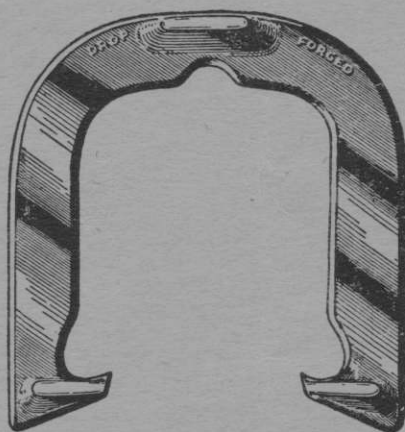


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## EDITORIAL

Despite the fact that the heading on the top of the first page of this magazine states that "Forms close on the first of each month," I have not gotten out a single issue over the past three years where it did not happen that I always received articles too late to be published in the issue requested by the writers. This issue is no different. There are three articles herein that should have reached me in time for last month. The suggestions contained in these articles could have then been brought up at the Convention. However, as they all contain matter of other interest, I am publishing them now. PLEASE—have your articles in my hands by the FIRST OF THE MONTH.

This issue marks the completion of the third year of life for this baby, it must be a backward sort of a child because it still feeds from a bottle. Took it to a specialist and after giving it a thorough examination he prescribed vitamins in the form of more subscriptions and advertising matter. He further stated that without this sort of diet there was no hope.

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## CALIFORNIA

BY LOUIS DEAN

Results of the tournament held at Santa Barbara on July 8.

### OPEN TOURNAMENT

	W.	L.	%
Dean Brown .....	8	1	74.3
Erwin Hosier .....	7	2	70.3
Louis Dean .....	6	3	70.5
Lowell Gray .....	6	3	69.6
Eddie Packham .....	6	3	68.5
Ray Gatewood .....	5	4	65.3
Fred Burkhardt .....	4	5	57.4
Jay Byrns .....	2	5	56.3
Harry Morse .....	1	8	43.5
Larry Geer .....	0	9	45.4

### NOTICE

I would like to encourage all state secretaries to send whatever part of their membership fees that they have collected in to this office, so that we can get an idea of how our membership stands for this year.

It is necessary to know what your membership is so that we may allot you the proper number of delegates for convention. Be thinking whom you want to represent you in the National Convention this year.

I would like also to insist that each secretary send me the mailing address of all of its members, providing you have not done so already.

Congratulations are in order to two new state associations which have been formed recently: South Dakota and a second one for Pennsylvania.

ARCHIE J. GREGSON, *Secretary*

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## COLORADO

BY TED ALLEN

I am in contact with many people and have received very good news about the reorganization of various clubs and state organizations. Florida, North and South Dakota have all written me for information as to how to go about organizing state meets. Florida had theirs last winter. The Dakotas were getting ready for this summer. Northern Texas has suddenly awakened to organizing their pitchers who, although they have been playing many years, have started a movement towards getting an association. This was backed and started by the Amarillo Globe-News who had their 2nd annual Great Plains tournament in September of 1950. Elbert "Al" Lee won Class A. Harold Yingling repeater for Class B, and J. B. Allen took Class C. Lee was Oklahoma state champ in 1949. The News-Globe hired my wife, Margaret, and I to be there to put on a show and to help out all we could. Lee is the man who has instigated the Texas State tournament for next September to be held in Stinnett.

But the News-Globe isn't satisfied with what they have done in the past. Headed by Mason King and his sports staff of the Globe and the V.F.W. who sponsored the tournament, they have set their sights much higher and plan a North Texas organization.

In a recent trip to Havana, Cuba and Florida and Atlanta, Ga., where we gave exhibitions of our show (a total of 22 days of work in Havana on Television and show performances) we found that Florida has many active clubs that are rarely heard from these days, quite different from the 1920s when they were greatly publicised. There is some pitching in Cuba, too.

Many new faces should be in Murray, Utah, this year, judging by the letters received in this office. Among them perhaps will be Lee of Texas, who is grooming for it and hoping to get a vacation for it. Mr. A. M. Eames of Pomona Park, Florida, hopes to be there if he can finish his work in time.

