

San Franciscan Contributes \$7,600 to Zoo

San Francisco (UPI)—Most generous benefactor of the San Francisco Zoo is a slight, wispy-haired Chinese American gentleman who enjoys playing ring-around-the-rosy with two gorillas in their cage.

He is Carroll Soo-Hoo, 50, an automation trouble-shooter at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo. A bachelor, his hobby is buying animals and supplies for Fleishacker Zoo.

In the past two years Soo-Hoo has contributed more than \$7,600 to the San Francisco Zoological Society. The money bought, among other things, a pair of bat-eared, spotted Cape hunting dogs from South Africa, a Demaraland zebra, a species rapidly becoming extinct, a pair of cheetahs, slide projectors and a complete set of locks for the zoo's cages because someone stole a skeleton key to the old ones.

Next, Soo-Hoo wants to get a gnu for the zoo. Also, a pair of African elephants.

Soo-Hoo visits the zoo virtually every Saturday and Sunday and because of his generosity is given special privileges. One of these is going into the gorilla cage to feed and romp with Bwana, 2½, and Missus, 4, his favorites among all the animals.

"I guess I won't be able to go in with them very much longer," he said.

"They're getting pretty big. I wear a heavy coat and safety glasses and got a bloody nose once, but they never hurt me on purpose."

A native of San Rafael, Calif., Soo-Hoo was the youngest of 10 children of Presbyterian missionaries. There weren't many toys, so young Carroll adopted backyard fauna such as ants, spiders, snails, slugs and spiders.

He always had goldfish, frogs, salamanders, guinea pigs, white mice and avidly read all of the Tarzan books. Every once in a while he went to the zoo "but never often enough."

When he grew up he came across San Francisco Bay to visit the zoo more often. One day two years ago he noticed a plaque telling how a woman donated a rhino to the zoo. That's what got him started donating animals.

Soo-Hoo supplements his income with astute dealing in the stock market. He has set up a trust fund to continue the buying of animals long after he is gone.

"I figure I'm executing my own will," Soo-Hoo said.

"I don't enjoy hoarding money. I can't eat it. I have a small stomach. I could buy a new car every year, but there's no depreciation on an animal for the zoo. And others enjoy the gift as much as I do."

A man as fond of animals as Soo-Hoo might be expected to have pets at home. But the only wildlife at his Berkeley home are a few gold fish and a neighbor's Pekingese that he "shares" when the owners are away.

Wall Street Chatter

New York (UPI)—The stock market still shows considerable forward momentum, but has reached a point where purchases should be made more cautiously, according to Standard & Poor's Corp.

S&P's weekly publication, "Outlook," says that at the moment, optimism is so rampant that the market rise could carry to even greater heights. However, it warns that shifts in sentiment are difficult to predict, and notes that the risk element has mounted as the advance has progressed.

Outlook's general advice is "maintain holdings, except for profit taking in situations that have greatly outdistanced their prospects."

Selected Securities Research Service thinks Miller-Wohl's decision to enter the discount retailing field could serve as a stimulus to the shares. SSRS says the venture seems "most promising" and sparks the hope for important sales and earnings gains.

Bache & Co. says Harsco Corp. could be an interesting speculative holding for an upturn in business. It also notes that the short term potential of Marquardt Aircraft was enhanced on Monday when the stock broke out of a significant base formation with good volume.

Alexander Hamilton Institute finds that Upjohn is a "blue chip" equity in the drug industry, particularly suitable for the growth-minded investor. For shorter term traders, however, the institute says the stock is not suggested as a buy, unless it should fall to levels between \$40 and \$45 a share.



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