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NEW CIRCUS

A brand new show, called "The Circus Kingdom" will go out this summer under the direction of Rev. L. David Harris. The show, operating out of Dover, Pa., has received the endorsement of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church and will present Christian ideals through its music, circus performances, concerts and direct contact with people in the cities where the show plays



The Circus Kingdom will be carrying about 25 performers and 12 musicians, all of high school or college age. They'll contribute their time and efforts along with the staff who will operate the show. Some professional assistance will be on hand to guide and direct those who travel with the circus.

Performances are planned for Saturdays and Sundays with all dates sponsored by various organizations. The show group is expected to arrive in town on Tuesday, with free entertainment available for a variety of causes prior to the performance itself. The band will offer downtown concerts and an old fashioned parade is planned whenever possible. Sponsors will arrange for circus personnel to stay at the homes of local citizens during their visit to each city.

The Circus Kingdom is a dream come true for its founder Rev. L. David Harris, pastor of the Otterbein United Methodist

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Command Change

In an announcement made last week, James Silverlake reports he will take the Lewis Bros. Circus on the road this year by himself. He will be both owner and manager of the show, following a split with John Lewis, former partner and first organizer of the new show with an old title.

The new Lewis Bros. Circus will open on April 27th under a 60 ft. round end big top, with one 30 ft. middle section. Some of the equipment, including the show title, an elephant and other livestock has been leased to Silverlake by Lewis.

John Lewis is returning to the Hoxie Bros. Circus as assistant manager. He will be assisting that show's manager John Hall in the operation and moving of the circus.

TNT CIRCUS

The TNT & Royal Olympic Circus recently completed a three day successful engagement at Hopkinsville, Ky. (March 15 to 17). Some 10,000 people turned out to see the circus, which was presented in the city's Pennyrile Mall.

The program featured:

- The Jeffreys - aerial gymnastics
- The Torreanis - tight wire
- Twinkles, the Clown
- Martin Lamberti, Jr. - equilibrist

Twinkles, the Clown, is Tim Tegge, who does magic, balloon animals and vent. On the last day of the show Bud Jeffrey presented his dancing doll act.

TED De WAYNE

Died

March 27, 1973

Between Two Worlds

The Ringling Museum of the Circus has deteriorated to the point where the entire circus collection is in jeopardy, officials report. At the present time potential contributors are reluctant, they added, to donate valuable materials because of the existing physical condition of the facility.

The circus museum was established in 1948 by the State of Florida as a memorial to John Ringling, circus man and art patron. As a result they must seek operating funds from the state. Their operating budget covers most usual costs, but they must also apply for funds to cover repairs and updating of the facility. The extra funds, have in the past, been approved by the Governor, but were turned down by the legislature.

"We are really at the crossroads, so far as the circus museum is concerned," an official said. "If the funds are not available this year, a priceless and irreplaceable collection will be lost forever. We will never be able to replace or restore it."

Less than half of the museum collection is on display, simply because there isn't enough room. Many rare and precious circus items are stored in dilapidated and crowded facilities, while some are left outside on the museum grounds.

This month the legislature will be considering their new budget requests, and hopefully they'll provide funds for their needs. Until that happens, says John Hurdle, museum curator, "we are sort of cliff-hanging."

In 1970-71, the Florida State Legis-

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new season

"We'll open the Circus Memories Museum for the summer on June 23rd," reports director Paul Horsman. "Our hours will be Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until late August. Special appointments can be made ahead of time for large groups or out-of-town visitors."

The Museum, at Fryeburg, Maine, will offer some new attractions, along with a remodeling of its present facilities. The large wagons at the entranceway have been rebuilt and painted, the building walls are repaneled and the model circus has been improved.



"Visitors to the area are always welcome at the museum," Horsman said, "and I'm sure they will enjoy what we have to offer."

star FALLS

On Saturday, March 31st, high wire performer, Pio Nock, fell while riding a bicycle on a wire stretched over the lion arena. The accident occurred during an RBBB Red Unit performance at New York City, before an audience of some 8,000 people.

None of the lions attacked Nock when he fell into the arena. Trainer Wolfgang Holzmaier partially cushioned his fall.

Nock, 52, was rushed to the nearby St. Clare's Hospital, where his injuries were described as minor.

lature made funds available for a design study for a new museum building. That new building, the study reported, could be built in two phases -- the first part was priced at \$382,660, while the second part would cost \$297,660.