Friend horseshoe pitchers all over the U. S., do you want to know a simple way of boosting the game? It is so simple, yet there will be results gotten from the procedure in many localities. All it takes is a couple of calls over the telephone. Here it is: We all know that in some localities the local papers are willing to give the horseshoe organizations some space in the papers; but that in a lot of other places the sports writers turn up their nose. In some cases the editor would give some space if any one would turn in the results. And many local organized clubs do that. However a great many sports editors are ignorant of the real popularity of the game; did not know there were so many pitching until they come in contact with associations. The reason many turn up their nose is because they think that some small time slipper slammers are wanting some publicity and that the public is not interested in reading it. But half the public would like to read about it and that means a lot of people. A great many pitchers look in the papers for results of the world's tournament and finding none, either forget it or write to some to find out, never thinking that a simple gesture would let the sports editor know how much appreciated the news would have been.

Here is my simple plan to let them know how much we want to read the news. Many of the newspapers did not publish the tournament news even though it went out over the wires.

A few weeks or days before the tournament and convention August 8th to the 14th in Murray, Utah, pick up your phone and call the Sports editor of your local paper and ask him if he is going to carry the news of the World Tournament; that you want to read about it in his paper instead of having to send to Salt Lake City for their papers. And if the news isn't being carried during the tournament day by day, call again and ask him how the tournament is coming.

Get a friend player and as many as you can to do the same thing and the results may be astonishing, at least it will be in some places. Get all the horseshoe players around you to do that. For a sports editor usually carries sports news of whatever he feels is popular and wanted. Let them know.

#### BY E. I. TIILIKAINEN

Harry Russel, newcomer to the Denver horseshoe pitchers, finally clicked and won the City of Denver singles horseshoe pitching championship tournament held at the City Park courts on July 8th, 1951. Winning seven straight games, with a 67 per cent total for the day, he dethroned the defending champion, Gerald L'Abbe. His closest game was played with Bob Bowman in the first round of play whom he defeated by only three points, 50—47. Bowman finished in the runner up position with only one loss. His best game was 84 per cent tossing 27 ringers out of 32 shoes.

	W.	L.	%
1 Russel .....	7	0	67.1
2 Bowman .....	6	1	66.4
3 L'Abbe .....	4	3	61.1
4 Shoemaker .....	4	3	47.2
5 Palese .....	3	4	52.1
6 Idlegeorge .....	3	4	44.7
7 Denning .....	1	6	40.4
8 Bale .....	0	7	42.0

We pitched a seven man team match vs. a combined team from Cheyenne, Wyo., and Greeley, Colo. pitchers on July 22 at the Greeley courts which is half way between Denver and Cheyenne. The combined team beat the boys from Denver by a score of 26 to 23 games.

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#### MAINE

By CHAS. GERRISH

Would not a Question and Answer set-up be an interesting and worth while department of the Horseshoe Pitcher publication? And help to make it attractive to readers and pitchers?

For example, anyone might ask questions on horseshoe matters or for any information he would like, and I am sure there would be a response of capable answers which could be printed in the next issue. It seems certain that this would bring valuable pointers to players of all ability, poor, good or expert. If this could be given a trail I can start the thing off with a set of teasers that I'd like to have answered, so to get ideas of others on these matters:

How to practice in general? How much time is best to practice to increase one's skill in the game? How to practice alone? (This alone

phase has some fine methods to bring benefits.) How to practice to top off one's form for a meet? How much time should one devote to gain and profit in the ringer art before a meet, number of special days or weeks, minimum time per day, alone or against another, etc.? How do the top players train and practice before their tournaments?

To become a good player in any sport, I can suggest this slogan:

Practice Proved Ways and Forms until they are HABIT.

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### CLAY PITS

Think I'll try my hand at starting an argument. All right, maybe it isn't the first time I've done it.

Those Clay Courts. I'm not so crazy for them. I've seen a good bit of them in the past twenty years. About the only time a clay court is good is when it is in perfect condition. At all other times it is very faulty or even deplorable. Just a little bit over wet say, and what a mess. What is worse than clay slime on your shoes and on your hands? Slippery shoes and grip, brother! Paint on the shoes is soon coated to an uncolorful clay gray, just as rusty or unpainted shoes are. That ugly gray color does not go with the taste of the fellow who likes to have nice looking shoes.

