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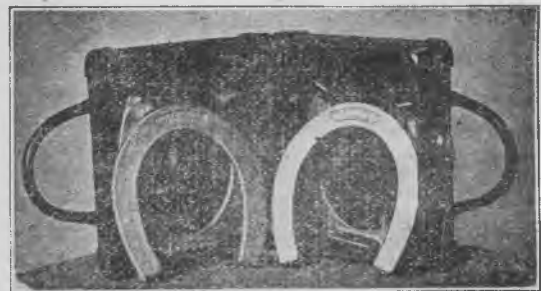
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Lake Worth Tourney February 16 to 28, 1925

The date of the next national horseshoe pitchers tournament which will be held at Lake Worth, Fla., have been set for February 16 to 28. This will be the longest period of time ever taken for a national tournament, a two-weeks schedule having been arranged.

Several noted pitchers already are in training on the Lake Worth courts, hoping to have the "edge" on their opponents when the nation's best slipper slammers gather in the Palm Beach County metropolis next February.

Al. Michler, president of the Lake Worth Horseshoe Club, under whose auspices the tourney will be held, is sparing no means in planning for the tournament. Mr. Michler also is the president of the National Association and naturally is interested in seeing the best tournament ever staged, conducted at Lake Worth in 1925. Lake Worth was host to the national pitchers last winter and the tournament was declared one of the very best ever held.

A good prize list will be offered—\$3,500 in cash prizes, and \$1,000 in

trophies having been announced. A \$500 bonus also will be given to the National Association.

Present Champions

The present champions are: Men's professional, Putt. Mossman, Eldora, Ia.; Women's professional, Mrs. C. A. Lanham, Bloomington, Ill.; Men's amateur, Warren Mossman, Eldora, Ia.; Women's amateur, Mrs. P. D. Samuell of Minneapolis, Minn.; Boys' amateur, Frank Stinson, Minneapolis, Minn. These champions won their titles at the mid-summer tournament in Minneapolis, Minn., in September.

How Can They Stop?

LIMA, O.—The municipal "golf" links is no more.

No longer will city cops and firefighters, along with other employes and habitues of the safety building spend their idle hours hurling the metal shoes from stake to stake.

The Radiant Oil Co. has pulled the stakes and excavating work preliminary to the raising of a gasoline station at the corner of East High St. and S. Central Ave. has begun.

In years past, one of the chief outdoor sports in the city, especially among city employes, was the horseshoe tournament which was a daily event on the city preserve.

During the time P. A. Kable, owner of the land on which the stakes had been planted, had boosted the sport, and gladly permitted the safety employes to make use of the corner.

Recently an agreement effected with the Radiant Oil Co., whereby a filling station is in the course of construction, has "put the damper" on the barn yard enjoyment.

For a while the fire fighters were at a loss as to what they should do. The metal shoes were dusted and stored away, and several days passed, uneventful days, dreary and long.

Then someone broke the ice. One

of the bluecoats came on duty several mornings ago with a deck of cards, and pinochle has come into its own.

Game Popular In Colorado City

PUEBLO, COLO.—The good old game of horseshoe pitching is back on the list of sports in this city as proven by the man contestants who took part in a tournament held here last Sunday. Twenty six entries reported and each contestant took part in four games, those failing to win one out of four games being eliminated.

Surviving contestants will resume tournament play Sunday and will pitch for place in the finals which will draw the prizes. There are 16 awards and no player can win more than one prize. Eight courts will be used in next Sunday's games.

Since the Colorado State Fair tournament in 1923, interest in the game has not been so widespread as it is at the present time. Every fan is endeavored to think the great game is again becoming popular.

Having lost out in milking and sawbucking contests, Magnus Johnson may be induced to take a whack at the horseshoe game. Since election he has unlimited time for practice.

Tacoma Notes

TACOMA, WASH.—The Tacoma Horseshoe Pitchers Association is all set and ready to go.

A general meeting was held at the Junction Fruit Co. December 4 for the purpose of clearing up the old business and electing officers for the following year. The officers elected are the class of men that insures for our association a big year in 1925.

President, Floyd Sayre; vice president, Harry Kinney; treasurer, L. H. Hough; secretary, F. L. Wahlers.

Floyd Sayre is the Western Washington champion. Harry Kinney is Tacoma's schedule expert.

L. H. Hough the 1924 treasurer was re-elected. He was formerly known as "Slow Shoe Fast Shoe Hough."

F. L. Wahlers is the local pitcher who has shown most improvement in the last year. He started pitching about a year ago and is now averaging 85 per cent. These men know the game and the needs of the game and are sure to keep Tacoma on the horseshoe map.

The retiring officers are A. L. Hopkins, former president, Len Ellis, former vice president, and Pat Kenny, former secretary.

