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Change Forecast In Animal Ratings

There is a possibility that some changes will be made in the classification of animals under the "Endangered Species Act" Members of the Circus Producers Association, after a trip to Washington, DC, reported some animals might be downgraded to a "Threatened Species" status.

If the new classification is established, said one CPA member, it will permit a greater leeway in the transportation of various wild animals.

The Washington, DC meeting was held with Earl Baysinger, head of the Endangered Species Section of the Dept. of Interior. The group discussed the status of performing animals including: leopards, tigers, cheetahs, Asian lions, jaguars and other animals.

Baysinger is currently looking into the possibility of downgrading these animals. In the meantime he has urged that all trainers, who have not yet done so, apply for transportation permits for their animals. His office address is: 1717 "H" Street, N.W. (Room 548) Washington, DC - 20006.

special offer

Honorary Membership certificates in the Barnum City Lions Club are currently being offered to circus fans, historians and model builders, according to Jack Wallace, club president. This chapter of the Lions Club, whose members consist of businessmen from the area that encompasses the Circus World (Fla) site, selected the name "Barnum City" for their club's title after RBBB Circus World's decision to name the circus-themed park's location as Barnum City.

One of the Lions Club's
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Alaskan Tour Underway

The Wallace & Rogers Circus, now playing in Alaska, reports that business at all Canadian towns enroute to Alaska was "very good." The trip north was marred by the loss of Ross and Vicki's house trailer on a slippery road, between Haines and Whitehooves.

In Alaska newspapers have been carrying full page advertisements stating this is the show's first trip into Alaska, and that it will be the only circus playing there this year. Each advertisement carries a portion of the route, listing location, show times and sponsor.

The route for June included engagements at:-

June 11-14 Ketchikan
 16 Wrangell
 17 Petersburg
 20-22 Sitka
 24-27 Juneau
 29 Haines

Prices are listed at \$4.00 for adults; \$3.00 for students and \$2.00 for children. As an added feature, for \$1.00 extra, Don Artur presents his magic

FUTURE TALENT

During its Boston engagement children of performers on the RBBB Red Unit presented their own circus performance, for the adult show people. Also attending the affair were representatives of the press and TV outlets.

Parents made the costumes, bandleader Keith Green arranged for the musical background, and the performance was directed by Pat Cooper, aided by Tom Cooper and Zapata Berabon. Official photographer for the show was Judy Bottle.

The children's circus program featured:

Ivy Chapman - acrobatics
 Pinky Bale - equestrian
 Oliver Gebel-Williams - elephant
 Armando Farfan, Jr. - trapeze
 Eli Petrov, Ivy Chapman and Pinky Bale - ballet girls
 Archie Chan, Jr. - dum solo.
 Fino Farfan, Winston Chapman, Sacha Cort, Sandra Neck, Johnny Rhodin, Adam Chan - clowns

and illusion show immediately after the big show is over.

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CIRCUS WAS A DELIGHTFUL SHOW

The glamour of the big top delighted young and old alike, says the Newport (R.I.) Daily News in its report on the Circus Kirk. The show presented two performances in Newport on July 3rd under the auspices of the local Jaycees.

The matinee went off without a hitch, says the review, but in the evening Susan Vanderlyn, of Hagerstown, Md., slipped from her trapeze and fell to the ground. After hospitalization it was determined that her injuries were limited to hip and back bruises.

PEOPLE

HARRY B. CHIPMAN and wife recently returned to California after a trip East during which time they visited with DOREY MILLER and the BILL GREEN's

WM. MAHER, LOUIS PATAVINO, MIKE NAUGHTON, P. J. BISSONETTE (All clowns) marched in the annual P. T. Barnum Parade at Bridgeport, Conn. on July 7th. The parade was filmed by a local TV station for later showing.

LARRY FRENCH worked the Cristiani elephants with Rudy Bros. Circus at Lancaster, Pa. in June

BILL BALLANTINE, Dean of RBBB's Clown College, lectured and offered demonstrations on professional clowning at Northwestern University (Evanston, Ill.) on July 11th.

