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EDITORIAL

This was written the day before I left New York for my trip to Florida and while you are reading this I will be "way down South" (I hope). I have made arrangements to have all my first class mail forwarded to me while I am away so keep writing to me. So, anything requiring attention will be taken care of, including articles for next month's issue of The Horseshoe Pitcher.

Have often wondered if the readers of this magazine took the time to read these editorials of mine but since mentioning the fact that I expected to go to Florida, in last month's issue, I received lots of mail containing well wishes for a nice vacation. Now I know I have not written in vain.

Although I know personally, many horseshoe pitchers from all parts of the country and Canada, there are very few whom I have met from the South but by the time I return home again I am sure that my horseshoe acquaintances will have multiplied. If anyone wants to reach me in a hurry, an air mail letter addressed to me care of General Delivery, Stuart, Florida, will do it.

CALIFORNIA

By E. O. BELLER

Class "B" Championship Tournament held at Ontario, Calif.

	October 13-14, 1951			
		W.	L.	%
1	James Weeks, South Gate	7	2	63.9
2	Robert Martin, Baldwin Park	7	2	59.4
3	Geo. Secrist, Huntington Park	6	3	65.7
4	Henry Wendt, Rosmead	6	3	59.5
5	Tom Nichols, Bell	6	3	58.7
6	Homer Moefield, Bellflower	5	4	54.4
7	Norman Smith, Culver City	4	5	56.2
8	Elmer Beller, Lynwood	3	6	50.7
9	R. Keith, Ontario	1	8	43.2
10	Larry Geer, Wilmar	0	9	45.2

Weeks and Martin played off the tie for first place, Weeks winning by the score of 50 to 26.

CONNECTICUT

STAMFORD HORSESHOE CLUB HISTORY

BY LEE WAGNER

The sport of Horseshoe Pitching so interested Les Lane and his father, Sam Lane when they met Sam Bartram, organizer of the Bridgeport, Conn., Club, that they came home to Springdale full of ideas for a Stamford Club. This was in 1929 when, with the help of 10 mem-

bers, Les Lane organized the Stamford-Greenwich Horseshoe Club, as it was originally known because some of the first members were from Greenwich.

The club's early practice and home courts were a variety of types and different places until 1935. The members played farmers on barnyard courts in a place near Armonk, N. Y., called Quaker Ridge. Then there were 4 courts between two stores in Glenbrook, a section of Stamford. Both stores, a drug store and an auto parts store, have since expanded and the space between is no more. Another practice place (a one court affair) was in back of an ice house that Henry Higbie, a member, owned where the fellows played at any time of day or evening when they had time off from work. (I don't imagine the customers were very welcome when they came at a time when to continue the game meant a point or a game ahead of the opponent.)

There was even friendly rivalry within the club in the early days between a very good horseshoe pitcher named Leonard Fifield, one of the original 10, and Sam Lane. One of the first members was Frank Carter, who came from the west (Ohio) where they seem to grow good horseshoe pitchers.

The first year saw two members of the new club tie for the Connecticut State title at the tournament in Bridgeport. Sam Lane won the playoff with Bill Horton.

With this good start of hardy pitchers the club was off to making a little glory for itself.

In 1930 the club helped the Bridgeport Club run the first Fairfield County Tournament in Bridgeport. Two members of the club (Stamford) had to play off a tie for the Fairfield County title. Sam Lane won over Al Helwig, a Greenwich member.

The first City Championship tourney was played in 1930 at a political picnic with Sam Lane becoming first City Champion. He held the title the next year also. A City Championship tournament was continued every year but held at various places. Leonard Fifield won the title for 2 years—1932 and 1933 and Irving Wood won it in 1934.

The membership gradually grew and around 1932 meetings were started and held every month, which were a combination business and social affairs, but as the interest in the meetings lagged they were discontinued. As I read over the club rules put down in 1936, I thought how strict and business-like they were, for instance, no dues paid up meant no white uniform would be received. (The uniforms were white pants and white shirts with name of club on back, and were paid for out of club dues.) This might not sound too strict but all matches and tournaments required white uniforms so no pitching for the fellow back on dues. I remember those matches and tournaments up to the time of the war and it certainly did give horseshoe pitching an air—if you'll pardon the expression as all were outdoors.

