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Animal Dealer Faces Charges

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has filed charges against a California animal dealer, on the basis that he failed to provide animals with the care required under the Animal Welfare Act.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service charged that William Hampton, of Norco, Calif., sells and transports animals protected under the Act even though he is not licensed. He Hampton is charged with selling a Bengal tiger to the Knoxville (Tenn) zoo and shipping it from his west coast facility on May 11, 1973. The tiger, it is said, was shipped in a sub-standard cage, without feed, water or adequate veterinary care.

La Norma Retires

All of the circus personnel gathered in the center ring of the Hubart Castle Circus, at Vancouver, BC, on June 15th to pay their respects to Miss La Norma, the pretty blonde aerialist who was playing her last date before retiring to her native Denmark.

During the show Miss La Norma thrilled the audience as she performed suspended from a motorized sphere, which was hung

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The charges also state that during an inspection on Feb. 13, 1973, inspectors found that conditions at the dealer's premises allegedly did not meet required standards for sanitation, cage size, shelter, and food storage.

The dealer may either request an oral hearing on the charges or he may consent to a USDA order without admitting or denying the charges, according to Dr. Grant E. Blake, western regional director for veterinary services in APHIS.

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AGENTS

Agents for Circus Report are:

Tim Bickmore - The "George Matthews Circus

Bobby Gibbs - Lewis Bros. Circus

Herry Ellis and Don Rey - Gatti Charles Circus

Betty Wendany - John Strong's 1869 Circus

Ken and Mike Twomey - Happytime Circus and Fairs

Mark Anthony - Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit

Bob Emrico - Wallace & Rogers

Animal Shows

Animals on the Endangered species list are featured in a new "ecology show" at the Japanese Village in Buena Park, Calif. The program, directed by Daniel McMillan, supervisor of the park's tiger show, has been designed as an educational feature, to offer information on endangered animals.

The program is presented on weekday mornings, aimed at local student groups. The animals do not perform, but McMillan lectures about them and has a question and answer session.

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USDA CHARGES MADE (Continued)

Under either procedure, the USDA could impose an order requiring him to cease and desist from future violations. A cease-and-desist order is a type of permanent injunction. Failure to obey it can result in civil penalties of \$500 for each day a violation continues.

SPECIAL A 1951 Ringling-Barnum program for just \$1.25, from Circus Memories Museum, Fryeburg, Maine - 04037.

CORRECTION

Last week's listing of Polack Bros. route was in error. The problem developed in trying to read a showman's poor handwritten copy.

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Impound An Elephant ?

Where do you put an impounded elephant is something everyone was wondering about early last month. The question came up when District Judge M. K. Snow ordered "Peggy" a female elephant impounded.

Peggy was scheduled to appear in the El Kalah Temple Shrine Circus, at Salt Lake City when the owner, D. R. Miller, of Oklahoma, filed a breach of contract suit.

After a downtown parade deputies seized Peggy and took her to the Hogle Zoo. Later a circus man produced a \$5,000 cash bond and the elephant was released in time for the show's night performance.

RINGLING visit

Some 40 members of the Merle Evans CFA Tent, headed by Herbert S. Hoyt and Paul Van Pool, chartered a bus for an all day visit with RBBB's Red Unit at Tulsa, Okla (June 16). CFA's from Kansas, including Aden and Velma Lowry and Patrick and Melissa Burden joined the Joplin crowd at Tulsa.

Just as the show was getting started, ringmaster Tim Holst introduced the visiting guests and had them stand for a bow. During the intermission both show personnel and CFA's were busy visiting with one

Musical Meet

A regional meet of The Windjammers Unlimited will be held at Delaware, Ohio, on Saturday, July 27th and Sunday, July 28th. A concert will be held on July 28th at 3 p.m. with the banquet scheduled that evening at 6:30 p.m. (Ohio Room of the Holiday Inn).

Rehearsals and the concert will be at Phillips Hall Pavilion (Ohio Wesleyan University), which has an indoor auditorium if it rains, or an outdoor pavilion if its sunny.

Advance registration is a must. The fee is \$25 for performing musicians and \$10 for guests. Headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn, Weiser and Henry Streets, Delaware, Ohio (Tel. 614-363-1262).

Those attending who play instruments or wish to conduct are urged to participate. Contact Robert M. Carlisle, Chairman, Box 143, Delaware, Ohio by July 15th.

another.

It was a good show, featuring Gunther Gebel-Williams, plus some gorgeous costumes. We missed some of the old acts, and to fill in the show time (three hours) they've added numerous production numbers.

..... Velma Lowry



The young lady shown on the horse in the above picture is Jean Allen, one of the talented performers who toured for many years with the Cole Bros. Circus. She worked horses, elephants and did aerial numbers.

