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Reminder: It's never too late to join THE FRIENDS OF THE ZOO.

COVER: The day, "Tara," our 13-year-old tigress had her teeth cleaned she posed cooperatively for Press Photographer Glenn Zahn.

ZOO NEEDS NEW FRIENDS TO PRESERVE WILDLIFE, MEET OTHER NEEDS

The annual FRIENDS OF THE ZOO membership drive is now underway and will continue through May.

The Zoo relies heavily upon FRIENDS OF THE ZOO for growth and development. Donations enable it to purchase animals, to improve existing exhibits, and to fulfill the continuous task of making needed changes around the park.

Members of the FRIENDS OF THE ZOO take a personal interest and pride in Zoo animals, births and acquisitions, and derive pleasure and enjoyment from visits to the Zoo.

It is a matter of civic consciousness with many persons to belong to an organization dedicated to the preservation of wildlife. With conditions in Africa changing almost daily, the threat to wildlife is real and grim. Zoos all over the world are charged with the responsibility of raising families of animals for future generations to enjoy.

Vernon Stouffer, president of the Zoological Society, believes more persons should join the FRIENDS OF THE ZOO. The Zoological Park has taken on added prestige over the years, and it is deserving of greater local recognition and support.

Attendance figures show the Zoo is the city's second greatest public attraction, and the only place in the city where boys and girls can obtain a broad picture of live animal life.

"The Zoo isn't a panacea for spoiled youth, slums, fewer and fewer animals, but it does offer a respite against social and economic upheaval around us," Dr. Goss

said in letters to past and prospective FRIENDS OF THE ZOO.

"The Zoo is a wonderful recreational and educational place for children. Not just underprivileged ones, but yours and mine. Places are becoming fewer where a child may pet animals, see rare birds, pachyderms of historic size, and other wild animals. There can't be much wrong with boys and girls who like animals," Dr. Goss said in his letter.

JOIN NOW

Annual Membership _____ \$10.00
Sponsor _____ \$11 to \$200
Donor _____ \$200 or more

Make checks payable to the FRIENDS OF THE ZOO, BROOKSIDE PARK, CLEVELAND 9, OHIO. Contributions are deductible under the Federal Income Tax Law.

In appreciation of the support from FRIENDS OF THE ZOO, the Zoo publishes Zoo News to keep them abreast of activities. Mr. Stouffer, in urging renewal of annual memberships, also took the opportunity to publicly thank them for interest over the years.

The FRIENDS OF THE ZOO was launched in 1941 by Harold T. Clark, prominent attorney, who for 16 years prior to his resignation in 1957, was chairman of the Board of Control which operated the Zoo for the City of Cleveland. In 1957, the Zoological Society was formed with Mr. Stouffer taking over the leadership with the assistance of Frederick C. Crawford who is chairman of the board of the Society.

N.E. Kiwanis Pledges "Life-Time" Friendship

Since 1957, the Northeast Kiwanis Club has sent us five dollars a month regularly.

Albert A. Ballew, 980 Nathaniel Road, chairman of the club's agriculture and conservation committee, in response to our query, told us how the giving was inspired.

"As you know our motto is 'We Build,' and following this premise we find ourselves almost automatically helping to 'build' many worthwhile projects," Ballew wrote.

"Regarding the Zoo, one might say we were awakened to our responsibility by a talk given to our club by a representative of your Society. As too often happens, we accept many of the wonders in our midst

as commonplace . . .

"After hearing the speaker from your organization, we knew that we had an obligation to keep this fine institution in operation.

"More important, however, was the realization that through the Zoo we could reach the hearts of thousands of children who, while living in a complex, built-up urban community, might on a warm sunny afternoon enjoy for a time a visit to the far corners of the world, learning that Man is not God's only creation.

"The Cleveland Zoo can count on Northeast Kiwanis as a life-time friend."

WIFE OF BIRD SCULPTOR VISITS ZOO

On the list of famous visitors was Mrs. Edward Marshall Boehm, wife of the noted porcelain sculptor, who has donated about \$2,000 worth of rare African and South American birds to our collection.

Mrs. Boehm was in Cleveland in connection with a display of her husband's work at Bonwit Teller. Beautiful color shots of the porcelain figures were also featured on the cover of the Stouffer Restaurant menus.

