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SHOW DATES

Circus of China
Feb 2-14 Montreal, Can.

Circus Odyssey
to Feb 14 Mexico City

Mahia Temple Shrine
Feb 10-15 Miami, Fla

Ringling-Blue Unit
Dec 31-Jan 3 Venice, Fla
Jan 5-11 St. Petersburg
13-18 W. Palm Beach

Ringling - Red Unit
Jan 28-31 Venice, Fla.
Feb 2-3 Lakeland
5-8 Tallahassee
10-21 Atlanta, Ga.

TNT & Royal Olympic
Feb 12-15 Mission Viejo
Calif

A Chorus Line
Feb 4-Mar 27 San
Francisco, Ca.

Ice Follies
Feb 9-15 Oakland, Cal.

The Plunketts
Feb 5-7 Ft. Wayne, Ind
10-14 Memphis, Tenn

Jimmy Swaggart
Feb 10-17 Honolulu, Haw.

E. Kelly, Jr. Show

The Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus played the Cumberland County College Gym, Vineland, NJ, on Sunday, Jan. 17th, sponsored by the Cumberland County Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.).

There was heavy advance publicity in all media focusing on the reunion of Emmett and ringmaster Austin Miles after 9 yrs. Austin also did radio, TV spots and newspaper interviews.

Three performances were scheduled but promptly sold out and so a fourth was added to the schedule. That one too was sold out.

Despite the sub-zero temperatures, the crowds came. The show gained critical acclaim in every newspaper in the area with some doing a two page photo and review spread. There were also radio reviews and it was said the show was the best received of any attraction to

come to Cumberland County.

The program line-up included: Entrance of ringmaster Austin Miles; Les Chrissens, cradle; Al Vidbel, ponies; introduction of Miss Cumberland County Lori Miles; King Arthur the Lion (Arthur Dubcheck comedy high wire act); Emmett, standing on hands; Phillip Versen, single trap; Emmett Kelly, Jr. spotlight gag; Intermission.

Christiane Glover, rolling globe and balance; Emmett turns Miss Cumberland County, Lori Miles, into a "mechanical girl"; Vidbel's elephants; Emmet, finger gag; Santani Demon, fire eating and swords.

The circus was produced by Andrew J. Cooksey, iv, staged and directed by Emmett Kelly, Jr. and Austin Miles; Musical Director, John Parks. Austin Miles coordinated the publicity.

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PEOPLE

GARY and TERRE MAXIMENA are the proud parents of a baby girl STEFANIE LYNNE born on Dec 28th. The new arrival weighed in at 7 lbs 15 oz and was 19 in tall.

GARY (Yo Yo) NOEL had a busy holiday season playing Santa Claus for various parties and the Towne East Square Mall in Wichita, Kans.

BOBBY BEROSINI, trainer of Clyde the movie orangutan, has sued a competitor for taking credit for having trained the big orangutan which appeared in the film *Every Which Way But Loose*.

JUDY and ROYCE COGGIN are reported by working concessions with Circus Vargas.

OZZIE MARTIN is working concessions with the Hubert Castle Circus.

In Memoriam

ESTHER BERCHTOLD, mother of the late animal trainer Eloise Berchtold, died on Dec 22nd as the result of a heart attack. She had been ill for some time and is survived by a daughter Marilyn.

Zoo Problems

CFAer Gina Ushler witnessed an unhappy occurrence at Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle recently. A lioness gave birth unexpectedly in the viewing area and two male lions began tossing about and chewing on the newborn.

Spectators started to yell for an attendant but it was quite a while before they were able to rescue the cubs by rushing the lions with fire hoses. Happily the two cubs survived, but the mother died because there were two more cubs still in the womb, and one was stuck crosswise.

In another incident, a newborn baby ape had its arm chewed off by its father. However, in an effort to allow the animal to live as near a normal life as possible it is being fitted with an artificial appliance with a hook on the end that will allow it to keep its balance and even swing about

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Big Apple Circus

Personnel with the Big Apple Circus in New York as listed in a brochure were

Paul Binder director Judith Friedlaender and Ivor David Baldwin producers Michael Christensen producing clown Rik Albani musical director Carlo Pellegrini ringmaster Jan Kroeze lighting designer Robert Libbon production manager and Alexandre Pavlata tent master

The acts were Philippe Petit wire Sacha Pavlata cloud swing Michael Christensen and Paul Binder juggling clowns The Back Street Flyers acrobats Tisha Tinsman Spanish web Carol Buckley and Tarra the elephant Jim Tinsman hand balancing Katja Schumann riding The Bertinis unicycles and teeterboard and the Gaonas flying trapeze

The band consisted of Rik Albani trumpet Curtis Fowlkes trombone Linda Hudes piano Jon Fields Guitar and bass George Holland reeds and David van Tiegem drums

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Coronas Circus

by Circus Joe Valenciano

Circus Corona is presently very busy at winter quarters getting ready for their new season that starts Mar. 20th at Memorial Stadium in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Coronas will have two rings of elephants on all their dates this year. A new elephant semi is being refurbished in winter-quarters.

