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Number 24

Skeptics Fooled

The skeptics were completely fooled about the Mexico Int'l Circus which played the Los Angeles Sports Arena last month (May 21-31). Rumors that it would be a small show were wrong, for this was a real spectacular presentation and was, without doubt, the best indoor circus, to play here in years.

The small crowds can be attributed to a lack of publicity for their was no TV or radio ads and only a few small ads appeared in the newspapers, all prior to the show's arrival.

Attendance was starting to increase at the end of the run as word started to get around that this was indeed a "good" show.

It has generally been agreed
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Texas Report

When John Strong brought his circus into San Antonio (Jun. 2-3) he drew SRO crowds for every
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Texas Date

The matinee performance of 'Circus Union 76' (May 30) here at San Antonio's Coliseum drew a small but receptive crowd. The show itself was very good and was presented in one ring, with the rest of the arena shut off through the use of curtains.

Music for the show was provided by Ksy and Bob Parker (organ and drums). Costumes were all new and attractive.

The program featured: Oresto, juggling; Santos, low wire; Dancing Dolls (puppet type with girl inside); the Lodi Duo, aerial cradle; Clown balloon gag; One finger stand and balancing by The Great Dante; then came illusions by the Santos Family; followed by an intermission.

The second half opened with Mr. Lee doing a comedy wire act; Niño Santos, juggling; Prof. Shappi and his comedy piano; The McKay Duo, aerial cradle; The Dubinsky Duo, unsupported ladders; the Clowns and Gary Johnson's elephants.

Before the show the announcer told how Circus Union had developed after Circus Galaxy folded leaving the acts stranded here in San Antonio. These people sure deserve a break and with the right promoter this show could go places.

They have some shopping center dates set and will be at an upcoming celebration at Uvalde.

..... R. F. Hartman

Polack Bros. will play under a Harold Barnes tent at Puyallup (Wash.) on July 10-11

Show Program

The Garden Bros. program for the Salaam Shrine at West Orange, (NJ) featured:

The Lucio Troupe and Antar Troupe, trampolines; Prince Bogino, Hawthorn lions; Miss Olinka, aerial; Great Huston, illusions; Characters on Parade; Miss Steinherr, riding stallion; The Robertsons, juggling; The Wazzan Troupe Arabian tumbling; Armando Christiani, juggling; Cook's Comedy Car The Bertini Family, unicycles; Clowns, Miss America; The Flying Armors; The Francils, rola bola; The Clarina Twins, tight wire; The Morris Duo, rola bola; Comedy Cannon; Gilda's leopards; Charon's chimps; The Volvos, comedy ladder; The Reginine Duo, aerial; Remo Cristiani, elephants and Tino Zoppe, high wire.

.... Mike Naughton

PEOPLE

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15 New City
16 Piscataway, N.J.
17 Long Branch
18 Vineland
19 East Brunswick
20 Elizabeth

Circus Vargas
Jun 14 Greeley, Colo.
15 Pueblo
16 Boulder
19 Appleton, Wisc.
20 Oshkosh

Clyde Bros. Circus
Jun 14-15 Sharon, Pa.
16-19 Erie

Dailey Bros. Circus
June 14 Wisconsin Dells,
15 Sparta Wsc
16 Black River Falls

Europorama
June 14 Des Moines, Iowa
15 Freeport, Ill.
16 Moline
17 Ottawa
18 Rockford
19 Janesville, Wisc
20 Madison

Famous Hunt Circus
June 14 Hightstown, N.J.

Hamid-Mprton Circus
Jun 17-19 Cumberland, Md.
Hanneford Family Circus
Jun 15-Sep 6 Storyland USA
(New York)

Happytime Circus
Jun 14-26 Vallejo, Calif.
Holiday Hippodrome
June 14 Lafayette, Ind.
15 Kokomo
16 Marion
17 Muncie
18 Richmond
19 Hamilton

Hoxie Bros. Circus
June 14 Portsmouth, Ohio
15 Ironton
16 Gallipolis
17 Parkersburg, W.Va
18 Cambridge, Ohio
19 Martins Ferry
20 Beaver Falls, Pa

Hoxie's Great American Cir.
June 14 Oley, Pa.
15 Bangor
16 Summit Hill
17 Moosic
18 Shenandoah
19 Bloomsburg

Kaye's Royal Cont'l Circus
Jun 18-Sep 6 Laguna Hills,
Cal.

