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THE HOME RUN

The season will end for the John Strong Circus at Oxnard, Cal. on Oct. 14th, and thus concludes a long tour that covered the western half of the U.S., plus several big Canadian dates. The tour rates as one of the better ones for this show, with several unexpected successful stands.

Several changes in personnel were noted when the show returned to the west coast. Wally Bickmore was getting the top up and down; Phil Sheer was back on the show as a clown, after working advance all year; Mrs. Davis is handling concessions, and Dick Cross, organist, is also working school promotions.

Some eight cities were played at the same time RBBB was in town, which reportedly helped to boost business. Increases in attendance was also reported for the cities booked at the same time as Betty-Cole was in town.

The program for the final weeks of the tour featured:
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CLOSING NEAR

With the end of the season close at hand dates for Lewis Bros Circus have been booked through late October and the advance crew has concluded its operations.

Ron Bacon is now booking dates for his magic show in the northern states, while Art "Doc" and Dorothy Miller have returned to their home in Florida.

Business for the show in Tennessee has been very good, playing in towns that had not seen a circus for many years. The show's quarters are already prepared for the end of the tour and new animal acts for next year are expected sometime in November.

tour end coming

The current tour for the Hubert Castle Circus will end at Utica, N.Y. on Oct. 27th, show officials report. By that time the circus will have traveled a total of 35,000 miles, presenting performances on 195 days.

BEATTY - COLE GLITTERS

. . . by Joe Varnado

After an absence of 7 years the Beatty-Cole Circus played Beaumont, Texas on Sept. 20th with two good crowds. The canvas truck and stake driver were late getting in, which caused some concern, but the show was still able to get started on time.

I helped the 24 hour man -- Bob Gray -- lay out the lot and as a result discovered the big top is really quite large. It is 90 ft. from the center poles to the stake line and about 300 feet long. Each of the center sections is 50 ft.

Bubba Voss, former band master on the show visited here. He isn't on the road this season, as he wanted to rest up from touring.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the circus and so it was a pleasant day. Some people were even heard to say that they'd like to see it over again.

The program presented here featured:

Dave Hoover - wild animals
 Elba & Rita - serialists
 The Aerial Glorions
 Don Fernando - balancing
 Silvia & Hajo - acrobatics
 Manuel Ramos - one finger stand

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SAME THIS YEAR

According to a recent announcement, the Fisher Bros. Circus is going to winter in the same quarters at Donna, Texas, that they used last year.

Good business was reported at virtually every spot thus far this season, which included dates at Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Nebraska. The show relied heavily on advance sales, sponsors and a good deal of advertising.

Prices during the year have been \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Advance tickets were sold at \$1.00 for everyone. All food and drinks are priced at 35¢, with the animal annex going for 50¢ and the snake show for 25¢. A color book was sold for 50¢, while the peanut pitch was priced at just 25¢.

Ethel Joyce - mixed animals
 Ron & Mitzie - iron jaw
 Celina - hair hang
 Lee Blocks - high wire
 Suarez Troupe - bareback riding
 Mademoiselle Maya - serial act
 Pierre & Lewis - comedy acrobat
 Mario & Robert - comedy acrobat
 Pork Chop Revue - trained pigs
 Jack Joyce - dogs and monkeys
 The Ferreies - perch pole
 Semudio - ladder balancing
 The Ruwille - foot juggling
 Fred Logan - elephants
 The Crispins - testerboard
 The Oscariens - acrobats
 The Zerbinis - acrobats
 The Aztecas - flying act

C.F.A. CONVENTION

.... by Glenn Harrison

We flew up to the CFA Convention at Seattle, Wash. and went immediately to the Convention Headquarters at the Roosevelt Hotel. They had a hospitality room and an exhibit room all set up, the latter included circus models and the collections of the late Harper Joy and Bob Tabor.

At the opening business meeting the Mayor of Seattle welcomed the group. The Ladies Luncheon included an 1890 fashion show, plus a gift for everyone present. This was followed by a tour of "Old Seattle."

