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Some Relief Possible

Although current California regulations curtail the importation, transportation and possession, for private citizens, of wild animals, including most of those found in circuses, the State Fish & Game Dept. has provided for exemptions of the law.

"Any organization which exhibits animals to the general public at regular specified hours equalling at least 30 hours a week for 36 weeks a year, and whose animals, whether maintained for exhibit purposes or not, are not for sale to private individuals" will be exempt from the law.

The Fish & Game Dept. has decided that circuses meet the above standards and therefore will be able to operate under the exemption clause. Circuses will not be restricted from performances with their animals within the State of California, provided the importation and the transportation of the animals is part of a scheduled circus exhibition.

Consequently, the entry into

California and transportation of animals by a circus or a scheduled exhibition tour will not require a permit from the Fish & Game Dept. However, if the animals are to be wintered in California, a permit will be required by the owners to possess the animals within the state during the wintering period. All animals which are prohibited for the welfare of the animal will be covered by a single permit.

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Show Program

Two performances of the Paul Wright Circus were presented at Torrance (Calif) last month as a benefit feature for local civic groups. The circus, was presented on June 23-24, with the weather being cool, windy and damp.

The program featured:-

Clowns

Master of Ceremonies - songs

The Castoldis - Five Great Y show jugglers

David & Irena - aerial cradle

Jose Gonzales Gonzales - musical comedy number

Four aerial webs

Clowns

Karl Winn - inclined wire walk

-- Intermission --

Clowns

The Flying Artons

Master of Ceremonies

The Medleys - Four Great Y show performers on low wire

Sheila Winn - slide for life

The Nobletts - trampoline

Lenna Johnson - contortion

The Winns - aerial motorcycle

..... W. C. Wood

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SHOW Notes

Local reviewers were lavish in their praise of the RBBB Blue Unit program, which was here at Terre Haute (Ind.) on June 5-8. However, this failed to bring the people out as expected. There was plenty of local publicity too, but money is tight here and the indication is that people are hanging onto what they've got.

According to those on the show that German girl and her polar bears (Ursula Bottcher) will be on the Blue Unit in 76. Another tunnel car is expected to be added to the train for the animals and equipment (the show now has 34 cars).

By the way, the RBBB Blue Unit continues to employ "Backyard Jack" to guard the show's back door.

..... Dave Orr

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A packed house was on hand to greet Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit which opened in San Diego (Calif) on July 8th, and the indications are already there that the show is set for a successful run in Southern California.

Already long lines have been observed at the Forum and Anaheim, sometimes a block long, as people move to assure themselves of a seat at the circus. One patron said it was already difficult to obtain a circus ticket through the Ticketron system.

Those who have not yet seen this show are in for a real surprise and treat. It is the most lavish and heaviest show seen in a long time, and reminds one of the shows that used to be produced under canvas. The talent is excellent, much of it is new, and everything is fast moving and exciting.

This is probably the first time in history that an audience has given a circus spec a standing ovation and they do just

that at every performance for the spec "Circus Spirit of 76". The thing is dazzling, lavish, full of history and the patriotic theme brings tears to every one's eyes.

The spec comes just before intermission (what a shame it isn't the finale) and people just seem unable to leave their seats when it is over. They are overwhelmed and stunned by it all -- thus it takes some time

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Visit to

. by ALLEN BABCOCK

For several days the Sells & Gray Circus played here in the Illinois area and we had the opportunity of visiting with those really friendly folks several times. We caught them at Jacksonville (June 19); Taylorsville (June 21) and Clinton (June 22). The weather was hot, but cooled in the evening. Attendance was down for the matinees, but was certainly good for their night performances.

Also spent a pleasant three days at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, where they had several extra circus events for the holiday. In addition to Bobby Gibb's animals, they had acts from the Holter Ranch and Fess Reynold's brahma bull act.

PEOPLE

JOE FRISCO recently had his Wonderful World of Animals show at Lake Delton, Wisc. He is offering a Petting Zoo and Mini Circus program.

CHUCK CRAW and WARREN C. WOOD, of the Great Y Circus, visited Polack Bros. at Las Vegas, as well as Circus Circus.

DAVE MERRIFIELD presents his helicopter trapeze act three time a day at Wisconsin Dells, Wisc.

BOBBY KAYE and HAROLD HALL hosted the RBBB Red Unit personnel at a party in their Hollywood (Calif.) home on July 20.

JERRY BOOKER had his jousting exhibit at the Oakland (Cal) Zoo on July 17th.

JOHN MOLINARI, band leader has joined the Clyde Bros. Circus in that capacity.

On July 3rd there was a bad wind and hail storm that swept through the Baraboo area. The worst of the storm was just north of the Museum, but even then some 50 trees were uprooted and knocked over in the city. It forced them to cancel most of the activities for that afternoon. Later on people watched some of the performances, sitting under the canvas with umbrellas up.

