



GAME OF TAG: Rod Smith, of Wildlife Inc., labels some of the 450 creatures that will be auctioned off on Saturday.

Menagerie for sale

Creditors snare surgeon who once stalked animals

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FORT MYERS — It is the eyes you remember. Nearly 1,000 dead eyes staring. Row after row of eyes, plus ears, noses, throats, hooves, paws, tails, gorgeous fur coats and stiff hair. And the silence.

A Noah's Ark of almost 500 big game trophy animals, many male and female pairs, are standing or mounted, cheek by jowl in four silent rooms, glass eyes staring. Saturday, they all go on the auction block to help satisfy debts.

Two wolverines, one eating a ptarmigan, are in the family room next to the big screen television, along with a great snowy



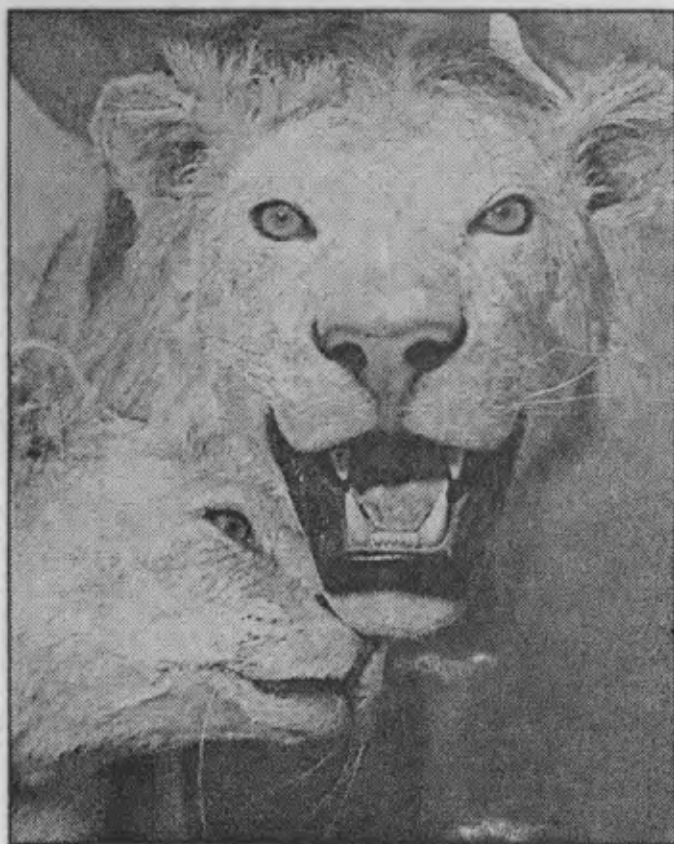
SILVER-MEDAL KILL: Before running into Jones, this Mouflon sheep lived in Bulgaria.

owl, a gray fox and a portrait of the hunter and his wife, Patricia.

In another room, guarding French doors to a swimming pool, are two 18-foot male giraffes, one from South Africa, the other from Zimbabwe. A white sable rhino, as big as a Toyota, is parked in a corner, overshadowed by a Russian brown bear, standing eight feet high, and an Arctic musk ox.

A third room contains 20 deer and six American turkeys. This is known as a grand slam of turkeys.

All were killed, or "taken" as hunters prefer, by one man, a



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TILL DEATH DO US PART: Harris Quillian Jones Jr. kept this pair of lions together, even after killing them.

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