



**BOY AND HIS ROBOTS**—Harry Heskell, 13, of Los Angeles, is shown with his seven robots that he built out of cans, string, wires and scraps over the past four years. His latest robot, six foot, ten inch Gismo, can say "yes" or "no," raises his arms, has a heartbeat and moveable parts manipulated by a wired control panel. He says his next creation will walk. (UPI Telephoto)

### New Safety Code On Worker Buses Now in Effect

Salem—UPI—Key requirements of a safety code which is effective in Oregon today include several new regulations for buses and trucks used to haul people to and from work.

The new code states that buses used to carry workers cannot be loaded in excess of actual seating capacity and no boxes, planks or seats other than spring-loaded jump seats can be placed in aisles.

Also, all flat bed vehicles carrying workers must be equipped with side and end rails except that four adults can ride without the rails if hand grips are provided.

The code is expected to have its biggest effect on vehicles which haul agricultural workers.

**Only Licensed Drivers**

Other requirements are that only a licensed "competent" person at least 18 years old can drive these vehicles, that first aid and fire extinguishers must be carried and that in bad weather a top and facilities for closing sides and ends of trucks must be provided.

The code allows the use of school buses to carry workers, but the words "school bus," the stop signal arm and red flashing lights must be concealed or made inoperative. Violation of the code will be a misdemeanor.

### Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

**Look at What You Can Do With the Filefish**

"The skin you love to touch" could never have belonged to the filefish, for this character has the roughest exterior of them all. He's so rough that he and his ancestors have been furnishing abrasive material for primitive workmen since men began making tools and implements with their hands.

The filefish frequents bays and river mouths; they browse on the animal and vegetable growth on pilings, cutting the food off with their sharp teeth. They have a body shaped like nothing else in the sea. Some are sway-backed, like a broken down mule. The fish is flat from side to side, and very thin when viewed from the front. When he comes directly toward you, or straight away, he doesn't look like he was there at all. Most of the time, when he is feeding, he stands in the water with his head pointing down.

**Sandpaper**

After you catch one, skin the body. Then treat the skin with a couple of coats of oil to keep it soft and pliable. You have "sandpaper." From the skin you can cut squares, circles or patches, and from these shapes you can make the dumbest things. A strip of skin attached to a painted bit of thin wood becomes an ideal gift for Aunt Kate; she can hang it by the stove for a "match-striker." It'll last for years. A small hunk, glued to a narrow, polished stick on which should be carved or painted a twining vine or a long-tailed dragon, makes an exotic "back-scratcher."

**Kettle Cleaner**

For an unusual gift for a friend, make a kettle-cleaner; this for the party "who has everything." Be sure to enclose directions so the receiver won't wet the silly thing, for this might cause the skin to regain some of its original "smelly" characteristics. Strips of the skin glued to narrow cardboard strips will be unusual finger-nail boards. Your friends may be amazed at such unusual gifts.

The cave-man's wife used these same things 50,000 years ago. Your friends may enjoy using the same things primitive man used when the human race was struggling upward. The "trigger" on the top of the filefish's body can become an interesting present for Aunt Martha; it was probably about the first sewing needle the cave-woman ever had. The thing is gracefully curved and highly polished. These "needles" are "duct soup" for the handyman to make; all he needs are the "triggers," a red-hot needle to make the hole in the bone, and a little imagination.

So, if you are serious hob-

### Back Stairs: Mineral Water for Ike

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter

Santiago, Chile—UPI—Back stairs at the White House.

When President Eisenhower parades through the streets of a teeming South American capital, a small bottle of mineral water from the United States rides in the front seat of his car in case the Chief Executive gets thirsty along the way.

When the United States Navy plane was involved last week in the tragic air crash over Rio de Janeiro, Mrs. Eisenhower heard the news on a radio broadcast in Washington.

**Telephoned Embassy**

She knew the President would be flying the same day between Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Within a minute or two after she heard the report, the First Lady was on the telephone to the American Embassy in Rio, wanting to know if the Chief Executive was in any way involved.

She was grateful that her husband was safe, but saddened by the deaths of the Navy musicians who had played for many of her parties at the White House.

**Lovely Apartment**

When the presidential party spent the night in the new capital of Brazil, the bustling raw city of Brasilia, press secretary Jim Hagerty was quartered in a new apartment building, some units of which still were under construction.

Jim had a lovely apartment with a living room, kitchen and two twin bedrooms. He found only one drawback, there were no sheets for his beds. He said nothing about it to his hosts.

At the Plaza Hotel in Buenos Aires, a whopping, fine steak cost less than one dry martini.

The Brazilians who have an automobile industry of their own and of which they are very proud, were highly curious about the fact that the White House flew an assortment of presidential automobiles to Brazil for his use in Rio and Sao Paulo.

One Brazilian official got over his point quite politely when he asked a member of the White House entourage, "tell me something, when Khrushchev visited the United States, did he bring any Russian automobiles with him?"

**Security Real Reason**

The real reason the White House flew such cars as the President's famous "bubble-top" limousine to South America was security. These cars are built to stand attack

### Congress May Curb Snake Dams Until Fish Problem Solved

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent

Washington—(Special)—Congress has begun to move in the direction of placing restrictions on high dam construction in the turbulent middle Snake river area until biologists have figured out how to save the fish.

