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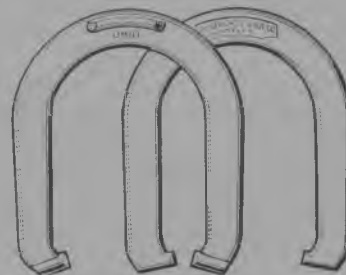
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**S**TILL some hope of a summer tournament, writes D. D. Cottrell, National Secretary, as he leaves St. Petersburg for his home in North Cohocton, N. Y., but several interested cities are out of the race . . . anyone on the "inside" with state fair officials will do the game a favor, as well as the fair, by urging their state fair officials to sponsor the meet . . . this issue carries a story by a minister, aged 72, who is a real shoe enthusiast . . . we expect to have a specially written article from him soon . . . and D. D. Cottrell may enter politics, reports indicate . . . a lot of Sparks Off the Peg items in this issue . . . pitching beginning in earnest, judging from the amount of score-sheets we are shipping to all parts of the country . . . and why not? this is the time to begin! . . . an appeal is made in this issue for champion's pictures . . . if you are a champion, turn to it and read it and then send yours at once . . . it is important that we have them on file . . . some will be printed in the magazine.

May, 1931

## LEAGUE PITCHING



**W**E WANT to say a word in favor of league horseshoe playing.

Many cities have individual clubs that are arousing much interest, but others have their clubs organized into leagues, with six or eight teams in a league that are arousing more interest. That's the best way to stir up interest among the pitchers and with the public, too.

Even smaller towns may have many leagues with four or five teams enrolled.

The public likes this competition and the newspapers are glad to print the standings.

Form a league and see how well it works this summer.

### 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.

The time that your magazine expires is printed on the address slip, directly after your name, showing the month and the year.

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# HORSESHOE PITCHING KEEPS SURGEON'S KNIFE AWAY

By REV. E. V. STEVENS

(In the New Bedford, Mass., Times)

"A game a day will keep the surgeon's knife away."

This has come to be the slogan of the "Horseshoe Fan." The horseshoe pitching game as we know it today is most patriotic, interesting and helpful. In its present form, it originated in the Revolutionary war. The Pilgrims were not very strong for sport, but the soldiers of Washington's army had to have some diversion. The English games of bowling, quoits and the like were taboo, but the discarded horseshoes from the regimental blacksmith's tent were available and the soldiers began pitching them at a peg driven into the ground. The nearest shoe won the point whether it was six feet or six inches from the stake. Since then in every war and every army camp, the horseshoe game has been popular.

The game has now been standardized with state and national organizations and official rules. Clubs are to be found in all communities and hundreds of thousands of men and

women are playing the game.

One remarkable feature of it is that only recently have players learned to throw what is known as the "open shoe." This means that the player learns so to control the shoe in the cast that it will turn in the air with nicety and land with the opening to the stake, settling about it quietly and making what is known as a ringer counting three points.

The cups in the New Bedford horseshoe pitching contest will be won by the players throwing the most ringers. That is what gives the game its kick, finding yourself picking off ringers in singles and doubles. Inning after inning you experience real exhilaration. Just as the baseball pitcher controls the ball so it will break at the right moment and the "ump" call "strike!" so much you learn to control your shoe to throw more ringers than your opponent. It is especially interesting for the crowd when inning after inning all the shoes are about the stake. This frequently happens and is like making a hole-in-one on the golf links. This is one of the reasons why the game is so popular and so rapidly becoming

general over the country.

In matters of bodily exercises and good health all authorities agree it has no equal for all ages and conditions of men and women. The walking, stooping to pick up shoes, twisting of the waist and hips, the gentle straining of every muscle in the body; the stance, and pose of that old athlete, Discobolus; the concentration of mind; the tense watching of the shoe in the air and the playing to win, but learning to be a good loser give a balance of body and mind that does everything for good health.

In all stomach matters, in functional eliminations, in cases of appendicitis and bladder troubles of men it is a sure and speedy cure without the services of a surgeon. In keeping the waist line down and controlling proper weight, it is the only known remedy.

