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The 1973 season is already well underway and the Hoxie Bros. Circus is now in its second week. The show is now playing in Georgia and Florida and they will

be heading north through the Eastern area,

This year's show is almost completely new and they have a 160 ft. round top, with but one center palm. (see Circus Report for Jan. 8, 1973). The new top permits the use of three rings, plus stages for special acts, and offers an excellent view from any seat in the house. Since they have no reserved seats all 3,000 seats are on a first come basis.

Again this year the Hoxie Bros. Circus has garnered some national publicity. Last year they were featured in the March 1972 issue of National Geographic, and now the April 1973 issue of Playboy has a feature story on the show.



Among the acts being presented at the show this year are:

- Prince Bogino - wild animals
- The Flying Fernandez family
- Misako Sen - hair hang
- The Droquettes - balancing
- The King Charles Band
- The McGuire Sisters - bird fantasy
- Chela Diaz - trapeze
- The Alfonzo Troupe - high wire
- The Estrada Troupe - teeterboard
- Hoxie Bros. elephants

The show's advance advertising in-

CIRCUS PLANS

A brand new show is being organized at Berkeley, Calif. by some of the local "hippy-type" residents. They plan to build a show along the lines of the successful Major Chumleigh's Circus which toured California last year.

For several weeks now announcement posters have been pasted to telephone poles and fences throughout Berkeley, as well as on UC Campus bulletin boards. These announcements urge talented people to attend an audition preview on March 31st, at which time acts will be selected for the circus program.

A break-in period will be held in the San Francisco Bay Area during the months of April and May. This is to be followed by a tour of the three west most states, starting in June. A closing date is planned for the fall, just prior to the start of college sessions.

Officials say they are dickering for equipment, although they believe most people who join the show will have their own transportation. They want to have a tent of some sort, they added, and have hopes of obtaining one from a San Francisco firm.

vites patrons to come to the lot early and bring their camera. There's a chance to see the circus setting up, watch as the animals are unloaded and fed, the advertising proclaims.

Advance prices for the performance are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Prices at the circus box office are 50% higher.

Now This Legislation

A tough new law has been passed by the State of Washington's Senate Judiciary Committee controlling the solicitation of funds for charity. The bill, requested by Governor Dan Evans, came after a year of intensive investigation into various promotional activities in the state.

Henceforth charities wishing to conduct solicitations in the State of Washington must register with the director of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. The method of solicitation must be disclosed, the names and addresses of professional fund raisers must be reported and the purpose for which the money is to be used must be announced.

Financial statements will be required and all professional promoters will have to post a \$5,000 surety bond. The state will have both police and investigatory powers.

Investigations, which lead to the new legislation, were carried out by Carol Coe, an Ombudsman; Ralph Munro, special assistant to the governor; Senator Ted Bottiger and others.

They detailed actions by various promoters in the state (see The Circus Report for March 19, 1973). They also told about a circus which came to King County as a means of raising money for retarded children. It had only two small tents, 5 animals, a girl selling candy and one man working the animals. This show took in \$193,000, they said, with the promoters taking \$202,000. The retarded children received nothing, while \$6,000 was distributed to other children.

"I discovered they use the mentally retarded, orphans and disadvantaged children," said Mrs. Dolan, an investigator, "in their sales pitches across the nation. This is because orphans and disadvantaged children usually do not have anyone to stand up for them."

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The C-J Show

The line-up of acts as listed in the program book for Carden-Johnson Circus includes:

Guy Gossing - royal bengal tigers
 Armand & Co. - aerial feature
 Los Argentinos and Luben Duo - perch
 Mr. Bell - hand balancing
 Clowns - Pony Promenade
 Ralph, Jim, Jeanne - pony drills
 The Rosales Trio - high wire
 Clowns - Crazy turmoil
 The Trio Stoyanoff - horizontal bars
 Miss Tiny - walk in space
 Connors, Julie's, Larry's - dogs
 The Flying Alexanders
 Princess Andrea - high school horse
 The Pattersons - trampoline
 Clowns - Magic
 Rucker's chimps, Gertie's guanacos and
 Duke's Goats
 Tres Sales - aerial thrills
 Al's Lemon-Zeen
 Carden-Johnson's elephants
 The Kimrie Duo - Stars of the Sky
 Finale - Entire company
 Jerry Digney - announcer/ring master
 Raymond Aguilar - band leader

EXCITING Show

An under-canvas circus was featured at the Pima County Fair in Tucson, Ariz., on March 20-25. The one hour program was produced by Sam Polack and played to capacity business throughout the run of the fair.

