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TIS a funny thing . . . along come Johnny Lodwick, publicity director of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce last month with a story that horse shoes have "taken a back seat" in the Sunshine City . . . now this month we carry a story from the pen of Wm. J. Seas, treasurer of the Sunshine Pleasure club and treasurer of the National, saying that more horseshoes are being tossed in St. Pete than ever before . . . evidently John and William haven't been looking through the same glasses . . . but be that as it may horseshoe pitching is growing all over the United States and Canada and whether St. Petersburg is interested in them or not doesn't put the old game out of business . . . what the game needs now is an effort of some kind to help the amateurs . . . the professionals will take care of themselves . . . and most of 'em have enough medals anyhow! . . . That's plain facts, folks . . . the game will never amount to a dime until the great masses of those interested in the game are taken into membership of the National and we need to lend our aid to Secretary Cottrell. . . . He can't do all this work alone.

The Winter Tournament

WE ARE exceedingly sorry that we can't give the story this month of the arrangements for a winter tournament.

The fact that no summer tournaments can be arranged and that it is becoming difficult to arrange a winter tournament leads us to believe that the conference suggested a month or two ago by THE HORSESHOE WORLD might not be such a bad idea.

Something should be done to put the game on a sounder basis.

If the manufacturers of equipment would show any interest such a conference might be arranged.

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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The State Tournament At Fresno, California

It was on one of those pretty Fresno September morns, Fair week, when W. H. Smith president of the California State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, announced the opening of the State Horseshoe Tournament.

With the wave of Smith's hand 23 of the best horseshoe tossers in California began throwing old dobbin's cast-off slippers around the steel pegs. For three days, Sept. 25, 26 and 27, the spectators were given a treat the like of which is rarely seen.

The most exciting moments were the moments during the playing of the 50-point game between Walter Krowell, South Park, Los Angeles, and Eddie Hansen, Fresno.

Many doubles were thrown by each player. Before the last frame the score was 47 points for each player.

Krowell had the first toss in the last frame and he threw a double ringer. Hansen's first shoe glanced off the peg; his second shoe was a ringer.

Walter Krowell, 15 years old, is a wonderful player; so is Eddie Hansen.

Eddie Hansen has a most machine-like action, and is a mighty fine pitcher.

Fresno has an up-to-date court in the heart of the city, being located in the beautiful Courthouse Park.

The court is close by the ice water fountain and a few steps from the men's rest room. Beautiful tropical trees hide the players from the warm rays of old Sol.

Five hundred dollars and several merchandise prizes were awarded to the players. The state championship was won by Walter Krowell of Los Angeles.

The Fresno club won three of the four main events.

Fresno's two-man team, Eddie Hansen and H. J. Hamilton, won the state Banner.

Almost daily two young-old boys are seen tossing the horseshoes on the courts.

The younger tosser, Columbus Phenix, being over 83, and the older one, Philip Kohler, over 84 years. Can any other club beat that?

Electricity at night makes the court as light as the day.

RESULTS OF STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT AT FRESNO, SEPTEMBER, 1929

Championship Event—Class A

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct	W	L
Walter Krowel, South Park, L.A.....	750	515	139	898	.575	15	0
Eddie Hansen, Fresno	747	507	138	894	.567	14	1
Merle Stoner, South Park, L.A.....	688	473	123	950	.498	11	4
Dean Brown, Riverside.....	685	450	110	904	.497	10	5
Marshall Dopkins, Sacramento.....	655	427	96	934	.457	10	5
Elmer Hansen, Fresno.....	675	460	85	994	.462	9	6
H. J. Hamilton, Fresno.....	620	369	69	844	.437	9	6
J. E. Burress, Covina.....	675	430	96	901	.478	8	7
Dale Crane, Lemore.....	625	392	95	854	.459	8	7
Geo. Gill, Lemore.....	648	439	94	962	.456	7	8
Chas. Gill, Lemroe.....	552	364	50	960	.379	6	9
E. J. Johnson, Riverside.....	540	383	71	932	.410	4	11
E. H. Conrad, South Park, L.A.....	490	306	56	794	.385	4	11
S. A. Schilling, Long Beach.....	431	280	51	828	.338	3	12
H. M. Shallenberger, Riverside.....	449	302	52	826	.365	2	13
W. E. Hornbeck, Exposition Pr., L.A.	397	290	46	842	.344	0	15