And so things stand: the Ringling Museum of the Circus, one of the last sanctuaries for the magical world of the big top, waits poised between deterioration and new life.



Good business was the order of the day for King Bros. Circus at Panama City (Mar. 18) and Fort Walton Beach (Mar. 19) reports G. McWilliams. However, at Pensacola (Mar. 20) business was off due to several factors.

It started raining the day before the show arrived and it was raining right up to showtime that afternoon. This forced the circus to make a last minute change in the lot and even after this the No. 3 ring was soon flooded, forcing the acts to work in Rings 1 and 2.

They have a good fast 1½ hour show, he adds. The band, which consists of four people, is "excellent."

The 1973 program features:

- The Jacksonians and The Jumping Jacks - trampoline numbers
- The Cossacks - teeterboard
- Miss Dotty - foot juggling
- Miss Suan and Linda - aerial ladders
- Miss Veeva and her Poodle Review
- Miss La Tona - single trapeze
- The Rawls and Burdetts - rolling globes
- The Jacksons - horizontal bars
- Miss Susan and Linda - aerial web
- The Kirks - baboons
- The Marlans, Miss La Tona and The McLarrens - tight wire
- Linda Karl - Mixed animal feature
- Jack Jackson - musical hi-jinks
- Miss Dotty and Eastwood - gymnastics
- Charles Rex - King Bros. Circus elephants

Clowns on the show were: Steve Baker, Jack Jackson and Bob Rawls.

The circus staff includes:

- Harry Rawls - manager
- Mari-Jo Couls - Secretary-Treasurer
- George Buttery - Big top supt.
- Chas. Rex - transportation supt.
- Mary Rawls - concessions
- Henry Thompson - side show
- Bob Rawls - side show canvas
- Steve Baker - announcer/perform. Dir.
- Doris Smith - cook house
- Joe McMahon - general agent
- Charles Stevenson - band leader

Good Territory

A brand new side show tent, measuring 30 ft. x 50 ft. has just been purchased by the Clark & Walters Circus. The show, which is currently playing dates in Texas, has been enjoying good business and weather, with "straw houses" almost every day.

Billy Griffin is the show's manager this year, while Billy Sheets is serving as general agent. Advance billposter for the show is Billy Grubbs.

semo shrine

Attendance at the four performances of the Semo Shrine Circus (March 23-24) at Sikeston, Mo. was on a par with that of last year, reports Earl Allen. In 1972 the circus reported a gain of 40% in attendance over that of 1971.

This was the third annual Semo Show and they've all been presented and produced by Eddie Zacchini, of the Olympia International Circus. A strong program was presented, which was enthusiastically received by the show's patrons.



The 1973 circus program featured:

- Miss Vicky and Diane - swinging trap.
- The Luben Trio - perch act
- Rucker's chimps
- Ainsworth Trio and Walters Troupe - the trampoline
- Al's Lemon-Zene - comedy car
- Carden & Johnson's elephants
- The Flying Alexanders
- The Caddy & The Pro - Sensational Mr. Bell
- Anden's Famous Poodles
- The Firehouse Pantomine
- The Stoyanoff Trio - horizontal bars
- Norbu, almost Human Gorilla
- George Hanneford, Jr. - riding act

- Bob Sonnors - purchasing agent
- Arthur (Hardtimes) Leonard - lighting
- Ira Lackey - props

. . . BAND . . .

- Charles Stevenson - leader & baritone
- Vinson Seyfried - trumpet
- Lesley Harkness - trumpet
- Bob Gardner - drums

PEOPLE

The WAL-TIMS, acrobats, will be featured on the Johnny Carson TV Show on May 26 or 27th.

ART (Doc) MILLER will be general agent on the Lewis Bros. Circus this season.

BOB EMRICO, clown, made a quick visit to the San Francisco, Cal. area last week.

JULIE N. EISENHOWER and MRS. DWIGHT EISENHOWER attended the Ringling circus at Washington, DC on April 3rd.

LOU MULDER, CMB member, has been visiting in Southern California.

AL and EILLEN WEIR recently visited SLIVERS MADISON at Sparks, Nevada and Syd Moore in Seattle, Wash.

PAUL HORSMAN reports he visited the J. Cole Circus at Seneca Falls, N. Y. early last month.

LIPKO'S COMEDY CHIMPS will be with the Shrine Circus at Nashville, Tenn. on Apr. 25-29.

