



Enid's Grady Brock Zoo

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For twenty years the west end of Government Springs Park (Where the Museum of the Cherokee Strip now stands) was the location of Enid Municipal Zoo. The Zoo was largely the brainstorm of Grady Brock and the Northwest Oklahoma Sportsmen's Association. The Zoo which was in its later years was known as the Grady Brock Zoo was closed by the City in 1972 largely due to governmental regulations of zoo operations and animal rights groups. It became clear to the City of Government that Zoos were going to need lots of room and huge amounts of money to properly operate, the City had neither. Thus came to an end an interesting chapter of Enid's history.

Over the next few months EnidHistory.org is going to be researching the history of the Enid Zoo. We have recently been given access to a scrapbook of Clyde Rowley, a long time Park Superintendent for Enid (40-70's) and we are look for more information, stories and pictures of Enid's Zoo. If you can help, contact us at [EnidHistory.org].

For more about the Zoo

- *Park Once Echoed With Animal Sounds* by Bill Edson
- *“Jack and “Jill” Not Too Well Pleased with O.C. Pit Mates* by Phil Brown