

could feel the weight transfer as the back-swing progressed.

One of the great lessons he received, Byron said, was when he was an amateur playing with Bobby Cruickshank in a Texas open. Bobby got across to him clearly the method and reasons for proper gripping.

When Byron was at Texarkana in his first pro job, for 2 years, the studious and widely-known veteran amateur, J. K. Wadley, who had learned from Jim Barnes, impressed upon him how the club should be taken back. Later, when he was having trouble with his shots flying off to the right Harold McSpaden helped him correct the fault of taking the club back too much on the inside. During the 2 years Byron was with George Jacobus as playing pro George gave him a lot of help in supervising practice and analyzing the game that Byron was acquiring.

Shanking Gave Him Hysterics

To one who has observed Nelson's development casually but frequently shortly after Byron graduated from the caddy ranks there was one comment Nelson made in his PGA talk that was revelatory and impressive in disclosing the intensity of his application. He told that when he was a budding amateur he had a shanking spell of 3 months and in one practice session shanked so many shots he got hysterics and had to be taken home.

How magnificently he has succeeded in controlling a temperament like that was shown at the 1946 National Open when his caddy accidentally kicked his ball for a penalty that possibly beat Byron out of the title. Many a pro who has missed a putt in title competition has had rather violent outbursts, but Nelson merely shrugged off the penalty as a bad break in a game that had given him his good and due share of good breaks.

U. S. HEAD SAYS 1947 GOLF BALL OUTPUT TO INCREASE

Although the rubber industry produced a record peacetime volume of goods in 1946 and is expected to repeat this performance, or better it, in 1947, the pent-up demand for rubber products is such that shortages will continue for many months, says Herbert E. Smith, pres., United States Rubber Co. Indications are that final sales figures will show that the industry in 1946 produced goods valued at \$2.3 billion, which was more than double the volume of 1940, the previous record year of wholly peacetime output. It is estimated that sales in 1947 will be \$2.3 to \$2.5 billion.

The demand for tires is still greater than the supply and dealers find it impossible to build up inventories. This situation will probably continue during the first 3 to 6 months of 1947 but during the second half supply is expected to be more adequate.

The supply of golf balls and bathing caps will

remain tight, although these articles will appear in much larger numbers than in 1946. Lastex yarn will be short in the first part of the year, but will be more plentiful in the latter half. Industrial products such as belting and hose, for which demand still far exceeds supply, probably will be short all year.

In 1947, for the first time in four years, the industry will use more natural rubber than synthetic. Consumption of natural is expected to be about 51 per cent of the total. This compares with 22 per cent in 1946.

Total consumption of rubber by the United States in 1947 is estimated at 980,000 tons, of which 502,000 tons will be natural and 478,000 tons various kinds of synthetic rubber. Consumption in this country in 1946 was slightly over one million tons.

WILSON PROS CELEBRATE MIAMI BRANCH OPENING

Wilson's advisory golf board members took the first 4 places in the recent Miami \$10,000 open then went to the new branch office of the company at 1030 S.W. 8th St. on "The Trail" for the office formal opening.

Those in the debut picture are, front row, L to R: Harry Todd, Sam Byrd, John Revolta, Ellsworth Vines (who tied for 3d), Denny Shute;



second row, L to R: Fred Haas, Jr., E. J. "Dutch" Harrison (who tied for 3d), Sam Sneed who won with 269, Bob Duvall (office mgr.), George Schneider, Clayton Haefner (second) and Jim Ferrier.

The new building has about 50% more space than Wilson's previous Miami branch building, and has a lot of parking space adjoining.

J. R. "Bob" Duvall, Miami mgr., came with Wilson in May, 1940 and was made Miami mgr. in June, 1942. Previous to joining Wilson he was for 10 years with L. A. Young Golf Co., covering Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota.

L. M. Gary, Miami branch pro salesman, was with pros Bobby Cruickshank and Tom Galloway in Richmond, Va., before joining Wilson's in Sept. 1944.