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Combatting Nature

King Bros. Circus was unable to play at Slidell, La. (Mar. 24) because of 50 mph winds and rain. They kept postponing the performance in hopes the wind would subside, and when it finally did the lot was flooded.



The show has been doing good business this season and in fact packed them in for a single performance at Covington, La. on March 25th.

They make a nice appearance on the lot with their new top and a good deal of new equipment. Everything is well painted and quite flashy.

IN THE CITY

The opening performance of Ringling's Red Unit at Madison Square Garden (March 27) "carried everyone present, who was not already there, back to his childhood," says McCandish Phillips, of the New York Times. It's a glorious show, he added, with traditional elements, plus the modern ballet and essemble spectacles.

The show is noisy, sprawling, reckless, yet superbly disciplined. It is full of pranks and pratfalls. In the 65 acts there are several dozen worthy of mention, who will get it only in the program book because a three ring circus with 193 performers is more than anyone can watch, much less describe.

The perfect way to see the circus, says Phillips, is to buy three tickets, one for a view of each ring. One should get

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food costs soar

While you have every right to worry about the current increases in your food costs, pause a moment and consider the problem the circuses have.

According to reports the lions and tigers on the two Ringling shows eat some \$1,500 worth of beef every day. That's about \$500 more than it was the first of the year, they say.

Wild Wind and Waters

Reports from an observer in Florida indicates that Hoxie Bros. Circus has had some nice business despite rather bad weather. It's a beautiful show, he adds, with some really nice friendly people.

At Ocala (April 2) the show drew two light houses. The lot was located quite a ways from the downtown section and a bad rain fell the previous night.

In Jacksonville (April 3) the show ran into a heavy downpour, which the weather man says amounted to a 4 inch rain. Their new top suffered its first tear when it caught on a stake that hadn't been pulled.

When the circus went into Milan, Ga. (April 4) they had an ideal location, it was just one block from the business district. The set-up was difficult because of strong winds, but everyone joined in and they were only 15 minutes late starting their advertised performance.

The circus is moving in the early hours of the morning, following a route that has been marked out by King Charles the night before.

LEWIS BROS. CIRCUS

When the all new Lewis Bros. Circus goes on the road this weekend they'll be on seven show trucks. All of the vehicles are late model units, with special bodies built for each truck.

The show, which will be operated by Mel and Marlyn Silverlake, opens on April 27th in Indiana. They have acquired a new 45 KW diesel power plant, plus an auxiliary unit and an extra center section has been ordered for the big top. In addition they are building some eight high blues, all in anticipation of big crowds during the summer tour.

"Advance sales by sponsors are already well ahead of anticipations," Silverlake reported.

Writers for a national magazine plan to spend a week or so on the show, for a feature story about one of America's typical family circuses.

it's good show

The current program of the Reid Bros Circus is one of its stronger shows and is quite impressive. The show runs about two hours, which includes the intermission. The band -- drums and accordion -- is quite good.

The program at Albany, Oregon on April 8th, featured: (a full list of the acts appearing on the show was reported in Circus Report on April 9th).

Flag Presentation and National Anthem
Clara and Clarissa - nice wire act
Dave Linden - balancing
Clowns (Patches and Will Hutchins)
Four pony drill
Rehgettis - unsupported ladder
Clowns - strong man gag
Ray Grant - Illusions
Rehgettis Girl - single trapeze
The Bertinis - unicycles
Clowns - Picture gag
Henry's chimps
Will Hutchins - on horseback (introduced to crowd and attention is noted about his TV show "Sugar Foot" and other films)
George Matthews elephants

. . . . David Reid

Concert program

A complete list of the musical numbers which will be presented at the Circus Band Festival was announced last week by Paul Fitzpatrick.



The concert, featuring local musicians, will be presented at the big Clayton Junior College Campus in Morrow, Ga. on May 13th, with Marle Evans conducting.