Coming home from Baraboo we again had a chance to visit Sells & Gray and also the Mid America Circus. On July 13th we took in the Circus Kingdom, who were playing at Springfield.

Later on we are going to get the American Freedom Train at Peoria (July 19-22) and at Springfield (July 23-26); the 40 Horse Hitch at the Illinois State Fair; Carson & Barnes at Jacksonville (Aug. 27) and then both of the Ringling units, plus Polack.

Circus World Museum

...by DON SANDMAN

Throughout Barabo and the surrounding countryside windows and barns were covered with lithos proclaiming the wonders of the "Holiday Spectacular" at Circus World Museum, for July 3-6. It was fun to drive around and look at the lithos, which brought back many pleasant memories.

Circus programs, a parade, special features and animal programs are presented daily - some several times each day.

The circus program, with Miss Ethel at the organ and Paul Luckey ringmaster featured:-

Ken Weaver and his German Circus band from Iowa
 Bobby Gibbs - white dogs
 Happy, the Clown (Jimmy William)
 The Weiner Roast
 The Volvo's - revolving ladder
 Bob Gibbs - Liberty ponies
 Clowns - the sword basket
 Miss Denise - swinging ladder
 Bob Gibbs - educated mule
 The Wazzan Family - acrobats
 Bob and Rosa - elephants

Another show, featuring the Holter Movieland Animals, offered the following program:

Performing Dalmations
 Liberty Brahma Bulls
 Bird Revue
 Comedy Bull Act
 Wrestling Tigers (man and women from the audience)
 Elephants

Miscellaneous

The John Strong Circus had good business, but lots of rain at its Buffalo (N.Y.) date on July 10-11.

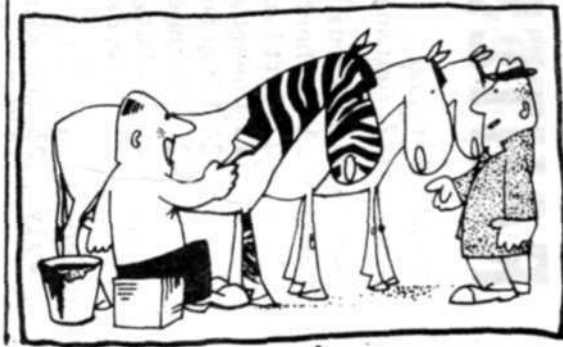
Kiasi, a 3 yr old African elephant, at Lion Country Park (Stockbridge, Ga.) has been fitted with a special shoe to help mend her broken leg.

Polack Bros. Circus drew some 32,000 people for its single show at the Rose Bowl, in Pasadena (Calif.) on July 4th.

Circus Vargas personnel had July 4th off and spent it relaxing on the fairgrounds at Fond du Lac, Mich.

Miscellaneous

Allen's Pet Zoo has added a pure white baby camel to their zoo collection.



ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo
Jul 23-27 Fontana, Cal.

Beatty-Cole Circus
July 21 Rochester, NY
22 Cortland
23 Oneonta
24 Kingston
25 Poughkeepsie
26 Newburgh
27 Warwick

Carson & Barnes Circus
July 21 Red Wing, Minn
22 La Crosse, Wisc
23 Richland Centr
24 Praire du Sac
25 Ripon
26 Milwaukee
27 Hartford

Circus Kirk
July 21 Oxford, Me.
22 Hallowell
23 Herman
24 Wiscasset
25 Lisbon
26 Auburn

Circus Knie
Jul 25-Aug 7 Luzern, Swtz

Circus Vargas
Jul 22-24 London, Ont.

Important Note!

The Post Office has just informed us that postage rates go up in September. At that time the Circus Report subscription price will be increased.

If you wish to renew or extend your present subscription at the \$10.00 per year price you may do so up to the time postage rates go up.

Kaye Cont'l Circus
Jul 25-26 Baton Rge, La.

King Bros. Circus
July 21 Camden, N.Y.
22 Alexandria Bay
23 Canton
24 Rouses Point
25 Ticonderoga
26 Middlebury, Vt.
27 Lake George, N.Y.

Lewis Bros. Circus
July 23 Fords, N.J.
24 Parlon

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Jul 22-23 Jackson, Miss.
25-27 Louisville, Ky.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
to J 30 Inglewood, Cal.

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July 21 Pocatello, Idaho
22 Rupert
23 Twin Falls
24 Mt. Home
25-26 Boise

Model Builders Meet
Jul 24-27 Allentown, Pa.

Oakland Magic Circle Anniv.
July 26 Oakland, Calif.

40 Horse Hitch
July 23 Minneapolis, Minn

..... CARNIVALS

Jr. Barnett Shows
Jul 21-26 Marshfield, Mo

Circus Vargas
 Jul 22-24 London, Ont.

