Play ground Egt.

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Report from Montgomery Children's Zoo: ..

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The flight cage is not quite completed, lacking beads at entrance and exit, and about four feet of rails on each end of bridge. We have the following birds in cages:

2 Golden Pheasant 2 Amherst Pheasant 2 White Pheasant 2 Francolin 7 Red Head Ducks 4 Wood Ducks 2 Yokohoma Fowls

3 Bob White Quail

1 White Cotuonix Quail

1 Gamble Quail 6 Chukar Quail 3 Blonde Quail 5 Sea Gulls

List of animals we now have in zoo:

l Pair Llamas l Pair Rheas l Male Bison l African Porcupine l Gray Fox l Artic Fox 9 Capuchin Monkeys l Baboon

1 Woolly Monkey 8 Adult Rabbits 15 Small Rabbits 4 Guinea Pigs 4 Snakes 2 Red Tail Hawks

1 Golden Eagle 1 Barn Owl

3 Peacocks 1 Cockatiel Parrot 1 Ponomanian Parrot

l Skunk l Opossum

2 Dromedary Camels (on loan from International Animal Exchange)

The animals we have at Oak Park are:

1 Great Horn Owl

2 Bob Cats 1 Donkey

1 Raccoon 1 Alligator

We are expecting more animals in around the 15th of this month.

We are in the process of building a lion's cage and three double cages for small animals. However, these cages are not enough for the animals we now have in temporary cages in the barn. We need sheds for hoofed animals and hay racks. We also need to build an alligator pool. Fence should be built around all cages to keep the public a safe distance from animals.

Capitol Fence Company got the bid to extend the fence higher on the east side of zoo and install fence for deer pen. They will start the last of this week.

Lift station pump to sewer line going to the barn has torn up twice. Bradley Heating and Plumbing Company has repaired it, but they say it is not the right type pump for this job. Soon as cages are completed and animals are in them, the cages will be cleaned and all the waste will go into this sewer line.

Front gate should be different. Signs should be made and installed. If the zoo is to open by spring, I think some of this work should be contracted out.