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Front Cover—This piece of artwork was done by Miss Bernice Kochan and was incorporated into the 1976 Zoo Local Post First Day Cover (story on page 8).

Back Cover—Zoo Babies—The top photo is of a Barasingha Deer mother and daughter, the lower photo is of a Guanaco mother and young son.



Where's the only nightspot in Cleveland that serves Cheetah Canapes, Crocodile Consomme and Gourmet Gazelle Gateau? Zippity Zoo Night at the Metroparks Zoo, that's where!

Zippity Zoo Night, a unique progressive dinner, is sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Zoological Society to raise funds for various Zoo projects. This year, the fourth annual Zippity Zoo Night, the proceeds (approximately \$25,000) will be used to improve and enlarge the Children's Farm.

Zippity Zoo Night 1976 began with Tour Train rides around the Zoological Park. The Trains made several stops along their routes and guests were encouraged to leave the Train, explore the area and board a later Train at their convenience. Guests leaving the Train at Wade Hall received a noisy greeting by "Baretta," a Greater Sulphur Crested Cockatoo. Zoo Docent Joyce Peden was also there, keeping an eye on the exuberant "Baretta." An organ-grinder and his monkey also entertained visitors. At the

Bear Canyon stop (Lions/Tigers/Bears area) Zoo guests found seven different species of bears working overtime to provide them with seven very different, and very appealing, "performances." Of course, Zippity Zoo Doers rewarded the "performers" with their favorite accolades, dog biscuits! Open for the first time to Zippity Zoo Night visitors, the Children's Farm had a variety of interesting things for guests to see or do. Whether petting or feeding the young Farm animals, riding the miniature train or watching yo-yo demonstrations everyone agreed that the Farm was the favorite spot of the evening.

Dinner began with Jungle Salad, Bisque of Waterbuck and Kudu Crackers at the Bird Building and quickly moved to the big red, white and blue striped tent on the mall where Steak Swahili, Tiger Eye Beans with Kid Bits and Bananas Zanzibar were served. A group of dancers performed a variety of native American Indian dances for guests at the Bird Building while an orchestra entertained in the dinner tent.

Zippity Zoo Night (continued)

Following dinner, Zoo Director Dr. Leonard J. Goss welcomed all guests to the Zoological Park and Zippity Zoo Night and introduced Dan. S. Mortensen, vice president of the Zoological Society. Mr. Mortensen commented on the achievements of the Zoological Society and the plans for its future. Following Mr. Mortensen's remarks, Frederick C. Crawford, board chairman of the Society, complimented Mrs. Douglas Wick, chairman and Mrs. Robert M. Clements, co-chairman of the Zippity Zoo Doo Benefit Committee and all the hardworking members of the Women's Committee. Mr. Crawford also announced the winners of various raffle prizes.



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Crawford "visit" with "Baretta," a Greater Sulphur Crested Cockatoo and Zoo Docent Joyce Peden.

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Zoo-Potpourri

Rhino Power is Back



Friends of the Zoo and *ZOO NEWS* readers know that in December, 1975 "Junior," the Zoo's Black Rhinoceros died, leaving the Zoo without a representative of this magnificent species. Immediately after "Junior's" death Curator Don Kuenzer began making inquiries and today, although "Junior" can never be replaced, the Zoo once again has a Black Rhino.

This little fellow, (he now weighs 1300 pounds, but is expected to reach 3000 pounds) was born in the Oklahoma City Zoo, Oklahoma, on May 10, 1975. He was purchased and brought to Cleveland through the generosity of Robert S. Reitman and The AAV Companies. He arrived on July 20 and is now on exhibit in the Pachyderm Building.

The AAV Companies, through *THE CLEVELAND PRESS*, are sponsoring a contest to determine the new rhino's name. As *ZOO NEWS* went to press this information was not available . . . readers should look forward to the next issue when it will appear, or come to the Zoo!

