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Join FRIENDS OF THE ZOO NOW

COVER:

We've heard of Polar Bears on the ice cap, but here's an ice cap on a Polar Bear. One of two sculptured limestone bears, this snow and ice bedecked animal graces the front entrance of the Cleveland Zoo's new Administration-Education Center.

ZOO ANIMALS IN WINTER

The Cleveland Zoo is a delightful place to visit during winter, but not many people take advantage of seeing animals frisking about. Many of the animals associated with semi-tropical or tropical climates adjust exceptionally well to the climate of northern Ohio. In some cases Mother Nature provides her creatures with a heavier-than-normal coat of hair or fur and the severe cold of winter works no great

hardship on animals which in their native lands would never or hardly ever see a flake of snow. The brisk cold air causes some Zoo animals to become invigorated and physical activity increases considerably. The following pictures are portrayed to show what a nice place the Zoo is in winter and perhaps next winter you might arrange a personal visit to see these and other animals enjoying cold weather.



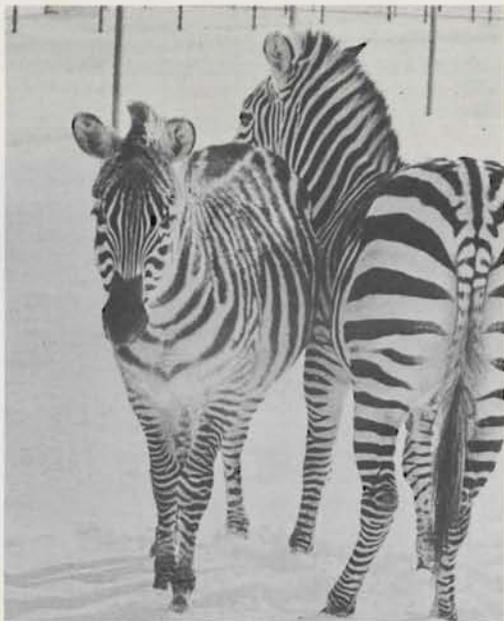
Female Eland, "Nellie". Although the Eland is native to Africa, these large antelopes seem to enjoy the snow in winter. During some of the coldest winter days when even the American Bison seek shelter, the Elands were outdoors braving the blizzard-like weather.



Bactrian Camel, "Jimmy", is well-equipped to weather the severest cold spells. The long, shaggy hair which keeps him warm in winter will be shed in late spring and will be replaced with a short summer coat of hair.



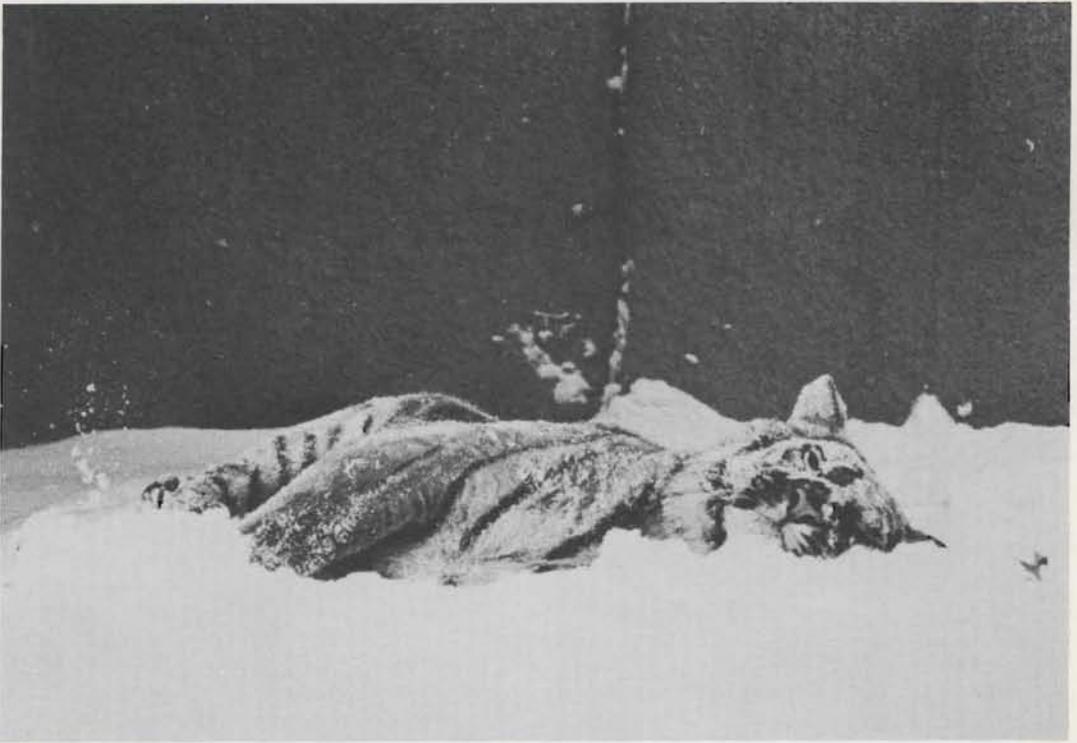
Most African Lions never see snow in their native country. These two-year old male lion cubs at the Cleveland Zoo frolic and romp about for awhile, and then when their youthful zeal subsides, they sit or lie in the snow. Most lions do not like to get wet and will avoid snow and water except for drinking purposes.



Nature provides the Zebra with a heavier-than-normal coat of hair in climates where temperatures go below freezing in winter. These two Grant's Zebras' shaggy-dog hair coats will be shed in spring.

Photos by Richard J. Misch
Cleveland Plain Dealer

TIGER IN



"Zsa-Zsa", a female Bengal Tiger is obsessed by snow and tries to bury herself in it.



She rolls over, again and again, loving every minute of her cold snow bath.

THE SNOW



Her face almost solidly packed with snow, "Zsa-Zsa" swats a myriad of tiny snowballs at some make-believe foe.



Completely exhausted now from her exhilarating exercises, the snow-loving cat rests in a pensive mood, probably wondering why all cats don't enjoy this stimulating kind of activity. In summer she nearly drowns herself in the pool — a true water-loving cat.

Photos by Tony Tomsic
Cleveland Press

ELEPHANT QUEST

By LEONARD J. GOSS, Director

On March 3, 1965, Cleveland Zoological Society Board Chairman, Fred Crawford, Society President, Vernon Stouffer, and I, met in Bombay, India, for the express purpose of procuring animals for the Cleveland Zoo.

Our shopping list had been prepared before leaving Cleveland; the list was composed by checking what animals we had in the Zoo and what was "out of stock". A great deal of thought and preparatory work had gone into the project.