The Home Courts were in Bruce Park, Greenwich from 1935 until 1941 when Greenwich decided to discontinue the horseshoe courts. There was a time, in 1937, when the Stamford Horseshoe Club thought they would have courts closer to home in a park in Stamford called Chestnut Hill, but it was short lived. Even the opening of the courts with great ceremonfly by having the First Selectman of Stamford at that time pitch the first shoe followed by a match with the strong White Plains team failed to convince the nearby neighbors that the noise was all in good

fun—(Stamford Club won that match by the way, 19—17). Before I go any further I must say that White Plains Club members were Stamford's friendly rivals and pitching with them was always fun for all.

The club has had a colorful existance until the war. Having champion pitchers in their midst gave the club many honors. Sam Lane was State Champion (Conn.) from 1929 to 1933. Irving Wood, New Canaan, a member of the Stamford Club, was State Champ in 1935.

The year 1935 saw the club have some of its members entered in a team representing Connecticut in a league known as The Tri-County League. This league included part of New York.

Sam Lane was Fairfield County Champ in 1936. A White Plains medal was brought home by Henry Higbie which he won in a White Plains Open Tourney. Some of the fellows took part in an out-of-town league this same year. This year also was the start of a 5 year trek for some of the members to White Plains for a Winter Indoor B League. The 3 clay courts were located in the basement of a school now torn down and its place taken by R. H. Macy. (I imagine a more profitable change.) The 3 man team changed occasionally during the 5 year cycle. John Believe and Frank Wagner played for the 5 years with the following taking part at various times: Peter Linanne, Les Lane and Joe Blomquist, who replaced R. Caux who moved to another state after the first year. I mention all names as the Stamford team won the league title for 4 years, and credit must be given to all who pitched.

The following year, 1937, brought more league pitching, both in the state and out of state, also matches with Port Chester once a week, and a few matches were played at Mt. Kisco's home courts. An A team played 8 matches in an out of state league with Bridgeport, Shelton, Montrose, Port Chester and of course, White Plains. The interest in the club at this time was high and more pitching was done. Inter-team matches were played—the club's 3 sections were represented; Glenbrook Division, Springdale Division and The-Out-of-Towners. The latter consisted of members of the club who did not live in Stamford, of course. Each division had 6-8 men. There were other members but they were not always active. The club accepted the challenge of the Schick Dry Shaver team. A match was played and the club made the challengers sorry of their boast by winning. The score at this time seems to be missing but it is a fact that the club won. Sam Lane regained the state title this year, and Thomas Gray won Class B honor in the state tourney. Another member, Andy Doshno, became City Champ and also won the Industrial League title. The City Tournaments were now sponsored by the YMCA with help from club member, Frank Wagner, and were usually played on July 4th on a few roughly made courts in a city owned park. This was a time when all members were out for them-The honor of the title usually stayed in the club but each member tried to get his chance at the title. This same year the Stamford Club had an open tournament. Keneth Hurst of Rhode Island won it. Sam Lane came in second and Thomas Gray third. Sam's high single game was 71.5 I don't know if this was the highest over all in the tournament, as the records are naturally one sided when it comes to recording such things. The Stamford Horseshoe Club was represented in the Four-County Tournament held in Bridgeport. Top honors were taken by members in all classes.

