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Front

Common Bearded Dragon
Amphibolurus barbatus barbatus
Australia generally, except far north
and Western Australia.

Inside front

Blue Bear, Glacier Bear
of Yakutat, Alaska
A blue color phase of the
common American Black Bear,
Ursus americanus emmonsii

Inside back

Kahili Ginger
Hedychium gardnerianum
India

Back

San Diego Wild Animal Park
Fishing Village; Mute Swan
in foreground.

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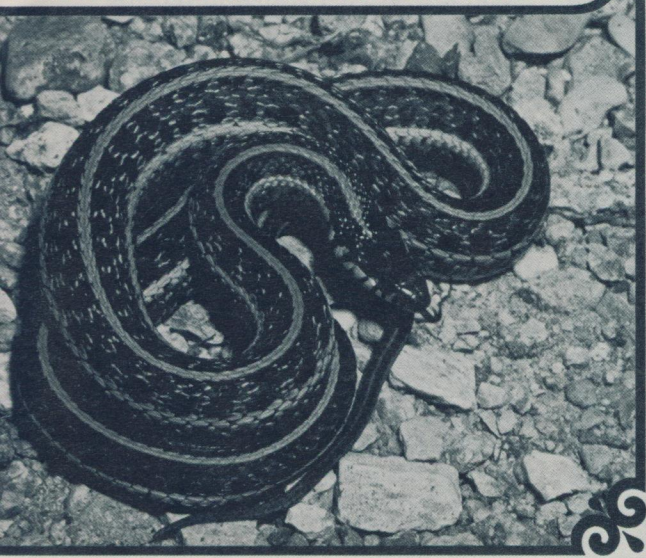
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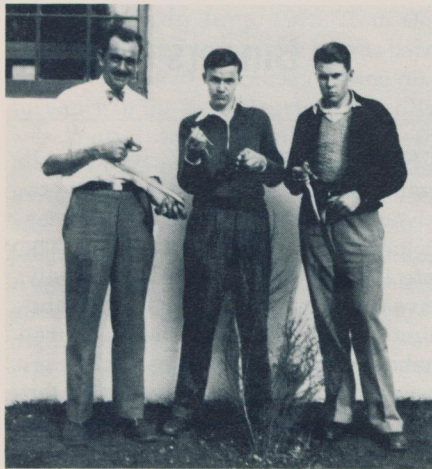
NAKES of the American West

CHARLES E. SHAW & SHELDON CAMPBELL



A NEW BOOK

A book has just been published which has its roots in the San Diego Zoo. *Snakes of the American West*, by Charles E. Shaw, the Zoo's late curator of reptiles, and Sheldon Campbell, Board of Trustees member, is the culmination of a life-long friendship between the authors. As children, the two shared an interest in reptiles which was fostered by two earlier reptile curators



Harry Bishop Photo

A 1935 photograph affirms the early interest in reptiles enjoyed by Sheldon Campbell (center) and the late Charles Shaw (right). They found a good friend and teacher in the late curator of reptiles, C. B. Perkins (left).

at the Zoo. The book is fittingly dedicated to mentors C. B. "Si" Perkins, and Laurence M. Klauber.

A color photograph illustrates every species of snake which occurs in the western United States. Many of the photographs are of specimens in the Zoo's collection; some were taken in the wild.

The book covers the natural history of the western snakes, with attendant legends, and anecdotal and human interest items. Bits of San Diego Zoo history are woven throughout.

Appendices list the longevity records for snakes in western North America, and give a description of each of the species treated and its geographical range within the West.

Snakes of the American West is available at the gift shops of the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Wild Animal Park, as well as your favorite book store.

(*Snakes of the American West*, by Charles E. Shaw and Sheldon Campbell. Alfred A. Knopf, publisher, New York, 1974. \$12.50.)

Rhino Birth

The first 1974 birth of a Southern White Rhinoceros, *Ceratotherium s. simum*, occurred on May 29 (male), followed by another male on June 29, and a female

on July 13. Last year seven calves were born to the breeding herd. Of the Southern White Rhino youngsters born at the Park, four have been sent to other zoos—two to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and two to the Metropolitan Toronto Zoo in Canada.

Sequel to "BLUE BEAR"

One sequel to the story of the Blue Bear whose capture stirred the imagination of our readers in the January, 1973, ZOO NOOZ, was an essay contest in the schools of Yakutat. The subject was conservation in Alaska and the essays were judged on the basis of originality and accuracy concerning the wildlife of that region. Prizes were made available through the efforts of the Zoo's Exhibit Committee. The winners were: Jill Pond, second grade, (kindergarten-2nd grade group) \$25; Eric Zothner, third grade (3rd-5th) \$25; Donald Moser, seventh grade (6th-8th) \$75; Debera Cokeley, eleventh grade (9th-12th) \$75.

The Blue Bear, Yakutat Barry, was captured by the Zoo team in the autumn of 1972 to save it from being destroyed. Following capture, he was brought to the Zoo where he is thriving in a large enclosure which has a tree for climbing. From there he often watches visitors (inside front cover).