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by Dr. David E. Reid - Dec. 5, 1972

- - Program of Events - -

Parade-Prolouge - 12 very well and cleanly costumed persons.

Gavrilo Barker Troupe - Hand valuters twisting somersault one pole to another; two man high from the teeterboard - an excellent act.

Fine cradle act, plus bar gimmick for some extra acrobatics.

Oleg Popov - Slack wire. Finest I have ever seen. Tremendous performer. After this act he makes several appearances as a clown. Has a fine assistant who is not billed -- does juggling, pantomime acrobatic act, snake charmer, etc. Really an outstanding performer.

Alfred Minen and Boris Fasulaki - The finest acrobatic act I've ever seen and the understander shows great feats of strength and coordination.

Ludmila Filatova -- Exotic Animal Troupe - Ponys, dogs, monkeys, birds. Well trained, beautifully costumed and fast moving with some comedy numbers.

Veronuje Birina - Equilibrium on the ladder. Uses dagger, sword and balances a tray. Goes up ladder (similar to Rogane) I like Rogane better.

Sergei Ignatov - Juggler. The best I have seen. Starts with 5 and goes to 8 articles. Fast, personable, terrific act.

Stanisla Chernykj - The best of rola
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show closes

An announcement that the Emmett Kelly, Jr. All Star Circus had folded was made last week on the East Coast. Generally reliable sources said the show had suffered "severe financial losses."

The circus was designed to play in small theatres and auditoriums on a one day basis. As a result the show was described as "unique" and one that maintained all the excitement of shows under the big top.

They opened on Sept. 30th at Muskegon, Mich. and on Thanksgiving weekend were in New York (Nov. 25-26). Early announcements said the show would be in Brooklyn late this month.

In early November when the show was in Chicago they ran into some problems with local union regulations. As a result they had no music for the show and the stagehands refused to let the people handle their own props.

SCOTT BROS.

by Pete Pepke

On Thursday night, Dec. 7th, Scott Bros. show played the Jamestown, N. Y., Senior High School Auditorium, the Merton P. Corwin Bldg. for one show at 7:30 p.m.

A telephone promotion, the show was sponsored by the Marine Corps League and featured: DeLajgne and Margaret, magic, and Jane Randall and her two dogs.

PEOPLE

ED STEEPLES is spending the holidays in the San Francisco, Calif. area.

DON REY and JIMMY GOFF are playing dates in Arizona and New Mexico this winter. In February they will be at the Date Festival in Indio, Calif.

BOBBY YERKES arranged the circus numbers for an upcoming "Medical Center" TV program. He also worked on a recent Julie Andrews show.

RUDY CARDENAS, juggler, is with Bob Hope's Christmas tour of military bases in the Far East.

LONI IRONBERG reports she is going to take a brief vacation before heading out to book dates for the 1973 season.

JIM DANDY, unicyclist, reports he had several Christmas party dates in the San Francisco area this month.

NOTES

A giraffe born at the Oakland, Calif. Zoo on Dec. 2nd, died six days later due to a lack of its mother's milk. Zoo attendants were unable to save it.

The roof of the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Calif. has several serious leaks, some of which permit the rain to come in over the seating area.



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EDYTHER and LLOYD HARMS

Wishing You
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

from

Onalee & Bill Williams
COTTON CANDY, the Clown

**MERGER TOLD**

Jim Silverlake, of the Clark & Walters Circus, and John Lewis, formerly of Hoxie Bros. Circus, formed a partnership in the Lewis Bros. Circus, at Mission, Texas last week. Silverlake had intended bringing out a third unit in March, and Lewis had already started the Lewis Bros. Circus. As a result the two decided to team up, and form a stronger Lewis Bros. Circus for 1973.

Lewis Bros. now plans to open in Indiana in late spring. They will spend the duration of the winterquarters time at Medora, Ind., formerly the winter home of Clark & Walters Circus, and Fisher Bros., both owned and operated by the Silverlake family. All three shows are presently in the Rio Grande Valley, in Southern Texas.

Lewis Bros. presently has one elephant, and plans are being made to purchase another elephant. The show will start the season with a 60 ft. round end top with two 30 ft. middle sections. Later they will switch to a brand new top which will be a 70 ft. round end with two 40 ft. centers. The show will move on six trucks as was originally announced. They will be carrying a free wild animal menagerie, original plans had called for a charge to the show, but plans have now been changed.





