

EL NIDO STUDENTS BUILD AND MAINTAIN OWN ANIMAL FARM

El Nido elementary school has a "zoo" and whenever pupils aren't in their classes studying, that's where they may be found.

"The 'zoo'—actually known as El Nido Isle Farm—is the only one of its kind in the Torrance school district. In fact, principal Lester Foster, whose brain-child it was, was Checkers, a 4-day old calf added including Snow White, a one-year-old goat; four rabbits; one-year-old goat; four rabbits; a guinea pig; two Peking ducks; two mallards; two Rhode Island hens and one Bantam rooster;

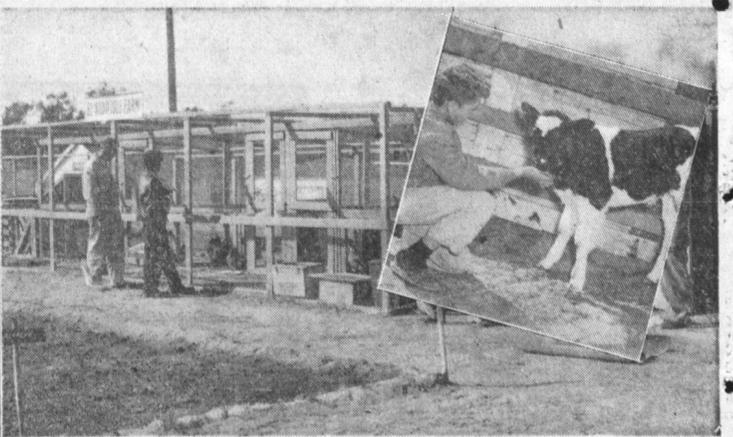
From Ducks to Pigeons
Somewhere in between a variety of animals have been

a desert turtle; one wild duck; and about 12 pigeons.

What gave rise to the El Nido farm is Principal Foster's belief that children should have pets and learn to understand and care for animals.

Because city life makes it increasingly more difficult for children to come to know and appreciate farm animals, Foster decided that one of the best ways of satisfying this curiosity and interest was by providing a community "zoo" at school, run and cared for by the children.

El Nido youngsters are constantly on the look-out now for more animals. Present farm



EL NIDO ANIMAL FARM BUILT BY YOUNGSTERS
El Nido youngsters maintain their own farm. Latest addition is Checkers, a 4-year-old calf being petted by Wayne Sullivan (insert). —Press Photo

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Noted recording artists, "Slim" Edwards and His Rocky Mountain Playboys, will provide the music for dancing. Leslie G. Schmock, chairman of the dance, said that this group of musicians will have many surprises in store for the audience.

All proceeds from the affair will go to the support of the Torrance Mounted Police.

Tickets may be obtained from Daniel's Cafe, Paramount Center, Mom and Don's, and the Melody Music Center. They will also be available at the door.

On Schmock's committee are Jack Phillips, Charles Gotts, and David Birdsong.

There will be many door prizes, Schmock said.

"residents" were donated by pupils, neighborhood families, South Bay Humane Society, Alondra park, and other individuals.

One of the great problems, of course, is obtaining material for the cages and food for the animals.

Money and Materials

Here, again, individuals and organizations have come to the children's aid by donating scrap lumber and other materials. El Nido PTA recently raised \$60 for the farm project, which money will be used for feed.

It has already cost \$30 to feed the animals and the children are anxious to receive more contributions from individuals or groups in order to keep their project going.

"The children do all the work here," Foster said proudly. "They build the cages and they feed the animals. Kenneth Met-

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