Records show 22 member horseshoe pitchers entered in various league teams in 1938. Members traveled north and south of Stamford to meet these other teams, on their home courts, who in turn traveled to

Bruce Park, Greenwich for the club's home matches. There was a 7-team A league including Chester, Shelton, Kingston, Peekskill, Poughkeepsie, White Plains and Stamford. A 4-team B league included Port Chester, White Plains, New Rochelle, and Stamford. The C league was called the Westchester County League and included 5 teams, not counting Stamford, of 8 men each. The clubs interested in this league were: New Rochelle, North Tarrytown, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, and White Plains. In between this league pitching members continued their non-league matches with Port Chester. The club sponsored another Open tournament, this year at Bruce Park. S. Lane won the City Crown with 53.6%. B. Engle, member, Class B winner with 23.3%. Four Stamfordites were invited to an Open B tournament in White Plains and two came home with honors. F. Wagner 1st and J. Blomquist 2nd. F. Wagner was to keep this honor for 2 years. Sam Lane was Fairfield County Champ this year and H. Higbie Class B Champ.

The winter of 1938-39 saw the B team traveling for the third year to the indoor league and so into 1939 with the Stamford Club entering into the new Connecticut State League. This was the start of the state league, which is still going but not quite so vigorous. The new league started with 7 teams of 6 men from each club. A series of night games on the lighted clay courts of White Plains and Port Chester were played with a 6 man team. These were non-league matches of friendly rivalry. The Stamford Horseshoe Club was represented in both the 1st and 2nd teams of the All Stars Teams. These were teams picked to beat Poughkeepsie, but only the 2nd team succeeded.

A newspaper dated November 1939 is quoted below:

"This year, although losing their title of State Champions for the first time in five years, the Stamford Club has had a fairly successful year. They played a major part in the organization of the Connecticut State Horseshoe League, and were largely responsible for the New England State Championship being held in Hartford this year. Through their efforts they have created a growing interest in horseshoes in the state."

In 1940 every member took part in the State Tournament held at Ansonia, which had four classes to have everyone entered who wished to pitch. This was a 2 day affair. The state title that year was won by a non-member but the other four classes found members in the honor positions. F. Wagner, 2nd in Class B; A. Dashna, Class C winner, and L. Lane winner of Class D. This year was another repition of 1939 with out of state matches with White Plains, Port Chester and a team in the state league, the latter coming home wih 1st place after the season of pitching was over. This, the fifth year of the indoor league in White Plains was to be the last with the Stamford Club losing the last year only.

There were so many little events that can now be looked back on in the year of 1941 to foretell the last year of real activity of the Stamford Horseshoe Club. The biggest, I guess, was the discontinuance by Greenwich of the 12 wonderfully kept courts in Bruce Park, Stamford's home courts. Not enough Greenwich people were interested in the courts and Stamford Club members could do nothing to persuade the park officials to do otherwise. (Believe me they tried). The city of Stamford got busy and arranged 6 courts in Woodside Park, which are still used today for practice and a few league matches. The club sponsored a tournament to open the new courts, which also was in conjunction with the Stamford Tercentenary Celebration. Sam Lane won the event. This

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year the Stamford Club had to playoff a tie with the Litchfield Club at the neutral courts of White Plains to win the title of State Champions for 1941 (which they did). Sam Lane came in 2nd in the Fairfield County Tourney and J. Blomquist 1st in Class B. These were the only individual honors for the club this year.

During its peak years of horseshoe pitching the club traveled a great deal, pitched a double-header and even an overnight sojourn was arranged. Interest was of the utmost, but all good things must come to an end and 12 years of interest in a sport that brought all ages together is nothing to sniffle about.

You might think that all the club has was top notch pitchers but all the fellows, even with percentages in the teens, got into match play or tournaments. It was a sport for all.

Between gas rationing in 1942 and war work that had the men working all hours of the day or night horseshoes became a little difficult for many whose free time was not so free. The club continued to struggle along with many of the fellows gradually dropping out, and the end of the season found most of the fellows in the service or at war jobs. This was the end of the Stamford Club until 1948, when F. Wagner with the help of Sam Lane, J. Believe and J. Blomquist, old timers as far as the club was concerned, tried to get the club back on its feet.

In the interval of the war and a few years after, with the club not active, the men's sport interests changed and the club, when resumed in 1948, found it hard to get going again. The reorganized club's membership has seesawed since its beginning and is now back to its starting membership of 10 members, none of which are the original ones. The first year saw the club enter a 6 man team in the newly organized State League. An occasional match with Port Chester was arranged but that club also was not as it used to be. The fellows traveled to Rye for a match with that club.