King Bros. Circus
June 14 Martinsville, Ind

King Bros. (Continued)
June 15 Columbus, Ind.
16 Franklin
17 Tipton
18 Greentown
19 Marion
20 Bluffton

Lewis Bros. Circus
June 14 Lawrenceburg, Tenn
16 Summertown
17 Hokenwald
18 Linden
19 Parsons
20 Camden

Polack Bros. Circus
June 14 Ogden, Utah

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Jun 17-20 Huntsville, Ala

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Jun 15-16 Memphis, Tenn.
18-20 Mobile, Ala.

Sells & Gray Circus
June 14 Harrisonburg, Pa
15 Shippensburg
16 Waynesboro
17 Littleton
18 Manassas, Va.
19 Edgewood, Md.
20 Parkersburg, Pa.

John Strong Circus
Jun 19-20 Lexington, Ky.

TNT & Royal Olympic
Jun 15-19 Cleveland Hghts,
Ohio



BILLY BARTON

A FAMOUS HOLLYWOOD biographer is doing the life story of TRUDE LUVAS entitled ONCE, AND NEVER AGAIN (Sounds like a Jacqueline Susann novel, doesn't it?) Trude and her husband GARY STRONG, have a shopping center unit, and Trude has suffered enough years of heartache to earn the right to a "long run" of happiness.

Long-time friend TONY CONWAY wrote to tell me I erred in saying JOANNE DAY is the wardrobe mistress at Circus World, rather it is Peggy Day, daughter of Frank Sheppard. She and Eldon have a home near the tourist attraction. Tony reminds me of my family's association with several of his uncle's shows, namely REO and DIX Bros. and of my friendship with his late, first wife CLAIRE FAWCETT, author of "We Fell In Love With The Circus." They met on a circus, courted on a circus and honeymooned on one.

BILL GOLDEN, now working the Cuneo tigers is leaving at the end of the Hamid-Morton tour to join Royal Hanneford and is being replaced by WADE BURKE, a young man who worked cats on Clyde Bros....HAROLD HALL will be with the Kaye show at Lion Country in L.S.Rumors that this funspot would not have a circus are false....ROY BUSH, whom I ran into visiting on Hamid-Morton, is looking very well considering the serious illnesses he has suffered of late.

ELOISE BERCHTOLD will fill in for the Cuneos at Marineland in Ontario until John and Herta

WANTED

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wind up their tour with Hamid-Morton....JIMMY HALL, now out of the hospital, will have his bear act at Marineland

Also had long talk with HARRY HUNT who, when it was over, showed me the personal automobile that once belonged to the late Emperor of Ethiopia HAILE SELASSIE. Harry told me he bought the car in London for \$49,000, and it is worth triple that amount. I can honestly say it is the most impressive, most beautiful auto I have ever seen. The car is in a special Wells Cargo trailer and Harry exhibits it at shopping malls.

Harry is busy contracting towns for daughter MARSHA HUNT JONES' new Hunt's Circus, but in August he starts his own shopping center circus which runs until late fall. THE GREAT ERIC, high wire, and PETER LUVAS' Globe of Death, are two acts set for the show.

BOB ATTERBURY starts his shopping center tour July 26th for a run of six weeks....Bass player ED-DIE MATHIAS, now with H-M is only moonlighting, his regular job is with the MIKE DOUGLAS orchestra....Animal trainer LOU REGAN was brought out of a two year retirement to work the Clyde Bros. tiger act....Catcher PAUL McLAUGHLIN is now with the Donnie Johnson flying act.

