

# New Zoo Opens Doors Wednesday

Wednesday the gates swing open on one of the most carefully watched, eagerly awaited projects in the city—the children's zoo in Laurier Park.

A huge crowd is expected to invade the grounds following the

official opening by Mayor Hawrelak shortly after 11 a.m.

The ceremony will climax months of planning and construction aimed at making the zoo one of the best of its kind on the continent.

## CITY WORK

The \$500,000 project, first step in development of a large zoo for Edmonton, is mainly the work of city crews — maintenance, parks, engineering, waterworks and electric light—under foreman Don Russell. (Three administration buildings were erected by Parkins Construction).

Zoo supervisor Don Hudson said Monday some animals won't be on hand for the opening. Two bear cubs and six burros (for rides) will be 10 days late and two raccoons aren't expected until later this week.

Also, some of the plastic displays have been delayed. The biggest one is the tiger shark, whose mouth is to provide the aquarium home for tropical fish.

Otherwise everything is in readiness including a loudspeaker system to carry music from an automatic phonograph holding 100 records.

## ZOO BUS

To help transport the crowd, a bus will leave for the zoo from 102 Ave. and 142 St. every half hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. The last bus will leave the zoo at 7:15 p.m.

Persons driving should go south on 142 St. to 87 Ave. and then east.

Admission is 10 cents for children 14 years and under and 25 cents for adults. All rides are 10 cents.

The zoo will be open every day of the week, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The early closing hour is necessary to give the animals a chance to sleep, according to parks superintendent Jack Wright.

Light lunches — sandwiches, hot dogs, pie coffee, soft drinks—will be on sale at the concession building, with tables and chairs on a patio for outside eating. This