NOTABLE BIRTHS

- 1/0 Aoudad
- 1/0 Squirrel Monkey
- 0/0/3 Coypu
- 0/0/1 Chinese Muntjac
- 0/1 Barasingha Deer
- 0/0/1 Beaver
- 1/1/2 Virginia White-Tailed Deer
- 0/0/12 Rhesus Monkeys
- 1/0 Sika Deer
- 1/0 Guanaco
- 0/0/5 Himalayan Tahr
- 0/2 White-Tailed Deer
- 0/1 Sika Deer
- 0/0/1 Squirrel Monkey
- 0/0/7 Coypu

NOTABLE ACQUISITIONS

- 0/1 Snow Leopard
- 1/0 White-Crested Cockatoo
- 1/3 Squirrel Monkeys
- 5/5 Red-breasted Geese
- 0/1 Beaver
- 1/0 Axis Deer
- 1/0 Hartmann's Mountain Zebra
- 0/1 Chimpanzee
- 0/0/1 Red-Tailed Hawk
- 1/0 Black Rhinoceros
- 1/0 Grey-Headed Lovebird

- 0/0/1 Water Monitor*
- 0/0/1 Common Boa Constrictor*
- 1/1 Burmese-Ceylonese Rock Intergrade
Pythons*
- 0/0/1 Gray Rat-Yellow Rat Intergrade*
- 0/0/2 Common Iguanas*

NOTABLE HATCHINGS

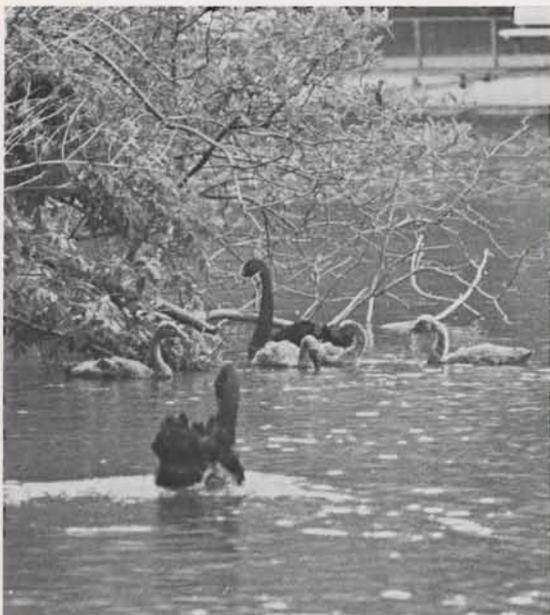
- 0/0/1 Egyptian Goose
- 0/0/1 Barred Dove
- 0/0/21 Wood Ducks
- 0/0/2 Coscoroba Swans
- 0/0/5 Swan Geese
- 0/0/5 Common Shelducks
- 0/0/2 Richardson's Geese
- 0/0/20 Mandarin Ducks
- 0/0/10 Black Swans
- 0/0/2 Sarus Cranes
- 0/0/2 Rheas
- 0/0/2 Egyptian Geese
- 0/0/3 Rosy-bills

NOTABLE DEATHS

- 1/0 Ostrich—Disease of the circulatory system
- 0/1 Ostrich—Disease of the reproduction
system

Code: 1/0—male, 0/1—female,
0/0/1—undetermined

*Not on public exhibit, used in education
classes



In March of 1976, the Zoo's six pairs of Black Swans began nesting on the islands in Waterfowl Lake. The first cygnets (baby swans) were hatched on April 12 and when the last cygnet came off the nest in May 10 more Black Swans had been added to the population. In the photograph on the left, an adult Black Swan and two cygnets are preening on one of the islands. The photograph on the right was taken in July, when the young birds begin to resemble adult swans.

Photos by Kathleen Hemker

Zoo Calendar

August 22, 2:00 p.m. . . . Great American Mime Experiment. G.A.M.E. is a professional pantomime company, in residence at the Second Story Theatre, Cleveland's first theatre of the pantomime.

August 29 and September 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m. . . . The Euphonious Goodtime Company Band of Baldwin Wallace College.

Coming Soon . . . Fall Animal Film Programs for F.O.Z. members!



Members of the Great American Mime Experiment: (left to right) Leslie Felbain, Sandra Hughes, Michael Hickey, and (horizontal) Stephen Riedel.