Class B

Floyd C. Bartlett, Fresno.....	300	141	31	328	.429	6	0
N. Hutchison, Covina.....	249	123	20	370	.332	4	2
N. L. Rausch, Sacramento.....	261	136	22	356	.382	3	3
W. C. Dow, Fresno.....	249	130	24	408	.318	3	3
M. L. Packard, Turlock.....	285	143	20	440	.325	2	4
W. M. Smith, Fresno.....	201	102	14	388	.263	2	4
Eddie Gribbrock, Exposition Park.....	202	111	24	346	.320	1	5

Team Contest

	Pts	R	W	L
Hansen and Hamilton, Fresno.....	411	245	18	3
Stoner and Krowel, South Park.....	397	247	15	6
Dale Crane, G. W. Gill, Lemore.....	364	232	12	9
Dopkins and Rausch, Sacramento.....	306	190	11	10
Burress and Hutchison, Covina.....	301	161	10	11
Brown and Shallenberger, Riverside...	335	222	10	11
Hornbeck and Gribbrock, Expo. Pk.....	238	171	5	16
Schilling and Johnson, Long Beach.....	269	174	3	18

Old Men's Event

D. E. Myers, Fresno.....	150	44	3	0
J. R. Bleecker, Covina.....	122	36	2	1
Mads Hansen, Fresno.....	100	26	1	2
Stine Gill, Fresno.....	58	12	0	3

HORSESHOE PITCHING

No one these days reveals his Americanism so much as he does when he takes to horseshoe pitching. It is the game of the hour. Love of it is not confined to Virginia, but extends to all 48 states of the Union. Formerly it was the sport of rural folk; now, however, men of the city are quite as much given to it as their brothers in the country, says the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Take a spin any clear evening after working hours through Richmond, Roanoke or Lynchburg and you will find devotees of horseshoe pitching intent

upon winning a community championship in the presence of a wildly enthusiastic gallery. Golf is still popular, as is baseball; there has been evident during the last few months a remarkable croquet revival; for widespread renewal of interest, however, the ancient and honorable game of horseshoe pitching must be awarded the prize.—Springfield, Tenn., Herald News.

OFFER TROPHY

The Monticello, Ind., Herald has given a horseshoe trophy which is the cause of much interest in that vicinity.

Royal Winter Fair Horseshoe Entries

Following is a list of those competing in horseshoe pitching at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto:

Open Doubles Championship of Canada

Wm. J. Glover and Reg. McNaughton, Chatham; Arthur Harrison and William Bailey, Toronto; Ed. G. Smith Malton; G. S. Walwin and W. S. Henry, Janetville; Alfred Griffin and Ed Reiley, St. George; Leslie Moffat and Thos. Newell, Toronto; Chas. Clark, Toronto and C. H. Brown, Mimico; H. F. Stevenson and L. Arkart, Toronto; John Riley, Christina and Stanley Riley, Muncey; Fred Ing and Gordon Ing, Beaverton; Bruce Lichman and Lorne Lichman, Essex; B. Stokes and T. Hayes, Toronto; Norman J. Brown and Wm. Coulter, Toronto; Ronald Grace and James Daniels, Toronto.

Frank McLeod and Jack McKibben, Toronto; Arthur Wiles and Edward Johnston, Toronto; Capt. A. E. Tomlin and Robert Craggs, Toronto; Herb. Reading and Bert Campbell, Toronto; Chas. Woodward and Jack McTier, Toronto; John Batt and Frank Mason, Toronto; Ernest Thompson and Geo. Johnstone, Toronto; J. W. Milligan and C. E. McConkey, Orillia; Emerson Brown and Arthur Petch, Clarksburg; W. J. Hall and A. E. McCartney, Toronto; Joseph Murphy and Thos. Murphy, Toronto; Alfred Thornbach and Wm. Thornbach, Toronto; Wilfred Ficht and James Rutherford, Norwich.

R. Teskey and Ed. Crooks, Orillia; Chas. Tossel and Donald Hooper, Toronto; H. A. Howson and S. S. Kent, London; Albert E. Dillon and Harry Long, Collingwood; G. MacDonald and J. Logie, Silverthorne; G. H. Hillson and Thos. Robinson, Agincourt; John Boyd and Partner, Markdale; Thos. Ellis and Robert Ellis, Toronto; A. Kirkman and P. Humphrey, Toronto; Edgar Ray and Fred MacKay, Lindsay; S. H. Rutledge and Bert Pretty, Orangeville; Thos. F. Junkin and Thos. Patten, Fenelon Falls; Harold Stitt and Partner, Toronto; Wm. J. Orr and Elmer R. Orr, Woodbridge; Jack Hunter, Craigvale and Lorne Wingrove, Barrie; Herman A. Petch and Partner, Meaford; Fred Orchard and A. C. Orchard, Miami, Man.; H. R. Clendenning and D. L. Stouffer, Stouffville.

