

Scotts Valley To Have Its Own Zoo

Jungle Collector Finds Home For Pets At Santa's Village

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The sleek, rosetted jaguar puts his paw out through the cage to "shake hands."

The lioness rolls over in a kittenish invitation to play. The Malayan sun bears cavort a trifle wickedly, making slurping-chirping noise. The penguins waddle, honking noisily. A Cassowary bangs its cage.

Peter Batten, jungle collector and owner of this wierd assortment of beasts, actually has tried to give them a way—for zoo purposes of course. He thought he had them settled at Santa Barbara where for three years he and his wife were connected with something called A Child's Estate, sort of a junior zoo sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of that city.

But this didn't work out financially or otherwise. The story of his trials and tribulations in Santa Barbara appeared in a national magazine in August.

Batten resigned from this project and with the aid of several Santa Barbara citizens he tried to set up another zoo.

"But the county wouldn't permit zoo zoning anywhere," he said. "That finished that."

The Battens found themselves with \$700 worth of animal food to buy each month, most of their \$25,000 savings gone and no place to settle with their valuable animals. Peter did go back to Borneo on a three-months' collecting trip for an animal firm to relieve his financial situation temporarily. The Battens also were forced to sell a valuable orangutan to keep going.

And several weeks ago, after much looking, the Battens found a zoo site available at Santa's Village in Scotts Valley.

It took a house moving van and trailer to get the animals up here from Santa Barbara. In fact, they aren't all here yet—there's a baby elephant still to come, among other things. The more lively animals have to be

tranquilized for the move, he explained.

Most of the animals have been bottle-fed and raised by the couple. And Peter collected most of them himself, on trips to far-away places. A mechanical engineer by profession, educated in England, he also has studied zoology and veterinary medicine.

Now he and his wife, Adu, are busy getting up cages, arranging for heat for the tropical birds (infra red lamps) and animals, and getting settled in general.

"There's a four-foot crocodile wandering around in our house along with a python, a boa constrictor and three alligators we have stored in there temporarily—they're in the kitchen," Adu Batten said. "We haven't been able to get heated cages up for them yet—that's why they are in the house," she added.

Out of the \$700 monthly food bill a good portion goes for 1000 pounds of bananas each month, four to five pounds of frozen fish daily for each penguin, and ten pounds of horse meat and chicken necks for each of the three big cats each day.

Feeding times are twice daily and take about two hours each. This is generally Adu's job and she is training a local girl to help with it.

Batten hopes to open his zoo, with approximately 150 rare birds and animals, by the end of November. Some of the animals



Christopher the Jaguar is from Colombia, South America. The Battens have had



him since he was two weeks old and raised him in their home. Now a little over a year old, he extends a big padded paw to "shake hands" with Adu Batten.

will be confined in open areas surrounded by moats and pits.

Batten is a man who works with animals because he finds them endlessly absorbing. Born in Shanghai of British parents during World War I, he grew up in the Far East and speaks both Indonesian and Chinese. He flew with General Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers, was an engineer on the Burma road, a pilot for a Venezuelan airline and a teacher and engineer in oil camps in many parts of the world.

Oddly enough, the rarest item in Batten's collection is the most un-interesting looking. It is an extremely rare earless monitor lizard. Only 15 or 16 of them have been captured since the lizard was discovered to exist.

"But it looks just like any old lizard," he said.

CARE Asks Help-In Food Crusade

Northern Californians are being asked to "pitch in and help" by CARE in the annual CARE food crusade now under way.

The national goal is \$6,500,000, the amount needed to help feed 37,400,000 people in 34 countries through the coming winter months, according to Tom Perry, regional director.

Main beneficiaries are children who are fed daily at schools, health centers and orphanages.

Destitute families — refugees and disaster victims—also receive CARE food packages.

