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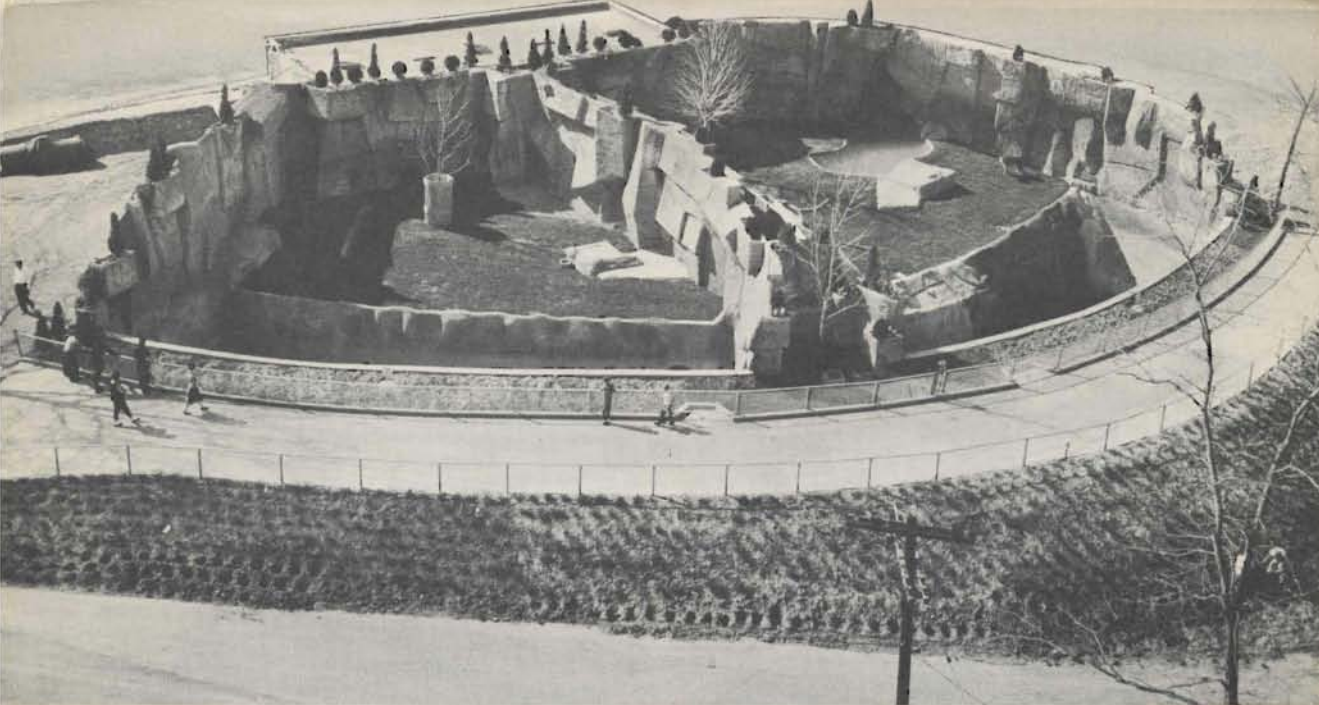
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### Join FRIENDS OF THE ZOO in '62

COVER: Enjoying the fresh air and sunshine of the new moated Veldt are Cleveland Zoo's lions, "Queenie" and "King." Visitors to the Zoo can now see lions and tigers in a beautiful natural outdoor setting unobstructed by bars. Story on page 3.



Stouffer Memorial Veldt, the newest exhibit in the Cleveland Zoological Park. Lions are on display in the section to the left; tigers on the right. — Photo by Rebman

## LION AND TIGER VELDT DEDICATED

Dedication of the Lion and Tiger Veldt at the Cleveland Zoological Park took place at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 1962. Blessed with exceptionally fine weather, the ceremony was presided over by officers of the Cleveland Zoological Society, including Frederick C. Crawford, Chairman of the Board, Vernon Stouffer, President, and Mrs. William C. Scheetz, Jr., Trustee. Also on the program were Dr. Leonard J. Goss, Cleveland Zoo Director, Anthony J. Celebrezze, Mayor of Cleveland, and the Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio, Dr. Maxfield Dowell. Dr. Dowell gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Mayor Celebrezze accepted the new Veldt in behalf of the people of the City of Cleveland; Mr. Stouffer unveiled the bronze dedication plaque set in natural stone, and Dr. Goss outlined the mechanics and details of the Veldt and how the new exhibit fits into the overall modernization program planned for the Park.