Acts appearing in the show were:
 George Matthews Circus elephants
 Dwight Moore's Mongrel Revue
 The Bertinis - bicycles
 Clara and Clarissa - tight wire
 Roland and Marsha - balancing
 The Fawcett's chimps
 Irene and David - aerial cradle
 Miss Marsha - single trapeze

Clowns on the show included: Paul Tambury and Dave Noble. Ringmaster for the circus was Howard Merdin, while music was provided by Betty and Nees Escalante.

The circus' talent coordinator was Simone Finner.

NOTES

Hoxis Bros. Circus recently purchased some new baby elephants.

Circo Union, Circo Bell and Circus Desario all played Tijuana, Mexico during the month of March.

The Paul Eagles Luncheon Club meets at Philippe's restaurant (1001 North Alameda St.) in Los Angeles, Calif. every Monday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

King Bros. Circus reportedly encountered high winds and rain when they were in Tallahassee, Fla. early this month.

Lewis Bros. Circus will be traveling on six show owned trucks this season. They are painted red with yellow lettering.

The annual Boy's Club Carnival, at San Leandro, Calif., will be held on June 6-10 with the Fun Fair Shows.

Some 32 third grade students who had never seen a circus were guests at the Hubert Castle Circus in Spokane, Wash. on March 22nd.

H-M SHOW

Acts currently appearing on the Hamid-Morton Circus include:

Bill Golden - mild animals
 Herta Klucker - bears
 Los Galambos - cradle act
 The Wazzen Troupe - acrobats/rev.led.
 The Duvals - balance/acrobats
 Joe Phillips, Rudolph Sills, Ralph Duke - dogs
 The Dukes - liberty ponies
 Joe Phillips - trained horse
 Jesse Cardona - cloud swing
 Betty and Billy Woods - doves
 The Flying Dells
 The Reynosos - high act

Clowns on the show are: Gary Peterson, producing; Mike Klucker, Donna and Joe Schmitt, R. Dotson and Chris Minot.

The show's staff includes:

Geo. A. Hamid, Jr. - producer
 Charles Basile - gen. mgr.
 Al Youngman - band leader
 Robert Atterbury - director of staging

Feverish Activity

When the Circus Williams opens late this month (April 23 at Madeiro, Ohio) they'll be offering an interesting and entertaining program. The show's program will be almost 100% new this year and is to be presented in a 1,500 seat big top.

Acts already signed for the show tour include:

The Hager Family - acrobats/trampoline
 Corrine Deero - trapeze/cloud swing
 The Hager Girls - web and ladders
 Ronald Perry - wire and juggling
 "Anna Marie" the elephant
 Liberty horses

The show's staff includes:

Carl Conley - owner/manager
 Jim Conley - office manager
 Fred Conley - Concessions
 Dan Carey - side show manager
 George Hubler - general agent
 Jim McConocha - boss canvasman
 Doris Carey - cookhouse

A Reporter reports

There's something to dazzle all ages at the Hubert Castle Circus, reviewers report from Spokane, Wash. where the show played on March 22-25. The circus was under sponsorship of the El Katif Shrine Temple and good attendance was recorded at every performance.

Jim Smith, of the Spokesman-Review, says "nothing may be new under the sun, but strange and startling events are happening inside the Spokane Coliseum."

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FOR SALE

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 New Windsor, N. Y. 12550

PEOPLE

SMOKEY JONES reports his little elephant "Tike" is starting to eat some solid foods in addition to her bottle feedings.

POPO, the Clown, will perform at Duns-muir House (Oakland, Calif.) on July 15th.

CHUCK BURNES, who spent 3 years an "Disney on Parade" as a consultant and producing clown, is now working as production and Special Promotions Coordinator For Caltech's Beckman Auditorium in Pasadena, Calif.

MARGARET HOLTER is going to carry on her husband's business. Last week the Holter animals were at a shopping center in Pomona, Calif.

WALLY BEACH, advance publicist for many circuses and Broadway shows, has leased the Paramount Theatre (Springfield, Mass.) and renamed it the "Julia Sanderson Theatre". He plans to present films, vaudeville, concerts and Broadway shows there.

