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## plans canvas tour

The TNT & Royal Olympic Circus is currently celebrating its 12th season, and for the first time will go out under canvas. The show will be using a 60 x 90 ft. big top, which can be expanded to 60 x 150 ft. when desired.

All brand new ring curbs and trailers will be ready for the show's spring opening. A new three color banner will be hung from the quarter poles, while a European style performer's entrance is also planned.

The show's tour is now being finalized, officials report. The 1973 tour is going to be "quite extensive" they said.

## The New Curbs

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service reports the number of animal dealers, who have been licensed, has increased seven times in the past year. The latest list of dealers contains 1,486 names and address as compared to 210 listed in December 1971.

The new dealers reportedly are operators of animal auctions, wholesale pet and exotic animal dealers, and wild animal dealers serving zoos and circus acts. Originally only dealers handling laboratory animals were subject to the licensing regulations.

Officials believe that many of the new dealers have not yet been licensed and point out that it is the dealer's re-

## park due to open

Come June a brand new park, called "Circus Town" will be opened at Twin Mountain, N. H. The facility is owned by Cannon Estates, Inc., with M. Doyle serving as general manager.

The focal point will be a museum housing the "Dickey Circus and Museum of Art", a 1" scale model circus of some 62,157 pieces, all hand-made. This model was built between 1916 and 1923 by William T. Dickey and is a replica of the John Robinson Circus of that period.

In addition the park will feature a gift shop, petting zoo, picnic grove, playground, arcade, animals and daily circus acts. Details concerning the acts signed for the summer season will be announced at a later date.

The park will open on June 15th and closes on Oct. 15th this year, with acts appearing each day from June 23rd thru Labor Day.

Mr. Doyle reports they plan to eventually have a train ride through an animated forest, a mini golf course with a circus theme, antique rides and a circus arena.

responsibility to apply for a license. By failing to do so they can be subject to severe penalties.

The major purpose of licensing is to provide a vehicle for enforcing minimum standards of animal care. These standard regulations cover housing, feeding, watering, sanitation, ventilation, veterinary care, handling, transportation, etc

## Move On to Protect Lab Animals

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A bill to protect animals used in school experimentation has been introduced by a Sacramento legislator.

Under the bill introduced by Sen. Albert S. Rodda, D-Sacramento, animals could not be painfully drugged or injured as part of classroom work in California elementary or high schools. **2-2-73**

Rodda's bill also would require that live animals be housed humanely in public schools. A similar measure failed last year.

## San Diego Zoo

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A record 3.2 million persons, including repeaters, visited the San Diego Zoo during 1972, a zoo spokesman reports. There were 100,000 fewer in 1971.

The zoo's Wild Animal Park, which opened last May near Escondido drew 782,245 visitors—266,000 more than expected, the spokesman said.

## Miller-Johnson

The staff and performers for the 1973 Miller-Johnson Circus tour, as was announced last month just prior to the show's opening at Hollywood, Fla. (Jan. 28) includes:

### -- THE STAFF --

Clifford Vargas - president  
Joseph Musearello - vice president  
Olive J. Hanson - controller  
Parley Baer - manager/performance dir.  
Norman Neathamer - office manager  
Sandy Dobritch - announcer/ringmaster  
Fidel Faria - superintendent  
Nick Bengor - supt. of seats  
Lonnie McGhee) - concessions  
W. G. Westby )  
Wally Ross - supt. of animals  
Ben DeWayne - animal assistant  
Bobby Moore - Menagerie supt.  
Russell Darr - bandleader

### -- PERFORMERS --

This is just a partial list of the performers appearing on the show.

Les Dollies - unicycles  
The Hasani Troupe - tumblers  
The Feronis - aerial number  
Pat Anthony - wild animals  
Feller Boys & Dodo - wire

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## caltech show

The annual Caltech Circus at Pasadena (Calif) on Jan. 27-28 was a success. Each of the four performances, at the Beckman Auditorium, were sellouts, show officials report.

As an added attraction this year the circus also featured a display of 70 old lithos from the Circus World Museum, and a new photo exhibit called "The Wonderful World of the Circus." Continuous showings of the film "Greatest Show on Earth" were also provided for the many circus-goers.

