

CRANE HUNT GOING WELL

Experience in two previous crane hunts in past years has given hunters an advantage for this year, according to Bill Huey, waterfowl biologist with the Department of Game and Fish.

Hunters who used decoys and improvised crane calls succeeded in taking their limits in the early hours of opening day, last Saturday. Huey's general impression was that hunters are more efficient this year than they were in hunts last year and the year before.

STATE TO GET NEW ANIMAL

Two male and six female kudu will arrive next spring for the Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque. These African antelope were ordered by the Department of Game and Fish.

Unlike the so-called antelope of this area, the kudu is a true antelope. It is almost as large as the American elk, a magnificent animal bearing large lyre-shaped horns. In its native Africa it ranges from high, moist areas to low lands that do not receive rains for years in succession. It is extremely docile in captivity.

The animals will remain permanently at the zoo, but their offspring will be available to the Game Department for experimental release in areas considered suitable. It is hoped that kudu will some day be a huntable game animal in New Mexico.

JAVELINA HUNT AUTHORIZED

The first legal hunt for javelina will take place March 2-10, 1963. One hundred licenses to take the wild pig will be issued by application only.

The regular application form for special hunts is available from license vendors. All applications must be in the Santa Fe office of the Game Department by February 1 at 10:00 a.m. The fee is \$10 for residents, \$25 for nonresidents. If there are more applicants than available licenses, a public drawing will be held at a time to be announced later.

The hunt will take place in Catron, Grant, Luna and Hidalgo counties.