Walter Kane and W. R. Struthers, Sarnia; Thos. Buckingham and Wm. Lockyer, Sarnia; Neil Silk and A. Marsh, Sarnia; Albert Humphrey and Robert Summers, Toronto; Fred Cole and H. Rowett, Toronto; Fred Avis and Harvey Lloyd, Aurora; J. R. Wilson and Partner, Toronto; David Toole and Partner, Toronto; John English and Partner, Toronto; Arthur Skeele and Partner, Toronto; Walter Cook and Alvin Kroff, Wellesley.

Jack London and Wilmont Mitchell, Shelbourne; R. J. Hamilton and A. J. Bickerton, Toronto; J. Levitt and G. Spencer, Toronto; Otto Roehl Toronto and Henry Miller, Tyrone; Wm. A. Gammage and L. Rapley, of Toronto; Wm. Cairns and Thos. McQuestion, Toronto; J. Gould and A. Houston, Kleinburg; Ross Burgess and Russell Copeland, Petrolia; A. Scott and R. Seawright, Toronto.

Open Singles Championship of Canada

Wm. J. Glover, Chatham; Reg. McNaughton, Chatham; G. S. Walwin, Janetville; W. S. Henry, Janetville; Ed. G. Smith, Malton; Wilmer Smith, Malton; Thos. Newell, Toronto; Leslie Moffatt, Toronto; Lorne Lichman, Essex; Bryce Lichman, Essex; B. Stokes, Toronto; Herbert Howson, London; Frank McLeod, Toronto; Jack McKibben, Toronto; Edward Johnston, Toronto; Arthur Wiles, Toronto; Bert Campbell, Toronto; Capt. A. E. Tomlin, Toronto

Norman J. Brown, Toronto; Wm. Coulter, Toronto; C. E. McConkey, Orillia; J. W. Milligan, Orillia; Thos. Murphy, Toronto; Jos. Murphy, Toronto; Wilfred Ficht, Norwich; James Rutherford, Norwich; R. Teskey, Orillia; Ed. Crooks, Orillia; Wm. Lockyer, Camlachie P. O.; Lorne Wingrove, Barrie; Wm. J. Orr, Woodbridge; Elmer R. Orr, Woodbridge; Wm. J. Hall, Toronto; E. Riley, Paris; Thos. Ellis, Toronto; Robert Ellis, Toronto; Thos. F. Junkin, Fenelon Falls; Harold Stitt, Toronto; Harvey R. Clendenning, Stouffville.

David L. Stouffer, Stouffville; R. J. Speers, Caledon; W. R. Struthers, Sarnia; Thos. Buckingham, Sarnia; Walter Kane, Sarnia; Neil Silk, Sarnia; A. Marsh, Sarnia; Fred Avis, Aurora; Harvey Lloyd, Aurora; John Riley, Christina; Stanley Riley, Muncey; John A. Whalen, Corbetton; Walter Cook, Wellesley; Alvin Kroff, Wellesley; Norman Simenton, Caledonia; Chas. Tossel, Toronto; Albert J. Bickerton, Toronto; Otto Roehl,

Toronto; Henry Miller, Tyrone; A. Houston, Kleinburg; J. Gould, Kleinburg; H. G. Brady, Fenwick; Russell McLaughlin, Burketon; William McLaughlin, Burketon.

County and Rural Fairs' Winners' Competition.

Wm. J. Glover and Reg. McNaughton, Chatham; Ed G. Smith and Wilmer Smith, Malton; G. S. Walwin and W. S. Henry, Janetville; S. S. Kent and Herbert Howson, London; Alf. Griffin and Ed. Reilly, St. George; Leslie Moffat and Thos. Newell, Toronto; Frank Reynolds and Andrew Corrigan, Mount Forest; Fred Ing and Gordon Ing, Beaverton; John Riley, Christina and Stanley Riley, Muncey; Bryce Lichman and Lorne Lichman, Essex; Wm. Coulter and Norman J. Brown, Toronto; J. W. Milligan and C. E. McConkey, Orillia, Russell McLaughlin and Wm. McLaughlin, Burketon; Geo. W. Wiley and Harley Brady, St. Catharines; Emerson Brown and Arthur Petch, Clarksburg; Wilfred Ficht and James Rutherford, Norwich; R. Teskey and Ed Crooks, Orillia; J. S. Botwright and E. Raynard, Selkirk; John Boyd and Partner, Markdale.