Gorillas and other primates had been obtained on an African Safari in 1950, and another African Safari in 1955 supplied three giraffes, two rhinos, three elephants, and two hippos to stock the Pachyderm Building which opened in 1956. In 1959 our late trustee, Colonel B. C. Goss, supplied another superb African shipment, including our female Bongo, "Karen", and 177 birds, but never had the Zoo had a major shipment of animals from India or the Far East. Our animal inventory showed a noticeable dearth of many interesting animals from this part of the world. With this in mind our shopping list was prepared. When compiled it consisted of a "want list" of 31 mammals of 8 different species, or kinds, and 421 birds of 77 species and over 20 different places and zoos we might obtain them.

Armed with cameras and our shopping list which had in No. 1 priority position **TWO FEMALE ASIATIC ELEPHANTS, NOT OVER 42 INCHES, TAME, LOVABLE, SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN TO PET, FEED, AND RIDE IN THE ZOO** — we visited Bombay, New Delhi, Calcutta and Bangkok Zoos. At each place we scrutinized elephants in the most minute detail. We visited elephant camps and stations throughout India where elephants are captured and domesticated. With specially required visas we went into Assam in northern India between Pakistan and Red China and rode domesticated elephants through the 166 square mile Kaziranga Sanctuary viewing wild elephants. All this in search of **TWO FEMALE ASIATIC ELEPHANTS, NOT OVER 42 INCHES, TAME, LOVEABLE, SUITABLE**

FOR CHILDREN TO PET, FEED, AND RIDE IN THE ZOO.

After many photos, queries and observations we settled on two we had sorted out and marked in Bangkok. They fulfilled our special requirements. By now we all had observed, ridden, and handled enough baby elephants to be experts and we even began to take on the aroma of baby elephants. Temperaments, physical condition, and origin were all carefully weighed. The three of us cast our ballots. It was unanimous in favor of the two smallest ones — the ones in Bangkok — just weaned, short trunks, hairy bodies and fat, funny bottoms.

There are those who will say all babies are the same except some are boys and some girls. Our two are the same in that they are both girls, but each is a different personality—hand-picked baby Asiatic elephants for the children of Cleveland. What will these babies from Asia say and "think" when they see our two seven and one-half foot tall African elephants???

Selecting the two just just-right elephants was only the first phase of the entire project.

Phase two is shipping. How to get our treasures from Bangkok to Cleveland? Pan American Airlines was chosen as the carrier. They can carry one elephant in each of the two belly compartments of their jets! Little do the passengers aboard realize there are two elephants flying in the baggage compartment below. Flights leave Bangkok daily, Monday through Saturday. We avoided a Thursday departure because the Thursday flight goes through Saigon in Viet Nam. U.S. Customs' Oaths of Free Entry had to be executed and in the hands of the shipper; a flight connection arranged in New York for transshipment to Cleveland; approval obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture for entry into the United States; inspection at New York, and reinspection in Cleveland; approval and arrangements made for an attendant to accompany them in the United Air Line cargo flight from New York to Cleveland; and lastly, trucking from Cleveland Hopkins

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Airport to the Zoo after the midnight arrival.

The final detail was to convert an area in the Pachyderm Building into an elephant nursery and have on hand the necessary food for the new arrivals.

A lot of things could happen during the 36 hour, seven stop flight from Bangkok to New York and the supervised transfer of the babies from one plane to another in New York. Suppose there are delays due to weather or mechanical failure? What will become of the crated babies? Suppose they have to be unloaded and transferred to another plane at one or more of the seven stops? Will it be hot at one place and cold at the next? How about extra food in case of delay?

The concern and investment is great. In spite of our confidence in the airlines the thought of insurance comes to mind. If you want some fun, phone your insurance broker and ask him to insure two elephants for you from Bangkok to Cleveland, plus 30 days. It can be done and we did it!

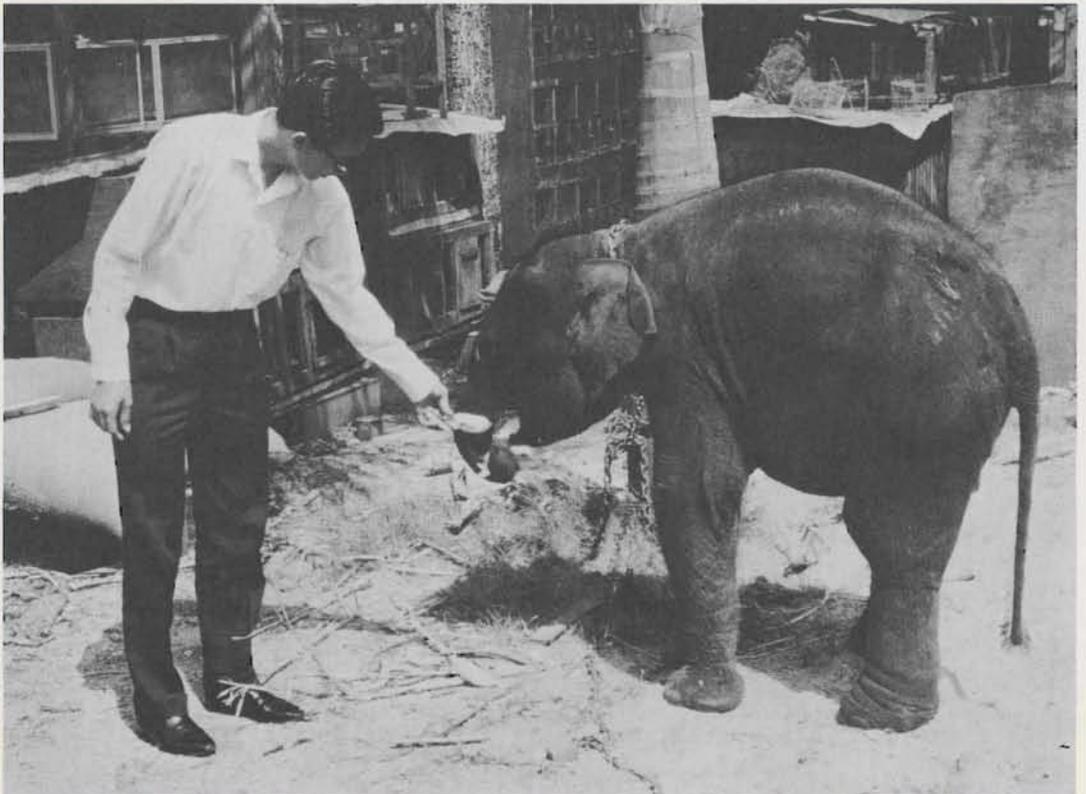
The first few days after arrival in totally strange surroundings after a

tiresome trip are critical ones. There is a change in food since the United States Plant Quarantine Division has strict regulations regarding the importation of foreign plant material. Then comes the language barrier and change in personnel. Our Cleveland Zoo keepers do not remotely resemble Siamese attendants and are certainly not able to speak the Thai language.

The first few days are difficult for both the new arrivals and the keepers. Patience, kindness, and understanding usually quickly resolve the differences.

