

"Golf House" Will Always Grow

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"Golf House" is far from being merely the new headquarters in New York of the United States Golf Association. As most USGA JOURNAL readers know, it also houses a fine museum of golf relics, an outstanding golf library and an interesting photograph gallery which is now beginning to take shape on the third floor. As long as the game of golf continues to provide pleasure for millions of persons all over the world, "Golf House" will not be complete. It will continue to grow with the game.

Duffers and spectators as well as champions and near champions are constantly visiting us. Our guest register, which all visitors are invited to sign, contains the signatures of at least 21 winners of USGA or British Championships. The British 1951 Ryder Cup Team visited in a body during the autumn of 1951. The 1951 USGA Walker Cup Team and the 1952 Curtis Cup Team have done likewise. In all, we treasure the autographs of visitors from 30 states, 11 foreign countries and the District of Columbia.

Our Guest Book

Recent individual signers have included Harry M. Braid, son of Jim Braid, a five-time winner of the British Open; H. Raymond Oppenheimer, Captain of the 1951 British Walker Cup Team; Beverly Hanson, 1950 Women's Amateur Champion and now a professional; Findlay S. Douglas, 1898 Amateur Champion and 1929-1930 President of USGA; Allan MacBeth, Captain of the 1951 British Seniors' Team; Jess W. Sweetser, 1922 Amateur Champion and 1926 British Amateur Champion; Robert Trent Jones, the golf-course architect; Mrs. Helen B. Stetson, 1926 Women's Amateur Champion; C. Ross Somerville, 1932 Amateur Champion, and Miss Margaret Curtis, Women's Amateur Cham-

pion in 1907, 1911 and 1912 and co-donor of the Curtis Cup.

A day at "Golf House" is not without its amusing episodes. For instance, not long ago, a young man wearing a pork-pie hat came up to the library and asked the writer for instruction books or articles on how to cure "the shanks," a golfer's most dreaded disease. Five hours later, he was still in the library, still wearing the pork-pie hat, with his nose deep in a dissertation on short iron shots by J. H. Taylor!

The Caddie's View

Or again, take the case of the man who came in to install some new marble work in a mantel piece on the third floor. In conversation, he mentioned that he had once caddied for Bobby Jones and naturally thought Bobby was, is and always would be the world's greatest golfer. Further conversation, however, elicited the information that his opinion of a golfer's ability varied in direct proportion with the size of his tip! Most women were small tippers, he said, hence inferior golfers.

Space restrictions prohibit giving a complete listing of all the items of interest in "Golf House." They have, however, been donated by friends of golf all over the world. In addition to these many gifts, cash contributions now total \$85,545.79 out of the \$105,000 necessary to complete the project. Since the June issue of the USGA Journal, the following have become Founders of "Golf House" and their gifts are gratefully acknowledged:

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