LACY's Seal Act will join the Wallace & Rogers Circus for its PNE engagement at Vancouver, BC in mid-August.

FRANKIE LITTLE, former cir-

In the meantime the show went on as usual. The all-student cast offered a variety of skills and talent. The clowns made the audience laugh, aerialists swung through the air and the show was climaxed with a young man's dramatic ascent to the top of the tent on an inclined wire and then his breath-taking slide back down to earth.

The circus ended all too soon, the review stated. Then they packed up for their move to another town, as part of their three week tour of New England.

cus clown, now sells newspapers and racing sheets at the corner of N. 3rd St. and W. Wisconsin Ave. in Milwaukee.

CAPT. J. KING ROSS is featured in a special article in the magazine "Dog World" dated for July 1974.

KEITH GREEN was recently appointed bandleader for the RBBB Red Unit. His regular musicians include: DAVE KING, organist and ARCHIE CHAN, drummer.

30-C Oakland ~~and~~ Tribune Sun., July 14, 1974

AP Photo

A Nip's Rarer Than a Kiss

Anyone who would ask to kiss a leopard could reasonably expect what Audrey Johnson is getting from Bwana, her four-month-old leopard cub, but the nip on the nose was too slight to restrict their performance in the Diamond Rodeo and Wild West Show in Atlantic City.

PROMOTERS SEEK A SOLUTION

Members of the Int'l Telephone Sales Promotion Assoc. met at Nashville, Tenn. on July 1st, to plan for the coming year. The meeting, with 24 members present, was presided over by Vice President Bill English, and was held at the Vanderbilt Holiday Inn.

A lengthy agenda had been prepared for the meeting, with several important subjects coming up for discussion. They include:

SHOW ACTS

A special feature of the Edmonton (Albta) Klondike Days Exposition was a free show presented in front of the grandstand, which seats 9,000 people.

Called "Grand Show of 74" the program featured: - Ronnie Prophet, The Conti Family, The Bumpy Family, Nicolini's chimps, Jimmy Troy, The Flying Yerkes, The Esquedas Troupe, the Stardusters and Glen Haywood, M.C.

Also featured at the fair was the Wonderful World of Horses Show.

Parade Planned

A special attraction at this year's Becker County Fair (Detroit Lakes, Minn.) will be a circus program and parade. The parade is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9th, and will feature personnel and animals of Hill's Great American Circus.

The circus has been booked for an afternoon and evening performance, as a free attraction in front of the grandstand. Featured in the performance will

- * - New Florida phone laws
- * - Anti-telephone actions in Ohio and Illinois
- * - Indictment of a promoter for fraud in Michigan
- * - Search for a new organization slogan
- * - Development of Country and Variety shows as a means of aiding the organization.
- * - History and development of the organization
- * - Expose articles that have affected the public's attitude towards solicitations
- * - Report on bonding insurance programs

Collector's Item

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be trained dogs, ponies and elephants, plus Miss Carmen on the trapeze, the Albertis rolling globe number, clowns and a high wire presentation.

ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo
Jul 24-28 Monterey, Cal.

Beatty-Cole Circus
Jul 22 Hyanis, Mass.
23 New Bedford
24 Taunton
25 Providence, R.I.
26 Groton, Conn.
27 Norwich
28 Meridan

Carden & Johnson Circus
to Jul 26 Fergus Falls,
Minn.

Carson & Barnes
July 22 New Hampton, Iwa
23 West Union
24 Cascade
25 Tipton
26 Morrison
27 Monmouth

Hubert Castle Circus
July 22 Deadwood, S.D.
23-24 Rapid City
25 Lemmon

Charles Bros. Circus
July 22 Fryeburg, Me.

Circus Kingdom
July 27 Rehobeth Bch,
Dela.

Circus Kirk
July 22 Danville, Pa.
23 State College
24 Lewistown
25 Mt. Union
26 Enroute
27 Punxsutawney
28 Cresson

Circus Vargas
to Jul 22 Highland Park,
23-25 Mt. Clemens, Mch
26-29 Willowick, Ohio

George-Matthews (Cont'd)
Jul 26 Petersburg, Va.
27-28 Forestville, Md

Happytime Circus
to Jul 27 Santa Rosa, Cal

Hill's Great American Cir.
Jul 22 Fosston, Minn.
26 Thief River Fall
28 Fond du Lac

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Jul 22 Kennett Sq. Pa
23 Media
24 Conshohocken
25 Pottstown
26 Wilmington, Dela
27 Thorofare, N.J.

