



4th Year

March 24, 1975

Number 12

HOXIE BROS. 3-RING CIRCUS

The 32nd annual tour of Hoxie Bros. Circus got underway last week (Mar. 20-23) at Coral Gables in Florida. The show looks brand new and exciting and thus is sure to receive its share of praise as the season moves along.

The new big top, called "Coliseum II" is round, but now has two center poles, for better stability, plus 8 quarter poles and 40 end poles. The additional center pole also allows for easier rigging, while still offering the public a clear view of the performance from any seat in the house.

CIRCUS Festival

Although the annual Circus City Festival, at Peru, Ind., is not until July, the Festival Committee is already receiving requests for ticket reservations. This year's Festival is scheduled for July 11-12 and July 16-19 with a parade planned for the last day of the big event.

The Festival, first presented in 1958, commemorates the era when Peru was the winter home of five major circuses, all

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The big top, side wall and marquee are red, white and blue with the same color scheme being carried out by all inside fixtures. The backdoor curtain is covered with sparkling stars and adds to the bright and exciting appearance of the show.

This year's program, designed by Lisa Hall, is sure to become a collector's item. In addition to several stories and

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CFA Meet

Circus Fans from a dozen Michigan cities held a State Top Meeting and Luncheon, which was followed with a visit to the Harold Bros. Circus at Lansing, Mich on March 8th.

Plans were made to meet with the Gatti-Charles Circus at Port Huron, Mich. on June 29th, and RBBB's Blue Unit in Detroit on Oct. 5th.

Many of the Michigan CFA people will be attending the annual CFA Convention at Providence, R. I., in May.

..... Don F. Smith

Miscellaneous

The Northeast Louisiana Shrine Club has cancelled their November circus dates which was set up at the local Civic Center. They will not sponsor an indoor show this year, but are reportedly looking at a tent show for fall dates.

The new circus produced by Bill English will play dates in Michigan early next month.

The American Circus Poster Exhibition will be at the Winona State College, in Winona, Minn. on May 18 to June 15th.

The Jan/Feb. 1975 issue of "Holiday Inn" magazine has a picture of two RBBB elephants visiting a Florida Holiday Inn.

Please Note!

The new masthead for Circus Report was designed especially for this paper by circus artist George Da Deppo, of Detroit, Mich. He has designed the current Polack Bros. Circus program and route card, and has designed work for many other big circuses.

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In Memoriam

DON WESTON (67) famous cowboy singing star, song writer and movie star. Born in Carlisle, Ky., he died at Burbank, Calif. on March 6th. Survivors include his widow, the former Lillis Anderson.

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Crowds Ignore Storm — Attend Circus

Despite continued rain storms and cold weather the George Matthews Circus has continued to pull full houses for every performance. For its March 12-16 engagement at Campbell (Calif.) the show was set up on a small shopping center, where the big top and midway virtually took over the entire parking facilities, with the major part of those attending the circus parking on nearby residential streets.



This was the second date for the show which is playing without sponsors, using only newspaper and TV advertisement. The idea seems to be working as crowds form long lines at each ticket window for every performance.

The big show band has now been increased to eight members with Jim Gibson directing, and Eric Carlson on drums. They are playing some good circus music and do a good job of backing up each performer.

The program has been varied slightly from the opening stand to permit a smoother flow and operation. On the show last week were Henry's Chimps, with Ivan working out some business details between performances.

The clowns have altered their routines and now feature Harry Ross' Convict number, with good laughs all the way. Dwight Moore has some new dogs soon to be added to his Mongrel Revue, and last week (Mar. 16) during a performance Pauncho Magana was bitten by one of his lions.

The circus made an overnight jump to Stockton, about

Graduation Time

Three generations of potential clowns have been graduated from a San Diego (Calif.) State University extension class in "Clownology."

They are Mildred Bates (Petunia), 74; her daughter, Helen Miller (Co Co), a teacher; and a grand-daughter Christina (Bippo), a 19 year-old college student.

They said their goal is to be "the only three-generation clown act in the East Country."

100 miles, for two good days, again without sponsors. As the paper goes to press the show is in Sacramento, where new storms are forecast.

The big top, orange and white, is a 120 ft. wide top, with two 40 ft. and one 50 ft. center piece.

DE-MEDALED VETERAN FIRST SERGEANT TO GO BACK TO BIG TOP AS A CLOWN



Wearing the 31 ribbons, campaign stars, and medals, and 11 "hash marks," which he earned during 35 years of Army service, First Sgt. Elmer C. Lindquist, of the Pacific Overseas Air Technical Service Command here, contemplates a long-hoped-for post-war career as a circus clown.

