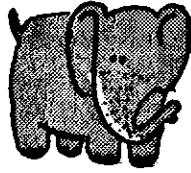




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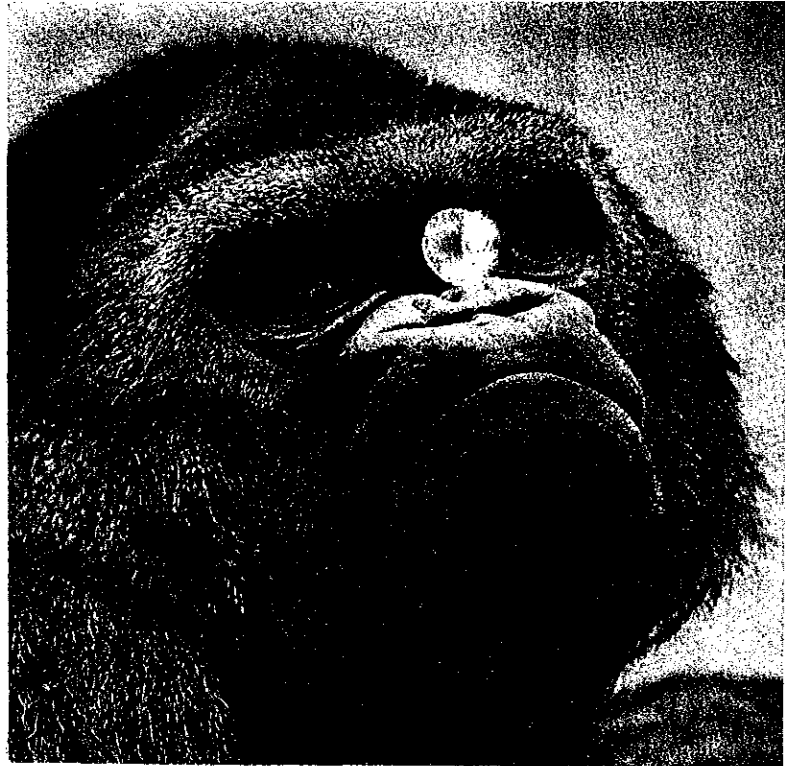
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DID YOU PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES?

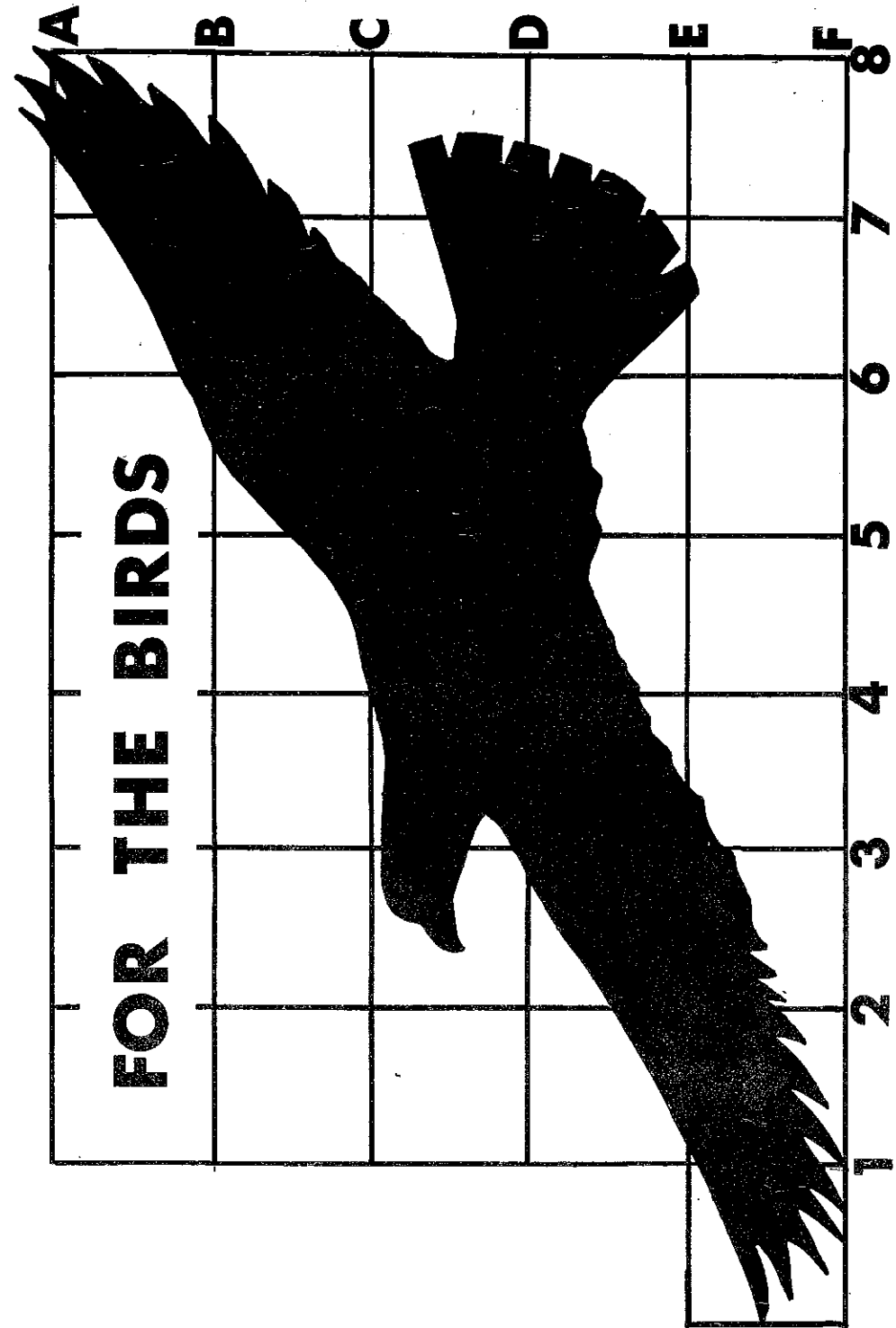
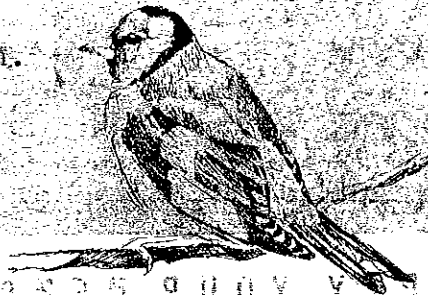
A HOW TO — FOR THE BIRDS