Featured on the show program were:

Miss Astra - Sponge dive  
The Willettys - juggling  
Miss Charlotte, Dale and Bambi in aerial artistry.  
Happy's Canine Review (Dave Twomey)  
Miss Aurora - Iron jaw (Bambi Burnes)  
The Bouncing Braytons - trampoline  
Ken Willer - One finger stand  
Miss Carlotta - single trapeze  
Baby Neena - John Strong's elephant presented by Linda Strong

The show's staff included:

Tom Lehman - producer and director  
Doug Lyon - producer of circus acts  
Bob Yerkes - aerial coordinator  
John Deichman - Caltech Circus Band Program - Bill Biggerstaff  
Bob MacDougall, Chuck Burnes and Jack Bergman - consultants

## TV SHOW DATE

The NBC-TV network will carry the "Highlights of Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus" on Sunday evening, Feb. 25th at 7:30 p.m. The hour long show, with Lorne Greene as host, will be sponsored by the Bell System.

The program will feature Gunther Gebel-Williams as he presents several unusual acts - chariot driver, elephant trainer and tiger trainer.

The show will also feature several animal acts, highwire and trapeze numbers along with clowns, jugglers, acrobats and beautiful girls.

## New display set

"The Wonderful World of the Circus", the largest circus art exhibit to tour shopping centers on the West Coast, was previewed at the Caltech Campus on the weekend of Jan. 27-28. This preview was held in conjunction with the annual Caltech Circus and was presented as a special attraction for circus-goers.

The exhibit features the action and excitement of the circus through the use of display modules which depict daring aerialists, trained wild animals, skilled acrobats and funny clowns. A large collection of original lithographs, used to bally-hoo the coming of the circus, is also included in the display.

"The Wonderful World of The Circus" is operated by the Romac Circus Productions, of Southern California.

## Mrs. Packs v Benders

Last month the legal conflict over the proprietorship of the Tom Packs Circus was concluded through an agreement with Mrs. Thelma Packs. She had sued her daughter and son-in-law to prevent them from operating the circus.

Under terms of the agreement Mrs. Packs has agreed not to interfere with the operation of the Tom Packs Enterprise Corp., the Tom Packs Circus, Tom Packs Shows and Tom Packs Sports & Amusements. She also agreed not to represent herself as the owner, manager, office director or controlling stockholder of the businesses named.

Penny and Jack Bender had taken over the various Packs promotions and were being sued on the basis they had no rights to the operations. The suit also charged the couple had created turmoil and confusion in circus, theatre and show business in general because acts didn't know who to contact in regards to business activities.

Mrs. Packs had asked that the court stop the couple from representing themselves as being part of the Packs promotions. She asked for \$2.5 million in actual damages and the same amount in punitive damages.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Tim Tegge's "Circus Spectaculars" is offering a fine collector's item. In 1970, the TNT & Royal Olympic Circus ordered a few silk screened banners (36½" x 37") to attach to a gold painted wooden cross frame. They were used to decorate the arena in which the circus was presented.

The banners are now being offered for sale to interested buyers. There are only 12 such banners and they are available for just \$10.50 each, postage paid.

Write to: Circus Spectaculars, 6040 West Dakin St., Chicago, Ill. - 60634.

## election results

A new slate of officers were elected for the coming year at a recent meeting of the Joseph Rowe Tent (CFA) in Los Angeles. The group is probably the most active of all CFA groups on the west coast.

The new 1973 officers are:

Fred Kingdon - president  
Ben Hammer - vice president  
Glenn Harrison - Secretary/treasurer

Guests attending the election meeting included: Mrs. Ruth Strong and children; Ken and Betty Willer; David Slusser and Chuck Burnes.

## A Hard Out

After being invited to appear in Libya for the Muslim society, the Togni Circus, Italy's largest, was refused permission to enter the African nation. The problem is that all those visiting Libya must have passports which are written in Arabic, and the circus didn't have such passports.

The rule came into effect on Jan. 8, 1973. Notice of the new regulation was given to the various foreign diplomats about three months ago, but most said they could not or would not ask their citizens to comply with the order.

Some officials and invited visitors are exempt from the ruling. The circus, officials said, was not included in those that were exempt. Some 50 people along with an assortment of animals, were in the circus group which finally sailed back to Italy.

**PEOPLE**

HARRY QUILLEN, circus photographer died in Los Angeles, on Sept. 10, 1972.

ROY LOUCKS, old-time clown, and now the secretary for a CMB Ring in Cleveland, Ohio, started show business on Sells Floto

DUNCAN RENALDO (The Cisco Kid) is living in retirement at Santa Barbara, Calif. At one time he was with the Clyde Beatty Circus.