The middle of 1949 was a sad one for the new club as Sam Lane left for Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to live. The club not only lost a respected member and mainstay of the new club but the last of the original sparks in the Stamford Horseshoe Club history.

The new club is trying to live up to the past history of the club by doing its best in the tournaments now offered in Connecticut. In 1950 J. Blomquist took 3rd place in the Fairfield County Tourney and 1st place in Class B of the state tournament with J. Believe in 2nd place of Class B.

For the present the club has to rest on its past laurels but with the high interest the members now have in pitching the Stamford Club expects to be seen and heard again.

Before I end this history of the club I want to mention one member, the late John Wilson of Cos Cob, who did not come back from World War II. He may not have won any honors with his horseshoe pitching for the club but the club honors him.

I would like to thank Sam Lane and his son, Les, for their memories of the beginning days of the Stamford-Greenwich Horseshoe Club, and I must also thank my husband for his wanderings and patience.

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Connecticut Open Tournament

Connecticut's Second Open Tournament got under way on September 16th at the usual Bridgeport courts in Bearsley Park.

Only 3 states were represented this year. Two New York pitchers went home with 1st and 2nd prizes in Class A. Ted Penridge of New York City was 1st with no losses to his credit and Lewis Stines of Maspeth was 2nd with his 2 losses, one, of course to Penridge the other to F. Wagner. Walter Bagley now of Greenwich, formerly of New York came in 3rd.

Conecticut players got the top honors in Class B. Ray Barrows of Bridgeport, a one time winner of the Fairfield County Championship was 1st. Le Roy Demorest of Stamford, won his first horseshoe prize by coming in 2nd. Elmer Hendren of Ohio was in Bridgeport on vacation and entered the tourney. He missed, as he put it, "by a thin whisker" the 3rd place medal in Class B. The fellow with the longer whisker and higher percentage was Carl Reed of Bridgeport. Both men had won 4 and lost 3 games.

	CLASS "A"						
1	Ted Penridge, New York City	W. 9	L. 0	% 61.8			
2	Lewis Stines, Maspeth, N. Y	7	2	61.6			
3	Walter Bagley, Greenwich, Conn	6	3	54.9			
4	K. Hardwick, New York	5	4	56.5			
5	T. Kirk, Brooklyn, N. Y	5	4	54.5			
6	F. Wagner, Stamford, Conn	5	4	51.5			
7	V. Tierney, Danbury, Conn	4	5	52.8			
8	W. Kamszik, Bridgeport, Conn	3	5	49.0			
9	R. MacKeil, Bridgeport	1	8	32.4			
10	B. Kenderski, Bridgeport	0	9	34.5			
CLASS "B"							
1	R. Barrows, Bridgeport	W. 6	L. 1	% 40.9			
2	LeRoy Demorest, Stamford	5	2	41.7			
3	C. Reed, Bridgeport	4	3	42.3			
4	E. Hendren, Columbus, Ohio	4	3	42.2			
5	J. Blomquist, Old Greenwich	4	3	37.2			
6	P. Serkolit, Willimatic, Conn	3	4	39.6			
7	F. Serkolit, Willimatic, Conn	3	4	35.7			
8	W. Schustek, Bridgeport	0	7	35.1			

MISSOURI

By E. WINSTON

The Missouri Open Championship tournament was held at Grant Beach Park in Springfield, Mo. on Sept. 2nd and 3rd and was sponsored by the Peer Hardware Co. and the Missouri H. P. A. Qualifying play was held on the afternoon of Sept. 2nd and the morning of the 3rd. The round robin was played on the afternoon of the third. The eight players finished in the following order:

1. John Elkins 65.0; 2. Earl Winston 61.2; 3. D. E. Wommack 63.1; 4. L. Greenlee 59.2; 5. Bud Garrison 46.2; 6. Leonard Coffey 43.0; 7. Henry Freeman 44.1; 8. Albert Shannon 44.0.