In the pictures on Page 9, of this issue, are the Acevedos Family, who toured with both Russell Bros. and Arthur Bros. on the west coast, as well as other shows. The two lady riders are not known, but they were with the Clyde Beatty Circus about 1945. The Russel Bros. Circus advertisement is one that show used in 1942.

The man giving the elephant a shave with a blow torch is Walter McClain, and the picture was taken when he was with the Ringling-Barnum Circus.

Circus Featured At West Coast Fairs



This year, as in the past, one of the feature attractions at many of the West Coast fairs is the Happytime Circus, directed by Dave Twomey and his family. You'll find the show set up at an easy to find location, with standing room only crowds on hand for every performance.

The program is presented in one ring, under a blue big top, trimmed in red and white. This year the poles have been painted yellow, the side wall and ring curbs are red and white and props are a variety of pastel colors. Seating, 5 rows high, is in a variety of colors too, thus adding to the colorful appearance of this show.

This year's program features goats, ponies, dogs, clown numbers, audience participation features and a rola bola number by Ken Twomey, a young clown.

New this year is a slack wire number by Michael Kelly, and the stars of the 1974 circus are Frank and Vernice Dean. These versatile performers offer a variety of western numbers -- knives, ropes, whips, guns and a trained horse.

In addition to a lengthy fair tour the Happytime Circus will be playing many one night stands in Northern and Central California. For these dates the program will be augmented with additional acts, including the Bakers, who offer both juggling and plate spinning. Music, for the show will be provided by Dick Cross at the organ.

The Happytime Circus is

finale

HARRY COOKE, who with his father worked vaudeville and circuses as The Hollywood Clowns, died at Lancaster, Pa. on June 1st.

WALTER JENNIER, former gymnast and aerialist, and best known for his work with seals, died at Toronto, Ont. on June 2nd.

WILLIAM F. WILCOX, retired show publicity man, had been with Ringling, Cole and Seal Bros. Died on June 9th at Little Rock, Ark.

probably on the road each year longer than any other show. They open in mid-January and close about Christmas time. The tour keeps them busy playing the West Coast, as well as Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada, where they play one nighters, shopping centers, fairs, celebrations and for special party dates.

ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo

July 3-7 Calistoga, Cal.

Beatty-Cole Circus

July 1 Garfield, N. J.
2 Dover
3 Flemington
4 Ellenville, N. Y.
5 Neburgh
6 Peekskill
7 Prospect

Buckskin Jack's Show

July 3 Wishek, N. D.

Carson & Barnes Circus

July 1 Windom, Minn.
2 Leverage
3 Tracy
4 Redwood Falls
5 Madison
6 Ortonville
7 Sauk Centre

Hubert Castle Circus

July 1 Havre, Mont.
2-3 Great Falls
4 Lewistown
6-7 Kalispell

Charles Bros. Circus

July 4 Aurora, Ohio

Circus Kirk

July 1 Westerly, R. I.
2 Hope Valley
3 Middletown
4 Coventry
5 East Greenwich
6 E. Douglas, Mass

Carden & Johnson Circus

July 1 Alliance, Nebr.
2 Chadron
4 Hettinger, N. D.

Circus Vargas

July 1-4 Wheaton, Ill.
5-6 Peoria
7-8 Benton Twnshp, Mch

Europorama

July 1 Butte, Mont.
2 Missoula
3 Great Falls
4 Helena
5 Bozeman
6 Billings
7 Miles City

Hovie Bros. Circus

July 1 Mill Hall, Pa.
2 Nescopeck
3 Ashland
4 Leymoine
5-7 Baltimore, Md.

King Bros. Circus

July 1 Moab, Utah
2 Cortez, Colo.
3 Durango
4 Montrose
5 Delta
6 Grand Junction
7 Rifle

Lewis Bros. Circus

July 1 Southampton, Pa.
2 Elkton, Md.
3 Laurel, Dela.
4 Crisfield
5 Georgetown
6 Cambridge, Md.

Polack Bros. Circus

July 4 Pasadena, Cal.

Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit

July 2-7 Phoenix, Ariz.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

July 1-2 Fort Worth, Texas
5-7 El Paso

Roberts Bros. Circus

July 1 Woodstock, N. Y.
2 Chintondale
3 Stanfordville
4 Chatham
5 Durham
6 Coxsackie
7 Scotia

Roy Lippizzen Stal. Show

July 2 Reno, Nev.
4 Las Vegas
6-7 Inglewood, Cal.

Royal Ranch Circus

July 1 Whitney Pt. NY
5 Pulaski
7 Norwich

Sells & Gray Circus

July 1 Greenwich, N. Y.
2 Stockbridge, Mass
3 Greenfield
4 Pedham, N. H.
5 Dover
6 Saco, Maine
7 Sanford

John Strong Circus

July 1-2 Dayton, Ohio

James H. Drew Shows

July 1-6 Prestonburg, Ky

Foley & Burk Shows

July 1-14 Pleasanton, Ca

Frazier World Fair Shows

July 3-7 Window Rock, Arz

Peter Pan Show

July 2-7 Oakland, Cal.