Clyde Bros. Circus - Blue
 Jul 21-22 Lorain, Ohio
 23-24 Wooster
 25-26 Painesville

Clyde Bros. Circus - Red
 Jul 24-27 Rockford, Ill.

Europorama
 July 21 W.DePere, Wisc.
 22 Manitowoc
 23 Sheboygan
 24 Milwaukee
 -- End of Tour --

George Matthews Circus
 July 21 Charlottesville, Va.

Hamid-Morton Circus
 July 22 Harrington, Dela

Hanneford Family Circus
 Jul 22-23 Madisonville, Ky
 25-26 Paducah

Happytime Circus
 to July 26 Santa Rosa, Ca.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
 July 21 Lansdale, Pa.
 22 Collegeville
 23 Media
 24-25 Spring City
 26 Thorofare, NJ

Hunt's Circus
 July 21 Amherst, Mass.
 22 Adams
 23 Dalton
 24 Lee
 25 Great Barrington
 26 Easthampton

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
 to J 30 Inglewood, Cal.

Royal Lipizzan Show
 July 22 Santa Barbara, Ca
 23 Bakersfield
 27 Oakland

Royal Ranch Circus
 July 21 New Berlin, NY
 22 Livingston Manor
 24 Walton
 25 Cobleskill
 26 West Lebanon

Schmidt Circus
 Jul 22-23 Branden, Minn.
 24-26 Ashby
 27 Glenwood

Sells & Gray Circus
 July 21 Wsc. Rpds, Wsc.
 22 Marshfield
 23 Wausau
 24 Rhinelander
 25 Antigo
 26 Menominee, Mich
 27 East Kingsford

John Strong Circus
 Jul 22-23 Cambridge, Ont
 24-25 Windsor
 26-27 Toledo, Ohio

Swan Bros. Int'l Circus
 Jul 24-27 Roseville, Cal.

Karl Wallenda Circus
 July 23 Warren, Ohio
 25-26 Wheeling, W.Va.

..... OTHER ROUTES

American Freedom Train
 July 24 Chicago, Ill.

Jr. Barnett Shows
 Jul 21-26 Marshfield, Mo

Big J. Amusements
 Jul 23-26 Chas. City, Iowa

Central State Shows
 Jul 23-26 Pratt, Kans.

Century 21 Shows - Blue
 Jul 22-27 Decatur, Ill.

Century 21 Shows - Red
 Jul 22-27 Superior, Wisc.

Dell & Travers Shows
 Jul 21-26 Butler, Pa.

James H. Drew Shows
 Jul 20-26 Terre Haute, Ind

Evans United Shows
 Jul 23-27 Maquoketa, Iowa

Foley & Burk Shows
 to Jul 26 Snta Rosa, Cal.

Frazier World Fair Shows
 to Jul 27 Cheyenne, Wym.

Fun City Shows
 Jul 23-26 Seneca, N.Y.

Wm. Griffith Shows
 Jul 21-26 Rock Hall, Ind.

Happyland Shows
 Jul 21-26 Flint, Mich.

Mid-South Shows
 Jul 21-26 Hodgenville, Ky

Millers Spec. Shows
 Jul 22-26 Moberly, Mo.

Rose City Rides
 Jul 22-26 Montgmry City, Mo.

GREAT**SHOW**

A circus sponsored by the Firemen's Memorial Assoc., and produced by Don Heaston and Bob Yerkes, was featured at Long Beach (Cal.) on July 4th. The show, presented at the Veteran's Memorial Stadium, was called "Yerkes Aerial-Stunt and Thrill Show" and included local amateur clowns, plus several demonstrations of fire fighting equipment.

This show featured Don Heaston, leading a 12-15 piece band, with an excellent fireworks display immediately after the show, complete with musical numbers.

The displays were as follows:-

Towering Inferno Dive - a stunt-

man diving while on fire

Six girls on single trapeze

Bob Markworth - archery

Cycledelic Cyclists - 12 Great
Y Show unicyclists

The Brauns and Buff Brady - an
exhibit of rope spinning

Law West of the Pecos - Holly-
wood stunt men in fights

Charivari leading to trampoline
number - Two trampoline acts

Russ Saunders Duo - teeterboard
Eight girls on aerial web

Karl Winn - the walk of death

The Brauns - whips and knives

Sheila Winn - slide for life
Planet of the Apes - skit by

Hollywood stunt men

The Flying Artons - Vic Hunts-
berger flying

The Winns - aerial motorcycle

.... W. C. Wood

COMING: Next week we offer the musical score of the Big John Strong Circus.

Show Dates

Two important show dates were recently signed by the Hanneford Circus, according to an announcement made by Tommy Hanneford last week. Both dates are to be played in early 1976.