From a medal and ribbon bedecked Army tunic to the polka-dotted blouse of a circus clown—that will be the post-war apparel change for First Sgt. Elmer C. Lindquist of Oakland's Pacific Overseas Air Technical Service Command Headquarters.

A veteran of 35 years Army service, Lindquist realized a boyhood ambition to become a clown following the first World War, when he received training in the profession through an Army vocational program.

After 18 months of overseas duty in the first World War at Cambrai, on the Somme, and in the Montdidier - Noyen, Champagne - Marne, Aisne - Marne, Oise - Aisne, Meuse-Argonne sectors in France, Lindquist requested "clown training," received it, and toured the Paris night club circuit on an Army assignment.

In 1939 the veteran soldier left the service and toured the United States with Ringling Brothers Circus, then re-enlisted in the Army in 1940. He holds three decorations, including the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Military Medal of France, Croix de Guerre, Mexican Medal, Verdun Medal, Belgian Cross, Cuban Pacification Badge, Army of Occupation Medal of Germany, American Defense Medal, Chateau Thierry City Medal, 30-year Good-conduct medal and the Olympic Team Medal, which he was awarded in Le Mans, France.

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FAIR

ROUTES

Allen's pet Zoo

Mar 24-29 Visalia, Calif.

Barnes & Daily Circus

Mar. 19 McAlester, Okla.

20 Okmulgee

22 Betheny

23 Muskogee

24 Tulsa

25 Bartlesville

26 Stillwater

27 Ponca City

28 Chickasha

29 Enid

Carson & Barnes Circus

Mar. 21 Paris, Texas

22 McKinney

23 Gilmer

24 Rush

25 Many

26 Crockett

27 Livingston

28 Diball

29 Galveston

Hubert Castle Circus

Mar 25-26 Salem, Oregon

27-30 Portland

31 Pendleton

Circo Americano

Mar 27-Apr 6 Mayaguez, P.R.

Circus Vargas

Mar 21-26 Burbank, Calif.

27-31 West Covina

Clyde Bros. Circus

Mar 27-29 Tampa, Fla.

Fisher Bros. Circus

Mar. 27 Pearshall, Texas

29 Bandera

30 Sequin

Gatti-Charles American Cont'l

Mar. 24 Arlington, Texas

26 Tucumcari, N. M.

27 Las Vegas

George Matthews Circus

Mar 25-27 Fresno, Calif.

Happytime Circus

Mar 24-29 Sacramento, Calif.

Holiday Hippodrome

Mar. 24 Athens, Ohio

25 Weirton, W. Va.

26 Lancaster, Pa.

27 Harrisburg

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Mar. 24 Coral City, Fla.

25 Okeechobee

26 Spring

27 Dade City

28 Maitland

29-30 Melbourne

International Circus

Mar. 21 Yukon, Okla.

King Bros. Circus

Mar. 28 De Land, Fla.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

to Apr. 6 Washington, DC

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Mar 25-May 26 New York, N.Y.

Sells & Gray Circus

Mar. 27 Wildwood, Fla.

28 Alachua

29 Lake City

30 Live Oak

Wallace & Rogers Circus

Mar. 25 Placerville, Calif.

27 Grass Valley

29-30 Yuba City

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sawdust trail

The Carson & Barnes Circus opened its 1975 tour at Paris, Texas, on March 21st and members of the Dallas CFA Tent were on hand to greet the show.

Do Do, the Clown, will be touring for the Trail Blazer Library System in June. Of the three shows playing in the system last year, Do Do is the only one resigned for 1975.

Members of the Monroe, La. Shrine Circus Committee recently visited the Carson & Barnes Circus. They hope to book for show for their annual fall dates.

The Polack Bros. Circus is coming into New Orleans early next month, following the Holiday Hippodrome by about two months time. In May the Paul Kaye Circus will play Louisiana dates, and Clyde Bros. will be in the area in September.

Shriners in Central and Northern Louisiana have switched their annual circus dates from September to May in order to get ahead of the big Ringling show, which comes in July.

Circus Vargas by-passed Louisiana coming and going on their first trek from California to Florida and back again.

The Louisiana Purchase Gar-

HAMID-MORTON

The Kansas City Police Circus was produced by Hamid-Morton on March 4-9. Attendance at the week long circus was up double that of the previous year and officials said attendance amounted to 60,000 as compared to 26,800 in 1974.