Don't miss the two babies expected to arrive at the Zoo about June 1st. If your child is over 42" he will be taller than two of the elephants at the Cleveland Zoo! Just as soon as the babies have adjusted to their new surroundings they will be roaming throughout the zoo to greet visitors of all ages and accept selected morsels. They may even have a trick to do and pose for a picture with your child on their back.

You will be hearing about the many other animals we made arrangements for in India and points East, but just now baby elephants are something special.



One of the two baby Elephants acquired for the Cleveland Zoo gets a handout from her Thai attendant.

TWO VETERAN ZOO EMPLOYEES RETIRE



Theodore "Ted" Kraft

Bird Building Keeper Theodore "Ted" Kraft, 67, and Pachyderm Keeper John "Jack" Bender, 65, retired from Cleveland Zoo service on Friday, February 26, 1965. Ted had been a keeper at the Zoo since September, 1947, and Jack performed his keeper duties since March, 1952.

Ted was born in Oswego, New York, moved to Buffalo, New York, and was employed by the Buffalo Zoo for 6 years prior to moving to Cleveland. When the Bird Building was opened in 1950, Ted requested duty there and the Bird Building had been his "home away from home" for the last 14½ years. He has a daughter, 2 sons, 3 stepsons and 15 grandchildren.

Jack's activity belied his 65 years. Always an outgoing, outspoken person, he was a relief keeper in the Pachyderm Building. Before his employment at the Cleveland Zoo, Jack was a dog catcher for the city dog pound.

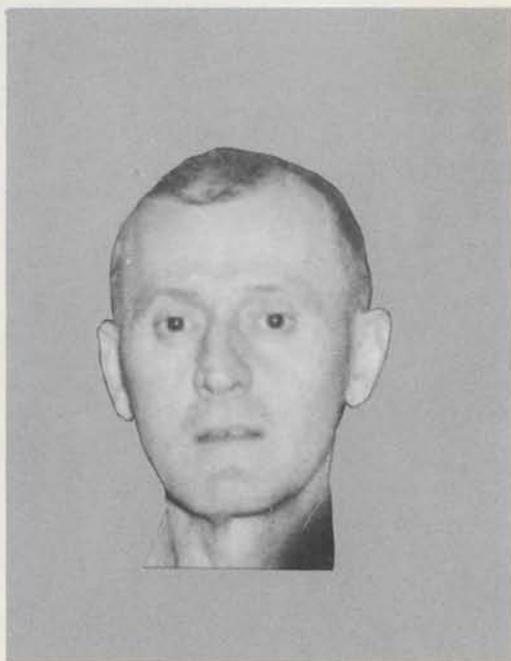
A retirement party for the two retirees was held on February 26th at the Zoo's Administration - Education Center, and gifts from fellow employees and the Cleveland Zoological Society were presented by Ron Reuther, Assistant Director.

Several anecdotes concerning the two keepers were related by Mr. Reuther

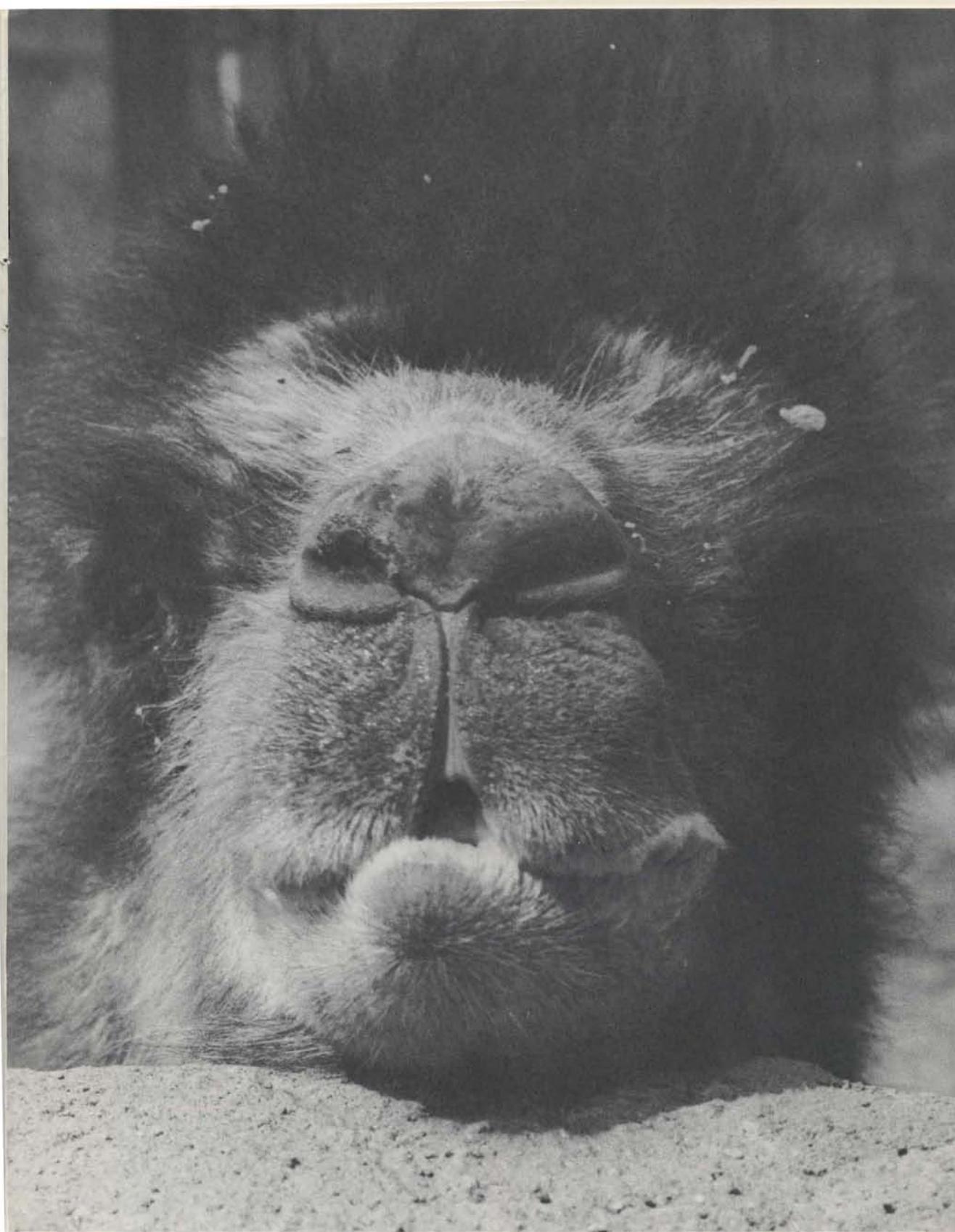
during the gift presentation ceremonies. It was learned that Ted had faithfully placed food and water in an unoccupied bird habitat for a period of nearly 6 weeks. Apparently his fellow employees had been aware of this in the beginning but went along without telling Ted that he was taking care of an empty exhibit.