NEW JERSEY

By LEE DAVIS

At a meeting of the N.J.H.P.A. we decided to have a Committee work with the Union County Park Commission, to urge as many as possible to pitch in the John Roselet Memorial Tournament.

We feel that since John gave his life in Service of his Country and was an officer in the National Association as well as Secy-Treas. of N.J.H.P.A. we should try to make this one of the best tournaments in the East.

Along this line of thought we think you can help a great deal by giving it as much publicity in The Horseshoe Pitcher as you can.

The N.J.H.P.A. is sending a letter to the Park Commission expressing our appreciation for holding the tournaments in the past and our desire to help them in the future.

The first Roselet Tournament had forty odd entries and last year there were twenty-four. The main reason for this lack of interest is due to the condition of the courts. We feel that by writing to the Commission and complimenting them for their work and having your magazine show that we will support the tournament to the limit that we can prevail on them to give us more and better courts. In fact, Mr. Crone said the Commission had said after the first tournament, if the interest increased the following year they would build more courts. They have also trifled with the idea of relocating the courts under trees. So we feel by letters and proper publicity we can make this not only the best but the biggest tournament in the East. Don't we owe that to John? We of the N.J.H.P.A. certainly feel that we do.

At the meeting there were several completely new ideas for increasing interest in our good old game. Some of these ideas may take time to work out. We decided to try a tournament early in the spring with some of these new ideas and if it is successful we will pass it along to others. From the discussion and interest shown to the plan I feel it will be a success.

Another thing that was discussed was the increased interest in the handicap Leagues that has been running in Bergen and Passaic Counties the past two years.

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In Passaic County the leagues didn't increase as much as Bergen due to the courts being public and not kept in condition. But Paul Puglise with the sponsorship of the Paterson Evening News ran a tournament for seniors, intermediates and juniors and had sixty entries.

On the basis of the above results we feel that the type of handicap

we use in our leagues really works.

The Roselet Memorial Tournament is usually held the third week in June but we are having a meeting of N.J.H.P.A. the second week in Jan. 1952 at which time the tournament committee will report tentative dates for tournaments to be held in New Jersey. We hope to be able to send them along to you then so they will not interfere with other tournaments.

The results of N.J.H.P.A. election of officers for the coming year is as follows:

Lee Davis, President; Jim Plum, 1st Vice President in charge of Lee Davis, Fresident; Jim Fum, 1st vice Fresident in Charge of tournaments; Paul Puglise, 2nd Vice-President in charge of Leagues; Doug Fogal, 3rd Vice-President in charge of publicity; Paul Hanas, Secy-Treas., 84 Hillside Ave., Midland Park, N. J.; Al Ward, Asst. Secy-Treas.; Dr. Berman, Director of Education; Executive Committee under 2nd Vice-President: Bill Kolb, Essex; Ray Ward, Bergen; Sam Lanyon, Hudson, Steve Kaplun, Union, Ed. Pietraski, Passaje, Lack Lanyon, Hudson; Steve Kaplun, Union; Ed. Pietraski, Passaic; Jack Waltz, Monmouth.

After the distribution of the state tournament trophies the meeting adjourned with Dr. Berman's very good movies of the World Tournament and State horseshoe pitchers. We enjoyed them very much and all seemed to have a good time.

Jake, we in Jersey are going to try and do more in this coming year. We think you are doing a wonderful job and we solicit your help to make the John Roselet Memorial Tournament one of the best.

TEXAS

By MONK OWENS

Sat. Oct. 20, 1951—Paul Mischler, a 41-year old ex-wrestler from Clovis, N. M., won Old Tack's third annual Great Plains Horseshoe Pitching Tournament recently, defeating Amarillo's Bob Ziegler, 51-23, in a play-off match after each had tied for first place.

Mischler won the Class A championship on his second try for the crown. Last year he finished out of the money.