The program lists:-

Spec - parade of floats
 Bill Golden - trained tigers
 Mlle. Pauline -
 The White Marvel and Miss Herta Williams - unicycles
 Andre, Andre Co.
 Syd's comedy mule
 The Aerial Ballet
 Dime Wilson and the show clowns
 Moore's Mess of Mutts
 The Reginnie Duo
 The Sky Wizards
 Klauser's bears
 Baby Tina, the elephant
 The Flying Armors
 The Clowns
 The Andrews Duo

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dens and Zoo, at Monroe, has resigned Do Do, the Clown, for all Sundays in 1975. At other times he will act as a public relations officer for the zoo.

This writer expects to see Polack Bros. during their coming engagement at New Orleans.

..... M. L. Dupont

Harold Bros Has Big Show



The Harold Bros. Circus presented eight shows at Lansing, Mich. where they were sponsored by the local hospital on March 6-9. The circus was produced by Harold Voise, with a staff including Ernie McLean, announcer/equestrian director; Irvin "Rickey" Romig, producing clown and Al Vernon, musical director.

The program featured:-

Baron Von Uhl - wild animals
 Clowns - A Bull Fight
 Jimmy Troy - comedy trapeze
 Walt & Barbara King - llamas
 The Caddy and the Pro - acrobat
 Clowns - The Boxing Match
 The Elkins Sisters - acrobats
 Cherie Troy - Roman rings
 Les Martinos - high wire
 -- Intermission --
 Jose Martinez - rola bola
 The Verdus - rolling globes
 Clowns - The Mummy
 Norbu, Almost Human Gorilla
 Barbara & Walt King - elephants
 Clowns - A walk-around
 The Flying Lar-Rays

..... Kaye Scheiman

CIRCUS FESTIVAL (Continued)

operated by the American Circus Corp. During those days some of the biggest names in the circus world lived in Peru.

For information about the Circus Festival

For information about the festival write to: Circus Festival, Inc., P. O. Box 482, Peru, Indiana - 46970.

Two Good Shows

Two successful Southern California school dates were produced last month through the combined efforts of the Crowells the Nobletts and Bruno and Yvette. Some of the local school children also participated in the circus programs.

On Feb. 15th the "Baptist High School Circus" was presented with a 3 piece band backing the show. The Feb. 22nd "Hart High School Circus" featured that school's 40 piece band.

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Mexico Bandits Loot Circus

YOUNG WOMEN OF TRAVELING SHOW CARRIED OFF TO HILLS

2000 Additional Troops Enter Jalisco to Join Hunt for Archbishop

Rebels Sack Town, Beat Citizens to Reveal Hidden Wealth

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 6 (AP)—Unconfirmed reports to the Herald today say that bandits in Jalisco, after sacking the town of La Quemada, looted a circus train, carrying off a number of young actresses, the majority of whom were foreigners.

A through passenger train from Guadalajara, Jalisco, to Nogales was reported to have been delayed six hours due to the bandit activity.

Rail officials here say they had the same report concerning the

sacking of the town but no confirmation.

Dispatches reported the military commander of the State of Nayarit has ordered a regiment of cavalry to take up the trail of the bandits, following them into the hills until an encounter was made.

Townpeople Punished For Offering Resistance

Additional reports of the outlawry say that dire punishment followed all attempts at resistance by the townspeople of La Quemada. No atrocities were reported.

The bandits, numbering approximately 100, were reported first to have attacked the small Northern Jalisco railroad station. When the station agent resisted their attempts to obtain the company's funds, he was severely beaten.

A thorough sacking of stores and homes followed, after which the bandits forced the circus train engineer to take them to a point south of La Quemada, where the looting of the train began. All the horses were taken and the wild animals turned loose.

Jalisco Invaded by 2000 Troops for Archbishop Hunt

The company was known as the Modelo Circus and was owned by a man named Beas.

Dispatches from Jalisco say 2000

more troops have arrived in that State to take part in the Federal campaign to get Mexico's ranking Catholic prelate, Archbishop Orozco Jimenez, dead or alive.

The new detachment, which will augment many thousands already in the field against what are described as "religious fanatic rebels," is under command of General Andres Figueroa.

Archbishop Jimenez is declared by the government to be the leader of numerous rebel bands in Jalisco. He was reported to have narrowly escaped capture last week, cutting his way step by step back into the hills with a small band of followers after a clash with government troops.