Jack's experience was no less humorous. One day when Jack was taking care of chimpanzees in the Ape and Cat Building, he discovered that one of the chimps had a pocket watch and was swinging it around by the chain and finally let go. The watch hit the cement floor and shattered into many parts. Jack had been laughing at the episode all the while, but a little later when he checked to see the time, he discovered that he had been laughing at the destruction of his own watch which the chimp had pickpocketed from the unsuspecting keeper. The same chimp later removed Jack's uniform trousers in full view of a large crowd of visitors much to the delight of the visitors but to the complete embarrassment of the astonished Mr. Bender.

The loyal service of these two veterans was greatly appreciated and everyone at the Cleveland Zoo wishes Ted and Jack the very best of good luck and good health.



John 'Jack' Bender



Nose to nose with the photographer, "Jimmy" the Zoo's friendly Bactrian Camel looks for a handout from visitors.
Photograph by N. H. Long
Alliance, Ohio

EXTENDING THE CLASSROOM

by PAUL A. DISANTIS

(Cleveland Public School Teacher Assigned To The Zoo)

Pupils in the Cleveland Public Schools, for many years, have been studying and learning about Living Things. In the classroom they can read, discuss, and view pictures pertaining to the behavior, eating habits, identification, classification, and adaptations of animals. All of these are worthwhile activities, but often they do not lead the pupil to a true understanding of the nature of living things. For example, a pupil may read and discuss information pertaining to the American Beaver, and still not really understand what is meant when it is said that the Beaver has a large flat tail. Nor would they recognize the Beaver, if they ever saw him, in his natural habitat. In the process of education there is no substitute for providing the individual with first-hand information and experience. If the pupil can observe, and discuss the characteristics and behavior of the animal while making a direct observation, he will obtain meaningful information which will lead him, more readily, to a true understanding of the subject.

For thousands of Cleveland Public School children who have their classroom lessons supplemented with a field-trip to the Cleveland Zoo, the study of living things is brought to life. The Cleveland Zoo has provided a means of extending the classroom! It has become a living laboratory where pupils can observe animals whose habitats are thousands of miles away. It also affords the opportunity to observe those animals which live nearby but are rarely seen by children from the city.

This writer has been assigned to the Cleveland Zoo, as a full-time science teacher by the Cleveland Board of Education. Classes of students from the Cleveland Public Schools visit the Zoo daily for lessons which are correlated with their classroom work. Since the lesson is different for each grade level, (Fourth Grade—Animal Classification, Fifth Grade—Balance of Nature, Sixth Grade—Animal Adaptations, etc.) a pupil may visit the Zoo several times during his elementary school years, and never have the same learning experience. Usually there is a follow-up lesson to the field trip at which time the Zoo teacher visits the pupils

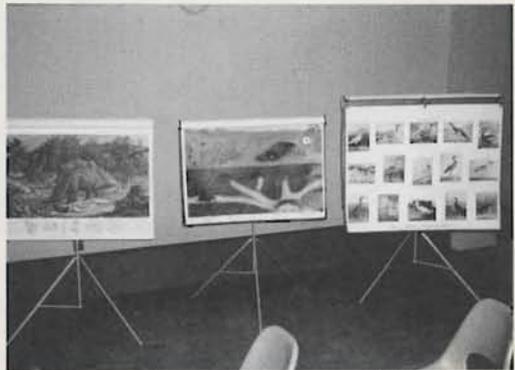


Paul Disantis, Cleveland Public School Science Teacher, is assigned to the Cleveland Zoo to correlate school classroom lessons with Zoo field trips.

Photo by Richard J. Misch
Cleveland Plain Dealer

in their school classroom for a culmination of the lesson with the use of slides and filmstrips.

The field trip to the Zoo is an interesting and meaningful educational experience for the pupils. The experience begins in the multi-purpose room, located in the Administration and Education Center of the Cleveland Zoological Park. Here the pupils have a brief orientation lesson to focus their atten-

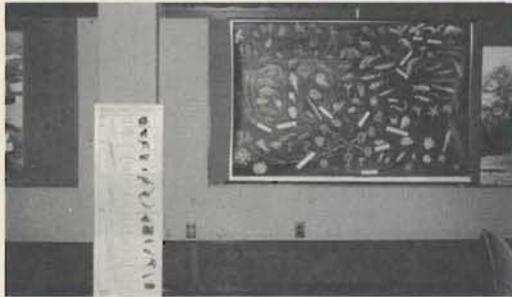


Multi-Purpose Room of the Zoo's Administration-Education Center has many visual displays like these illustrated animal charts.



Public school children from widely scattered areas of Cleveland meet in the Multi-Purpose Room before touring the Zoo for a lesson in a living classroom.

tion on the goals they hope to achieve during the visit. They also have the opportunity to view many interesting displays, such as a chart showing the development of life through the ages, skeletons of each type of vertebrate animal, and a variety of other educational zoological displays. Following the orientation lesson, the class leaves the Administration and Education Building to observe the live animal exhibits. As they view each animal the pupils are guided to look for a variety of characteristics, such as the group to which the animal belongs, adaptations to the environment, eating habits, and behavior



A tree of life display and a chart of life development on earth help school students to better understand the animal kingdom.

of the animal. The pupils are also given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about each animal.

As the field trip ends, the pupils are asked to summarize the information they have accumulated during their visit, and evaluate the success of their trip.

It is hoped that in the near future there will be a nature trail, consisting of plantings of natural flora of the Cleveland area, leading from the Administration and Education Building to the animal exhibits. Such a trail can provide the pupils with the opportunity to gain insight into the world of plants as well as the world of animals.

FRIENDS OF THE ZOO VIEW WALT DISNEY FILM PROGRAMS

On Sunday, February 14, nearly 400 Friends of the Zoo members attended the first of two Walt Disney motion picture film programs held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Administration-Education Center. "The African Lion" was a spectacular Disney film which portrayed the biography of the "King of Beasts" in all his regal splendor. Some of the more thrilling sequences were lions stalking gnus and impalas, the pursuit of a gazelle by the speedy cheetah, and a leopard's lightning bolt drop out of a tree on an unsuspecting herd of gnus below.

The second film program on Sunday, March 14th featured "Islands of the Sea" and "Prowlers of the Everglades". About 350 Friends of the Zoo attended this program. Mammals, birds, and reptiles of oceanic islands were the star performers of the first part of the program. Among the more interesting species shown were Galapagos Tortoises, Man of War Birds, penguins, iguanas, and albatrosses.

"Prowlers of the Everglades" featured the reptilian scourge of Florida's Everglades, the alligator. Some humorous episodes of this film included a spotted skunk playing football with an alligator egg and a family of playful otters pestering sunbathing alligators to the point where the alligators descended to the depths of a pond to escape the madcap antics of the aquatic clowns.

These two film programs were so successful that another similar series of Disney films is planned for next fall and winter.