Mrs. Scheetz, the widow of Gordon Stouffer in whose memory the Veldt was dedicated, then pulled a white ribbon which signaled the opening of the lion veldt. "Queenie," the lioness, cautiously stepped out of her quarters to

view her new outdoor home. "King," her mate, was not quite so anxious to venture forth and remained indoors until urged outside by a keeper.

Mrs. Crawford then pulled a red ribbon to open the tiger exhibit. Two tigresses emerged rather quickly and a short time later were joined by the huge male tiger, "Rajah."

The Veldt had been the dream of Mr. Crawford and the Stouffers since the Cleveland Zoo African Expedition in 1955 when they viewed lions in Tanganyika in a beautiful natural setting called "Lion Hill." The dream became reality through generous contributions by Mr. Crawford, Mr. Vernon Stouffer, Mrs. Scheetz, and The Beaumont Foundation.

Completion of the Veldt marks the beginning of a new era at the Cleveland Zoo. It is the first phase in a series of similar exhibits planned for carnivorous animals. Simulating native veldt-like habitats in a natural outdoor setting, lions and tigers are seen at eye level without obstructing bars or cages to interfere with the view of visitors.

Located in the extreme west end of the park near the bear dens, the Veldt is expected to be a major attraction at (continued on page 4)

## VELDT DEDICATION (continued)

the Zoo this summer. Other zoos have found that moated animal exhibits create more public interest and enthusiasm than the caged, menagerie-type exhibits which confine animals to a small space, and the Cleveland Zoo's new Veldt is already one of the most popular exhibits in the Park.

Fresh air and sunshine are enjoyed immensely by all the lions and tigers. In addition to King, Queenie and Rajah, other occupants of the Veldt include three tigresses, "Tara," "Indira," and "Ranee." The latter two animals are new acquisitions having arrived in Cleveland early in April, and were named in a *Cleveland Press & News* "Name the Tiger" Contest. Grand Prize winners were Christy Csuti, 8, of 11114 Parkview Ave., Cleveland, and Brian Majurski, 11, of 3757 W. 139th St., Cleveland. Christy named "Ranee" and Brian named "Indira." Runnersup were Suzanne Zimmer, 8162 Priem Rd., Strongsville; Donald Wright, 21601 Fuller Ave., Euclid; Melody Stephens, 7185 Jackson St., Mentor; Lois Ann Emling, 14725 Grapeland Ave., Cleveland; Brian Willis, 1341 W. 91st St., Cleveland; Patricia Dornberg, 3669 E. 50th St., Cleveland, Michael Gerchak, 3289 W. 46th St., Cleveland, and Andrew Kachmarik, 7923 Lanyard Dr., Parma. Grand prizes were huge stuffed toy tigers and Friends of the Zoo memberships including free admissions to the Zoo; a Talking Storybook Key, free Tour Train rides, free admission to the Children's Farm and copies of *ZOO NEWS*, the Cleveland Zoo publication. Runnersup received small stuffed tigers and Friends of the Zoo memberships.



Vernon Stouffer, Cleveland Zoological Society President, unveils the Dedication Plaque at the new Lion and Tiger Veldt. — Photo by Rebman



Presiding at Dedication Day ceremonies at the Lion and Tiger Veldt were Cleveland Zoological Society officers, Frederick C. Crawford, Chairman of the Board, Mrs. William C. Scheetz, Jr., Trustee, and Vernon Stouffer, President. The construction of the Veldt was made possible by their contributions and a contribution from the Beaumont Foundation. — Photo by Rebman

Prizes for the contest were furnished by Society National Bank.

Coinciding with opening of the Veldt, special "Family Days" were held at the Zoo on Saturday and Sunday, April 28th and 29th. Metropolitan Cleveland area families were invited to see the new Lion and Tiger Veldt as well as the Zoo's animal families consisting of parents and new-born youngsters. Barnaby, well-known KYW-TV personality, and Lou Groza, famed place-kicking specialist and tackle of the Cleveland Browns professional football team, were on hand at the Zoo on the 28th to award prizes to the winners of the "Name-the-Tiger" Contest and to sign autographs.