King Bros. Circus
Jul 22 Riverton, Wyom.
23 Thermopolis
24 Cody
25 Greybull
26 Buffalo

Lewis Bros. Circus
Jul 22 Holmdale, N.J.
23 Cliffwood
24 Morganville
25 Pisataway
26 Oxford
27 Netcong
28 Swartswood

Polack Bros. Circus
Jul 24-25 Klamath Falls, Or
27 Kelso, Wash.

Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit
to Jul 31 Inglewood, Cal.

Ringling-Barnum Red Unit
Jul 23-24 Monroe, La.
26-28 Memphis, Tenn

Royal Bros. Circus
Jul 22 Stellarton, N.S.
23 Antigonish

Wallaenda Circus
Jul 22 Parkersburg, W. Va
Wenatchee Youth Cir.
Jul 27 Soap Lake, Wash

..... OTHER ROUTES

Century 21 Shows - Blue
Jul 23-28 Decatur, Ill

Century 21 Shows - Red
Jul 23-28 Superior, Wisc

Disney on Parade
to Aug 4 Mexico City, Mx

James H. Drew Shows
Jul 22-27 Olney, Ill

Foley & Burk Shows
to Jul 27 Santa Rosa, Ca

Prof. Miller's world of
Jul 19-21 Tampa/Magic
31 Lehigh Acres

Ross City Rides
Jul 23-27 Montgomery
City, Mo.

Tip Top Shows
Jul 24-28 Shinger, Wisc

Windjammers Meeting
Jul 27-28 Delaware, Ohio

.... LATE ROUTES

(The following dates were
received too late for pub-
lication last week)

Barnes & Daily Circus
Jul 20 Plainview, Minn

Dailey Bros. Circus
Jul 20 Verlin, Minn.

Roberts Bros. Circus
Jul 21 Norwood, N.Y.

Royson Bros. Circus
Jul 19 Danridge, Tenn

Circus Vargas
to Jul 22 Highland Park,
23-25 Mt. Clemens, Mich
26-29 Willowick, Ohio

Clyde Bros. Circus
Jul 22-24 Ashland, Ohio
25-27 Painesville

Diamond S Rodeo-Wild West
July 26 Newport, R.I.

Europorama
July 22 Council Bluffs
23 Enroute Iowa
24 Cedar Rapids
25 Iowa City
- End of Tour -

Franzen Bros. Circus
July 22 Dobi, Wisc.
23 Chutuck
24 Loyal
25 Gillet
28 Whitier

Gatti-Charles Circus
Jul 22-23 St. Catherine's
25 Toronto
26 Orillo
27-30 Mississauga

George-Matthews Circus
Jul 21-22 Roanoke, Va.
23 Lynchburg
24 Charlottesville
25 Richmond

Royal Bros. Circus
Jul 22 Stellarton, N.S.
23 Antigonish
24 Pt. Hawkesburg
25 Inverness
26-27 Sydney Mines
28 Enroute

Royal Lipizzen Stallion Shw
Jul 23 Bakersfield, Ca
24 Fresno
26-28 Oakland

Rudy Bros. Circus
Jul 26-28 Oklahoma City, Ok

Tommy Scott Show
Jul 22 Waterville, Me.
23 Augusta
24 Bath
25 Farmington
26 Skowhegan
27 Lewiston
28 Mexico

Sells & Gray Circus
Jul 22 Hanover, N.H.
23 Springfield, Vt.
24 Manchester Crt.
25 Whitehall, N.Y.
26 Lake Placid

John Strong Circus
Jul 22-25 London, Ont.
26-30 Detroit, Mich

Jul 21 Norwood, N.Y.
Royson Bros. Circus
Jul 19 Danridge, Tenn

people

DOROTHY DAULEMAN, office secretary for the George-Matthews Circus has reportedly retired.