DEL WENTWORTH and his wife EMMA visited with Don Marcks last week while on a trip to Oakland, Calif.

M. N. JOHNSON, of Central City, Pa. has reportedly set some 70 dates for the Hoxie Bros. Circus this season.

LYLE (Kettles) NYGARD is clowning on the James M. Cole Circus. He is assisted by his son ERIC (Short Stuff).

EDDIE KUHN is currently operating the K&K Shows, which plays shopping centers in Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota.

JOE FRISCO will have his Petting Zoo at the Pocono (Pa.) County Fair July 20-29.

HAL HAVILAND, animal trainer, is fighting the government's Animal Welfare Act of 1970.

SYD MOORE's dog act will be at the Golden State Roedo in San Francisco, Calif. on April 14-15 at the Cow Palace.

THE WAL-TIMS, BOB TOP & EDNA and THE STANEKS recently played the Sports Show at Milwaukee, Wisc.

REID BROS. THREE RING CIRCUS

Hollywood actor Will Hutchins, star of several TV specials as well as the "Sugarfoot" series, has joined the circus. He is making his debut as a clown in this year's Reid Bros. Circus.

The circus opened its 23rd annual tour at Astoria, Oregon on April 4th and will be on the road through October. The show plays all sponsored dates in arenas, auditoriums or ball parks.

The circus program will feature:

Miss Sabrina - trapeze balancing
 The Rigettis - unsupported ladders
 David Linden - balancing act
 Sabo's chimps
 The George Matthews elephants
 Ray Grant & Co. - illusions
 The Bertinis - bicycles
 Clara and Clarissa - low wire
 George Matthews horses
 David's uncaged leopard

Staff for the circus includes:

John Reid - owner/manager
 Eette Reid - secretary
 Bill Bennett - promotional director
 Ruth Reppine - treasurer
 Ronnie Cabrell - property supervisor
 Simone Finner - talent coordinator
 John Molinari - musical director
 Bob Pace - ringmaster
 Ed "Squeaky" Southey - producing clown

finale

Funeral services were held on March 30th, at the Little Church of the Flowers at Forest Lawn Cemetary for Tedd De Wayne Lybarger, who was known in show business as Ted De Wayne. He was the owner and operator of the De Wayne Bros. Circus.

Ted was born in Kendallville, Ind. on Sept. 7, 1912 and died in the Los Angeles area on March 27, 1973. Burial was in Glendale, Calif.

The funeral services were conducted by The Reverend-Doctor Geo. W. T. Boyd.

ROUTES

Beatty-Cole Circus
Apr. 14-19 Commack, LI, NY

Carson & Barnes
Apr. 9 Sulphur, La.
10 Leesville
11 Natchitoches
12 Jonesboro
13 Magnolia, Ark.
14 Fordyce

Hubert Castle Circus
Apr. 9-10 Yanktown, SD
11 Huron
12-14 Sioux Falls
15 Chamberlain

Cole All Star Circus
Apr. 9 Sherburne, Pa.
10 Chenango Falls
11 New Berlin
12 Herkimer

Clyde Bros. Circus
Apr. 12-14 Waco, Texas

Fisher Bros. Circus
Apr. 9 Anton, Texas
10 Morton
11 Sundown
12 Seagraves
13 Denver City

Great Wallace Circus
Apr. 11-15 Miami, Fla.

Hamid-Morton Circus
Apr. 9-14 Harrisburg, Pa.

Hamilton Mini Circus
Apr. 12-14 Hamilton, Ontar.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Apr. 9 Swainsboro, Ga.
10 Gracewood
11-12 Columbia, S. C.
13 Clinton
14 Lancaster

Kaye Continental Circus
Apr. 12-14 Little Rock, Ark.

King Bros. Circus
Apr. 9 Ruston, La.
10 Bossier City
11 Monroe
12 Crossett, Ark.
13 McGehee
14 Warren
15 Lake Village

Lordly & Dame Circus
Apr. 13-15 Lewiston, Maine

Moscow State Circus
Apr. 12-15 Ulm, Germany

Pojack Bros. Circus
Apr. 13-17 Los Ang, Cal.

Ringling - Blue Unit
thru Apr. 30 Washington, DC

Ringling - Red Unit
thru May 28 New York, N. Y

Royal American Circus
Apr. 11 Eugene, Ore.