Unfortunately, there are no feline youngsters in the new Veldt; however, it is hoped the stork will visit both groups of cats so that entire family groups of both lions and tigers will be on display for the pleasure of Zoo visitors.



Mr. Crawford (right) welcomes City of Cleveland Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze who accepted the new Veldt in behalf of Cleveland residents. — Photo by Rebman

## FRIENDS OF THE ZOO CAMPAIGN NOW ON

The 1962 FRIENDS OF THE ZOO membership campaign is now in full swing. In a letter to all 1961 members, Dr. Leonard J. Goss, Zoo Director, has stated that the Cleveland Zoological Park is an heritage to be passed on to future generations and that this heritage should be made even greater by the present generation. Past contributions to the FRIENDS OF THE ZOO campaign have enabled the Zoo to purchase new animals and to make modest improvements required in the modernization program planned for the Zoo.

Dr. Goss said, "Because of urbanization and population explosions in many world areas, it will be increasingly more difficult to obtain wild animals. That is why it is most important to preserve, perpetuate and add to the excellent animal collection in our zoo. It is our intention to make our zoological park one of the outstanding attractions in the country, but in order to do so it will take much hard work and more financial backing."

The defeat of the Zoo bond issue makes the FRIENDS OF THE ZOO campaign of vital importance at this time. Funds which would have been available for new exhibits and improvements must now come solely from private sources.

Dr. Goss further stated, "We are looking forward to the day when all metropolitan Cleveland residents realize they owe their children a first-class zoological park. Until then we must call upon our private contributors for the funds necessary to carry out projected expansion and development plans."

Membership in FRIENDS OF THE ZOO includes 10 free admissions, advance notices of special Zoo events and copies of *ZOO NEWS*

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## CAMPFIRE GIRL DAY AT THE CLEVELAND ZOO

On Sunday, May 6th, the Cleveland Council of Campfire Girls was scheduled to hold its Annual Day at the Zoo. A most uncooperative weatherman dampened plans as showers poured down all morning. At 1:00 p.m. a decision had to be made whether to go ahead with the program on a limited basis or to cancel the affair completely. The decision was made to go ahead and fortunately so; the rain ceased, and the Girls were able to display their various crafts, activities and projects. A special feature of the day was a group of Indian dancers (a Boy Scout group) who performed several Indian dances and explained their meaning to the Zoo crowd which gathered around the stage constructed on the Zoo's mall opposite the Campfire Girls' Totem Pole. The Campfire Girls' prehistoric forest was enlarged by the planting of several gingko trees, and Mr. John Michalko, Commissioner of Shade Trees, City of Cleveland, was present to tell the history of the trees. In addition to the new gingko's the forest contains caturas and meta-sequoia trees. All three kinds of trees are carryovers from fossil eras.

Despite the threatening weather which prevailed, the enthusiasm and spirit of the girls who participated were not diminished and they are already looking forward to next year to their Annual Day at the Zoo.

## CTS SERVICE TO ZOO INITIATED APRIL 28th

Coinciding with the special "Family Days" celebration at the Zoo, Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, Cleveland Transit System initiated its Route 20-C (Zoo Special) bus service from Public Square to the Zoo that weekend. Sunday and holiday service is scheduled until June 18th at which time daily service will begin. Two CTS buses painted with a colorful array of animals against a white background will make the run from Public Square via West 25th St. to the Zoo's main entrance. As an incentive to have more children visit the Zoo by bus this summer, CTS is planning to give away several thousand children's coloring books depicting various Zoo animals.

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## NEW SOUNDS IN THE BIRD BUILDING

The Cleveland Zoo's Bird Building has another new sound about it this year. Ralph S. Mueller, Cleveland Zoological Society Trustee, and senior partner of Mueller Electric Company, presented the Zoo with an electronic amplifying system which reproduces for the listening pleasure of visitors actual bird calls recorded in the Bird Building. Mr. Mueller previously donated the Ralph Mueller Carillon which chimes from the top of the Building.