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Plan Ohio-West Virginia Loop

Members of the flourishing Belle Isle horseshoe loop are planning to organize an eight-club loop next spring. They have in mind teams from Martins Ferry, Warwood, West Wheeling, Bellaire Isle, Elm Grove, Moundsville, McMechen and Wooddale.

Cecil A. Davis, of this city, manager of the Belle Isle loop, says several new clubs will be in action next year.

Buy advertised horseshoe equipment.

THE LETTER BOX

Where Ideas are Exchanged and Gossip of the Shoe Lanes are Written

(EDITOR'S NOTE—We print all letters sent to us for publication. We do not always agree with the writers, but believe our readers have a right to their opinions. Unsigned letters are ignored.)

A SUGGESTION

Editor Horseshoe World:

Allot a certain space, say last page in The Horseshoe World, for recording under two separate headings, items, condensed of course, (a fuller account appearing elsewhere) of games that have been played since last issue; this under heading "Games Played." Next all games reported to be played, even if they are months ahead, the type once set could be used in future issues until played; this under heading, "Future Games."

Don't think it would be a bad idea to ask all clubs, both large and small, to kindly advise you when they have a match on. This would give the fans, if they happened to be in the neighborhood, a chance to see the games, and if a copy of the Horseshoe World containing a notice of the kind were sent to the editor of the paper (local) he undoubtedly would take great pride in mentioning it in his paper and thereby advertise The Horseshoe World.

A FAN.

NOTE—(We are willing to do this if the readers will help us. Send in a brief notice of coming matches, written not to exceed 25 words.—Editor.)

SOME CALIFORNIA NEWS

Arroga Grande, Calif.

Mr. R. B. Howard, Editor,
Horseshoe World.

Dear Sir:

Find enclosed \$1.00 currency for another year's subscription.

Our club is in a prosperous condition and steadily growing in numbers and interest. We have just recently installed lights on our court for night pitching, and expect to gain several members thereby among the business men of the town who have expressed their desire to join us, but could not meet with us in the daytime. There are now three organized clubs in this county of San Luis Obispo, Arroga Grande, Paso Robles and San Luis

Obispo, all equipped with lights, and we are starting in to visit one another once or twice a month and play match games, 10 men on a side. We have visions of some time being able to form a Central Coast League if we can get a few more towns to organize.

Our club is affiliated with the California State Association. I don't know, but I presume California is a member of the National. I am going to make a suggestion. It might not be a bad idea for you to carry a list of the states belonging to the National, or occasionally publish it in The Horseshoe World, provided you have the space to spare.

Yours truly,

R. M. PLYMPTON.

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SCORE ONE FOR AMATEURS

Muskegon, Mich, Nov. 25, 1929
Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing \$1.00 for renewal of my subscription, as I do not want to miss an issue. I fully agree with you in regard to amateurs tournaments as you stated in the October issue. The two best men in the Michigan tournament this year averaged 56.8 and 61.7 per cent ringers in 25 games. Two others above 50 per cent, but what chance would they have with the professionals?

In 1928, 29 men entered the tournament and C. C. Davis won with a ringer average of 70.2. What was the result? A contest in 1929, with only 14 entered.

I am not advising to bar the professionals, but give the amateurs a chance. Where one professional is paying his dues to the National Association, 100 amateurs are paying theirs.

Here's hoping for a joint tournament for both.

Yours very truly,

H. A. BARNHARD.

WE SAY "AMEN" TO THIS!

Toluca, Ill., Nov. 26, 1929
The Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find "dollar" for a renewal to The World.

I was the 1928-29 champion of Illinois and attended the National tournament in St. Petersburg last winter. I will not attend this year because I fully believe we should have a summer tournament in the North. I believe in one and I'm certain 90 per cent of the other pitchers in the North do too. So let's read something in The World this winter about a tournament in the North next Summer.

Yours truly

GAYLORD PETERSON,
Ill. Champ., '28.