Champions Join Ogden Pk. Club

CHICAGO.—From a group of eight or ten men pitching horseshoes in the back yard of the home of George Stone at 6531 Racine Ave., the Ogden Park Horseshoe Club has, within the last year, grown to one of the strongest organizations fostering the sport in the city. Its fame has spread all over Chicago and revived an interest in this once popular sport. Johnny Hogan, state champion at the game, who lives on the north side, has joined the ranks of the local club as has Wm. Bejack, a Hamilton Park man who holds the city singles championship won in the playground olympics.

Harry Willette, another Hamilton Park man who placed second for the city title, and W. J. Landers, also a strong pitcher from Hamilton, are now affiliated with the club and with the charter members growing better constantly the club promises to be an organization of title holders.

In the South Parks meet held over Labor day, Ogden's entries walked away with five of the nine sets of medals and had the largest entry of any of the 16 parks. W. J. Donnahue and Robert Miller brought honor to the club by winning the South Parks doubles championship and Landers, coupled with A. J. Starr, placed third in the doubles. In winning the doubles honors Donnahue and Miller scored a decisive victory over Bejack and Willette. Donnahue is a newcomer to the team and previous to last spring had never attempted to play the game, but is now ranked as one of the best players of the club and he has his eye on Johnny Hogan's crown.

Among the junior members of the club Ogden has several near champions. Wm. McNichols proved to be one of them by taking second place in the boys' singles of the South Parks meet while Harry Krugman and John Leonard got into the limelight by placing second in the South Parks junior doubles. Leonard Brophy and Arthur Noll were third in the same event.

The club got its start about a year ago when E. H. Ruhrwein, a former athletic director at Ogden, conducted a meet. Stone's backyard pitchers entered and carried off most of the honors. Their association with others who were fond of the sport gave birth to the idea of forming a club. Before the season closed the idea materialized and the members were instrumental in

having four courts installed in the park playground. During the winter interest was kept alive through indoor play, the club obtaining the north hall Wednesday and Saturday evenings and all day Sunday.

Eight new courts with blue clay pits were installed in the park this spring by the South Park board at the request of the club which now has a membership of over 60 seniors.

The members all practice as often as they possibly can. They don't take the game lightly. They value it as a recreation because of its accessibility, the skill it requires, and the chance it gives them for frequent competition. Every member has his own standard shoes and nearly all have made themselves shall wooden cases in which to carry them to and from the park. The construction of these cases is also a serious matter with the ardent players, and they take as much pride in them as a musician would in his violin case.

The great interest the members have in the game makes them forget often that they have a family and every Sunday Director Russell receives phone calls from wives of the players who ask that their spouses be sent home to dinner. At the South Parks meet when Donnahue and Miller played in the finals, all the Ogden Park players crowded close and cheered over every ringer as loudly as if they were watching a football game.

Daniel Russell, director, since being appointed at the park, has taken an active interest in the club.

The officers of the club, Daniel Hoeffler, president, 6631 Morgan St.; Herman Simmons, vice president, 7156 Aberdeen St.; and Mr. Stone, secretary and treasurer, are working hard with Director Russell in order to insure this meet.

St. Matthews Cops Top Notch

LOUISVILLE, KY.—The Jefferson County Horseshoe League contest just closed with St. Matthews winning first place. J. W. Netherton of St. Matthews team was best in the league in ringers. Sam Mattingly of the Shawnee team was second, and L. T. Miller of the Iroquois team was third. This was the first year of the league and the officers report a successful season.

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Plan Leagues

ZANESVILLE, O.—At least three leagues are being planned for horseshoe devotees here, it was announced by Yocum and Todd, who recently established indoor courts here.

One of the leagues is expected to be a 12-club affair composed of employees of local banks. Another will comprise pitchers in the semi-pro class and who are able to hang up 35 ringers in a game of 50 points. A third league of just ordinary pitchers is being formed by the owners of the newly established courts. Both leagues will be 16-men affairs.

Arrangements have been made to award appropriate prizes to the winners in all the leagues. It is probable that engraved medals will be awarded winners in various events.

Not since the sport became popular has there been so much interest in barnyard golf in Zanesville and community.

Stage Contest At New Albany

LOUISVILLE, KY.—On Nov. 2nd, "Duke" Merchant led his Dixie boys over the river to New Albany, Ind., and played the newly organized team of that place. Before the games they paraded with autos through the main streets.

The Dixie boys won all games played. J. W. Netherton was best in ringers for the Dixie team while Mr. Wideman Jr., was best for the New Albany team. On the following Sunday the New Albany boys made a visit to Louisville, and played the Dixie boys on the new Shawnee lanes and beat them four out of seven games played. Again Netherton and Wideman were best in ringers.

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To Broadcast Shoe Tournery

Barnyard golfers will have their inning New Years afternoon, and they won't have to heave a single shoe. They've broadcasted most everything new from the care of the new baby to home economics and bee keeping; but it took lovers of the grand old barnyard national game to think of broadcasting it.

