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Ready For '75 Season

Having completed its bookings for the 1975 tour, members of the DeWayne Bros. Circus are now whipping the show into shape for the upcoming season. The show is expected to be a strong one and will start its annual tour in early April.

Cliff Mosley and Enoch Bradford have been busy directing the overhaul and rebuilding of trucks and other equipment for the coming year. This includes new paint jobs, plus lettering and scroll work by artist Al Dixon.

The circus performance, and new aerial numbers, with newly hired ballet girls, are being rehearsed daily under the direction of Gerry Mosley and Suzie M. Gothard. They are also acquiring new production wardrobe, and plan a new trampoline act, for an exciting '75 season show.

The concession department, under Dottie and Doug Morris, has been stocking up for the big tour ahead. They have ordered a new concession wagon to replace the unit that was wrecked at Tok Junction (Alaska) last year.

FAIR SHOW

The Holter Enterprises recently concluded a successful engagement at the National Date Festival in Indio (Calif.) Both attendance and profits at the fair were said to be well above that of last year.

The camel and elephant races featured the Virginia City (Nev.) Camel Racing Jockeys, which was enjoyed by everyone. The Holter camel and elephant rides as well as the petting zoo were also provided for the pleasure of the fair-goers.

Ex-Actor Makes Stagecoaches

When you see a stage coach bouncing along in one of your favorite westerns chances are it was built by a former movie star. Today, most of the stage coaches used in films and TV are built by J. Nolan Davis, who claims to be the "only one left in the world who makes authentic stage coaches."

Davis learned his trade from his grandfather in North Carolina, but never really put his knowledge to work until his film career took a dive in 1930.

It was Walter Brennan, he says, who urged him to take up the family trade. Since then he has been welcome at all of the studios, and has turned out stage coaches for such shows as Gunsmoke, Bonanza, Tales of Wells Fargo and many others.

At his small shop in Madera, Calif., he is now building eight coaches for buyers around the world. With their plush extras he figures each coach will run into the six figure price.

STUDENT SHOW

Although they receive very little national publicity, the students and instructors of the "Old Tyme Hiller Circus" are as serious as anyone can be about their show. The circus is an annual event presented by students of Hillyer Elementary School in Madison Heights (Mich). The show was originated in 1971 and has been growing steadily ever since under the direction of Robert Eller (Continued on Back Page)

Show Plans

In a report from Chelsea (Mich), Lary Hafner states that a Children's Day Circus is planned for April 18th at Jackson (Mich). Among the acts which will be on the program are: juggling, fire eating, single trapeze, magic, illusions and an aerial cradle.

Hafner also reports that he will help put together a side show for Michigan fairs in August. He plans to use a fire eater, rubber girl, magic and an aerial number.

PEOPLE

PHILIPPE PETIT, high wire artist, was featured on TV's Wide World of Sports Show on March 2nd.

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THE CITY OF Florence, N.J., has become a beehive of activity as executives and neighbors, mostly former circus performers, help Marsha Hunt get her new circus ready for its May 1st debut. Miss Hunt plans to carry on with the circus that her family started in 1892. Her father, Harry T. Hunt, will be along "to watch and lend advice."

The Hunt Bros. Circus was retired in 1963, when Charles died, and Harry fell into ill health. Later Harry opened a zoo and animal rental facility on the Florence property. One of his camels has been an annual attraction in the Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall.

Miss Hunt (31) plans to call the show simply the Hunt Circus. She will appear in the program as an illusionist and magician and animal trainer. She was born into the circus and is an accomplished trainer and musician.

During a recent newspaper interview, Harry T. said that not many women have tried to run a circus, but if anyone can Marsha will do it. It's hard work, he added, "and only a person born to it -- and sensitive to the animals and kind of people that make up a circus -- can handle the job successfully."

FOR SALE

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TV Date

Stunt cycle stars of Circus Hotel-Casino, Charles & Co., appeared on "The Price Is Right" TV show on March 7th.

French-born Charlie Charles designs and hand-crafts his own bikes, including the smallest cycle in the world, boasting a wheel diameter of only 2 in. Charlie's wife, Liza, and son Jimmy climax the show routine with a 3-man high on a 30 pound bike just 15" in height.

PEOPLE

WARD HALL, side show operator, was recently featured in a AP news release about Gibsonton, Fla., home of show folks.

JIMMY ILLE was reportedly hospitalized at Venice, Fla. late last month.