Photo by Warren Johnson

Reptile Fair

The fifth annual Reptile Fair was held from July 31 through August 8 in the Pachyderm Building of the Metroparks Zoo. The snakes, turtles, lizards, amphibians, tarantulas and scorpions displayed at the Fair belonged to private owners who brought them to the Zoo for this special display. This Fair gives these exhibitors a chance to show off their pets and Zoo visitors a chance to see exotic animals currently not displayed at our Zoo.

The Zoo's excellent reptile collection perished in a flood in January of 1959, but the construction of a new reptile building is scheduled to begin in the next few years.



1976 is the third consecutive year this pair of Sarus Cranes have bred and laid eggs. In 1974 they hatched and successfully raised one chick, and in 1975 they raised two chicks. This summer two chicks were hatched on June 20 and 22, but unfortunately, due to extreme sibling rivalry, one died on July 7 and the other on July 8. Soon after, both adults began nesting again and another egg was laid. This egg should hatch in late August.

Photo by Kathleen Hemker

Sammy Snake

As a service project of the student body of Pleasantview Elementary School, 7700 Malibu Dr., Parma, Ohio a Burmese-Ceylonese Rock Python was purchased and presented to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on May 20th. The school's nickname is Pleasantview Pythons, and the principal of the school, Mr. Richard Ogle, in a survey of the students, found that the majority of students desired to gift the Zoo with a python, symbolic of the school.

An eight-foot Burmese-Ceylonese Python, hatched in Columbus, Ohio in 1970, was found and a mutually agreeable purchase price was arranged.

On May 20th, at an assembly at Pleasantview School, the reptilian beauty was officially presented to the Zoo. The snake, a six-year-old female, was shown to the entire student body and a 45 minute program on snakes by Charles R. Voracek, public service director of the Zoo, was presented as part of the ceremonies.

A naming contest was held at Pleasantview School and the winning name, "Samantha," was selected from over 400 entries. This name was offered by Debbie Zavinsky.

The snake is part of a non-public exhibit in the educational classroom of the Zoo. It will be seen by groups of students who begin field trips at the education center. It will also be used for out-of-the-Zoo programs.

Lights, Camera, Animals!

WKYC-TV will be on location at the Metroparks Zoo during the month of September videotaping several six-minute segments about Zoo animals. These segments will be used as part of the "Sunday Magazine" program televised on Channel 3 on Sunday mornings. Mona Scott will be co-hosting the show with the Metroparks Zoo's Public Service Director, Charles R. Voracek. Producer-Director of this program is Lou Gattozzi. These programs, featuring Zoo animals, are scheduled for late fall telecasting.

The Cleveland Zoological Society saluted America's Bicentennial by issuing the 1976 Zoo Local Post Stamps on Sunday, July 4, 1976. First Day Ceremonies were held at the Wade Memorial Hall in the Metroparks Zoological Park at 2:00 p.m.

This is the second series of Zoo Local Post postage stamps. The Zoological Society issued the first three Local Post Stamps on March 2, 1975.

Zoo Local Post Stamps are used in the Zoo's postal system, within the Zoological Park. Zoo mail has Local Post stamps affixed in the lower left corner of envelopes and regular United States postage stamps are needed in the upper right corner to meet U.S. Postal Service requirements for delivery to destination. Zoo visitors, or anyone desiring this service, can deposit their mail in any Local Post mailbox in the Zoo. This mail is then transported from these mailboxes to a central collection station within the Zoo. There the Local Post stamps are cancelled with a special Zoo postmark and this mail is posted as regular mail in the U.S. Postal System.

The 1976 stamp series consists of three stamp denominations, each bearing the picture of a different animal. The 10¢ stamp honors the American Bald Eagle, chosen as the heraldic symbol of the United States in 1782. In Colonial America, Bald Eagles were common around inland lakes, rivers and coastal areas of most of the North American continent. Today, Bald Eagles are listed as an Endangered Species and are common only in southern Florida, coastal Alaska and northern British Columbia. Pressures from illegal hunting, habitat destruction and the reduction of their food supply have adversely effected the Bald Eagle population, but pesticide poisoning, especially DDT, is the primary cause of the demise of this magnificent bird. Concerned Americans and conservation agencies are helping the Bald Eagle survive in a hostile world and America's national bird will be around for the next 200 years.

