



## With sincerest praise ...

One of golf's greatest and most versatile leaders is honored by a distinguished gathering

Marvin Leonard received tributes from his friends for his contribution to golf at a dinner held in his honor April 14 at Colonial CC in Fort Worth, Tex.

Beginning with "It's your putt," each of the four speakers, Ben Hogan, Joseph Dey, Herb Graffis and H.B. Fuqua, expressed appreciation to the Fort Worth businessman, whose efforts for golf resulted in the building of Colonial CC, Shady Oaks CC, the moving of a U.S. Open to Fort Worth and the institution of bent grass greens in that region.

Hogan related tales of Leonard's early days in Fort Worth and of Leonard's contribution to his own golfing career. Leonard helped Hogan get started on the tour many years ago, and after

some success at the game, Hogan went to Leonard asking how much money he was to repay him. "I just wanted you to ask," Leonard said, "you don't owe me one thing."

Joseph Dey, commissioner of the Professional Golfers' Assn. Players Division, recalled his friendship of some 30 years with Leonard, saying that he could think of no one who deserved higher tribute.

Herb Graffis, senior editor of *GOLFDOM* and *GOLF* Magazines, spiced his talk with humor, dating his association with Leonard back to the first U.S. Open played in Fort Worth in 1941.

H.B. Fuqua, an active golfer and business friend of Leonard's, listed his contributions to the community as well as golf.

Berl Godfrey, a local attorney and personal friend, was master of ceremonies for the black-tie dinner.

Plaques were presented by the presidents of the two country clubs that Leonard built. The mayor of Fort Worth, R.M. Stovall, presented a resolution that the city council had earlier passed proclaiming April 14 Marvin Leonard day. □

*Honoring Mr. Leonard (center) were PGA Players Div. commissioner Joe Dey (above, far left), Ben Hogan (above, far right) and Herb Graffis (right), senior editor, GOLFDOM, GOLF Magazines.*

