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## MERRY CHRISTMAS FIVE NOTES TO SANTA

Dear Santa: I will believe in you if, on or before the end of the coming year I will have two thousand subscribers to the Horseshoe News. Pop Woodfield.

Dear Santa: Is it asking too much to put five thousand members in the National Association for next year in my sock? Harvey W. Clear.

Dear Santa: Please take a look at those beautiful courts in Murray. If you do, I am quite sure that you will sponsor a Mountain States or Wester Open tournament, just before we go to Milwaukee. Arch L. Stokes.

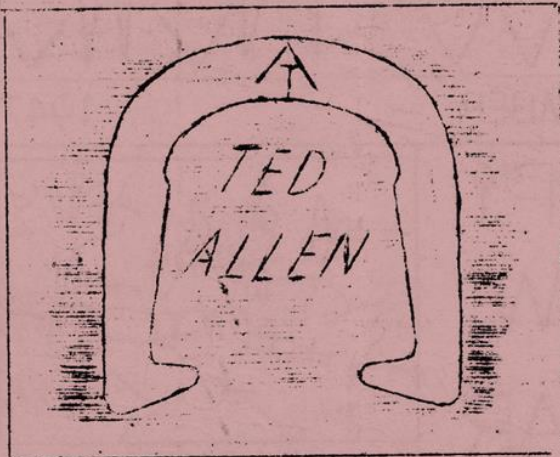
Dear Santa: Please be nice to the Weather man this Christmas. We don't want any rain from, August 16, to 24, 1948. Wisconsin is 100 years old then. We want to celebrate under clear skies. Remember, No. Rain. Guy C. Wertz.

Dear Santa: Those four guys sure are, putting the finger on you. My request is a cinch. Where ever you are from August 16, to 21, next year, keep your mind on me and, repeat, 85 per cent ringers! 85 per cent ringers. Jimmy O'Shea.

**IMPORTANT** Please All State Secretarise. Send list of officers and members and no. of 1948 membership cards you need. Sec. H.W. Clear 912 Melrose ave. Santa Cruz, Calif.

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## NINE TEEN FORTY-EIGHT COMING UP

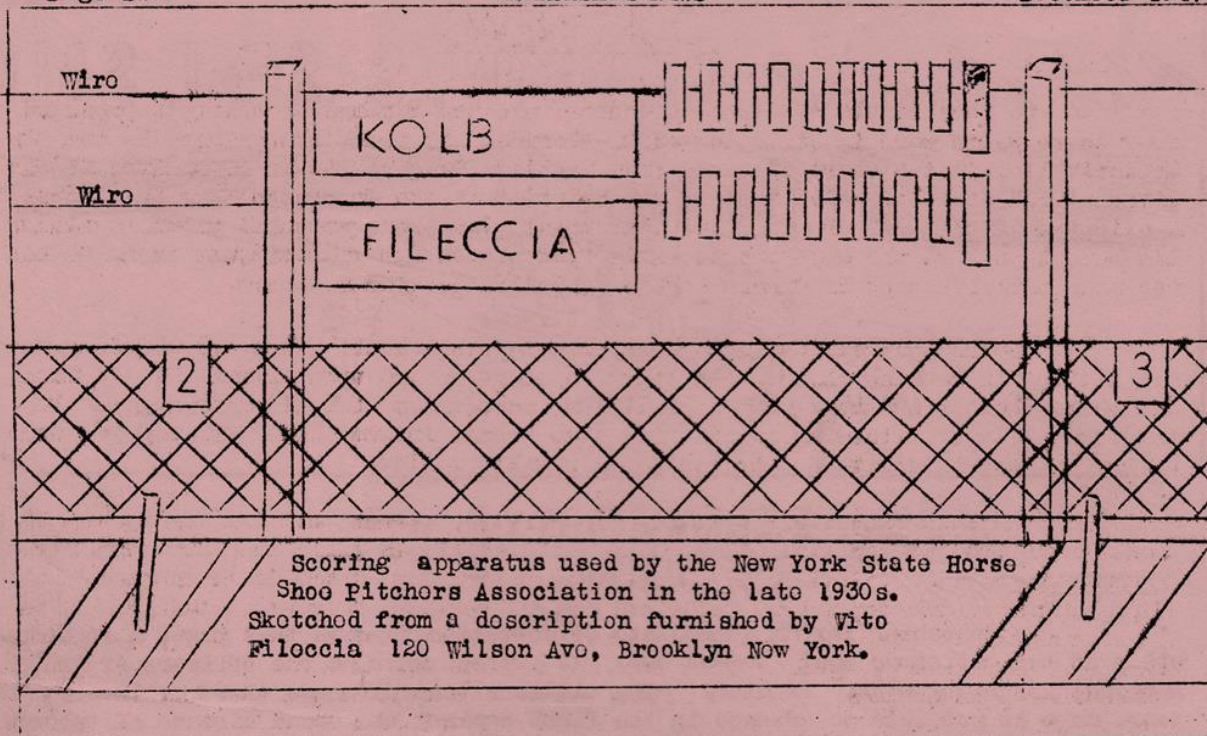
In searching for an appropriate illustration to head this page, a reproduction of the Christmas Seal seemed best to express what we the officers of the National Association have in mind. The millions that purchase these seals each year, make it possible to advance in the fight against the dread disease of tuberculosis. It is well known that an important aid in that fight is, that patients be out of doors. It is logical reasoning that what helps to cure can also play an important part in prevention.