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The American Bison, portrayed on the 5¢ stamp, represents an American conservation success story. Often erroneously referred to as the "buffalo," sixty million of these shaggy animals roamed the prairies and open woodlands of North America in 1700. As the United States was settled by the early pioneers, the number of bison decreased. Slaughtered by professional hunters to feed thousands of railroad workers, by farmers for trespassing on their land, and by amateur hunters for "sport," the herds were reduced to 840 individuals by 1889. The American Bison Association was formed in 1905 and through its efforts bison preserves were established across the United States. The first bison preserve in Wichita Game Park, Oklahoma was stocked with bison from the New York Zoological Park. Today, the bison population numbers over 40,000 individuals and the future of this animal is secure.

"El Lagarto," or "terrible lizard," as early Spanish conquistadors called the American Alligator is represented on the

The 1976 First



al Post Stamps

3¢ stamp. Once exploited for its skin to make fashionable leather goods, Alligator populations were depleted and these animals were listed on the Endangered Species List. Federal protection and careful breeding in Alligator refuges has helped this animal stage a remarkable comeback. Alligator populations in many areas of the South are booming and often animals must be culled from the herds to prevent overcrowding.

In keeping with the spirit of the Bicentennial celebration, a team of oxen pulled a cart loaded with Zoo Local Post mail through the Zoo on July 4. The four-year-old Ayrshire oxen, named "Buck" and "Wheat" are owned by Vera Praisler of Praisler Farm in Burbank, Ohio.

First Day Covers are available at the Zoo for \$1.00. These specially cacheted envelopes carry the three Local Post stamps cancelled with the Zoo postmark, and a regular U.S. postage stamp cancelled by the U.S. Postal Service with a unique postmark. Sheets of Zoo Local Post stamps are available at the Zoo; a

sheet of the 10¢ (Bald Eagle) stamps is \$2.00; 5¢ (Bison) stamps, \$1.00; and 3¢ (Alligator) stamps, 60¢. Mail orders will be accepted; checks or money orders for the correct amount along with a stamped, self-addressed 8" by 10" envelope are to be sent to: Zoo Local Post Stamps/Metroparks Zoo/Brookside Park/Cleveland, Ohio 44109. Stamps and First Day Covers are available at the Wade Memorial Hall in the Zoo.

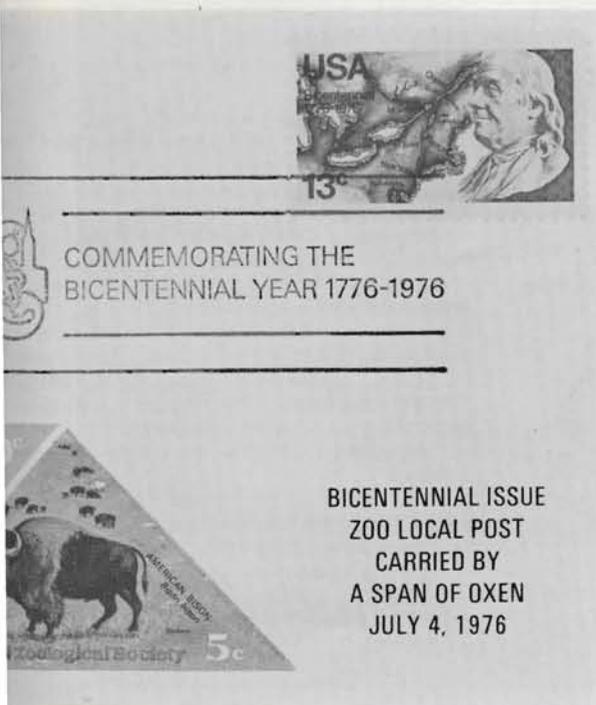
The Cleveland Zoological Society issued the first three Zoo Local Post Stamps on March 2, 1975. The 10¢ stamp portrayed the Siberian Husky sled dog, "Balto," the lead dog of a thirteen-dog team that carried diphtheria anti-toxin to Nome, Alaska, during an epidemic in 1925. The 5¢ stamp pictures the world's second largest penguin species, King Penguins. The Metroparks Zoo is one of only a few zoos in North America which have successfully bred, hatched and raised to adulthood these aquatic birds. The 3¢ stamp features the Aldabra Elephant Tortoise, a giant in the world of reptiles and the oldest animal at the Metroparks Zoo.