Installed in January, 1962, the amplifier plays 35 minutes of different bird calls before repeating itself. The sounds lend realism to the various displays; previously, the glass fronts shut out most of the sounds which the birds emitted. When the sound system was turned on for the first time, the birds found it quite disconcerting. However, they eventually became accustomed to hearing sounds of themselves and their relatives, and are back to normal once again.

The new electronic system is another step in the progress and development plans for the Cleveland Zoological Park.

## CHILDREN'S FARM OPENED APRIL 19th

The ever-popular Children's Farm of the Cleveland Zoo was opened on Thursday, April 19th. School vacation for Easter began the same week and large crowds of children with their moms and dads visited the Farm during its opening week.

In 1961 some 90,000 persons visited the Farm. The extreme popularity of this attraction is attributed to the fact that children are able to feed and pet the various animals.

Domestic animals at the Farm include a calf, goats, lambs, pigs, rabbits, guinea pigs, ducks, geese, chickens, turkeys, and a Sardinian donkey and her colt. Some native wild animals are also on exhibit. These include a screech owl, cottontail rabbits, a woodchuck and several varieties of turtles.

Opened in 1959, the Children's Farm was built with funds donated largely by the Cleveland Rotary Club. In 1961 additional Rotary Club contributions made possible the construction of a pasture feeding barn for the animals, and this year the Rotary is planning the planting of an orchard in the pasture area.

A nominal admission charge of 15 cents per person is made at the Farm; organized groups of ten or more get a special group rate of 10 cents per person.

# CURATOR'S CORNER

## HISTORY OF CLEVELAND ZOO ELEPHANTS

By RONALD T. REUTHER, General Curator, Cleveland Zoo

Elephants have always been a source of wonder, amazement and awe. The great size and strength of elephants would not suggest that they would take readily to human domination; yet they have been domesticated for many thousands of years. The earliest historical record of domestication comes from India dating from the second millennium B.C. African elephants were probably captured and tamed in Egypt during early dynastic times. Today Asiatic and to a lesser extent, African elephants are still used as work animals. The two living species, the Asiatic and African elephants, are the only survivors of at least 350 different species, which at various times during the past 60 million years have lived over almost the whole land surface of the globe.

These largest of living land animals are fascinating, among other things, for their sheer bulk. The African species is the largest and the record bull, now mounted in the Smithsonian Institution, measured 13'2" at the shoulders and was estimated to weigh about 13 tons. "Jumbo," the famous African elephant purchased by P. T. Barnum in 1882 and killed by a train in 1885 at the age of 25, is believed to have been the largest elephant ever in captivity. He measured 10'9" at the shoulder.

Much dispute and exaggeration has centered around the ages and gestation periods of elephants. The oldest age that has been verified with reasonable certainty is 69 years. Elephants are normally born between 20 and 21 months after conception, but relatively few have been born in captivity because of the difficulties and dangers in keeping adult bulls. Only seven have been born in the United States, the most recent at the Portland, Oregon, Zoo in April of this year.

The first elephant resident in the Cleveland Zoo was "Minnie," a female Asiatic elephant received in 1907 as a young animal about 6 feet tall. She was purchased with pennies from the Chil-

dren of Cleveland through a campaign sponsored by the *Cleveland Press*. "Elephant Day" was celebrated on July 27, 1907 and children were permitted to ride Minnie. She died in July, 1921.

