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'TIS THE SEASON

For some 17 years the Rudy Bros. Circus production of Santa's Christmas Show has delighted children and adults alike. The show is a part of the holiday tradition and it's a sure sign that Christmas is just around the corner when the show arrives in town. Some folks say "it just wouldn't be Christmas without the show each year."



The show plays a series of mid-California dates for two weeks or so, usually starting in early December. This year the tour was moved up a week or so to avoid the usual wet December. The move was a smart one for the weather was bright and sunny almost all the way.

BLUE RIBBON DATES

The Gatti-Charles Productions, Inc., completed its most successful year ever last month, according to show owner M. J. Gatti, of Orange, Calif. Both their American Continental Circus and Canadian Int'l Circus racked up new records this year.

Many of the show's dates, Gatti noted, have been for the same sponsor for the past 13 yrs. He also said they had already
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The program, as seen at Richmond, Calif. (Nov. 30-Dec 1) was backed by a five piece band. Announcements were handled by Tom Bentley.

After a clown warm-up session and several announcements the show featured:

The Willetys - juggling
Hank Seiman - ventriloquist
The Gillam Family - musical
Bozo - Clown table rock
The Wheelers - marimbas
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Readers Please Note!

The last issue of Circus Report for 1974 will be dated Dec. 23rd. There will be no paper between Christmas and New Years.

PEOPLE

"BOBO" JESUS FUENTES, of Mexico, recently visited with BOBBY GIBBS and the Fisher Bros. Circus. He was in the States on an animal buying tour.

EUGENE J. HAMEROFF, president of Hameroff & Associates, Columbus, Ohio, was Honorary Ringling-Barnum Ringmaster when the show played that city.

THE RONRITAS, high wheel act, will tour with Clyde Bros. Circus next year.

JAN BICKMORE, aerialist, joins John Strong's west coast Christmas show this week, then plans to tour with Circus Vargas in 1975.

RIETTA WALLEDA is the subject of a picture feature in the Nov. 23rd issue of "The National Star" newspaper.

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..... June Curry

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Circus Is Sold - Again

For the second time this year the Barnes & Daily Circus has been sold. Just last month it was reported that the circus had been purchased by Hoxie Tucker, and he has now sold it to Parley Baer and Bob Trippe. The circus is to be renamed the "Mid-America Circus, Inc." and already some eight weeks of dates have been signed.



Parley Baer will manage and run the circus, while Bob Trippe is handling all bookings and promotion. The show's former owner/manager, Jim Silverlake, will remain on the circus as its superintendent. Another former employee, Bob Green, will also remain with the show.

Next month Parley will go to Florida (the circus is wintered near Orlando) to start getting things in shape for the coming year. Several innovations are planned, along with an all new paint job.

Acts are currently being signed for the tour and the full program will be announced soon. The circus opens on March 19th at McAllister, Okla. and will spend the entire year playing in the mid-western states. For the first 11 days of operation the circus will be using the Barnes & Daily Circus title, after which it will become the "Mid-America Circus."

"I'm really excited about the circus," Parley told Circus Report last week via phone. "We think it is going to really be a great show and that there are some great potentials for the future."

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I will be in the office every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to receive phone calls and receive mail.

.....John Strong

ROUTES

Allen's Xmas Zoo
to Dec. 24 Oxnard, Cal.

Annual Benefit Circus
Dec. 14 Sarasota, Fla.

Beatty-Cole Circus
Dec. 9 Clearwater, Fla.
10 Tarpon Springs
11 Lakeland
12 Winter Haven
13 Ocala
14-15 Orlando
--End of Tour--

Big John's Eastern Circus
Dec. 10 Akron, Ohio
11 Cleveland
12 Warrensv'le Hgts
13 Lorain
14 Dayton
15 Columbus

Big John's Indoor Circus
Dec. 9 Houston, Texas
10 Fort Worth
11 Dallas
12 Tulsa
15 Joplin, Mo.

Big John's Western Circus
Dec. 11 Visalia, Cal.
13 Oroville
14 Gilroy

Paul Eagle's Club Circus
Dec. 12 Pomona, Calif.