A game a day will keep the doctor and surgeon away.

I feel The Times is to be especially commended and also congratulated for taking this matter up and supporting this great national game. To help popularize this patriotic sport is to render a splendid public service."

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## HORSESHOES FLY IN PORTLAND, OREGON

Horseshoe days are back again. Every horseshoe court in Portland is ringing these days as iron strikes iron. The cheers and jeers of players and onlookers tell the story of wins and losses, says the Morning Oregonian. The story continues:

Take Laurelhurst park, for example. The six courts just behind the flower show grounds were busy all day yesterday as experts and beginners displayed the accuracy of their throwing arms. At the side sat six veterans, each white about the temples, observing the play with sage comment. And all about were scores of interested bystanders, wondering what it was all about.

### Qualifying Play to Open

It seems that this is an important month in the lives of Portland's horseshoe pitchers, for between today and May 30 the Portland Horseshoe club will hold its qualifying play to decide what 12 men (or

women) will meet some time in June to determine the city's 1931 champion ringster. And those who were pitching yesterday were improving their game prior to entering the qualifying play.

O. A. Johnson, 59 East Seventy-second street North, was there, too. He won the city championship last year and it is the crown he wears that the others are seeking. Among those after it is W. H. Hayden, 4625 Seventy-first avenue Southeast, who was both city and state horseshoe champion a few years ago. And another was Mrs. J. O. Craun, 10105 Forty-fifth avenue Southeast, who was showing Dr. Frank L. Finnell how to play the game. Dr. Finnell said he knew how but when he finished yesterday's game with Mrs. Craun he admitted that she also knew, for it was all he could do to plant the ringers a bit faster than she did.

### Players Must Register

Johnson explained how to get his crown. Register with the official scoring committee of the Portland Horseshoe club and take part in the qualifying play, he said. Each contestant must pitch 200 shoes before May 30, and do it in the presence of one or more members of the committee, which is composed of Dr. Frank L. Finnell, W. H. Hayden, O. A. Johnson, C. Esberg and J. O. Collins. The play will take place on one of four courts—Laurelhurst park, Benson Polytechnic high school, Montavilla courts at East Eightieth and Stark streets, and Dan Griffith's courts at East Forty-fourth and Main streets.

After all the qualifying scores are in the hands of the committee, the 12 highest scorers will be selected to play off the city championship at a time and place yet to be determined.

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ENJOYS THE MAGAZINE

Lansing, Mich., April 14, 1931
The Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.
Gentlemen:

Am enclosing \$1.00 in currency for which kindly renew my subscription to the Horseshoe World, which expires with the April number. I enjoy your magazine very much and do not intend to miss a single copy. Here's hoping that Traverse City, Mich., will get the National Tournament this summer.

The team of Fisher-Nelson took first place in our winter league which closed last week. Fisher topped the individuals with a percentage of 53.8 for 50 games.

Very respectfully,
"Bert" Graham, Sec.,
Lansing Horseshoe Club.

ISSUES CHALLENGE

The Metropolitan Horseshoe Club, Washington, D. C., issues a challenge to any or all horseshoe clubs in the United States for matches to be pitched in Washington.

Here's a part of a letter from the secretary:

"In your next issue I want you to challenge, on behalf of the Metropolitan Horseshoe Club, Washington, D. C., any or all the horseshoe clubs in the United States for matches to be pitched here in Washington.

We are a recently organized club and we have, upt-o-date, had no real competition from top-notch clubs or players. We are trying to popularize horseshoes in this territory and we would like to arrange matches with out-of-town clubs. We have clean-kept courts amid beautiful surroundings, within a stone's throw of the Washington monument and we can guarantee plenty of publicity and a good time to any clubs or individuals who care to come here for real friendly matches.

"Generally there are excursions to Washington from all parts of the U. S. Can't some of the clubs take advantage of this?