A limited quantity of 1975 Zoo Local Post Stamps are still available. First Day Covers are available at the Zoo for \$1.50 each, a sheet of 10¢ (Balto) stamps is \$2.50; a sheet of 5¢ (King Penguin) stamps is \$1.25; and a sheet of 3¢ (Tortoise) stamps is 75¢.

The 1975 and 1976 stamps were designed by Bernice Kochan. Miss Kochan, a renowned Cleveland artist, has also designed two U.S. postage stamp issues—the W. C. Handy and Alabama Statehood stamps. The self-adhesive stock is produced by Fasson, Painesville, Ohio. The 1975 and 1976 stamps were printed by the Great Lakes Lithograph Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

The original artwork for the three stamps will be offered for sale to the highest bidder on a sealed bid basis, subject to approval by the Cleveland Zoological Society. Original art will remain at the Zoo for a period of one year, from the date of July 4, 1976.

First Day Cover



Honeybees

Last August the Metroparks Zoo honeybee colony was totally destroyed when the City of Cleveland "bombed" the city with malathion in a mosquito control project. Honeybees are very susceptible to insecticide poisoning and within a week after the malathion had been broad scattered over the city, all the zoo honeybees were dead. The exhibit case and accessory tubes were removed, thoroughly cleaned and renovated for the 1976 year. Early in May, a new colony was installed and it has begun to function as well as the 1975 colony. The queen is marked with a white dot on her back for quick identification. A universal color code is used by apiarists throughout the country so that the age of any queen in any colony may be quickly determined. Last year's color was blue.

A three-label story about the honeybees is positioned above the colony so that zoo visitors may gain a better insight as to what is going on in the interior of the hive.



Zoo visitors inspect the honeybee exhibit in the Pachyderm Building.

Photo by Kathleen Hemker

The honeybee exhibit is in its 15th year of operation. Bees and an initial supply of honey in frames are supplied by Melvin Myerholtz, Blue Hole Honey Co., Castalia, Ohio.



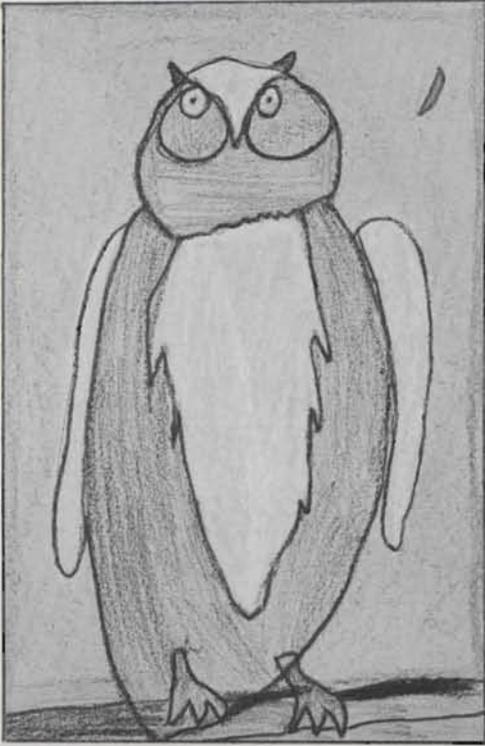
On Sunday, May 30, demonstrations of sheep shearing, wool spinning and weaving of the spun wool were given in the pasture area of the Children's Farm. The woolly locks of several sheep were removed by a skilled professional brought in specially for this occasion. The wool removed from the sheep was carded and then spun into wool yarn. Members of a local spinning society, Mrs. Arlene McKinnell and daughter, Becky McKinnell, demonstrated the carding and spinning of the wool.