AL DAWLEY tells me they DO take the 15% Canadian Tax out of salaries unless other arrangements have been made. If an act earns less than \$5000 the money will be returned. Over \$5000 you must file. The whole thing is very messy, apparently, and it looks as if the Canadians will see less American talent in the future. God knows, we have enough tax headaches here!

TRUDE LUVAS has created a new entrance for her Poodle Review involving a turn-of-the-century antique auto bearing herself in a period costume and her caboodle of canines. She recently made trip to Cleveland to obtain brass fittings for the vehicle.

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SKEPTICS FOOLED (Continued)

a mistake was made in aiming the show only towards the Spanish speaking community. The acts came from throughout the U.S. to appear in the program. Promoters were pleased, nevertheless, and have promised to return next year with an even better show.

The circus reportedly has engagements in Salinas and Ventura (Calif.) plus Tucson (Ariz.) then will head out on a nation-wide tour.

Announcements in both English and Spanish were handled by Salvador Murillo. The band was directed by Russell Darr, while Blin ko and Maran worked the warm-up session with balloons.

PEOPLE

CLARK McDERMOTT had his Cold Nose Five act at Austin, Texas, for a couple of days.

FRANK McCLUSKY and MR. LEAF (Leaf Tent Co.) spent several

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W&R Draws Big In Rain

...by MIKE SPORRER

Despite a heavy rain storm the Wallace & Rogers Circus did excellent business at Sumner, Wash. (May 29). This was the first circus to show in Sumner since Carson & Barnes played here in 1962.

The blue and white big top, now in its fourth year, shows signs of wear, but is in remarkably good condition. The blue marquee, two years old, looks as if it were new and displays the show's title on the front.

The show has a calliope on the midway, which is played prior to each performance. Also on the midway is a combined ticket and concession trailer. Other units include a canvas spool and horse truck, the stage trailer, seat units and several pick-ups and house trailers.

The performance runs one hr. and ten minutes and was priced at \$3.00 and \$1.50. Elephant rides are offered after each performance.

The program included: Pre-show clown warm-up; Double Trap; Trained Macaws; Seals (2); Clown Expando Box; Spanish web; Trunk

Show Staff

Staff for the Hamid-Morton Circus consists of:

Geo. Hamid, Jr. - Executive producer

Jimmy Hamid - Assistant manager

Bowie Hamid - Electric/sound

Ernie McLean - announcer

John Tonelli - musical director

Bob Atterbury - general supt.

Wanda Ward - aerial director

Dime Wilson - producing clown

Paul Duke - prop boss

Ray Valentine, Jr. - Concessions

escape; Sword Balance; Baby elephant; Clown's strong man; Revolving loop-the-loop, aerial motorcycle.

Pot-Pourri

A phone call from Kenny Dodd brought clown Bernie Kallman back to Beatty-Cole.....Clown giant Buck Nolan is romping with Hoxie these days.....Ron & Mitzie have added a fireworks finale to their iron jaw act.....The Wazzan's go to the Texas dates after their Garden engagements.....Tino and Olinka Zoppe's Yellowstone was robbed during a recent show.....Pan American Mini Unit into West Orange (NJ) for July 5th.....Don Stambaugh is working mall dates.

.... Mike Naughton

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A First Class Show

.... JIM SWAFFORD

The Mexico Int'l Circus (Los Angeles, Calif., May 21-31) has just got to be the best show presented in this area in years. They certainly offered a program of top acts, virtually all new to the west coast.

The program featured:-

Historical Pageant Spec - all of the performers and four floats
 Barreda's wild animals - 7 female lions and one male lion
 Pharoahs - aerial cradle and Kay and Kurt Leah - perch act
 The Connoers, ponies; Tony Fagundas, camels; Michaels, llamas
 Cucciolo, trampoline - a very funny act
 The Clowns (8)
 Princess Kayleah - doves
 Princess Omar - one finger stand and head balancing
 The Clowns
 Aerial ballet - 6 webs and 4 on ladders
 Joselito - high wire number
 -- Intermission --
 The Flying Dells, with Kurt Dell, Betty and Billy Wood; also
 The Flying Lar-Rays (4 people)
 Murillo and Ulises - head to head balance
 The Clowns
 Rucker's chimps; Barreda's chimp act; Connors, dogs
 Al's Lemon-Zene - comedy car
 The Wong Bros. - two sway poles
 The Clowns
 Fagundas elephants (3) and the Rucker elephants (3)
 The Quassors - high act
 Finale with all performers and flags and then the Zacchini
 Human Cannon Ball feature