The program will include:

Al G. Barnes Grand Entry	--	Post
Transcontinental	----	Hughes
Canton Aero Club	----	King
Evening Shadows	----	King
Red Wagons	----	Evans
Princess of India	----	King

--- Intermission ---

Belford's Carnival	----	Alexander
Minstrel Days	----	Holmes
Knights of the Road	----	Huffer
Hosts of Freedom	----	King
Pageant of Progress	----	Jewell
Eclipse	----	King
Southern Roses	----	King
The Magic Kingdom	----	Harper
Glausser's Special	----	Harper
Boliver	----	King



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there early, he said, because the clowns do a full scale preview.

"We do not need to pine for the circus as it was. The form remains essentially the same, the details vary, and the details are frequently brilliant. Some day even this circus will become nostalgia for those of us who are still around."

The Finale

Death claimed Edward Lichtle, former circus clown, early this month at the age of 79. He toured with many shows including Ringling Bros., Cole Bros. and Polack Bros., and was known to his friends as Ed Raymond.

He started his show business career at the age of 20 and retired in 1954. His retirement came shortly after he became partially blind, which developed after some children threw peanut shells into his eyes.

His wife, Phoebe, is deceased. The only known survivor is a sister.

rb acts

Acts appearing with the Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit this year include:

- Opening Spec - "Fanfare"
- Gunther Gebel-Williams - tigers (12)
- Isabella and Violetta - trapeze
- Virjoaga Family, Picasso, The Margitas, Geze Szabo - juggling
- Sigrid Gebel, Jeanette Williams and Wolfgang Holzmaier - liberty horses
- The Nocks - high swaypoles
- Chari Vari - tumbling on the track
- Antalek, Lenz and Rhodin - chimps
- Lou Jacobs - Bathtub number
- Elvin Bale - single trapeze featured in "Eagle Calls" aerial number
- Lou Jacobs and Mike Padella - the two clown strongmen
- The Great Sofia Troupe - swing vaults
- Clowns - Safe cracking number
- Miss Victoria - aerial handstand
- Spec - "Once Upon a Circus"
- The Antaleks - dogs
- Bobby Kaye - Magical boxes
- Pio Nock - high wire
- Wolfgang Holzmaier - lions (17)
- The Clowns - a walkaround
- Sarah Chapman, Duo Jaskulski and The Jupiters - aerial numbers
- Atlas - The Death Dive
- Clowns - a walkaround
- The Vickels - aerial motorcycle
- Gunther Gebel-Williams - elephants
- The Silagis, Boytchanovi and Charles Troupes - teeterboard
- The Flying Waynes and Flying Medallions
- Finale - "The Beat Goes On"

TOUR ENDS

The Great Moscow Circus ended its Canadian tour yesterday (Apr. 22) at Toronto after a series of successful dates in that country. The tour was highlighted by the fact that the Montreal stand was extended for seven extra days due to a series of sell-out performances.

This was a slightly different show than the one that recently played in the U. S. Among the outstanding features were the Elder's bears; acrobatic horsemen (something different than the usual Cosack riding); the giant swings and a big finale with some tricky teeterboard work. The clowns - The Merry Musical Andrews - offered parodies of the other acts and magical numbers too.

- The circus program featured:
- Entire company - Opening Grand March
 - Zapashny Family - aerial gymnasts
 - The Kisselevs - acrobats
 - Victor Elder - equestrian
 - The Markovs - thrill act
 - Three Dubovitskys - roller skaters
 - Igor Bessarab Co. - horizontal bars
 - Eugene Belauer - juggling
 - Seven Zapashnys - riding acrobats
 - The Nasonovs - catapults
 - The Elders - trained bears
 - V. Anokin - cannon ball juggling
 - Bros. Pantelevnko - Flying trapeze
 - A. Bondarev Co. - Village feats
 - Grand Finale - entire company

The Canadian tour included:

- Feb. 13-17 Ottawa
- 21-25 Edmonton
- 27-Mar. 4 Calgary
- Mar. 7-17 Vancouver
- 22-Apr. 14 Montreal
- Apr. 17-22 Toronto

.....Gordon Brown

HISTORICAL FACT

In 1901 the Bostock Zoo at Baltimore, Md., burned with the resultant loss of 74 lions and 90 other animals.