Another famous visitor was Japanese Industrialist T. Takasaki, chairman of the Oriental Can Co., which is the Japanese affiliate of the Ferro Corp. Mr. Takasaki is chairman of the Zoological Association of Japan which includes about 80 zoos, many of them smaller than Cleveland's but at least 10 of equivalent size. Mr. Takasaki was delighted with the Bird Building exhibits. Mr. Takasaki's association sent us \$20 towards a replacement fund for our snake collection, destroyed in a flood in 1959.



"Coffee," a Hawk-headed Parrot, listens to Carillon chimes in company with Zoo Trustee Raymond M. Barker (left) and Ralph S. Mueller. Photo by Jerry Horton—Press.

CHIMES FROM MUELLER CARILLON FILL PARK

One of the happiest events of the winter season was the acquisition of the Ralph Mueller Carillon. It was put into operation and dedicated at the Bird Building on December 16, with Mr. Mueller, senior partner of the Mueller Electric Co., doing the honors.

He touched on the controversy between those who dispute esthetic qualities of the electronic carillon over traditional bells, and he diplomatically championed the electronic carillon. True bell towers, he said, would be unapproachable in costs. An electronic carillon, such as Mr. Mueller donated to the Zoo, was in excess of \$6,000. Its uses are wide and varied. Mr. Mueller pointed out that 90 per cent of music heard in homes today is channeled electronically.

During the holiday season, carols and Westminster chimes were played on scheduled hours, and into the evening. The Cleveland Transit System brought holiday riders to Park Drive to see the illuminated Nativity scene with live animals, and to hear carols and chimes.

Neighbors, living in the Park area, telephoned and wrote complimentary remarks about the music.

Mr. Mueller, speaking to all Zoo employes and staff, recalled when he was a boy bells called him from the fields for dinner.

"There were church bells, school bells, fire bells, the bells that sounded when someone died, and if you took your girl for a ride there were even sleigh bells," he said.

Pre-taped music is used in the carillon equipment. Loud-speakers on the tower of the Bird Building amplify the music. Appropriate Easter music was played in April.

Two plaques with the message—"THE RALPH MUELLER CARILLON LOCATED IN THIS BUILDING WAS THE GIFT OF RALPH MUELLER—1960"—are located at the entrances to the Bird Building.

Vernon Stouffer, president of the Zoological Society, delivered personal holiday greetings to everyone. Trustees Don S. Carmichael, Dr. Robert M. Stecher, Raymond M. Barker and Sheldon G. Ferbert came to the dedication. Employes were given a gift of a turkey for Christmas.

Baby Chimps "Orbit" in Pink Nursery Rather than Space

The colorful pink nursery in the Main Building is the home of two active and bright-eyed female Chimpanzees who came originally from Yaounde, French Cameroons. Their acquisition was arranged during the Zoo's East African expedition last year. Their purchase is another example of how the Friends of the Zoo help us to obtain new animals for exhibit.

The lively curiosity and natural fun-making antics are a big attraction for thousands of visitors, but especially for school children who arrive in droves during the spring season.

While construction of the nursery was underway, the Chimps were under observation at the veterinary hospital. They arrived in this country in January. They were pretty sick youngsters, suffering from the usual winter childhood colds and digestive disturbances. The patient and per-

sistent care given by Dr. Wallace E. Wendt brought the Chimps along to a fine, healthy state.

The Chimps weighed 10 to 11 pounds on arrival, and now are at 20 and 15 pounds, respectively. According to hospital attendants, the heavier Chimp is a "real clown." She is also the more aggressive. They are about a year old.

The babies are on a diet of high-protein cereal, baby foods such as mashed bananas, mixed vegetables, beets, and raisins, plus a variety of supplementary vitamins.

The Chimps, during their hospital stay, clung together and found comfort and security in each other's presence. Veterinarians who have reared anthropoids are inclined to believe that such animals reared in pairs have more chance for survival than those reared singly.

The new babies, as yet unnamed, are seen through new glass-fronted enclosures. Shatterproof glass protects them from drafts and exposure to human colds. Similar glass-fronted enclosures have been erected at the Gorilla and Orang-utan exhibits.

In the pink nursery, the Chimps have tables and benches at which to sit for meals and at which to play. Behind the play area is a diet kitchen, carried out in the pink decor. Attendants can be seen by the public as they prepare food for the babies. The public can also watch the keepers bathe the infants. As part of the design of the nursery, care was given to use non-toxic paints.

In the glass-fronted area next to the Chimps are exhibited the two beautiful black and white Columbus Monkeys obtained during the 1960 African Expedition. The "green room" is complete with copper tubing on which the monkeys can perform.