CFA Notes

A wide variety of feature attractions were provided for those attending the CFA Convention at Dallas last week (June 9-12). The gathering, the organization's 50th anniversary, was one of its largest with more than 240 registered before the first day.

Among the features was a circus band concert directed by Merle Evans, performances by the Grimaldis and Karl Wallenda, the Stebbing Royal European Circus, a Texas Rodeo, circus seminars, and trips to local zoos, Lion Country Safari Park and Six Flags Over Texas park.

Keynote speaker for the four day event was circus owner and producer Hubert Castle. Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick, CFA President, presided over the convention.

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Int'l All Star

The Int'l All Star Circus came to Michigan Center (Mich) on June 3rd, to play to a straw house. They offered a great performance and certainly Hine and Patty Rucker make the fans feel right at home. Surely no show could have been a better host.

The exciting band consists of: Robert Amato (leader) trumpet Howard Brady, drums; Wm. Hastings trombone; Gene Holms, trumpet and Wm. Davis, organ.

The program included: Terry O'Brien, slack wire; Coco & Co., clowns; Randon's chimps; Hines, vent; Miss Ivey, trapeze; Hines and Patty, magic; Carey Brown

Duo, rola bola; The Rucker's leopards; Coco, Jr., stilts; Randons dogs; The Diamond Duo, French traps; Miss Patty, foot juggling; Carey Brown Duo, hand balancing; The Terry's, unicycles; Mike Rice and his elephant.

Fans attending the show were Robert Reinhart, Hayes Ganiard, Dave Reddy, Julian Wheat, Clayton McNaughton (formerly with the original Lew Bros. Circus), and the writer, Clarence Hastings.

PEOPLE

BROWNIE SILVERLAKE, formerly on Fisher Bros., is recuperating from recent knee surgery. You can write him at: Rte. 1 - Box 385-D, Donna, Texas - 78537.

TEXAS REPORT (Continued)

performance. The show looks good and the audience likes it. They are using a three ring format and also have three webs and ladder acts.

Some of the folks from Circus Union visited the show and on June 3rd, Big John told his audience about the folding of Circus Galaxy and how it left many acts stranded in Texas. He then introduced the Bishops (representing Circus Union), the JC president and other officials, after which he presented the Bishops with \$200 from the JC's and John Strong Circus, for the Circus Union folks.

By the way, none of the local dates were profitable for Circus Union and the folks are pretty discouraged. Guess it will not be long and the whole effort will be abandoned.

..... Ralph Hartman

PEOPLE

THE WAL-TIMS will work the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus at Minneapolis, plus shopping centers, before reopening with the George Matthews Circus.

STEVE BAKER (Checkers) and GARY RAY (Patches) worked Circo Imperial in Mexico City for Howard Suesz last year. The show's clowns also included: Goyo, Juanito and Murello.

Horse Show

The Northern Division of the Bicentennial Wagon Train camped for several days in the Irish Hills area of Michigan, where a variety of entertainment was provided for these hardy folks. The train consisted of 43 covered wagons, plus several hundred mules, horses and ponies. They expect to be in Valley Forge on July 3rd where they'll spend the summer.

A feature of the entertainment program was a performance by Chuck Grant's Horse Capades, whose members live in Michigan. They wear green and white military uniforms and are a highly polished professional group of Lipizzan riders.

The director, Clarence Hastings introduced the group and gave a brief history of this type of riding, and said the performance presented was very similar to the first circus performances in America. It was pointed out that President George Washington was interested in the circus, which was presented by his friend Bill Ricketts. Pres. Washington often visited the show and loaned his favorite horse for the exhibitions.