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I like it

The Miller Johnson Circus certainly had their share of straw houses during the run at San Fernando, Calif. It was a fantastic sight to see the people sitting on the ground all the way down to the ring curbs. Who says the tenters are done?

The program is well paced and the acts were reported in an earlier issue of The Circus Report. However, the show is a bit long for the average viewer.

Their big top is a beauty - it's blue and white striped. All work hands wear burnt orange coveralls and costumes for the acts are great. Most of the show's trucks are burnt orange and white, and they're using Ryder rental tractors to pull the big vans.

. . . .Bill Caldwell

Shrine CIRCUS

The exact date of the first Shrine circus presented in America is not known. It was probably about 60 years ago. Among the pioneers in presenting Shrine circus programs is the Detroit, Mich., Moslem Temple, which has been presenting circus programs each year for the past 50 years.

During the intervening years the presentation of Shrine circuses has continued to grow, particularly during the past two decades. This is now the major fund raising activity for the Shriners.

There are currently 132 Temples and 173 Shrine Clubs which present a circus each year. In 1972 they provided some 798 days of work for the circuses, with a total of 1,995 performances.

A conservative estimate has been made that 12 million people will attend a Shrine circus in 1973, and more than one million free admissions will be provided for various underprivileged children and adults.

Prices for Shrine shows are kept at a reasonable figure so the average family can afford to attend. Performances are always of the highest quality.

. . . . Earl M. Allen

West Coast FAMILY CIRCUS

The brand new Wallace & Rogers Circus is well dressed and looks good on the lot. Their tent is red, white and blue, with aluminum poles. There are three seat wagons (10 rows high) each with a seating capacity of 1,000 people.

The sound system is good, but a bit loud. Music is provided by an organ and tape. Their elephant is worked by Mrs. Hartzell and has been leased from Morgan Berry.

The show's program, as presented at Mollala, Oregon on April 4th, featured:

- Double Trapeze
- Miss Irene - birds (comes on and leaves in baggy drawn by an ostrich)
- Plate Spinning
- Emrico, the Clown - Firecracker & Snake
- Trumpet solo - ends with water bucket gag - man soloist and gal throws it
- Electronic sound effects on the organ
- Spanish web - single girl
- Trampoline - four men (trampoline is covered in first half and used as a stage)
- Emrico, the clown - Expando number
- Double swing
- Emrico, the clown - the motorbike
- Yo-Yo Wheel (very effective)

An unfortunate accident occurred in the afternoon and forced Mrs. Hartzell to miss the night show. The elephant bit off a portion of her right index finger when being fed sugar - doctors found it necessary to amputate the finger.

. . . .David Reid

PEOPLE

PAUL FITZGERALD, CHARLIE CAMPBELL and LEON CAMPBELL recently visited the Hoxie Bros. Circus at several Georgia stands.

KEITH KELLINGER, RBBB band leader, is recovering from a heart attack which put him in a hospital early this month.

SYD MOORE and Family provided three acts - dogs, high school horse and mule - for the Jr. Grand Nationals at San Francisco, Calif. on April 14-15.

TOM INABINETTE wrecked his house trailer near Casa Grande, Ariz. on March 4th. He and his wife escaped injury.

ROUTES

Al Menah Shrine Circus
 Apr. 25-29 Nashville, Tenn

Beatty-Cole Circus
 Apr. to 29 Commack, N.Y.

Carson & Barnes Circus
 Apr. 23 Sulphur, Okla.
 24 Duncan
 25 Chickasha
 26 Weatherford
 27 Mangum
 28 Alton

Carden-Johnson Circus
 Apr. 23-29 Springfield, Mo

Hubert Castle Circus
 Apr. 26-29 Indianapolis, Ind

Clyde Bros. Circus
 Apr. 23-28 Altoona, Pa.
 24-29 Buffalo, N.Y.
 27-29 Grand Forks, ND

Circus Williams
 Apr. 23 Madeira, Ohio

De Wayne Bros. Circus
 Apr. 28 Sacramento, Ca.

