

Big Game Hunter In Records Twice

By W. W. EDGAR

Jack Selle, Plymouth's big specimens will make it," he game hunter, finally has said last Thursday afternoon realized one of his ambitions, when he uncanted the latest his name has been placed in shipment of trophies from the world record books not African taxidermists. "According to the word I once, but twice.

"And there's a possibility that two more of these greater kudu and the oribi now have been entered in the world record book.

"The powers that be in such things are still studying the facts and figures on the giant water buck and the barbeest. So it could be that I will wind up with four entries in the 'big book'."

The latest shipment are the trophies from the safari he made a little more than a year ago into the dark regions of the continent. He now has more than two dozen specimens in the special hunt room of his palatial home on Beacon Hill.

WHILE JACK is proud of each animal head and more than pleased that he gained a place in the record books, he commented that the elephant was the most difficult to bring down.

"While the elephant is the biggest target I had, it took days and days of crawling and scrounging around with my guides in the hot sun before we could bring him down."

With all of his trophies, Selle still is not satisfied. He now wants to go after the "cats"—the leopards, lions and jaguars.

He plans to switch from Africa to central America for his next adventure.

WHILE HE WAS uncanting his latest species, Jack turned serious for a moment and said:

"There'll be some people criticizing me for killing off these animals, but there are a few things these critics don't realize.

"First, we don't kill off any female animals or the young. We just go after the old males. So, there is no harm done there."

"Second, the natives hunt these animals for food. In many cases it is the only meat they get. So, when we hunters go to places like Africa we are not only getting the trophies of the hunt we want—but we are helping to supply the natives with food."

"Third, in many cases the thinning of the herds is a good thing."

Miss Wilson Will Visit In Belgium

Susan Wilson, Clarenceville High School junior, will spend the summer in Zwijndrecht, Belgium (near Antwerp) under the Youth for Understanding program.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson, 21130 Middle Belt, Farmington, Miss Wilson was accepted for the program last December and has been corresponding with the family.

In addition to the parents the Belgian family is comprised of four girls and one boy. Susan will vacation with them this summer on the North Sea.



TROPHIES OF THE HUNT — After being in transit for more than six months, the souvenirs from Jack Selle's last wild game hunt in Africa arrived at his home. His prize specimens, from left: greater kudu, black sable, giant water buck, heartbeest, bush buck, read buck, nayala, elephant and an oribi that is barely shown on the far right. (Observer photo)

Oakland Prods Milliken On Road Fund Reforms

By JACKIE KLEIN

Before releasing \$104,500 for the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA), the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is attempting to get a commitment from Gov. Milliken that he will consider a change in the internal gas and weight tax return formula.

Earlier this month, commissioners voted to table release of the funds which would enable SEMTA to qualify for federal and state funds to begin a \$142 million technical study, hoping to apply pressure on the Legislature for a formula revision.

No action was taken to release the funds at last week's meeting.

An increase in revenue for SEMTA has been proposed by Milliken in pending legislation to increase the gas and weight tax.

IN A LETTER to Commission Chairman William Richards, Milliken said he understood the board was withholding budgeted funds for SEMTA until the current formula for gasoline taxes is adjusted to provide a better distribution of county road funds.

Milliken said there has been a significant shift in population density since the present internal distribution formula was developed in 1951, and it is "unlikely that the formula accurately depicts the relative needs of the counties or equitable distributes funds to meet present needs."

Milliken said, however, it would be premature to consider recommendations for changes in the internal formula, and he is waiting for results of a needs study prepared by the Department of State Highways, County Road Association, and the Municipal League before endorsing any proposal to alter the formula.

"I can offer you my full assurance that changes in this formula will be considered to make certain the increase in

the fuel tax included in my transportation package is equitably distributed," Milliken said.

He urged commissioners not to combine the county allocation issue with the release of funds already budgeted for SEMTA, stating the money is needed to move ahead on development of a rapid transit system in the Woodward corridor.

RICHARDS SAID he compliments the governor for his interest in the county's problem, but claimed Milliken's letter failed to give the county the commitment it is seeking.

"I'm in favor of asking Rep. Phil Mastin, who introduced the gas and weight tax formula change in the House; Sen. Don Bishop who introduced it in the Senate; and our legislative agent, John Grubba, to sit with the governor's office to see if a commitment can be read into Milliken's letter," Richards said.

"I don't think he was speaking of an internal formula change to be included in

his transportation package." Oakland gets a return of about 40 per cent of what it pays in road tax dollars to the state.

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