Mischler and Zeigler each won six games and lost one in the eightman Class A field. Mischler's only defeat was at the hands of Sam Alexander, Masterson, who delivered a 52-46 knockout in the third match of the evening.

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Ziegler's only loss in regular play was by Mischler, as the director of the Youth Service Organization in Clovis put the skids on him, 52—26, in the next to last match.

Mischler also defeated L. C. Stout of Higgins, 52—10; Joe Ottem of Amarillo, 52—8; Cy Clayton of Amarillo, 51—24; and Joe Roberston of Vaughn, N. M., 52—5.

The champion also had the day's top ringer percentage, with 52.4 on 219 ringers in 416 shoes pitched.

In the championship match, Ziegler jumped off to a 3—0 lead before Mischler slapped on a double ringer to jump into a 6—3 advantage.

He was never headed after that, building his lead to 25—7 after 14 innings and 41—10 after 19. Ziegler rallied briefly to move to 23—45 at the end of 25, but Michler hung three ringers in his next four shoes to wrap up the title.

It was Ziegler's third consecutive year to finish in second place.

	CLASS "A"	w.	т.			
1	Paul Mischler, Clovis	7	L. 1			
2	Bob Ziegler, Amarillo	6	2			
3	Sam Alexander, Masterson	5	2			
4	Joe Robertson, Clovis	5	2			
5	Cy Clayton, Amarillo	2	5			
6	Joe Otten, Amarillo	2	5			
7	Paul Pierce, Amarillo	1	6			
8	Leston Stout, Higgins	1	6			
	CLASS "B"					
	CHILDS D	W.	L.			
1	Harold Yingling, Higgins	5	0			
2	Albert Sutton, Columbia, Mo	4	2			
3	B. Z. Woods, Denver	3	2			
4	Loyd Jones, Amarillo	2	3			
5	Joe Collins, Brooklyn, N. Y	1	4			
6	Steve Hernandez, Amarillo	1	4			
	JUNIOR BOYS					
		W.	L.			
1	Richard Alexander, Masterson	5	0			
2 3	Tommy Davis, Clovis	4	1			
4	P. W. Mischler, Clovis Allen Hurst, Clovis	3 2	2 3			
5	Bob Martin, Clovis	1	4			
6	Roger Wallace, Clovis	0	5			
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JAKE'S JOTTINGS

Earl Fulton, of Carlisle, Pa. says I am starting work on a scoring device. Thanks to Mr. Beller, I got the idea from him. I want to complete making four of them so we can use them on our courts here in Carlisle beginning next May. If we all did this it would make it much more interesting to the public.

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Lots of you fellows know young Pat Brady. Well, he's in the U. S. Air Forces now. Good luck, kid!

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The New Jersey H. P. A. has decided to purchase a placque on which shall be inscribed the names of the state champions each year. The winner will keep the placque for one year, returning it for display at the following state tourney. They voted to raise a fund for this purpose by voluntary contributions from the members of the State Association and other horseshoe enthusiasts. President Davis started the ball rolling with a five dollar donation. If you would like to contribute send it to Dr. S. Berman, Treasurer, 351 Rahway Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

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Ken Huber was again elected General Secretary of the St. Paul H. A. (Minn.) and also President of the Gopher State Assn. He says their National membership is going to be 100% in 1952.

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The annual meeting of the Fort George Horseshoe Club was held at their clubrooms at 1672 St. Nicholas Avenue on Sunday evening,

October 21, 1951.

The following officers were elected to guide the "ship of state" for the ensuing year: Thomas P. O'Gara, president; Martin Goodwin, vice-president; Edward Greany, secretary-treasurer; Denis Roran, financial secretary; Velmer Colvett, sergeant-at-arms. Truestees: Thomas Bates, William J. Fanning, Karl Hallecks, William Shaughnessy.

THANKSGIVING PARTY NOV. 17

George Hart was appointed chairman of the Thanksgiving Party to be held at the clubrooms on Saturday evening, November 17th. He will be aided and abetted by: Joe Hunt, John Conway, John Waldron, Denis Horan, Tom Bates, Bill Shaughnessy, Joe Jordan, and Pat Dolan.