"ANDREW CASPER,

"Secretary, Metropolitan Horseshoe Club, 534 Shepherd St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

MR. COTTRELL MAY TOSS HAT IN POLITICAL RING

D. D. Cottrell, our National Secretary, may toss his hat in the political ring according to newspaper reports from Steuben County, New York, where he resides. At least there is a lot of pressure being brought to bear on him to run for a member of the State Legislature.

Mr. Cottrell has been in the South all winter and just what he will do remains to be seen. If he should be a candidate and win, we are mighty sure he would be a capable legislator. He looks the part and has the right kind of stuff in him to make good laws.

He has been quite prominent in Republican politics in New York for several years.

WANTED: SOME CITY TO STAGE NATIONAL SHOE TOURNAMENT

WANTED: Some city in the United States that wants to get on the map with the horseshoe pitchers by holding a National Horseshoe Pitchers Tournament.

Secretary Cottrell writes the Horseshoe World that many of his prospects for a tournament have gone glimmering but he still has some hopes.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime for some state fair or some city.

HORSESHOES FLY IN PORTLAND, OREGON

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That is how Mr. Johnson won it last year, and that is the formula he gives this year.

Some of the others present yesterday who are seeking Johnson's scalp are:

Q. J. Pangborn, 720 East Morrison street; J. O. Craun, 10105 Forty-fifth avenue Southeast; Peter Damskov, 549 East Twenty-eighth street North; L. E. Carter, 1145 East Ankeny St.; O. G. Barlow, 801 Hawthorne Ave.; J. B. Stanton, 350 Thirty-ninth St.; J. C. Gardner, 1084 Belmont St.; J. E. Jones, Belmont and East Forty-second Sts., and Peter Wagenaar, 1076 Belmont street.

OPENING GAME MAY 22

The Willis Avenue Horseshoe Club, of Springfield, Ohio, will play its opening home game in the Clark County League, with the Rice Street Horseshoe League, Friday evening, May 22, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

HAS PEG IDEA

The Horseshoe World has received a drawing from William S. Vandervort, 575 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto, Calif., showing a removable horseshoe stake idea, but unfortunately the drawing is in pencil and can't be reproduced.

Here is his description of it:

Description of Removable Peg.— Use a five-gallon oil can, a single-barrel auto tire pump, and an old Model T Ford axle. The axle fits snugly into the pump. Cut top out of can, place about 2 inches of concrete, set pump in can on concrete and then fill and tamp.

Let set and then saw pump off six inches above concrete. Bury can with top of pump level with base of sand pit, slanting according to rules; saw off axle proper length above the top of the sand. Insert axle into the pump, then fill in sand pit.

When not in use, or when stakes inconvenience the use of the yard for other purposes, withdraw axles and put a cork into pump, so that it will not fill with sand.

My stakes have taken a good beating and have not moved a bit.

I hope this suggestion may prove of value to some one who may be crowded for space as I was.

TO HAVE SIX-TEAM LEAGUE

Granite City, Ill., will have a six-team league for the 1931 pitching season.

MOSSMAN IN MOVIES

If you haven't seen the news reel showing Putt Mossman pitching horseshoes you have missed a real thrill.

The editor of the Horseshoe World had the opportunity of seeing Putt in action in the movies at Loew's Ohio theater, at Columbus, O., the other day and the way Mossman hung on those "collar-wrappers," as our old friend and partner, C. E. Sturm, used to call them, was something to be proud of, to be sure.

Putt did a real job of advertising for the game when he consented to appear before the news reel cameras and his little sister, who helped him in the stunt, deserves a lot of credit, too.

## ∴ 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.)

### SEEKS CHANGES

From what I have read in the Horseshoe World, and also from what I observed while playing, and on the side lines, I have come to the conclusion that the horseshoe game in order to become the leading game has to have one official shoe in style, shape, size and weight. The quality and price to be the seller. Have two length of stakes for sale, a five-foot stake for those that don't like to change or pull them out but once a year, and a 32-inch stake for those that tour the country or pull them out every time they are through pitching.