Members of Horse Capades include: Chuck Grant, Judy Thocker, Jake Donahue, Shirley Moody, Pam. Moody, Dutch Miller, Ellen Hull, Joane Clark and Clarence Hastings

.....Don Smith

HAMID-MORTON CIRCUS

..... by BILLY BARTON

An old-time "billing war" kicked off Hamid-Morton's outdoor stand at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds in Trenton (May 21-23). The May 31-June 6 Shrine sponsored Garden Bros. (scheduled under canvas for a downtown appearance behind the city hall) offered weighty flack-opposition by way of 'wait' ads in the dailies. They also erected a huge sign just outside the fairgrounds.

Hamid-Morton people took the episode in stride and veteran producing clown Dime Wilson laughingly said "I haven't seen anything like this in 20 years."

The Sunday matinee found the grandstand jammed with some 5000 spectators who shared this reviewer's enthusiasm for a double-barreled program of top drawer talent.

Viewed under adverse outdoor conditions, the Hamid-Morton Circus stood up well without the icing-on-the-cake advantages of indoor lighting and special effects.

There's not a bad act on the bill, and if one or two seems weak by comparison, in other programs these same acts would be stand outs.

Superlatives won't do justice to the Hawthorn Circus Corp. Animal attractions owned by John and Herta Cuneo; the flying skills of the Valentines, or the versatility of the talented Zamperla Family. These slick pros are strongly supported by Dime Wilson's excellent clown alley, the smooth announcements of Ernie McLean and the well directed circus band with John Tonelli handling the baton.

George Hamid, Jr. personally greets the audience with an opening message that precedes spec and Bill Golden's wild animal presentation - 12 tigers and black-maned Nubian lion. The cage act, owned by Cuneo, is lightning-paced, featuring great pyramids, a four tiger laydown, rollover, a 12 tiger laydown, and a nice closing routine with the lion. The center pyramid prop is operated electrically, eliminating prop-shifting, which in turn helps the act's momentum.

Herta Klauser Cuneo's White Tiger riding a large

elephant is a show-stopper. Here again, speed is accentuated when the white tiger makes incredible high flying leaps from pedestals to the back of the running bull and goes on to spectacular high fire hurdles (three are attached to the upper regions of the cage) from the back of the running bull, over the fire hurdles, landing again on the elephant. Closer is a revolving mirrored prop on which the tiger does a sit-up. The prop is operated by remote control from outside the arena. Herta bows to heavy applause.

The Zamperla's first appearance is in a whirlwind trampoline turn featuring 18 yr. old Otto in a series of double fulls and a triple twister to his father's shoulders. Three girls and 8 yr. old Ermes round out the five people troupe.

The Italian family returns in the second half with an exceptional 7 person riding act called The Napoleans. The act is costumed in colorful Roman wardrobe, begins with pyramids, muscle grinds, various carrying routines and again spotlights Otto with a single somersault, horse-to-horse somersault, and a somersault from teeterboard to horse. This act, too, moves rapidly augmented by very effective music.

The Flying Valentines are the first half closer. A strong act, starting with the passing leap, closing with a triple somersault, blindfolded by Ray Jr. Interspersed are Debbie's one and a half, a full twisting double and double cutaway-half by Ray, Jr., and the comedy skill of Scott Plunkett.

Herta is the intermission curtain-raiser with a fine, big bear act - 3 Himalayans, 1 Grizzly, and 3 Syrians. The bears dance with dolls, ride scooters, high bikes, motorcycles; walk on their front paws with Herta, roll globes with Herta and finish up in an aerial carousel with four bears on perches.

Additional highlights include John Cuneo's baby elephant (flanked by two more in end rings) doing a front foot stand on a revolving pedestal; the Cuneo big five bull act with twin one foot stands, leg carry and mounts by Miss Debbie Lockhart; the one-arm

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

RAY VALENTINE, Sr., complained of pains in the stomach during the Oklahoma City run with H-M, was finally taken to the hospital where it was discovered he had a ruptured appendix. The flying act was out of the show for several weeks. On one occasion BILL and TRUDY STRONG filled in with their cradle and rocket ship aerial numbers.