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Whenever a photographer comes to the Zoo, he is subtly led to the Bird Building where parakeets have nested in a high metal ledge over the penguin pool. Head Keeper Don Ehlinger has watched mothers feeding young, but this never occurs when a cameraman is about.



Dr. Wallace E. Wendt, Zoo veterinarian, with the Zoo's new baby chimps who are NOT moon-minded despite the toy in hand. Photo by Robert J. Quinlan—Plain Dealer.

Bongo Pact Results From African Trip

One of the major accomplishments of the Zoo's 1960 East African expedition which has long-range prospects is an agreement reached with Major Ian Grimwood, chief game warden of Kenya Colony.

The agreement provides for a herd of Bongos to be reared in the United States under the auspices of the Cleveland Zoological Society.

Since the Zoo, in 1959, acquired "Karen," the only female Bongo in captivity, efforts have been made to secure a mate. Bongos, forest antelopes, are exceedingly difficult to locate and capture. However, emissaries of the Zoo are officially licensed to capture one or more Bongos, and reports from Kenya are that efforts have been redoubled to find "Karen" a mate in the interests of perpetuating this species. Bongos are one of the world's rarest antelopes, and civil strife in Africa threatens their existence.

Major Grimwood has authorized the capture and export of as many as eight Bongos. These would be placed on a preserve somewhere in the States under Zoo auspices.

Members of the expedition were trustees Donald S. Carmichael, executive vice-president, Stouffer Corp.; Raymond S. Livingstone, vice-president, Thompson Ramo Wooldridge Co.; Raymond M. Barker, president, Barker's Office Supplies Co.; Attorney Sumner Canary, Herb Rebman, Rebman Photo Service, Inc.; and the winners of the Safari contest, Victor Uhas and Donald Kuenzer. For the boys, the trip was an experience beyond their wildest dreams.

The expedition also secured three Colobus monkeys—spectacular animals with long

black fur, shawls of long white hair, and long bushy tails. Characteristically they have only four fingers instead of five. They are on exhibit in a remodeled area of the Main Building. Eighteen birds and two baby chimps were also obtained during the 17-day trip.

A flood of requests for talks on Africa resulted from the trip. Dr. Goss, Rebman, the trip's official photographer, Livingstone and Carmichael have been on the speakers' circuit. Canary and Barker have shown their films to their families and friends. The teen-agers, Victor Uhas and Donald Kuenzer, showed their films to assemblies at West Technical High School and the Junior Council on World Affairs.

Color film of the trip is available to groups.

Dr. Goss reported that the 16,000-mile trip to and from Equatorial Africa confirmed stories that the magnificent animals of the plains and valleys are fast disappearing. British officials in British-controlled Kenya and Tanganyika are so concerned about the future of wildlife that they are doing everything to prevent extinction. They have fenced in acres of preserves. They also want to supply animals to zoos in pairs or groups, thus attempting to insure propagation of the particular species.

The words of King George VI, inscribed at the entrance to Nairobi National Park, made an impression on the travelers.

"Wildlife today is not ours to dispose of as we please. We hold it in trust and must account for it to those who come after."

Members of the 1961 Zoo East Africa Safari were (left to right) Donald S. Carmichael, Raymond M. Barker, Dr. Leonard J. Goss, Cecil Webb, Sumner Canary, Victor Uhas, Raymond S. Livingstone, Herb Rebman and Donald Kuenzer at camp site in East Africa. (Rebman Photo)

