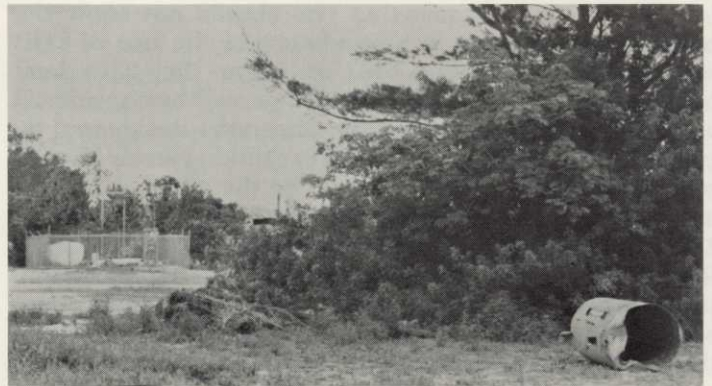
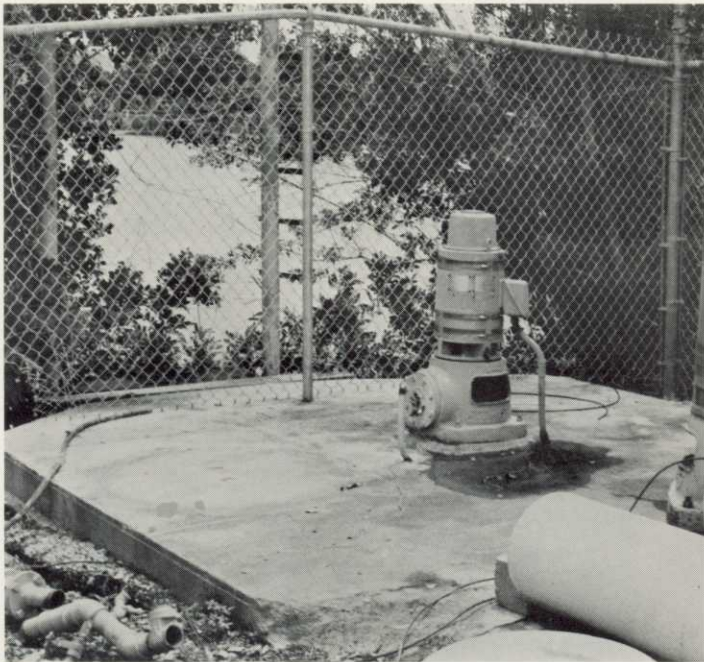
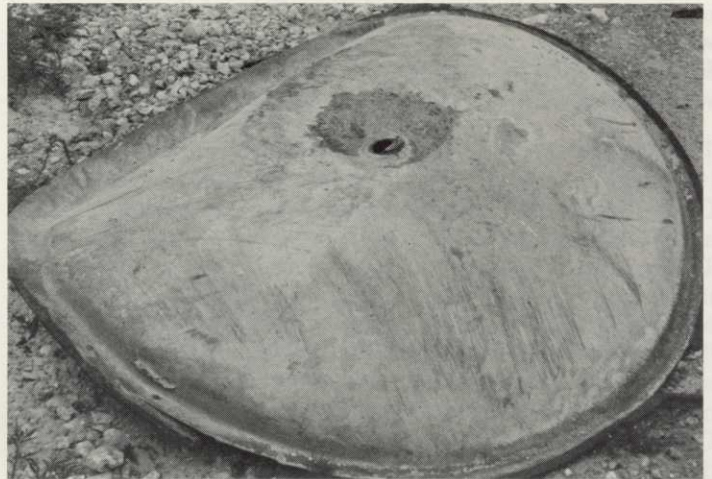


Irrigation Systems Can Be Killers

By BRAD G. KOCHER

One recent morning I arrived at work and found my irrigation system shut down. To my amazement, I found the surge tank (that is 6 feet high and 30 inches around) missing from the pump station. The gate was still locked. Did someone steal it? My irrigation man came running over and told me the irrigation tank was 300 feet away with the bottom blown out. During the night it had ruptured, took off like a rocket, cleared a 6 foot fence around the pump station, sailed 300 plus feet through the air and hit a pine tree 15 feet off the ground. We can only thank God that it didn't happen during the day with employees and golfers around.

Editors Note: If you have had bizzare happenings on your golf course, send information and pictures to us for publication in future issues of the Florida Green. We can write the story for you.■



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