Blue Unit

.....by JOE BRADBURY

The RBBB Blue Unit, 104th Edition, recently concluded a 12 day run in Atlanta, Ga. (Feb. 12-23). There appeared to be no changes in the program of the show which debuted in Venice (Fla.) in Jan. 1974. Highlights of the performance include Michu, the small man from Hungary; Samel's Mixed Wild Animal Act, from East Germany; and Charly Baumann's 12 tiger act, plus the very popular Flying Gaonas. The principal Spec is titled "A Circus Rainbow."

The Omni's management, where the show played, declines to publish officially or even give out informally attendance figures for any attraction. However, local fan observers noted mainly half houses or better during the Blue Unit's stand. From a personal observation it looked as if the most expensive seats were filled, the empties were the cheaper high balcony seats.

William Pruyn led the group of local musicians assembled to play the performance and while the music was of excellent quality traditional circus music lovers continue to be disappointed as very little old time circus music is played. The myth that quickly assembled local musicians just can't play the fast and furious circus marches and gallops was dispelled when the band gave a terrific rendition of "Sunshine Gallop" by Karl King, during the clown parody, with "The Crazy Victors" immediately following the regular Charivari number. The piece was played completely through a couple of times and sounded great.

The train appears to be in

WANT — WANT

Small circus for a summer date at Davis, Illinois

Contact

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Davis, Ill. - 61019

very fine condition. Sleepers and stock cars are white, while flat cars are aluminum with the title neatly painted in red and blue.

Again this year a goodly number of 24 sheet Billboards were seen around town and in the surrounding area, all with the show's 104th edition logo. Last year's tie-in with Lum's Restaurants was not in evidence this time.

Tegge Sets Dates For New Show

Part of the new Parley Baer and Bob Trippe "Mid-America Circus" tour this summer will be under Earl Tegge's TNT & Royal Olympic Circus title. Arrangements were completed at a recent meeting of the three showmen at Chicago's Sheraton O'Hare.

Dates are being booked by TNT & Royal Olympic's owner in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. He will also be concentrating heavily on the Chicago area.

Tegge's engagements since the show's founding in 1960, have been primarily school and shopping center dates, with the accent on shopping centers. He is credited as one of the first to have instituted the enclosed mall shopping center format, and just two years ago was the first show of its kind to present a wild animal act, Guy Gossing's tigers, in an enclosed mall shopping center. He has also represented John Strong on a number of his dates last season, and credits Strong for the opportunity to work with Baer and Trippe

"This may be the wrong time to take a crack at a tent tour," says Tegge, "but I've always had the urge to try, and with the help of these fine gentlemen, maybe, just maybe, this year's tour under canvas can be extended."

Miscellaneous

The elephants Mary and Mona, reportedly died during or at about the time of the Shrine Circus in Tucson (Ariz) in mid-February.

Show Dates

The appointment of Roderick Barber as 1975 Shrine Circus Chairman has been announced by the Tigris Temple, of Syracuse, N. Y. Barber has been an active temple member for 25 years and served as Circus Chairman in 1972, and as Co-chairman in 1973 and 1974.

The Shrine Club's circus is scheduled for Easter Week -- Apr 3 to 6, says Barber, with seven performances planned.

WANTED

Books, Photos, Advertising and Mementos of the old-time River Showboats, Medicine Shows, Dime Museums, small traveling zoos and Oddity Museums, Wild-Life Exhibits, Snake Shows, Reptile Farms, Roadside Zoos, Store Show exhibiting small wild animals, Freak Animal Shows, Whale Shows, Marine Exhibits, Curio Exhibit Wagons and other showings of strange, unusual and curious features.

RALPH HADLEY

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75 Musical Score For Circus Vargas

The following musical program was compiled by Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick at Opelika, Ala., on Feb. 20th. The shows musician include: Kay Parker, leader and organ; Robert Parker, drums and Dave Workman, trumpet.

Overture - a Samba

Anthem - Star Spangled Banner

Spec - Greatest Show on Earth

Gorilla Act --

Brazil

Tiger Rag

Flying Act --

Marta

Medley of Strauss Waltzes

Vienna Life

Emperor's Waltz

Der Fleidermousse

The Passing leap --

Yours

Theme from Bridge Over the
River Kwai

Col. Bogey March

Marta (repeat)

Bear Act --

Volga Boat Song

A Russian's Sailor Dance

Medley of Hungarian Rapsodies

Somewhere My Love

Saber Dance

Those Were the Days

Ava Nagela

Those Were the Days (repeat)