Fisher Bros. Circus
 Apr. 23 Cimmaron, N. M
 24 Raton
 25 Clayton
 26 Boise City, Okl
 27 Stratford, Tex.
 28 Sanford

Garden Bros. Circus
 Apr. 27 Hamilton, Ont.

Great Wallenda Circus
 Apr. 26-29 Syracuse, N.Y.

Hamid-Morton Circus
 Apr. 23-28 Wilkes Barre, Pa

Hoxie Bros. Circus
 Apr. 23 W. Jefferson, N
 24 Saltville, Va.
 25 Richlands
 26 Pikeville, Ky
 27 Manchester
 28 Somerset

Kaye Continental Circus
 Apr. 23-29 Omaha, Nebr.

Miller-Johnson Circus
 Apr. 23-24 Nat'l City, Ca
 25 Oceanside
 26-28 Ventura
 29-30 Fresno

Polack Bros. Circus
 Apr. 27-29 Oakland, Cal.

Ringling's Blue Unit
 thru Apr 30 Wash. D.C.

Ringling's Red Unit
 thru May 28 New York, NY

Royson Bros. Circus
 Apr. 23 Boxley, Ga.
 24 Soperton
 25 Off
 26 Jeffersonville
 27 Rhine
 28 Oglethorpe

Sells & Gray Circus
 Apr. 23 Kingsport, Tenn.
 24 Elizabethtown
 25 Boone, N.C.
 26 Lenoir
 27 No. Wilkesboro
 28 Statesville
 29 Norwood

John Strong Circus
 Apr. 23-25 San Diego, Calif.
 26 Brawley
 27 Off
 28-29 Tucson, Ariz.
 30-May 2 Phoenix

CARNIVAL

Johnny's United Shows
 Apr. 27-May 5 Ft. Rucker, Ala

RODEO DATES

Angeling Benefit Rodeo
 Apr. 25-28 Lufkin, Texas

Championship Rodeo
 Apr. 27-28 Mesquite, Texas

F.O.P. Rodeo
 Apr. 26-28 Tahlequah, Okla.

Jaycees Rodeo
 Apr. 26-28 Paris, Texas

Kinsmen Rodeo
 Apr. 27-28 Vulcan, Alta.Can.

Lions Club Rodeo
 Apr. 27-28 Pierson, Fla.

Lkanagan Indian Rodeo
 Apr. 28-29 Lake Vernon, BC
 Rodeo
 Apr. 28-29 Clovis, Calif.

Saddle Club Rodeo
 Apr. 28-29 Immokalee, Fla.

OTHER ROUTES

Bejart's Ballet
 Apr. 23-29 San Francisco, Ca.
 27 Cupertino

Bugs Bunny Show
 Apr. 28 Portland, Oregon

Holiday on Ice
 Apr. 24-29 Atlanta, Ga.

Ice Capades
 Apr. 25-29 Phoenix, Ariz.

PEOPLE

JACK RYAN, former RBBB Press Representative, has been named public relations manager for Magic Mountain in California.

CASEY TIBBS served as judge for rodeo events at the Jr. Grand Nationals in San Francisco, Calif. on Apr. 14th.

TOM UPTON will show his circus slides at the Oakland Public Library (Calif.) this evening (April 23), at 7:30 pm

LA LISA CANESTRELLI is resting in Florida after a three year date in Las Vegas, Nev. at Circus Circus Casino.

FREDDIE LOGAN got back from Puerto Rico with the Beatty-Cole elephants just in time for the show's opening dat.

HUGO ZACCHINI substituted for Edmundo at a show in Dayton, Ohio this month.

GILSON WILLETS, former radio man, has presented DON MARCKS with a tape recording of the first calliope ever played on the radio.

FREDERICK CARL WENZEL, former circus clown, died at Evanston, Ill. on March 14th.



