

★ **AUSTIN, MERION'S NEW PRO**—Fred Austin, 40-year-old former Army tech. sgt., becomes pro at Merion GC (Philadelphia district) March 1. He succeeded George Sayers, veteran clubmaker and teacher who had served at Merion for 32 years. Austin was for 15 years Ernie Jones' assistant at Women's National Golf and Tennis Club. Born in England, Austin began his golf career in Addington, near London. He resigned that pro post to join Jones. Sayers, who has opened his own clubmaking and sporting goods shop, became Merion pro when the championship East course was opened in 1913. He announced his resignation last November 17.

★ **SCOTTS GET FIRST DANISH POST-WAR SEED**—"One of the most enduring grasses for meager sunlight, trivialis bluegrass, is a native of Denmark," says O. M. Scott & Sons Co., Marysville, O. No other country has successfully grown it on a commercial basis. Early this year, the SS Anniston City appeared in New York harbor following a rough passage from Copenhagen. On board was a 50 ton lot of poa trivialis; its value before duty or recleaning being over \$50,000. It was the first shipment over. More is to fol-

low. The Danes had harvested the seed in the summer and fall of 1945.

A few years ago Rough Stalk Meadow grass was the common designation for poa trivialis but commercial handlers objected to the name because it seemed to carry an unfavorable implication. The blades of this grass are actually smooth and shiny. "Rough" did not seem to fit the occasion because the grass is anything but rough. Although not yet accepted under federal or state seed laws by the name trivialis bluegrass, it is likely to be when generally used in the trade. Trivialis bluegrass appears to hold up best in combination with other adaptable varieties.

MacGregor Golf, Inc., Dayton and Cincinnati, O., has appointed Paul Hargrave sales representative for the Southern territory of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and North and Western Louisiana. Associated with the golf business since 1932, Hargrave will make his headquarters in Dallas, Texas, his home and birthplace. During the war he served with the famed First Cavalry Division, participating in the New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, Leyte and Luzon campaigns. Hargrave landed in Japan in September, 1945 and received his honorable discharge in the United States on November 18, 1945 as a captain.



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