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Wild West Arena

If a fund raising campaign is successful a new show will be featured at the North Platte (Nebr.) Wild West Arena this summer. The project is the start of a long-range program for development of the arena and adjacent areas as a permanent Wild West World theme park.

Some \$30,000 will be spent this year on permanent improvements to the arena and grandstand area, for a night show program. This will include new lighting and sound system, for the presentation of high quality music and variety performances.

CHARGE FILED

A Richmond (Calif.) man, charged with violating the State Fish & Game Law, must appear in municipal court today (June 2). He is facing a misdemeanor charge.

Daniel F. Meier has been charged with the illegal possession of two mountain lions, with
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Included in the improvement program is a movable stage that will bring musical and variety acts closer to the grandstand audience. This is expected to make the arena more versatile and thereby more appealing for shows featuring "name" performers.

The long-range development program has been proposed by J. Gary Smith Associates, of Lin-
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ROYAL LICHTENSTEIN CIRCUS

....by Pastor
DON BREWER

On May 19th, the Royal Lichtenstein Great $\frac{1}{4}$ Ring Sidewalk Circus presented a performance on the commons of the Roman Catholic University at Dayton, Ohio. This is truly Circus Minimus, being about as small as you can go and still be called "circus."

It really was $\frac{1}{4}$ ring, having five pieces of flat ring curb, just enough to separate the performing area from the audience area. The show travels in one van, was framed in by a painted backdrop, with supply your own seating.

Three animals and three men presented a one hour show that the constantly growing audience of sophisticates from the university community found amusing. Each performer had the white face of anime clown, a colorful waistcoat and white ballet tights.

The performance was a combination of more or less skillfully presented mime, juggling, unicycling, wire walking and jokes. Mostly jokes.

The feature performer, a man, wise-cracked throughout the performance, reminiscent of the mud show clowns of the last century. However, the unnecessarily large number of four letter words put the rating at "PG." His patter can best be described as generally "up the system", with the university, education, the faculty, the administration and the federal government being the main targets of repartee. Dan Rice, himself, could not have had better rapport with his audience. However, Old Dan was a

patriot and let people know it. The only flag flown in this show was the flag of Red China, which was then commended to the audience with the comment "Now that didn't hurt a bit, did it?"

The closing Spec was a play about an unwashed packrat who totally disregarded the property rights and sensibilities of others. By the fickle finger of accident this scion of communal property happened to save the day, leaving the unmentioned moral of: see, Society's scabs can be pretty handy to have around.

Generally, the message of the performance was well suited to the 1960's, which again proves that the circus is always behind the times.

Most of what was said, this writer did not appreciate, but it was said beautifully.

PEOPLE

THE ROSS-MARTIN TROUPE of aerialists joined the Europorama show at the end of May

Tigers Attack Circus Crowd

Late last month two tigers broke out of their cages and attacked the crowd of spectators during a circus performance in Johannesburg, South Africa. Six people required hospitalization before the tigers were recaptured.

A circus official said that someone had tampered with the cage locks, thus releasing the animals. He promised that the entire incident would be thoroughly investigated.

PEOPLE

JIM DANDY will perform his unicycle and juggling acts with the Happytime Circus this month.

RUDY CARDENAS, juggler, is currently touring with Circus Scott in Europe.

BARON VON UHL's tiger is the mother of three cubs born at Fairfield (Cal) on May 24th.

DWIGHT MOORE was forced to return to his California home last month after becoming ill while on the road with his dogs.

BERT and MARIE PETTUS are with Schmidt's European Circus, operating out of Dalton, Minn.

PHIL & FRANCINE, aerialists, recently bought themselves a baby elephant.

RON HENON, former juggler, recently broke both arms in an accident at his home in Sonoma (Calif.)

MEL HALL and Family left the Hubert Castle Circus to open with the Dixie Bros. Circus, late last month.

The circus crowd was in a state of panic as the tigers jumped into the crowd. One woman had to have 125 stitches in her legs after being bitten several times by a tiger.

Local police and circus attendants finally cornered the animals and got them back into their cages.

CLOWNS TO MEET

The Kansas Clown Alley No. 45, will hold a Get-together at Topeka on June 15th. The special event is being hosted by Gene Dolan, and will be held at the Myron Green Cafeteria. Some 60 members are expected to attend.

The Kansas Alley was organized in Topeka in 1973. Two years before that Governor Docking, of Kansas, became the first Governor to become a member of the Clowns of America.