Back Issues of Zoo News Wanted

The following issues of Zoo News are desired by the Cleveland Zoo. If any of our readers have copies we would appreciate hearing from you and arrangements will be made for mailing them to us.

VOLUME 1

Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13,
15 and 16.

VOLUME 2

Numbers 2, 3 and 6.

RONALD T. REUTHER APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



Ronald T. Reuther, Assistant Director

Ron Reuther, who was Curator of the Cleveland Zoo from 1959 to 1962 and left in November, 1962, to become Director of the new Indianapolis Zoo, has returned to assume the position of Assistant Director.

Reuther said, "It was fun establishing a little zoo, but I didn't realize how much I would miss the large animals."

Dr. Leonard J. Goss, Director, states that Reuther, in his new position, will help with the Zoo's expansion and development program. Among his first projects will be a major redevelopment of the Children's Farm area and assisting in the planning of construction of moated bear grottos and moated hoofed animal paddocks.

Reuther, his wife Mary Bernadette and children, Catherine, Paul, Jon, and Victoria live at 13092 Ridge Road, North Royalton, Ohio.

RONALD SEELEY FILLS NEW STAFF POSITION



Ronald Seeley, Assistant Superintendent

A new staff position, Assistant Superintendent, has been filled by Mr. Ronald Seeley. Mr. Seeley has had considerable experience in handling animals, and is well qualified for his new position. Seeley will assist Joseph Chery, Zoo Superintendent, in daily job assignments and supervising operations personnel. Seeley, his wife Patricia, and 3 children, live on Rt. 303, Valley City, Ohio.

Zoologist Leaves Cleveland Zoo For Abilene Zoo Post

Walter A. Kuenzli, Zoologist of the Cleveland Zoo, left in December to accept an appointment as Director of the proposed Abilene, Texas, Zoo. He will also serve as Executive Director of the Abilene Zoological Society. The new Zoo will be located in Abilene's Nelson Park. Mr. Kuenzli is a graduate of Michigan State University and prior to his Cleveland post was employed at the Evansville, Indiana, Zoo.



ZOO-LOGIC

WHERE DO ZOOS GET THEIR ANIMALS?

by RONALD T. REUTHER, Assistant Director

This question is one of the most frequent queries of zoo personnel. The answer today is quite different than it was just 30 or 40 years ago. Then the answer would most often have been — imported through a dealer!

Nowadays, many animals are obtained through trades with other zoos for their surplus animals. Through better management and husbandry zoo animals are living longer and produce young more often than ever before — thus, stock in zoos tends to maintain itself and more surplus animals are available. North American Zoos belong to an organization called the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums. This organization publishes a monthly newsletter which includes the surplus animals at various zoos. All member zoos receive this newsletter and make arrangements to obtain needed animals. Examples of animals that are usually obtained as surplus from other zoos are lions, tigers, leopards, rhesus monkeys, Kodiak bears, grizzly bears, hippopotamuses, llamas, guanacos, various deer, American bison, eland antelope, Barbary sheep, and many others.

Indeed, several rare species of animals are now being bred in zoos with

the young being distributed to other zoos with the eventual possibility of repopulating them in the wild. Examples are the beautiful Okapi, European Bison, Pere Davids Deer, our own Nubian Ibex, and the extremely rare Arabian Oryx.

In spite of this improved situation some animals are still imported and obtained through animal dealers. These firms assume the risks involved in animal capture and transportation and maintain contacts in foreign countries to obtain the animals. Zoos merely contact a dealer and place an order for animals to be received when available. Usually such animals are those that do not reproduce well in captivity, those that are not frequently kept in captivity, or those desired to obtain new blood lines.

Very often animals, both native and exotic types and domestics, are offered as gifts by residents of the community. Unfortunately they are usually animals that the zoo already has in sufficient numbers. Monkeys are among the most commonly offered animals; but those offered range from Alligators to Zebra Finches.

Another and more exciting, though unusual and infrequent method of obtaining animals, is through a collecting trip or "Safari" by zoo personnel. The Cleveland Zoo has benefited through several expeditions to Africa which have returned animals to Cleveland. These include the African expedition of 1950, largely sponsored by the Cleveland Browns which brought gorillas, monkeys, and other animals; the expedition of 1955, sponsored by Vernon and Gordon Stouffer and Frederick Crawford which returned most of the animals now living in the Pachyderm Building, including African elephants, giraffes, hippos, and rhinos; the 1958 Expedition led by Col. B. C. Goss which obtained Karen, the female Bongo and many rare, beautiful African birds; the 1960 Expedition, and just as this article is being prepared, an Indian expedition which will hopefully bring back some young Asiatic elephants, bears, and birds.

Funds provided by Friends of the Zoo through membership contributions are used to purchase those animals that we do not raise ourselves and those that are rare and unusual.

The Animal Exchange list from the

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ZOOLOGICAL PARKS AND AQUARIUMS

A General Want and Surplus List

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SURPLUS	WANTED	SURPLUS	WANTED
Alton Childrens Zoo 207 Edgewood Avenue Alton, J. Ohio		R. S. Bartholm	
1/0 Champ, 8 years, \$40, crate included			
1/1 Rhesus Monkey, 5 years, \$50, crate included			
1/0 Capuchin Monkey, 4 years, \$30, crate included			
1/0 Oryx, 3 years, \$50, cage included			
ZOO — Cleveland Zoo		WASH — Leonard J. Goss	
STREET — Cleveland Zoo		TELEPHONE — CR 1-0000	
CITY & STATE — Cleveland 9, Ohio			
1/1 Hasekrya Baboon, born 1959 and 1960, \$200 each			
1/0 Kodiak Bear, born 1/24/60, \$100 each			
1/0 Japanese Black Bear, best raised, born 1/27/59, \$100 each			
1/1 Common Hippopotamus, born 8/26/58, \$2,500 each			
1/0 Yak, born 1958, 1959, \$300 each			
1/5 Anand Shrew, born 1957, 1958, 1959, \$40 each			
1/0 White tail Deer, born 1958, \$50			
1/0 Axis Deer, born 1955, \$125			
1/2 Gaur, born February 1959, \$300 each			
1/0 Penn Deer, born 1959, \$1,200			
1/0 Nubian Goat, born 1959-1957, \$700 each			
1 Australian Cowsheep, Adult, \$300			
1 Sandow Llama, hatched 1959, \$10 each			
1 Black Jawa, six months, hatched 1961, \$15			
2/0 Java Crane, hatched 1959, \$100 each			
1 Gray Ibis Crane, hatched 1959, \$40 each			
1/0 Egyptian Goose, hatched 1959, 1960, \$10 each			
1/0 Magellan Goose, hatched 1959, 1960, \$75 each			
1 Dove, hatched 1959, \$100 each			
1/1 Gull, hatched (Mass), born April 19, 1961, \$4,000			
Animals are subject to prior sale. Prices include animals delivered alive and well, in air, railcar or on your truck at Cleveland, Ohio. Bulk and express beyond this point is that of the buyer. Deposits on shipping crates will be returned when crates are returned prepaid to the Cleveland Zoo.			
Columbus Zoo		Seno R. Dillaha	
Route No. 1		Tuesday 8 - 833	
Powell, Ohio			
1/0 Gibbon, White Handed, 2, 1 year, \$300 each - None at Zoo			
1/0 Monkey - Pigtailed, 6 years, \$100			
1/0 Hangway, honey, 4 years, \$100			
1/0 Tiger, Bengal, 3 years, \$1,000 - Zoo head.			
1/0 Fox, Red, Young Adult, \$10 each			
2/0 Bear, Black, 1 year, \$200 each, Zoo born			
2/0 Kinkajou, adult, \$50 each (not tame)			
1/0 Brown, born March 1961, \$200, Zoo born			
1 Kookaburra, Adult, \$10			
1/1 Scotch Highlander Cattle, Breeding Age, \$300 each			

