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The company selected Newport as the site for its new branch because of the availability of workers in the community. This will be the company's third plant in Rhode Island. More than 1900 men and women are employed in Providence.

PLEXIGLASS IN BURKE WOODS— Top-line Burke woods now reaching the market have face insets of plexiglass, announces Burke Golf, Inc., Newark, O. Plexiglass is the extremely rugged, trans-



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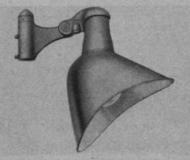
proof, waterproof and will not chip, crack or break. Burke says plexiglass gives the striking surface of a wood golf club an extremely hard surface which adds new "crispness" to shots. The lines tooled into the surface of the inset keep their sharp edges longer so accurate control of the ball is retained. Plexiglass combines outstanding eye-appeal with utility. The transparent plastic makes an inset of unusual beauty.

Berg Wins \$5600 with Women's Open Championship Title

Patty Berg won the first Women's National Open golf title with a 5 and 4 victory over Betty Jameson in the 36-hole finals at the Spokane CC. Patty drew \$5600 for her triumph and Betty got \$3100 as runner-up. Ben Hogan had won \$3500 prize money in taking the PGA title at the Portland CC the week previously. Patty drew second richest golf tournament prize money of the year; the richest win being the \$10,500 Herman Barron received at the All-A-May-rican. Patty finished third (after Zaharias and Jameson) in the George S. May women's event and for that got \$300 in war bonds (maturity value). Total prize money for the first Women's National Open was \$19,500. The event was sponsored by the Spokane Athletic Round Table. Amateur placing in the prize list, when it happened to call for more than the USGA \$100 war bond limit, put the difference going to the Women's Professional Golfers Assn., which is headed by Betty Hicks and Hope Seignious. Galleries were not large. Loss of Babe Didrikson Zaharias as a drawing card after a first round 3 and 2 upset by Grace Lenczyk seemed to be painfully felt at the gate.

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