..... Velma Lowry

LES BLOCKS performed their high wire act in the lobby of a San Francisco (cal) hotel on May 27th.

Hubler OK In Michigan

by DON SMITH

When the Hubler Int'l Circus came to Plymouth (Mich.) they brought along a nice circus program. Attendance here was good with perhaps a slight drop off on the last day (May 18) partly due to a sudden heat wave in the area.

The program featured:-

- A) Ross - Come-in comedy
- Connie Zimmerman - organist
- Otto Berosini - juggling
- The Clowns
- Miss Llona and her Dog Revue
- Barbara and trained llamas
- Cookie - single trapeze
- Gary Brunke - African lions
- Intermission --
- Dianne Sisters - aerial ballet
- Mickey Antalek - chimps
- The Clowns
- The Great Ottini - ladder bal.
- The King elephants

Texas Show

Observers who have seen the 1975 edition of Fisher Bros. Circus report the show is carrying out an early Western theme. There have also been reports the circus is planning to play in New England, in conjunction with the Bi-centennial celebrations.

Last month Kathleen Stevens Davis took over the concessions on Fisher Bros., while B. K. Silverlake has resumed her duties on the show as office manager.

SHOW GETS OK

According to reports from Jon Friday, side show manager and announcer for Sells & Gray Circus, the show's swing thru Louisiana was a winner.

To quote Jon - "Much rain and mud and tight lots, but business is generally excellent. Speaking of the side show, in the deep south business has never been really great - but the week of April 16-22 was the best ever."

Playing in the suburbs of New Orleans the show did very good and people spent their money very freely.

Wilson Storey is the show manager, Harry Hammond handles the office and Bobby Rawls is in charge of concessions.

.... M. L. Dupont

Photo Title

The picture on the opposite page was taken on Cole Bros. Circus about 1940. The young lady with the elephant is reportedly Rose Schenck.





Federal Charges

Last month Federal suits were filed against two animal dealers for reported violation of the Animal Welfare Act, according to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

A federal judge ordered Mr. and Mrs. Pat J. Camillo, registered animal dealers in Mantua, Ohio, to cease and desist from further violations of the Animal Welfare Act. The couple was charged with keeping lions, leopards, coyotes and wolves in unsanitary conditions and inadequate cages.

The charges were settled with the couple (See Page 10)

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13-14 Shrine Circus at Grand Junction, Colo.	Aug.12-16 Fair at Altamont, N.Y.
17-18 Shrine Circus at Twin Falls, Idaho	Aug.16-Sept. 1 Riverside Park at Agawan, Mass.
20-21 Shrine Circus at Lewiston, Idaho	Sep.15-16 Fair at Hutchinson, Kan
24-27 Shrine Circus at Boise Idaho	27-28 Shrine Circus at Jacksonville, Fla.
July 1-2 Shrine Circus at Idaho Falls, Idaho	Oct. 3-5 Shrine Circus at Orlando, Fla.
15-19 Fair at Columbia City, Indiana	Nov. 24-30 Shrine Circus at New Orleans, La.

New Animal Law

The following information has been extracted from a letter received this week from the Fish & Game Commission, in Sacramento, Calif. It is offered here for the interest of our readers.

The new animal laws became effective Jan. 1, 1975, and the Fish & Game Commission regulations were enacted on Jan. 17, 1975. This legislation restricts the importation, transportation and possession of wild animals in California, and specifically added those mammals which the legislature felt should be protected for the welfare of the animal itself.

Zoos, exhibiting their animals at least 30 hours a week for 36 weeks a year, whose animals are maintained for exhibition purposes or not, are exempt from the permit requirement. Universities, colleges, governmental agencies or other bonafide scientific institutions are also exempt from the permit regulations. This exemption for zoos and the educational institutions extends specifically only to those animals which have been added to the prohibited list for the welfare of the animal. No such animals are to be sold to private owners.

Private individuals who owned specific animals prior to Jan. 1, 1975, may also get a permit under a grandfather clause to continue their possession of these animals.

Traveling circuses which meet the exhibition and sale requirements of zoos are classified by the Dept. of Fish & Game, as zoos and enjoy the same exemptions as the zoos.

