

## Icely, Wilson Head, Honored by Presbyterian Degree

L. B. Icely, pres., Wilson Sporting Goods Co., received an honorary LL.D degree from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., at the school's graduating exercises, May 27. William Plumer Jacobs, chairman of the college board, in conferring the degree upon Icely said:

"For many years it has been my privilege to participate in the ceremonies honoring outstanding leaders in the fields of Christian ministry, education, business and statesmanship, and I have with great



Left to right: M. W. Brown, L. B. Icely  
and W. P. Jacobs.

gratification seen my Alma Mater pay well merited tributes to many of the great men of America who have labored in these fields.

"Today it is a distinct privilege to assist in honoring three additional spiritual leaders of our Church, men whose sermons have inspired their hearers and lifted our pulpits to higher realms.

"However, since I have always had more than a passing interest in the sermons which are acted in the sportsman-ship unselfishness and team play of sports and recreation, I am particularly pleased to have a part in honoring an outstanding business man who is to my mind a world leader in the promotion of the ideals of sportsmanship.

"He has probably aided, counselled and inspired more budding and struggling young champions in all branches of sports and athletics than any other man in the world today. He has done more to engender in the hearts of our youth the sportsmanlike championship spirit, which is typically American, than any other man.

"Furthermore, he has probably done more to promote the growth of sports and recreation in America than any other

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citizen and his vast company, which he has builded, has supplied the facilities and the encouragement which are essential to the expansion of sports and recreation.

"He is a leader, a counsellor and a faithful guide of the Youth of America, as well as a business genius, and is thus doubly deserving of honor. And so:

"Lawrence Blaine Icely, outstanding business executive and leader, crusader for the ideals of unselfish sportsmanship; exponent of team play and fair play, and patron of the art of physical, moral, mental and spiritual fitness; by authority of a Charter of the State of South Carolina, and on behalf of the faculty and Board of Trustees of Presbyterian College, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws."

## 'Sissy' Trend Spoiling Golf, Says Course Authority

Joe Ryan, course supt., Rolling Green CC (Philadelphia district) and former pres., GSA, interviewed by Harry Robert, *Philadelphia Record* sports writer, says that by continuing the present trend golf will become a sissy game in about 10 years. "If it goes on this way it will lose a lot of what it had," Joe tells Harry in observing the situation in golf.

Ryan declared: "If this trend continues, we'll just set all the mowers at fairway length and mow everything on the property from tee to green.

"The rough of a golf course used to be just as much a part of the design and architecture as anything on it. I can name plenty of courses where if you cut all the rough there's nothing to them, but if you let the rough grow they will give a national open field as much trouble as any layout.

"We greenskeepers don't get much attention from golfers except when they want to kick about the course, but we've got as much to do with the sensational scoring today as the fellows out there breaking 70 almost every round.

"In my opinion, the two things most responsible for low scores today are better clubs to play with and better-kept courses to play. There are some outstanding golfers but there always have been. There were Vardon and Ray, then Evans and Ouimet, then came Jones and Hagen and Sarazen and now we have Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan. I don't know whether any one was comparatively better than the others but implements and courses improved.

"But the modern golfer wants to make up his rules as he goes along. I think it was a good thing with help scarce to tee