Visited HAZEL and MARVIN CASE at the Hunt's Circus Farm. Also ran into RAY SINCLAIRE and side-kick JOHN who retired from the business years ago. John is fully retired but Ray manages a Hilton Inn. The team did a dog act and were clowns on all the major shows.

SID KELLNER reopens his G-M Circus July 9th in Louisiana....Young RICK PASCA is working the three elephant act on Hoxie's Great AmericanGEORGE HUBLER has joined the "tent brigade" with a fair circus date in August....Special Big Tops were designed by HAROLD BARNES for the Disney PETER PAN units utilizing four center poles set side by side, with four additional center poles - somewhat like a flying act's uprights. This created a "path" for the "flying effects". Viewed from outside, the tents resemble barns. The canvas was made by Leaf. The rigging was built by Barnes.

Beatty-Cole almost lost their big top opening day in Philly. Had to vacate the audience. The HUNT'S CIRCUUS peaked their top day in and day out for several weeks due to unusually high and gusty winds. Weather was also abnormally cold in the East during May which hurt business for all the tent shows.

HERTA CUNEO showed me two bear cubs born in January. The mother will have nothing to do with them. In fact bit the ear of one almost in two. A special steel brace was put on the cub's ear and Herta takes them to an animal specialist.

The rash of trainers clawed this year is unbelievable/ BILL GOLDEN was clawed, accidentally, at Wilkes-Barre during the bit where the lion puts its claws on Bill's shoulders and kisses him. The lion clawed the trainer's neck;

CIRCUS ACTS

Featured with the Kaye Cont'l Circus at Jackson (Miss) on May 28-29 were:

Jack Cervone, musical director; Circus on Parade spec; Raul, loop; Roberto, cloud swing; Ramon, balancing trapeze; Baron Von Uhl, wild animals; The Jupiter Trio trapeze; Ron Perry, juggling; Paulette Braun, baton; Great Valdez; Kaye's elephants; Aerial ballet with Great Arturo; Lona's Pets; Katinka's Kanines; The Cold Nose Five; Rianos Duo; Caddy & The Pro; Mitz Troupe; Sensational Leighs, space wheel; The Four Flying Ramos; Baby Dolly, elephant; Antalek's chimps Miss Peggy; Gene Mendez, high wire; Norbu, almost human gorilla; the Nock Bros., sway poles and a Salute to America finale.

PEOPLE

HUGO ZACCHINI will have his cannon act at the Kennywood Amusement Park (Pa.) for July 5-25.

MIKE GORMAN and his father JOHN, treated some 80 performers and staff of Circus Vargas to a catered Yugoslavian dinner on May 23rd at Carson, Calif.

infection set in and Bill missed most of the date.

IGINIO BOGINO is out of the hospital but needs rest and will not go back to work for some time. ...ALFREDO LANDON decided not to sell his Sarasota home after all....RAY DIONNE told me it took several weeks to get used to working under canvas. The top moves and he was going crazy trying to balance the perch pole....and DI ME WILSON, reviving his famous table rock this year, said "I never knew the human body could hurt in so many places."

BEAUTY TIP: Film star DORIS DAY confesses she sleeps "coated in oil" one night a week. Too bad rain and mud doesn't accomplish the same purpose - we'd all be GORGEOUS!

See you down the road, luvs.

Holiday Party

Former and retired show folks of the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, got together for a cookout on Memorial Day Weekend at the old Little Bob Stevens' winterquarters, south of Alamo. The event was hosted by Jim and Kathleen Davis.

Attending the party were: Brownie and Josephine Silverlake, Fred and Ruby (Haag) Brown, Ralph and Naomi (Haag) Carpenter, and Charles and Jeanette Tracy. They were associated with Carson & Barnes, Clark & Walters and Fisher Bros. Circus.

ROUTES

American Freedom Train

June 15-17 Louisville, Ky.

19-21 Charleston, W. Va.