Holiday Hippodrome
Dec. 11 Ft. Walton Bch, Fla

Royal Lipizzan Show
Dec. 9-19 Christmas Vacat.

Santa's Christmas Show
Dec. 11 Merced, Calif.
12 Bakersfield

..... OTHER ROUTES

Ice Capades
Dec. 11-15 Victoria, BC

Kramien's Magic-Capades
Dec. 9 Eugene, Ore.
12 Long Beach, Wash.
14 Kelso

ANIMAL QUIZ:

do you know about elephants?

- 1 - An elephant never forgets? True or False?
- 2 - The average weight of a newborn elephant is: 50-100; 170-250; 500-625 lbs
- 3 - The average life span of an elephant is: 35, 70 or 110 yrs?
- 4 - An elephant's teeth replace themselves on a regular basis (T or F)

- 5 - The leader of an elephant herd is an old cow an old bull or a bull in the prime of life?
 - 6 - Elephants fall in love and pair off for life? True or False?
 - 7 - Elephants are thought to compare in intelligence to a child of 1-2; 5-8 or 9-10 yrs?
 - 8 - Elephants are excellent swimmers, but often walk on the bottom with their trunks raised up? True or False?
 - 9 - The least developed sense in an elephant is his sight, smell or the hearing?
 - 10 - The closest living relative of the elephant is a musk ox, hydrax or rhino?
 - 11 - Do male, female or both African elephants have tusks?
 - 12 - Elephants protect the weakest member of the herd? True or False?
 - 13 - The African elephant is an endangered species? True or False?
- (Answers on another page)

A RECORD YEAR

A combination of sell-out dates and heavily sponsored engagements were credited for the Stebbing Royal European Circus' first full season on the road. "It was a fantastic year," says show owner Bill Stebbing, and we brought the circus back into winterquarters in mint condition.

The show opened at the State Fair in Richmond, Va., and closed at Luray, Va., after touring several states and going as far west as Nebraska. They traveled a total of 11,400 miles, with little trouble, although they encountered one storm and were plagued by some gas shortages in the early part of the year.

For the 1975 tour Stebbing predicts a season of at least 30 weeks, with many dates already booked. The front end is to be revamped and will include five experienced advancemen. The show plans to use both sell-out engagements and phone promotional stands.

The circus is traveling on two semi vans, three straight-bed trucks, plus trailers. They have their own light plants, a stake driver and fork lift unit.

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.....John Strong

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342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y. -

Holiday Hippodrome
1507 Laurel St.
Sarasota, Fla. - 33577

Holy Family Circus
(Jun 7-9 Des Plaines, Ill)

Hotel Circus
(Mar 2-3 Buena Park, Cal.)

Hoxie Bros. Circus
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So. Miami, Fla. - 33156

Hubler Int'l Circus
5275 Denise Drive
Dayton, Ohio - 45429

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Packs, Tom, Circus
12437 Maret Drive
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35 Ravine Drive
Colonia, N.J. - 07067

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316 Michigan Ave.
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Patterson Bros. Circus
Box 6
Holly, Mich. - 48442

Peru Circus City Festival
124 No. Broadway Ave.
Peru, Ind. - 46970

Polack Bros. Circus
203 No. Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Ill. - 60601

Reid Bros. Circus
4370 California Ave.
Norco, Cal. - 91760
(also used title Grand Circus Safari)

Ringling-Barnum Circus
1015 - 18th St. N. W.
Washington, DC - 20036

Roberts Bros. Circus
Sarasota, Fla.

Royal Bros. Circus
Box 211 - Station M
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Royal Wild West Circus
R. D. 2 - Box 34
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Stebbing's Circus
3115 - 44th St.
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1623 Arlington St.
Sarasota, Fla. - 33577

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1412 Madison St.
Wenatchee, Wash. - 98801

Wharton Circus
Box 237
Centreville, Md. - 21617

Kay, Wm., Circus
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Sarasota, Fla.