Count all points tossed by both players. This would give novices more of a chance, and do away with "skunks." Giving the poorer player all the points he makes would make the better player improve his game. Instead of alternate pitch as some suggest, I would suggest that winner of point at stake should always shoot last. This would alternate pitch quite often and would make both players play harder. Tie at stakes, last man shoots first. Counting all points would also give us quite a few tie games, which wouldn't hurt the game any. Less alibis. Counting all points would shorten all games of 50 points, and cut down amount of ringers per game, but wouldn't interfere with percentage of ringers.

The game could be lengthened to 100 points and this would force any player to toss 34 ringers to shoot a 100 per cent ringer game—a tough task for the best.

HENRY SCHLIEF,

332 W. Page St., St. Paul, Minn.

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D. J. IS "REGUSTED"!

Adair, Ia., April 28, 1931.

Horseshoe World: I read with interest the Davis-Mossman "Worlds? Championship Contest." They show a desire to hold to World's Championships as strong as the average Congressman displays for his seat in the interests of the "Dear popul."

Neither of the three organized and incorporated horseshoe associations in the U. S. allow Dick, Tom and Harry to pull off world championship games in every hog-pen-alley, nor even in sweet-scented Hollywood. The American Association says, Art. 6, Sec. 2. "The winner of an authorized national tournament shall be declared champion horseshoe Pitcher of the world." But Art. 4, Sec. 1, prohibits all but Whites from competing in a tournament. Therefore to declare "world championship" while debarring seven-eighths of its people, is illegal, asinine and ridiculous, as much so as should Mexico organize an association barring all Whites and still declare worlds championships. I is "regusted."

The U. S. Association declares State and U. S. championships, but the pitching must be done at either a County, State or National Tournament.

The same is true of the Mail-Game League. The pitching must be done by its members at one of its regular monthly meets, from May to October.

The only association that can legally declare world's champions is the Olympian association. Deflate and come down to earth.

Yours respectfully,

D. J. COWDEN.

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### CHALLENGER IS "MISSING"

A member of the Washington, Pa., Horseshoe Club writes:

Sometime about mid-winter the Washington Horseshoe club received a letter from a pitcher in a town of some 4,000 people, and perhaps 400 miles distant, in which he asked that the local club pit a man against him on each of four designated dates, in April and May, the match to consist of three tries of 100 shoes each, all points, of course, to count, and score sheets to be exchanged. The club here accepted the proposal and put Charley Marshman on the courts for the first match. His three scores for

100 shoes were 216, 204 and an even 200, with ringer percentages of .64 .54 and .54. The score sheets from the challenger showed 152, 135 and 176 points.

When the second match date came Stewart Eagleson put on the local end of the match, with 201, 178 and 192 as his scores, and .57, .50 and .52 as ringer percentages. Before these matches were started this out-of-town man had written for a four-man match with 100 shoes, and when the time came Fuller, Rush, J. Clemens and Snyder put on the games here, with 183, 176, 156 and 155 for their scores. The score sheets of all these games were sent to the challenger, but since he reported his first game never a word has been received from him. Members of the local club are inclined to think that, after scanning the Marshman score sheets, he was like the gink in one of Bret Hart's poems—"The subsequent proceedin's didn't interest him no more."

### IS A REAL TOSSEr

Albert Vandervort, son of William S. Vandervort, Palo Alto, Calif., is developing into a mighty fine pitcher. He is 12 years of age and won the tournament last summer in the juvenile class throwing at a 30-foot distance.

With constant practice this lad promises much in the horseshoe realm.

**BOYS AND GIRLS** — Vacation spending money may be easily made by taking subscriptions to the Horseshoe World.

### NEW K. OF C. COURTS

The Knights of Columbus, of Granite City, Ill., have installed a 12-lane horseshoe court for the use of the public, adjoining their building at Twenty-first and Edison Avenues.

The courts were officially opened early in May and are pronounced among the finest ever used, being modernly equipped in every respect.

### ENCOURAGE HORSESHOES

Traverse City, Mich., the city that had some intention of bidding for the summer tournament of the National Association, encourages horseshoe pitching in every way possible.