Another bad condition of clay is when it is too hard. Anyone who appreciates correctly soft clay knows what a bad thing hard clay is. It's far worse than none.

Clay needs a very correct boxing and double platform construction. To step on hard humpy clay during shoe tossing is not conducive to good ringer percentage.

Many of the so-called hard surface or narrowed down boxes are built with the foul line only two or two and a half feet in front of the stakes. Important tournaments are sometimes played out on such improper boxes. This is really illegal, as a shoe has a right of way to land three feet "front" of the peg. And a player has a right to step three feet front of the stake. The rules seem to specify the clay court only. If a dirt court is not lawful, then why the three foot foul line? A shoe landing in good clay two or three feet from the peg cannot get inside the six-inch scoring limit. (*Dirt courts are not unlawful—Ed.*)

Ringers fly off in dirt you say? Ah, but they do in clay too. When one or more shoes are on the stake, anything can happen to those thrown above, as well as on a dirt court. Ringers can be thrown on in a dirt court, and even in springy grass. Much depends on the control of the tosser, as any pitcher may learn.

An evil that came with clay is the concrete side platform for the pitcher's forward step. A hard surface like concrete or asphalt is vicious. It breaks down veins, making for physical damage, and causes leg debility, varicose trouble and overall exhaustion. This injury to the player's body is a major point against the concrete type of platform. Plank platforms or the plain natural ground is a far better condition for the human system.

Now look at a "dirt" court. What is more to be desired than a good flat space of loamy dirt, or a flat lawn place with well cropped grass? Moist dirt in a flat bare area is a swell condition for the game. If the dirt is too dry it is easy thing to sprinkle it. If too wet some dry dirt

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Platforms and boxes are not necessary for dirt, except that a three foot foul line is a good thing to keep some of those fellows back from stepping four to six feet forward on each throw. If the step-place is humpy it is easy to hoe it flat any time. In like manner a handy hoe or shovel makes it easy to keep the dirt level at each stake so no deep holes get gouged out.

Horseshoes is traditionally a natural dirt game. It was born that way, and the clay idea was an artificial thing, claimed to be an advance. Plain moist loamy ground with tennis-court flatness makes for good pitching.

It is rather forgotten, but one of the reasons for the three foot foul line was for "sliders." Some pitchers have quite a little pride in their ability to slide. Is it so right to deride this skill? It is an ancient art that rather belonged to the game.

A perfectly set up clay court is indeed wonderful, and so is a first class dirt court. The latter has the advantage of perhaps one-tenth of the former for cost of installation, for labor and upkeep. Clay can be real good. Dirt can also be O. K. with but a fraction of set-up, cost and care. The question is—Is clay worth the candle? Is it not overrated?

Now kummon, you advocates of clay, and maybe we can hear from some for dirt.

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## MICHIGAN

By LEE H. JACOBS

I have been studying the booklet printed last year by the N. H. P. A. In reading the various rules stated therein, a few stand out. If the reader has a copy of this booklet, I would like to refer you to the following:

On page 12, under Article III, Section 1, it states, "The points system is to be optional in any and all pitching activities except in World Championships. In World Championships, THE CANCELLATION SYSTEM MUST BE USED."

On page 14, under Article III, Section 5, it states, "In a National Tournament, games won and lost shall determine the order in which the winners are listed, as winning."

A careful perusal of this booklet reveals NO mention of rules requiring any entry to the national tournament to pitch 200 shoes to qualify for the finals.

In other words, once a pitcher shows his membership card, and pays his entry fee, he is officially entered in the national tournament, and according to the official rules, he will be eliminated from competition via the CANCELLATION SYSTEM which the rules clearly state MUST be used.

How then can he be eliminated by a 200 shoe pitch COUNT-ALL system which is distinctly against the rules?



The committee of Dale Dixon, Aden Swinehamer and A. L. McNeil which was appointed to study a way to conduct the tournament with an eye to eliminate the odious count-all system of qualifying, which is clearly already eliminated by the national rules themselves, has only one task ahead, and that is to introduce a plan to qualify players by 50 point cancellation system, not only for future meets, but for the 1951 tournament at Murray!