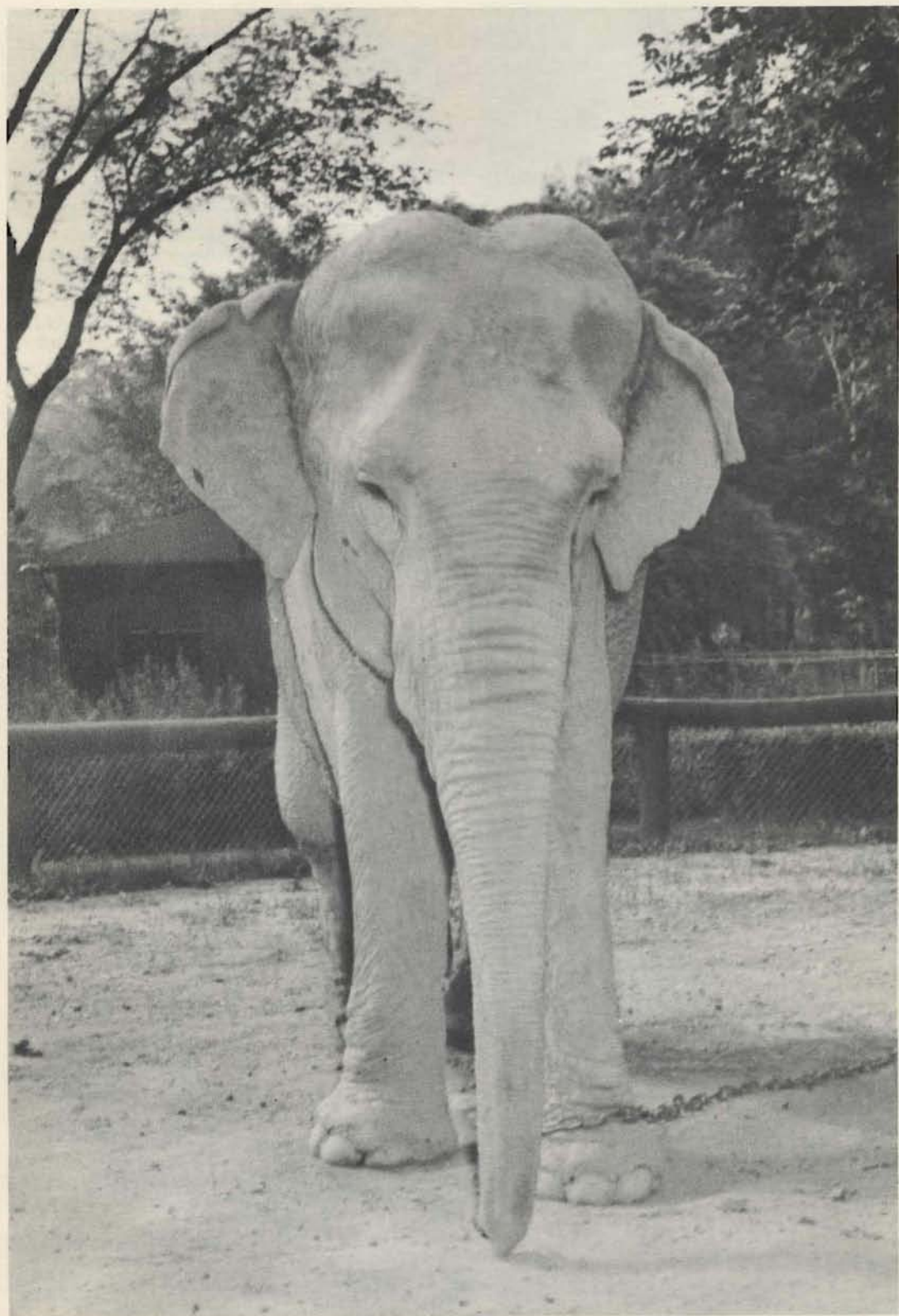
The second elephant, an Asiatic, was "Nemo," a very difficult animal to control who arrived as a gift from Mr. E. F. Albee, head of Keith Vaudeville, on September 6, 1923. Early Zoo records are confusing as to Nemo's sex. One day, prior to 1925, Nemo became impossible to handle and began destroying his cage, so that it was necessary to destroy the animal.

"Trilby" or "Trixie" was the third elephant to reside at the Cleveland Zoo. Again, poor records cloud the facts relating to this elephant. One version claims she was received as a gift from Frank Buck in 1937 and traded to a circus in 1941. Another record indicates Trilby was donated to the zoo on February 16, 1939 when she was 29 years old by the Al Sirat Grotto and traded to the Cole Brothers Circus on February 4, 1942, because she was unreliable and of nervous temperament and by this time the zoo had its fourth elephant, "Frieda."

Nick James, the present headkeeper in the elephant building, knew Frieda when he and Frieda were with the Ringling Brothers Circus in 1919. Nick recalls Frieda was sold about 1923 and was known among showmen as "Sells Floto Frieda." Her history is lost again until 1939 when she was purchased by Frank (Bring 'Em Back Alive) Buck from the Ringling Brothers Circus in Sarasota, Florida, and transported to the New York World's Fair where she was on display and carried thousands of children and adults on her great saddle. Buck donated her to the Cleveland Zoo and in December, 1940 she arrived at the zoo at an estimated age of 27. In a naming contest she was given the name "Osa," but it didn't stick. Frieda carried children in her howdah until an accident

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"FRIEDA," beloved female Asiatic elephant, in her ring outside the Cleveland Zoo's Main Building.