CHARLIE CAMPBELL says to watch for a new show on the West Coast, opening in January 1975. This show will be using a famous old show title.

MICHU and IRVING FELD were guests on the Mike Douglas TV Show on Tuesday - July 16th.

E. A. SINCLAIR, English circus fan, has been visiting with the Gatti-Charles Circus at several Canadian dates.

PAUL PUGH reports they delayed the Wenatchee Youth Circus at Twisp, Wash on July 4th, so more folks could get into the tent. It was a packed house.

The July 4 SHOW Program Features....Bill Jacobs

The program for the American National Circus, at Long Beach, Calif., on July 4th, featured the following acts.

CIRCUS TALENT

The program being presented by the Schmidt Bros. Circus this season features:-

Mrs. Osander, announcer, with Mr. Osander playing the accordion for musical background.

Acts include: dogs, whips, ropes, ponies, acrobats, baton, musical numbers and clowns. In all the show runs about an hour.

The show also carries rides such as: Flying Swings, Ferris Wheel, Merry-go-round, Swinging Gym, Tilt-A-whirl, Sea Cruise, plus offering elephant and pony rides.

(For a background story on the Schmidt Bros. Circus see Circus Report for April 1, 1974)

Sells & Gray CLICKS

Temperatures were in the 90's when Sells & Gray Circus came to Windham, Maine (July 8) and the show was set up right across the street from a shopping center. They draw full houses for both shows, and offered an excellent performance, with a band that is above average.

The next day at Damorascocta they were on a lot about five miles out of town, on a winding

The Spec - all personnel
 Trampoline - all three rings
 The Bouncing Braytons
 The Eickman Troupe*
 The Felty Troupe*
 Rope spinning - The Brauns
 Trained dogs - Toni Madison
 Slack wire - Great Gasca
 Single Trapeze performers - Allison, Dianne, Dale, Bonnie*, Becky* and Tery*
 Juggling in end rings
 The Glenn Troupe*
 The Charles Troupe*
 Plate Spinning in Center Ring by Mercedes and Benz
 Larry Johnson and single elephant
 High Dive - Miss Allison
 Balancing/rope solo - Gasca
 Juggling - Mercedes and Benz
 Knife throwing - The Brauns
 Risley - The Six Ashtons
 Aerial webs - 11 girls
 Iven Henry - chimps
 Teeterboard - Russ Saunders Duo
 High School horses - The Randall
 The Flying Artons and The Flying Viennes

road. It rained, but the show was set up on hard ground. They had a full house in the afternoon and a straw house that evening.

This may be a small show, but it is more entertaining than many of the big shows on the road.

... Hugo Marquardt



The above pictures were taken during RBBB's Red Unit date at Boston, when the show children presented their own circus program.

On the left is Gino Farfan, in the clown boxing number; Armando Farfan, Jr. does an iron jaw routine, while Sacha Cort served as ringmaster.

Show above is Oliver Gebel-Williams with the elephant "Jenny" while below Ivy Chapman, Elis Petrov and Pinky Bale take a bow.



YEARS AGO

July 31-Aug. 5 - Lanesboro, Mass

- 1922 -

Gerard's Greater Shows arrived here from Albany, N. Y. at 4 a. m. on 5 freight cars.

Not everything was set up by the time they opened on Monday night.

They have: Athletic show (two men and a woman); Illusion show (2 girls); Vaudeville Girl Show (3 girls); side show with mind reader, skeleton dude, electric lady, tattooed man, Andy, the giant, steel skin man, Hindu, and sword swallower.

Rides include: Merry-go-round, ferris wheel, swings, acro swings.

The concessions are: Blanket; vase wheel; ball games; Groceries wheel; candy wheel; Hoopla; candy & gum wheel; Juice stand; doll wheel; clock wheel; bird wheel; silver wheel; bags & suit cases wheel; candy wheel; ball game; dolls and bracelets; spot the spot; plus a cookhouse and office wagon.

Their free act was Madame Lazell Queen of the air and a high diving bear (polar bear).