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 5

Single Trapeze --

Theme from Exodus

Theme from Godfather

Speak Softly Love

Theme from Love Story

Satin Doll

Ebbe Tide

One Finger Stand Display - with
The Hansinis in Center Ring

Gold Finger

Petite Fleur

Green Eyes

Love theme from Sandpiper

Shadow of Your Smile

Vashek - Wire Walk

Mr. Lucky

Impossible Dream

Liberty Horse Act --

Start of Something Big

It's Alright With Me

My Home in Indiana

Clown Gag --

How Much is that Doggie in
The Window

Feller Boys and Dodo --

Jump Four

Feldo

Von Werner Klein

So What's New

2nd Half Overture - The Cannon-
ball Express Song

Cat Act -- Harry Thomas

Shaft

Boloro

Born Free

Senior Antonio - trapeze

March from Olympians

Meditation

Mambo Jambbo

Tonight

Going Out of My Head

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the **M&M SHOW**

Featured on the M&M Circus at Rochester, N.Y. on Feb. 19-22 were:

James Douglas - announcer
 William Browning - band leader
 Manuel Navarro - prop. supt.
 Guy Gossing - Bengal tigers
 The Andrews, The Nicklas Four
 and The Martans - juggling
 Van Donwen - seals
 The Halls - bears
 The Steeles - cougars
 The Raylars, The Thinis and The
 Wazzans - trampoline
 The Impala Duo, Randy & Silvia
 and The Carlos Duo - perch
 Bob Berosini - orangutan revue
 The Navarro Family and The Hall
 Family - unicycles
 Navarros - sword balance
 Martin Lamberti - hand balancing
 The Zoppes - unsupported ladder
 Victor Julian - dogs
 "Pele" in aerial display with
 11 aerialists
 James Brolin - TV star of the
 "Marcus Welby, M.D." show
 -- Intermission --
 The Flying Larrays
 Mel and Carmen - baboon acts
 Johnny Laddie - monkeys
 Andre, Andre & Co; The Young
 Troupe, Hernandez Troupe -
 teeterboard acts
 Al's Pals - liberty ponies
 Charmain's pets
 Zellmar's liberty ponies

Show Program

The program currently being presented by Holiday Hippodrome features:

Overature - circus organ
 Michael - Master of Balance
 Bradbury & Co. - illusions
 The Albertis - rolling globes
 Buddy Arden - Balloon sculpture
 -- Intermission --
 Angela Wilnow and Indian fantasy
 Ray & Yolanda - high perch pole
 The Zig Zag Girl - illusion
 Johnny's spinning plates

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PEOPLE

BRIAN FAWCETT and his chimp recently appeared on the "Tony Orlando & Dawn" TV Show. Incidentally, DOUG MORRIS works lighting on that show.

ROBERT B. BEAN has been named director of the zoo at

Louisville, Ky. He formerly worked at Busch Gardens in Florida.

THE MONAHANS (risley act) were featured on the Merv Grif-fith TV Show of March 8th.

DAVE TWOMEY (Happy, the Clown) is currently working with the Larry Davis carinval.

CLYDE BEATTY (Continued)

The doors are opened and the big audience is rushing in.

The show is ready to go!

RUN THEM IN, RED.
AND KEEP AN EYE
ON SNIP.



Red opens the door to the runway and Prince leads the other lions into the big steel arena

(Continued Next Week)