Rose City Rides

July 3-4 Cape Girard, Mo

5-6 Elvins

5-7 Lutesville

Tip Top Shows

July 3-7 East Troy, Wisc

CARMICHAEL



FOR SALE

See text - 30 x 60 ft

5 Bozeman
6 Billings
7 Miles City

Fisher Bros. Circus
July 1 Warsaw, Mo.
2 Buffalo

Franzen Bros. Circus
July 1-4 Neenah, Wisc.
5 Slinger
6-7 Delavan
11 New Lisbon
12 Whitehall

Gatti-Charles Circus
July 5 Sarnia, Ont.
6 Chatham
7-8 London

George Matthews Circus
July 1 Columbia, Kans.
3-6 St. Louis

7 Sanford

John Strong Circus
July 1-2 Dayton, Ohio
3-7 Columbus

Wenatchee Youth Circus
July 4 Twisp, Wash.
6 Cle Elum

..... OTHER ROUTES

Century 21 Shows - Blue
July 1-6 Connersville, Ind

Circus World Museum Exhibits
Jul 1-Sep 2 Austin, Tex
Jul 1-31 Muncie, Ind.

Disney on Parade
Jul 4-Aug 4 Mexico City

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Import Regulation Change Anticipated

A change in the USDA's import regulations may permit zoos to import birds that require special handling. The proposal would allow zoos to maintain their own quarantine facilities, with their professional staffs providing the necessary care and feeding that rare and delicate species require during the quarantine period.

Strict standards would be prescribed for sanitation, construction and location of the quarantine facilities. New definitions would also be added to clarify the standards covering zoo birds, zoological parks and other terms used in the regulations.

The proposed regulations would require that:

- * - Imported birds be isolated for 30 days upon arrival, and held at the zoo for an additional 60 days afterwards. No other birds could leave the zoo during those 90 days.

- * - APHIS veterinarians to examine the birds to find them free of communicable poultry diseases at the time of entry, and at the end of the 30 day quarantine period. Routine inspections would also be performed during the 90 day period.

- * - Any apparent sickness of birds in the zoo during the quarantine and holding periods must be reported promptly, and autopsies or examinations must be made under APHIS supervision.

- * - If zoo birds are found to be infected with communicable poultry diseases during the 90 day period, all birds in the zoo must be handled or disposed of as directed by APHIS vets.

Many zoos have complained

Pot-Pourri

The Dailey Bros. Circus was playing Crete, Nebr on June 9th and drew good crowds.

The Great Moscow Circus is scheduled to tour Japan in July, with a big stand at Tokyo.

Circus Kirk will be featured at the CMB Convention in early August.

Show folks from King Bros. and Circus Circus visited each other during King's date in Las Vegas last month.

that it is difficult or impossible to import some species of birds - such as penguins - as a result of existing regulations. At the present time all imported poultry or birds must be quarantined upon arrival (except poultry from Canada) in order to detect any diseases. Current regulations do not permit zoos to maintain quarantine facilities on their own premises.



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STATUE REPLACED AT CEMETERY PLOT

Tom Thumb's statue has been returned to its pedestal at the Mountain Grove Cemetery (Bridgeport, Conn.) where it marks the site of the Stratton family plot. The decision to place the statue in its original location was made after local citizens voted about even on the question should the statue be restored at the cemetery or displayed at the Bernum Museum.

Damage to the statue was repaired by the cemetery staff. The life-sized statue now shows no outward signs of the damage that was caused by vandals in March.

According to Robert Howells, the cemetery manager, those who favored the Museum site wanted the statue protected from any future vandalism. Those favoring the cemetery site, he said, noted it would be more accessible for larger public viewing if the statue were placed there.

It was this latter argument that swayed Mr. Howell's decision to return the statue to its original site. The statue was erected in 1858, on the site selected by Tom Thumb, some 20 years before his death.

(For earlier stories about the statue see Circus Report for May 6 and May 27, 1974).

New Phone Law

The phonemen's association has spearheaded a move, under the direction of Jim Nordmark, that it hopes will result in a veto of a Florida law that is sure to affect their work. The law - House Bill 3198 - is on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

SHOW TALENT

The program line-up for the Royal Int'l Circus, at Des Plaines, Illinois (June 7-9) included:

Garv Brutke - King's lions
 Jimmy Troy - comedy trapeze
 Clowns - Bill Sweeny, Poco
 Freddie's spinning plates
 Joanne's doves
 Gary Brutke - Tina, elephant
 The Cycling Kursaws
 The Fenton Kids - acrobats
 Princess Pele - aerial rings
 Bobby Berosini's Orangutans
 John Luxem - sky wheel

The program was announced and produced by Ernie McLaine. Music was provided by Stephani at the organ.

