

Here's an interesting story written in the Enid newspaper by Phil Brown probably in the 1960's.



**NEW BEARS ARRIVE HOT AND THIRSTY**—The Enid zoo was the recipient of two more bears Saturday through the courtesy of the Oklahoma City zoo. The two regular occupants of the bear pit were caged on the side to prevent any altercation. The new bears were reported Friday to be just cubs, but they turned out to be pretty good sized animals.

### 'Hip' And 'Hop' Join Enid Zoo Bears 'Jack' And 'Jill' Not Too Well Pleased With O. C. Pit Mates

By Phil Brown

"Jack," one of the original pair of black bears at the Government Springs park zoo, turned to his mate "Jill" here Saturday afternoon after watching the antics of his two "big city" cousins, and exclaimed, "I'm real down Jill. Here I thought these cats were the coolest, but they're from nowhere."

Jack and Jill's cousins—another pair of black bears—arrived by truck at the park Saturday from Oklahoma City. Their old home, the zoo at Wiley Post park out in Capitol Hill, has been closed. So, they were given to us.

There was much confusion at the bear pit, when the city slickers arrived. The new bears, named "Hip" and "Hop" just haven't had bringin' up that Jack and Jill have. They don't take too readily to handling by humans.

They were hot and tired too from their trip, and made it known in no uncertain terms that they meant to keep onlookers at arms length.

Their truck was backed up to the rear door of the pit, and they were somewhat unceremoniously ushered into their new home.

Jack and Jill weren't exactly overjoyed either at the prospect of sharing their pit and pool with a couple of total strangers—cousins or not.

Jack was sure they were some of Jill's relatives. But Jill was positive  
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she didn't have any poor city cousins, and accused Jack of bringing home company for dinner.

They both set up quite a howl as soon as they got wind of the new tenants, but they forgot their own fuss, and their howls turned to open-mouthed silence as they watched the antics of the pair of new bears.

Jack laughed and commented that they must have made the trip up from the City on pogo sticks, and just hadn't quit bouncing yet.

Grady Brock, chairman of the zoo committee of the Northwest Oklahoma Sportsmen's Association, which jointly maintains the zoo with the city, said that the two bears will stand up on their hind feet against the wall, and hop up and down.

"It's not hard to see how they got their names—"Hip" and "Hop". Brock laughed. "They were hippety hopping all over the place Saturday.

Brock turned one of the mother racoons, which had just weaned some baby 'coons, back into the pit with the two new bears and the rest of the 'coons.

The other 'coons had already high-tailed it into their hole, and the mother 'coon couldn't get in. The two new bears were afraid of her and when she got close to them, they would begin their hopping act — up-and-down, up-and-down around the wall.

Brock says that they will rotate the bears in the pit. Putting one pair and then the other in the cage, and turning the others out in the pit, until they become better acquainted and can get along.

"We'll give them two or three weeks to get acquainted through the bars," Brock said. "They may box and spar around a little when we turn them out, but I don't think they will hurt each other."

The biggest of the pair of new bears—the male—is named "Hip" and the female is "Hop."