ROUTES

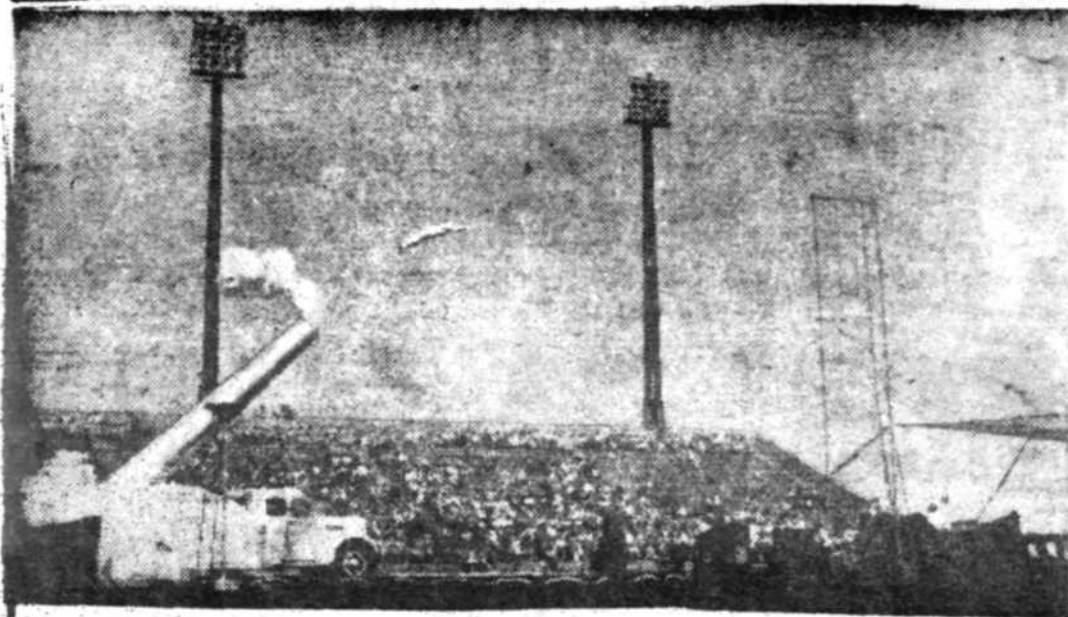
- Allen's Pet Zoo
Mar 13-20 Westminster, Cal.
- Hubert Castle Circus
Mar 13-15 Aberdeen, S. D.
- Circo Panamericano
Mar 13-23 Ponce, P. R.
- Circus Vargas
Mar 8-12 Houston, Texas
13-14 Enroute
15-18 El Paso
- Clyde Bros. Circus
Mar 13-16 Tulsa, Okla.
- Cole All Star TV Circus
Mar 10 Sidney, N. Y.
11 Norwich
12 Franklin
13 Susquehanna, Pa.
14 Harpursville, N.Y.
15 Ovid
- Gatti-Charles Amer. Cont. Circus
Mar 7 Deming, N.M.
8 Las Cruces
10 Alamogordo
11 Artesia
12 Carlsbad
13 Roswell
14 Hobbs
15 Big Spring
16 Midland, Texas
- George Matthews Circus
to Mar 11 Foster City, Cal.
Mar 12-16 San Jose
- Hamid Morton Circus
Mar 12-16 St. Paul, Minn.

Tunney Bill

Sen. John Tunney (Dem. of Cal) has asked for the quick acceptance of his bill that outlaw the "soring" of horses for any purpose.

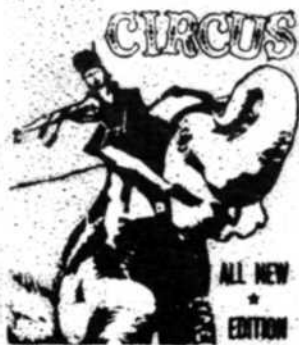
MUSICAL SCORE (Continued)

- The Clowns - The Entertainer
- Chimp Act - Semon
Basilia
Skater's Waltz
Thoroughly Modern Millie
Georgi Girl
Cha Cha
You Belong to My Heart
Jazz Waltz
Around the World in 80 Days
Breezing Along with the Breeze
Bye Bye Blues
Theme from Apartment
Bye Bye Blues (repeat)
- Duo Bicycle - The Clementis
Swinging Cycle
Cuban Tobacco
Good Old Times
Final Spurt
- Vashek Duo - Aerial Motorcycle
Fanfare
Everythings Coming Up Roses
Cumana
- The Elephants --
Thunder & Blazes March
Step to the Rear
Hindustan
Baby Elephant Walk
- Finale -
God Bless America



In the above picture Miss Flora Zacchini is shown being shot from the Zacchini cannon. The location of the performance is not known.

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ROUTES

Holiday Hippodrome

- Mar. 10 Fayetteville, N.C.
- 11 Wilson
- 12 Louisburg
- 13 Raleigh
- 14 Durham
- 15 Marietta, Ga.
- 16 Mount Airy, N.C.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Mar 11-16 Knoxville, Tenn.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Mar 12-23 Baltimore, Md

Wallace & Rogers Circus
Mar 15-16 Folsom, Calif.

Active Star

Elephant trainer, Rex Williams, has been busy working at Lion Country Safari, near West Palm Beach (Fla.) this winter. He has ten elephants under his command there, and operates an elephant ride, as well as breaking young bulls for an act.

Recently Williams appeared in the Mahari Shrine Circus, at Miami (Fla) where he worked an elephant act and a mixed group of animals (elephant, camel and horse). His male white rhino "Thor" made its acting debut on this show.

.....Bill Johnston

STUDENT SHOW (Continued)

The students offer a wide variety of acts -- acrobatics, juggling, trapeze, rola bola, unicycles, swinging ladders, etc. In all some 63 students take part in the circus program, with a 25 piece band backing every performance.

This year's circus presentations will be held at the Lamphere High School in Madison Heights on April 17-18-19.

The 1975 program book has been designed in two colors by circus artist George Da Deppo, of Detroit. His show logo is being made up into five color patches for circus costumes, workers jackets, etc. He also serves as a rigging consultant for the show.