

"For some reason or other, golfers have been heckled by well-meaning citizens for taking time out during this crisis and playing an occasional 9 or 18 holes.

"What is unpatriotic for anyone to take several sticks and a little white pellet and bash it over some abandoned farm where a grass cutter has been applied and where the air is healthy?

"Rubber, you say?

"Why, if all the rubber used in golf balls from the time of Henry VIII down, could be gathered together, it could be stored in grandfather's old barn. . . . That will give you an idea of how much rubber is used in the manufacture of the little pill that makes the game possible."

T. N. Greene, in the Boston Post, Jan. 10, 1943.

GOLFDOM SUGGESTS

. . . that this quotation be trimmed from this issue along the dotted lines and posted on your bulletin board. It will help to boost your patronage this coming season. Another idea is to mimeograph enough copies to cover your membership and enclose with your next mailing.

were established in the fall to test the usefulness of various organic materials and substitutes for sulfate of ammonia and other inorganic nitrogen carriers which will not be available for use on turf for the duration. The establishment of these latter plots has been made possible through the whole-hearted cooperation of greenkeepers of some of the nearby clubs.

Similar series have been established in North Carolina and in Rhode Island and more are to be established in other sections.

Contacts have been maintained with the men responsible for the experimental greens and fairway fertilizer series established in recent years, with the result that many of the clubs are continuing to rate them and submit their records to us. Apparently a good percentage of the clubs have on hand sufficient fertilizer to use on the fairway test plots and are willing to have their greenkeeping staffs devote the time necessary to apply the fertilizers and record results. The more of these experiments that can be continued, the more significant will be the results which will be available for use after the war when inorganic fertilizers will be available once more.

Play Holds Up.—Sunday, Jan. 17, with temperature in the 70s at Washington, D. C., a survey made by Merrell W. Whitalesey, showed play of more than 1440 at 14 Washington district courses. Biggest play of the day was at Rock Creek, only public course open. Manor, inaccessible by public transportation, had no players. Congressional, to which public transportation is bad, has only 10 players. Bradley Hills, also inconveniently located for public transportation, had 25 players including some soldiers home on furlough.

Street cars, busses, hitch-hiking and walking brought players to courses, since private car transportation was under strict rationing and inspectors checked license numbers of cars at the clubs.

Beau Jack in Booklet.—Newspaper publicity on Beau Jack (Sidney Walker) the shoeshine boy at the Augusta (Ga.) National Golf club who turned fighter, sponsored and financed by club members, has been collected and printed in a booklet by one of the club members, Louis Brush. Mr. Brush is president of the Brush-Moore Newspapers, Salem, O.