

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The quest for the automatic tractor is on again. Last time, guidance was to come from cables laid underground. This time hopeful experts at the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering at Silsoe, in Bedfordshire, are providing the machine with electronic eyes which spy out obstructions ahead and spin the steering wheel accordingly. They will also look down a furrow and make sure that the next one is exactly parallel to it. A "proximity sensor" attached to a guard rail all round the machine at waist level cuts out the engine in case the electronic eyes latch on to a milkmaid instead of the nearest tree.

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The medical profession is worried about "sport madness" and injuries which crowd the hospitals with Saturday afternoon casualties. *Pulse*, the doctors' newspaper, even thinks it was an error to appoint a Minister of Sport. So far boxing, rugby, soccer and car racing are the chief offenders. But from the way our courses fill up at the week-ends, golf will be on the list before very long.

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Peter Campbell, one of the senior members of the N.W. section, has been in hospital for seven weeks but is now happily recovered. He had been looking forward to getting back to his home ground, the Stockport Golf Club. Ill-health had not parted him from it before and at the age of 75 he was naturally anxious to get back to work.

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The City of London Corporation is extending Epping Forest by 66 acres and 42 of them, bought for £14,500, will be leased to the Theydon Bois Golf Club to give them another nine holes. A City Corporation spokesman said: "It is in our interests to preserve and, where possible, improve the land". A plan for an Epping Forest drive-in cinema was not on his list of improvements.

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The West Sussex Golf Club at Pulborough is seeking permission to develop 15 acres of land to the north-west of the clubhouse as a nine-hole par-3 course. The area is now rough grazing and scrub.