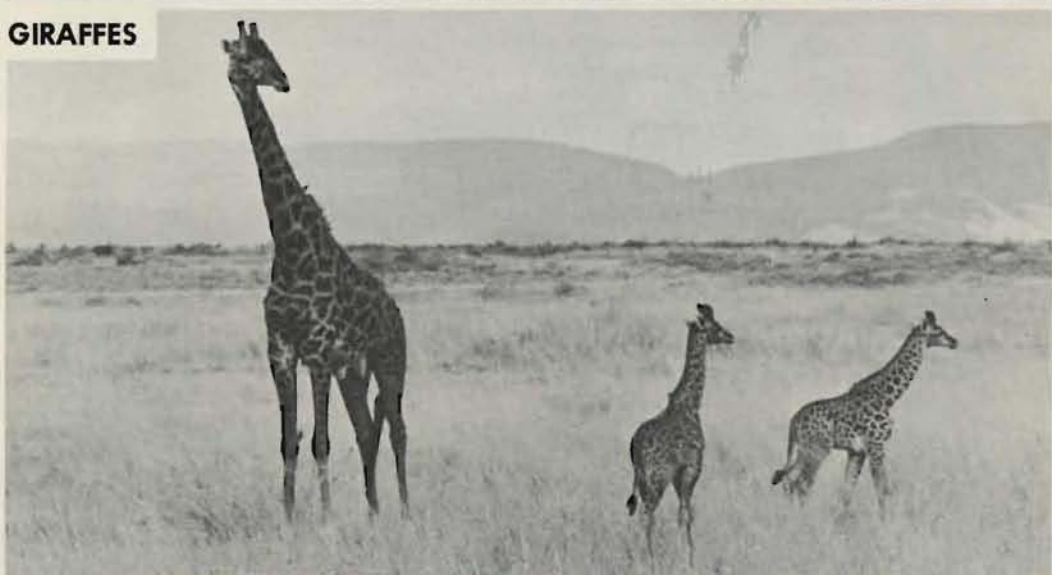


EAST AFRICAN SIGHTS

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LIONESS AND CUBS



RHINOCEROS



Photos by Herb Rebman

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The pair of male leopard cubs were born to "Squeaky" and her male consort, "Toughie," on January 15, 1961. Photo by Chet Wozny—Central Press Association.

Spring being a season of rebirth and hope, it is appropriate that we have a crop of new babies on display for the delight and pleasure of visitors, both young and old.

The Zoo Babies included two flat-tailed Karacul lambs, two Leopard cubs, a pair of Black Swan cygnets, a Japanese Black Bear, two Elands, a Giraffe, two Guanocos, four Aoudads, two Emus, a Pere David's Deer, and a batch of Rhesus Monkeys.

"Donna," a black Karacul lamb, born at the Zoo on February 23, is already a pet of Zoo personnel, especially Dr. Goss' secretary, Mrs. Donna Fritz, for whom she was named. "Donna" is at the Children's Farm. Photo by Glenn Zahn—Press.



Two female Guanacos were born on February 23, to two different mothers. Photo by Glenn Zahn—Plain Dealer.

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born the same day, Febru-
hers. Photo by Ray Mat-



A pair of Black Swan cygnets was hatched in the Bird Building's incubator on February 3. Gray at birth, the swans gradually lose their fluff and get black feathers. Photo by Tony Tomsic—Press.



At the age of two months, "Kae-sei" had grown to 20 inches and seven pounds, six ounces and had sprouted teeth. Photo by Chet Wozny—Central Press Association.

This bright-faced Eland was born on February 12. She was joined by another baby, a male, on March 14. Photo by Herman Seid—Press.





"Kae-sei" was seven inches long the day he was born.

Photo by Dwight Boyer—Plain Dealer.

"KAE-SEI", THE BEAR CUB, PREFERS CRIB AND HOT-WATER BOTTLE TO COLD BEAR DENS

A male Japanese Black Bear owes his well-being to the patience and determination of the Steve Sandusky family.

Sandusky, Zoo Keeper at the bear dens, rescued the newborn baby from the communal quarters of four adult Japanese bears the morning of January 27 by diverting their attention.

"He was just born," Sandusky said after he rushed the tiny animal, tucked inside his jacket, to the Zoo office. Postal scales showed the infant weighed $11\frac{1}{4}$ ounces. At age 10 weeks, "Kae-sei" (a Japanese look to Casey) weighed four pounds, six ounces, and was 15 inches long. On March 21, he weighed six pounds.

Sandusky, without whose alertness the

bear would have died, called his wife, Agnes, to prepare her for the unusual house guest. Mrs. Sandusky works summers at the concession stand opposite the bear quarters. And while bears are familiar to her, she never had one at home before.

Life at the Sandusky home became hectic since the baby required feedings every two hours around the clock. By the time he was 10 weeks old, the feedings were scheduled every five hours. If he was sleeping soundly, the feedings were more widely-spaced.

Who took on the job?

Mrs. Sandusky, of course.

"You can't waken Steve after he goes to sleep," Mrs. Sandusky said.

Her determination to "pull the little bear cub through" was reflected in her devoted care and constant attention.

He was placed in a doll crib with straw mattress, fortified with a hot-water bottle, and blankets, both under and over him for the first four weeks. The hot-water bottle remained at the 10th week, but "Kae-sei" no longer liked a blanket over him.

There were no diapers to change, but Mrs. Sandusky kept flying to and from washer and dryer and the crib to keep the bedding clover fresh. There were joys as well as work to the role of "den mother," Mrs. Sandusky found.

"Kae-sei" shown in his crib.