Individually owned animal acts which involve animals which are

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ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo
to June 7 Watsonville, Ca

Beatty-Cole Circus
Jun 2 Scranton, Pa.
3 Gilbertsville
4 Allentown
5 Easton
6 Bound Brook, NJ
7 New Brunswick
8 Bayonne

Catson & Barnes Circus
June 2 Cameron, Mo.
3 Trenton
4 Chariton
5 Macon
6 Moberly
7 Columbus
8 Eldon

Hubert Castle Circus
June 3 Dawson Creek, BC
4-5 Prince George
6 Williams Lake
7 Kamloops
8 Revelstoke

Circus Kirk
June 3 Lovettsville, Md.
4 Manchester
5 New Oxford, Pa.
6 Dillsburg
7 York
8 Fishing Creek

Circus Vargas
to June 8 Skokie, Ill.

Clyde Bros. Circus
June 7-11 Denver, Colo.

Europorama
June 2 San Mateo, Cal.
3 Napa
4 Fairfield
5 Woodland
6 Marysville
7 Chico
8 Medford, Ore.

Gatti-Charles Amer. Cont'l.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
June 2 Sylvania, Ohio
3 Lima
4 Bucyrus
5 Willard
6 Kenton
7-8 Columbus

Kave Cont'l Circus
Jun 7-10 St. Louis, Mo.

King Bros. Circus
June 2 Carmel, Ind.
3 Alexandria
4 Muncie

Lewis Bros. Circus
June 2 Caldwell, Ohio
3 Crooksville
4 Belmont
5 Wheeling, W. Va.
6 St. Marys
7 Mannington

Mid-America Circus
June 2 Lincoln, Ill.
3 Monmouth

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Jun 5-8 Terre Haute, Ind.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
to Jun 8 Philadelphia, Pa.

Royal Lipizzan Show
Jun 3-4 Rockford, Ill.
6-8 Chicago

Schmidt Circus
May 20 - Jun 1 Boyd, Minn.
June 2-4 Eagle Bend
6-7 Alice, N. D.

Sells Gray Circus
June 2 Sallisaw, Okla.
3 Pryor
4 Vinita
5 Miami
6 Columbus, Kans.
7 Nevada, Mo.
8 Harrisonville

John Strong Circus
Jun 3-4 Oklahoma City, Okla
5-6 Dallas, Texas
7-8 Fort Worth

Foley & Burk Shows
June 4-8 Fremont, Calif.
4-8 San Leandro

Frontier Rodeo
May 31-Jun 1 New Paltz, NY

Murphy Amusements
Jun 7-8 Story City, Iowa

Rose City Rides
Jun 2-7 Herculaneum, Mo.

Seals & Crofts Show
June 3 Hershey, Pa.
5 Hartford, Conn.
6 Providence, R.I.
7 So. Yarmouth, Mass
8 Bangor, Me.

The 40 Horse Hitch
June 4 Oklahoma City, Okla

Tip Top Shows - Blue Unit
June 2-6 East Troy, Wisc.

Tip Top Shows - Green Unit
June 4-8 Saukville, Wisc.

Frankie Vallie Show
June 6 New York, N.Y.

Show Story

One circus worker suffered minor injuries, while two others were trapped beneath the canvas tent of the Mid America Circus during a blow down at Marion, Iowa, on May 23rd.

The circus tent collapsed when it was struck by a gust of wind, as the tent was being erected near the Marion Heights Shopping Center.

..... Eric Wilson

CHARGE FILED (Continued)
out a permit. He has also been charged with illegally killing the animals.

- 6 Marysville
- 7 Chico
- 8 Medford, Ore.

Gatti-Charles Amer. Cont'l.

- June 1 Davis, Calif.
- 2 Woodland
- 3 Placerville
- 4 Angels Camp
- 5 Turlock
- 7 Jackson
- 8 Manteca

George Matthews Circus
 Jun 4-8 Houston, Texas

Hamid-Morton Circus
 Jun 5-8 Paterson, N.J.

Happytime Circus
 Jun 6-8 Brisbane, Calif.

Holiday Hippodrome
 June 2 Dubuque, Iowa
 3 Pekin, Ill.
 4 Burlington, Iowa
 5 Macomb
 6 Quincy
 7 Peoria
 8 Decatur

John Strong Circus
 Jun 3-4 Oklahoma City, Okla
 5-6 Dallas, Texas
 7-8 Fort Worth

Wenatchee Youth Circus
 June 8 Leavenworth, Wash.

..... OTHER ROUTES

American Freedom Train
 June 4 Cincinnati, Ohio

Lawrence Carr Shows
 Jun 6-15 Boston, Mass.

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
 Jun 5-15 Gary, Ind.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
 June 2-7 Quincy, Ill.