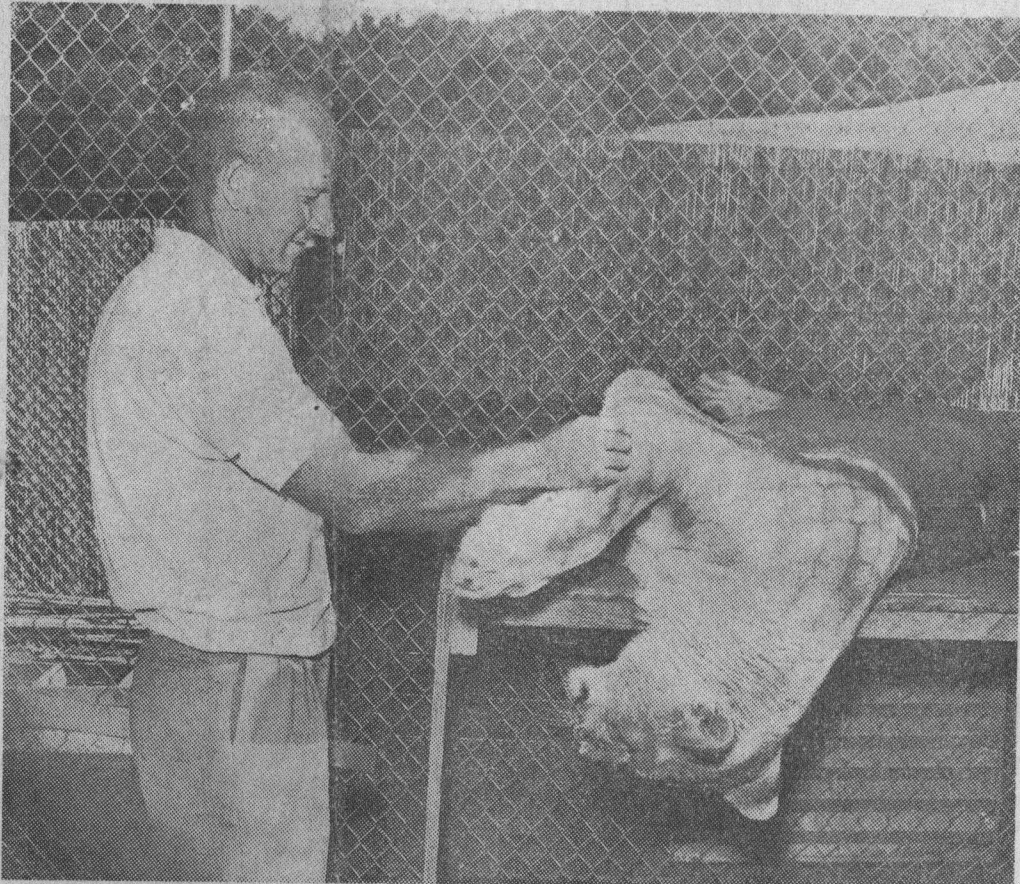
The dollar package contains such items as flour, corn meal, wheat products, milk powder and oils.

This year CARE Crusade packages, averaging 25 pounds, may be designated to Afghanistan, British Honduras, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Greece, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Jordan, Korea, Macao, Mexico, Pakistan, Poland, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Turkey, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.

Contributions to CARE, 444 Market street, San Francisco, may be marked for delivery in any of the areas listed.

The U.S. Food for Peace donations of farm abundance allocated after domestic relief needs are met, form the bulk of the plan. The countries themselves pay most of the distribution costs, under CARE's partnership programs which will cover 34,100,000 recipients.

The remaining 3,300,000 persons in 21 countries, must depend on the 6,500,000 CARE



Tammy, the African lioness, likes to play. She is about 2 years old, weighs approximately 275 pounds and won't be full-grown for another year. The Battens also

have a lion, Alexander, who observed his first birthday this month. The big cats are fed once daily and consume about 10 pounds of horse meat and chicken necks per day apiece.

AP's Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, November 8, the 313th day of 1964. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1942, some 850 ships anchored off half a dozen points in French North Africa and 400,000 American soldiers were put ashore to cut off German forces retreating westward from the British. The American-British campaign paved the way for the invasion of Europe from the south.

On this date:

In 1731, Benjamin Franklin founded the Library of Philadelphia.

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln was re-elected President.

In 1889, the 41st state, Montana, was admitted to the Union.

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