Trades on all animals preferred. Crates must be returned unless otherwise noted. All animals are in excellent condition.

From the Editor's Desk...

A new feature of the Cleveland Zoo News, this column will be devoted to interesting items and articles from publications received from other zoos.

The following is extracted from a booklet entitled "The Story of Bristol Zoo", a very interesting treatise on the history of Bristol Zoo from its origins in 1835 to the present day.

Speaking of items of zoological news, author A. H. N. Green-Armytage relates:

"But the most dramatic episode occurred in August, 1892, when Kitty the leopardess escaped. She had long had the reputation of being spiteful and the decision was taken to sell her. Accordingly she was moved from her cage into a travelling den for despatch on the following day. Next morning the den was empty. Kitty had gnawed through the bottom of its sliding door and disappeared. The grounds were of course searched but there could be no certainty that she was still on the premises. So agile a beast might have made her way to the Downs or one of the private gardens of Clifton. And that day the Zoo had been booked for two events—the annual outing of the boys from the *Formidable* training ship and, in the evening, a grand Promenade Concert with fairy light and Japanese lanterns. All the staff were bound to secrecy on pain of instant dismissal and both the scheduled events took place; but it must have been an anxious time for those responsible. If the stick of a stray rocket had cost the Zoo £500 what liabilities might not follow from the activities of an irrational leopardess?

It so happened that the monkey house had been emptied a few days earlier for disinfecting and repainting. Next morning the painter, Maddocks by name, went there to start the day's work and found Kitty staring him in the face. He ran at once (and 'ran' is the operative word) to the house of the Head-keeper Blunsden, father of the present Mr. E. R. Blunsden. Mr. Blunsden, who was not yet dressed, sent his son to close all the windows in the monkey-house—an act of intrepidity which was later rewarded by half a sovereign—and another messenger to inform the Superintendent. This was Collier, he of the

missing account-books, who immediately ordered all the windows be boarded up and produced a large revolver. Mr. Blunsden was to enter the monkey house and shoot Kitty from a safe distance.

Mr. Blunsden demurred. Why kill poor Kitty? And in any case a revolver-shot from a 'safe distance' would be much more likely to wound or frighten her, when she would be far more dangerous. He at length consented, however, to take the revolver, but with no intention of using it. He walked into the monkey-house and put the pistol on a shelf, calling to Kitty by her name. When he came up to her she rubbed her head against his legs. He then walked into one of the larger monkey's cages with Kitty at his heels and when she was safely inside he came out again and locked the gate behind him. What Kitty had been up to during her period of freedom was never known with certainty but preparation had been under way for a fireworks display and the frames for set-pieces had been stored in an open shed in the gardener's yard. This shed had escaped the search and may well have been Kitty's hiding place by day. In the evening one of the staff, needing a ladder for fixing up the fairy-lights, had fetched one from the monkey-house and left one of the windows open. Probably Kitty, scared by the lights and music, had shifted her quarters after darkness fell. But she owed the rest of her life to Mr. Blunsden.

This account of the episode comes from the younger Mr. Blunsden (if one can describe a man who was already thirteen in 1892) who also relates this further story about his famous father: one day at feeding-time one of a pair of lions got a big piece of meat stuck on his canine teeth and was in danger of choking. Mr. Blunsden, who was passing at the time, at once unlocked the cage, took the lion by the cruff of his lower jaw, put his hand down his throat and pulled out the offending piece of meat; then he calmly went about his usual business amid a gaping crowd of spectators who probably thought him a reincarnation of Androcles."



Noted Animal Dealer of India Visits Cleveland Zoo

Mr. George Munro, one of India's most noted animal dealers paid a surprise visit to the Cleveland Zoo on March 13th.

Mr. Munro's primary mission in the U. S. was to deliver an Indian Rhinoceros and Indian Elephant to the San Diego Zoo. Having completed his mission in California, Mr. Munro headed east, stopping at several U. S. Zoos along the way. His return trip to India will take him by way of Bremen, Germany, where he is preparing a Zoo of his own. This zoo will be a collection point for animals destined for residence in zoos throughout Europe and North America. Munro asserted that changes of animals' diet and environment could be effected at Bremen in preparation for the different conditions which prevail in zoo life. The change from native habitat to captive life would therefore not be too drastic as has sometimes been the case in the past.

Mr. Munro talked about animal populations of his native land. "Elephants are not greatly endangered", he said. "The Indian Elephant is holding its own and is actually building up its numbers in spite of a growing human population which is decreasing the size of the elephants' native habitat areas. The elephant, needing great quantities of food to sustain life often ravage crops of the natives, and then control measures must be instituted."

However, some other animal species



George Munro, animal dealer from India, enjoyed his brief visit to the Cleveland Zoo.

Photo by Glenn Zahn
Cleveland Press

of India are endangered or are already extinct. Mr. Munro said that he believed the cheetah is no longer found in India and that the numbers of Indian gazelles, antelopes, and Barasingha Deer were greatly diminished.

He added that Rhesus monkeys are quite prevalent and large numbers of these animals could be captured and shipped out of the country without having any noticeable effect on the general overall Rhesus population.

Mr. Munro had high praise for the Cleveland Zoo's animal collection. He was particularly impressed with Cleveland's Barasingha Deer herd and emphasized their value because of the diminishing population of this species in India.



SPRING BABE

Among the first spring babies at the Cleveland Zoo was this hours-old Barbary Sheep (Aoudad). These animals are native to north Africa but the Cleveland Zoo herd has prospered and as many as 8 lambs have been born each spring since the sheep were put on Monkey Island.

Photo by Tony Tomsic
Cleveland Press

ZOO'S WHO

THE CALIFORNIA SEA LION

Zalophus californianus

By CHARLES R. VORACEK, Public Service Director

Upon seeing this animal in circus acts, in zoos, or in aquatic animal shows, the casual observer will usually say, "Look at the cute seal." That "cute seal" is almost always a California Sea Lion which is not a true seal at all.