Because it is played out of doors, horseshoe pitching helps materially to prevent many diseases. The swing of a shoe, the walking and stooping are ideal exercise for all ages. Most every citizen of the United States have some more or less knowledge of how to pitch. But there should be more of them pitching, and regularly. This can be brought about by publicity. Stories in magazines and in newspapers, an occasional advertisement of pitching equipment in a National magazine; the formation of local leagues; intra and inter State competition. To be climaxed each year by the World's Championship Tournament

It is obvious that much needed nation-wide publicity can best be sponsored by a National Association... That association to accomplish this must be strong in numbers and finances. The advancement of horseshoe pitching is important to the health of our nation. Make no mistake about that. You can have a part in the 1948 program. Join the National Association and get another member. 1947 has been a record year in publicity.

1948 bids fair to exceed one hundred per cent. The interest of some national publicity agencies has been aroused and they will boost N. H. P. A. in their programs next year. Help spread the gospel of Health and Goodfellowship through pitching horseshoes as sponsored by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. We its officers subscribe whole-heartedly to these principles.

TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO HORSESHOE PITCHERS, EVERY WHERE. WE WISH YOU THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST AND MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR OF ALL TIME. President Harry T. Woodfield, Secretary, Treasurer, Harvey W. Clear, 1st. Vice President Arch Stokes, 2nd. Vice President Guy C. Wertz, and, 3rd. Vice President Jimmy O'Shea.



# HOT STOVE LEAGUE

Opposite the names above are shown , ten wood counters of the 50 necessary to record a 50 point game . According to Fileccia 45 are 1 inch wide and 3 inches long. Five are the same width and 4 inches long. In a 16 court set up. Eight sets of counters would be set up by the even numbered courts on the north side and the remainder on the south side at the odd numbered court.

Pieces of card board 3 inches wide and about 12 inches long have the names of the players painted on each side so spectators can read them from both sides. These are attached to the wires as shown. Posts are secured to the fence at intervals to which the wires are fastened. The counters have holes near one end and, are strung on the wires.

This arrangement would require scorers be seated near the fence and between the pegs, a dangerous spot. Here is an opportunity for Hot Stove Leaguers to make an apparatus similar that can be set up by the scorers seated in the center of the courts. Correction --- We mean make a drawing of such apparatus. THE NEWS has an idea for one but will print in another issue,

We are waiting to hear from the ladies regarding a Women's National Championship tournament. As Mrs. Katherine Gregson revived it at Murray, it seems proper that she should be named chairman of the Women's Tournament Committee. What do you say Mr. President? O. K. Pop I think it is a darn good idea. Here goes. Mrs. Katherine Gregson, Crestline California, by virturs of the authority invested in me as president of The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America I hereby appoint you Chairman of The Women's National Tournament Committee, to take effect, December 5, 1947. You to name the mebers of your committee. Maybe you can build that \$240.00 set up at Milwaukee to an even \$500.00 H. T. Woodfield, President,

## COURT NEWS

We thought all horseshoe pitchers, who had reached or nearly approached four score years were in St. Petersburg, Florida. It seems not. There is one in McMinnville, just a short distance from Portland Oregon. He is S. E. Hyre 77. He lives at 707 5th. St. With a years subscription to the Horseshoe News he encloses a clipping of the 1947 Oregon State tournament plus some personal views. He claims his home town have the best courts in the <sup>state</sup> but not enough pitchers, use them. He has won many championships in Canada where he railroaded for 20 years.

