

Horseshoe Game Builds Greatest Nervous Tension

By The Associated Press
Which of the sports builds up the greatest nervous tension? You might find it about as exciting as to watch a man mowing a lawn. But talk to the horse shoe pitchers.

Baseball? They will tell you to notice how many times the pitcher misses the plate. Golf? Look at all the poor shots. And look at all the time a player has to relax between strokes. And how many times does a golfer make a hole in one, anyway?

Now a good horseshoe pitcher will toss a ringer four times out of five. And the pressure. Say, he throws two shoes from one stake, walks 40 feet to the other stake, throws two more shoes and the other guy matches his fingers and... well, the pressure never lets up.

You think it's light physically? To win the Oregon horseshoe championship you would have to walk about five miles, 40 feet at a time, and pick up and throw 11 tons of horseshoes.

This would take you four days, as it did Roy Getchell, a 56-year-old owner of a general merchandise store in Sherwood (population 500).

He won the state title in a Round-Robin series of games with 18 other horseshoe pitchers who came here from small towns throughout Oregon. There were even a few from the big city of Portland, who keep the sport alive in unnoticed corners of city parks.

Roy, who says he won by "throwing a good, wobbly shoe," is from a horseshoe-pitching family. His brother, Louis Getchell, Tacoma, Wash., has won the Pacific Northwest title two years running. Roy will go up to challenge Louis in this year's Northwest tournament at Yakima, Wash., Oct. 23.

This wobbly shoe is the thing. Most players pitch the shoe to make one and a quarter turns in the air. It ends up with prongs forward so that the shoe can catch the stake.

But a flat-flying shoe is no good. It bounces away from the stake. Getchell, who has been pitching since a boy, throws a shoe that not only makes the 11-turn, but also wobbles vertically and plops firmly around the target.

The shoes incidentally are 7 1/2 inches long, 7 1/2 inches wide and have a 3 1/2-inch opening at the business end. Standardized about 30 years ago, they weigh 24 pounds each. They have small hooks on the inside of the opening and lugs where a horse never saw them. They are made of soft iron and are too big for the animals. There isn't a horse in the world that could wear them.

Riverside School Sets Open House

Open house at the new Riverside School on Garden Valley Road is scheduled tonight from 7:30 until 9:30 o'clock, announced Superintendent of Schools Paul Elliott. The general public is invited to attend. The teachers will all be present to show the visitors through the building and explain various phases of their work.

Special attention was called by Supt. Elliott to the work room arrangement in each classroom, the cupboard space, and the automatic heat thermostatically controlled in each room.

Riverside School construction was started in July of 1947 and completed ready for occupancy this fall. The school does not have all the equipment nor library facilities it needs, but these will be added as rapidly as possible, said Elliott.

The eight classroom building is the first unit of a school that has ample facilities for expansion to 18 or 24 rooms, and provides for a future gymnasium. The present normal capacity is 240, although there are 245 enrolled, with eight teachers. There are two first grades, two second, and one each of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Forty-one railroads operate in New York state.



VISITS POPE—Maj. Gen. William Donovan, wartime chief of U. S. Office of Strategic Services, passes Swiss guards after an audience with Pope Pius XII in summer palace near Rome.

Peace Fatigue Breaks More Men Than Worries During Wartime

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—Peace fatigue—was any man ever sent to the hospital for that? No.

Yet that has worn out more men than all the worries of wartime. What breaks a man down? It boils down to one word: Strain.

That is one of the most important words in the American vocabulary today. Yet you hardly ever see it in the medical realm. The closest the modern doctor comes to it is this new-fangled thing called a "psychosomatic" ailment.

This is really only a mumbo-jumbo word for something the old-time family doctor recognized long ago—that someone with a mental problem too big for him to solve ended up by coming down with a physical ailment, even though he previously had been healthy as a horse is supposed to be.

Actually horses aren't healthy. They are very nervous.

But those who bet on horses—humans—are even more fretful.

I fret. For instance, over the insistence by some members of the army's Medical Corps that there is no such thing as "shell shock."

Having seen men collapse from fear of injury during a bombardment of artillery shells, I know that "shell shock" existed. What you see you know.

Breaking Point in Each Man

But they discarded that old-fashioned term "shell shock" and made everybody feel sorry for the new sick heroes by lumping them together as "combat fatigue" cases. Yet some of the sickest were men who never heard a shot fired and many never even got overseas. And still they were truly mentally sick—I would be the last to say they weren't. The men I know who earned medals were very reluctant to name another soul a coward.

Because each man has a breaking point somewhere in his spirit, and no one of any courage would want to shame a man who reached that point. Who knows any man well enough to say he broke before he had to?

Which brings us back to the men who fall apart in peacetime. Why maybe it is an "I-can't-stand-my-wife-complex." "I-hate-my-job phobia." "Is this all there is to life?"

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Milk Distributors Appeal From Ruling on Sales

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Milk distributors ordered to cease selling at wholesale or retail here plan to appeal to the courts from State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson's ruling. Five distributors, all small operators, were told yesterday their licenses have been revoked. Sixteen others were given suspended revocations.

Peterson's order, made public yesterday, stemmed from hearings held here last month. The sessions were closed to the public. Samuel B. Weinstein, State Milk Board attorney, reported the dairymen may sell their milk to other distributors or creameries, but cannot engage in whole-sale or retail milk distributions.

SUES FOR PAYMENT

Don Witcher has filed suit in Circuit Court against Ralph Bishop asking a judgment for the recovery of a piece of truck equipment, described as a 20,000 pound Eaton Rear End, or for payment of its approximate value of \$475.

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