## ELEPHANTS (continued from page 8)

in 1941, when two children were injured when Frieda got excited and the children fell from the howdah. The accident was not malicious on Frieda's part and throughout her life she maintained a gentle, even disposition. She was destroyed on November 17, 1956 at an estimated age of 43, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

Meanwhile the first African elephants, and the fifth, sixth, and seventh elephants to have lived here, had arrived on October 22, 1955 as a result of the Cleveland Zoological Society East African Expedition of 1955 led by Zoo Trustees Fred C. Crawford, Vernon and Gordon Stouffer, and the then Director, Fletcher Reynolds. The young elephants

had been captured in Tanganyika, when about three feet tall and were estimated to have been two to three years old. The male and two females were put into the new Pachyderm Building in the same enclosure with Frieda and a great and fun-filled companionship developed between all four animals. After Frieda's death in 1956, Simba, Tara, and Flippy grew into sizeable "teenagers." Flippy, who measured 7'8" at the shoulders on March 1, 1962 had begun to assert his strength and dominance over the two smaller females. Very suddenly, and quite unfortunately, Flippy succumbed to an acute intestinal infection and died on June 14, 1962. Simba and Tara remain as Cleveland Zoo's representatives of the elephant world.



"SIMBA," "TARA," and "FLIPPY," Cleveland Zoo's young African elephants enjoy the outdoor moat next to the Pachyderm Building. — Photo by Rebman

## NEW AT THE ZOO

A female Grand Eclectus Parrot was received on March 20th from Busch Gardens, Tampa, Florida, in exchange for a male Red-Capped Parakeet. Some years ago ornithologists believed the male and female to be separate species of parrots because of the plumage difference. The male is bright green whereas the female is red.

Two young Rockhopper Penguins were purchased from Fred Zeehandelaar, animal dealer, and arrived here on March 14th. They were captured in the Falkland Islands, shipped by boat to Germany, and by air to New York and Cleveland. These are the first Rockhoppers ever to be exhibited at the Cleveland Zoo, and although it is not definitely known, they are believed to be a male and a female. Housed in the penguin display area of the Bird Building, both birds are doing well, eating and thriving on saltwater smelt and doing the thing for which they are named, hopping from their rock perches.

There are about 17 different species of penguins in the world; the Cleveland Zoo now has 4: Humboldts, King, Jackass, and the latest arrivals, the Rockhoppers.



The Cleveland Zoo's newest penguins, Rockhoppers, have an unusual array of feathers at the top of their heads. They are natives of the Falkland Islands.

— Photo by Karl Rauschkolb, Plain Dealer

"SKEETS" and "IZZIE" found the Sea Lion Pool at the Cleveland Zoo to their liking. Having been flown from California, they welcomed the refreshing swim after bestowing kisses upon each other.

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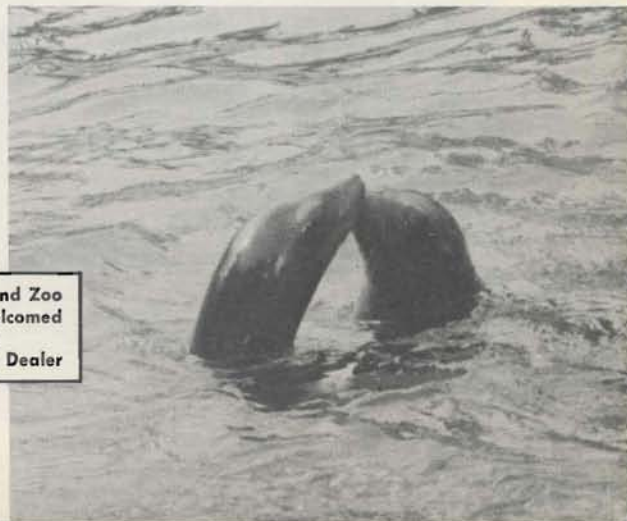
"JIMMIE," a one year old male Bactrian Camel looks askance at the other residents of the paddock, a trio of llamas.

