

# ZOO ELEPHANT WINKIE GRABS, KILLS GIRL, 3

## Child Went Under Fence To Feed Animal Popcorn

By ROGER GRIBBLE  
(State Journal Staff Writer)

The Vilas Park zoo's 7,500-pound elephant, Winkie, pulled a 3-year-old Princeton, N. J., girl who offered her popcorn through the bars of her cage Tuesday afternoon, threw her down and apparently stomped her to death.

Minutes earlier, the child's mother had warned her away from the inner bars of the elephant's cage, where other children were also feeding the elephant.

Heart Massage Fails

The child, Ruth Ellen Freedman, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Ralph Freedman, apparently died from multiple internal injuries, said Coroner Clyde (Bud) Chamberlain Jr.

Mouth to mouth resuscitation and heart massage were administered unsuccessfully at the scene, Chamberlain said.

Melvin Bollig, 5709 Bartlett lane, the elephant's keeper, said he heard screams at about 4:30 p.m. and rushed to the cage from the lions' cages nearby. He said he saw the child lying on the concrete in the center of the cage.

The child's parents are living in Madison at 2215 Commonwealth ave. while he teaches summer courses at the University of Wisconsin. He is an English professor at Princeton University.

As he approached the cage to rescue the child he could see that the elephant was upset, Bollig said, because she trumpeted several times. But when he entered the cage the elephant walked away from the child, he added.

"She acted like she knew she had done something wrong," he said.

Hears Screams  
Andrew Rude, Mt. Horeb, said he heard screaming and turned to look at the elephant's cage. "I saw the animal rolling her around with her foot," he said.

Mike Sharpe, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sharpe, 1806 Vilas ave., said he saw the child offer the elephant popcorn just before the elephant grabbed her wrist with her trunk. He said the child was apparently knocked unconscious before the elephant dragged her into the cage by one leg.

Mike said the elephant stepped on the girl's chest, kicked her to one side, and walked away. He said the children who were feeding the elephant and touching her trunk had climbed over or crawled under an outer fence about three feet high to approach the cage itself. The steel bars of the main cage are about 10 inches apart.

Chamberlain said the child left the area of the elephant's cage after being warned by her mother, but later returned with several other children.

Fence Moved  
Alvie Nelson, zoo director, said the outer fence was moved back farther from the inner fence last year.

## Tots' Pennies Used to Bring Winkie Here

Winkie created a stir when she arrived at Vilas park zoo on June 30, 1950 that is not likely to be equalled.

The description from a Page One story in The Wisconsin State Journal on her arrival went like this:

"Not any number of policemen could have held the youngsters back as the new elephant was led docilely into her new home late Friday.

"By 3 p.m. Friday, when the Siamese baby was scheduled to arrive, there were 150 youngsters from 9 months to 90 years of age waiting.

"By 4 p.m. there were 250; and by 5 p.m., with the job of uncrating under way, there was a pushing, shoving mob of 500."

She weighed 1,600 pounds, and getting her out of the van which transported her here from New York took 1 1/2 hours. She was about four years old and cost \$3,500.

The money came originally from the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters contributed by area children.

They contributed \$4,000 to buy Winkie's predecessor, Annette, who arrived at the zoo on Nov. 19, 1948. She reigned at the zoo for only 9 1/2 months, however, before succumbing unexpectedly Sept. 1, 1949.

The probable cause of her death was listed as circulatory failure brought on by a 16-degree drop in temperature within 10 minutes during an afternoon storm.

Annette was insured for \$4,000, and this money was used to purchase Winkie, the money originally accumulated bit by bit from the youngsters.

Annette was brought to Madison as a replacement for yet another elephant, Annie, queen of the zoo for 30 years, who died at the age of around 51 of an infected foot on Feb. 24, 1948.

So many area residents have a stake in the present queen of the zoo through their contributions made years ago.

"Many 'birthday' parties have been held through the years for Winkie, with cakes and hundreds of children on hand for the celebrations.

The cakes were something to behold, weighing 10 to 20 pounds, and molded from ground bran and oats, chopped apples, carrots, and lettuce.