Photo by Chet Wozny—Central Press





Jimmy Sandusky served as "den brother" to the newly-born Japanese Black Bear. Note the clearly-defined white collar on the cub. Photo by Dwight Boyer—Plain Dealer.

"But we love him so, it doesn't matter," Mrs. Sandusky said.

While the Sanduskys are occupied with the day-to-day task of keeping Kae-sei alive and well, Ronald Reuther sent queries out to experts on bears to determine whether Kae-sei belongs in the ranks of illustrious bears.

"Kae-sei," to the best of our knowledge, is the only Japanese Black Bear born and reared in captivity in the United States. However, Tadamichi Koga, director of

Ueno Zoological Gardens in Tokyo, Japan, wrote that there are 45 captive births on record in eight zoos in Japan, covering the years 1953 to 1960.

Past experience in hand-feeding Kodiak bear cubs provided us with a diet for "Kae-sei." Zoo Veterinarian Dr. Wallace E. Wendt prescribed a powdered dry cow's milk formula plus liquid multi-vitamins during his first few weeks. By the fifth week, the cub was taking dry milk mixed with Pablum. By the sixth week, the cub, still without teeth, was eating finely-ground horse meat along with the milk-Pablum mixture on a five-hour schedule.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS DEDICATE TOTEM POLE

The Cleveland Council of Camp Fire Girls culminated the celebration of their golden jubilee with the dedication and presentation of a Totem Pole at the Zoo.

More than 3,400 Camp Fire Girls and their families came for the ceremony. The Totem Pole, made from an illuminating company pole, is adorned with Indian symbols which depict the organization and philosophy of the Camp Fire Girls.

Last year the Camp Fire Girls planted two trees, which were known in pre-historic times, to start a Fossil Forest. The Totem Pole is located near Monkey Island. The trees were planted in the area of the Waterfowl Sanctuary.

NEIGHBOR LIKES OUR CHIMES

Gentlemen:

I want to tell you how much I like to hear your chimes. I live on W. 48th Street and several times when I have been out shoveling snow, your bells rang out in the quiet evening air. I feel almost like it was my Christmas present — for I know how much I'll enjoy hearing it when the weather is nice and I work outside. I do hope you keep them ringing.

Merry Christmas.

(signed) Dorothy Boutall
4188 W. 48th Street
Cleveland 9, Ohio

MEMORIAL BELL HAS A NEW HOME

When the City of Independence dedicates its new recreation center this summer, a bell donated by the Zoo will have a place of honor.

The center is located on 10 acres of land in Elmwood Park to the rear of Independence Town Hall off Route 21.

The melodious-sounding bell had been gathering dust in the basement of the Main Zoo building for years. In fact, it had survived the January 1959 flood which destroyed the reptile collection.

Zoo General Superintendent Joe Chery recalled the bell came from the old Central Viaduct which was torn down in 1943.

"Someone had the idea it would be sounded to tell visitors the park's closing hour was at hand," Chery said.

It was never used. One day Dr. Goss commented that it probably is a "collector's item and someone or some group might want it."

A story by Jan Mellow in the Plain Dealer resulted in dozens of inquiries. Mrs. Mellow's research disclosed the bell was erected over the Central Viaduct in 1896, a year after a streetcar crashed through the gates where part of the bridge swung out to let vessels through on the river below. Seventeen persons were killed in the tragedy. The viaduct, dedicated in 1888, ran 99 feet above the Flats from Ontario Street near Carnegie to W. 14th Street. It was declared unsafe and closed in 1941.

Requests came from churches, individuals, camps, bell collectors and others.

The City of Independence uses the Liberty bell symbol on its letterhead and on street signs. Mayor Winfred "Pete" Wisniewski, had the city council introduce and pass a resolution of acceptance.

MIKE IS ZOO TV ENVOY

Keeper Mike Turnaukas, "Ranger Mike," is becoming a regular member of the "Barnaby" show, KYW Channel 3 television, every Saturday morning. Every Friday Mike transports a flamingo, penguin, duck or some other animal to the studio for the pre-taping of his part of the "Barnaby" show.

THE "HE" WAS A "SHE"

The Liberia Mining Co. Ltd., a principally-owned unit of the Republic Steel Corp., shipped an eight-week-old Pygmy Hippopotamus, to the Zoo via the Port of Baltimore from Monrovia, Liberia in November.

The Liberian officials gave the animal the grand name of "H. R. H. Prince Mano" since the youngster had been found in the Mano Hills, about 50 miles northeast of the Bomi Hills. The Mano region, tribally in Gola country, is on the border of Liberia and Sierra Leone.

