

## Mike's Ace Was Secondary Thrill

If you were 11-years old and had scored a hole-in-one on a 145 yard hole, wouldn't you say that was the thrill of your young lifetime?

But not Mike Malarkey of Chattanooga, Tenn.!

Mike allows that his most satisfying golf conquest to date is the one-over-par 38 he scored this year on the front nine at Signal Mountain CC. What's more, he did it playing from regulation tees.

Son of Don Malarkey, Signal Mountain's pro and vp of the Professional Golf Co. of America, Mike fiddled around with golf clubs for two or three years until, when he was seven, he began to take the game seriously. At that age he shot a 48 for 9 holes. Now he practices at least 45 minutes daily during the off season and when the weather is right, plays as often as possible. Consequently, he shoots in the mid-80s, with his top score being a 79.

For purposes of comparison, you might want to know what kind of yardage Mike gets with his clubs. His wood range is from 210 with a driver to 160 with a No. 4. He gets about 170 with a 2-iron, 140 with a 5-iron and about 90 yards with a 9-iron. When 60 yards away he resorts to a wedge.

Mike, as you would expect, aspires to be a pro. As for parental instruction, young Malarkey didn't get nearly as much as you'd think. His father only taught him the correct grip and then turned him loose on a driving range to develop his own swing.



Mike Malarkey

## GCSA Gives Research Grant for Kikuyugrass Control

A research grant of \$500 by the GCSA Scholarship and Research Fund has been placed at the University of California at Los Angeles for the work control of Kikuyugrass. Infestation of Kikuyu on courses in Southern California, Texas, Florida and other warmer climate states is presenting a problem which cannot be overcome with present research information. The grass builds a thatch of stems and blades which cannot be reduced by mowing and seems almost impervious to water.

Originally introduced to the West Coast during World War I for erosion and dust control, Kikuyu spreads fast, doesn't seem to need much moisture, reportedly

doesn't set much seed and most important from the golfers standpoint, offers a "mushy" footing. A selective control material is the goal of the research work that is now being carried on.

## Gustin Heads PTC

At the semi-annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council held in May, T. L. Gustin of Philadelphia was elected pres. of the organization. 1st vp is B. J. Henstock of Pittsburgh; John Gallagher, Amber, is 2nd vp; and Thomas Mascaro, West Point, secy-treas. Directors are Allen Mock, Marshall E. Farnham, Charles C. Abbott, Charles Hamilton, Ralph E. Chamberlain and A. A. Schultz.