The California Sea Lion differs from the "true" earless seals in several ways: The finned fore and hind limbs of the Sea Lion are long and turned forward, enabling this species to move about on land quite readily. Sea Lions possess small, but nevertheless distinct ears. The Sea Lion is also relatively larger in size and the body carriage is more upright than that of the typical Harbor Seal.

The Sea Lion is a very intelligent creature, capable of performing tricks such as balancing balls on its nose, playing tunes on air horns, and other intricate acts of balance or skill. Sea Lions will often perform tricks for the sheer fun of it, enjoying the stunts as much for the exercise and showing off as for the rewards of fish which accompany them. Many times the playful Sea Lions beg for human attention by vocalizing with their loud honking barks.

The California Sea Lion's range extends along the Pacific coastline of the U.S. and Mexico from the mouth of the Columbia River southward to southern Mexico.

Extremely large male Sea Lions (bulls) may attain a weight of from 500 to 600 pounds. The females (cows) are considerably smaller with a maximum weight of about 200 pounds. The adult male can be recognized by a crest or knobby projection at the top of the head which becomes lighter in color as the animal grows older.

The breeding season of the Sea Lion is in May and June and the breeding grounds are the Pacific offshore islands of California from Santa Barbara southward along the Mexican coastline. A single young (pup) is born after a gestation period of 11½ to 12 months. The Sea Lion pup is born with eyes open and 10 or 12 teeth. The mother nurses her youngster on thick rich milk,

the butterfat content of which has been found to be about 37%. Baby Sea Lions grow quite rapidly during the first few months of life. Although living in or near water through most of their lives, Sea Lions are not born swimmers; young Sea Lions must be taught how to swim by their mothers.

An interesting sidelight of the biography of the Sea Lion is the fact that after several months the pup's blue eyes gradually turn to a deep brown color and the dark brown coat it is born with lightens in color.

When summer has passed, cows and pups leave their island homes to forage for fish, squid, crustaceans and other aquatic creatures upon which they feed. The harem master bulls also leave about the same time as their mates and youngsters. These bulls show the effects of battles with other bulls for the favors of the harem. Emaciated and battle-scarred, the harem bulls will regain their robust forms by luxurious living in the sea.

Outside of man, the Sea Lion's worst enemies are killer whales and sharks. Fishermen have warred against the California Sea Lion, believing that this species takes great numbers of food fish. However, examinations of Sea Lion stomach contents reveals that the Sea Lion lives chiefly on squid and so called "trash fish" having little com-



The California Sea Lion likes to nap in the warm summer sunshine, particularly after a hearty meal of fish.

Photo by Gary Fuderer
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(A)

(A) The Cleveland Zoo's Sea Lion Pool is a whirlpool of activity when visitors purchase salt water smelt to feed the pool's occupants.
Photo by John Trauger
Standard Oil Co. (Ohio)



(B)

(B) Sea Lions like company, human as well as their own relatives. Here a pair of Sea Lions exhibit their own version of puppy love.
Photo by Karl Rauschkolb
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(C)

(C) Closeup of Sea Lion's face shows bristly whiskers and Roman nose.
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(D)

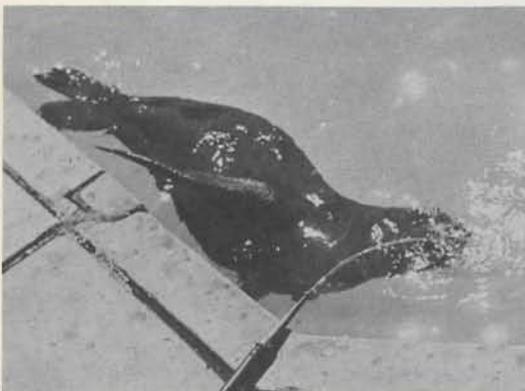
(D) Typical pose of the California Sea Lion on land . . . head upright, and front flippers extended at right angles to the body.

(E) Chasing champagne-like bubbles created by the water hose near poolside, the Sea Lion shows off for pool visitors. Sea Lions are natural-born hams and perform for visitors at the drop of a smelt.

Photo by Bruce Klobeke
Parma, Ohio

(F) Compared to the California Sea Lion, this Harbor Seal has large round eyes and shortened nose. Ear holes rather than external ears are another distinguishing feature of the Harbor Seal.

Photo by Frank Aleksankowicz
Cleveland Press



(E)



(F)

mercial value. Perhaps a more legitimate complaint about the Sea Lion is its destruction of fishermen's nets when the Sea Lions are attracted to the nets by trapped fish.

In the Zoo, the Sea Lion is a quite hardy creature with a voracious appetite. During the summer when Cleveland Zoo visitors are encouraged to purchase salt water smelt at a nickel each, the Sea Lions seem to have stomachs with no bottoms. One Sunday last August our six Sea Lions and two Harbor Seals consumed more than 3200

smelt, or an average of about 400 fish each. This public participation program is greatly enjoyed by visitors and Sea Lions alike.

The Cleveland Zoo's Sea Lion Pool is perhaps the second most popular attraction (Monkey Island is the most popular) and rightly so, as the energetic and always interesting Sea Lions perform their aquatic acrobatics in endless pursuit of fish for food or each other for the sheer fun of showing off for the delighted spectators.

FRIENDS OF THE ZOO MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE CHANGED

A complete change of the categorial structure of Cleveland Friends of the Zoo was initiated during the latter part of 1964. Instead of three financial brackets, the reorganization now includes 7 separate categories. The new structure is as follows:

Annual	\$10	Fellow	\$100
Sponsor	\$25	Donor	\$250
Sustaining	\$50	Life	\$500
Fellow for Life		\$1000	

Another change was also instituted for 1965:

An annual Membership Card instead of membership passes. The new card will permit the member free parking and free admission for himself and his immediate family as often as he wishes to visit the Cleveland Zoo.

A concerted effort was made in December, 1964, to obtain new Friends of the Zoo. The membership drive brought several hundred new members and a complete listing of Friends of the Zoo follows:

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How to solve a Zoo engineering problem! When a recent windstorm blew down mountings of the Bird Building's outdoor speaker system, a new 500 pound mounting was built to accommodate it. But the weight of the unit posed some lifting problems and a helicopter from Cleveland Freight Lines was called in to lift the unit into position. The birds in the Waterfowl Sanctuary looked at the strange wingless bird in the sky probably "wondering" what prehistoric avian monster was descending on the roof. The operation was a complete success in a short period of time.

IN MEMORIAM

The Cleveland Zoological Society has been saddened by the loss of three members of its Board of Trustees, Colonel B. C. Goss, W. W. Vandever, and Timothy J. Conway.