Community Fair
 June 4-8 Castro Valley, Ca.

James H. Drew Shows
 June 2-7 Bluefield, W.Va.

Fiesta of 5 Flags
 June 8-15 Pensacola, Fla.

CHARGE FILED (Continued)
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The investigating officer said that apparently Meier raised the animals from cubs and kept them locked in his garage. The pumas were shot in self-defense, when they attacked him.

A new state law prohibits the import, transport or possession of wild animals within the state, without special permits. Such permits, says Fish & Game Officer Jack White, "are given only after careful investigation of the applicant

Although mountain lions are considered a game animal in California, a four year moratorium on killing them is in effect during a state census program.

show Visit

Went down to Reynosa, Mex. last month and visited Circo Suarez and had a great time. The show has a nice elephant act, features two flying acts and also offers a mental and illusion show, plus some great clowns.

These Mexican circuses don't carry much in the way of concessions, but there are always plenty of local people who trail along with the shows. I saw one family who had a hand-cranked cotton candy machine, with heat generated from a butane system.

There were plenty of visitors on the lot including: Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Duke, Victor Gaona, Mel Silverlake III and Clara Stevens.

..... Jack Bennett

FEDERAL CHARGES (Continued) agreeing to a legally binding order that requires them to (1) house animals in the proper types of cages, and (2) dispose of wastes to minimize odors and disease hazards.

At the same time Primate Imports, Corp., of Port Washington, N.Y. was charged with shipping apes and monkeys (on Jan. 6 and Jan. 15) in cages that were too small.

The company has until today (June 2) to answer the charges.



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June 14





The April 25-27 Maskat Temple Shrine Circus at Wichita Falls (Texas) was produced by Carden-Johnson Circus. The circus is owned by Larry Carden and Donnie Johnson, and has been signed for a return engagement in 1976.

This year's show featured:

Lillian - leopards
 Bobby Golden and Co.
 Amando Portigal
 Ruckers - dogs/chimps/goats
 Glenn Henry - dogs and ponies
 Nolly Tate - trained dogs
 James Secundo (Zoppe) - riding
 Carl Wong - sway pole
 The Flying Carrols
 Larry Rucker - elephants (3)

Miscellaneous

The Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus is booked into Dallas, Tex., on July 1st, for the Jaycees.

De Wayne Bros. Circus is reportedly playing dates in the state of Washington.

Carden-Johnson Circus drew good business for its May 15-17 engagement at Galveston, Texas.

ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS (Continued)

prohibited and possessed in the State of California must be authorized under a permit which is issued by the Dept. of Fish and Game. The owner's freedom to transport his animal within the State is a question that needs to be qualified by the Attorney General's Office.

Private individuals who legally possess restricted species of animals under a permit from the Dept. of Fish & Game can sell their animals to other California residents provided the new owner acquires a permit for the animal prior to the sale.

Traveling circuses and pet zoos will still be able to operate as in the past. Individually owned animal acts should contact the Dept. to determine whether or not a permit will be required to possess their animals.

"We feel confident that most questions in dispute can and will be resolved between the animal owner and the officer in the field. Of course, if court action is the only alternative, the decision of the court is final."

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Girl Scout Circus

.....by NORMAN H. WILBERT

It was indeed a pleasant surprise to see a Girl Scout Troop of 21 members present a full fledged circus performance reminiscent of the big top. This was quite a switch and you had to see it to believe it. The one ring Girl Scout Circus was held at Pigeon River School in Sheboygan, Wisc., on May 23rd.



The entire student body of 250, plus teachers, relatives and friends, packed the huge gymnasium to give the show a real "straw house."

Mascots for the circus were Jill Kempfer (age 8) and Tracy Bolz (age 12). The troop leaders, Mrs. James Kempfer, Mrs. Arthur Klokow and Mrs. Wayne Bolz, aided in the training and presentation.

It was a delight to hear the 11 year old Ring Mistress, Lori Rutz, announce the acts in typical circus language. Nostalgic circus recordings provided the background music and set the mood and tempo for the 19 acts.

A circus is not complete without zany clowns, and there was an ample supply for this performance.

The Girl Scout Troop made its own circus troop badge, called the "Tigress Circus." They also built their own props and sewed their own costumes, while acts were aided with the direction of local circus buffs and former show folks.

This troop has been a closely knit unit since 1970, when they were Brownies in the second grade. They have been active in their concern for the local nursing homes and it is not unusual for this group to plan and pay their own way to visit interesting places in Wisconsin.