A GOOD IDEA

A horseshoe cub recently sent us one of their invitation cards and the card contains the following statement printed on the back:

"The game of horseshoes is recommended as a healthful, invigorating exercise by leading physicians. Sex or age is no barrier. As far as we have been able to ascertain, no horseshoe pitcher has ever been operated upon for appendicitis. We do not know of a sport in which the initial and continued expense is lower. All you require is a pair of regulation horseshoes, priced from 60c to \$2.50 per pair, and two iron stakes. You can, by practice, develop your game to a point of great skill, and anyway, it is the greatest competitive game on earth, and requires the highest competitive spirit, skill, accuracy, judgment and endurance. The Northwestern Horseshoe club has sponsored the game of horseshoes in this field and is largely responsible for the improvements that the Department of Recreation has installed for those who play the game. Our membership is growing rapidly, so come in and help us put the game across in Detroit. Membership fee is \$1.00 per year. We thank you."

This is a good idea!

WANT GAMES

Hillsdale Horseshoe club desires games with any one, two or us to 10-man teams. Get in touch with Clyde Gaudle, 919 N. Chesnut St., Winston-Salem, N. D.

Indian Pair, Uncle and Nephew, Win Double Match

John and Stanley Riley Receive Plaudits of Fair Crowds

TWO CHIPPEWA INDIANS from the reserve at Muncey, near London, Ontario, are the new doubles horseshoe pitching champions of the Dominion.

Although bearing a proud Irish name, John and Stanley Riley are full-blooded Indians, but they lived up to the Irish reputation of being at their best odds when they defeated Coulter and Brown of Toronto, last year's doubles champions,

at the Royal Winter Fair, at Toronto.

John and Stanley are uncle and nephew, the latter a boy of 16. This was the first dominion championship contest they have ever entered. John Riley took up horseshoe pitching less than two years ago and his nephew pitched his first horseshoe at the beginning of 1928.

team scored points in turn until the score stood at 35 even.

Were Smiling Victors.

But the Indians went quietly ahead paying no attention to the cheers of the spectators. And it was John, the uncle, who started the winning streak pitching horseshoe after horseshoe for ringers until his nephew followed suit. The final score was 50 to 35, the uncle pitching the winning point.

Then the feature of the two winners broke into smiles as they received congratulations of the crowd, and the smile of the elder Riley broadened into a flashing display of white teeth when a check for \$50 was presented to him, together with a huge silver cup.

The two were introduced to the gathering as the new doubles champions of Canada. And they are real Canadians, too," declared the announcer.

"You bet we are," said John Riley, holding the check tightly in one hand and the silver cup in the other.

Buy only horseshoe equipment advertised in The Horseshoe World. It will help the game in general and you will find the firms advertising in The World are the leaders.



Game Was Close

Never before at the fair had a horseshoe pitching championship aroused so much interest. The two Indians had made themselves popular with the spectators from the beginning and when they walked out into the ring for the final the sympathy of the crowd was with them.

Right from the start the Indian pair took the lead and quickly ran up a score of twenty-five to their opponent's eight. Stanley Riley was the surer of the two, his accuracy resulting in many ringers. But Coulter and Brown, by remarkable pitching, scored ringer after ringer, until the score stood 32 all. Each

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From the
Secretary's Desk

D. D. Cottrell, Sec'y
746-C FIFTH AVENUE
St. Petersburg, Fla.

THE place for the holding of the winter World's Championship Horseshoe Pitching Tournament has not yet been decided upon. Mr. H. L. Ermatinger, President, and Mr. W. J. Seas, Treasurer and writer, your secretary have been doing all that they could since about the middle of November to get this matter settled.

The officials of the city of St. Petersburg with the Chamber of Commerce, have tried with the small appropriation of only \$7500 this season to satisfy all the different sport clubs of the city with the small amount of money at their disposal.

The first proposition to the horseshoe club was to give them \$500, for holding the winter National Tournament. The club had a meeting and decided that they could not hold a tournament for so small an amount and accept the responsibility of a loss and offer some two thousand dollars in prize money to the entrants and besides do all the work and to meet all of the other necessary expenses incident to the holding of such a meet. The result of all of this was that the Sport Committee who had all of these matters in hand finally decided to give the horseshoe club only one hundred dollars this year for their activities. The final action of this committee gave the different sports the following amounts:

Golf	
Outboard Motor Racing.....	\$1000
Shuffleboard	100
Lawn Bowling	700
Trap Shooting	
Tennis	500
Fishing	
Swimming	100
Horseshoes	100
Archery	100
Checkers, Chess and Dominoes	100
Sailing	200
Roque	50
Quoits	25
Amateur Golf	500
Contingent Fund	225

The balance of the \$7500 was put in a revolving fund to be used for the sports not given above and at the discretion of the committee for what-

ever they thought best as the season progressed, but no part of this would they give to help boost a National Tournament in St. Petersburg.