Royal Ranch Circus
Apr. 9 Allendale, SC
10 Tuberville
13 Fair Bluff, NC
15 Faison

Sells & Gray Circus
Apr. 9 Cordele, Ga.
10 Dawson
11 Enterprise, Ala
12 Greenville
13 Prattville
14 Leeds
15 Hartselle

John Strong Circus
Apr. 9 Delano, Calif.
10 Lindsay
11 Tehachapi
12 Off
13 Redlands
14 Yuicapa
15 Elsinor

. . . OTHER ROUTES

Bugs Bunny Show
Apr. 12-14 Louisville, Ky
13-15 Toledo, Ohio

Three Caballeros (Disney)
Apr. 10-15 Fort Wayne, Ind.

Small World (Disney)
Apr. 10-15 Notre Dame, Ind.

Holiday on Ice
Apr. 10-15 W. Palm Beach, F

Ice Capades
Apr. 12-15 Columbia, Mo.

Ice Follies
thru Apr. 8 Minneapolis, M.

Clowns of America Convention
Apr. 12-14 Baltimore, Md.

. . . FAIRS

Yuma County Fair
Apr. 11-15 Yuma, Ariz.

Jr. Grand Nationals
Apr. 13-17 San Francisco

Golden State Rodeo
Apr. 14-15 San Francisco

Great Western Jr. Livestock
Apr. 13-18 Los Angeles, Ca.

Japanese Festival
Apr. 13-15 San Francisco

NOTES

The Hai Chia group of Chinese acrobats have dates set for Washington, DC and Boston, Mass.

RBBB is advertising the shows date in Los Angeles, Cal. as July 25 to Aug. 8

Fisher Bros. Circus has been getting good business and weather in Texas

Circus World Museum will get a \$5,795 federal grant to aid in cataloging their collection.

While playing Florida the Hoxie and Sells & Gray show were about 30 to 50 miles apart.

The Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco, Cal, was shut down on April 3rd. It was the last vaude house in that city.

Foley & Burk Shows were in Concord, Cal. on April 4-8. They were advertising reduced rates for all of the rides.

The Wallenda Circus gave two shows at the Everglades Club in Palm Beach, Fla.

Fisher Bros. has a regal python that is 20 ft. long and weighs 200 lbs.

A cheetah at the Lion County Safari Park in Grand Prairie, Texas had to be fitted with a cast for a broken leg.

Circus Williams is advertising for a drummer and some big top help. They've been asked to report to quarters this week.

Nile Temple Shrine in Seattle, Wash. has signed with RBBB for three years through 1976.

W&R SHOW

The 1973 season started off in grand style for the nation's newest canvas show -- Wallace & Rogers Circus. As reported earlier in Circus Report the show opened on Mar. 31 at Port Townsend, Wash. where straw houses were recorded for both performances. They had an ideal location, the high school football field, which is almost downtown.

The show is carrying a blue and white top, which is an 80 ft. round end with one 40 ft. middle section. A red and white striped marquee and concessions tents add to the colorful appearance.

All canvas is new and the comment made in a previous report that the marquee and concession tent had come from Miller-Johnson Circus is in error. Inside the big top two seat wagons are set up on each side of the ring, no chairs are carried. At the opposite end of the tent the trailer stage and organ is spotted.

Four men have been hired to set up and tear down the show. At Port Townsend they set up a day early to iron out any problems.

They have an elephant, an ostrich and several macaws. Both newspaper ads and small tack cards are used by the show. The program runs about 1 hour and 45 minutes and prices have been set at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

The show goes back into quarters on Apr. 11th for a revamping process, then goes back

Run for the Money

Some 25,085 people turned out to see the Ringling-Barnum Red Unit at Fayetteville, N. C. (Feb. 16-19), according to J. F. Shands, manager of the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium.

The gross ticket sale, he reports, came to \$95,916, for eight shows as compared to six shows last year. Three days, he said, were lost to advance sales because of heavy snows.

The Latest Crusade

A push is underway in South Carolina to have the state's amusement tax reduced from 10% to 4%. This would then be equal to the state sales tax.

on the road starting June 14th. They'll have an improved and expanded program at that time and anticipate a long season.

. . . . Michael Sporrer

NEW CIRCUS (Continued)

Church, of Dover, Pa. He helped to organize the Circus Kirk and served as its chaplain, as well as one of its directors. He has served with many eastern churches and has worked as a professional musician and journalist. His circus experiences include writing stories for magazines about shows, doing press and musical work for circuses, etc. He is a member of all the Fans organizations, and the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association.