A group of enthusiastic horse shoe slingers in Beloit, Wis., wanted to have a sure enough tournament. Many of the most enthusiastic worked at the Beloit Works of Fairbanks, Morse & Co., the town's greatest industry, so they enlisted the aid of the company and are going to stage their tournament in conjunction with the company's Open House, which annually draws thousands of visitors to Beloit.

The tournament will be conducted in the massive new Fairbanks, Morse foundry, forming probably the largest indoor horseshoe pitching arena in the Middle-West and perhaps in the entire world.

But to cap the event as a nationwide attraction, the Beloit fans have arranged to have Beloit College radio station WEBW broadcast it play by play.

We suppose listeners in will hear—"Clink-Clink—Ah-h-h, Si Smith from up Milwaukee way has thrown another ringer." It'll be different, because it's

never been done before. So when you are listening in New Years afternoon, wave length 268, and you hear strange clinks, kaplunks, and arguments galore—don't think your tubes are on the bum. It'll just be Fairbanks, Morse Horseshoe pitching tournament coming over the air.

It is planned to broadcast other entertainment in connection with the Open House—concerts by the famous F-M concert band, quartette, etc., but the big attraction will be the horseshoe pitching tournament. The tournament is open to anyone in the world. Valuable prizes are included on the prize list.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

LOUISVILLE, KY—The Dixie Flyers held a meeting Tuesday, November 18th, in the office of the Blum Ornamental Glass Co. and elected the following officers: T. P. Storey president; W. F. Norris, vice president; E. M. Merchant, secretary; R. A. Willett, treasurer.

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The better you know some fellows the more puzzled you are over directions when you read that they have "gone to their reward."

B. G. Is Called Horseshoe Ace

One of the Milwaukee newspapers has given our new secretary, B. G. Leighton a new title, calling him "Barnyard Golf Ace" in a headline which reads "Barnyard Golf Ace to Talk Saturday." While the national association is opposed to the use of the term "barnyard golf" we believe the term "ace" applies well to Mr. Leighton, as he really is the "ace" of them all in horseshoe facts and ideas.

His coming to Milwaukee was heralded as follows:

B. G. Leighton, Minneapolis, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, and for four years president of the organization, will be the principal speaker Saturday afternoon when Milwaukee horseshoe pitchers gather at a meeting at the Harvester Works club, 836 S. Pierce St.

Secretary Leighton will speak on the development and trend of the horseshoe game in the United States, telling of the great interest being shown in the sport, which has developed into an indoor game in the winter from an outdoor game in the summer, making it an all the year round pastime.

H. S. Morgan, director of school athletics of the school board extension department, will also speak, and will have facts and plans for the furthering of the horseshoe sport in Milwaukee for the coming year.

The meeting Saturday afternoon is public and all those interested are invited to attend.

The Harvester Works club, one of the largest athletic and social clubs of the city, held their annual election for 1925 on Monday, when Walter Eck, former football and basketball star of Lawrence college, and more recently secretary of the Harvester Works club was elected president. Officers for the ensuing year are: Walter C. Eck, president; Cliff Dussault, vice president; Sy Hennig, secretary; Frank Riedel, treasurer; Wm. R. Birk, trustee.

GOING AFTER TROPHY

MINNEAPOLIS — The Fraternal Monitor recently printed a picture of the Royal League Horseshoe Pitching team, and an account of the work of the team. The Royal League now holds two legs on the J. E. Myers trophy and another victory next year would put the cup in the permanent possession of the league.

Horseshoe World's All-American Grid Team

By Chas. Roy Cox

Not that it has anything at all to do with pitching horseshoes, but simply because every other sport magazine in the country picks an All-American football team, because we started it last year, and because the writer good-naturedly agreed to help fill up space this month when actual horseshoe dope was less plentiful than at any other time of the year—that's the only excuse of the magazine and the writer of this article for it. We don't expect all of our readers to agree with our choices, for any man who thinks he can pick the best eleven football players in the country is goofy, or highly conceited, or both. Probably both. So these choices represent only our opinion. If you don't like them, you can pick your own All-American, and then I'll argue with you.

Starting with the ends, Cunningham of Ohio State looks like the best flanker in the country to us, despite the fact that his wonderful playing drew scant publicity. Opposing teams played from two to four men on "Cookie" all season, and then didn't succeed in keeping him from beaking up play after play for big losses. Wakefield of Vanderbilt was the same type of man, and if there are a better set of flankers in the country than these two, we'd like to put our lamps on 'em some bath day afternoon.

Weir of Nebraska is the best tackle in the country, in our opinion, so closely followed by McGinley of Pennsylvania that they make an ideal pair.

Diehl of Dartmouth and Mahan of West Virginia draw the guard assignments, although they are hard pressed by a number of high class men.