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Roller Derby
 Apr. 28 San Francisco
 29 Oakland
 30 Richmond

Spring Festival
 Apr. 27-May 15 N. Orleans
 Three Caballeros (Disney)
 Apr. 24-29 Memphis, Tenn

NOTES

The Saturday Evening Post for May-June 1973 has a pictorial story about the Chinese acrobat troupe that recently toured in the eastern states.

All dates for Clyde Bros. Circus are for Shrine clubs this year. Only three of their stands will be for another group.

The tiger that Gebel Williams rode on an elephant in RBBB's Red Unit finale has died. It choked to death on a piece of meat.

The male Cambodian elephant "Chameron" from the Los Angeles, Cal. zoo has been given to the Zoo at Morelia, Mexico because she was too hard to handle.

Carden-Johnson Circus opened their 73 season at Joplin, Mo. on April 5th.

Circus Kirk will open its 1973 season at Gettysburg, Pa. on May 20th.

Units of the Foley & Burk Carnival have been playing cities within the San Francisco (Calif.) Bay Area.

A Donkey Baseball game was held at the Oakland (Calif.) Auditorium on Apr. 14.

The June 1973 issue of Sunset magazine will carry a story about the Wenatchee Youth Circus.

Sells & Gray has dropped their square end top for a traditional round end tent. It is an 80 ft round end push-pole top.

Some two dozen Congressmen joined in a performance of RBBB during the Blue Unit stand in Washington, DC

The Dixiana Trained Animal Circus is not going to tour as planned. Officials say it was impossible to organize an adequate advance contracting and promotional staff.

RBBB's Red Unit had to cancel shows on April 7 and 8 at New York City because of a championship playoff game.

A CMB meeting has been announced for May 4-6 at Lincoln, R. I.

Some 52 circuses are reportedly on tour in Mexico.

strange weather

It was a cool, but beautiful day when Hoxie Bros. Circus played Milledgeville, Ga. (Apr. 5). The show's date there was for the patients of the Central State Hospital and happy crowds were on hand for all performances.

At Sandersville (Apr. 7) the show ran into rain and the ground was virtually covered with several inches of water. Several truck loads of sawdust were required before the ground had any firmness at all, thus making it presentable to the patrons.

Even then the Sandersville citizens turned out enmasse to attend the show. It was a jammed packed tent for both performances despite some ankle deep mud.

. . . . Paul Fitzpatrick



An attractive program book is being sold on Hoxie Bros. Circus this season which is filled with pictures.

There's also some interesting reading, with a story about the show's new big top, and background items about Hoxie Tucker, John Hall and producing clown Michell Bourbon.

The program as listed features:

(The program line-up will be found on Page 8 - Column 2)

Fisher Bros. Circus advertisements say you'll help the sponsors if you will buy your circus tickets in advance.

Managers of coliseums and auditoriums where Ringling-Barnum plays have all been given a combination watch and letter opener with the show's emblem on it.

Circo Union's program is full of show pictures and carries only one add - the back page bought by Pepsi Cola.

A baby camel was born at the Omaha, Nebr. Zoo early this month.

A report that Circo Bells was playing in Tijuana, Mexico was wrong. It was the Circo Blue Star Show. Circo Bells is currently playing in Columbia, S. A.



"OLD BETSY" is what they called this 1908 model Moline car. It was used for many years by the S.W. Brundage Shows to pull wagons to and from the show train.

The above picture was taken in 1913 at the C. W. Parker factory at Leavenworth, Kansas. At the wheel is owner-manager S. W. Brundage, next to him is Lulu Hamilton. In the rear seat (left to right) are: G. C. Reedy and Rollie Harrington, a magician.

NOSTALGIA

The Ringling Bros. Circus parade for 1915 featured the following line-up:

Two horse carriage
 Nine mounted buglers
 Twelve lady riders
 Band tab - eight horses
 Tab wagon - four horses
 Tab wagon - four horses
 Tab wagon - four horses
 Tab wagon - four horses
 Tab wagon - four horses
 Tab wagon - four horses
 Tab wagon - six horses
 Outrider
 Nine mounted men riders
 Band tab - ten horses
 Cage - four horses
 Cage - four horses
 Cage - four horses
 Cage - four horses
 Outrider
 Nine lady riders
 Cage - four horses
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YEARS AGO

Apr. 11, 1873
 St. Louis, Mo.