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Hollywood, Cal. - 90028
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King Bros. Circus
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Gonzales, Texas - 78629

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Sarasota, Fla. - 33577

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Dalton, Minn.

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Box 100
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Sells & Gray Circus
Box 1570
Winter Park, Fla. - 32789

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Main Street
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Strong, Big John, Circus
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Yerkes Productions
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Northridge, Cal. - 91324

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Box 5343
No. Hollywood, Cal. - 91605

DeWayne Bros. Circus
Box 9621
No. Hollywood, Cal. - 91609

Miscellaneous

The Wallace & Rogers Circus is wintered at Woodland, Wash. They expect to open early in 1975 for a long season.

The De Wayne Circus will provide the tent for this week's Paul Eagles Luncheon Club annual circus program.

The annual RBBB TV show will be broadcast on ABC-TV the evening of Feb. 16th.

The Berlin Free Public Library (Conn.) is displaying a circus collection put together by CFA William H. Dayu of Berlin, Conn.

SHOW acts

Acts appearing on the Tri-poli Productions Show, which played for four weeks in Oklahoma, Iowa and Illinois were all booked by John Strong. The unit was managed by Harry Jenkins, Jr who is "Livewire, the Clown." He also appears as Hajam, the juggler and Simeo, the Almost Human Gorilla.

Other acts appearing on the show were: The Ricardo Troupe, tumblers; Pietro and Joyce Canestrelli, unsupported ladder; The Wal-Tims, risley; Tex Goetsch, whips and chimp; and Miss Sue with her Hollywood Canine Revue. Music for the performances was provided by Harry Jenkins, Sr. at the organ and Bob Gardiner on drums.

RANDOM RAMBLINGS

The Campbell, Bailey & Hutcheson Circus folded in the Carolinas and some of the show was sold piecemeal. Soon afterwards a carnival picked up the circus ticket wagon, and this show equipment passed through several hands, ending up as a part of the Bruce Show.

The ticket wagon, still with its wooden scrollwork, was passed on to a plantation owner who had a mania for wagons of every description. They say the wagon is still around, waiting to be relocated.

..... Art "Doc" Miller

THE CIRCUS SHOW

A Santa's Christmas Circus played three spots in Maryland last week, with a top-notch list of acts. The show played Baltimore on Dec. 2-5; Lancaster on Dec. 6 and Havre de Grace Dec.7

Featured on the program, along with Santa Claus, were:

- Bill Brickle - poodle revue
- The Grimaldis - musical comedy
- Miss Loni - foot juggler
- Ray Grant - illusions
- The Burgers - pigs/chimps
- The Haucs - juggling
- Vennitzo & Kaesa - balancing
- The Revanecks - acrobatics
- Col. T. Bentley - announcer

ELEPHANT QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 - False
- 2 - 170-250 pounds
- 3 - 70 years
- 4 - True
- 5 - An old cow
- 6 - They fall in love but do not pair off for life
- 7 - The 1-2 year old child
- 8 - True
- 9 - Sight
- 10 - The hydrax
- 11 - Both males and females
- 12 - True
- 13 - False - However, the Ceylor elephant is considered an endangered species

(The above quiz was taken from a recent San Francisco Zoological Society Bulletin).

FAMED ELEPHANT DEAD

The burley, ill-tempered elephant "Thonglaw", who fathered more elephants than any other bull in captivity, died at the Portland, Ore., Zoo on November 25th.

Dr. Phillip Ogilvie, director of the zoo, said that Thonglaw died while under a light tranquilizer for treatment of a chronic foot ailment. He said an autopsy would be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Thonglaw was originally owned by H. Morgan Berry, of Woodland, Wash., before going to the zoo to live. During his 12 years at the zoo he sired some 15 calves. On Oct. 2, 1958, he stood 5 ft. 2 in. tall and weighed 5,580 lbs.

Dr. Ogilvie reports that Thonglaw will be buried on the zoo grounds. A marker will be placed on his grave for the public to see, he added.

LECTURE DATE

Tommy Bentley, well-known circus personality, will present a lecture on the "History of the American Circus" at the University of California, at Berkeley (Royce Hall) on Dec. 28th at 2 p.m. The lecture is open to the public.