Some of the top names in the business will be with the Coronas Circus for 82 including the Bales, the Nock Bros., Dave Merrifield, the George Hanefords, the Young Troupe and the Wallendas.

Trevor and Bonnie Bale and her husband will be with the show. The Nock Bros., will make some of the dates, Dave Merrifield's Helicopter-Trapeze has been signed for St. Louis at Busch Stadium, where the Coronas will put on an '8 ring' circus event.



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1926.

Show Date

Hoxie Bros. Circus and John Lewis will produce the Mahia Shrine Temple Circus in Miami, Fla., under the big top at the Calder Race Track in conjunction with the James E. Strates Shows.

The circus, which will be presented Feb. 10-15, will feature some 20 displays, plus Ada Smeiya, The Ashtons, The Houcs, Mario Wallenda, The Flying Seguras and the Hoxie Bros. Circus elephant acts. The show band will be directed by Charles Moyer.

In the News

GEORGE CORONAS is reported to be in the hospital after being injured by one of the show's elephants at winter quarters this past month.

Three young elephants from the Beatty-Cole Circus were leased for use on the Flint, Mich., engagement. Two of them died enroute to the date because of the extreme cold weather in the mid west. The third animal is reportedly doing well.

Show Dates

Abbott's Magic Exhibit
Feb 4-6 Columbus, Ohio

It's Magic Show
Feb 2-7 Cincinnati, Oh.
9-14 Columbus

Phil Temple
Feb 1-14 Newport Bch,
Calif.

Circus Vargas
Feb. 2-4 Carlsbad, Ca.
5-8 Riverside
9-11 Laguna Hills
12-14 Hollywood



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by LLOYD E. JONES

The magic field lost more notables over the holidays. Hi Berg, brother of magic dealer Joe Berg and Magic Castle habitue died after a period of suffering, having had a leg amputated about two years ago. Another notable was Ben Berger, a Wisconsin old-timer, and Jack London, credited with the creation of that great gag the Pop-Up Tie.

While overseas, a great loss to magic was the passing on New Years Eve of Jack Hughes, noted magic creator and dealer. He was a skilled wood worker and made many pieces of equipment for famous performers until starting on his own in the 1950's. A Cornishman by birth, he made friends over here by visits

to his brother in Vancouver, Canada, and attendance at conventions here. A book of his creations, which I have not yet seen, was just recently published.

Over 60 happy people attended the 57th Annual Banquet of the Oakland (Calif.) Magic Circle, held at Spengers in Berkeley on Jan. 23rd. Outgoing president (your scribe) introduced the new President, Mel Wittach who in turn introduced the other new officers.

Performing at the Banquet were Wally Lee and Jay Schmitz, Phil Temple and the show stopper was Glen Haywood, ventriloquist.

There's been a lot of favorable comment on the recent TV show 'Magic With the Stars' which featured Orson Welles, David Copperfield, Richiardi, his son with Black Art, the Great Tomsoni and specials from the past with Houdini, Kalanag and Orson Welles.

Show to Tour

The "It's Magic" show produced by Milt Larson and usually presented in Los Angeles, takes to the road this month. The big show will open in Cincinnati, Ohio (Feb. 2-7), followed by engagements in Columbus, St. Louis, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Other dates are now being booked, with promotion being handled by Kevin O'Connor.

Acts featured with the show will be: Kramien & Co., illusions; Shimada, Dianne and Dick Zimmer-

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In the Mail

from Bill Gresham

The photo shown in Circus Report on Jan. 25th, also appears in Bandwagon magazine for Nov/Dec 1970. The caption reads "A long Sunday run is broken and the dining tables were set up along the tracks of the Yankee Robinson train during the 1913 season. This photo is from the Fred Pfening collection. The location is not listed and undoubtedly was not known.

PEOPLE

MOORE'S MONGREL REVUE recently filmed segments for the Tv shows "Greatest American Heroes" and "A Piece of Cake".

