

# AFRICA, U.S.A.



UNCONCERNED. The zebras go on eating, unafraid of the cameraman. Back of them is a trio of elands.



CUDDLY. Mrs. Pedersen, wife of owner, holds baby chimpanzee she's raising like a child.

Thirty-five miles north of Miami, in the glittering sunlight of South Florida, lies a bit of darkest Africa. It's a 350-acre spread called "Africa, U.S.A.," in which wild animals of the dark continent run free behind 10-foot wire fences carrying a slight electric charge to discourage high-jumping critters with a tendency to roam.

This unusual "zoo," pictured here, has become a top tourist attraction since it was opened last spring. The visitors may ride in an electric train right through the jungle and its herds of wild animals, or recline on the cushions of electric boats that cruise through alligator-infested waters. It was created by John Pedersen, a former resident of Racine, Wis., who got the idea for it when his son remarked that the Everglades resembled what he had always thought Africa looked like. Pedersen went to Africa to get the animals, and the project was started.



HUMP-PH! Camels loaf on river bank, with all the effect of a Nile setting.



OWNER. John Pedersen and son, Jack, at wheel of jeep, pause during afternoon tour of the jungle.



BIG THRILL. Pair of cheetahs allow visiting boys to scratch their ears.



JUNGLE RIDE. Electric train ride includes stopover at African-like village in thickest part of the jungle.



AFRICAN FOLIAGE. Boat winds down waterway lined with tropical plants imported from Africa. This Week's PICTURE SHOW by AP Staff Photographer Earl Shugars