Jeff Moshier, sport editor of the Evening Independent said in his paper, "The sum of \$7500 appropriation by the city is ridiculously small when one considers that several resort cities spend twice this sum on one golf tournament. The National lawn bowling meet will again be held here unless the committee takes unexpected action. That the National Horseshoe meet will be abandoned this season as more than likely. More emphasis will be placed on amateur competition among members of various tourist sports clubs and this will require only a small outlay of money.

There are two other cities with whom we are corresponding and who are much interested in holding this tournament if the necessary financial arrangements can be made. One of these is on the west coast of Florida and the other on the east coast. Your officers are very much disappointed that at this writing no further information can be given. If a tournament is held it probably will not be put on until the last of February or early in March.

I have had letters about this from as far west as Spokane, Wash., wanting to know where and when it was to be held. The interest among players and fans that want to come to Florida from all over the country seems greater this year than ever before. This is the only sport event held in Florida that the Associated Press and other news agencies think is important enough to warrant them in sending special correspondents here to report the tournament. For a number of years no other sport event has given the city holding it so much publicity as this tournament has.

As soon as some decision is reached the place and time of holding the tournament will be given the largest publicity possible.

In a letter recently received from Bob Brown who is working with Frank Niven the treasurer of the Putt Mossman Horseshoe Co., Rochester, N. Y., he says that they have

some fine indoor courts on Atlantic Ave., in that city this winter and the boys are making good use of them. Five or six of the men, including Frank Niven, who won the state championship honors at the Rochester Exposition last September, are consistently pitching more than fifty per cent ringers. In February the Rochester city championship tournament will be played on these courts and a very keen competition or the honor is anticipated.

D. T. Leonard, Adams Basin, N. Y., writes me that he had the misfortune about a month ago to break his right wrist. He recently had an X-ray taken and the doctor said that there was a shortening and a stiffening of the wrist. "Dave" as he is familiarly called by his friends was the first State Champion of New York and successfully defended his title for four consecutive years, but for the past two years he has not competed because of unforeseen circumstances. He has also been a competitor in a number of National Tournaments in Florida and in every one has given the best of them something to think about whenever he has met them. They all had to watch Dave and keep their best form to the front every minute for he never gets rattled but pitches each shoe as though his whole game depended on that one pitch. It will be a great loss to the game and a great sorrow to his friends if his accident should permanently prevent his pitching.

THE COVER PAGE

The cover page this issue contains the photograph of Charles S. Gerrish, of Oil City, Pa. Mr. Gerrish is one of the Horseshoe World's best friends and boosters—and by the way he is one of the best friends the horseshoe game ever had. Meet Mr. Gerrish—then call him Charlie from now on!

GRANGE CONTEST

Horseshoe pitching played an important part in the athletic events at the Rockaway Grange Corn Carnival, near Springfield, O., recently.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS

Under the guidance of its veteran Promotion Director, H. L. Perkins, of 26 Northumberland St., Springfield, Mass., New England has passed its greatest season of horseshoe pitching in its history, both in the number of tournaments held and in all kinds of match playing as well as leagues.

And the closing barometer reading for 1929 indicates that the season of 1930 will far surpass the present one just closed.

A part of the 1930 program as organized by Mr. Perkins is as follows. He has formed what he has called an Inter-State Horseshoe Pitching League, which is to be composed of 12 teams of 10 men each, which is to represent the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut. This league is believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

The following cities and towns are to be represented by teams. Brattleboro and Springfield, Vermont; West Swanzey in New Hampshire; Greenfield, Northampton, Millers Falls, Easthampton, Holyoke, Holyoke Canoe Club at Smiths Ferry, Springfield, Pittsfield and Athol-Gardner in Massachusetts; and Thompsonville, Connecticut.

Mr. Perkins would like to hear from Mr. A. H. Holzhauser, of South Glen Falls, about entering a team from there, as well as from someone in Albany so that New York State can be represented in this Inter-State League.

