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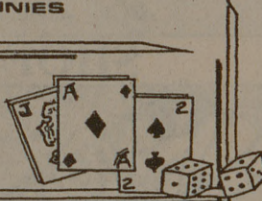
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Farm provides home for many stray animals

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Jim Waugh found George in a Dayton bar where patrons "were giving him beer and everything else."
He took him home, cleaned him up, gave him a decent meal, and made a home for George, a rhesus monkey, on the 100-acre farm that Waugh and his wife, Lucille, have in Clark County.

Also on the farm is an ostrich, four deer, seven white fantail pigeons, two golden rooster pheasants, a silver rooster pheasant, assorted other birds and fowl, some wild sheep, a Brahman cow, a peacock, a buffalo, two horses, and a timber wolf that Waugh says has "a little dog in him."

Waugh sold his bear and his lion last fall because their daily diet of about 30 pounds of meat apiece cost too much.

Lucille Waugh says the animals belong to her husband and she has little to do with them. But Waugh says Lucille likes to toss fruit into the small animal pen and watch them race the ostrich for it.

Waugh has lived at the farm 26 years, and earns his living raising feeder cattle and hogs for commercial purposes.

The other animals are his pets, his friends, his pleasure, and none of them are for sale. But he can't recall what got him started collecting exotic wildlife.

Waugh picks up animals at many places, but most come from animal

auctions at Royal City, Ind. That's where he found Heathcliff, the 6-foot female ostrich, about a year ago. He says ostriches do well in this climate and that Heathcliff usually prefers living outdoors, huddling against a fence in the coldest weather.

Heathcliff's diet consists mainly of corn, though Waugh says she can swallow a half-dozen whole apples in a row. Almost all the animals he keeps are grain eaters, because carnivores cost too much to feed.

George is Waugh's favorite. He rides in the truck cab with Waugh when the farmer goes on cattle-buying trips. He has a private, heated room and gets special food. Waugh says George's favorite meal is spaghetti, a raw potato, a pear and a slice of pumpkin pie.

Waugh not only cares for the animals, he cares about them. Every hunting season causes him concern.

"I'd just hate to see people shoot them," he said. "I'm against hunting. The same people who yell about them being locked up would be the first ones to kill them if they were loose."

"It's a shame someone took them out of the jungle, but you couldn't put them back — they couldn't survive. That wolf would come to your house to get fed — he doesn't know how to hunt for food."

"I think these birds are beautiful. Here, they can get their bellies full and not worry about getting shot or hit by a car."

Volunteers help elderly in reading

Associated Press

BABBITT, Minn. — Reading is an unconscious part of nearly everyone's day.

People read, without thinking about it, when they glance at a street sign or newspaper headline. Or flip through the mail. Or study a shopping list in the grocery store.

June Wallace of Babbitt will be able to do these things soon. Wallace, 62, is learning to read.

"I went to school," Wallace said. "I didn't get the right kind of teaching I should have. And my parents never laid the law down to me to study."

When her schooling ended at age 16, she couldn't read.

Wallace is one of the estimated 27 million functionally illiterate adults in the United States and 800,000 in Minnesota, according to Carolyn Schworer, executive director of the Minnesota Literacy Council in St. Paul.

Though Wallace was unable to read, she could memorize what was told her.

"I cooked for 22 years in a big res-

taurant," she said. "I had seven or eight girls working under me, all calling out orders. I never had a slip to look at. I remembered."

She got by, recognizing places, products and street signs from memory. She stumbled through recipes. She learned to drive and recognize some signs — "like 'stop' and 'no trespassing.' Enough to get by," she said.

But she felt she was missing a lot. "I had grandchildren that would come and ask me to read to them," she said. "That was hard — I had my grandchildren asking me to read a story, but I couldn't do it."

So last spring, Grandmother started learning to read.

Through a volunteer program sponsored by the Minnesota Literacy Council, she took that difficult first step facing non-reading adults throughout the state who want to take free, private tutoring.

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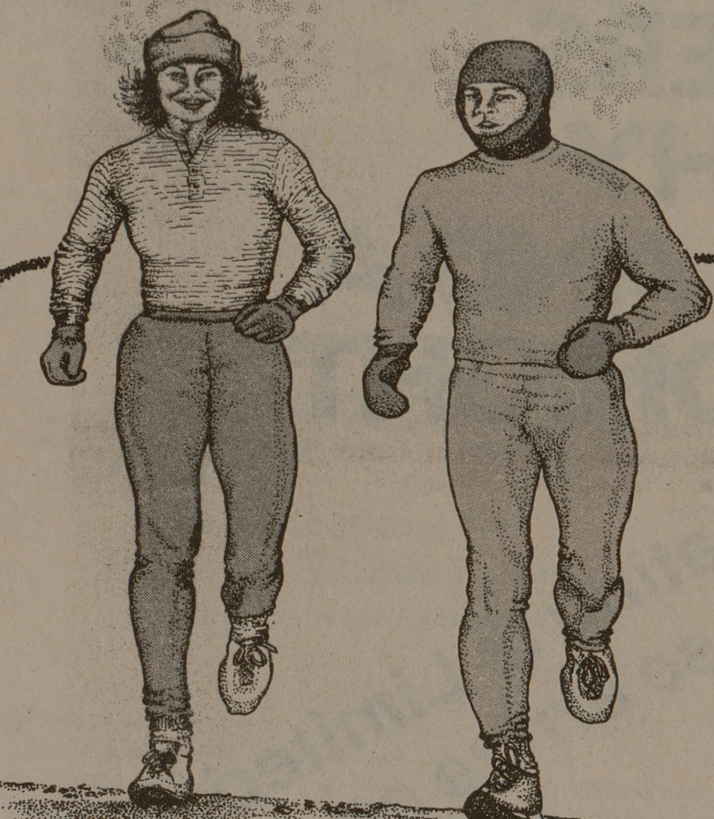
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