The Hanneford Circus will play at Cleveland (Ohio) for the Al Sirat Grotto on Jan. 19-25; and then plays for the Moslem Shrine Temple at Detroit (Mich.) for 17 days starting Jan. 30th.

Added Notes

Acts working at Circus Towne in Twin Mountain, N.H., for the summer season include:

Hal Haviland - dogs and ponies

Buck Nolan - the giant clown

Randy Randall - trick organist

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AN EDITORIAL

This past week we received a letter - unsigned - suggesting that Circus Report stop its efforts to gain support for those who are opposed to the current new animal laws. These laws could put every trainer, circus and even zoos out of business, and there are daily movements in that direction.

"I am an animal trainer, traveling with a major circus," said the writer. "I dare not reveal my name for fear of losing my job."

"But," he continues, "most animal trainers are cruel and do not take care of their animals. It is for this reason that the laws are being passed. I have nothing to fear because I take good care of my animals, have large cages and treat them right

Well, we have news for him. The animal control laws are going to put him out of business as quickly as anyone else. Wonder what he will be doing when he can no longer operate as an animal trainer - live on welfare?

We don't take kindly to threats and such action is bound to have the reverse effect. We, here and now, call on every reader to ask their friends and the neighbors to join in a massive campaign to write their Senator, Congressman or Assemblyman, asking that the animal control laws be repealed and/or reformed so that circuses and circus people can continue their life-time work. These people know more about animals than any other known group.

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COMING NEXT WEEK:--

A report by APHIS on violations of the Animal Control Law.

Threatening calls have also been made to Southern California animal men, who are active in a fight against the laws. Obviously the caller and letter writer are the same, for he threatens an "accident" could happen if you don't quit. Surely, he must be mentally deranged!

If this unknown writer was really so self-confident he would stand up and be counted. The truth is that he will probably be one of the first to be put out of business because of his handling of animals!

TENT SHOW TOURS IDAHO

....by LOUIS ASKER

Dailey Bros. 3 Ring Circus played Nampa (Idaho) on July 3-5 and prior to their arrival the town had been papered like the big tenters of the past. They have four men out ahead of the show and they are doing a good job, getting plenty of newspaper, radio and TV coverage, plus the huge amounts of lithos, window cards and other material that is used.

The circus is traveling on ten trucks, plus many units that belong to performers, etc. Their lead stock includes two big elephants, a camel, llama, buffalo, goats, horses and even some very small ponies.

On the midway they have a jewelry stand, moon walk, food concessions, novelties, elephant ride and a combination zoo/side show tent.

The big top has four center poles and is an 80 ft. round end tent with three 50 ft. center sections. Seating will accommodate about 2,500 people.

Dailey Bros. did some good business here and proved they are a crowd pleaser. The show runs about 90 minutes and offers many three ring display features just like one expects with a real tent operation.

SOME RELIEF (Continued)

Owners of restricted animals residing within the state or circuses wintering in California will need permits for their animals.

Applications for permits are available from: Dept. of Fish & Game, Wild Life Protection Branch, 1416 - 9th St., Sacramento, Calif. - 95814.

PEOPLE

EDITH EVANS, equestrienne, has joined the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show. She will perform with her three bullfighting Andalusians.

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In Memoriam

ROY ALEXANDER (82) gen. agt for the Gene Ledel Shows and a former circus juggler and wire walker, who often toured in vaudeville with his brother. At one time he owned a circus and a carnival. Prior to joining the Ledel Shows he booked attractions into shopping centers. He died on June 17 at Arlington, Texas. Survivors include a son, Donald and two sisters.

BERT BACKSTEIN (73) one of the six founders of the CMB, and holder of that club's card No. 1 died June 28th. Survivors include his son Bill.

CHARLES (Dooley) DWYER, a carnival and circus man who at one time worked for Dailey Bros. and Downie Bros. He died on June 18th at Gardiner, Me. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jean Kelly.

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A Nice Visit

Went over to visit the Sells & Gray Circus at Taylorville (Ill.) last month and had a great day. This has to be one of the best shows on the road - for sure.

It was a hot day and every one was friendly and still had time to visit. The show's big top is holding up well - it's three years old -- and will certainly make the season.

.... Dave Orr

New Addition

Marina and Roger Boyd, Jr. are the parents of a baby boy (7 lb. 2 oz.) -- Stephen Marcelo -- born at Kenton, Ohio on June 6th.

RBBB Red Unit (Continued)

for people to regain their calmness. Many sit and cry throughout the intermission period. Then the second half starts and the fast-paced show starts all over again.

The band is superb under the direction of Keith Green, and plays great traditional numbers, plus the moving George M. Cohen material. Ringmaster Tim Holtz does a fine job and brings dignity to his chores.

Our hat's are off to RBBB, this year they've come up with a real winner.