In the following we have the list of officers:

H. L. Perkins, Promotion Director of Springfield; Austin E. Miller, President, of Brattleboro, Vt.; Frank Hinds, First Vice President, of Northampton, Mass.; A. W. Greuling, Secretary, of Greenfield, Mass.; Treasurers to be elected later.

Mr. Perkins has also formed a "Triple A" league, which is also to be composed of 16 teams of 10 men each. This league is for the express purpose of Industrial teams, clubs, and groups in Springfield, and its suburbs.

Last, but not least he has formed a Massachusetts State Horseshoe

Pitchers Association, which is to become affiliated with the National Association. Mr. Perkins is himself secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Willis Fleming of Holyoke, Mass., is to be president, and Mr. Gould of Ware, Mass., is vice president.

Mr. Perkins, besides being a veteran tournament manager, is also recognized as one of the best pitchers in this part of the country and in an exhibition of his skill one night this past summer of the Forest Park lanes in Springfield he threw 33 ringers out of 40 shoes which is a record for those courts.

His daughter, Miss Doris Perkins, who is one of the world's best women pitchers, travels and gives exhibitions with him. She is planning on competing at St. Petersburg this winter. The following exhibition at Brattleboro, Vt., speaks well for her remarkable skill for 18 years old.

July 19th, on the private court of Mr. Austin E. Miller, of Brattleboro, Vt., Miss Doris Perkins, the 18-year-old pitching wonder of Springfield, Mass., gave an exhibition of her skill by pitching 400 shoes and obtaining 894 points, 275 ringers and 95 double ringers.

She made what is claimed to be the following world's records for women in her second 100 shoes, when she pitched 75 ringers, 29 double ringers, scoring 238 points out of the possible 300. She also pitched 41 ringers in 50 shoes and she threw at least one ringer in 40 consecutive innings. She also pitched at least one ringer in 179 innings out of the 200 innings pitched.

If any records can be produced that are greater, will they kindly have them printed in The World.

REPORTED KILLED

A letter received from G. E. Houser, Columbus, Kans., states he has just received word of the death by automobile accident, of W. C. Long, Independence, Kans. We have asked an Independence newspaper to verify the report and sincerely hope that it isn't true. We have counted Mr. Long one of the Horseshoe World's real friends in Kansas.

THESE LADS TOSS THE ON

Harold Crawford, youthful left-handed shoe pitcher, upset the dope November 22, on the West End indoor horseshoe courts, Oil City, Pa., when he sent William Buckley, boy's city champion down to defeat in a special match of the best four out of seven games. Only five games were necessary to decide a winner, Crawford taking the first game, and after losing the next one, came back to win three in a row to be returned the victor.

Crawford is 14 and Buckley is 13 years of age.

Following are scores made by the two contestants:

Four ringers were on five times in the five games.

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Crawford ...	50	25	8	48	.52
Crawford ...	40	22	6	62	.35
Crawford ...	50	32	11	58	.55
Crawford ...	50	33	7	74	.45
Crawford ...	50	24	9	48	.50
Totals...	240	136	41	290	.47

	P	R	DR	SP	Pct
Buckley	26	15	2	48	.31
Buckley	50	26	6	62	.42
Buckley	32	24	2	58	.41
Buckley	46	34	11	74	.46
Buckley	27	15	5	48	.31
Totals...	118	114	26	290	.39

Each player in one game had a total of 11 double ringers.

Other scores of the evening follow: Sebring 50, Duncan 42; Sebring 49, Duncan 50; Duncan 50, Martin 29; Gerrish 50, Crawford 47; Watterson 50, McCandless 30; DeWoody 50, Miles 20; DeWoody 50, Miles 30; Gerrish 50, Ury 20; Buckley 50, Hutchinson 40; Hutchinson 50, Shifflet 44; Buckley 50, Perry 27; Shifflet 50, Borland 35; Shifflet 50, Borland 48; Borland 50, Carpenter 5; Hutchinson 50, Perry 32; Perry 50, Canada 32; Crawford 50, Buckley 27.

WE THANK YOU!

The Horseshoe World is a welcomed guest and our players wish for you, Mr. Editor, a long, happy and prosperous future.

Very truly,

W. C. DOW,
Pres., Fresno, Calif., Horseshoe Club.
1660 Broadway.

When writing advertisers mention The World.