Federal commanders are planning a massed infantry attack, supported with artillery, on San Salvador, Jalisco, where a large body of rebels is believed to be heavily fortified.

Special dispatches also say that an attempt was made in Mexico City last Thursday night to assassinate Luis Morones, Secretary of Commerce and Labor in the Calles cabinet. Morones escaped injury, though bullets fired from two directions crashed through the automobile in which he was riding.

Reports received recently from the capital said Morones intended leaving the Calles cabinet soon to accept appointment as special Mexican envoy to Germany.

BAD WEATHER FORCES CALLES TO END TOUR

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 6 (AP)—Dispatches from Camaron say that

PEOPLE

LEE MISTER, cook on the George Matthews Circus, slipped on the wet show lot and broke his ankle. He is expected back on the show sometime this week.

PAUL and WANDA DUKE are currently traveling with the Hamid Morton Circus.



foggy and rainy weather in the State of Tamaulipas has forced President Calles to conclude his tour of Northern Mexico and return to the capital without inaugurating the Xicotencatl Railway. The presidential train, on which Dwight W. Morrow, United States Ambassador, and Will Rogers are guests, will arrive at Mexico City tonight.

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Letters

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.....Carl Helbing

In Memoriam

TEXAS TOMMY (77) who was well-known for his whips, ropes and gun routines, as well as his trained dogs, died at Cuero, Texas, on March 2nd after suffering a heart attack while with the Fisher Bros. Circus. His real name was Thomas B. Updegrave. Survivors include his wife, a son and two daughters.

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PEOPLE

SUSIE MORRIS (14) will be doing swinging ladder and Spanish web on the De Wayne Bros. Circus this year. She has been with the circus for five years.

RALPH DUKE, along with MIKE, JULEE and MARG, are with the Clyde Bros. Circus this season.

ATOS ZAMPERLA (18) suffered a back injury during a fall while working in a trampoline number on Polack Bros. at Reading, Pa. on Feb. 21st.

IVAN HENRY recently finished working with the Disney Studios on a TV film called "Frankenstein and the Whizz Kids"

ROBERT E. OWEN (Spiff) and ARTHUR RESCIGNO (Pizza) will be clowning with the new Hunts Circus this year.

THE WAL-TIMS will wind up their tour with the Harlem Globetrotters on April 10th for the summer fair circuit.

PAULINE and ANDY TOTH are touring with the Hamid-Morton Circus.

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The carnival arrived here on a Monday, coming in three freight cars, and they set up on the Baker Street lot.

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carival - all side shows with a sword swallower, electric girl and fire eater. One show has a double bodied girl, snakes, illusions, Punch & Judy, magic, while the third show has: fat lady, midget, one man band, pony, monkeys, dogs, alligator, with a baby and a pig in a bottle.

For the free act they have a man and woman who do a double trapeze act on the midway.

They have 21 concessions. Did a good business all week and left for Green Island, NY

THE OLD HOME TOWN *By Stanley*



CORRECTION

The concluding number of the overture for the Int'l All Star Circus, as reported in the March 17th issue (Page 3) is not "The Greatest Show on Earth."

Rather this number is the very rare "Clyde Beatty Radio March". This was the theme song of the old Clyde Beatty radio program, broadcast under the sponsorship of the Kellogg Co.

The number was used briefly during the Beatty Cage Act, and as far as is known, the current musical piece is the only copy in existence. It was re-written for the show, from memory, by Chuck Schlarbaum.

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Mar 27-29 Winston-Salem, N.C.

Circus TALK

Early this month Don Sandman, of Harrison, Ohio, spoke to a combined Cincinnati Downtown--Harrison Lion's Club meeting.

His subject was "The Circus Well and Alive in 75". In addition to the talk, Don had his HO scale model circus train on display and also showed a series of slides, along with several circus artifacts.



Everyone's reading Circus Report these days - so order your own copy and keep up on what's new. It costs only \$10.00 per year.

HAMID-MORTON (Continued)

Les Weldens & George Ross
The Clowns
Equine Fantasy
Hawthorne Circus elephants presented by John Cuneo
The Zacchini cannon act
Charles Basile - ringmaster

..... Theo Wells



The above picture was taken on the Ringling-Barnum Circus in 1941. The elephant admirers are clown Felix Adler and the pretty Evelyn McClain.

Hoxie Bros. (Continued)

a rundown of the program, it includes pictures by Gerry and Kaye Scheiman.