RUSSELL DARR, trumpeter, is bandleader on the Miller-Johnson Circus this season.

BOBBY KAYE, clown, reportedly is planning to retire at the end of the current RBBB show tour.

MILT LARSEN will bring his "It's Magic" show to the Wilshire Ebell Theatre (Los Angeles, Cal.) for April 18-21. Publicity for the show is being handled by SHIRLEY CARROLL

JUNE BEAVERSTOCK, co-manager of the Lion Park in Melbourne, Australia and a member of the Ashton circus family is visiting relatives in California. She is also studying the operation of lion parks in this country.

BILL BIGGERSTAFF (Ad Arts Co.) is busy preparing publicity for several circuses. He also does photo work for Ringling's program books.

BUCKEY STEELE and **RED HARTMAN** plan to have a lion act ready for the 1974 season.

VICKIE UNUS lost a finger last week when a horse bit her.

DON KIRBY, advance clown for Miller Johnson Circus is not back on the show working as producing clown.

BILLY SHEETS is working advance for the Clark & Walters Circus this year.

S&G show

The 1973 edition of the Sells & Gray Circus program features the following acts:

Ricardo; Miss Dagmar and Miss Elizabeth - tightwire
 The Williams - Eskimo and Chow dogs
 Miss Donna; Martha and Elizabeth - aerial webs
 Rudolf & Dora - educated dogs
 Miyoshi Amato - Oriental presentation
 Signor Pietro - rolle bolla
 Miss Sandva - contortion
 The Hillanos - trained monkeys
 The Campas Sisters - unicycles
 The Illonas Sisters - aerialists
 The Canestrelli Kids - tumbling
 Miss Dagmar; Elizabeth and Wilma - Swinging ladders
 The Suarez Troupe - bareback riding
 Pietro and Joyce - unsupported ladder
 Regalito & Co. - musical comedy
 Ingle Reichel; Mike Wudtke and Tina Storey - juggling
 Sells & Gray Circus elephants

Circus Signs**Smallest Man**

New York 3-23-73

The Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus announced Wednesday it has signed a contract with "the

smallest man in the world." — a 33-inch-tall Hungarian.

Circus president Irving Feld said 34-year-old Mihaly Mezaros will arrive in New York from Budapest on Monday, one day before the circus opens a nine-week engagement at Madison Square Garden.

HENRY KEYES reports he is officially retired and will stay at his Florida home.

ROGER ARROYO and **JUNE DEWSBURY** (midget clowns) are Donald and Daisy Duck with the Disney on Parade show.

DAVE KNOEDER, a CMB member, is currently touring with the Clark & Walters Circus where he handles a variety of jobs.

PARLEY BAER and **DOUG LYON** are handling publicity for the Miller-Johnson Circus in Southern California.

THE SHEPARD MIME CO. presented "The Family of Harlequin", the history of the clown, at Los Angeles' Music Center on March 19 and 26th.

ROUTES

- Hubert Castle Circus
 - April 2 Watertown, S. D.
 - 3-8 Sioux City, Iowa
 - 5-14 Columbus, Ohio
- Clyde Bros. Circus (Red Unit)
 - April 2-4 Savannah, Ga.
 - 6-15 Atlanta
- Clyde Bros. Circus (Blue Unit)
 - April 6-7 Abilene, Texas
 - 8 Richardson
- Cole All Star Circus
 - April 2 Cazenovia, N. Y.
 - 3 Greene
 - 4 Whitney Point
 - 5 Hancock
 - 6 Sidney
 - 7 Candover
- Donkey Baseball Show
 - April 7 Oakland, Calif.
- Fisher Bros. Circus
 - April 2 Post, Texas
- Hoxie Bros. Circus
 - April 2 Ocala, Fla.
 - 3 Jacksonville
 - 4 Milan, Ga.
 - 5-6 Milledgeville
 - 7 Sanderaville
- King Bros. Circus
 - April 1 Kapjen, La.
 - 2 Lafayette
 - 3 Crowley
 - 4 Sulphur
 - 5 Jennings
 - 6 Oakdale
 - 7 Alexandria
- Miller-Johnson Circus
 - Mar. 31-Apr. 2 Denver, Colo.
 - April 6-17 Northridge, Calif.
- Polack Bros. Circus
 - April 5-8 Sacramento, Calif.
- Raid Bros. Circus
 - April 4 Astoria, Oregon
 - 8 Albany
- Ringling-Barnum (Blue Unit)
 - April 5-30 Washington, DC
- Ringling-Barnum (Red Unit)
 - Thru May 28 New York City, N. Y.
- Sells & Gray Circus
 - April 2 St. Augustine, Fla.
 - 3 Jessup, Ga.
 - 4 Brunswick
 - 5 Waycross
 - 6 Douglas

