

time showing of golf in losing its traditional American reputation as a rich man's game comes in the centennial year of the St. Andrew's Golf club, possibly the most famous artisan's golf club in the world. A small group of workmen started the noted club in 1843. Today the club has more than 600 members, of whom 170 were serving with the British armed forces, according to Sports Trader and Exporter.

Prizes for V-Gardens—If your club has Victory Gardens for its members, have them keep score on the production of their gardens. Give War stamps or American flags as prizes.

The production figures will make additional good newspaper publicity for your club and its members' contribution to war effort.

Let Juniors Help—Junior Victory Garden committees are being formed in many states as part of the nation-wide Victory Garden planning. Don't lose sight of the fact that the youngsters of club members can do plenty of work on the Victory Garden plots at the clubs if the kids are told what it's all about and allowed to work out their own plans as young Americans pitching into the war effort.

Soldier Golfer's Advice—Fred Duncan who used to work under Tom Robbins at MacGregor's New York office, and who's now in Officer Candidate School, sends word to Tom Duncan also formerly of the MacGregor New York outfit who's fresh to the army:

"At first you will get your backswing mixed up with right shoulder arms. But your game eventually will be helped by the practice you'll get in picking up cigarette butts and policing the yard."

Patty On War-time Golf—Patty Berg was subject of two pages in a recent New York Post. Arch Murray did the story headed "Patty Berg's Back on Her Feet." The interview told of Patty's long siege in recovering from an automobile

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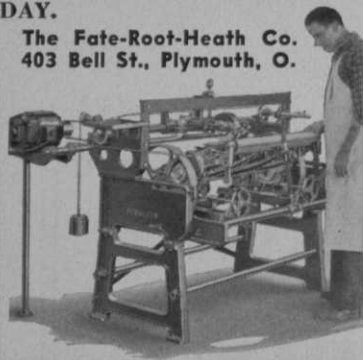
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accident. It quoted Patty in defining golf's important job in relaxing nerves drawn taut by war-time strain. Patty gave a partial list of the leading men and women golfers who are in uniform or otherwise directly engaged in war work.

Fort Wayne (Ind.) CC in gearing its program to war activities also has increased its notable publicity record. The club recently booked Henry C. Cassidy, chief of the Associated Press Moscow bureau, as a lecturer. Front page of a Fort Wayne Sunday Journal-Gazette featured a Cassidy interview and strongly advertised the country club lecture. Carl Suedhoff, Fort Wayne CC genl. mgr., is a former advertising agency man who knows how to get the club into the papers.

Golf Would Like a Break on Nitrogen for Greens

GOLF course maintenance officials are trying to figure out the reasoning behind the reported details of the allocation of mineral nitrogen for specialty fertilizers that is to become effective July 1.

The golf people concede eagerly that first call for mineral nitrogen fertilizers should be for agricultural and airport turf. The annual volume of nitrogen used in specialty fertilizers is a nominal portion of the more than 515,000 tons annual supply. Golf course requirements would account for about 750 tons of the specialty fertilizer.

The proposal being made is that manufacturers of specialty fertilizers be granted 50% of the nitrogen and 50% of the potash they used in a recent average year, and that this nitrogen and potash be used in manufacture of one grade of specialty fertilizer to contain not less than 16% plant food.

Under such an order manufacturers would try to stretch nitrogen and potash by using increased amounts of phosphorous. Therefore the specialty formula would be a 4-10-4 or a 4-12-4—not suitable for golf course work.

Quick and effective action by golf interests will be necessary to get a ruling allowing adequate amounts of fertilizer of the proper composition to maintain greens. The courses are not asking for a break on fairway fertilizer but do think that sound

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