Photo by Charles R. Voracek

Zoo Poster Contest

The third annual "What I Liked Best at the Zoo" Poster Contest for second-graders was held this spring by the Metroparks Zoo. All elementary schools within Cuyahoga County were invited to enter this contest. Each school prejudged the efforts of their second-graders and submitted one poster to the Zoo. Over 80 schools participated in this poster contest. The posters were judged by the Cleveland Metroparks System's Public Information Officer, Barbara L. Riedel and Chief of Graphics, Gary Schwartz; and the Metroparks Zoo's Public Service Director, Charles R. Voracek and Information and Education Coordinator, Kathleen A. Hemker.

Winners were announced at an awards ceremony held in the Pachyderm Building on May 15. Cleveland Cody, a second-grader at Sowinski Elementary School was the grand prize winner; 5 second place and 10 third place winners also received prizes. Entries were displayed in the Pachyderm Building.



Cleveland Cody's prize winning poster

New at the Zoo

The next time you visit the Metroparks Zoo spend a few minutes at the moated exhibit across from the Kodiak and Polar Bear Grottos. If you scan the tall grasses carefully, you'll probably see one of the Zoo's newest residents, Chinese Muntjacs. Zoo gardeners, realizing that these small, slender deer are natives of the jungle areas of southeast Asia and prefer areas with dense vegetation, have allowed the grass to grow in their paddock. This

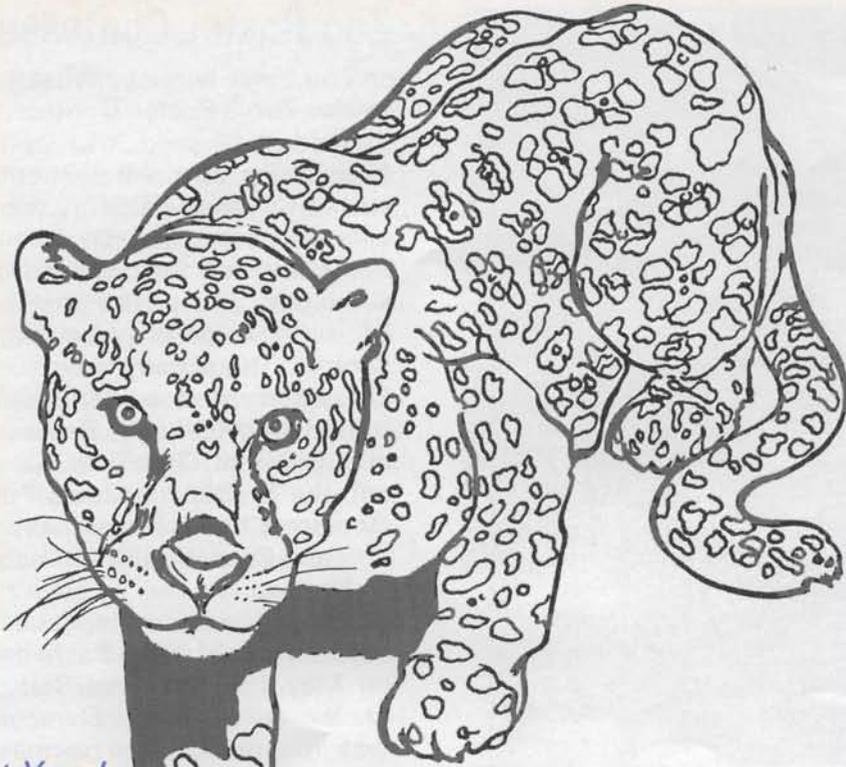


provides a familiar atmosphere for these animals.

Chinese Muntjacs are also known as the "barking deer" because they produce a bark-like sound, similar to a dog's, when alarmed or during the mating season. Their diet consists of grasses, shoots and leaves, which they strip from twigs with their tongues in much the same manner as giraffes.

The males of this species have short, two-tined antlers at the ends of long, skin-covered bony structures on their foreheads. They also possess tusk-like upper canines. Female Muntjacs also have these modified teeth, but instead of antlers, bony knobs and tufts of hair appear where the antlers occur in males.

The Metroparks Zoo obtained two males and one female early this spring. These animals were quartered in their barn until fair spring weather. On April 26 a baby Muntjac was born in one of the specially designed "rocks" in their moated paddock.



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