

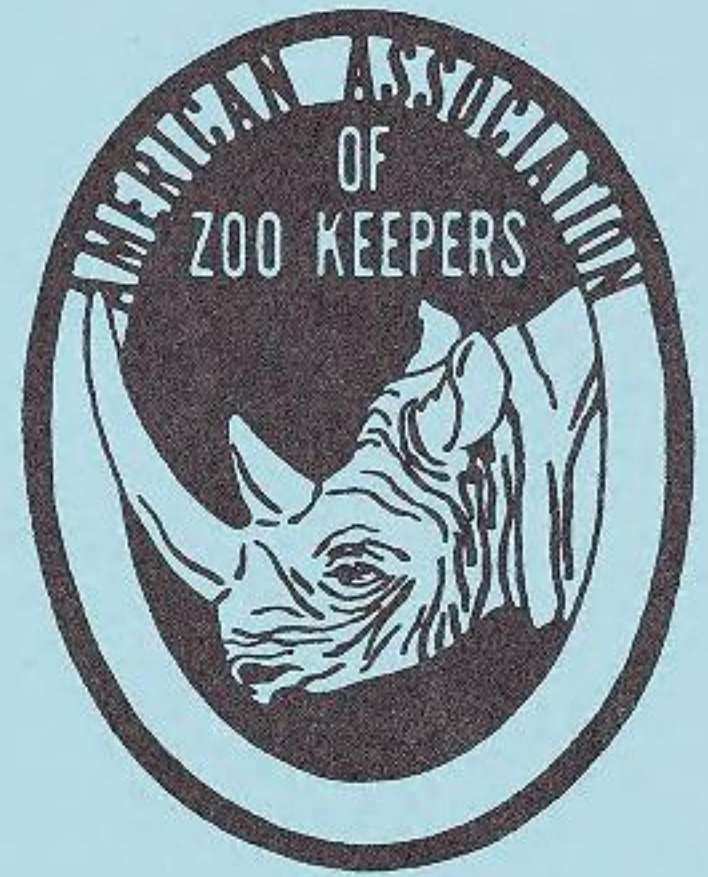
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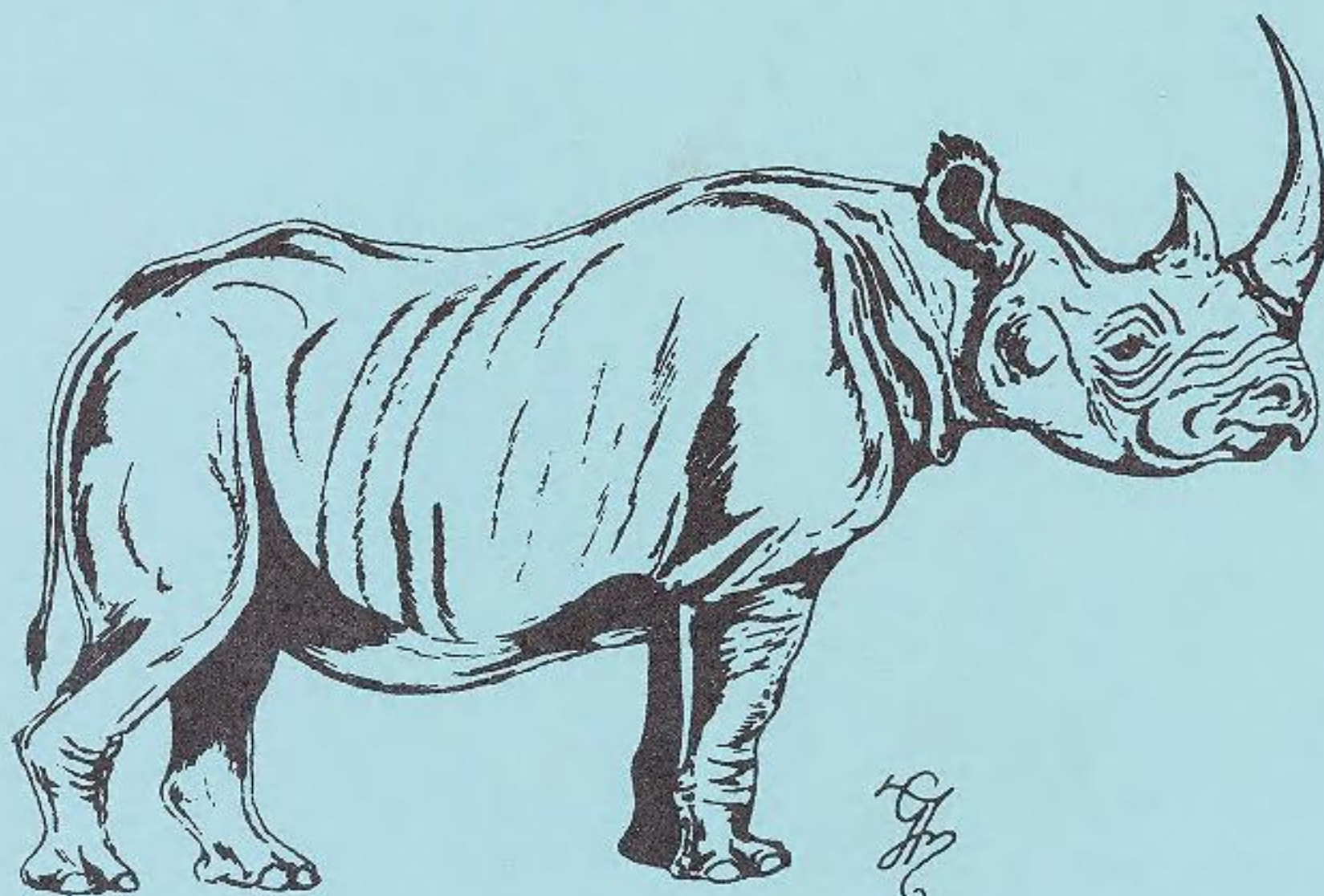
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especially in view of the many rare animals already acquired.

#### CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

AAZK will welcome commercial exhibits at their June Conference being held in New York City June 25-27, 1971.

For complete details and exhibit fees please contact AAZK Hq, 8024 Tommy Drive, San Diego, California, 92119 before May 15, 1971.

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#### HQ RECIEVES INQUIRIES FOR CHAPTER APPLICATION

From: Boise City Zoo, Idaho.  
Houston Zoological Park, Houston, Texas. Columbus Zoo, Columbus, Ohio.

#### REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Rick Steenberg, Chairman of AAZK awards committee, reports that he is pleased with the response of many zoo directors, who have sent in nominees for our first annual presentation of the AAZK R. Marlin Perkins Certificate of Excellence. The presentations will be made at the Bronx, New York Conference in June.

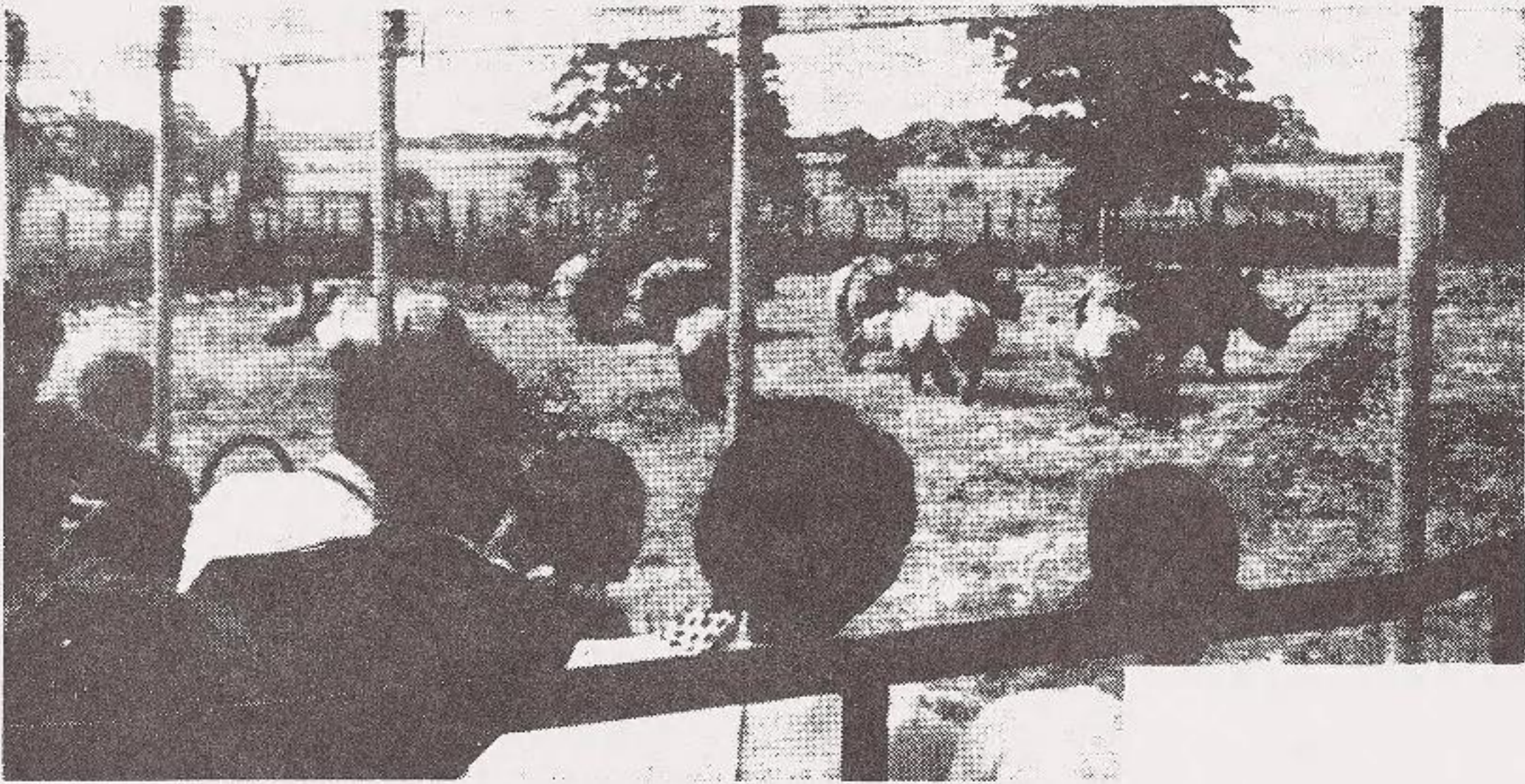
#### GETTING UP STEAM TO SEE THE RHINOS AT WHIPSNADDE PARK by Frank Meakins, Park Manager, Whipsnade Park, England