The advent of large thermopane windows in our homes and public buildings, has resulted in innumerable deaths of our song birds crashing into such windows. Finally, after many unsuccessful efforts throughout the land, a life size silhouette bird hawk sprayed on the outside of the window, has virtually completely eliminated the unnecessary toll of our song birds who will avoid any area containing a hawk.

Bob Bullerman, Assistant Director of our Zoo, provided me with a template for my use at home and also to present to our membership. The silhouette

on the facing page can be enlarged to make your own template to produce a hawk "scarecrow"; finished size 15 1/2" x 24". Cut this out of heavy cardboard, get a small spray can of flat white enamel and decorate the large window areas of your office or home. Of course, you will not want to apply this to windows that face your bird feeding areas.

After a month's trial period, I have found no broken-necked birds. Incidentally, every large window at the Zoo has these hawk silhouettes, and George Speidel says it is the most effective preventive means which has ever come to his attention.



FOR THE BIRDS

NEW POLICY ON PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES

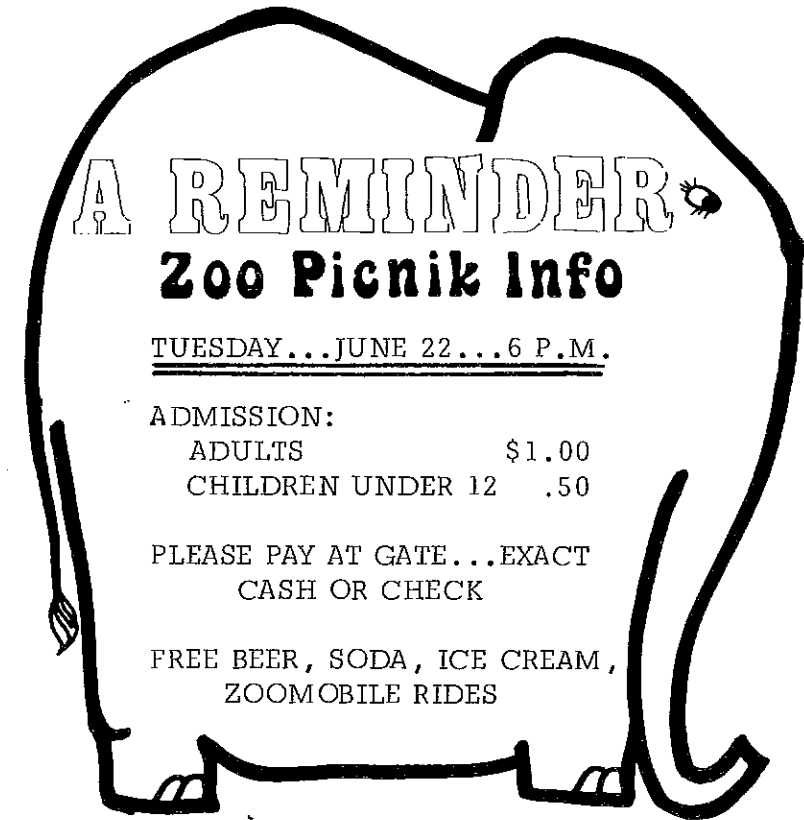
The Zooc iety Board of Directors has adopted a cyclical once-a-year billing for payment of membership dues...all billings and payments are henceforth to be made in May. Announcement of this change in policy reached all our members recently. We had a few questions from several of our members. Therefore, the following to explain this change in dues payment policy. Any member whose dues were paid during any calendar month in 1975 is expected to pay the '76 dues now (in May), using the reply envelope furnished with the brochure that was sent to our members. Members whose due's anniversary fall anytime in 1976 have not been or will be billed and obviously, they should send in their 1976 dues now using that same self-addressed envelope.