Let me speak now with the experience of 32 years of pitching, and being involved in the sport from more angles than probably any other person, including being club president, coach, team captain, league secretary, state secretary, national secretary, champion pitcher and now a horseshoe manufacturer.

I have long been a foe of any plan which shuffles players to one side without giving them a chance to pitch and show what they can do in competition. I have always contended that a player pitching by himself will pitch a lot differently than he will in actual competition. Some players can do well alone, but fold up in a game, and every year you will find many competitively weak players in the finals who offer little opposition to the rest, while on the sidelines are many who could do much better, but have been eliminated because they could not pitch well alone.

The main reason given for holding qualifying at all is the time factor. Those who conduct meets claim they must eliminate in this fashion in order to get the meet pitched off in the allotted time. Let us just examine the fallacy of this contention.

At the 1950 Murray Tournament there were 80 entries. These men took all of one day and evening, and up until afternoon of the next day to pitch their qualifying shoes. We know that part of the reason for this is that each contender tried to wait until the best time of the day to throw, that is, after the wind died down, with the result that the courts were crowded at one time, and empty at others.

Instead of SAVING time, this system only WASTES time. Of course you couldn't expect one player to pitch in the wind and have to match his score against other scores made under ideal conditions. But if this same player were to be pitching 50 point games against opponents who had to play under the same conditions he wouldn't mind it, and everyone would be in the same boat. Let me show you how easy it would be to have 80 players qualify by 50 point games and be all done in ONE day!

Divide the players into squads of eight men each, and let them pitch a round-robin schedule of seven games in their own squad. With 80 entries, this would take 10 squads. The three men in each squad who won the most games in their squad would go to the finals, and, along with the defending champion, who is not required to qualify, this would make 31 players. The other five players to qualify would come from the first five squads, or, in other words, in the first five squads, the four highest players would go to the finals. The reason for this will be seen a little later in this article. It can readily be seen that this entire program can easily be run off in one day and evening, and each player will get to show his stuff in at least seven competitive games and not have to worry himself sick about every shoe he throws.

Now let us answer the big question which is already forming in your mind. How do we pick the squads so each player will meet the same relative opposition? Here is the way it should be done.

Official records, showing the place each man finished in past national tournaments are at hand. They will show that year after year the same players finished somewhere near the same spot in the finals. Let us therefore take the records of the past four tournaments, and



list the players according to the place attained in the finals of their last performance.

We will list the 1947 meet first to get a start, then add the 1948 meet to it to make a composite record. Those who played in both meets will take their 1948 standing, and those who played only in 1947 will each drop one notch to make way for the 1948 record. Similarly, we will add the 1949 results, followed by the 1950 results. The final list of rated players would come to a total of 76, and I do not wish to waste space to list them all here, as almost everyone could figure this list out for himself.

The National Secretary has this list before him at the tournament, and as each player enters the tournament he checks their name. Any player entering who is not on the rated list will be placed on the unrated list. After all the entries are in, the players are numbered according to their standing on the rated list.

Now let us say that 80 players are entered, and about 68 of them are on the rated list. Leaving out the defending champion, the first ten players listed will be placed as the number one player on each of the ten squads. The second ten players on the rated list will be placed as the number two players on each of the ten squads, and so on until all of the players on the rated list are placed on a squad. Then the unrated players' names are placed in a hat and drawn out one by one to fill out the balance of the squads. Play then can begin, and the eliminations conducted as aforementioned.

This entire procedure, while sounding somewhat complicated, is really very simple, and with the listed rated players published long before the meet is to be held, each player planning on attending the tournament can figure about where he will be in the qualifying round.

Only the records for the past four years should be used for rating the players, and any player not reaching the finals for four years should be dropped off the rated list.

I do not know if I can make it to Murray this year, but whether I do or not, I sincerely hope that the committee of Dixon, McNeil and Swinehamer will give attention to this article and bring this plan of qualifying before the convention for serious consideration.

If I do make it to Murray, I am going to insist that the National Association live up to their own rules and use only the CANCELLATION system as definitely called for, and if I cannot make it there, I hope some other brave soul will do it even if he is only side-tracked or shouted down. If any of the officers of the N. H. P. A. would be interested in looking at the list of rated players I have compiled, I would be glad to send them a copy upon request. Let us hear from any other person interested in this plan.

