

INTERNATIONAL ZOO-NEWS

Brookfield - U.S.A.

The ever-popular children's zoo is now open. In addition to a large collection of farm stock, the centre of attraction is a new baby African elephant only three feet high. Other babies include a gorilla, an orang-utan, 3 chimpanzees, lions, leopards, cheetahs and a rhino. Harbour seals have replaced the flamingos. The Shetland ponies are kept busy giving rides to the children.

In addition to giving the money to create the Children's Zoo the ever-generous Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward Seabury have given the Brookfield Zoo its third baby elephant. Needless to say the Zoological Society is most grateful to these patrons whose gifts have thrilled so many thousands of young visitors.

Births include a male reticulated giraffe and a reindeer.

(Alexander Lindsay.)

Colorado Springs - U.S.A.

The Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is enjoying a record-breaking number of visitors this year and the visitors are enjoying the many new animals on display.

Prominent among the new arrivals are two male Reticulated Giraffes born March 15th and June 7th respectively. A baby Hippo born March 12th is doing very well and a male Grevy's Zebra was born April 17th.

Other animals born at the zoo this year included: 1 African Lion, 3 Tigers, 2 Spotted Leopards, 2 Black Leopards, 1 Jaguar, 2 Great Red Kangaroos, several Llamas, Spotted Fallow Deer, Bison, Himalayan Tahrs and Basilisk Lizards.

The collection was further enlarged through purchases by The Zoological Society. These included: a mate for the male Snow Leopard, a fine male Clouded Leopard, bringing our total to three (one breeding pair). A pair of Black Rhinos, a mate for the male Black-Crested Mangabey, 6 Squirrel Monkeys, 2 Great Birds of Paradise, 4 Bronze Sunbirds, 6 Flamingos, 1 Scarlet Cock-of-the-Rock, 3 Quetzales and a variety of other small birds, mammals and reptiles.

(Don G. Davis)

San Diego - U.S.A.

A double-wattled Cassowary chick (*Casuarus c. aruensis*) was hatched on the 30th April, 1957 in this Zoo — the first cassowary chick to be hatched in its history of forty-one years. Few records of cassowary chicks hatched in captivity are known. An incubation period of fifty-four days was recorded. The male bird and father of this baby was received in April, 1926, now over 31 years old.

A pair of New Zealand Paradise Shelducks (*Tadorna variegata*) hatched their first eggs on the 27th April, 1957. Although the species has reproduced in several European waterfowl collections, we believe this to be the first record in the Western Hemisphere. They received this beautiful pair from the Auckland Zoo in July, 1951. New arrivals are — a female black spider monkey, a male kinkajou, a pair of young elephant seals, a pair of young chinchillas. Six baby golden spider monkeys are expected to arrive from the Tarpon Zoo in Florida.

Washington - U.S.A.

"Washington without storks!" — that was the bad news from the United States for in the Washington Zoo the last stork had died. The Amsterdam Zoo heard of the unhappy state of affairs and was kind enough to send a fine specimen of the European stork. Now Washington is preserved from extinction.

Antwerp - Belgium

A very noteworthy gift was received from Mr. Antonio Jonch, Director of the Zoo at Barcelona, namely, a couple of Temminck's Pangolin (*Manis-Smutsia-temminckii*). The animal — very seldom seen in zoological collections — lives in grass country in holes in the ground and feeds on termites and ants at night.

Decin - Czecho-Slovakia

Recent births in this zoo include brown bear cubs, donkeys, moulons, a Bactrian camel and wild boars. In exchange for a Dybowski deer they received a lioness from the Leipzig Zoo.

(Dr. Vladimir Still.)

Ashover - England

Since our last report, most of the new arrivals here seem to have been Zoo-babies, which require frequent handfeeding, a.o. a Fallow Fawn, a young European Hare, and two Magpies. We also have acquired a Dingo bitch, six months old and a Soay Ewe, thus making up pairs of two species previously represented by only a solitary male specimen.

Plans for a new Reptile House and extended Pheasantries are afoot, and the Waterfowl enclosure has already been enlarged to nearly twice its former size.

(Jill A. Keeling)

Exmouth - England

In Exmouth (Devonshire), a new zoo has been opened. This is known as the Exmouth Summer Zoo as it opens only in the season. It is a branch of the Paignton Zoological and Botanical Gardens at Paignton, England and it is controlled entirely by this organisation. It is a good proposition and it is welcomed by the public and by the local authorities.

(Kenneth Smith)