The same form letter was sent to over 5,000 prospective members and from the number of new members gathered so far, we are very optimistic about the growth of our membership through this effort. At the time of this writing, the Zoo Pride volunteers under the direction and with the help of our new Executive Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Westphal, have not yet completed analysis of the several hundred returns. Zooc iety Membership Chairhomosapiens, Dorothy Pain, spearheaded the campaign.

We were substantially aided by a number of radio appearances on WTMJ by George Speidel who stated the benefits and contributions to the improvement of the Milwaukee Zoo resulting from membership in the Zoological Society.

Again, we give each of our readers an opportunity to enlist new members at this time so that such Zooc iety Mitglieder can enjoy the coming Picnik Tuesday, June 22nd at 6 P.M. (see further Picnik information on page 5). For this purpose a membership application appears on page 7 .

On the monkey cage at Osnabrueck Zoo, Bonn, West Germany, there is a sign in unusually fine print. A man passing by leaned closer to read it. As he did, a monkey suddenly reached through the bars and snatched the man's glasses from his head. Someone else then read the sign to the victim: "Do not lean over the barrier. The monkeys may steal objects, especially spectacles."



Mail Reservation Now to ZOOCIETY, 10001 W. Bluemound, Milw. 53226. A Spléndid Opportunity to Sign Up a New Member in Time for that Family's Participation in Our Great Picnik. See page 7 for Reservation Form and Membership Application.

BITTE, DO IT NOW

ET TOO CHIPMUNKUS?

In my bird feeding experience, I've often pondered about the solution to feeding chickadees sunflower seeds, without being et out of house and home by the voracious, bully, good-for-nothing grackles and crows.

[Crows are good-for-nothing explanation point; but grackles do have a useful purpose in our ecology...they eat pernicious insects...for the benefit of our very young readers; purrr-nish'-us; highly injurious or destructive; deadly; wicked.]

One weekend the idea came to me — a bird feeder that would only admit chickadees. I procured a one-gallon, large-mouthed glass jar, cut a 3/4" hole in the metal screw-on cover, filled the jar 1/2 full with sunflower seeds, and hung it horizontally from a tree limb. Voila! Chickadees not only lit on the edge of the hole, but entered the jar with an evident feeling of complete security, selected a choice seed from the surrounding abundance and then flew to the nearest bush to crack the shell and chew the tender contents.

Flushed with success, I put together three additional similar glass jars and hung them from various branches throughout the yard. These frustrated not only the large birds, but also our fine-furred friends the squirrels and still finer-furred and sleeker, but smaller, chipmunks. This went on through most of the winter and I dutifully filled the containers each weekend bragging to my friends and neighbors that I had discovered a sure way of putting out a free lunch available only to chickadees.

In the early part of Spring I discovered that the feeders were being completely drained of their contents over the weekend. One morning at breakfast, we found out why. Close to our breakfast windows hung one of our special feeders on the inside of which was a chipmunk, his cheeks so distended with seeds that he looked like a bad case of mumps. I rapped on the window to chase him, primarily to find out how he got in and how he made it up and down the piano wire that suspended the feeder from the branch above. A great aerial artist, the chipmunk; he just crawled up this wire as easy as using a simple stairway and beat it down to the ground. A few minutes later he came back and made his way back into the feeder. Now I call my design a chickadee-chipmunk feeder or chipmunk-adee smorgasbord.



This is a RIP OFF!