Horrell of California gets the center job, but Walsh of Notre Dame is, in our opinion, just as good as the Pacific Coast star. The South Bend performer was handicapped by injuries part of the season, and for this reason is placed on the second team.

Stuhldreher, one of the Four Horsemen, easily lands the quarter-back job. He was not only an outstanding star mechanically, but was the guiding genius in the sensational record achieved by Knute Rockne's wonderful machine.

No comment is necessary on the first choice for half. Everyone knows

that "Red" Grange is the man I mean. For his running mate, I have picked another one of the Four Horsemen. A great line plunger, a wizard in an open field, and a splendid receiver of forward passes, Crowley makes an ideal running mate for the great Illinois star.

McBride of Syracuse draws the full back assignment—and while you may not agree on each individual selection you will have to admit that this combination would be "some team." Whether they could defeat my second or even my third team, is a question that only actual combat could settle. If such a game could be arranged, you'd have to put three or four of the monstre stadiums together to accommodate those who would want to sit in.

Tune in, for Station C.R.C., from the studio of The Horseshoe World at London, Ohio, is broadcasting their first, second and third All-American football teams. Here goes:

First Team

Cunningham, O. S. U.....L.E.
 Weir, NebraskaL.T.
 Diehl, DartmouthL.G.
 Horrell, CaliforniaC.
 Mahan, West Virginia.....R.G.
 McGinley, Penn.R.T.
 Wakefield, VanderbiltR.E.
 Stuhldreher, Notre DameQ.B.
 Grange (c) IllinoisL.H.
 Crowley, Notre DameR.H.
 McBride, SyracuseF.B.

Second Team

Otte, IowaL.E.
 Cox, MinnesotaL.T.
 Farwick, ArmyL.G.
 Walsh, Notre DameC.
 Pondelik, ChicagoR.G.
 Hancock, IowaR.T.
 Lawson, StanfordR.E.
 Dooley, DartmouthQ.B.
 Pond, YaleL.H.
 Baker, NorthwesternR.H.
 Layden, Notre DameF.B.

Third Team

Bomar, VanderbiltL.E.
 Beattie, PrincetonL.T.
 Richeson, MissouriL.G.
 Brown, MichiganC.
 Abramson, MinnesotaR.G.
 Starabin, SyracuseR.T.
 Mahaney, Holy CrossR.E.
 Park n, IowaQ.B.
 Koppisch, ColumbiaL.H.
 McCarthy, ChicagoR.H.
 Lidberg, MinnesotaF.B.

Letters To the Editor

Webbs Mills, Me., Dec. 2, '24
 The Horseshoe World,
 London, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I enclose one year's subscription to the horse shoe world.

It may be of interest to you to hear something about the horseshoe tossers of the old Pine Tree state of Maine. Until within a very few years the game in this state was not played on a very scientific basis, and was not considered much of a game of skill. But now the people are getting more interested in it and there are many clubs organized throughout the state.

For the past two or three years there has been state tournaments played at the state fair at Lewiston, Maine, the winners to have the title of Champion of Maine. The contest there consists of a series of Doubles, and after that series they have the singles. So we have champions of doubles and the champion of singles.

At the last tournament held at the state fair in Lewiston, the first week in September, 1924, with 18 contestants. I and my partner, Chester T. Winslow, were victorious, winning every game.

The championship for singles went to Chester T Winslow, of Raymond, Maine, with Mr. Cummings of Norway Maine, a close second. The last game being staged by these high men of the series. Winslow had won all of his games, and Cummings had lost one, yours truly being responsible for his one defeat. The game by these highliners was a very exciting one and was won by Cummings 50 to 45 with a ringer score of 28 and 30 respectively, leaving them tied for first place. The tie game was played, being fully as close and exciting as the first, and this time Winslow was on the long end of a 50 to 48 score, and thereby gaining the title of champion of Maine for 1924.

Hamden Tripp.

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The above is a picture of a window display of prizes given recently at Zanesville, O., at "Horseshoe Day."

SPARKS Off the Pegs

Garrett, Ind., staged a county tournament recently. Another was staged at Avilla, Ind., for the championship of Noble county.

London, O., is considering the establishment of indoor courts.

Word has been received of the filing of bankruptcy proceedings by I. R. Davies, owner of the Ross-Stevens Horseshoe Co.

C. E. Sturm, former business manager of the Horseshoe World, is successfully operating two weekly newspapers—one at New Vienna and the other at Leesburg, Ohio. Mr. Sturm has made rapid strides as a newspaper manager.

Here's some record! Mrs. J. F. Francisco of St. Petersburg, Fla. for-

mer national champion, who hopes to regain the title at Lake Worth, and Mrs. M. T. Bishop, of Battle Creek, Mich., made these scores:

	P	R	DR	SP
Mrs. Francisco	50	44	16	64
Mrs. Bishop	24	30	8	64

Mrs. Francisco made 9 straight doubles.

