



A Harpie eagle, captured in South America, perches on Mr. Fowler's arm as Robert, (left) Cheryl and Bart Porter,

children of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Porter, Lititz R4, watch the eagle spread her wings at the command of Fowler.

Jim Fowler Of 'Wild Kingdom' Visits With County Family

Human behavior and personality traits have long been studied and a great deal of research has been going on in this field. Comparatively few have gone into the study of wildlife in this respect.

One man who has, for a number of years, gone into the jungles in order to make studies on wildlife, is Jim Fowler, star of the television program "Wild Kingdom." Mr. Fowler was the overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Porter, and family of Lititz R4 last week. He and Mr. and Mrs. Porter were classmates at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

Accompanying Fowler were two of his friends, Arthur, a five-month-old cheetah, and a Harpie eagle which he captured in the Rain Forests in South America. He does not regard these as pets as we do our dogs and cats. He considers them well trained examples of wildlife.

Contrary to the beliefs of most people who perhaps judge wild animals as being ferocious toward man, as they see them in movies, Mr. Fowler said that the animals are quite timid and afraid. Sometimes it takes days or even weeks to get close enough to take pictures or capture them. He claims that each species has his own personality traits and have to be dealt with in much the same manner as we deal with human beings.

One interesting thing, something which one doesn't think about, is that all living creatures do go through a stage very much like our teenagers do. They reach a point when they feel grown up and begin to show signs of assertion. This accounts for the change in personality of some animals which have been trained and suddenly rebel against the master.

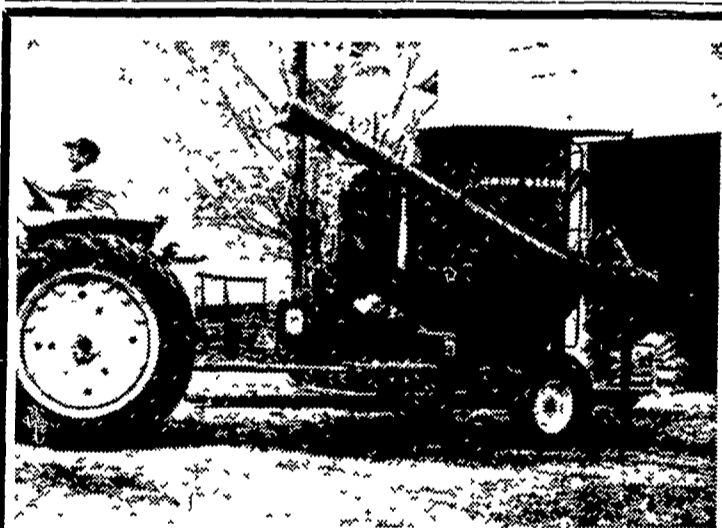
The cheetah, known for his hunting ability and fast running in his natural habitat, is one of the most easily trained animals. "Arthur" is an example of this—or perhaps he is a little spoiled. As an overnight guest in the Porter home, he decided to sleep with the two boys, who said he investigated articles on their dressers, but was quite willing to relax on their bed. He romped with the children outside and played on the floor with them—nibbling their ears and pulling

hair. The only difference they found was they couldn't approach him with quick movements as they do their own cat and dog. Mr. Fowler stressed the point that a slow approach is vitally important.

The Harpie eagle, equally as

well trained, was given a bath with a hose in the backyard at the Porter home. Mr. Fowler said this has to be done at least every other day to keep the feathers in good shape and for the comfort of the eagle because of his natural surroundings from which he comes—the Rain Forest.

Mr. Fowler, 6 foot-6 inch explorer and naturalist, is a native of Georgia. His friendly,



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Shown above is Jim Fowler, co-host of the television program "Wild Kingdom," holding "Arthur", a five-month old cheetah. Arthur is trained to Mr. Fowler's commands and makes friends with strangers without hesitancy.

quiet manner of speech must savagery. His experiences with perform miracles in his work. Tribesmen in general are eager his work with wildlife to this reporter was how he and his co-workers are accepted by tribesmen in the countries and islands he travels. Again he said that movies usually overplay success.

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