MORE HORSESHOES THAN EVER IN ST. PETERSBURG

ST. PETERSBURG is hearing the click of more horseshoes this winter than it ever heard before. Our own Sunshine Pleasure club has 70 per cent more members than it has had at this time of the year in any of the past six seasons. More games are being pitched on our grounds every day than have ever been played. In the old days in Williams Park we used to have a larger membership, but then hundreds paid the membership fee so they would not feel as if they were intruders while resting on our benches. Now it is a membership that plays the game.

Scattered throughout the city more courts are going than ever before. Several small clubs have already been organized. This is fortunate. If all the folks who pitch horseshoes here now would rush in and join our club, we would have difficulty in accommodating the large influx of returning members that will soon be here.

Our club is twenty years old this year. The oldest organized club of its kind in the state and possibly in the nation. What is more striking than that is that three of the four original officers are still alive and spending their winters in the St. Petersburg sunshine pitching horseshoes. Samuel Clement, our first president, now high in the eighties, will still take on any man of his weight, as he puts it. O. T. Battles, and Mr. Hite, others of our first executive board, are improving their game with age.

If the editor of the Horseshoe World had the space to spare, I would send him the names of an unbelievable number of men who have been members of this club for more than ten years. Yes, quite a list of men who have paid their dues regularly for more than 15 years. Many of them find several games a day is all their age and strength permits them to pitch. But they are around all day. When we saw that time coming in their lives when they would be less active we provided a game room for them. How they enjoy it! Five Hundred seems to be the favorite game.

We younger fellows get a great "kick" out of seeing the enjoyment the older members get out of their

games. We want them around and to feel satisfied. The greatest satisfaction, however, that we younger men get out of it is the many ways in which they express their appreciation. So congenial is the club spirit that there is quite a sprinkling of heads that have not turned grey in the game rooms at all times.

Well do I remember when our club members had more whiskers to the square inch than any like number of men to be found anywhere. They were largely Middlewest farmers. Now the larger number of our members are city men. Our auto parking area is full of machines that used to be seen only at exclusive clubs and it is a daily occurrence to see the chauffeur trying to win games from his employer. Day laborers, mechanics, merchants, professional men, politicians and men whose every word is good for a front page story in any big daily, mingle like ants living in the same hill. Our game surely brings men in all walks of life closer together and hears them speak the same language.

Treasurer, Sunshine Pleasure Club,
WM. J. SEAS,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Blind Students Become Adept at Horseshoes

Nebraska City, Neb.—Another outdoor sport has been added to the list of games in which the totally blind can participate. This game is horseshoes, which is played at Nebraska School for the blind here.

Regulation size horseshoe courts were established by Superintendent N. C. Abbott shortly before summer vacation began. Several totally blind youths have become very proficient at pitching.

In playing the game a blind boy is partnered with a lad not entirely blind. The boy who can see stands near the peg at which his partner is shooting and calls out direct to him. Ringers are not uncommon.

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PITCH HORSESHOES

A horseshoe contest was a feature of the Pitchin Grange Corn Carnival, Clark county, Ohio, Dec. 6.

CANADIAN NOTES

Noah Eckel, Didsbury, Alta., Canada, has served as president of the Didsbury horseshoe league the past three years.

Two teams were entered the first year; three the second year and in 1929 four teams took part. Olds, Didsbury, Lone Pine and Burnside clubs formed the league last year.

The Sports Good Journal of Canada, published a mighty fine December edition in Christmas colors and we are glad to say the horseshoe game was given a prominent place among other sports.

This is just another indication that the game is rapidly growing in Canada.

Carl Swanstrom, of the Diamond Calk Horseshoe Co., Ltd., of Toronto, took a prominent official part in the horseshoe activities at the Toronto Winter Fair.

Buys Partner's Interest

F. M. Brust, national champion in 1919, recently bought his partner's interest in Ohio Horse Shoe Co. He will conduct the business alone in the future under the same name.

Ohio Horse Shoe Co. are the originators of the Drop Forged pitching shoes. These have been on the market over nine years.

Mr. Brust thanks his many customers and friends for past patronage and hopes they will continue to pitch "OHIO" shoes.

HOLDS HORSESHOE TITLE

Fremont, O.—George Buchman, of Fremont retained the Sandusky county horseshoe pitching title by beating all challengers in the tournament of the club here. Buchman won eight straight games in the Class A division.

Max Kollath, of Fremont, who won seven games, finished second.

HOLD TOURNAMENT

An industrial tournament for the Hertz-Driveit-Urself trophy was recently held at Fort Wayne, Ind. The contests were held at the Broadway courts, of which J. A. Hart is the manager.