Like all circuses, this one had their featured performers, although all the acts were well received and responsive applause was given throughout the performance. The productions abounded with innovations and it was nice to watch these 11 and 12 year olds perform.

It would be amiss not to mention the following attraction of the program:

Madame Olga and her Tigers
The Dorinos - tumbling act
The Bronze Sisters - wire act
Heidi Bolz - Roman rings
The Show Troupe and its finale
honoring the Bicentennial

The Girl Scouts and their leaders are to be commended for sponsoring this unusual event. It was a happy experience for everyone.



Indians!

The Iron Horse

Circus Unloading
and Loading

Stagecoach!

Wild West World

The Pioneers

Visitor Center
Box Car Mall

Western
Movie
Theatre

Miniature Circus

The Wildest West!

June 2, 1975

more than ever

Your help is needed in an effort to have circuses, traveling shows, individual owners, etc., exempted from the Federal Animal Law HR-70 (Dingell Bill of 1974).

Please write letters to the following officials, stressing these points:-

1 - The new version of HR-70 should have exemptions and provisions providing for individual animal trainers, traveling shows and circuses. Point out that the law, as it is being written, would make it impossible for animal trainers and circuses to maintain their business

2 - Ask that animal trainers and representatives of the circus industry be consulted in the writing of the bill.

3 - Always refer to the upcoming version of the Dingell Bill (HR 70) in your letters.

Mr. James Spensley
Fisheries & Wildlife Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Mr. Ned Everett
Chief Counsel, Fisheries and
House of Representatives ^{Wildlife}
Washington, DC

The Honorable Robert Leggett
Chairman, Merchant Marine and
Fisheries Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Wild West (Continued)

coln (Nebr.), and advertising and travel marketing firm. They have suggested that Montie Montana's Wild West Show be discontinued (that show has been presented each summer for the past four years) and in its place stage-type presentations be presented. This latter idea would be based on western and patriotic themes and the Buffalo Bill heritage.

The Smith proposal is based on a similar program that has been operating successfully at Medora, N.D. That attraction is generally based on the career of Theodore Roosevelt.

According to Smith, development of the historical, educational and entertainment facility "would make North Platte one of the major vacation destinations in the West." He says the facility could be supported by local people and tourists even with an economic turn-down or energy slow-down.

The development program is similar to ideas expressed when the state acquired Buffalo Bill's ranch as a State Historical Park. The idea is to make this "an educational experience, an entertainment and memorial to all those who came west."

The theme park would be developed over a period of five years or more, with the first phase being ready this year, or

in 1976. (See drawing on Page 13) Additional development will include restoration of Buffalo Bill's home and ranch, a museum and other facilities.

In his Phase I development Smith suggests these features:-

+ In addition to the arena show, daytime activity include a Cowboy College, and Indian dance numbers, etc.

+ Development of the Box Car Mall, using old railroad cars repainted to resemble circus wagons as a screen for the arena area.

+ A Western Movie Theatre presenting excerpts from famous old-time westerns

+ Theme rides, including an Iron Horse Ride, Covered Wagon Ride, Stagecoach Ride, Pony Express Ride, etc

+ Amusement rides, involving a contract with a carnival with rides themed to the Wild West idea.

+ A Trading Post, Circus Train Mall, Iron Horse Gift Shop and Museum. Use some of the box cars adjacent to the arena for craft concession and food sales stands

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Added Notes

PAUL ROBINSON, Press agent with the Deggeller Shows, and ART "Doc" MILLER, also of the Deggeller Shows, recently visited the Robert Earl Circus, two Gooding Units, a Drew Unit, the Cunningham Shows, McBride Amusements, Joyland and the Weavers Shows.

The latter show, well billed, consists entirely of a roll over fun house, two small topless concession stands and believe it or not they are playing some small areas in West Virginia to fantastic business. The coal boom here is certainly helping the shows.

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JIMMIE MILLER, better known as "Kilowatt" on such shows as Ringling, Cristiani, Gil Grey,

coming

You'll want to read next week's issue of Circus Report with its variety of show news and extensive route lists.

You will also enjoy the review of Sir Robert Fossett's Circus in England, as reported by Jack Niblett.

There'll also be other exciting features you won't want to miss.



King, Strates, etc., is playing a cross road location in New York and Penna. with his Miller Bros. Amusements and doing very well. He has two kiddie rides, floss, popcorn and is assisted in the operation by EDNA MILLER and JACK WRONKOSKI.

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