Today the Whipsnade and Umfolozi Railway gets up steam to take visitors through a large and exciting new enclosure where 22 White Rhinos roam as if on the plains of their South African home. The steam engine Chevallier, built in 1915 and weighing 27 tons, pulls the train which



"FOOT, TIKA - FOOT!"

Cartoon by Gil Crowell, Houston Zoological Gardens



The Whipsnade herd of white rhinos are watched by a train load of sight-seers who tried out the new railway on Wednesday.—AW8196T.

will give you a close--up view of this magnificent spectacle.

The herd of White Rhinos consists of 8 males and 14 females, of which 6 are fully adult with the others varying in age from calves just free of their mothers to young animals approaching maturity. The largest male is probably about 10 years' old and the largest female somewhat older.

The White Rhino is a grazing animal and some 30 acres of Whipsnade parkland has been set aside for the herd, which is the largest to be seen anywhere outside Africa. From near extinction in Southern Africa at the turn of the century, the White Rhino has been so carefully protected and its habitat so well managed that the stock of this species in the Umfolozi and Hluhluwe Game Parks of Natal has been built up to some 1,500 animals, with several hundred more transferred to other areas in Africa, and the species is now relatively safe.

The 20 animals which arrived recently at Whipsnade from Natal, to join the pair which had been there since 1967, are the first group of this size outside Africa and its establishment is the logical next step in the process of ensuring the conservation of this species for all time. The Whipsnade herd will eventually be able to supply all the needs of zoo collections in Europe.

Amongst all land mammals, the White Rhinoceros is second only to the elephant in size. An adult male measures 6 feet at the shoulder and may weigh more than 3 tons. The young (one only) born after a gestation period of 18 months, are only fully weaned at 12 months and may remain with the female for several years. Only slightly paler in colour than the Black Rhinoceros, the White species is believed to have acquired its name from the Dutch word "wijd" meaning "wide", which refers to the broad, square-lipped mouth that distinguishes it from the Black Rhino. There is another population of the White Rhino in the area where Uganda, the Sudan and the Congo meet around the White Nile.

At Whipsnade the Rhinos will spend the summer outside in the enclosure, grazing as they like but with lucerne hay available in the yards; the winter food will be provided inside the big house which will protect them from the vagaries of the English winter weather. The food will consist of 25 lbs. of concentrates and approximately 60 lbs. of hay a day for an

adult animal while the youngsters will be fed in proportion to size.

Whipsnade Park covers an area of some 500 acres and has an excellent record in the zoo world for the breeding of hoofed animals, including such rare species as the European Bison, the Pere David Deer, and the Przewalski's Horse, which are now all extinct in the wild. At present about 80% of the animals at Whipsnade were born in the Park, an all round achievement which includes many individual breeding successes, such as the first Cheetahs to be bred and reared to maturity in a Zoo.

Details about the Railway at Whipsnade

The Whipsnade and Umfolozi Railway has been set up and will be operated by a small private company, whose directors are all railway enthusiasts. The Company has made an agreement with the Zoological Society of London to operate the railway on a trial basis for a period of 2 years, after which its extension into other parts of Whipsnade Park will depend upon the success of the project during the first two seasons. Steam Engine: Chevallier, side-tank, 0-6-2, built 1915. Originally purchased by the Navy and bought second hand by Bowaters in 1950. Used at Bowaters Paper Mills at Sittingbourne, Kent, until recently. Weight - 27 tons. Maximum working pressure - 150 lbs. per square inch. Gauge - 2 ft. 6 ins. Capable of hauling approximately 600 tons on the level. Chevallier is to be joined by another steam engine: Conqueror, side-tank, 0-6-2. Weight - 27 tons. Built in 1922. There will be a small stand-by diesel engine weighing 10 tons.

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Recent visitor to AAZK Headquarters

Mr. Jess Roe, Seattle Chapter AAZK stopped at AAZK HQ. on a recent visit to San Diego. Enroute to San Diego, Jess stopped at the Folsom City Zoo, Folsom, California to deliver a baby Harbor Seal to Mr. Gordon Brong.

THE MARCH - APRIL ISSUE OF THE AAZK BULLETIN WILL CARRY AN ARTICLE ABOUT OUR 1972 NATIONAL CONFERENCE BEING PLANNED FOR HONOLULU, HAWAII!! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO SEE THE HONOLULU ZOO. WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE PRICE!!!!!! IT WILL REALLY SURPRISE YOU..... AAZK WILL MAKE THAT VACATION DREAM COME TRUE. WATCH FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!