When "he" arrived, Zoo officials were delighted. We had been waiting seven years for a mate for "Bomi," a female given us by Republic in 1955. But closer inspection disclosed the "prince" was in reality a "princess." Fortunately, we had purchased a baby male Pygmy Hippo from the Bronx Zoo a few weeks earlier. This became doubly important after the new Liberian youngster suddenly died in January. Cause of death was acute anemia, according to an autopsy.

ANIMALS SOUND OFF FOR RECORDINGS

WERE radio engineer Jim Church has spent several weeks at the Zoo tape-recording animal sounds for a long-playing record which Bill Randle is interested in promoting.

The patient Mr. Church returned several times before succeeding in recording the song of the Kookaburra or "Laughing Jackass." All of the bird keepers had a hand in urging "Kookie" to sound off into the microphone. "Kookie" finally performed for a full minute after everyone let him alone.

Church had similar difficulties at the Pachyderm Building. Keepers tried for nearly two hours to get "Blackie" the Hippo to perform vocally. Keeper Bill Odell got the elephants trumpeting, and "Blackie" emitted sounds which were obliterated by the female elephants. Engineer Church reported that when he played back the day's work he had dozens of human grunts and groans—all meant as spurs to "Blackie." Church wisely erased the human snorts.

PENGUINS STAY OUTSIDE AND FLAMINGOS GO INSIDE DURING WINTER AT THE ZOO

It's surprising how many people are under the false assumption the Zoo closes when the snow flies and reopens in spring.

This is not true. The only days the Zoo closes are Christmas and New Year's days.

No matter what the calendar says, the approximately 1,200 animals must be well-housed and fed, and someone must perform these vital tasks.

Snow and ice fails to keep some of the hardier species of animals indoors. Peafowl, even during sub-zero weather, huddled between the Bongo and Pachyderm buildings where walls served as windbreaks, and where feed was scattered for them.

Penguins were moved from their refrigerated indoor habitat in the Bird Building to an outdoor pool on the Mall. While there, two of the Humboldts laid eggs which unfortunately did not hatch. In company with the Penguins were domestic ducks and geese from the Children's Farm. The pool didn't freeze because of running water.

Three Cereopsis Geese popped in and out of small shelters, but by-and-large they wandered over their snowy yard. The charreuse-billed geese are native to the islands off western and southern Australia and in the Bass Strait.

Bears frolicked in outdoor dens, even though winter is hibernation time. One zero day found Polar Bears inside. Their pool was frozen.

Camels walked and galloped to and from unheated but straw-filled barns, and the Elands and Zebras took daily constitutions.

The Aoudads or Barbary Wild Sheep whose original home is hot, dry, desert mountains and foothills of North Africa scampered around Monkey Island. The Rhesus Monkeys go into a heated space beneath the Island for the winter.

New Zealand Wallabies, Tibetan Yaks, Himalayan Tahrs, American Bison, and Nubian Ibex from Asia and Africa are the kinds of animals one expects to enjoy the snowy Cleveland weather, and these animals spent part of each day outside.

For the less rugged—the visiting public—there were three heated buildings . . . Bird, Pachyderm and Main. The latter houses the great apes, lions and tigers and other cats.

A trio of Lion cubs, born to "Queenie"

and "King" in October were a fine attraction until the cubs were sold in January. The jungle-born Lion couple have had 42 offspring.

The parrot-like Macaws and the unique summer outdoor Macaw Tree exhibit spent the winter in the Bird Building. Each Macaw has had the feathers on one of its wings clipped to prevent flight. Parakeets, Cockatiels and several Blue Jays joined the Macaws, but spent hours flitting around the building to the delight and surprise of visitors. Parakeets built nests in a metal ledge above the winter Pelican exhibit.

Temporarily out-of-sight from the public were the Albatrosses, Flamingos, and Cranes, moved from the Mall to the lower level of the Bird Building.

Special public service spot announcements over radio stations KYW and WJW noted that the Zoo is a year-round recreational and educational center. These "spots" are free time donated by the stations for public service purposes.

ZOO JOINS IN HONORING C. M. WHITE

The Zoo is one of the 13 agencies in Greater Cleveland which participated in the Charles M. White Recognition Day at Strosacker Auditorium of Case Institute of Technology on Sunday, April 16 at 3 p.m.

Mr. White, a Zoo trustee, recently retired as president of the Republic Steel Corp. The Zoo is one of the organizations which has benefited from the generosity of Mr. White and his company. Republic has donated animals to the Zoo.