Here's another—

	P	R	DR	SP
Mrs. Francisco	48	41	9	72
H. J. Born	50	40	11	72

Mrs. Francisco left St. Petersburg last June 15, playing 287 games while gone. Out of this number she won all but seven. Jack is still pitching 'em too, but the Mrs. still holds the center of the stage when it comes to pitching.

EVANSVILLE VS. JANESVILLE

EVANSVILLE, WIS.—The following is the score of the Evansville-Janesville Contest:

	Janesville			
	P	R	DR	SP
Kelm	103	34	8	146
Peebles	71	28	4	146

Hickey	52	28	2	152
White	83	29	5	152
Dobson	73	24	1	144
Perry	92	33	2	144
Groumyer	74	29	2	148
Sykes	91	26	3	148

Evansville

Evansville won 10 games and lost 6.

	P	R	DR	SP
Jacobs	97	46	6	138
Peterson	109	45	10	138
Kleinmuth	105	39	5	134
Ringhand	91	30	5	134
Benash	71	30	3	148
Nightanglue	92	29	2	148
Bennett	82	32	3	162
Wright	70	22	0	162

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this season of Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men, we want to pause in our daily tasks to wish each and every one of our readers, and all those who are near and dear to them—

A Merry Christmas!

We have shared each other's friendship through the years gone by, and as each year has passed on we feel these friendships have grown stronger and more worth while. We have comforted and consoled each other in our sorrows as good friends and good neighbors should. We have smiled with each joy that came to brighten the hearts of those about us. We have sought to do our part toward making this a better and a brighter place in which to live, and we have attempted to be of some real service to humanity. It is now our pleasure to approach the close of the year with the knowledge that our message of a Merry Christmas to you brings just as happy a message from you to us.

From those who gleefully await the coming of Santa Claus to those whose hair has been silvered by the hand of time, there is no sweeter season, nor a time when the heart abounds with a

greater love for all humanity. There is no time when we feel that we want to live closer to each other, or to share each other's joys and sorrows to an even greater degree. Could there be stronger evidence that at this same season away back more than 2000 years ago there came into the world One who was the highest embodiment of peace? Can the hardest heart fail to soften beneath that star off in the east that wise men followed and found the hope of the world cuddled in a manger?

If there is not peace and joy and happiness and contentment in all the world now it is because men have refused to tie themselves together in a spirit of brotherly love. If there is not happiness in your own heart it is because you have not sought to put happiness into the hearts of those about you in the year fast coming to a close. Now, at this season, it is given you to realize this, and to join with your fellowmen in renewing a pledge of love and friendship for each other, in hoping for each other a greater measure of happiness than has yet been known.

If the year has prospered you, we are glad. If it has been tinged with dark clouds here and there, our sympathy is still with you, as well as our hope that the sun of the Christmas season will drive away all shadows and that your path will be light and peaceful on through the years.

We bring to you, and to those near and dear to you, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas. We wish you happiness, we wish you prosperity, we wish you success in all your undertakings—but best of all we wish you the greatest blessing that can be handed down by the Giver of all good things—

We wish you Health and the Peace that passeth understanding.

Our Own Column



By Ye Editor

CANST THOU BEAT IT?

Consider the editor! A child is born unto the wife of a merchant in the town. The physician getteth 10 plunks. The editor writeth a stick and a half and telleth the multitude that the child tippeth the beam at nine

pounds. Yea, he lieth even as a centurion. And the proud father giveth him a Cremono.

Behold, the young one groweth up and graduateth. And the editor putteth into his paper a swell notice. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of the wisdom of the young woman and of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the roses of Sharon is she and her gown is played up to beat the band. And the dressmaker getteth two score and four iron men. And the editor gets a note of thanks from the sweet girl graduate.

And the daughter goeth on a journey. And the editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column solid. And the fair one remembereth him from afar with a picture postal card that costeth six for a jitney.

Behold, she returneth, and the youth of the town fall down and worship. She picketh one and lo, she picketh a lemon. But the editor calleth him one of our promising young men and getteth away with it. And they send unto the editor a bid to the wedding and behold the bids are fashioned in a far city.

Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth 10 bones. The groom standeth the editor off for a 12-month subscription.

All flesh is grass and in time the wife is gathered unto the soil. The editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry and a card of thanks. And he forgetteth to read the proof on the dead and the darned thing cometh out "Gone to Her Last Roasting Place."

And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceeding great jumps. And they pulleth out their ads and cancelleth their subs, and they swing the hammer even unto the third and fourth generations.—Pathfinder.

Organize League

DENNISON, O.—The Tuscarawas County Horseshoe Pitching League has been organized here with C. E. Goodwin of Dennison as president and Jacob Kopp, of Uhrichsville, secretary and treasurer. Twenty Dennison and four Doven men are in the league. The Dovenites are Pete Groth, Ed Siebert, John Wolf and Carl Miller.