FRITZ LAUBER, concessionaire, was one of several people selling souvenirs at the San Francisco parade for the 49'rs football team.

DIRK ARTHUR, magician who uses birds, was a star of the PEGGY FLEMING show An Evening on Ice at Harrahs Tahoe Club.

PEOPLE

DON BUCKLEY (Buckles the Clown) of New Castle, Pa., and formerly with Beatty-Cole Circus, is now clowning with Circus Vargas.

BRAD BYERS worked a 20 minute juggling and chin balancing number as the opening act for a college concert in Moscow, Idaho, on Jan. 22nd. Then on Jan. 30th he worked as the pre-game entertainer at the U of I Vandal basketball game.

DOUG HENNING, illusionist, and **DEBBIE DOUICKLARD** were married on Dec 6th at Fairfield, Iowa. Doug has a new TV special which is to be aired this month.

AL DAWLEY, ringmaster was with the big Shrine Circus in Louisville Ky. He was in town ahead of the show to do some advance work and publicity.

HARRY ALBACKER, magician, was named "Showman of the Year" by the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Assoc. It was the second time the organization has honored Albacker for his work with less fortunate show people.

THE HSIUNG FAMILY who bend steel

rods etc and **THE KING CHARLES TROUPE** of unicyclists, are featured in the Las Vegas show Beyond Belief which stars **SIEGFRIED** and **ROY**.

DOROTHY DIETRICH, the girl who catches bullets in her teeth, was featured on the TV show Evening Magazine

BOB EMERICO clown and magician was presented with a Life Membership in the Oakland (Calif) Magic Circle at their annual banquet last month

DEON AUMAIER clown is doing advance work with the American Continental Circus this season

DIANA PHILIPS spent ten days in Home stead, Fla. visiting with the **DAVID** and **ELSA WATKINS** family. David is associated with Monkey Jungle. Diana then flew home in time to receive her high school diploma in graduation ceremonies held in the Curtis Hixon Hall in Tampa Fla. on Jan 20th

SCOTT HILLMAN is presently working with **SLICK VALENTINE**'s brother **BILL** in the sewing machine business

HAROLD MISER of the Peru Circus City Festival was a recent visitor at the home of **ADEN** and **VELMA LOWRY** in Sedan Kan

From Florida

by MAJORIE J. HACKETT

A lovely home on a hill overlooking one of the many lakes in Clermont, Fla., was the scene of the Jan. 1982 meeting of the Hoxie Tucker Tent No. 137, CFA, when Dr. Joseph Wiebush and wife Dottie, opened their home to the group. The Wiebush's have recently become Florida residents, moving here from Maryland.

This is one of the newest of the tents and the members are scattered all across the State of Florida. We drove just under 100 miles from Dunedin to Clermont at what was the first meeting we were able to attend since joining.

A short business meeting was conducted by President Walter Searfoss about the election of new officers; the possibility of attending either Hoxie or Clyde Beatty Circus in a group, etc. Hoxie Tucker called from Atlanta, Ga. to explain his absence as he had gone to bid on a Shrine date. Movies had been brought, but since no one had an 8 mm projector the program could not be shown. Se-

veral fans brought scrapbooks from their collections and everyone enjoyed passing them around and doing what fans do best, just talking and cutting up jackpots! Our gracious hosts provided light refreshments.

Folks attending were: Marty and Wayne Scott, Jayne and Walt Searfoss, Chappie Fox, Jean and Ed Jones (he is Sec.-Treas. of CHS from Zanesville, Ohio), Jean and Glenn Graves, John Van Maitre, who does "Banner Line", Mari Jo Couls, Sec.-Trea. of this tent and Billy Griffin from the Hoxie show office. Also Chuck Meltzer and Jim Watson, Wileen and Arnold Hine, and we, the Hacketts, David and Marjorie, and wire artist Terry O'Brien.

Hotline

Jan. 23 - The 5 ton body of 'Ned' the elephant was taken away for disposal after having been frozen for nearly a week in a barn near Jackson Township, N.J. The Asian elephant died of what was said to be pneumonia, complicated by the severe cold.

ATTENTION

A notice to all Circus people that as of the 1st. of Jan. 1982, the Wiregards Machine Shop in Tampa, Fla., has changed ownership and will be known as "Konga Steel Works" owned and operated by Rune Anderson.

Ossian Wiregard will be on hand as a consultant and adviser, his experience of being an aerial performer and engineer for many years gives him great knowledge in the form and security of equipment in the professional life of Circus performers.

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