The program will include refreshments and sandwiches, entertain-

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ARIZONA—Casa Grande Park, Casa Grande; Rendesvous Park, Mesa; Encanto Park, Phoenix.

ARKANSAS-Fair Park, Boyle Park, MacArthur Park, Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA—Community Center, Compton; Exposition Park, Los Angeles; Union Pacific Courts, Long Beach; Mosswood Park, Oakland; Golden Gate Courts, San Francisco; Candlestick Cove, Lincon Park, Santa Monica; Crocker-Amazon Courts, San Francisco; McNear Park, Petaluma; Ives Memorial Park, Sebastopol.

CANADA-Dieppe Park, East York.

COLORADO—City Park and Washington Park, Denver; City Park, Greeley.

CONNECTICUE—Beardsley Park, Bridgeport; Pope Park, Hartford.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA-Commerce Courts, Washington.

FLORIDA-South Waterfront Park, St. Petersburg.

ILLINOISE—Welles Park, Chicago; Athletic Park, Canton; Riverside Park, Moline; Mineral Springs Park, Pekin; Reservoir Park, Quincy; Long Viaw Park, Rock Island.

INDIANA — Brookside Park, Indianapolis; Dorner Park, Frankfort; Columbia Park, Lafayette; Forest Park, Noblesville.

IOWA—Birdland Park, Des Moines; Riverside Park, Ottumwa; Crapo Park, Burlington; Island Park, Cedar Falls; Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids; LeClaire Park, Davenport.

KANSAS-Forest Park, Ottawa; Gage Park, Topeka.

KENTUCKY-Shady Shores, Covington.

MAINE—Auburn, Riverside Courts, Bangor; Bangor Club, Farmington; City Park, Hebron; Community Courts, Portland; Deering Oaks, Rumford; High School, So. Portland; Wilkinson Park.

MARYLAND—Carroll Park, Baltimore; Magruder Park, Hyattsville.

MASSACMUSETTS-Municipal Playgrounds, Westfield.

MICHIGAN-Grand Rapids, Franklin Park.

MINNESOTA-Como & Elfelt, St. Paul; Soldier Memorial Field, Rochester.

MISSOURI—Municipal Park, Carthage; Neosho, Fair Grounds, Springfield; Grant Beach Park.

NEBRASKA-Harmon Park, Kearney.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—South Playground, Portsmouth; Ryan H. S. Club, Dover Point; Poy Ryans, 14 Central Ave., Portsmouth.

NEW JERSEY—Warinanco Park, Elizabeth; Branch Brook Park, Newark; Wildwood, Beach Park.

NEW YORK—Central Park, Inwood Hill Park, New York City; St. Mary's Park, Williams-bridge Oval Park, Woodlawn, Van Cortlandt Park, all in the Bronx; Parade Grounds, Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn; Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon, L. I.; Kirk Park, Syracuse.

OHIO—Jermain Park, Toledo; Cedar Point, Sandusky; Williams Memorial Pk., Wilmington.
OREGON—Laurelhurst Park, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA—District Courts, Pittsburgh; Pt. Marion, Frank Murphy's Courts; Joe Mett's Courts, Revere; Oakhurst Courts, Johnstown.

RHODE ISLAND—Athletic Field, West Warwick; Schartner's Courts, Hamilton.

UTAH-County Fair Grounds, Murray; Liberty Park, Salt Lake City.

VERMONT—Stolte Field, Brattleboro; Memorial Park, Bennington; Ethan Allen Park, Burlington; Local Athletic Field, Springfield.

WASHINGTON—Zelasko Park, Aberdeen; City Park, Bremerton; Woodland Park, Seattle; Wright Park, Tacoma; Fair Grounds, Yakima.

WEST VIRGINIA-Bar B-Q Courts, East Nitro.

WISCONSIN-Washington Park, Milwaukee.

WYOMING-Union Park, Cheyenne.

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