PICNICK RESERVATION

(Name - Please Print)

(Address)

We look forward to attending the 1976 ANNUAL ZOO PICNICK at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 22 and will have cash or check (in the amount shown below) ready to pay at the Zoo Entrance Gate.

_____ Adults @ \$1.00 each \$ _____

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY of MILWAUKEE COUNTY

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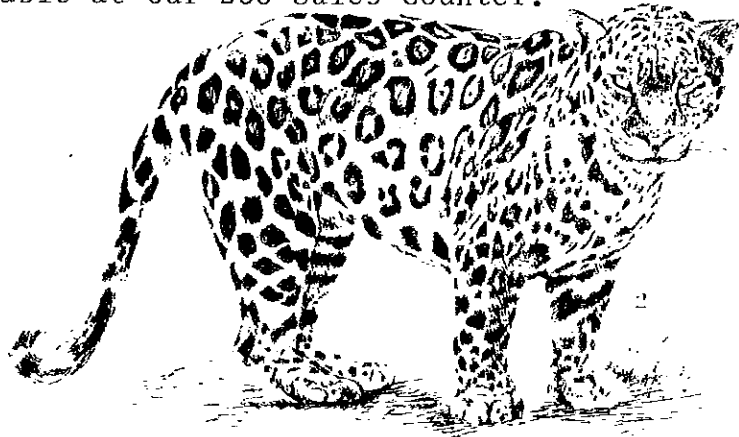
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INVITED BY W.F. Sawyer DATE Now!

Please mail application and remittance to the Secretary, 10001 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, Wis. 53226

animal books

GOING TO THE ZOO WITH ROGER CARAS... by Roger Caras, illustrated by Cyrille R. Gentry.....Harcourt Brace Jovanovich..... \$5.95 127 pp...47 pp of beautifully detailed and anatomically correct line drawings graphically presenting more than 200 animals, each with a brief, concise and comprehensive paragraph of intriguing information. A must for zoo goers from nine to ninety.... now available at our Zoo Sales Counter.