BLUE RIBBON DATES (Cont'd)
booked 85% of their dates for the 1975 season.

The majority of the show's engagements are for the police, fire, sheriffs and Shrine organizations. "We intend to move more heavily into the Shrine field in the future," he said.

Show Date

"Yvette's Mini Circus Revue" will be represented by the M&M Circus International as their West Coast Unit at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas during the upcoming convention.

Grace McIntosh, of the M&M Productions is Yvette's sister.

In Memoriam

ALPHONSE FOURNIER, a former acrobat who started his career with Ringling-Barnum in 1927. He also toured with Hagenbeck-Wallace and in vaudeville. During World War II he was an USO performer. He died on Oct. 27th at Holyoke, Mass.

WILLIAM O. HARRIS, Jr., a tap and acrobatic performer who toured under the name "Billy Cole." In the 1920's he was on the Barnum & Bailey show. He died on Oct. 28th at Hillhouse, Miss.

FANNY E. NEWCOMB, a former trapeze artist and vaudeville performer who toured with the Orpheum Circuit. She died Oct. 27th at Providence, R. I.

Chimp Wins Court Case

After two days of testimony a seven-member jury, at Freehold, N.J., has found Mr. Jiggs an 11 year old chimp, innocent of the charges filed against him. He was charged with frightening a woman at a coffee shop.

Mrs. Joan Hemmer, of Ocean Township, who filed the suit, claimed that Mr. Jiggs so startled her by putting his chin on her table, that she jumped up and smashed herself against a wall, injuring her neck, left shoulder and rib cage.

She said she subsequently suffered mental anguish, with nightmares "of little monkeys crawling over me" which kept her awake; was plagued with repeated migraine headaches and lost 22 pounds; had to sleep in traction in her one-bedroom apartment; and had to hire help one day a week to do the heavy housekeeping in the apartment.

Mr. Jiggs is owned by Ronald A. Winters, who testified he was holding the chimp's hand when they walked through the restaurant to a banquet room where Mr. Jiggs was to perform for a cub scout affair.

Mr. Jiggs made a brief appearance in court on the opening day of the trial. He was dressed in a Boy Scout uniform atop bright red roller skates.

HISTORICAL FACT

In 1955 the organizers of the Meat Cutters and Butchers Union were busy wrecking the Ringling-Barnum show with constant heckling.

It's Great

After visiting RBBB's Circus Park in Florida, Kent Ghirard calls it "one of the finest circus attractions anywhere." That wide-screen circus film, he adds, is worth the price of admission alone.

At the present time the facility is a sort-of haven for Circus Fans, but if it's ever finished it will be equal to Disney World. All the staff is efficient, young and well trained and loaded with personality

They feature six elephant shows a day, with Buckles and Barbara Woodcock and Ben Williams, The routines are new and well presented, and that number with the leopard and teeterboard is fantastic.

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PEOPLE

BILL WILLIAMS (Cotton Candy the Clown) has been playing Santa Claus with a California show troupe.

RON HENON had his Gorilla Show on the midway of the Circus Vargas during its San Bruno (Calif.) engagement.

HUGO ZONIGA, juggler, is reportedly going to work with a John Strong unit for the holiday season.

IVAN and CARMEN HENRY are the parents of a new son named "Gabe". He was born on Oct. 4th.

HARRY JENKINS and son made a quick trip to San Diego, Cali. from the mid-west before opening with John Strong's unit at St. Louis, Mo.

HARRY ROSS, clown, is making a good recovery from his serious illness and operation in the middle of the summer season.

THIS IS THE SEASON (Cont'd)

-- Intermission --

Ivan Henry - trained chimps
 The Saxons - unicycles
 Ken Willer - one finger stand
 The Kobelt Sisters - acrobatics
 Santa Claus.

Visitors during the two day engagement included: Tom Upton, Pat Arieta, Harry Ellis, Don Marcks, Bob Emrico, Jerry Booker and Jim Dandy.