Colonel Byron C. "Biff" Goss passed away on *October 25, 1964*. He founded the Lake Erie Chemical Co. in 1922. He retired as chairman of the board of directors of that company a number of years ago. During World War I, Colonel Goss was chief chemical officer for the U.S. Army. An ardent big game hunter and sportsman, "Biff" Goss made many safari trips to Africa, and it was on one of these safaris, in 1958, that he managed to acquire "Karen", the only captive female Bongo Antelope in the world for the Cleveland Zoo. When the Zoo eventually found a male Bongo as a mate for Karen, the new Bongo was named "Biff" in honor of Biff Goss who was so greatly enamored of the beautiful Bongos.

Biff Goss was born in Rochester, Indiana, graduated from Princeton University and taught chemistry at Princeton in 1917 prior to the outbreak of World War I. He had made his home at Trappe, Maryland, in recent years. He was 74 at the time of his death. Surviving him are his wife, Mary; a son, Richard I., and a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Rhodes.



W. W. Vandever, 77, was a self-made man, having started life on an Indiana farm. During his junior year at Southern Illinois Normal University his father died, and he quit school to become a country school teacher. In succeeding years he worked as a lineman for Western Union, as supervisor for a sales school for Goodrich Tire and Rubber Co. and as a salesman for American Petroleum Products Co.

In 1925 Mr. Vandever and Mr. F. R. Newman formed the Allied Oil Co., and in 1948 when that firm was merged with Ashland Oil & Refining Co., the two partners collected 6 million dollars each.

Mr. Vandever founded Vinson Production Corp. in 1951 to produce oil and gas in the Southeastern U.S. and later created a companion firm, Vanstates Oil Corp.

During World War II he worked for the U.S. Government to supervise oil production.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner and a member of Pepper Pike Country Club.

He was interested in many philanthropic ventures, most notable of which was his spearheading the 1 million dollar Fairview Park Hospital Drive. Mr. Vandever passed away *October 31, 1964*. His late residence was at 21620 Avalon Dr., Rocky River, Ohio. Surviving him are his wife, Wilda; a son, James W., of Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Marie Basham, of Santa Barbara, California; four grandchildren and six brothers and sisters.

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IN MEMORIAM



Timothy J. Conway, 72, retired president of Fisher Foods, Inc., died *March 11, 1965* at his home, Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Mr. Conway was associated with Fisher Foods for 50 years, having started as a \$16-a-week clerk and climaxing his career in 1949 when he became company president. He remained as president until 1963 when illness forced him to retire.

He was an ardent sports enthusiast and was closely associated with Cleveland sandlot baseball. His love for

sports was active in earlier years when he participated in both baseball and football, and in later years became treasurer of the Cleveland Arena and Cleveland Hockey Club. A few years ago he became a major stockholder and director of the Cleveland Indians.

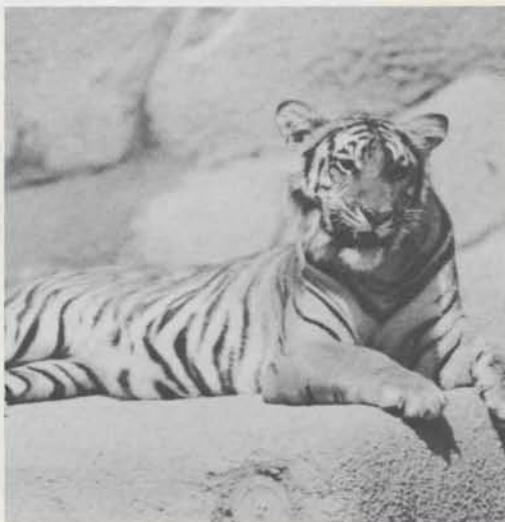
Mr. Conway also served as a director of Society National Bank and Clevite Corporation. A leading Catholic layman of the Cleveland area, Mr. Conway received papal honors as a Knight of St. Gregory in 1963; he was also a director of Cleveland Catholic Charities Corp.

Surviving him are his wife, Mary; daughters, Mrs. Thomas A. Conley and Mrs. James J. McMullen; stepdaughters Mrs. J. W. Kintzler and Mrs. Leo M. Spellacy; 10 sons, Robert F., John J., Timothy J. Jr., Richard D., William E., James S., Gerald A., M. Thomas, Peter T., and the Rev. Neil, assistant pastor of St. Rose Catholic Church; a brother Daniel R., and a sister Mrs. Catherine Vanderbilt.

The Cleveland Zoo's progress and development was dear to the hearts of each of these three trustees and each devoted much time and effort in helping the Zoo to become one of the outstanding public attractions in Cleveland. The Cleveland Zoological Society is truly grateful for the dedicated efforts of these three honored gentlemen and along with their beloved families we deeply mourn their passing.



Humboldt Penguins in profile. These birds live along western coast of South America as far north as Peru.
Photo by John R. Anderson
1316 West 83rd Street
Cleveland 2, Ohio



"Liz", a female Bengal Tiger lies on a cement pad in the Tiger enclosure. Tigers do not enjoy extremely hot weather and when the heat becomes unbearable, these cats seek shady, cool spots to rest.

ZOO CANDIDS



"Boy, a sip of this coffee and you can really let your hair down." "Gi-Gi" 2 year old female Orang-utan gets cupful of liquid jello, one of her favorite treats.

Photo by Tony Tomsic
Cleveland Press



"I'll be a monkey's uncle — these college entrance tests are enough to put you off your rocker."

Female chimpanzee, "Diane" goes through monkey-shines with a roll of adding machine tape.

Ohio Bell Telephone Photo



"Wow! What a party last night — my head feels like a balloon this morning."

Cassowary from New Guinea has large bony head-dress called a "casque".

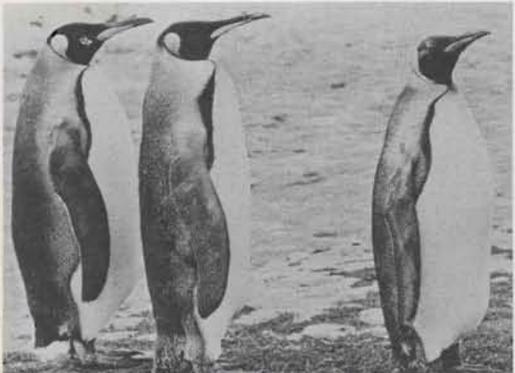
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"Just when I get completely relaxed, that NBC color TV man is on my tail again."

Indian Blue Peacock roosts on fence as a means of keeping feet out of the cold, wet snow.

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Cleveland Press



"Didn't anyone ever tell him that three's a crowd!" King Penguins look like butlers in a dress parade.

Photo by Cleveland Plain Dealer



"Bury me not on the lone prairie".

Prairie Dog is on the alert near his burrow. Prairie Dogs at the Zoo are extremely shy and dart into underground tunnel at the least sign of danger.

Photo by Bill Nehez
Cleveland Press

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Screech Owl in the Bird Building peers from his hollow log home.

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