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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ideally suitable

We are extremely interested in Dr. Beard's discussion of Santa Ana bermuda-grass which he covered in his June, 1968 Turfgrass Research Review. It would appear from its adaptation and characteristics that it would be ideal for our course.

We planted 328 on the greens, fairways and tees in 1965. The course and tees are still in excellent condition, but the fairways have deteriorated badly due to a comparatively high salinity in our irrigation water. Where we have good drainage 328 appears to be the answer. In swales, where there is a tendency for the salt to leach out, there are too many bare spots. A more salt-tolerant grass is badly needed. South Texas common bermuda will apparently live in this area, but certainly does not flourish.

We are in the process of building a par-three course and have an 18-hole course on the drawing board. It would be greatly appreciated if you would advise what companies are handling this grass.

*A. A. McFadden
Valley Inn & CC
Brownsville, Tex.*

Editor's note: Dr. Beard recommends that you get in touch with your state agricultural experiment station so that you can get turfgrass evaluation under Texas conditions.

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In your recent issue of GOLFDOM, there is a very interesting article entitled, "Mergers—A Sign of the Times." However, there is one error we would like to point out to you. In mentioning the Jacobsen-Rogers merger, you use the word "aerifier" to describe one of their aerating tools. The "Aerifier" is manufactured only by West Point Products Corp. The word "Aerifier" is a copyrighted trade name and applies only to our equipment. The generic term is "aerator."

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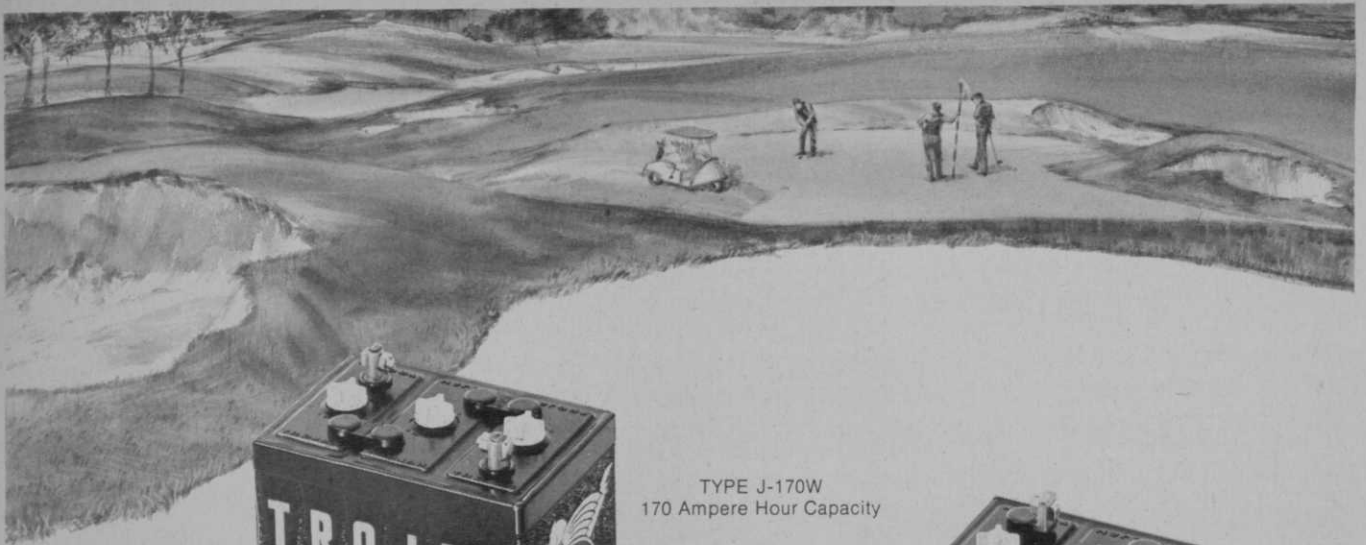
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