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DAVID ("D.D.") COTTRELL (deceased)
North Cohocton, New York

David Delano Cottrell was known nationally through his long tenure as secretary for the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association from 1925 through 1933. During this time he designed some of the first official score sheets used in both local, State, and National competition. In 1927 he wrote a history of the game, and in this span of time was elected to the National Hall of Fame.

Locally he was a partner in the Moore - Cottrell publishing clearing house for books and magazines, which still operates under that name in North Cohocton, New York, employing some 50 men and women from the local area.

He died in 1937, but his work will be long remembered in the sport of horseshoes, and will be perpetuated through his place in the Hall of Fame, on a national level, and now, on a State level as well.

Delano D. Cottrell

1864-1937

Born Oswego Center, N.Y., ^{June 2, 1864} (Oswego County) only son of the Rev. Andrew Jay and Harriet Elizabeth (McKee) Cottrell; Graduated from Sandy Creek High School in 1880; Business course from Belleville, N.Y., High School; Taught school at Point Peninsula, N.Y., 1881; Entered Syracuse Univ. 1882, where he remained two years; School principal at New Bremen and Deer River, N.Y., 1884-86; Traveling salesman for an educational publishing house for ten years; Married June 2, 1894, to Edith C. Megaffe of North Cohocton, N.Y.; Two children, Edward Jay, and Lora Belle; Established mail order subscription business at No. Cohocton in 1905; Seven years later bought out three other agencies and combined the four agencies under the name of the Moore-Cottrell Subscription Agencies, Inc.; Was president and manager of this concern until retirement in 1922; Appointed postmaster at No. Cohocton Feb. 2, 1900, held this position sixteen years; Member M.E. Church of No. Cohocton and very active in it; Active member of Republican party; Member local school board and school director; affiliated with Liberty Lodge #510 F. & A.M.; Died July, 1937, buried Clearview Cemetery, North Cohocton.

Mr. Cottrell began his subscription business in a small way on the dining room table of his mother-in-law's house. In 1900 he erected a new office building which also housed the post office. In 1945 the business was purchased by the Curtiss Publishing Co.. The building was enlarged and modernized. The business is now owned by the Cadence Co. of Caldwell, N.J. and is an active business.

The E.J. Cottrell Memorial Library of Atlanta is named after D.D. Cottrell's only son, Edward Jay, who died in training camp during World War I.

After his retirement in 1922, Cottrell spent winters in St. Petersburg, Fla. and summers in No. Cohocton. During these years he became very active in horseshoe pitching. In 1926 he was vice-president of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association working hard at organizing national tournaments and was considered a star at the game. Newspaper items of the years 1926-27 show that he was very active in organizing state tournaments, conducted the National Horseshoe Pitching Tournament at Duluth in 1927. He also conducted tournaments for several years at the Steuben County Farmer's Picnics, Rochester Expositions, and New York State Fairs.

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Dear Paul,

Thank you very much for the information about David D. Cottrell or as your paper state Delano D. Cottrell. One or the other must be his middle name. I have made a copy of the papers you sent me. I hope to someday, when the National Organization has a building, to place the information there.

I have this additional information about Mr. Cottrell:

He was Secretary-Treasurer of the NHPA 1923 - 1933.

In 1928 - Compiled and published book for NHPA. Horseshoe Pitching How to Play the Game

He designed some of the first score sheets for horseshoe pitching contests.

Charter member 1966 - N.H.P.A. Hall of Fame.

Charter member - 1974 - N.Y. S. Hall of Fame.

Thank you again.

Ruth Hangen

D. D. COTTRELL

Cohocton, New York
September 26, 1977

Mr. Dick Crandall
Box 402
Hornell, New York

Dear Mr. Crandall:

An employee of the Moore-Cottrell at North Cohocton recently contacted me and requested that I give you some information regarding D. D. Cottrell. I am sending you some general information. If you desire more definite information on some particular point, perhaps I could help you. There was quite a bit published about his horseshoe pitching activities during the years 1926-27, and no doubt material can be found in the Hornell Tribune files for those years.

I hope this material will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

W. Merle Wheaton
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Town Historian