The Senate Commerce committee has approved one bill to protect the Salmon river from any possible power facilities that would disrupt the rich fisheries of that area.

It is getting set to act on a more far-reaching—and more controversial—proposal for banning any more dams on the middle Snake river for the next few years.

The first measure would ban Nez Perce dam from being built on the Snake just below the mouth of the Salmon river. It would also block any efforts to build Lower Canyon project on the lower Salmon river. But construction of neither is in prospect soon, whether this bill passes or not.

**Hearings Scheduled**

The second measure, in the form of a resolution, would call on the federal power commission not to issue any license for projects between river mile 180 and 245 on the middle Snake, which cuts directly against the proposal of Pacific Northwest Power Co. for building high Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake just above the mouth of the Salmon and just below the confluence of the Imnaha river.

The power company is scheduled to start hearings March 21 at the FPC on its application for a license for the Mountain Sheep. The public power forces have indicated they will enter the case against the utilities.

Consequently, the utilities have been lobbying against the moratorium bill, whose sponsors are the Democratic senators from Oregon, Wash-

ington, Montana and Idaho.

Originally, the moratorium proviso was for five years, but this has been modified to make it not more than about two years. As it now stands, the resolution would call on the FPC to defer any dams in the middle Snake so Congress may have the opportunity of considering the report of the chief of Engineers reviewing the existing projects for the Columbia river basin, particularly with respect to recommendations for a dam and reservoir project on the Snake river, until either:

A—the Senate or House has considered and disapproved legislation authorizing such recommended project (namely, high Mountain Sheep dam); or

B—until adjournment of the second session of the 87th Congress, whichever is the earlier."

**In Hands of Governors**

The end of the 87th Congress will be sometime in 1962. The report of the chief of Engineers, the latest review of the 308 report, is now in the hands of the Northwest governors and heads of federal agencies for their comment.

Whether this resolution will clear both houses is uncertain, and whether it would deter the FPC is also in doubt—unless its sponsors converted it into the type of measure the President must sign, giving it the greater effect of law. The odds would probably be against President Eisenhower, at this late stage in his tenure, signing a measure the private utilities opposed and the public power forces favored.

The conservation groups are supporting the Salmon river sanctuary bill sponsored by Sens. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) and Frank Church (D-Ida.) so its chances are rated higher than the other proposal.

Any delay in the utilities' Mountain Sheep case will throw the decision over beyond the election, whose outcome may decide this power issue.



A. Robt. Smith

### Cub Scouts

**Cub Scout Pack 4**

Cub Scout Pack 4, Oak Grove and West Side schools, will hold its annual Blue and Gold dinner at the Oak Grove gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. today.

There will be a Bobcat ceremony, Webelos graduation, presentation of awards, songs, awarding of a door prize and other features.

Each den has planned its own menu and the group will eat in dens. Each family is asked to bring its own table service and milk. The pack will furnish coffee.

### PERISH THE THOUGHT

Albany, N. Y.—UPI—New York State Senate Minority Leader Joseph Zaretski, discussing a plan for a "radioactive fallout proof" emergency state capitol, told Republican senators Monday night he would give up verbally blasting them because:

"After all, we Democrats may have to live with you Republicans for two or three weeks to avoid fallout."

### PILLS BACKFIRE

London—UPI—Mrs. Davina Burton-Shaw, 26, said she took 20 family planning association birth control pills each month for five months; then was "a bit taken aback when the doctor told me he thought I would be having twins."

### REDUCE SITTING FEES

Nottingham, England—UPI—Students at Nottingham university today were reported reducing baby-sitting fees in proportion to the amount of time they have left for study after caring for the baby.

### Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—UPI—

The Fort Lauderdale Daily News said Saturday it learned from "informed sources" that Julian A. Frank may have been a murder victim in the Jan. 6 crash of a National airliner that took 34 lives at Bolivia, N.C.

### Tokyo—UPI—

Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko, parents this week of a son, most likely will visit the United States in September according to government sources.



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### Tight Dress, Allergy To Guns Cost Man \$130

Belvidere, N.J.—"It was that tight-fitting red dress and the revolver..."

Anthony Criscione, 58-year-old barber, was describing to police how a buxom woman ambled into his shop, pulled a revolver from her purse and demanded all his money.

"I was dazzled by that dress and what was in it, I guess," said Criscione, "and since I'm allergic to revolvers, anyhow, I just turned over my wallet to her. She helped herself to \$130."

### ADENAUER TO BE GUEST

Palm Desert, Calif.—UPI—The El Dorado Country Club said it has received word West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and his family would be guests March 18-20 at a private home at the club. Adenauer was to speak March 18 at UCLA and visit San Francisco following his stopover here.

### SUFFERS FAINTING SPELL

Miami Beach, Fla.—UPI—Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) was admitted to a hospital Sunday after he had a "fainting spell." Doctors said Dodd, here to attend a Democratic fund-raising dinner, appeared to be suffering from fatigue.

byist or an avid do-it-yourself fan, you can go all out and give your friends something really "out-of-this world." It can be something they have never seen, or maybe never heard about—a gift from the rough skin of a fish, just like Mrs. Caveman used.

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## Science Notebook

**NOISE STOPPERS**  
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