Blake's Country Fair

June 19-23 Burlington, Iowa

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit

June 14-19 Burlington, Iowa

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit

June 14-19 Keokuk, Iowa

James H. Drew Shows

June 14-19 Richlands, Va.

Foley & Burk Shows

June 14-26 Vallejo, Calif.

Rose City Rides

June 14-16 Owensville, Mo.

18-20 New Haven

Royal Lipizzan Show

June 14 Manhattan, Kans.

15 Hays

17 Casper, Wyoming

19 Denver, Colo.

20 Colorado Springs

Miscellaneous

A crowd of 100,000 people turned out to watch the arrival of Ringling-Barnum for its date at Troy, N.Y. (May 25-30).

PEOPLE

DON and MARTHA SMITH plan to visit several Wild West Museums in Oklahoma on their way back to Michigan from the CFA's 50th anniversary convention.

ROUTES

Wenatchee Youth Circus

June 19-20 Milwaukie, Oregon

Tip Top Shows

June 17-20 West Allis, Wisc.

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Show Visit

Had an opportunity to visit Hoxie Bros. Circus at Covington, Ind. (May 21) and Springfield, Ill (May 23) and really enjoyed it. Other writers have already mentioned the show and its acts, but I do want to say that Mongo, the gorilla is a fantastic feature. Possum Red (Leo Harsh) is in charge of caring for it.

At Covington the circus had a most unusual visitor - a ground squirrel that ran back and forth along the track, then would pause to look at the audience and the

HAMID-MORTON (Continued)

swings of Wanda Ward; the tightwire somersaulting of Ray Valentine, Jr.; Princess Mafalda's sword balance; the unusual gorilla parody by Dave Costello, featuring a sponge plunge finish; and the breath-taking high foot revolves and breakaway slide-for-life by the Reynosa's "Pirates of the Air" thriller.

Dime Wilson's clown contingent is effective in several well produced numbers featuring the "revival" of Dime's great table rock. The alley consists of Dime Dime, Jr., Connie Wilson and Fred Lavine.

Ernie McLean lends his dulcet singing tones to the National Anthem, Spec, Aerial Ballet and closing Patriotic Finale.

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performers. In fact it stayed at the circus all day long.

On May 24th, at Clinton (Ill) the show's gas truck collided with a semi-trailer at an intersection and exploded into flames. The driver, Dewey Boyd, and passenger Frank Cleveage, were taken to the Decatur Memorial Hospital, with Frank put into the intensive care unit. Another passenger, Gerald Lee, was killed.

On May 27th, Norman Schuler and I drove to Petersburg (Ill.) to see the Franzen Bros. Circus. Then caught the show again on May 30th. This is a small show, but the people like it and they have lots of animal acts. The side show has been brought under the big top.

.....Allen Babcock

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Both Royal Hanneford and George-Matthews Circus will play Louisiana dates at the same time. Other shows are also planning on playing within the state.

The sponsor backed out and so Showtime Follies scratched a June 10th date at Monroe (La.).

Magicians Bob and Brenda were recently featured on TV's weekly "Vaudeville" show.

Aerialist Gloria Null, with Dailey Bros., fell recently and will be unable to perform for some time. She is the daughter of organist Peggy Null.

Jon Friday, recently closed with Patterson Bros. Circus and should now be working with the circus at Storyland, USA in New York. He reports the fans really enjoyed Patterson Bros.

Cliff Day, only CFA member with a membership number under

C.V. Notes

Circus Vargas recently increased its herd of elephants to 10 with the purchase of an 8 year old male.

At Carson (Calif.) an addition to the program was made with General Vargas, a purebred, snow-white Arabian stallion, ridden and presented by Christine.

Circus performers and working crews were kept busy during the Southern California engagements with various crews moving in and out to film commercials, documentaries and other specials.

100 is attending the convention in Dallas. So too, is the writer and Big John Strong.

Earl Allen, long time CFA'r is unable to attend the convention because of two recent operations. He celebrated his 83rd birthday in May.

.... M. L. Dupont

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