

# IT'S YOUR HONOR

## Saving Water

### TO THE USGA:

One of the most provocative articles I have read was "LET'S SAVE WATER" (USGA JOURNAL for April 1950).

I believe this will be our Problem No. 1 in these near years to come and earnestly recommend your Association to fight all it can, NOW, to help obviate such a terrible crisis as a serious shortage of water would produce.

Should such a moment approach, everybody would howl to stop watering golf courses. Our best and most adequate rejoinder would then be to point out that golf had been one of the first to see the danger sign and had done much more than the yowlers to attempt to ward it off.

The way in which we human beings are attempting to push nature around these days can only bring disaster unless some of us realize what we are doing, and realize it quickly.

ALBERT E. ESCOLME  
La Paz, Bolivia

## PGA Support for "Golf House"

### TO THE USGA:

In conformity with the authorization of our Executive Committee, it is a pleasure to enclose herewith our check as a contribution to "Golf House."

This does not by any means represent all that we would like to do in this connection, but is a token of our hearty support of the great work being done by the United States Golf Association and of our most sincere thanks.

It is our sincere hope that your efforts in connection with "Golf House" will ultimately be productive of the fullest possible measure of success.

With our assurance that it has been a distinct pleasure to have had this opportunity to be of assistance, even though in a small way, in the very fine work which you and your associates are doing,

T. W. CRANE

Executive Secretary, Professional Golfers' Association of America

## Rules Changes

### TO THE USGA:

May I suggest to your committee on Rules that they change the Rules only once in five or ten years so that the Rules of Golf booklet will not be obsolete a few months after it is received. After all, the game of golf has been played for hundreds of years, and by now there should be a standardized set of rules.

In your 1949 edition regarding casual water in a trap, the player is forced to take a penalty of one stroke and drop the ball either in the trap or behind the hazard. In the 1950 Rules the player may drop in the trap without penalty or drop in the fairway behind the trap, penalty one stroke.

Yours for fewer changes in the Rules,

LESTER G. STRONG  
Holyoke, Mass.

## Bouquet

### TO THE USGA:

Just want to tell you what a wonderful job all of you did at Merion during the Open.

If a player didn't have a good time there, he never will.

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Detroit, Mich.

## Back to the Indians!

### EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM AN AMERICAN IN BOMBAY, INDIA:

"I have played golf several times but am about to give it back to the Indians.

"On every tee and in the clubhouse signs warn to beware of cobras.

"When you tee off, boys armed with long poles to which are attached bells and red flags run after the ball screaming and waving these poles to keep the crows from carrying off the ball. I could use a shotgun to better purpose, but the crows are sacred. It's very much like a circus."

Editor's Note: The USGA Journal invites comments on matters relating to the welfare of the game and will publish them as space permits.

