were new to the audience, but he did some very creditable tumbling and acrobatic work as well as high kicking.

His visit here did much to interest those who are contemplating engaging in the sport and should give the season an excellent boost.

F. R. Corwin,

Sec., Tenn. State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Tri-State Meet Held at Wheeling

THE HORSESHOE WORLD is in receipt of one of the entry blanks for the Ohio Valley Horseshoe Championship Tournament, held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Horseshoe Club at Wheeling, W. Va. Entrants from Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania participated, but the results have not been learned. Senior and Junior championships were contended for and fine prizes were put up.

"Putt" Mossman, former national champ, was billed as one of the big attractions.

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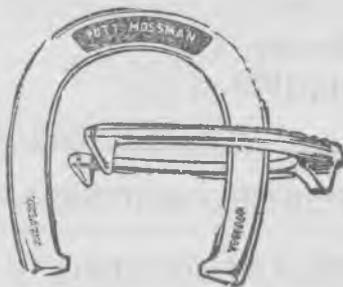
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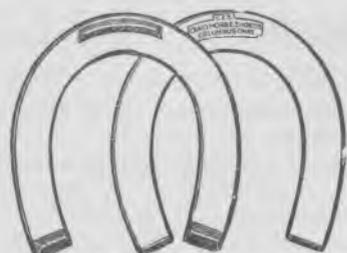
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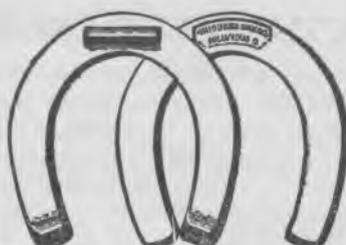
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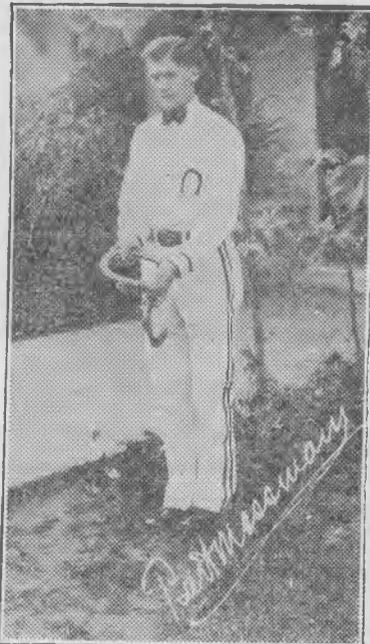
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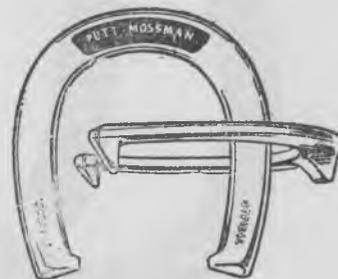
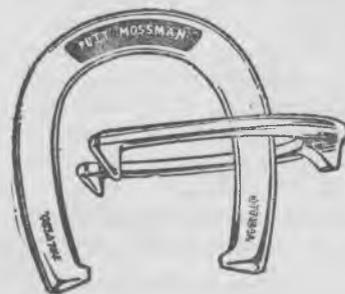
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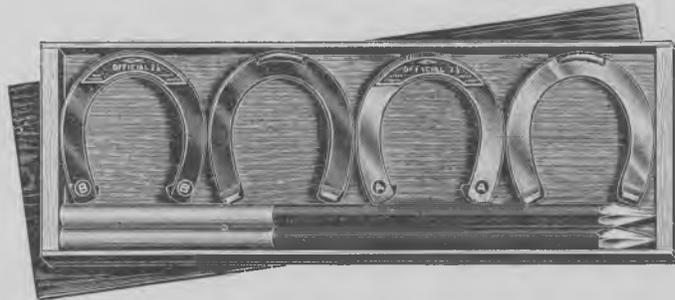
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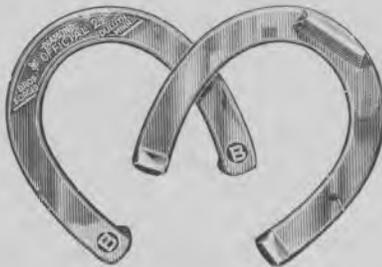
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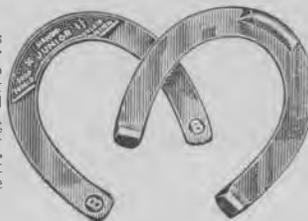
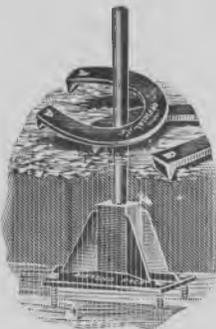


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