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By IRWIN CARLBERG

Horseshoe pitching interest is on the up-grade if present conditions existing at Grand Rapids are any criterion. The Public Department of Recreation in co-operation with the local horseshoe club is sponsoring a weekly horseshoe league that will lead up to the City Tournament which will be held the first week in September.

Starting with twenty players our league now has over 35 players. We use a weekly promotion and demotion system due to the wide variance in ringer percentages. We list the result of one weeks play of four groups numbered one to four. The winner of each group is promoted to the next group and the man who finishes last is demoted to the next lower group. Ties can be decided by points scored or played off as agreed.

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## NEW JERSEY

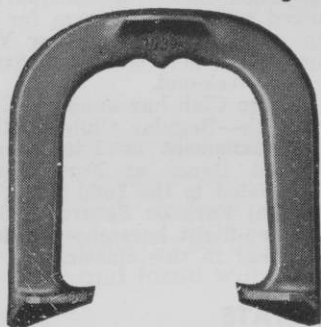
By LEE DAVIS

I read everything in The Horseshoe Pitcher and must say that the articles written by Roy C. Smith certainly mention lots of things that need remedying before the game of horseshoes will be able to emerge from it's secondary position as a sport. Reading his articles makes one realize how little the individual does for the game even though he belongs to the N. H. P. A., subscribes to this magazine, attends tournaments and talks horseshoes. This is only scratching the surface! Let us hope that each one will do more for the game this year.

Along this line, we in New Jersey have a 100% handicap league going that seems to increase interest. We owe our gratitude to Paul Puglise and Doug Fogal for the original idea. We have operated for one year now and have ironed out the kinks. It is working out fine now and both new and old pitchers are looking forward each week to the matches. In Bergen County last year we had four teams and this year we have eight. Barney Kropp gets some of the credit for this too. This, in itself, speaks for the enjoyment the players are getting from this kind of pitching.

The handicap really works as practically every game ends in excitement as it is only a matter of two or three points difference between opponents. If any of you fellows in our area want some of us to visit you and explain the working system of our league, just drop us a line to The Horseshoe Pitcher and we will be glad to oblige.

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## NEW YORK

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Group A				Group B			
	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
*1 Fileccia	5	2	67.3	1 Stines	7	0	65.3
*2 DiStefano	5	2	59.5	2 Murray	6	1	54.9
3 Penridge	4	3	63.2	3 O'Connell	3	4	50.3
4 Kolb	4	3	61.2	4 Brumek	3	4	49.5
5 Hardwick	4	3	59.6	5 Tobin	3	4	45.3
6 Berman	3	4	57.1	6 Van Shea	3	4	43.9
7 Takash	3	4	49.4	7 Faulkner	3	4	39.4
8 Lucente	0	7	53.0	8 Kennelly	0	7	44.2

\*Play off for tie. In the C class Brennan won all seven games to come out on top in this group and Seacord was second with five wins and two losses.

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The Inwood H. C. held an open tournament on their courts in Inwood Hill Park on Sunday, July 22. Here are the results:

	W.	L.	%		W.	L.	%
1 Fileccia	8	1	65.4	6 Millican	4	5	46.9
2 Kolb	7	2	60.7	7 Faulkner	4	5	43.7
3 Hordwick	6	3	57.3	8 Brennan	2	7	39.0
4 DiStefano	6	3	53.5	9 Rehfeld	2	7	33.8
5 Seacord	6	3	51.4	10 Haseler	0	9	29.8

After the tournament the boys were invited for refreshments which were served in the rooms of the Inwood Horseshoe Club.

The members of the Fort George Horseshoe Club with headquarters at 1672 St. Nicholas Avenue, have arranged a packed program for the latter part of August concluding with the annual three day New York State Horseshoe Pitching Championships to be held at 104th Street and Central Park West over the Labor Day week-end.

Tom O'Gara, president of the Fort George Club has announced the following coming events: Friday, August 17th—Regular Club Meeting. Sunday, August 19th—Open Horseshoe Tournament at Fort George Courts. Saturday, August 25th—Social and Dance at Fort George Clubrooms, the proceeds of which will be donated to the fund to defray the expenses of the State Tourney at Central Park on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 1, 2 and 3. Top-flight horseshoe pitchers from all parts of New York State will appear in this classic.