Here's a suggestion Frien Hyre, come Spring, look around for middle aged men sitting in rocking chairs. Ask them to stand up and turn around, if the have a v shaped gusset in their pants. Tell 'em horseshoes will close that gap. Why not form a class of teen agers and give them proper instruction. You may get some of the Fathers interested. Oregon State results follow.

Cletus Chapelle, Portland mail carrier, former Portland and state champ annexed the 1947 Oregon title by a clean sweep of his 15 games and wins from Irving Schaumborg, Portland, Bill Branstetter, Ontario and Roy Gatchell of Sherwood in a final match of the top four. Mrs. Sarah Byers, Portland Champion, succeeded Miss Ellen Forslund of Coos Bay as state women's Champion. She won from Mrs. Elsie Dallas of Tillamook 50 to 10, Miss Forslund, 50 to 40, and Mrs. Cora Craun of Portland. SPECIAL NOTE To Mrs. Byers, Miss Forslund, Mrs. Craun and Mrs. Dallas Please write to the NEWS your opinion of the revival of a Women's National event. We will send you our recipe for Italian style spaghetti. ( Pop Woodfield ) Com' Good'

Grand Rapids Michigan, the furniture center of the world is noted for its excellent recreational set up in their spacious and beautiful parks. All sports are well provided for except horseshoes. Through the untiring efforts of Floyd Reinhart, backed by a strong local Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. lead by Irwin Carlberg nationally prominent in horseshoe promotion, it appears that in 1948 Grand Rapids will have a battery of horseshoe courts.

Most likely they will be patterned after those provided by Murray Utah for the 1947 World's Championship last August. At least eight with lights for night play are being considered by the local Recreation Dept.

More reason for modern pitching equipment in Grand Rapids is the nation-wide increase in it's popularity evidenced by requests for information pouring in to N. H. P. A. Public Relations Dept. from all sections. The 1948 World's Championship in Milwaukee in August 16, to 21, 1948. An open tournament sponsored by Grand Rapids as a warm up to the Milwaukee event would attract many of the top ranking pitchers.

Portsmouth New Hampshire, just over the line from Maine, have a group of enthusiastic horseshoe pitchers active for more years than we know of. We did get a letter from Dana Charles from that section in 1942 on green and white stationery depicting a beautiful rural scene for which New Hampshire is famous. Charles then wanted special information. We had no idea that the game was organized there until late this September we received a subscription from Chas. S. Gorish of The Gorish Place, Kittery Point Maine along with two pages of the Portsmouth Herald with reports of tournaments held in that city Aug. 23, and again on Labor Day. So you fellows out on the west coast, way up in the northwest corner, the mountain states, the mid-west the east and the east coast, let us introduce our new friends. The horseshoe pitchers, in and around Portsmouth. ( results of tournaments in January NEWS )



# FORWARD A HUNDRED YEARS

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WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSESHOE  
PITCHING TOURNAMENT AUG. 16. TO 21. 1948

With the tournament in Milwaukee just eight months away, it is not too early for those who intend to submit bids for the 1949 event to get their plans in motion. At Murray there was considerable <sup>talk</sup> among the delegation from the San Francisco area of bringing the 1949 tournament to that city. If they should submit a bid at the Milwaukee convention and, win the award, the tournament no doubt would be held on their beautiful courts in Golden Gate Park.

With the Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher Association behind it something unique could be expected. Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico with the tournament once more nearby would send more entries than they did to Murray. In the meantime hidden talent may be uncovered in Texas and Montana.

Indiana has a strong association and may enter the lists. If Des Moines makes a try for it and should land it, it would be staged early in July during the annual observance of their Centennial celebration. Ohio that for sometime was considering a try for the 1948 may wait until 1950.

A bid may come from the east from a source that I am not at liberty to disclose at this time. Once known it would create a sensation. The World's Championship has never been held in an eastern city. It will be no surprise if in the near future one will be staged far enough in the east for you fellows from the Pacific to get a glimpse of the Atlantic.

Sports publications are becoming increasingly aware of the fact that horse shoe pitching is definitely a major sport, that it require the acme of skill to win the World's title. The interest of the Press was considerably stirred when President Truman started pitching shoes in the White House Grounds, It was prodded further when the first world's title match since the war was sponsored in July 1946 by the Iowa State Centennial Celebration in Des Moines. The climax was reached and a sports world amazed at what extent Utah went in preparing for the 1947 World's Tournament. Just imagine a set of courts costing seven thousand dollars for horse shoe pitching, it was unheard of. On top of that the lighting was so perfect that Lighting Engineers have accepted it as a model not only for horseshoe courts but other playing fields as well.

