

## Marineland Opens Otter, Walrus Show

Four blubbery walrus and two playful otters are splashing happily in fancy new exhibit buildings at Marineland of the Pacific eagerly taking up a life of hand-fed luxury after being removed from the harsher surroundings of their natural environments.

William F. Monahan, vice president and general manager of Marineland, announced the new walrus pool and separate otter enclosure, costing a total of \$60,000, have been completed and now are open for public inspection.

"THE WALRUS exhibit," he said, "is one of the most remarkable things we have ever seen at Marineland. The animals are fed on a formula of minced clams, pure whipping cream, corn oil and vitamin supplement. They eat so much of this rich mixture that they gain more than one pound a day."

"They weigh only a little more than 100 pounds each when we rescued them from the disintegrating ice pack in the Bering Sea last summer. Now they weigh more than 300 pounds each and are still gobbling down their formula, plus and occasional tray of whole clams, at an unbelievable rate. At maturity they will weigh 2,000 to 3,000 pounds."

The walrus enclosure, situated just to the rear of the main oceanarium building, is a modernistic, contoured concrete arrangement of pools and ledges, including a tank of refrigerated water to simulate the icy sea which is their native habitat.

NEAR THE WALRUS quarters is a separate structure of fountains, ramps and pools where a group of fresh water otters now make their home.

These highly intelligent, agile and playful animals devote all their time to tireless

fun-making in their new domain.

Monahan said it is possible that the walrus and otters some day may be trained to perform in shows, just as the whales, dolphins and sea lions do now.

Although they are no real threat to the established stardom of the trained whales, Bubbles and Bimbo, the walrus and otters are expected to become among the most popular attractions at the oceanarium in 1962, as they become adjusted to their environment and learn new behaviors which will entertain the many visitors to the oceanarium.

## Bicycles on Top of Gift List Wants

Bicycles are expected to retain their position as a favorite Christmas gift for both young and old. Youngsters are delighted to receive bikes at Christmas, for their fun value. Young adults enjoy the low-cost transportation afforded while adult men and women use the bike for fun and fitness.

More bikes are given at Christmas than at any other time, surveys have shown, mostly by grandparents who present the youngster of the family with his first two-wheeler.

Of the 27 million bikes in use in America, some 5 million are used by persons above the age of 21.

Bikes are being used for dating, in revenue-producing activities such as newspaper and package delivery, and for campus transportation when classes are scheduled in widely separated buildings.

AT HIGH SCHOOLS, too, bike use is soaring and many graduates-to-be will be placing an order with Santa for a new bike in the colors of their future alma mater.

At the other end of the scale, children are riding two-wheelers at a more tender age than ever before because of the fine safety record rolled up by cyclists. Partially responsible are the safety programs sponsored each year in hundreds of communities in conjunction with the Bicycle Institute of America.

If your favorite person already owns a two-wheeler, there are a variety of hand-some accessories to please the bike owner at Christmas.

Ronald A. Flynn, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Flynn of 21043 S. Shearer, and John D. Stimson, aviation boatswain's mate, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stimson of 24218 Hawthorne Blvd., both of Torrance, are serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Bennington, a unit of the First Fleet which took part in Exercise Black Bear from Nov. 24 through Dec. 1, off the coast of Southern California.

Involving some 10,000 men and 16 ships, the training operation centered around a fast carrier striking force subjected to air and sub-surface attack.

Opposition was provided by jet and conventional aircraft and by submarines, simulating attacks with all types of weapons. During the exercise the striking force was replenished at sea by fleet oilers, stores ships and ammunition ships.



NEW EXHIBIT . . . Four new Alaskan walrus, now on display at Marineland, look upon trainer Ed Asper almost as being their "mother." Asper feeds them by bottle with a formula of pure cream and minced clams, blended with vegetable oil. (Marineland Photo)

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William D. Spidle, radioman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Spidle of 2314 Dominguez, was promoted, Nov. 16, while serving aboard the escort destroyer USS Carpenter, operating out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Promotions for Navy enlisted personnel are the result of semi-annual fleet-wide competitive examinations.

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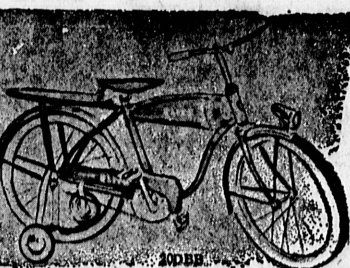
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