..... Eugene Jurewicz

The bill would restrict restrict telephone solicitation in Florida and forbids the use of professional phonemen. The law also limits the amount of money going to the solicitor to 25% of the gross. The only exception, as defined by the law, would be religious groups.

PEOPLE

WILLIAM RODGERS has his Tropical Bird Fantasy act at Sterling Forest Gardens thru Sept. 2.

HARRY CHIPMAN and wife will be visiting several shows along with **BILL GREEN** during a tour of the mid-west this month.

BEN WILLIAMS will soon be

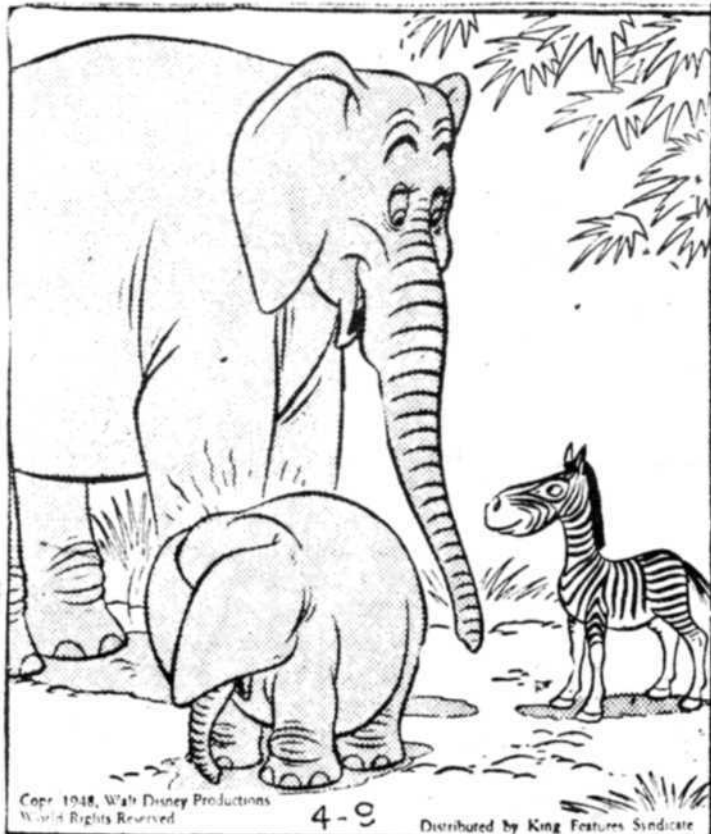
working a five elephant group as he rides a horse in the ring.

JIM and **MISTY LYON**, of the RBBB show are parents of a baby boy born on June 8th, as the show was enroute to Knoxville, Tenn.

LLOYD MORGAN is directing renovation work on the old RBBB train at Bradenton, Fla.

Walt Disney's

"Merry Menagerie"



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IRVIN FELD, RBBB president, visited the Red Unit at Tulsa on June 14-16.

JAMES G. HERGEN, former NBC-TV vice president, has been named Executive Vice President of RBBB's Circus World in Florida.

RON HENON and **ROLAND NATAL** have been busy doing welding work on the Foley & Burk Show during its Vallejo dete.

TOM UPTON has been showing his movies each evening under the Happytime Circus top.

JESS MONEFELDT (Jim Dandy) reports he is enjoying his night club engagement in Japan.

ERIC and **BETTY WILSON** spent a few days in June traveling with the Carson & Barnes Circus.

"You see, he's awfully bashful with strangers!"

New SHOW Name

Last month Manuel Ramos and Ronnie Bessette decided to leave the Continental 3-Ring Circus and launch their own circus - Oskerian Bros. Circus. The show was scheduled to open yesterday (June 30) and will be playing indoor dates.

Ramos was manager/director of the Continental Circus, while Bessette named as manager when that show opened at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Apr. 23-24). The show played several Florida dates, then jumped into Elkhart, Ind., only to find another show playing their date. This prompted the announcement that the Oskerian Bros. Circus would be launched.

LA NORMA RETIRES (Continued)

high in the dome of the 15,000 seat Pacific Coliseum.

Mr. Hubert Castle made one of his rare appearances in the center ring, where he introduced Miss La Norma to the audience and then presented her with a plaque commemorating her stay on the show. Afterwards the entire cast stepped forward to offer their own gifts to this girl who is obviously so well liked. Even the audience rose to the occasion, giving Miss La Norma a standing ovation and wishing her the best of everything in her retirement.

.....Frank Williams