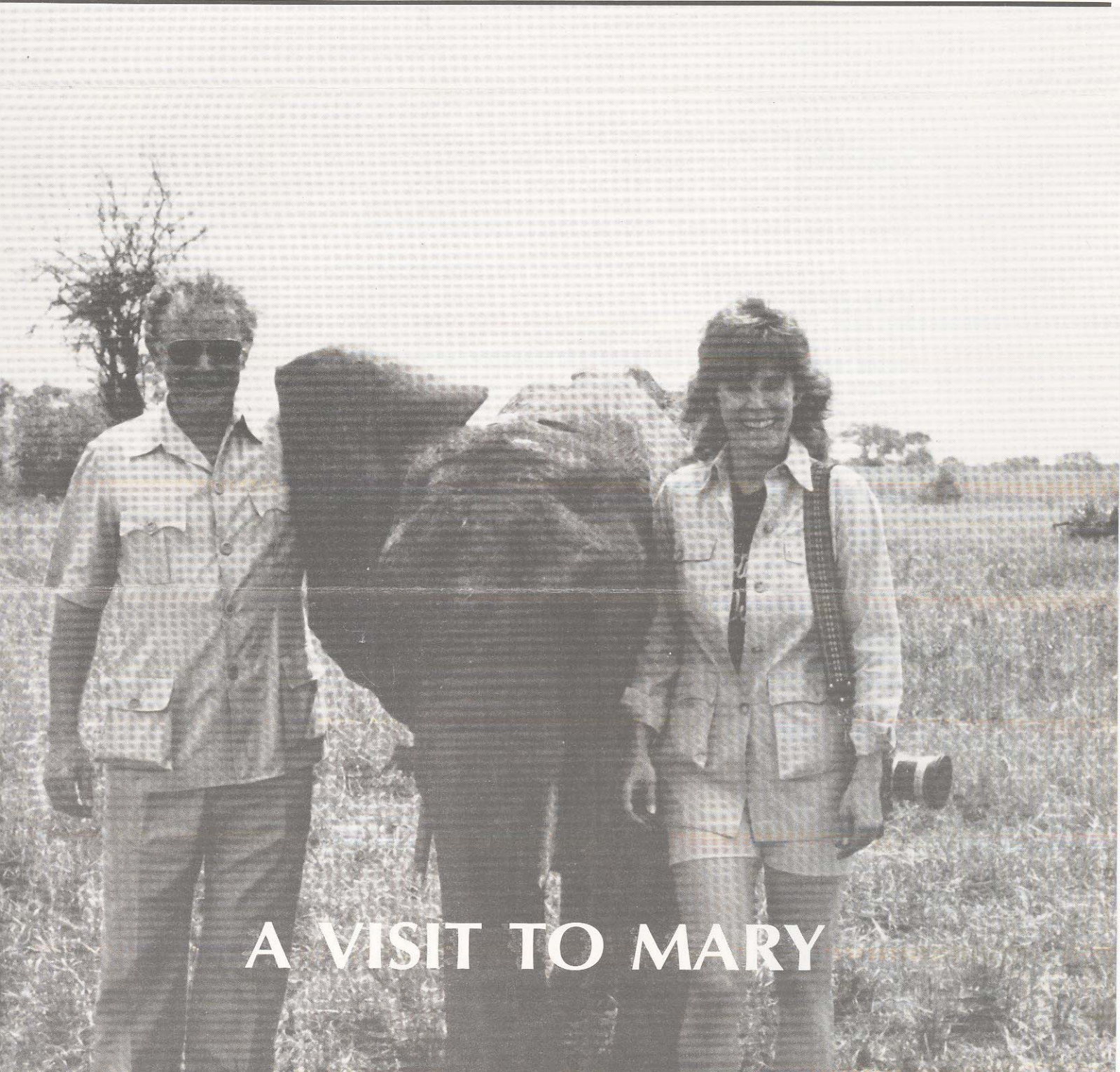


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A VISIT TO MARY

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Dear Friends:

First, we want to thank all those who so quickly responded to our appeal for the construction of Phase II. With a new tax structure in 1987, donations could be greatly reduced, thus, I encourage you to consider donating this year for a full usage of the tax benefits.