Several area managers are listed as part of the show's staff this season, and include: Al Meredith, Jim Raab, Ron Bacon, John Lewis, and Wendell Cultice.

The show staff includes:--

Hoxie & Betty Tucker - owners
 John R. Hall - general manager
 Jim Silverlake - superintendent
 Mike McGuire - office manager
 John Herriott - performance dir
 Phil Chandler - ringmaster
 Lindy Dwartte - band master
 Chas. Schlarbaum - musical arrg
 Lloyd & Celia Guida - advertis.
 Johnny Walker - Concessions
 Robert Fogg - transportation
 Roger Boyd, Jr. - side show
 Gary Henry - producing clown
 Arnold Friedman - public relat.
 Jim Hodges - purchasing agent
 Jim Aucott - front door supt.
 Jose Diaz/Hugh Wilson - electric

The 1975 program features:--

Spec - "Fascination"

Miss Linda, Zoeanna, Laura, Heidi and Cindy - aerialists

The Clowns

Mary Ruth's Dog & Pony Revue

Miguel Ayala - tight wire

Miss Zoeanna - trick riding

The Herriott Family - riding

The Clowns

Senorita Esqueda - single trap.

Aerial Ballet

WANT — CIRCUS ACTS

Circus acts, especially those doing two numbers, are wanted immediately for several weeks work starting on March 29th. This is a circus production, directed by Ivan Henry, and offers additional work after this engagement.

If not available for the March 29th engagement please contact us regarding future work.

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VARIETY ACTS

Sonny Moore and his dogs, along with Joe Orth and his Cockatoos have been booked into the Palace Lounge and Restaurant, at Burlington, Wisc., for an indefinite engagement.

Recent visitors to the lounge show were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hill, Hunky Johnson and Wimpey, the Clown.

*John Herriott - high school

The Clowns

Great Chandler - illusions

Senor Rosales - juggling

Diaz Sisters - juggling

Gary Henry - performing pony

Miss Linda - aerial acrobatics

Miss Graciela - aerialist

Margarita Michelle - hair hang

John Herriot - circus elephants

CLYDE BEATTY (Continued)

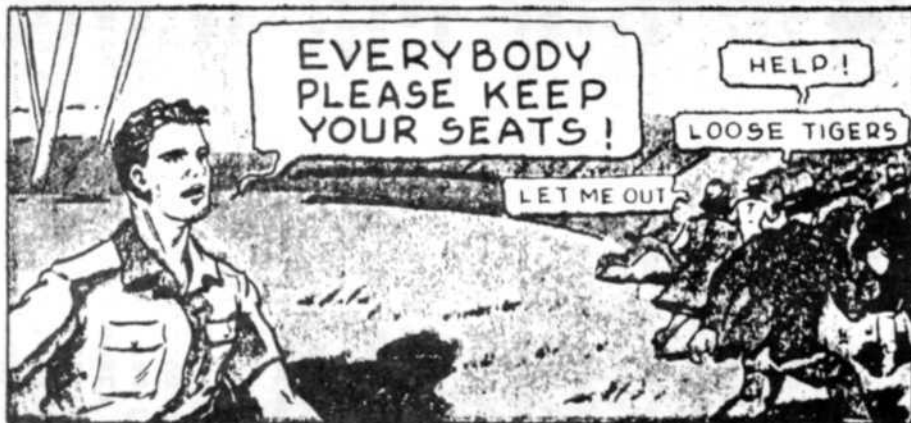


THREE OF THE TIGERS HAVE ESCAPED.



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EVERYBODY PLEASE KEEP YOUR SEATS!

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LET ME OUT

(Continued Next Week)

Aid For Zoo

Citizens of Jacksonville, Fla., have expressed their outrage and rushed to the aid of their local zoo. In the meantime city officials are talking about increasing their financial support for the facility.

The sudden rush to aid the zoo came when it was announced by curator Doug Dean that because of financial problems the zoo was cutting its food rations to the animals, in half. One zoo director said their costs were rising, while income was falling off and that in addition to the food cutbacks some 20 employees were to be laid off.

A Jacksonville veterinarian warned that reduced food rations could result in malnutrition and even death among the animals, especially those of the monkey family.

A group of nursery children sent their piggy banks to the zoo, school children have started fund raising programs, while others have offered vegetables, hay, fish, meat, etc.

Last week Mayor Hans Tanzler said he would ask the City Council to increase its annual \$325,000 contribution to the zoo

Miscellaneous

Circus Kirk was the subject of a feature article in the March 9th issue of the New York Times.