And there would be real cake, and ice cream for the youngsters. Winkie was named after the late Fred Winkelmans, director of the zoo for 28 years and creator of many of the present zoo features. He came to the zoo as director in 1918, and retired in 1946.

He named Annette, and when she died, he was accused perhaps his greatest honor by the children of Madison: he had contributed to the elephant fund by having Winkie named after him. He died in 1953.

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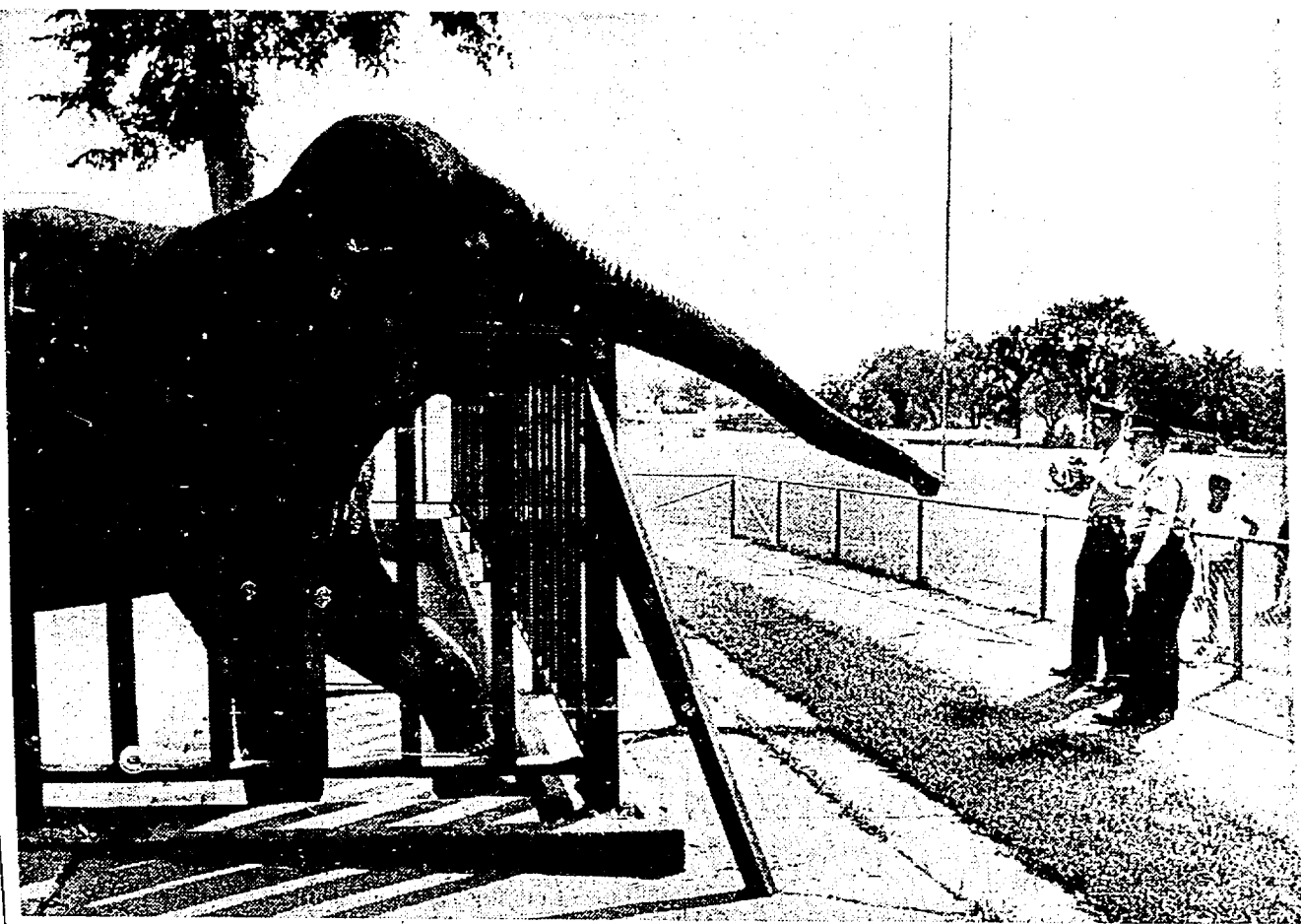


