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If the tractor driver were willing to risk getting hit by a golf ball, play could go on uninterrupted during the installation of an irrigation system — the way Jack Soderstrom does it. He puts in plastic pipe, down to 3½ feet, without digging a trench. From a beginning hole, he works with a machine called a Saber Plow that slices the ground. At the bottom of the slit, not wide enough for a golf ball to fall into once following wheels squeeze it shut, the plow pulls in irrigation pipe. The operator on the cover is slicing around a green. More about this kind of irrigation installation is reported beginning on page 16.