A nicely arranged folder from the Shuffleboard and Games Club shows many of the city's summer sports and gives horseshoe pitching a prominent place.

SPARKS FROM THE PEG

K. E. Armstrong, 137 Mason St., Dearborn, Mich., is secretary-treasurer of the Dearborn Horseshoe club.

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Bob Brown recently won the Rochester, N. Y., city championship, taking four straights from Curtis in the seven-game play-off. Brown was runner-up in the state meet last fall.

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Here's a subscription from the boys at the Prospect Street Fire Hall, Bellingham, Washington. We hope Captain Frank Leonard and his crew like the magazine and that it will help them stir up some lively games this summer.

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Stewart Straw, Berwindale, Pa., is one of the Keystone State's tossers.

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Eugene K. Oakley, Salisbury, Md., is another of our rapidly growing family of Maryland readers.

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Marvin Craft, 3137 St. Bernard Drive, expects to toss the irons at Toledo, O., this summer.

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Fred Hamilton, Maryland champion, is located at 724 Baker St., Cumberland, Md. Fred is a real pitcher.

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C. W. Troy, way down in Tupelo, Miss., is interested in the game. C. W. is a druggist.

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Charles E. Gardner, No. 66 Carrier, Canton, O., is an ardent Buckeye shoe fan.

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Someone writes us for information on the Eagle shoe. Anybody know anything about them?

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Wilbur Hoskins has moved from Mt. Sterling, Ill., to Barry, Ill.

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Straud Russell and some of the boys at West Jefferson, O., are organizing a club for the summer.

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J. D. Hough, Urbana, O., tosser, has returned from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he spent the winter.

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H. G. Eastman is secretary of the Modesto, Calif., club.

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George R. Martin, is a Gettysburg, Pa., horseshoe pitcher.

Charles O. Ormsbee, 2209 Miller road, Flint, Mich., writes that he and several friends have organized a horseshoe club.

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Perry Riedesel, Wheatland, Ia., is a dyed-in-the-wool shoe fan.

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Harold Falor, ex-national champion, played in Orlando, Fla., last winter. He pitched some wonderful games during the season. He pitched one game of 85 per cent ringers and had a run of 26 straight ringers in another game. He uses the new model Ohio shoes.—Adv.

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Hey, you champions! Send the Horseshoe World your photographs—if you are city, county, state or district champion, we want them on file. Don't send kodak snapshots, we want head and shoulder pictures. Put your name, address and state what you are champion of on back of the pictures, giving date you won championship and where. If you have sent pictures previously, send them again—we want a complete file.

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**Handbills for that special match? Your order will be quickly handled. We have the cuts for your printing at no extra charge. The Horseshoe World.**

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H. A. Long, of Oakville, Wash., is now located at 832 N. Steel St., Tacoma, Wash.

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George B. Lufkin, 205 S. Elwood Ave., Oak Park, Ill., is preparing for the summer season on the horseshoe lanes.

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Charles Roth has returned to his home in Jamaica, N. Y., after spending the winter in Orlando, Florida.

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M. Tilden, Staten Island, N. Y., one of our readers and an ardent horseshoe fan, is a theatrical man. He is stage manager for "June Moon" now playing at the Morosco Theater in New York.

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Frederick Robie, Gorham, Me., is a horseshoe pitcher.

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One of Seattle's shoe pitchers is Roland W. Uebelhoer, 817½ E. Pine Street.

Clare Hume, 1239 Haskell St., Berkley, Calif., writes that the horseshoes are flying in earnest in Berkley.

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Putt Mossman is now in Hollywood, Calif. His address is Box 1412, Hollywood.

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All horseshoe clubs and pitchers who have written asking if we want horseshoe news from their locality—here's your answer: Yes; we want all the news we can get. Not scores of trivial games, but of all good matches, and news of club elections, league formations, etc. Send it in. We will use as much as space permits.

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Rev. H. E. Bright, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, at Steubenville, Ohio, in renewing his subscription writes that he is endeavoring to interest horseshoe tossers in that city in forming a horseshoe club. "Homer Fish, our City Recreation Director, is planning to call together those interested with a view of effecting an organization," Rev. Bright states.