League games will be played Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons on an indoor court.

Ripples

From the Ten Thousand Lakes

(By the Minnesota Correspondent)

The word is out that the February tournament is to be a marathon affair. Hold your breath, fellows—you're going to need it.

Don't urge me Al. In a month's time the county would find it could operate without my services and I can't live on horseshoe winnings.

The horseshoe marathon will be just what the doctor ordered for "Kelly" Spencer and Tom Fogarty. They will be able to lace their own shoes after all that exercise.

The French lady guarantees to be there and take the hole in her stocking along for the benefit of those failing to see it at Minneapolis.

The only inducement that will entice Johnnie Dahl so far from home is promise of a trip to Cuba.

Al. Michler may not walk his horseshoe artists to the sea, but he is going to see that they walk.

Flour City entrants have started in training by installing courts on the

fourth floor of a building having no passenger elevator accommodations. Mrs. Brouillette is being transported up via the freight lift.

Sherman marched his soldiers from Atlanta to the sea. Sherman had a horse and still remarked that "War is H——" Wonder what the soldiers would call it.

Mr. Michler announces a special guessing contest prize. Here it is, boys: If Frank Campbell were to walk, heel to toe, from his home town Waukee, Iowa, to Lake Worth, how many steps would he take? Send in your guesses to Al. and try to collect.

Any items found missing from this column have been nipped by the censor.

Minnesota to Florida

We're coming down to spend a month
Beneath your shady palms;
To live awhile on cocoanuts
Your oysters and your clams.
From lutefish we'll get a change—
Leave the herring in the brine,
But from our snooze box, we'll ne'er part,
It goes with me and mine.

The above submitted by a Kenyon, Minn., devotee of the game.

FOR CHRISTMAS, what would be a better present than a subscription to the HORSESHOE WORLD?

Shoe Palace At Zanesville, Ohio

ZANESVILLE, O.—Zanesville has set the pace in horseshoe pitching palaces, William Yocum, former state champion and at present Ohio state fair champ and Clifford Todd and a youngster who is expected to show the "hot stuff" in the coming world's champ'on tournament at Lake Worth, Fla., are the pace makers.

And the Yocum-Todd Horseshoe Club is the result.

Theirs is a four-court indoor club, open to the public at which a tax on each game pitched is charged in the same manner as bowling and billiard charges are levied.

The clubs are ever busy and it is said that Zanesville Youngsters have found it as easy to say "Let's pitch a game" as any of us find it to say: "Let's bowl a game" or "Let's shoot a game of pool."

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Dan Cooper Wins Shoe Contest

Dan Cooper, representing Ogden park, yesterday won the state amateur horseshoe pitching championship in a tournament staged jointly by the Ogden Horseshoe Pitching club and the Chicago Playground council at the Grant Park stadium. More than 100 barnyard golfers of the city and down-state competed.

In taking top honors Cooper conquered A. Thompson of the Northwest Horseshoe club, who took second place. O. Fulner of the Aldine club landed third place and H. Garner of Palmer park was fourth.

Wins Another Title

Besides taking the men's title, Cooper also walked off with the championship in the event for boys over 17 years of age. Garner was second and H. Simmons of Ogden park third. In the event for boys under 17, J. McInerney of Ogden park annexed first place, followed in order by G. Tepper, Delano playground; and Art Noll of Ogden park.

Miss Clara Koleski of Ogden park defeated Miss Julia Hanan, also of Ogden park for the women's state title. Mrs. J. Hogan, unattached, was third and Miss A. Swierske, Ogden park was fourth.

Former Champ Beaten

In two exhibition matches, Johnny Hogan, former state champ and now a professional, was beaten twice, Mrs. C. A. Lanham, women's world champion, took his measure, 50 to 25, and Cooper, the new state king pin, defeated Cooper in an exhibition, 52 to 24.—Chicago Tribune.

DENIES REPORT

Mt. Comfort, Ind., Dec. 8, 1924
Editor Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reply to an item that appeared in your last issue, under Indianapolis Items.

In the most friendly manner I deny the statement that I get a trimming by that bunch of "gol derved" sod busters when I pitch horse shoes in Indianapolis at Brookside park. But when I do get beat the fellow that does it knows danged well that he has been in a game.

Now all together, fellows, for good organization and a big game in 1925.

Yours very truly,
UNCLE DICK FOWLER.

Putting 'Em On the Pan

Editor's Note—The following article appeared recently in the Milwaukee Journal in Manning Vaughn's "Putting 'em on the Pan" column.

The Lowly Horseshoe Back in Favor

The lowly horseshoe is beginning to stick its head up and yell for recognition from old John Sport. Even the millions of flivvers that buzz over the country roads can't stop the ever-growing plea of the horseshoe that the world pause an instant and give it a tumble.