BILL SCHULTZ, director of the Circus World Museum, wants to establish a school where new circus talent can be trained.

REX and WANDA ROSSI plan to use a Latin theme for their rodeo-wild west shows this coming summer.

SMOKEY JONES reports his elephant's name is "Tika" and not "Teaka" as has been reported in many cases.

GEORGE HANNEFORD, Jr. recently bought the elephant "Tanya" from his brother Tom. Incidentally, Tommy has bought the animals and props for the Baudy uncaged leopard number.

DORE MILLER recently visited Florida show folks and was reportedly selling some animals from his show.

BERT HANSEN, CLARK McDERMOTT and DON MARCKS had lunch together in Daly City Calif. on Feb. 1st.

WALLY LEE, magician, has five big shows scheduled at Concord, Calif. on June 10 and 11.

ROY BUSCH is breaking a new baby elephant act for the Hanneford Circus. The animal came from Six Flags Over Texas Park.

BILL WILLIAMS has been helping CHESTER CABLE get moved into his new home in Occidental, Calif.

ROBERT DOVER has been promoted to assistant director for R888. He will continue as performance director for the Red Unit while taking on the new responsibilities for both shows.

LINDA PHILLIPS, ventriloquist, was in New York last week for the TV show "To Tell The Truth."

POPO, the Clown, is celebrating his 58th year in show business.

**NOTES**

The Royal Ranch Circus is currently wintering at Valdosta, Ga.

The John Strong Circus will reportedly be playing Phoenix, Ariz. on Apr. 30-May 1.

Ideho State College at Pocatello has a completely covered football field.

Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit will play Atlanta, Ga. on Feb. 14-25. It's the first time the show has been in the city for some 13 years.

Circus Kirk is looking for someone who can teach aerial numbers to its personnel for the coming tour.

The Tripoli Shrine Circus, at Milwaukee, Wisc. is scheduled for Feb. 20-25.

R888's Blue Unit has nine new clowns this year. The alley now includes three girls and four midgets.

Haxie Bros. Circus plans to open its 1973 season in the Miami, Fla. area about March 26th.

Negotiations are currently underway to take the Polack Bros. Circus to Alaska for a minimum of ten days. If the deal works out everything will be flown up and back.

Miller Johnson Circus will be back on the West Coast sometime in late May.

## Rhinos make sea trip to Hawaii

Two 18-month-old South African white rhinos, a male and a female, have arrived in Hawaii aboard the Matson container ship "Hawaiian Legislator", and have been safely delivered to the zoo in Honolulu.

The result of a trade with Lion Country Safari in Atlanta, they are the first white rhinos ever acquired by the Honolulu Zoo. Lion Country Safari received in exchange for three giraffes and four antelopes.

The two rhinos withstood the six-day ocean trip from Los Angeles "extremely well", despite rough seas the first two days out, according to the "Legislator's" captain, Stelio Cherubini.

Confined during the entire journey in special crates on deck, they appeared somewhat woozy during the heavy weather, but the skipper changed course and slowed down the

ship to give his passengers a smoother ride.

"They perked right up and enjoyed the rest of the trip," the captain said. "They really polished off the hay and feed once they got used to the sea."

The rhinos were fed by crew members twice daily. The cages were kept extra clean, both for the comfort of the rhinos and the ship's officers and crew who know that seagoing animals can unwittingly offend sensitive shipmates.

The rhinos each weigh a ton and will grow to three tons at maturity, said Jack Throp, Honolulu zoo director.

White rhinos do not bear young until at least five years old, so it will be around the end of 1976 before the Honolulu Zoo has to worry about sending out announcements.

**ROUTES**

- Artisten Tiere Circus  
Thru March 11 Vienna, Austria
- Hubert Castle Circus  
Feb. 15-18 Tucson, Ariz.
- L. N. Fleckles Circus  
Mar. 13-14 St. Paul, Minn.
- George Matthews Circus  
Feb. 17-18 Martinez, Calif.
- M & M Circus  
Feb. 14-17 Rochester, N. Y.
- Miller-Johnson Circus  
Jan. 30-Feb. 2 Miami, Fla.  
Feb. 3-4 Miami Beach
- Ringling-Barnum (Blue Unit)  
Feb. 14-25 Atlanta, Ga.
- Ringling-Barnum (Red Unit)  
Feb. 13-14 Macon, Ga.  
16-19 Fayetteville, N. C.
- Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show  
Feb. 12 Statesboro, Ga.  
13 Brunswick  
14 Off  
15 Vidalia  
16 Off  
17 Gainesville, Fla.  
18 Lake City.
- Wonderful World of Horses  
Thru Feb. 25 Mexico City, Mexico
- FAIRS . . . . .
- The Citrus Fair  
Feb. 16-19 Cloverdale, Calif.
- National Date Festival  
Feb. 16-25 Indio, Calif.