The Murray tournament furnished a much needed shot in the arm for N. H. P. A. and the game as well. The echoes from it are still resounding. TRUE magazine for January has a recap of the first six in the finals that is bringing a heavy mail to the ~~press~~. At last the supremacy of the big four has been challenged. And in the person of Wayne Nelson of Muncie Indiana. His performance with --- (turn to page 5.)

THE HORSESHOE NEWS WISHES TO SAY "THANKS TO -

From page 4) Zimmerman, Casey Jones and Allen was slightly short of sensational. He won from Zimmerman in 132 shoes with 86.3 to Guy's 84.6 He beat Casey Jones in 118 shoes 83.5 per cent to Casey's 77.9 He lost to Allen in 136 shoes 49 to 50 both had the same ringer per cent, 85.2 He was pointed for Allen not with a determination to win so much as to keep pace with Ted. Nelson will have to prove himself at Milwaukee. He will be under fire there. The big four will be gunning for him. Can he stave them off? We'll get the answer in August. That should be one of the high lights of the 1948 tournament.

Louis Dean of Pomona Calif. - he of the slow motion pitch - had some of the quick swinging boys frothing at the mouth. Especially in the early rounds of the Murray tournament. Dean would do four or five slow swings, bring both forward arms straight and horizontal, then a short dip and then the back and forward swing and release the shoe. To some that extra dip was the straw that broke the camels back. Several of his opponents claimed he was putting on an act. When questioned by the Tournament Committee all of his team mates stated he was using his natural pitching motion.

Occasionally letters are received decrying the accent of the expert. While I am sure the writers are sincere in this opinion, yet if they will give it due consideration they will realize that the public interest is greater in sports contests that bring into competition the top ranking experts in that sport. Our sponsors expect just that when they submit bids for our annual tournaments. They are our best means of publicity. Personally I stress the Health and Good fellowship angle more than I do skill. Exhibitions of skill will attract youngsters to take up a sport, especially if it has a worth while goal they can aim for.

In baseball they hope to become another Babe Ruth, a Walter Johnson or a Ty Cobb. In foot ball a Red Grange, Sammy Baugh or Sid Luckman. In individual sports to be a world's champion is their final goal. As Ted Allen has been touring the U.S. for many years there is no doubt that thousands of youngsters hope eventually to equal his skill in this grand old game.

The run of the nine horseshoe pitchers are overwhelmingly in the majority and thousands of them claim they are more interested in the exercise than skill. Yet few would refuse skill if it was obtainable. To that vast army of pitchers who see no reason for joining an association mainly because they do not intend to take part in organized competition. You can become a member of N.H.P.A. and never have to attend a meeting. Just send a dollar to our National Secretary Harvov W. Clear, 912 Melrose Ave. Santa Cruz California. We have life membership certificates for twentyfive dollars. The new membership year begins January 1, 1948.

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The following named pitching shoes are Approved by The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America. They conform in shape weight and dimensions as required in Article 4, Section 1 of the By-laws of The National Association. In addition each maker agrees to affix to each carton of one pair of shoes sold one 5 cent National Association stamp "Gordon" Queen City Forging Co. Cinn. Ohio. "Ted Allen" 2064 So. Lincoln Denver Colo. "Ohio" Station F. Columbus Ohio. "Lattore" Ringer Horseshoe Co. Belleville Mich. "Super Ringer" Diamond Calk Horseshoe Co. Duluth Minn.

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ALL WHO HAVE SUBSCRIBED AND TO THOSE WHO -

## A MESSAGE TO DOWN UNDER

**GREETINGS** to you McKay Whittle it will be quite a job to get our sport of horseshoe pitching going in your country on account of lack of equipment. It will be a lot of pleasure to present you with a pair of our American pitching shoes and due to shipping conditions it may be quite some time before they arrive.

If and when you build your first <sup>court</sup> horseshoe be sure that best materials and construction are used. Let them face north and south and, pegs should be forty feet apart center to center at standing slab level. In the mean time it would be a good idea to get familiar with the movements in a proper pitch of either the one and one quarter or the one and three quarters turns. In other words get your self in shape to learn these two turns so, you can instruct others. Get your pupils to master the open shoe first ( one that lands at the stake with open end foremost.