Choral groups from Fenn College, Western Reserve University, and Case will perform. A youth representing each of the 13 organizations read excerpts of "Dear Charlie" letters to Mr. White. The letters are from officials of the 13 agencies.

The Zoo was represented by its staff, along with the Steve Sandusky family which has been hand-rearing a Japanese black bear cub in their home. Mr. and Mrs. Sandusky and their son, Jimmy took the bear to the event, and Jimmy was on stage.

INFORMATION BROCHURE TO PROMOTE ZOO

A new general information booklet will soon be off the presses. Thousands have been ordered for general circulation to groups, schools, new residents, and others in Northern Ohio.

The folder contains pertinent information about hours, admission, location, feeding times for animals, Zoo facilities and accommodations. Anyone interested in obtaining folders for distribution may obtain them by calling ON 1-6500.

NEW LABELS ENHANCE PARK ANIMAL EXHIBITS

Spring will find each exhibit in the Park identified with new opaque ivory-colored vinyl plastic labels, including large illustrated labels of swans with smaller ones illustrating ducks and geese at the Waterfowl Sanctuary.

Zoo Artist and Printer Dick Cortimilia has used oil paints for pictures. He is working on a process, using water colors and a fixative for indoor illustrated bird labels.

All zoos are faced with the problem of adequately identifying exhibits, and having the signs neat, legible and briefly informative.

We surveyed labeling techniques in museums, aquariums and other parks. Now others are asking us for information about our labeling system. We are using better materials, eliminating cardboard, and wherever possible, particularly in group exhibits, the labels will include oil or water color illustrations. New directional signs will also be part of spring sign-up program.

ROTARY GIFT TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S FARM

The Cleveland Rotary Club donated \$1,600 for additional improvements at the Children's Farm which, incidentally opened for the season on April 15.

Fred Buscher, chairman of the Rotary's rural-urban committee, and Lester T. Avery, head of the sub-committee, endorsed the expenditure. Several years ago the Rotary Club donated \$13,000 for the construction of the Red Barn at the Farm. Last year the Farm drew more than 60,000 persons.

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"SILENT" GIRAFFE HAS A WORD OR TWO ABOUT HER NEW OFFSPRING

Blessed events are king-size at the Pachyderm Building.

Newest arrival is a female giraffe, born at 7:52 a.m. February 6. "Patches," one of the two adult females, is the proud mother, making this her second offspring born within two years. A male, christened "Kibo," for the highest peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, was born March 23, 1959, and sold to the Little Rock, Ark. Zoo in April, 1960.

The new youngster stood six feet, three inches, and weighed about 120 pounds at birth. "Kibo" was five feet, 10 inches at birth. The gestation period for giraffes is 14 months.

Eight minutes after birth, the baby tried to get up, but "Patches" kept her down. "Patches" licked and cleaned the baby, nuzzled her affectionately while Papa "Totem," in the next paddock, craned his neck over the dividing fence.

Within three hours and 10 minutes, the baby was nursing—a good, healthy sign. She stood from 10:45 a.m. until late in the day, and spent a good night. On the fourth morning, she was spread-eagle on the floor, unable to rise. With help she was back on her feet and for the next several nights Keeper Nick James was on duty. By the morning of the seventh day, she was on her own, getting up and down at will, and even prancing.

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Eight inches of topsoil were spread in the compartment occupied by mother and daughter to enable the youngster to get better footing. The floor is concrete, and the youngster's hooves slipped when she attempted to raise herself.

James was surprised and honored at the charity shown by "Patches" in sharing her baby daughter with him the morning the youngster was born. James held the baby in his arms, trying to steady her, and "Patches" licked his face with a long bristled tongue.

"Never saw a giraffe do that before," James said.

Keeper Bill Odell had another story to tell about "Patches." He heard her make a grunting sound. Giraffes are usually known as "silent animals." Under duress, a giraffe can and does make a sound, Dr. Goss said.

"Patches" emitted her sound when Dr. Goss and Odell were in her paddock. She came for them, stamping her forefeet and grunting.

This is the third giraffe born at the Zoo, but one failed to survive, succumbing within a day after birth. "Lulu," the other female, is also expecting. The three adult giraffes came here as the result of the 1955 Zoo African expedition, led by Vernon Stouffer, the late Gordon Stouffer, and Fred C. Crawford.