— Photo by Rebman

A male Bactrian (two-humped) Camel was purchased from the Pittsburgh Zoo and arrived on March 28th. "Jimmie" is just a little over a year old and can be seen with "Tommy" the Dromedary Camel, and three Llamas in the paddock area west of Monkey Island.

A male Andean Condor arrived at the Zoo on Tuesday, March 14th from the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago. This bird of prey joins a female which has lived in the special outdoor display cage for birds of prey since 1956.

A male and female pair of California Sea Lions have joined three other females and the group of penguins at the Zoo's Sea Lion Pool. "Skeets" and "Izzie" were purchased from Sea Lions International, Santa Barbara, California, and will help to consume the fish which Zoo visitors purchase and feed to the Pool's inhabitants in great quantities during the summer. Last year the Sea Lions were not able to consume all the fish that visitors purchased for them.



# ZOO'S WHO

## THE GRAY WOLF (*Canis lupus*)

By CHARLES R. VORACEK, Public Service Director, Cleveland Zoo

On Tuesday, March 14th, a pair of Gray Wolves (also called Timber Wolves) were received as a gift from the Brookfield Zoo, Chicago, Illinois.

The wolves, as yet unnamed, were placed in one of the empty bear dens, their neighbors being Himalayan and Japanese black bears and Kodiak bears. They were born at the Brookfield Zoo of parents which originally came from Canada.

Although the Cleveland Zoo has had wolves on display previously, it has been many years since Zoo visitors have had the opportunity to see these wild members of the dog family. They are, currently, the only members of the dog family at the Zoo.

Resembling large German Shepherd or "police" dogs, Gray Wolves have a heavy frame, large forefeet and thick, heavy fur. The fur coloring varies from light yellowish gray to nearly black. Our pair are light shaded.

Gray Wolves range from 4 to 7 feet in length, from 19 to 38 inches in height at the shoulder and normally weigh from 30 to 100 pounds. In the Arctic north some specimens may weigh as much as 175 pounds. Ordinarily powerful and savage killers in the wild, gray wolves become somewhat subdued and shy in captivity. They are ordinarily long-lived in captivity and some Zoo wolves have lived for as long as 16 years.

### Social Life

In the wild state, the Gray Wolf family, consisting of mother, father, growing pups, and sometimes several aunts and uncles, is the social unit of the wolf world. This is an efficient unit, as the various members cooperate in relays to run down game for the food supply. During severe winters or times of food scarcity, several family units may band together for awhile. During January, February and March, the pack grows restless. It is at this time of year that the long, low wolf howl is heard most frequently. Deep and throaty, though not loud, this howl is clear and

carries extremely long distances. It is also at this time that the two year olds and some as yet unattached three year olds are ready to mate for the first time.

There are regular wolf "scent stations" which the mate-seeking males visit. At these stations each animal passing by deposits its own scent to tell any other wolf its intimate personal details. Each individual unattached male then seeks out one of the females which has appealing characteristics.

### Birth and Early Life

The female finds a maternity den early in her gestation period of 63 days. This den can be a rocky cavern, hollow tree, beaver dam, or if none to her liking is found, she will build her own den in a suitable location. From 4 to 14 pups are born usually in April or May. Their eyes are closed at birth and open when they are from 5 to 9 days old. The young are fuzzy grayish brown, gray, or black and are fed only the mother's milk for the first 3 weeks after birth. Then the mother gradually weans them. Their first solid food is partly digested meat disgorged from their mother's stomach. At about 8 to 10 weeks of age, choice bits of raw meat are eaten. Jaw and tooth development is quite rapid at this stage of life. General growth development is quite rapid and before they are a year old the young wolves look as old as their parents.

### Hunting Habits

The hunting routes taken by wolves in their search for food are circuitous, and often times cover more than a hundred miles. Travel is generally in a counterclockwise direction.

Wolves can and do kill the largest mammals of their native habitat, but they usually content themselves with smaller animals such as mice, ground squirrels, rabbits, or pocket gophers. Contrary to popular belief, wolves are not exceptionally fast; however, they do have great endurance and stamina and will pursue game relentlessly, eventually

## NEW ZOO BABES



A Pere David fawn, only a day old, stands on shaky legs.

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A pair of White-Tail Deer fawns were born June 1st.