**PEOPLE**

JOHN STRONG, JR. fell on Feb. 2nd and broke his arm in two places. He is now in a Southern California hospital.

HENNING SCHMUCKER, high wire artist, died of a heart attack after a show at Fort Wayne, Ind. on Feb. 3rd. (details next week).

CHESTER CABLE attended the Western Fair Assoc. convention in San Francisco, Calif. last week.

**NOTICE!**

The entire mailing of The Circus Report for Jan. 22, 1973 (Vol. 2 - No. 3) was lost in the mail. However, the Post Office now reports they have found the missing papers and they are being delivered.

If you have not yet received that issue let me know and I'll get new ones printed for those who save the paper and file it for their collections.

. . . . . Don Mareks

**Acts Named**

A partial list of the acts who will appear with the 35th annual Tripoli Shrim Circus at Milwaukee, Wisc. was announced this past week. The circus will present 13 performances in its Feb. 20-25 run.

Among those acts listed in the first announcements are:

- The Albinis - aerial motorcycle
- The Flying Armors - flying trapeze
- Bobby Berosini's Jungleland Revue
- Bianco - sensational wild animal act
- Zamperla Family - riding number
- King's performing elephants
- Scott's unridable mule
- The Amazing Alexander - hangman's noose
- Hugo Zacchini - Human Rocket
- Pablo Rodriguez Troupe - aerial feature

**Showman dead**

Death claimed Henri Rancy, in France on Dec. 20, 1972. He was head of the famous French circus family by that name and operated the Cirque Napoleon Rancy, founded by his father. His grandfather Theodore Rancy founded the Cirque Rancy in 1856.

Henri was a rider of note and appeared in many European shows. He was president of the Syndicate des Directors of Circuses in France, and operated circus buildings in at least two cities.

Survivors include his widow Tilly, a daughter, Sabine Rancy (widow of Danny Renz, who was killed by an elephant last summer) who operates the Cirque Sabine Rancy in France.

# MEXICO TOUR

A brand new show - Holiday With Horses - is currently playing Mexican dates under the promotion of Joachim Guerra and Javier Garfais. The show, which is produced by Don Woods is owned by Woods and Jack Kochman and Jim Murphree.

The show features four production numbers with Hungarian, Persian, Wild West, and Viennese themes. Also featured is a training session number with most of the show's personnel.

Personnel on the show includes:

- Rex and Wanda Rossi - trick riding, roping and high school riding.
- Trevor Bale Family - carriage carousel, dancing horse, hind leg walking horse, capriole horse, side saddle and high school horse numbers
- Dennis and Mary Rivers
- Judy and Jeannis Wood
- The Medro Family - circus acts
- eight girl and eight boy riders
- Clement Tocco - musical director



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# wfa in San Francisco

The Western Fair Association, now celebrating its 50th anniversary, held their convention this year at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, Calif. In addition to managers from the 135 fair member groups, the convention also brought out a large number of show folks.

Two big stage shows were arranged for the convention by Bette Keye of Sacramento, Calif. These shows featured:

The Duane Dancers

Bobby Vinton - vocalist

Stratus Family - musical group

Mike Caldwell - comedian and M. C.

Jack D'Johns - vocals

Glenn Ash - banjo and songs

Kobelt Sisters - acrobatic dancers

Jack Fisher Orchestra

A special show, called "Come to the Cabaret" was brought to the convention by Artist Talent Corp. of Las Vegas, Nev. It featured Lonzo and Oscar.

A number of carnival owners and representatives were in attendance at the three day event (Feb. 5-7) along with a group of circus people.

Among those attending the convention were: Charles Mason, Ron Menon, Johnny Rivers, Loni Ironberg, representatives of the Wenatchee Youth Circus, Don Marcks, The Aerial Baretis, Sam Polack, Charley Allen and Lloyd Hilligoss.