SAWDUST TRAIL

Business For the Sells & Gray Circus has been vary good with weather being a bit hot in Florida. The show opened on March 10th at Lakeland, Fla. and Jan Friday is routs and mall agent.

King Bras, Circus opened their season at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. on Mar. 19th and are now in Alabama. They'll move towards the west via Mississippi and Louisiana.

Clark & Walters Circus opened their season in Texas and are currently playing the east side of the state.

The Royal Lipizzan Show "Wonderful World of Horses" was In Monroe, La. on Mar. 30-31.

Miss Maureen Kawks will handle mail and route cards on thn King Bros. Circus this season.

Dodo, the Clown (M.L. Dupont) visited with Tim McCoy and Bo-Jo, the Clown, recently at Monroe, La. It was a surprise to Bo-Jo to find a fan of his in that city

- John Strong Circus
 - April 2 San Luis Obispo, Calif.
 - 3 Paso Robles
 - 4 King City
 - 5 Lemoora
 - 6-7 Fresno
 - 8 Riverdale
- Wallece & Rogers Circus
 - April 3 Clackamas, Oregon
 - 4 Molalla
 - 5 Oregon City
 - 6 Off
 - 7-8 Vancouver, Wash.

....OTHER DATES

- Annual Hobby Show
 - April 3-6 Minneapolis, Minn.
- Annual Hobby Show
 - April 6-8 Oakland, Calif.
- Midway of Tomorrow Shows
 - April 6-15 Shreveport, La.
- Moscow Stats Circus
 - April 2-8 Offenburg, Germany
- Nordmark's Children's Magic Hour
 - Rpril 7 Oil City, Pa.

The m & m Show

Appearing with the M & M Circus this season are:

Jacqueline Zerbini - tiger riding horse

Javier Bros. - wire walk

Tarzan - wild animals

Saturnaires - aerial cradle

Navarros, Esquedas and Olmedas -
unicycles

King's Llamas Johnson's bears

Jo Anne's seals Victor Julian - dog

Impala Duo, The Rajnos and The Argentinians - perch acts

The Steneks - balancing pole

John Cline - liberty horses

The Marsailles Trio, Alax and Miss Car-Men - tight wire

Miss Liane - trapeze

The Rock Smith Flyers

Don Phillips, The Torinos and Roland, Janice and Cindy - juggling

Berosini's Jungleland Fantasy

Fenton Kids, The Steneks and The Bumpy Family - acrobats

Los Obandos - High wire

Kings, Hills and Clines - elephants

Jacqueline - star in the Moon

Clowns are: James Douglas, Bill Brickle, James Dean, Walt Stimax, Millie Hall, Gary Peterson, Vern Woerner, Bob Gardner, Don Birdwell, Chris Minot, Buck Nolan and Mike Chucker.

cowboy dies

Death claimed famous western star Ken Maynard last week at the age of 77. He was one of the big five Hollywood western stars, which included: Ten Mix, Buck Jones, Hoot Gibson and Tim McCoy.



Maynard started in films in 1924 and was active for about 20 years. In recent years he had been in ill health.

About a year ago he announced he was going to make another film and was working on a book.

"I don't like to see my old movies and I don't care for the western series you see on television. I don't mind telling you they ain't much good," he said in a recent interview.

REPORTER REPORTS (Continued)

Another reviewer, Stephanie Mitchell, also had praise for the circus and its performers. The audiences have all been enthusiastic, she said.

Miss Mitchell reported that during the opening performance some of the Sanchez Troupe fell as they were trying to complete a pyramid. The girl at the top lost her balance and tumbled to the sawdust. This caused the next man down to fall and he went down headfirst. After a bit they recovered, although obviously shaken, and went on to finish the trick.