Photo Shows Winkie Shortly After She Pulled Ruth Freedman, 3, Into Her Cage

—State Journal Photo by L. Roger Turner

## Members Discharged 2 More Indicted by Grand Jury

By JUNE DIECKMANN  
(State Journal Staff Writer)

The Dane county grand jury probing lobby activities for three months was discharged late Tuesday after issuing its 12th and 13th indictments against a Milwaukee banker and a state bankers' association.

"The jurors felt they have finished their work and any continuation of the investigation would be a fishing expedition," Circuit Judge Richard W. Bardwell said.

Named in the new indictments were Donald N. Baxter, Elm Grove, vice-president of the Marshall and Isley bank, Milwaukee, and the Badger State Assn. of Banks, both proponents of a bill to extend branch banking in Wisconsin that has been defeated.

Their Circuit Court arraignments on the charges were to be arranged by Dist. Atty. Michael B. Torphy Jr. for today.

Baxter, a witness before the jury Apr. 21, was accused of "false swearing" when he denied contacting legislators outside the Milwaukee area in support of the branch bank bill.

The association, commonly called the "Badger Bankers," was accused of "authorizing and permitting" Roy A. Menzel and Robert Williams, owners of a

Stevens Point public relations firm bearing their names, to lobby for the branch banking bill without being registered as lobbyists.

The charge was expected to be served on the president of the Badger Bankers group, Joseph B. Hartz, also president of the Stevens Point First National bank.

The charge against Baxter is a felony carrying a maximum penalty on conviction of 3 years in prison, \$1,000 fine, or both.

The association charge is a misdemeanor carrying a \$200 to \$5,000 fine.

Fifteen jurors — eight men and seven women — of the original 17 starting hearings Mar. 28, spent nearly half an hour giving Judge Bardwell their final report behind locked courtroom doors. The other two jurors had been

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Mercury To Tell You It's Summer  
Get set for some more warm weather today with a forecast calling for a high today from 88 to 92, with only a 5 per cent chance of rain.

Rain the Madison area Tuesday morning amounted to .05 inches, according to the weather bureau.

The high Tuesday was 84 at 5:30 p.m., and the low of 65 was reached at 5:30 a.m.

The warm weather is expected to continue at least for a couple more days.

## Sauk-Prairie Principal Takes Monona Post

LODI — William Wenzel, Route 2, Lodi, principal of Sauk-Prairie Junior High school, has resigned his job to accept a similar post at Winnequah school in Monona Grove.

Wenzel, who has been principal and teacher in the Sauk-Prairie school for the past seven years, will be the building principal at Winnequah but will not teach.

He and his family will continue to live in their present home near Fish Lake.

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## Draft System Is Criticized as Poorly Operated Sacred Cow

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Selective Service System Tuesday was pictured as a "sacred cow" and a California congressman said low grade Civil Service clerks are running local draft boards.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) criticized current draft deferment tests, saying:



POWELL HOLIFIELD

"First, we provide an inferior education for black students. Next, we give them a series of tests which many will flunk because of an inferior education. Then we pack these academic failures off to Viet Nam to be killed."

Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.), appearing at a House Armed Services committee hearing on the Selective Service System, draft procedure "operating in a

hodgepodge of confusion and inconsistencies."

"I cannot accept the implication of some that the Selective Service System is a sacred cow, above reproach and impervious to improvement," he declared.

Powell's comments came in a statement entered into the committee record. He did not appear personally.

In his statement which criticized the draft deferment qualification tests for college students, Powell said survivors among what he termed "slum school pushouts" those who complete the 12th grade, "all to often must turn to black colleges which have yet to match . . . scholarship

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## U.S. Suspends Diplomatic Ties

# Junta Now Controls Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Lt. Gen. Juan Carlos Onganía, Argentina's most respected military man, was picked by a junta Tuesday to succeed President Arturo Illia, who was ousted in a lightning coup.

