



What's In the Future?

Fantastic Sports, Outdoors Gadgets Predicted

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Have you ever seen a golf ball that whistles to attract attention, a mechanical ball player or a personalized power-pack for swimmers?

Of course you haven't, but these and other even more fantastic items are possible for the sportsman and sports fan of the future.

We Americans, as the experts swear, are lazy. We hate to work and will expend any amount of time and effort to get out of work.

The aversion to effort even extends to our recreation. Take golf as an example. The game, adherents claim, is fine exercise, what with all of the walking around.

So, what do we do?

We invent golf carts and ride around the course, stopping only long enough to hop off, stroke the ball, and jump back on. This is exercise?

Take, for another example, swimming. We buy nice suits and water paraphernalia, travel to the pool, indulge in a brief dip, then spend the remainder of the time lying at pool-side, "sunning ourselves," so we say.

Considering our present attitude toward exertion and the trend in the direction of more and more gadgets, it is entirely possible that we will be able to purchase a wide variety of things at the "Easy-Living" store of the future.

Self Finding Golf Ball

Consider, if you will, the ex-croverted golf ball. As you make your round of the course, suppose that the ball is hit into the rough. As you flounder around in the underbrush the ball will whistle loudly and flash a bright light to aid in the search.

Deluxe models could contain a miniature broadcaster, allowing the round object to shout, "Hey, Joe, over here."

Swimming, for the occasional weekender, is now something of a chore, entailing a great deal of thrashing about, with considerable expenditure of energy.

The individual who likes the water but not the work of swimming may some day be able to purchase a tiny, compact, waterproof motor with a propeller, which will push him through the water at a chosen speed.

Harpoon For Birds

These personalized motors, which will be strapped onto the water enthusiast, could, if equipped with side floats, do away with big boats and motors, which, of course, will take a little more of the work out of recreation since lifting and hauling the craft will be eliminated.

And for bird hunters, why not have small harpoons, tied to a strong nylon thread, so that the bird, once shot, can be retrieved

without the necessity of wading in to the water or crawling over rocks to get to the prey?

Now that we have made it almost impossible for the recreationist or sportsman of the future to work up a sweat, let us briefly consider player-participation sports.

Swept up in the move toward less and less effort, baseball clubs will probably be the first to convert.

Initially, the pitching machine will be improved and the hurler with a sore arm will take a seat on the bench, fixing the speed and the pitch by remote control.

Mechanical Baseball

His jealous mates may want to join him, also controlling their mechanical players with buttons.

Baseball managers could discover that a bank of controls are as good as a number of individual ones, and the player would be pounding the streets looking for work.

The game would develop into a contest between two managers, manipulating their players. The World Series, then, would be much like watching a pair of pinball machines locked in combat.

Granting this step, other sports

could be expected to fall in line. We would be treated to the spectacle of two-ton hunks of machinery bumping "heads" in the game of football which would probably become known as "machball".

Tailor Made Groaners

"Mashball" players, with the exception of running backs, will probably be of heavy-gauge steel, equipped with shock absorbers.

Tennis players and most tracksters, on the other hand, will be made of lightweight material,

probably aluminum, with revved-up motors.

Wrestling machines will be equipped with groaning devices, with faces of rubber, to allow the contortions so dear to fans of the "sport".

What will happen when the cycle has gone full-circle? One good guess is that the sportsman, bored to tears by so much inactivity, will find it necessary to go back to work, and the cycle will start all over again.

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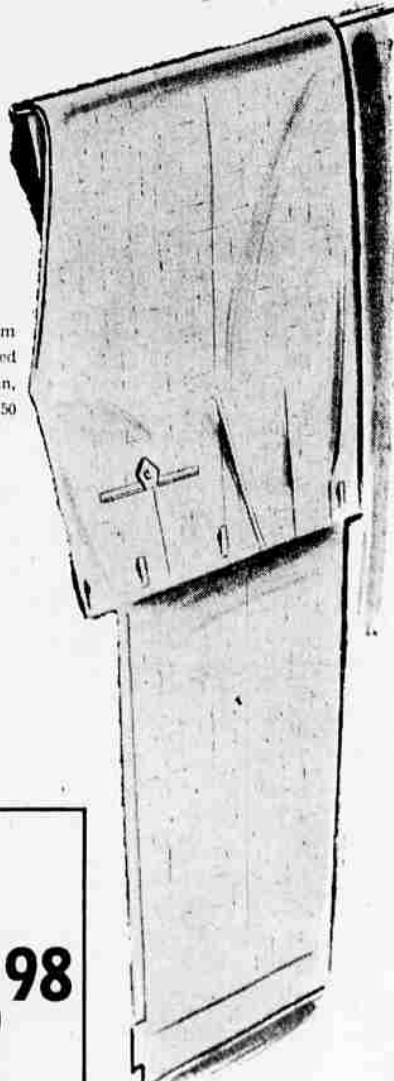
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About 35 miles from Bend over the hard-surfaced Cascade Lakes highway (North Century drive), Elk lake has become famous for its beauty.

Easily visible from the lake are the towering South Sister mountain and Bachelor butte. Both are snow capped the year-round, and at times South Sister's reflection seems to fill half the lake.

Elk lake's trout include rainbow and eastern brook. Though the lake contains a large population of these fish, they are often difficult to catch because of excellent natural food supplies. At one time Elk lake gave up most of the eastern brook eggs used by the Oregon game commission in its stocking activities.

Elk lake resort, operated by the Symons family, is one of Central Oregon's finest. Excellent boats, clean and freshly painted, a modern restaurant and snack bar, food and camping supplies, cabins and a lounge are offered by the resort.

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