Bills announcing the coming of the Great Eastern Circus, first such show of the season, caused great excitement.

The circus requires 12 tents and traveled on a 100 car special train. A free balloon ascension was provided each day of the week long stand.

Parrots Invade S.F. Peninsula

Residents of the San Francisco Peninsula are finding big, green visitors in their backyards.

Officials report flocks of the South American parrots are living in the area, apparently the offspring of escaped pets.

Warnings have been issued to leave the fierce-eyed and sharp beaked strangers alone.

Chariot - four horses
 Chariot - four horses

Cage with Hippo - ten horses
 Nine men riders
 Band tab - four horses
 Small tab - four horses
 Outrider
 U. S. tab - ten horses
 Russia tab - eight horses
 Egypt tab - four horses
 Santa Claus float - six ponies
 Cage with rhino - eight horses
 Nine lady riders
 Side show band tab - six horses
 Cage with leopards - four horses
 Cage with bears - four horses
 Outriders
 Cage with pumas - four horses
 Cage with tigers - four horses
 Cage with white bears - four horses
 Cage with hyenas - four horses
 Cage with lions - four horses
 Cage with lionesses - four horses
 Twelve cowboys and cowgirls
 Eight cossacks
 Eight arabs
 Clown band tab - six horses
 27 elephants
 Four zebras
 Twenty-one lady and men riders
 Calliope - eight ponies
 Great Britain tab - six horses

museum events

The schedule of events at the Circus World Museum, in Baraboo, Wisc. was announced this week for the coming summer season. The facility will open on May 12 and operates every day until Labor Day.

May 12th to June 30 and Sept. 5 to 16 schedule includes:

- 9:00 a.m. - Museum Gates Open
- 10:00 a.m. - Loading of circus train by means of horses
- 11:00 a.m. - Circus Performance under the Big Top
- 11:45 a.m. - Demonstration by four horse teams
- 12:30 p.m. - Circus wagon rides
- 1:45 p.m. - Circus Parade
- 3:00 p.m. - Circus Performance under the Big Top
- 3:45 p.m. - Demonstration by an eight horse team
- 4:30 p.m. - Aerial ascension across the Baraboo River
- 5:30 p.m. - Museum Gates Close

July thru Labor Day

- 9:00 a.m. - Museum Gates Open
- 10:00 a.m. - Loading of the circus train with horses
- 11:00 a.m. - Circus Performance
- 11:45 a.m. - Demonstrations by four horse teams
- 12:30 p.m. - Circus Wagon rides

HOXIE BROS. CIRCUS PROGRAM (Continued)

- Spec - Journey Thru Joyland
- Prince Bogino - wild animals
- Miss Letica, Margaret, Maureen and Andrea - swinging ladders
- Miss Grace - single trapeze
- The Fernandez Troupe and The Extrada Troupe - acrobatics
- Hoxie Bros. baby elephants
- Diaz Sisters, Maurico, The Droguetts, Mario - juggling
- Hoxie Bros. horses and ponies
- The McGuire Sisters - bird fantasy
- The Alfonzo Troupe - high wire
- Diaz Sisters - cycles
- The Estrada Family - risley
- Miss Maureen, Marina, Esther, Juliana and Margaret - Tahitian feature
- The Antonio Bros. and Maurice and Julie -- perch and ladder acts
- Misako Sen - hair hang
- Hoxie Bros. elephants
- The Flying Fernandez Family

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- 1:45 p.m. - Circus Parade
 - 2:30 p.m. - Circus Performance
 - 3:15 p.m. - Demonstrations by an eight horse team
 - 4:15 p.m. - Circus Performance
 - 5:15 p.m. - Aerial ascension
 - 5:30 p.m. - Museum Gates Close

Calliope, Una-Fone and Shaker Chimes concerts will be presented throughout the day. The facility is closed for the annual July 4th parade trip.