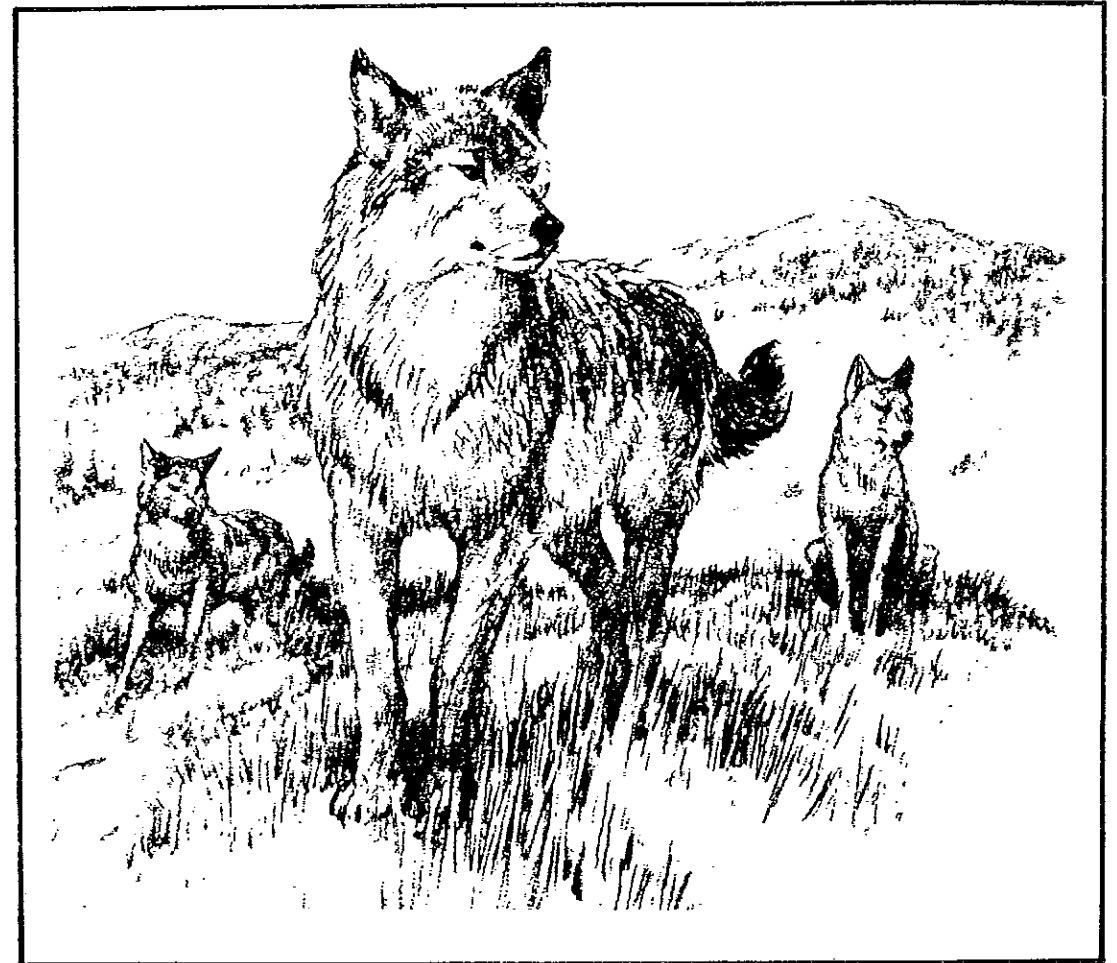


THE KOALA by Vincent & Carol Serventy. E. P. Dutton \$12.95...80 pp, profusely illustrated in both color and in b & w.... a first time study in depth of the life pattern, behavior and environment of this esoteric marsupial native of Australia; an invaluable portrait of an irresistible animal that's been around for more than 80 million years.

FALCONS RETURN, Restoring an Endangered Species... by John Kaufman and Heinz Menz...William Morrow and Company...\$5.95 128 pp.....more than a third of the page areas are unusual photographs of these magnificent birds of prey..... written for general readers, as well as those who have a particular interest in wildlife; this is an authoritative, informative and exciting account of years of effort which culminated in success in mating peregrines and returning their young to the wild.

ANIMAL BOOKS...CONTINUED

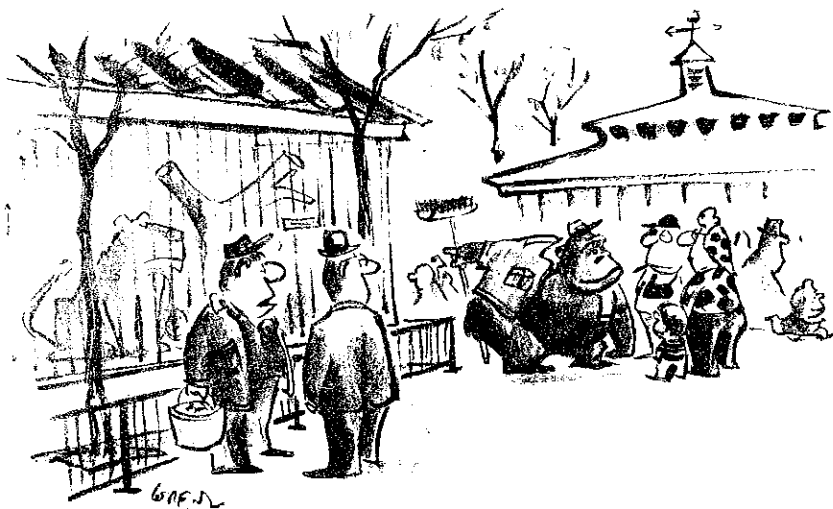
COYOTES, Last Animals on Earth? by Harold Thomas, drawings by Lorence F. Bjorklund...Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Company 125 pp...28 well done and realistically executed pencil sketches of this native American animal that has become a victim of a relentless drive to exterminate it... an entertaining, witty and eloquent plea for justice for the most controversial wild animal in the United States today.



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ANIMAL BOOKS...CONTINUED

THE FLIGHT OF THE SNOW GEESE: by Des and Jen Bartlett Stein and Day....\$8.95....189 pp...outstanding, hard-to-get photographs of birds in flight and in their habitat, drawings of migration routes, major breeding grounds, wintering grounds and National Wildlife Refuge areas. World authority on waterfowl, Sir Peter Scott, states in the foreword "This book describes their observations of the remarkable animal migration of the snow geese over the 2500 miles that separate the bleak Canadian tundra from the Gulf of Mexico. It also tells of the challenge which taxed their powers of endurance and ingenuity to the full. Their account of these mysterious and spectacular birds adds greatly to our knowledge of snow geese, and of the men who help to conserve them!" The Bartletts watched and photographed every phase of the snow goose migrations. The first result was their Emmy winning film, "The Incredible Flight of the Snow Geese", twice shown on national T.V. The second result is this book, which captures with text & dramatic pictures all of the wonder of this yearly miracle of navigation.



"With the budget cuts and then the personnel layoffs, we've had to ask everyone to pitch in."



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