The three-man military junta that took over after the bloodless overthrow of Illia early Tuesday headed by Lt. Gen. Pascual A. Pistarini, army commander in chief, was sparked by growing political power of the followers of ex-dictator Juan D. Peron. Peronists gained control of three of the country's 22 provinces in recent

elections.

The country was reported clamorous in the wake of the coup, but there were fears that demonstrations, especially by Peronist groups, may break out later.

Ambassadors Quit  
U.S. officials announced in Washington suspension of diplomatic relations with Argentina. They expressed concern at the displacement of a democratic government and the rupture of constitutional processes in a member nation of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Two Argentine ambassadors — Norberto M. Barrenechea at Washington and Luci S. Garcia del Solar at Moscow — also resigned their posts in protest.

The swift-moving action that put Argentina once again under a military regime began Monday when Pistarini dismissed and arrested Second Army corps commander Gen. Carlos A. Caro, who was opposed to the coup.

Within a few hours and without a single shot fired, the military took over the country, including all communication centers, government offices, and the governments of the provinces.

An army deployment around government houses was the only big show of force visible in this capital city of 6 million persons.

Pistarini announced he was forming a ruling junta jointly with the commanders in chief of the navy and air force, Adm. Benigno Varela and Brig. Adolfo Alvarez.

Refuses To Resign  
Illia, however, refused to resign. Even though his Government House was surrounded by tanks and troops, he sat in his chair until soldiers prodded him with rifle butts and threatened to hurl tear gas bombs into his office.

The president, refusing an escape, was reported to be in his office.

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## Tanker Explodes Again; 4 Killed

NEW YORK (AP) — The hard-luck British tanker Alva Cape exploded and burned a second time Tuesday at a Brooklyn anchorage, in an uncanny encore to tragedy.

She was involved less than two weeks ago in a harbor collision that claimed 33 lives.

The Coast Guard counted four men dead this time, with three others missing.

Once again it was the volatile naphtha cargo aboard the 11,252-ton British ship that exploded and sent flames flashing anew in her fire-scarred hull as she lay in Gravesend Bay, just off shore.

After flying over the ship in a helicopter, Mayor John V. Lindsay said he would seek the Alva Cape's removal from the harbor as a continuing menace.

## This Thief Reads Weather Forecasts

Somewhere, there is a real cool thief.

The Hotel Loraine reported Monday that someone had stolen an air conditioning unit from a room window the previous week.

City detectives are investigating.

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## U.S. Economic Aid Resumed for Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States announced Tuesday a \$70 million long-term loan to Pakistan for the purchase of U.S. commodities ending a suspension of U.S. economic support.

Long-term economic aid to both India and Pakistan was suspended 10 months ago as a result of the Kashmir conflict between the two nations.

The State Department announced earlier this month that economic assistance would be resumed with existing aid funds, but that money for any new program would have to be appropriated by Congress.

## Board Chief Harb Reported Satisfactory

George H. Harb, 61, of 302 Norris ct., Dane County Board chairman Tuesday was still reported in "satisfactory" condition in Madison General hospital where he underwent surgery Monday morning.

His duties on the board are being assumed by Hermann Eisner, District 46, Town of Berry. Eisner is vice-chairman of the board.

## Today's Chuckle

The only woman who wishes she were a year older is the one who is expecting a baby.

# Candidate Supported by Kennedy Is Nominated in New York Primary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy won a key victory "good for the Republican party and for the country."

Silverman took the lead in the earliest returns and increased his margin throughout the night.

In the nation's other primary election in South Carolina, four Negroes who sought to capitalize on the recent increase in the number of registered voters among Negroes were defeated by white opponents.

The South Carolina contests for Democratic nominations for seats in the legislature were runoffs. In each case the Negro candidate had led the ticket in the first primary, June 14, but failed to get enough votes to avoid a runoff.

No Negro has won election to the South Carolina Legislature in 65 years.