Right hand pitchers should pitch with left foot forward. Advise all to practise the two turns mentioned don't waste time on any others. Our 1948 world's championship tournament will be held in Milwaukee, August 16, to 21. We are looking forward to having you as our honored guest there. I suppose your address is still 62 Albert Ave. Springvale, Victoria Australia.

The officers and all other members of The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, join me in wishing you a Merry Christmas and that the New Year be the happiest and most prosperous of all time. Harry T. Woodfield.

Paul Mori is 1947 City Champ of San Francisco with a clean sweep of his seven games in a recent tournament where that title was at stake. Sam Faix and George Callas with four wins and three losses each finished as named. Bruce Lyon Fred Clark, T. Fisher and F. McClellan all tied for 4th. were placed as named according to ringer per centage leaving Pres. Jos Tway in the anchor spot.

|               | W  | L | R.  | DR | SP  | R%   |              | W | L | R.  | DR | SP  | R%   |
|---------------|----|---|-----|----|-----|------|--------------|---|---|-----|----|-----|------|
| Paul Mori     | 7  | 0 | 278 | 96 | 378 | 71.4 | Fred Clark   | 3 | 4 | 227 | 65 | 404 | 58.2 |
| San Faix      | 4  | 3 | 257 | 58 | 464 | 55.3 | T. Fisher    | 3 | 4 | 273 | 74 | 500 | 54.6 |
| George Callas | 4  | 3 | 214 | 53 | 394 | 54.3 | F. McClellan | 3 | 4 | 207 | 55 | 420 | 49.3 |
| Bruce Lyon    | .3 | 4 | 285 | 80 | 472 | 60.4 | Jos. Tway    | 1 | 6 | 193 | 43 | 408 | 47.5 |

Bruce Lyon who sent in the report writes that all from San Francisco who were at the Murrey tourman arrived home safely very much impressed with the Utah presentation of the 1947 world's tournament.

The following report was received from the Lansing Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. Results of a team match with Grand Rapids, Lansing was the winner

| Grand Rapids | W  | L  | R.  | DR  | SP.  | R%   | Lansing    | W  | L  | R.  | DR  | SP.  | R%   |
|--------------|----|----|-----|-----|------|------|------------|----|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Gorton       | 5  | 1  | 202 | 41  | 428  | 47.1 | Faught     | 4  | 1  | 154 | 29  | 340  | 42.4 |
| Runnels      | 3  | 2  | 168 | 39  | 310  | 54.2 | Cornell    | 3  | 2  | 158 | 37  | 304  | 52.0 |
| Carlberg     | 2  | 3  | 152 | 37  | 294  | 51.7 | Donahue    | 3  | 2  | 130 | 30  | 280  | 46.4 |
| Dommelon     | 0  | 3  | 57  | 11  | 172  | 33.2 | Romans     | 3  | 2  | 134 | 25  | 314  | 42.7 |
| Oele         | 0  | 3  | 16  | 2   | 104  | 15.4 |            |    |    |     |     |      |      |
| Postema      | 0  | 3  | 86  | 13  | 292  | 29.5 | Ostrandrsr | 3  | 2  | 183 | 44  | 262  | 60.7 |
| Totals       | 10 | 16 | 681 | 143 | 1600 | 42.5 |            | 16 | 10 | 759 | 165 | 1600 | 47.4 |

The match was played on th Lansing Courts.

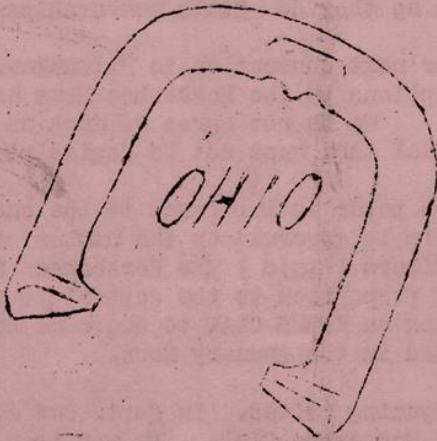
**SUBSCRIBERS.** Each issue of Horseshoe News, has a subscription blank attached to the back cover page. If between now and December 31, 1948 each subscriber will get four others, the request in my letter to Santa will be granted Pop.