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## WASHINGTON STATE

(From the Yakima Daily Republic)

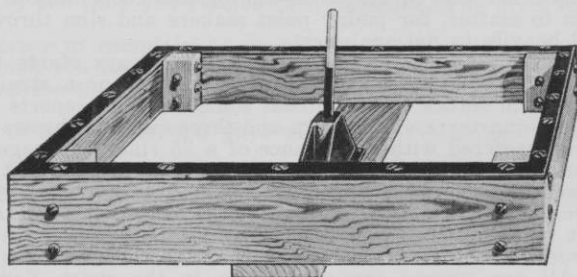
The sport of horseshoes has come a long way since a few of the boys would pound a stake in the ground and try to fling one of Dobbin's worn-out footgear around it.

Two representatives of the Yakima Horseshoe club, an organization of course dedicated to furthering the gentle art of peg draping, will compete in a national tournament this summer featuring some of the best iron-throwers in the nation. Some \$7,500 in prize money will be at stake, or rather at two stakes, as the nation's best compete.

Each Sunday at Yakima's fairgrounds, the clang of accurately-tossed shoes goes on from 1 to 5 p. m. as the local club has a meeting and adjourns for a little practice.



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Monasmith is a slim, wiry-looking man who performs amazing wizardry with the bent iron. Horseshoe dubs are apt to squeal with delight when they make a ringer. Monasmith shakes his head sadly when he doesn't, which is not much of the time.

Last year he averaged 69 per cent ringers for 2,600 shoes, which is good slinging in anyone's pasture.

The local club has members from around the valley and as far away as Kennewick. "We could use some more members, as there are facilities for 40 players at the fairgrounds,, club officials reported. The Northwest championships this year will be held at Yakima in conjunction with the Central Washington State Fair.

In elections held Sunday at the fairgrounds, Monasmith was elected president, Gene Patrick vice-president, Dale Monasmith secretary-treasurer and Walter Purdin publicity director of the club.

Monasmith and Patrick are sharpening up their ringer eyes for a shot at the national crown at Murray, Utah.

Just what makes a good horseshoe pitcher is just what makes an expert in any other field of athletics—timing and coordination. Physique doesn't seem to matter, for pudgy point makers and slim throwers both have scored heavily in national meets.

Wherever horseshoes are played, someone always starts the argument over the relative merits of spinning them in or a straight-away throw. Monasmith settles the argument somewhat. He reports that only the turn-and-a-quarter and the turn-and-three-quarter throws are capable of being mastered with any chance of a 75 ringer average.

The horseshoe itself is two and a half pounds of iron that no horse would be seen wearing in public. The cobble-grapping knobs are gone, and the shoe has only a pair of ingrown hooks to hold the peg. Advocates of the sport point out that equipment costs are small, exercise plentiful and opportunity for advancement along the horseshoe trail are virtually unlimited. All age groups can participate in the sport. Some of the local club members have been in the organization for 20 years, and still peg a mean shoe.

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### JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Even though I will be at Murray for the greater part of this month, all my correspondence, subscriptions and orders for score sheets and horseshoes will be taken care of by one of my three sons, so keep sending them in.—Jake.

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Our New Jersey horseshoe pitcher, H. C. Schmidt, is now in the Air Force of Uncle Sam. He wants to be remembered to all his horseshoe pitching friends.

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Members and prospective members of the Empire State Branch of the N. H. P. A. who intend to enter the N. Y. state championship games to be held in New York City, Sept. 1-2-3 better send me one buck for their dues. Entry fee will be three dollars or there will be no entry fee if you sell ten one dollar chance books. The sale of these books will be distributed as cash prizes in the tournament.

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- September 1-3, Grand Rapids, Mich.—Open Tournament
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- September 2-3, Wheatland, Wyo.—State Tournament.
- September 2-3, Springfield, Mo.—Open Tournament.
- September 3, Denver, Colo.—State Tournament.
- September 3, Rock Island, Ill.—Midwest Tournament.
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