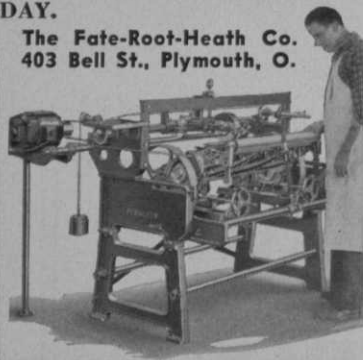


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accident. It quoted Patty in defining golf's important job in relaxing nerves drawn taut by war-time strain. Patty gave a partial list of the leading men and women golfers who are in uniform or otherwise directly engaged in war work.

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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wartime reasoning by War Food Administration authorities in the Dept. of Agriculture would allow preservation of greens, the keystone of golf's important tax-paying and recreation investment.

WHAT'S NEW

Golfers of the nation soon will get their first view of wartime golf's newest and most promising playing equipment development—the **Balanced Golf Bag**. To the thousands of golfers who must "carry their own" this year, and to the pint-size caddies still available, this war-baby bag should prove a welcome arrival. Made of quality materials, scientifically constructed for lightness and service, the focal feature of this new bag is the simple, effective addition of a light, strong wooden rod extending from the bottom of the bag upward several inches beyond the opening to which the top end of the shoulder strap is attached. The improved balance thus attained, say the makers, makes it more comfortable to carry, saves energy and overcomes forward tipping when clubs are being carried or removed. The popular priced bag will not sag while standing, when carried or in a cart. It is made by **Balanced Golf Bag, North and Noble Sts., Chicago**, and is now ready for pro distribution.

Based on evidence of unreasonably high apparent and hidden costs revealed by a down-to-the-roots study of glass and china breakage at New York City's Waldorf Astoria, the hotel developed a series of breakage prevention posters which proved so effective in getting results that they won two first prizes in The Greater New York Safety Council's hotel accident reduction contest and, by lessening accidents, won them a lower insurance rate. To assist golf and country clubs in conserving their precious man hours and service materials, **Calvert Distilling Corp.** has reprinted these anti-breakage poster and offers them free, to interested clubs. Requests should be addressed to the company in the Chrysler Bldg., New York City, or their Chicago office in the Pure Oil Bldg.

United States Rubber Co., which has placed in operation the world's largest synthetic rubber plant at Charleston, W. Va., has used all available types of synthetic rubber in its products since 1932, according to a booklet, "The Five Commercial Tests of Synthetic Rubber".

The booklet, which has had a limited