There has been a great revival in this ancient sport, once the sport of kings and late the pastime of the son of toil. Hundreds of thousands now engage in the game of pitch and ring, and every city, town and hamlet in America has its horseshoe champion. The modern game of horseshoe has a noble ancestry in the game of quoits, a popular pastime with the English kings in the old days. The sport thrived here for many years but began to die out in the eighties and it was not until five years ago that it began to show sign of real life again. That revival has been little short of astounding. Minnesota alone boasts 60,000 registered horseshoe tossers, according to B. G. Leighton, secretary of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' association, who is visiting in Milwaukee. Illinois, Iowa and Ohio also have an army of pitchers, and Wisconsin is beginning to develop a flock of high-class players.

"We figure that there are close to 2,000,000 expert pitchers in the country," said Leighton, who hails from Minneapolis. "Our national tournament last summer attracted an entry of several hundred, and some of the records made were really remarkable."

The 1,000 batting average, the 300 bowling score, the perfect game of horseshoes is 17 consecutive ringers. To the average reader this may look like an impossible feat, but Leighton tells us that in one game rank Jackson of Kellerton, Iowa, scored 15 consecutive ringers. No one has ever registered a perfect game, but it is possible, judging from Jackson's wonderful performance.

"In another match in the national tournament," continued the secretary, "all four shoes were on the stake together no less than 14 times. As high as 145 ringers have been made in a single game of 50 points and in one game 50 double ringers were scored. In an-

other match one played scored 73 ringers."

In this connection it is interesting to note that the extension department of the school board, which has done so much for amateur sports in Milwaukee is beginning to show some interest in horseshoes. Zip Morgan, the hustling young director of the organization, is scouting the field, and plans the forming of several leagues with a city championship tournament at the end of the season. The leagues will be started next spring and no doubt there will be a rush to join.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 20, '24
The Horseshoe World,
London, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

May we, through your columns, ask any local horseshoe clubs that are operating under by-laws, to send a copy of their by-laws to us? We wish to draw up a set of by-laws to govern the operation of the local club and would like some models to go by. These copies may be sent to H. E. Smith, care Postum Cereal Co., Battle Creek, Michigan.

Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Yours respectfully,
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Clifton Club Has Christmas Party

LAKEWOOD, O. — The Clifton Horseshoe Club held a Christmas party at the courts Friday night, December 19. A few more members were admitted and the suggestion is made through this column that anyone interested in pitching horseshoes this winter, drop in at the courts located in the Mathews Manufacturing building, concrete ground floor, across from the armory, any evening, and make the fact known to some one of the members, or communicate with Mr. Bert Newman, secretary, residence 1631 Waterbury road.

The unmarred concrete floor with boxes containing potters clay and patented indoor stakes inserted in the rectangular openings in the concrete, make pitching conditions ideal — in fact better than afforded in most out of doors courts. The unusually high ceiling, the splendid and strong electric lights give the same effect as daylight in every square foot of space. Counters for score keepers and plenty of heat makes this the best location and equipment for winter pitching in the country.

Every Saturday night the members conduct a round-robin tournament, to which the public is invited. Good pitching and good fellowship is the aim of the club.

The New Years day celebration promises to be one of the biggest events of the year. Visiting teams, refreshments, prizes, special exhibition match games, etc., will help make a day long to be remembered.

New members the past week are: R. R. Hall, 1466 Victoria Ave., and Henry J. Gunselman, 2039 West 99th Street.

A twenty-dollar gold piece will be given away on New Years night and the mayor's trophy two-man contest will be played. A fountain pen for the winner is offered.

California To Hold Meeting

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The California State Association of Horseshoe Pitchers will hold its annual meeting at South Park club grounds, Los Angeles, January 10, 1925, for the election of officers and other matters in relation to the 1925 state horse shoe tournament. San Diego has invited the meeting which promises to be one of great interest.

The sport is gaining in popularity.

They Had Charge of Meet



These boys had charge of the Kentucky, September 8 to 13th by the Dixie Flyers Horseshoe Pitchers club.

New clubs are springing into existence in different sections of the state, and new members are being added to the clubs that have been active for some time. Long Beach club has had the largest number of additions in the past three months for that length of time of all past years.

California hopes sometime to be honored with a national champion that will measure up with some of the former champions of Iowa, Ohio and the other states. If we fail to get a champion from our present list, including Bradfield, Porter, Doyle, Sprague, Hoyt, Jaennsen or Nunn, some "kid" will turn up later.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the editor of the World and all supporters of the game, from the California State Association.

Geo. E. Krinbill, Secy.

Boy Pitches In Fast Company

MONTPELIER, IND. — The following scores were made at Buffton, on August 27, by Lester Irely, of Bluffton, Ind., state champion horseshoe pitcher and James Risk.

A match game of four best out of

seven was pitched.

Risk is a boy 15 years old and weighs only 78 pounds, and has been throwing the shoes two years. He was taught to open the shoe at the stake by Vintson Stevens.