In the evening the Koo Koo Club offered entertainment, with Jack Painter serving as MC. On the program were George Buyken's comedy number, Aden Lwory's tamborine act and Louis (Teeny) Long, the magic clown.

The conventioners attended the Wellece & Rogers Circus at Mercer Island, where an enjoyable show was presented. In the afternoon everyone, including the show folks, enjoyed a barbeque salmon dinner.

During the second business meeting Mel Olsen was elected president of the CFA for the coming year. At the same time it was announced that Springfield, Ohio had been selected as the site of the 1974 convention.

Paul and Kay Pugh were the banquet speakers. They told about

SHOW VISIT

Was able to visit Hoxie Bros, Garden Bros. and George Matthews Circus this year, writes Gordon Brown, all thanks to your up-to-date route lists.

The Lions Club sponsored the George Matthews Circus at Calgary, and business was really good. On Sept. 18th they had straw houses, with great weather; while good crowds were on hand to see the shows on Sept. 19th, despite cool weather and some rain.

They made the big jump to Cranbrook just in time to escape some really heavy rain and cold weather here.

The audiences especially liked the young bulls, who do a one leg stand and hind leg walk.

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the beginning of the Wenatchee Youth Circus and its struggles to gain its present position.

The convention wound up with a visit to the Wenatchee Youth Circus and a trip to Victoria, B.C. Everyone agreed it was fun and now we're looking forward to the 1974 convention.

ROUTES

Arabic Shrine Circus
to Oct. 14 Houston, Texas

Beatty-Cole Circus
Oct. 8 Plainview, Texas
9 Vernon
10 Wichita Falls
11 Lawton, Okla.
12 Norman
13 Stillwater
14 Enid

Boas Bros. Circus
Oct. 8 Paterstown, W.Va
9 Pearlburg, Va.
10-12 Christiansburg
13 Stuart

Hubert Castle Circus
Oct. 10-14 Colo. Springs, Col

Clyde Bros. Circus
Oct. 12-14 Toronto, Ont.

Dr. Pepper Circus
to Oct. 21 Dallas, Texas

Fisher Bros. Circus
Oct. 8 El Dorado, Texas
9 Bronte
10 Rotan
11 Aspermont
12 Off
13 Jayton

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Oct. 8 Anniston, Ala.
9 Fairfield
10 Tuscaloosa
11-12 Open
13-14 New Orleans, La.

Int'l Boys Circus
Oct. 10-11 Syracuse, N.Y.
12-14 Troy

Miller-Johnson Circus
Oct. 8-9 Springf'd, Mo.

Polack Bros. Circus
Oct. 13-14 Harlingen, Tex.

Ringling's Blue Unit
Oct. 9-10 Dayton, Ohio
12-14 Champaign, Ill

Ringling's Red Unit
to Oct. 20 Chicago, Ill.

Royal Lipizzen Show
Oct. 11-12 Hershey, Pa.
13 Scranton
14 Utica, N.Y.

Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show
Oct. 8 Ponca City, Okla
9 Miami
10 Ft. Scott, Kans
11 Carthage, Mo.
12 Neosha
13 Springfield
14 Harrison, Ark.

John Strong Circus
Oct. 8 Porterville, Cal.
9 Kingsburg
10 Dinuba
11 Off
12 Thousand Oaks
13 Ventura
14 Oxnard
-- End of Tour --

.... SPECIAL ROUTES

Fiesta Folklorico
Oct. 1-10 Mexico City, Mex
13 Akron, Ohio

Holiday on Ice (Int'l)
Oct. 9-14 Richmond, Va.

Holiday on Ice (Nat'l)
Oct. 9-14 Richmond, Va.

Ice Capades
Oct. 9-14 Odessa, Texas

Ice Classic
Oct. 10-13 Winston Salem

Small World (Disney)
Oct. 10-14 Baton Rge, La.

..... CARNIVALS

James H. Drew Shows
Oct. 8-13 Cordele, Ga.

Rose City Rides
Oct. 8-13 W. Plains, Mo.

Farrow Amusements
Oct. 8-13 Ruston, La.

