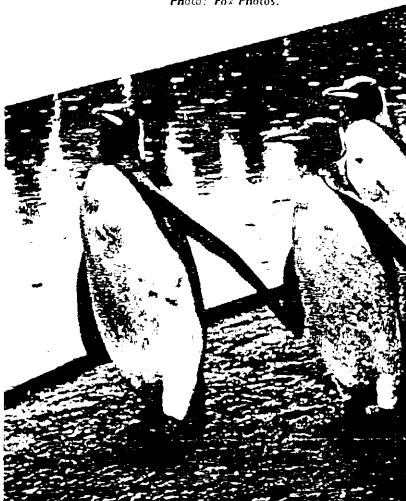


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Report from Whipsnade



The 21 King Penguins parade beside their
pools. Photo: London Press Photo.

THEY WERE not many additions to the Whipsnade collection in the first three months of the year; it was too cold for newcomers and births were few, with the exception of Wallabies. However, three Swamp Deer were received from Woburn Park in February, one presented by His Grace The Duke of Bedford and two purchased with the funds provided by Mr. G. G. Birtwistle, F.Z.S., which also enabled us to buy twenty-one King Penguins, which are settling down well.

The following have been deposited by Mr. P. H. Maxwell, F.Z.S., and can be seen at present in the Parrot House, but it is hoped to transfer some pairs to the Pheasantry shortly for breeding: a Noble Macaw, a Rosenberg's Lorikeet and two Maximilian's Parrots. Mr. Maxwell also presented to the Society for exhibition and breeding at Whipsnade twelve very fine Budgerigars of the rarer colours.

The first Llama of the season, a male, was born on February 11th, and the first Pere David's calf of 1952, a female, was born early in April, with the second later in the month, and Spotted Deer on March 10th. Our second Ankole Cow has

produced a bull calf, and thus both cows have male offspring. Up to May 1st three North American Bison calves had been born.

Ten Emu eggs have been laid, and these are being incubated as the cock shows no inclination to sit, although he has been provided with several nests and dummy eggs on suitable sites in his enclosure.

We are now very anxiously awaiting the arrival of a female Rhino from the Kaziranga Game Reserve in Assam: "Mohini," a wife for "Mohan," our male Rhino who came from the same Reserve in August, 1947. "Mohini" is approximately 2½ years old and is already en route.

We have recently inaugurated a Parade of Animals which takes place daily in fine weather. Usually it includes the three elephants from Ceylon, and sometimes "Dixie," our old lady, two or three camels, three or four Shetland ponies and donkeys and a llama. Finally, for our Twenty-first Birthday Season the huge white lion carved in the chalk of the Dunstable Downs is illuminated each evening from sunset to midnight.