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From Cal Coolidge's town, Northampton, Mass., hails a good horseshoe pitcher in the person of Frank Hines.

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More minister-horseshoe pitchers are: Rev. P. V. Harris, Holden, Mass., and Rev. E. V. Stevens, Park St., Marlboro, Mass.

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The Horseshoe World will be glad to send free copies to all Boy Scout summer camps requesting them. Most Boy Scout camps have horseshoe lanes installed.

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Wm. Yocom, of Zanesville, Ohio, former state champion, still pitches a wonderful game. He recently pitched 27 ringers out of 30 shoes. He uses the New Model Ohio Shoes.—Adv.

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From Chilton, Wis., comes an order for Cottrell design scoresheets from Michael Schwarz. Mr. Schwarz is an insurance agent and an ardent lover of the horseshoe game.

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A bunch of the boys are ordering our dollar stationery special for their individual use and we have had several orders for the special letterhead and envelope proposition from horseshoe clubs. Better get under the wire before these special offers expire.

NEWS, OFFICIAL  
REPORTS, ETC.

From the  
Secretary's Desk

D. D. COTTRELL  
Secretary  
NORTH COHOCTON,  
N. Y.

Mr. Bob Stedler, sport editor of the Evening News, Buffalo, N. Y., for the third year, is planning for some great events in horseshoe pitching in the eight counties of western New York which are in the News territory. Under the sanction of the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, tournaments and meets will be held in most of the hamlets, villages and cities of this territory during the summer and early fall for eliminations, the winners to come to Buffalo about the middle of September for the finals for which suitable prizes and trophies will be given to the winners and the others that win according to the plan of the meets. Mr. Joe Tobin who has been so interested and successful in working out the details of the plans for the different meets throughout the territory in the past will again have charge of the details.

The plans that have been so successfully followed by this paper and which they find have been of great value to it and the fostering of healthful sport, could be worked out by other papers in different sections of the country to their great advantage and the publicity of the horseshoe game.

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The horseshoe game is going to boom in Joliet, Ill., this summer, under the leadership of Mr. P. H. Slocum, Director of the Bureau of Recreation of that city. Your secretary is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Slocum in which he says that they are just getting organized an Industrial Horseshoe League for the summer. From the circular matter at hand it looks as though some 12 or 15 teams representing that number of industrial plants would play a regular schedule of games on week ends for most of the season.

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Your secretary is in receipt of a letter from W. J. Stratton, Recreational Director of Jones Beach State Park, Babylon, L. I., N. Y., which reads as follows: "I am sorry, but it has been decided recently that we cannot afford funds necessary to conduct a National Horseshoe Pitching Tournament at Jones Beach State Park this summer. I hope to be

able to conduct another local tournament similar to that held last year, and it is possible that some other year we may be able to bid for the National Tournament.

Please accept my very sincere appreciation of your courtesy and assistance."

Your secretary has been in correspondence with Mr. Stratton since last fall about this tournament and recently he wrote me that he wanted to get the expenses of the tournament included in the appropriation this year, but he evidently was not able to do so.

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Before this copy of the Horseshoe World reaches you your secretary will be at his home in North Cohocton, N. Y., for the summer. From his correspondence and the outlook for this summer, it looks as though this would be about the busiest season for horseshoes that there has ever been. Throughout the country there seems to be more enthusiasm for the game than ever before. Fairs are planning more tournaments and organizations are more interested in the game and are working out the details of numerous meets in different parts of the country.

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Mr. James S. Graham, who has recently returned to his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., spent a number of months at the Hotel Albemarle in St. Petersburg this winter. Mr. Graham is the owner of Midland Beach on Staten Island, one of the popular summer resorts a short distance from New York City. He has for the past number of years fostered the Midland Beach Horseshoe Club where many from southeastern New York and northern New Jersey meet every Saturday and frequently through the week to play on their fine courts. The last of July each year at Midland Beach, is held the Metropolitan Area championship horseshoe pitching tournament under the management of the club of which Mr. Victor Larsen, a well-known advertising man in the Woolworth Building, N. Y. City, is president. Mr. Graham played golf while in St. Petersburg and enjoyed watching the expert horseshoe players in action on the

grounds of the Sunshine Pleasure Club, and did some horseshoe pitching himself.