Cumberland Valley Shows
Oct. 8-13 Ft. Payne, Ala.

Royal Amusements
Oct. 8-13 Cummings, Ga.

Louden Amusements
Oct. 8-13 Clackaton, Ga.

W. D. Stanley Shows
Oct. 9-14 Oak Grove, La.

Murphy Bros. Expo
Oct. 12-21 Norman, Okla.

Gene Ledel Shows
Oct. 9-13 Nacogdoches, Tex

Little Richard's Expo
Oct. 8-13 Chester, S.C.

Reithoffer Shows
Oct. 8-13 Spartanburg, SC

Big H Rides
Oct. 8-13 Walterboro, SC

Belle City Amusements
Oct. 8-13 Griffin, Ga.

Amusements of America
Oct. 8-13 Florence, SC
8-13 Chase City, Va.
8-13 Clinton, NC

NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations are in order for the former Ethel Romelfanger and Paul Luckey, both of Baraboo, Wisc. Nuptials were performed by Judge Gollmar - and it was a real circus affair.

The new Mrs. Luckey is known as "Miss Ethel" by her many circus fan friends, and has been a long-time calliope player at the Circus World Museum.

Paul Luckey also has a large following and is Ring Master and Announcer for the circus shows at the museum.

FINE SET

After pleading "no contendere" to criminal charges filed by the U. S. Attorney on behalf of the Dept. of Agriculture, Preach Fleming (Shelbyville, Tenn.) was fined \$250 on Sept. 18th, at Birmingham, Ala.

The charges were filed after Mr. Fleming prevented a veterinarian from inspecting his Tennessee Walking Horse after it had been on display on July 29th. Inspections are made after showings to insure that the horses have not been deliberately injured prior to the display.

NOTES

Bertha and Tina (elephants) are featured with Eddie Fisher at The Nugget Casino (Sparks, Nev) this month.

The Emmett Kelly Jr. Circus

plenty of work lined up

The election of Merl N. Johnson (Central City, Pa) as president of the newly formed Int'l Telephone Sales Promotion Assoc., was announced last week. Other officers elected at the Nashville, Tenn. meeting were: Harry Peebles (Wichita) first vice president; Bill English (Sarasote) second vice president and John Bodin (of Nashville) secretary-treasurer.

In addition to electing a board of directors, the organization chose two targets -- increase its membership and fight the Minnesota anti-solicitation laws.

An initiation fee of \$100 was announced, along with an assessment of \$5.00 per day for all show engagements as a means of building up the treasury. Publishers will be asked to pay \$20 per issue, and \$20 for annual advertising programs and journals.

Membership classifications are: Producers, promoters and publishers -- \$100 initiation fee. Office managers, phonemen and contracting agents -- \$25. Sponsors -- \$25. The latter two groups will not have voting privileges.

played West Lafayette, Ind. Sept. 28th and New York City Sep. 28 to Oct. 8th.

W. D. Stanley Shows suffered a blowdown at Bird Island, Minn. on Aug. 21st. The merry-go-round, ferris wheel and light towers were badly damaged.

REMEMBERING

Was interested in reading that recent article on "Lewis Bros. Circus" in your paper. This gave me a nostalgic feeling as I had my show troupe on that circus back in 1935 when Paul Lewis owned the show.

I had the "After Show" under contract and Betsy and I worked menage horses in the main show, I was also assistant Equestrian Director.

I still have a group picture of the whole troupe, including the bandmen. As you probably know, Paul used to fight as "Sailor Lewis" and that's where he got the name for his show.

That winter I stayed at Alamo, Texas, then started the season of 1936 with the Joe B. Webb Circus. But when they didn't pay off I took my troupe to Seal Bros. Circus (Bud Anderson's show) and had a nice season over there.

..... J. King Ross

YEARS AGO

Pittsfield, Mass. - June 7,
1916 - Buffalo Bill show.

The Buffalo Bill and 101 Ranch Wild West Show went through here this morning at 5:30 a.m. enroute to North Adams, Mass. from Albany, New York.

