

procedure. His fellow players (who are positive the thing to do was exactly the opposite of the player's guess) promptly challenge his action and an argument of varying degrees of friendliness develops. Eventually the case is appealed to the club pro, the local links-lawyer, or the chairman of the golf committee, none of whom is likely to be *completely* familiar with all the niceties of Rules interpretation and quite frequently renders a decision, with the best of intent, completely contrary to the ruling which should have been made.

For such local "experts" to attempt to decide a golf argument without owning a copy of "Golf; Its Rules and Decisions" and without first consulting the book, is absurd. Here is a volume of over 400 pages, written by Richard S. Francis, a member of the Rules of Golf Committee of the USGA, which answers every question of rules and procedure that has been raised in years. The book is carefully arranged and completely cross-indexed. With a copy at hand, almost any rules argument, no matter how unusual, can be decided in a couple of minutes. The USGA approves and recommends the book.

GOLFDOM joins in urging every golf course to obtain a copy of "Golf; Its Rules and Decisions" and have the book around where it can be consulted. The cost is \$3.00 at any bookseller, and it's well worth it to any pro, chairman or club official who has rules arguments to settle and to every golfer who plays in tournaments and must know the rules or risk being penalized for violations.—J. F.

Smith and Thomson Made Associate Directors of A.G.I.

HORTON SMITH AND JIMMY THOMSON have recently been appointed associate directors of The American Golf Institute, organized last year by A. G. Spalding & Bros., to assist golfers and golfing groups throughout the country. The appointments of Smith and Thomson are made at a time when the field served by the A. G. I. is being considerably broadened and valuable use will be made of the unique experiences of these two golfers.

With the continued direction of Robert T. Jones, Jr., plus the facilities of A. G. Spalding & Bros., and with the assistance of Smith and Thomson, The American Golf Institute as now constituted is in an

eminently strong position to serve the golfing public. Their two years in the "goodwill foursome" gave Smith and Thomson a familiarity with golfing problems and conditions throughout the country. As Spalding's representatives, they appeared in 160 matches in 41 states, traveling close to 100,000 miles and playing to more than 300,000 spectators, mostly on municipal links. Formed in May, 1936, the foursome continued its tour until October 8, 1938. Little and Cooper are now concentrating on their tournament play.

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