Since there is a demand for giraffes, we are in hopes the next one will be a male, which will give us a pair to sell to another zoo. This way, another zoo can start a breeding group. Individually, a young giraffe may sell for \$3,500 to \$4,500.

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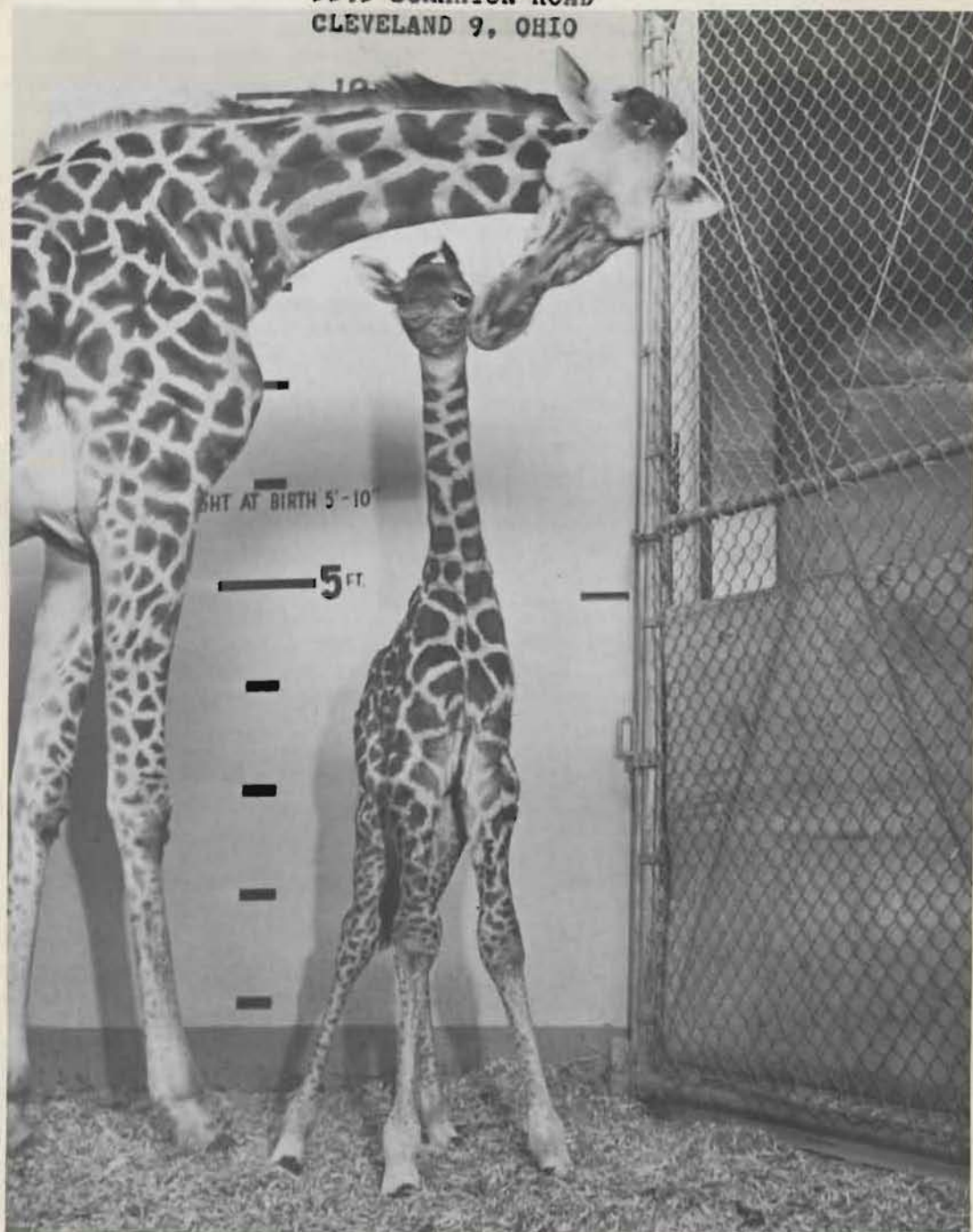
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We estimate that one out of 30 visitors has purchased Talking Story Book keys. The keys activate more than 50 Books in the Park, enabling visitors to hear about the animals as they see them.

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The baby giraffe's six-foot, two-inch height is dwarfed by the towering size of her mother, "Patches." The new female is the third baby giraffe born at the Cleveland Zoo in two years. "Patches" stands slightly over 13 feet high, and "Totem," the father, is 15 feet, four inches in height. Photo by William Ashbolt—Plain Dealer.