In November the William Holden Wildlife Foundation will host a team of scientists from Cincinnati coming to the Mount Kenya Game Ranch for our joint project of embryo transfers. They will bring frozen embryos from the Cincinnati Zoo to transfer to our animals in Kenya. This is a first and we are thrilled to participate. Our next newsletter will cover the entire project.

May we introduce Max. Max came to us as a three-month orphan traumatized by the loss of his mother, recovered from an otherwise tragic end by two Swiss veterinarians traveling in the area. Iris Breidenbend Hunt, one of our directors, has a long history of raising babies in such fragile condition and her success rate is proven by Max. We will look forward to many reports on Max as his future is indeed now a bright one!



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MARY ELEPHANT

In July Don Hunt and I made a trip to visit Mary, the Elephant. As you may remember from our previous newsletters, Mary came to the Mount Kenya Game Ranch as a 3-month-old baby whose mother had been poached. Under normal circumstances, it is quite difficult to calculate the formulas for an elephant that young, let alone a baby suffering from malnutrition and shock. Happily, Mary survived her ordeal and began to grow in the environment of the animal orphanage.

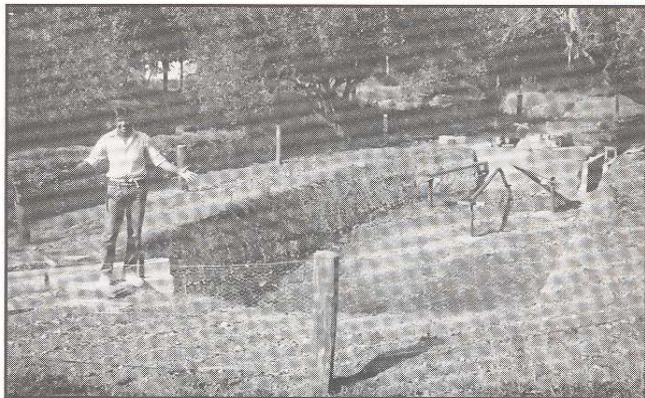
Very early on Mary decided she would take charge of some of the young brought in for care. The orphanage became her domain and she personally examined all who entered with a sometimes very wet and very muddy trunk. The years passed and most of Mary's adopted babies outgrew the orphanage and were released into the wild or on the ranch. Mary remained the only elephant in the orphanage. Never having seen another elephant except as an infant, Mary shook at the sight of a horse! As a result, when the time grew near for Mary to return to the wild, we had no idea how she would react to the sight of another elephant.

Twenty-six years ago Eleanor, another orphan elephant, was brought to Daphne Shel-drake at Tsavo National Park. Daphne's husband, David, was founder and game warden of Tsavo, an 8,000 square mile National Park in Kenya.

Poaching and drought were taking their toll of the elephants at Tsavo. Daphne collected many orphans and wrote books on them that have entertained millions around the world. Like Mary, Eleanor had an intense mothering instinct. and "raised" baby buffalo, rhino and zebra before she got her first elephant, Raru, whom she spoiled rotten. When Bucanezi, a fragile young male elephant arrived, Raru became jealous and so violent that he had to be chased off to join a bachelor herd. Eleanor and Bucanezi have lived together ever since. After David died, Daphne had to leave Tsavo, but Eleanor and Bucanezi remain protected by guards who are their constant companions. They still return at night to the compound where they grew up and go off on safari every morning.

Christmas 1985, Mary was brought by truck to Tsavo to introduce her to Eleanor. The only hope for Mary was if Eleanor would "adopt" her and care for her in the wild. After one month of monitoring, Mary was released with Eleanor and they are all a happy family. We check on Mary periodically and she greets us as old friends, but clearly Mary has rediscovered her life as an elephant and hopefully she will survive so that nature may take its course.





Hamid Kassim, warden of Phase I, stands in front of the new trout pond. Students learn to farm trout to not only repopulate the waters with fish, but create a viable business. This makes good conservation sense.



Students who come to the Education Center write essays based on lectures and films. In writing their impressions we learn the impact of their visit.



Soup's on! The students and their accompanying teachers or parents manage to cook up some excellent camp food, and of course everything tastes better out of doors.



Students are taken to our neighboring forestry department to learn of the need to conserve trees. Walks in the woods allow them to feel the moisture necessary for the exchange of elements creating rain, thus irrigation for life supports.

Just a reminder that the Foundation has WHWF t-shirts! The shirts sell for \$10.00 plus postage (\$2.00 handling).

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