First Game—

	P	R	DR	SP
Irely	40	28	5	70
Risk	50	35	10	70

Second Game—

Irely	39	23	4	56
Risk	50	29	8	56

Third Game—

Irely	50	33	9	64
Risk	43	33	8	64

Fourth Game—

Irely	31	30	7	64
Risk	50	36	12	64

Fifth Game—

Irely	41	44	9	90
Risk	50	46	9	90

Totals—

Irely	201	158	34	344
Risk	243	179	47	344

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Indoor Courts Big Success

LAKEWOOD, O. — The Clifton Horseshoe Club is well under way with its indoor courts located on the concrete ground floor of the Mathews Manufacturing building, on the northwest corner of Detroit Avenue and Mathews Avenue. The four beautiful clay courts installed in this space last winter remained intact throughout the year, although the space was used for the storage of new automobiles in the summer. All Cleveland and Lakewood horseshoe pitchers and fans are invited to become members at this time until the maximum of membership has been reached, which has been temporarily set at 25. The initiation fee is \$10.00, payable in advance, from 25 members, will pay the rental for five months. At only \$2.00 per month average on the above basis, this is the cheapest and one of the best sports of the day.

Interested pitchers who do not avail themselves of the opportunity of joining the Clifton Indoor Courts club at an early date, will have missed one of the best opportunities ever presented for good wholesome recreation and keen sport at this bargain price.

Thirteen men have paid in the required amount as follows, to date:

C. W. Beard, 1592 Wyandotte Ave.; C. D. Burt, 3977 W. 162nd St.; E. T. Carpenter, 4317 Rocky River Drive; H. N. Centoben, 12508 Franklin Ave.; G. A. Cherry, 17894 Lake Road; John F. Feeney, 1483 Elmwood Ave.; Edward J. Healey, 1299 Edanola Ave.; Frank W. Higgins, 1431 Woodward Ave.; Bert M. Newman, 1631 Waterbury Road; Adolph E. Schultz, 1204 Warren Road; Harry W. Watson, 1087 Summit Ave., and Ralph Williams, of 2078 Carabel Ave.

Announcement has just been made by G. A. Cherry, president, that an open house party is planned for New Year's Day. Invitations will be sent to the Akron Eight-man All-star team, the Canton Eight-man All-star team, Elyria's crack delegation to be guests of the club on that day. Refreshments to be served at 6 p. m. free to visiting pitchers from above cities.

Hon. Edward A. Wiegand, Mayor of Lakewood, has offered a fountain pen for the winner of a two-man match in the afternoon, between the two best players in attendance that day. A 50-shoe preliminary tournament will decide the two top notchers to be pitted against each other for the Mayor's trophy game. The winner to be presented with the trophy

by the mayor in person.

Tickets are on sale now by any member of the club. Lakewood merchants will donate merchandise to be used for prizes and various other stunts.

If the interest and support of the citizens of Lakewood continues to increase as it has the past summer, in the great game of horseshoes, plans will soon be undertaken to make a bid for the National Tournament and Convention "in Lakewood" in 1925.

Engine Works To Stage Big Event

BELOIT, WIS.—Gaining nationwide notoriety on the baseball diamond and basketball floor, with its famous "Fairies," Fairbanks, Morse & Co., at Beloit, Wis., has again entered the field of sports on an even more gigantic scale, with the promotion of what promises to be the greatest horseshoe tournament ever staged in this section of the country. The tourney to be held January 1, 1925, at Beloit, Wis.

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Therefore, after months of preparation for the great event, the company is issuing invitations to horseshoe enthusiasts the country over, to participate in the grand old game. Spectators will be welcomed and are invited to attend. The tournament, which will be broadcasted from Beloit College station, WEBW, will be held indoors in what will probably be written in the annals of sportdom as the largest indoor horseshoe arena in the world. It will be conducted in the monster iron foundry owned by Fairbanks, Morse & Co. This building is perfectly ventilated and well lighted. Visiting the pretentious stadium will alone be a treat to those who attend the tournament.

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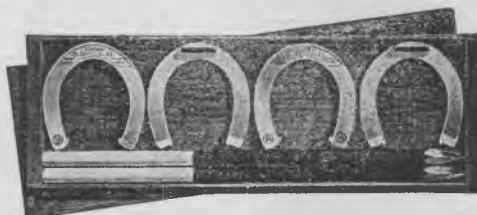
More people are taking up horseshoe pitching each year. It is a game easily played and requires little expense for equipment. It is not strenuous exercise and still a player gets a good walk before a game is over.—Doc Huggins in St. Petersburg Tourist News.

In order to be on the safe side and save repair bills one horseshoe pitcher has taken the mirror out of his car since his wife began driving.

Scientists say the ants on Mars are almost as large as our horses. Would not that be a terrible place to hold a picnic?

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