

Back of them is a trio of elands.



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

Thirty-five miles north of Miami, in the glitter-ing 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.



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

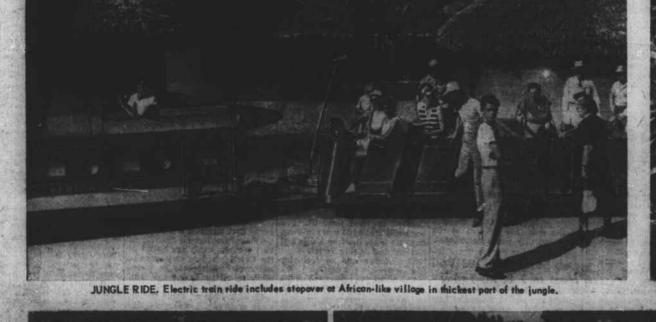


OWNER. John Pedersen and son, Jack, at wheel of jeep, pause during afternoon tour of the jungle,



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





AFRICAN FOLIAGE. Boat winds down waterway lined with trapical plants imported from Africa. This Wook's PICTURE SHOW by AP Stall Photographer Earl Shugars