They have one train of 8 horse cars, nine flats, seven sleepers, one of which is Buffalo Bill's private car. There are 33 wagons on the train.

HOXIE BROS. CIRCUS

... by Pat Bissonette

An old-fashioned bally truck is used by Hoxie Bros. Circus to announce throughout each town that the circus has arrived. This, plus a variety of nice advertising has been bringing out good crowds for each performance. Three-quarter houses were recorded at Keyport, N. J. on Aug. 13th, with ideal summer weather.

The 160 ft. round top is blue and white, while the ring curbs are red and white. Most of the big top seating consists of seat wagons. All prop men wear knee-length white coats while working.

The side show is operated by Stuart Miller and opens with two numbers by the brass band. Miller is inside lecturer as well as the man who does Punch & Judy and magic. He is assisted by his wife, Sara, who works as Electra, Miss Serpentina and the girl in the blade box.

Clowns on the show include: Mike Bourbon, producing, assisted by Jeremiah Weiner, Art Rescigno, Bob Cardelli, Pede Cristiani, Pepe Young and Gerald Peltzman. All have flashy costumes and do a nice job of presenting some standard routines.

The sleepers are dark green, the horse cars are yellow trimmed with red, the flat cars are yellow and all the wagons are red.



PERSONNEL

RUBY LANDRUS is at a Tucson, Arz, hospital, while her husband JACK is recovering from an illness at a local rest home. They are retired circus players.

JEAN GORMAN (acrobat) is waiting for a call from RBBB, where she hopes to join the ballet corps.

BOB MATTHEWS is back home after spending several weeks in a hospital following two heart attacks.

SMOKEY JONES is planning to have his baby bull "Tika" at the Paul Eagles Luncheon Club (Los Angeles) on Oct. 23rd.

ISABEL WALL (booking agent) recently underwent surgery for the removal of a leg.

CHARLES MASON (circus booker) was recently elected president of the Businessmen's Assoc. at Milpitas Cal.

PERRY LUTH has returned to his home following an operation on his leg.

CHARLIE ALLEN reports he'll end his Petting Zoo's current tour in the Los Angeles, Calif. area on Dec. 23rd.

SHELLY GREENE recently left the Hubert Castle Circus and was replaced in clown alley by SANDY YOUNG, the wife of REX YOUNG.

MURRAY HILL will have his animal show working for JAMES HARGROVE during the coming holiday season.

"Pot-Pourri"

Rumor has it that Lewis Bros. is going to add elephants and a liberty act to its 1974 season's program.

The Grand Nationale will be held in San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 26 to Nov. 4 this year.

The Happytime Circus is playing the City of Hope in the Los Angeles area

Foley & Burk Shows played San Leandro, Calif. on Sep. 19-23

In 1923 the Sparks Circus traveled a total of some 15,261 miles.

Butler Amusements were in Oakland, Cal. for a benefit event last month.



SOME showfolk who were on tour with Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus, season of 1915. Left to right are Bert Cole, Oscar Lowande, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cottrell, Louise Powell, James Robinson, Mrs. Oscar Lowande, Mrs. Dallie Julian, Fred Ledgett, Gilbert Eldred, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gorman.

TO THE EDITOR

I've meant to congratulate you for a long time on the "Circus Report". You've improved it tremendously (especially the new size) and the photos, old ads, etc. brighten it up. To my mind its superior to anything that's available, and it wouldn't surprise me if you eventually become the really big paper of the circus world.

.... Robert B. Johnson



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JOHN STRONG CIRCUS (Continued)

Clark Craig - liberty ponies
 Miss Robin - swinging ladder
 Mr. Meatball - comedy ladder
 Wendany Family - acrobats
 Zippo, the clown - balloon gag
 Clark Craig - dog and pony
 Miss Robin - aerial web
 Miss Heidi - dogs
 Zippo - trained macaw "Arthur"
 The Wal-Tims - risley/acrobat
 Patches, the clown - juggling
 Robin and Meatball - tight wire
 Miss Jan - single trapeze
 Miss Heidi - juggling
 Clowns - hair growing
 Clark Craig - elephant "Neena"