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Mr. Russell Fifer, Field Editor of The Oklahoma Farmer-Stockman, Oklahoma City, Okla., who has done so much to popularize the game in the section covered by his paper wrote your secretary under date of April first that they could not consider a National tournament this year and probably not a state tourney, but that sentiment is being created and a growing interest that will result in either or both in 1932.

He says, "The chief difficulty this year is that I am embarking for a trip around the world within three days and will thus leave the staff here short of help. I had planned organizing plans for an extensive Oklahoma tournament with the climax at the State Fair, but leaving will stop that move this year since I am really the only enthusiastic fan in the office, and cover that type of work—or play. We do appreciate your kind co-operation and gradually will stimulate the interest here to make Oklahoma a figure of horseshoe history."

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The only place that the official rules of the horseshoe game are printed by the National Association is in "Horseshoe Pitching—How to Play the Game," price 40 cents each or three copies for \$1.00, postpaid. Copies will be mailed promptly by D. D. Cottrell, North Cohocton, N. Y., on receipt of price. This book contains in addition to the official rules, a large amount of matter of interest to every horseshoe fan, and also records of the National Tournaments.

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In a letter from Mr. Riley Sweers, Traverse City, Mich., under date of May 2nd he writes: "Just got home and have taken up with the Chamber of Commerce the question of holding the National Horseshoe Meet in August and find it will be impossible. They have every date from May 28th to October 1st taken and 52 conventions booked and all hotels are booked full. I am going to try and

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get the state association to working if possible and get a fixed date for next year. You will hear from me."

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For the eighth consecutive year the American Agriculturist is planning to hold a horseshoe pitching tournament at the New York State Fair. They will have the co-operation of the county farm bureaus of the state, which will each hold tournaments in the different counties. The winners of these county meets will have their round trip car fare paid to the State Fair at Syracuse early in September where they will compete for the state championship. This is an amateur meet as no one is allowed to compete that has won any money in any other tournament or who has won first prize in this tournament in any pre-

ceding year. Mr. E. R. Eastman, editor of the American Agriculturist is to be congratulated for the success of these meets with the help of the fair authorities and the farm bureau agents.

WANTS MATCHES

Lee Rose, 5234 Shaw Ave., Detroit, Mich., would like to arrange team matches with teams in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Ontario. Would especially like to hear from South Bend, Ind., and Findlay, Ohio.

WHAT THE ROBIN SAYS

James J. Lalor, Davenport, Ia., writes that "every note of the robin seems to say 'ringer and three points'."

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Many miniature golf courses are installing horseshoe lanes this summer as added attractions. While we don't go in much for midget golf we believe the combination is good.

John Schiebelhut, 1841 Cherry Ave. Fresno, Calif., is one of the champions of San Joaquin Valley. They just can't keep him from winning gold medals tossing the irons.

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Tanner, Anchor, Ill., president of the A magazine agency in London, England, writes that they have had several inquiries about the Horseshoe World.

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Grover Hawley, Ohio Valley champion, organized this club. Hawley recently threw 98 ringers out of 120 shoes, taking a shot at Duryee's record. Hawley and Duryee are scheduled to meet some time this coming summer in an exhibition match at Perkins field, Bridgeport.

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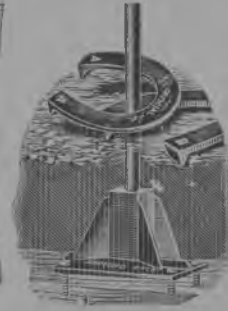
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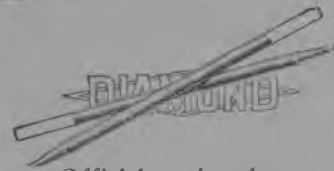
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