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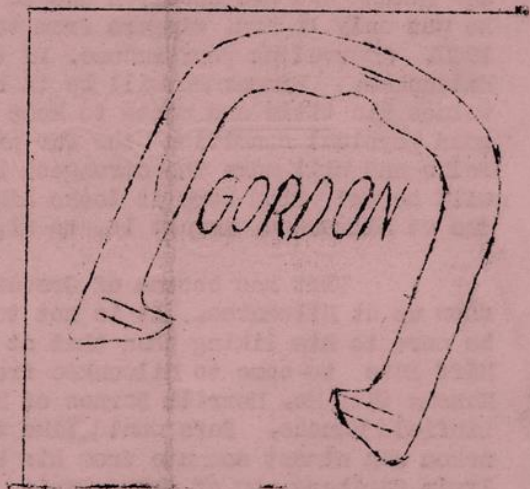
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GORDON SPIN ON SHOES SET THREE NEW WORLD RECORDS AT MURRAY. Twenty-two consecutive doubles by Wayne Nelson of Indiana. High Ringer per cent in one game, 97% and 544 points in a possible 600 by Fernando Isais of Los Angeles California. With one loss in 35 games he also won the World's title.

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Due to popular demand the 1948 model will be made in both round and square toes. A few old models in stock. Write for prices.



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Johnny Sebek, 2236 Winfield Way, N. E. Canton Ohio sent us a most interesting letter. Space will not permit all of it to be printed. He is very much in favor of the Doc Chess idea of a combined National and State Membership card.

There is no question but that this should be done. Here we have a National assigning territory by free charter to a State Assn. by their purchase of a few N. H. P. A. membership cards. It is possible that not one of the States affiliated with the National issue as many National cards as they do State memberships.

This will be brought up for action in our next convention in Milwaukee. Johnny goes further. He wants to include subscriptions to the Horseshoe News as part of the cost to be paid for the combined card. We do not agree as much as we would benefit. That is a privilege of the individual that must not be denied him.

There is no question that an Association paper is important to the success of that organization and the extent of that help is governed by the number of its Subscribers. With only a few over 400 subscribers ( paid ) The Horseshoe News is exerting a beneficial influence far out of proportion to the support it gets from the horseshoe pitchers.. They are still working on KEBES CLAY to overcome heat trouble. That famous Canton team will be discussed in the January News.

Merle C. Palmer 3421 Dey Ave. Cheyenne Wyoming writes. In Sept. our club engaged in a mail match with the Billings, Montana Horseshoe Club. We won by a score of 43 games won to 21 lost. Merle made a sweep of his 8 games with 68.8 per cent ringers. Merle made the finals at Murray. We haven't a single name and address of a pitcher in Montana. Merle will you send in one or more please?

We have held only 4 National or world's tournaments since 1935. Allen has won two 1940 and 1946, Isais 1941 and 1947. In 1940 Allen in the pitch off won to break a three way tie between him, Zimmerman and Fernando. Zimmerman with 86.1% placed second, Isais 3rd with 83.1 Allen 82.4

At Murray Allen compiled his highest ringer average of the four tournaments 84.7 and placed only in a tie for 3rd with Wayne Nelson 80.8%. Those who saw Allen and his condition due to poison ivy marvel ed that he could pitch and yet he was only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  avg. ringers from topping Zimmermans world's record of 86.1 made in 1940. A marvelous performance. If that record is to be broken it should be done Milwaukee. Zimmerman will be in better shape than at Murray. Fernando at last values his title and wants to keep it. Ted really wants in back and if he is in good physical condition the fur will fly. Casey Jones will be back with his home folks and will make the strongest bid of his life. And there is Wayne Nelson What will he do? From here it looks like the greatest horseshoe pitching show ever is due at Milwaukee, August 16, to 21, 1948. Don't miss it.

What has become of Grover Hawley former Ohio State Champ. He should show up at Milwaukee. It is not too far from his home town and the prize list must be more to his liking than that at Des Moines in 1946. Maybe too we can get J. Miff Nave to come to Milwaukee from the deep south of Tennessee. Bob Bales of Kansas City Mo. Merrill Barnes of Maine. Jim McCue of Ellsworth Falls Maine and Winfield Kansas. Sure would like to see you and Mrs McCue there. Carl von der Lancken can almost commute from his home in Chicago. Luke Rumley in Lexington N. C. Irwin Carlberg now of Grand Rapids will drive up the Michigan side of the lake and take a boat across the lake to Milwaukee. Orville and Arlo Harris from Indiana. Some of the boys from Toronto Canada could make the trip. We should send out special invitations to college sports instructors. All of the big universities will soon be teaching the science of horseshoe Pitching Pop Woodfield.

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