They had only fair crowds all week, with two nights of rain, and because of the rain they closed early on Saturday.

TOUR CANCELED

An announced 11 week tour in the mid-west, by a new small show, ended abruptly at the end of the first week, early this month. The decision to close, according to an unconfirmed report, was based on the fact that expenses were higher than the show's income.

Some five animal acts, plus people from Florida's Sailor Circus were on the show's program. Also listed as being with the show were Albert White, Harold Hall and the Lang Family.

Pot-Pourri

The July 1974 issue of Argosy magazine has a story called "Was Buffalo Bill a Freud?"

The Happytime Circus and Foley & Burk Shows both get nice plugs in advertising handled by the fair at Santa Rosa, Calif.

A new Amusement Park and Safari "Great Adventure" opened recently at Jackson, N.J., and were hiring clowns to stroll in the park.

Ringling-Barnum had a full page advertisement in the Independent on July 12th for their upcoming Long Beach date (Aug. 15-18). Show prices are: \$3.50; \$5.00 and \$6.50

foremost activities is the preservation of eyesight. They are constantly seeking used eyeglass frames which can be used for needy recipients.

All those who will send one or 100 used eyeglass frames will receive, from the Barnum City Lions Club, a colorful honorary membership certificate. This certificate is imprinted on a five color RBBB Circus World letterhead, adapted from a 1909 Ringling Bros. letterhead. It is suitable for framing and is being issued as part of a collector's series.

All used eyeglass frames should be sent to: Jack Wallace, President, Barnum City Lions Club, Route 1, Box 225, Devenport, Fla. 33837. Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your Honorary Membership certificate.

Pot-Pourri

A "Clown Picnic" will be held at the Hunt Bros. Circus quarters (Florence, N.J.) as a part of Clown Week. The picnic will be in early August.

The Milwaukee Sentinel for July 5, 1974, carried a story about Karl Wallenda and the past circus parades of that city.

Jett's Pet Zoo played Hayward, Calif. on July 16-21.

A HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Several circus features were added to the regular entertainment schedule at Circus World Museum (Baraboo, Wisc.) for the July 4th holiday time.

Among the extra features were Gene Holter's Movieland Animals and the Diano elephants, who worked in an outside arena. The acts included: Rick and Bob Davis, goats and bears; Bill Rivers, chimps and dogs; Cathy Holter, macaws and elephant, and Bobby Holter with the wrestling tigers. The Diano elephants were presented by Lee and Jeanette Keener, while Bill Metzger served as ringmaster.

The regular daily circus acts featuring John Cline and his animals; the Torreasis; Happy, the clown; Paul Luckey and Miss Ethel were presented under the big top.

The Museum's regular parade was augmented with the Temple Tableau, with an uncaged tiger and a young lady riding atop the wagon, plus a long mount of 11 elephants.

RBBB will host those attending the Arena and Auditorium Manager's Conference at San Antonio, Texas, on July 24th.

A portion of the Poleck Bros Circus program was televised in the Los Angeles area on July 4th. The show was televised during its annual Rose Bowl performance

LET'S SEND CARDS

After being injured by a falling light unit, Fred Logan has been confined to a Greenwich, Conn., hospital.

He'd like to hear from friends, so why not drop him a letter or card at: Greenwich Hospital, Room 606, Greenwich, Conn.

(For story about the accident see Circus Report for July 8th).

RBBB benefit date

A fantastic line-up of television, movie, music and sports stars were on hand to launch the Los Angeles engagement of Ringling-Barnum at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif., the night of July 16th. The affair (a benefit for the hospital ship Hope) started at 6 p.m. with a dinner on the Forum grounds, then moved indoors for the 8 p.m. circus program.

The glamorous Cher served as Honorary Ringmaster, announcing the celebrity guests who rode elephants or joined Clown Alley for the evening. Cher was assisted by her 4 yr. old daughter, Chastity.

Among those stars taking part in the special program were -- Dean Martin, James Stewart, Rosalind Russell, Helen Reddy, Fred MacMurray, Eva Gabor, O. J. Simpson, Roosevelt Grier, James Brolin, Willie Shoemaker, etc.