

Acushnet Process Receives Third Army-Navy E Award

A SECOND white star now adorns the Army-Navy E flag flown by the Acushnet Process Co., signifying that the plant for the third time has been awarded an Army-Navy E for high achievement in the production of war materials.

Announcement of the award, addressed "to the Men and Women of the Rubber Division, Acushnet Process Company," brought a congratulatory message from Robert P. Patterson, Under-Secretary of War.

The Boston Chemical Warfare Procurement District said of the award:

"The history of the Acushnet Process Co. closely parallels the growth and advancement of the Chemical Warfare Service. Therefore, Colonel S. E. Whitesides, Jr., commanding officer of the Boston Chemical Warfare Procurement District, is especially pleased to know that the Acushnet Process Company has been awarded the second star to be affixed to their Army-Navy E banner.

"This company is the first of more than 100 plants producing for the Boston Chemical Warfare Procurement District to receive this award. Moreover, it is one of the few companies in the rubber industry to receive its second star."

Acushnet has been able to fulfill the requirements of the Chemical Warfare Service which have been assigned to it in spite of the tremendously complicated problems faced by all rubber manufacturers by reason of the necessity of converting their processes from natural rubber to the various types of synthetic rubber. There are five main types of synthetic, each type with its own special processing problems.

MacGregor Cites Victory Habit as War Workers

GOLF pros and club executives have commented very favorably on the holiday greeting card of the Crawford, MacGregor, Canby Co., in which the victory production theme was emphasized. During the annual party for MacGregor employees a telegram received from Mr. Lovett and General Arnold of the Army Air Forces, was read in which they congratulated MacGregor employees on their record in war materiel production.

During the recent exhibit of Army Air Forces Materiel products sponsored by a public utility company and the Cincinnati Area Office, Materiel Command, U. S. Army Air Forces, war products being produced in large quantities by Crawford, MacGregor, Canby Company of Dayton, Ohio, occupied a prominent place in the elaborate and educational display. More

than 100,000 persons visited the exhibit and unusual interest was shown. The display was open to the public for a month every day except Sunday.

New England Greenkeepers Review Year's Work

NEW ENGLAND Greenkeepers' club, in reviewing 1943 maintenance as a background for this year's operations, brought forth following points:

The average reduction in greens mowing was from four times to three cuttings a week.

In one case mowing greens was reduced from seven mowings to three times a week.

More power mowers were used on greens in 1943 to save labor and they caused physical injury in some instances, especially if the greens were cut when they were wet. Inexperienced help was also blamed for some of this damage.

The most popular height of cut on greens was 5-16 in. compared with 1-4 in. or 9-32 in. in other years.

Fairway mowers were used to cut the tees and the area around the greens at one of the clubs, although there was some damage from scalping.

Tees were not cut as often as usual. Height of cut of fairway mowers was raised at some clubs and the fairways were not cut so often.

It was difficult to keep the rough cut down properly in the Spring due to heavy rainfall and the labor shortage.

There was a general reduction in the frequency of changing cups, moving tee markers and servicing ball washers.

The fairways and approaches received much less water than usual and in many cases none at all. Weeds increased at some of the clubs on the approaches that did not get the customary watering.

The greens and tees received about one-half the normal amount of fertilizer and the fairways drew a blank at the majority of the clubs.

The reduction in top dressing ranged from 1-3 to 2-3 of normal applications.

The sand traps were neglected at a good many clubs and the cost of renovating may be about the same as ordinary maintenance expense.

There was less large brown patch but dollar spot was rampant. The substitutes for mercury were not effective in combating dollar spot, particularly on creeping bent turf.

The shortage of suitable labor and certain materials plus the severe attacks of dollar spot provided the most difficult problems of the year. The old adage "Two boys are one-half a boy, and three boys are none" was exemplified at more than one golf club.