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An American Bison mother protectively guards her new daughter shortly after birth, May 21, 1962.

— Photo by Bernie Noble



Leopard cubs, offspring of "Sneaky" and "Toughie" were born in February, 1962. — Photo by Jerry Horton



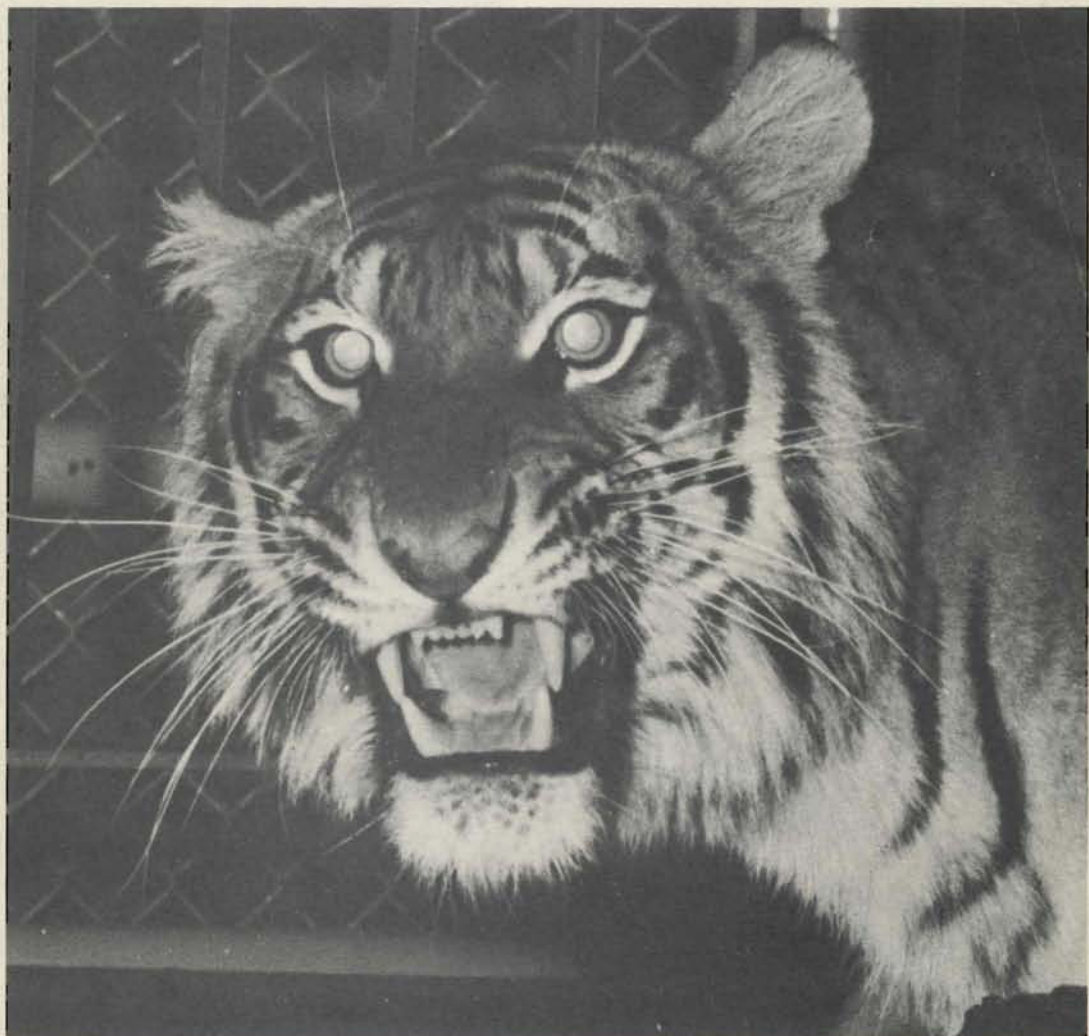
Baby Emu, only survivor of four hatched by daddy Emu, is getting along well in paddock near Bongo Building.

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"RANEE," 4-year-old tigress acquired from the St. Louis Zoo, remained briefly behind bars at the Cleveland Zoo's Main Building. On April 25, 1962, she, along with the Zoo's three other tigers and two lions, were turned out at the Lion and Tiger Veldt.

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