Best Wishes for the
Holiday Season

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THE CIRCUS REPORT

and

Don Marcks, Editor



BOB EMRICO

Clown

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bola. Can you imagine an upright cylinder, a spindle, an unright cylinder, a spindle, an upright cylinder and the board. He did it, no falls and no false moves.

Igor Filatov and Vladimir Smirnov - strong man jugglers. They handle cannon balls, heavy weights and finish with the ball thrown high and caught on the neck.

Vladimi Oskal-Ool Troupe - Tuva Juggers and Rope Walkers - Four men and one gal, made the only error in the show and that came during the Chinese stick passing routine, one man dropped a stick and threw them off, but they made a nice recovery. Also did wire walking and leaps.

Deerassa Ruganova Troupe -- Cossack riders in the "Iriston" tradition. Girl in act has beautiful white, well trained horse for the principal riding. It works like the Rhodine Lippizans.

Galina Petrinskaya - Gymnastic feats on the rope. It's a good web number.

Valentin Filatov - Circus of Bears. You name it -- his bears can do it. They are prize fighters, jugglers, wire walkers or bike riders, motorcycle riders, etc. Everything is beautifully costumed.

Finale-Epilogue - Entire company.

Elephant Greet Process Server

PASSAIC TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Imagine how Morris County Sheriff's Officer Joseph Elliott felt when he delivered a civil summons to the home of Earl Hammond Jr.

He found an elephant, three lion cubs and a goat.

"I was dumbfounded," Elliott said. "Mrs. Hammond opened the door and before you know it, this elephant steps in between us."

Mrs. Hammond explained that she was housing the elephant, a four-and-a-half foot infant named Mimi, and the other four-legged tenants for the winter. They are owned by the nearby Pfeifer's Animal Farm, a traveling zoo that displays animals at various locations during the warmer months.

Ringling Circus Co-Owner Dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel Feld, who with his brother Irvin, was co-owner of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, died at his home here today after a heart attack.

Feld, who was 61, was treasurer and executive vice president in charge of the circus's headquarters here.

The Felds, in partnership with Roy Holzhainz of Houston, purchased the circus five years ago and in 1969 doubled its size, creating two full-sized touring groups.

shrine date

General chairman A. Jack Chapman, of the Tripoli Shrine Circus, reports their 35th annual circus will be held at the Milwaukee, Wisc., Civic Arena on Feb. 20-25, 1973. The show will be produced by L. N. Fleckles, of Des Plaines, Ill.

Public service spot announcements for the 1973 circus have already been made by Rowan and Martin, Lawrence Welk, and Carol Channing.

General chairman Chapman also announced that Robert W. Maercklein has been appointed co-chairman of publicity for the 1973 circus. He will assist Richard H. Nelson, who has served in this capacity for the past seven years.



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ROUTES

Holiday on Ice

Dec. 26-31 San Francisco, Calif.

William Kay Circus

Dec. 29-30 Sarasota, Fla.

Shenyang Acrobats of Manchuria

Dec. 27-31 Indianapolis, Ind.

Billy Smart's Circus

Dec. 26 Croyden, England
(Opening date)

Remembers youth

"I still miss the close association with the circus, but most I miss being young again," said Henry Ringling North during his recent visit to Sarasota, Fla.

In a feature article in the Sarasota Herald Tribune (Nov. 9, 1972) he said:

"The circus was a glorious, challenging way of life, especially when we were doing 150 one-day stands on our annual tour."

Henry was just 17 when he started working for the circus - taking tickets. When his brother gained control of the circus he was 27, and was vice president and assistant to the president. "I took care of the physical part of the circus, and traveled with it all the time."

During the war he served in the

Famed French Theater Opens in Circus Tent

PARIS (AP) — The strike-troubled Comedie Francaise has held its first performance of the season under a circus tent pitched in the former gardens of French royalty.

About 1,500 Parisians gave the company a standing ovation in the blue, red and white tent of the Jean Richard Circus after a performance of scenes from Moliere's most famous plays.

The Comedie closed the doors of its regular theater in October because of repeated strikes by technicians. The circus tent in which it resumed its performances was pitched in the gardens of the Tuileries, the palace of the kings of France.

Le Figaro's theater critic said the performance was flawless and the only thing he could complain about were the hard wooden seats.

Navy, and on his return he found that John no longer was operating the show. But in 1948 when John took over once again he returned to the show.

"But everything changes and the circus became an impossible type of operation for us, so we sold it five years ago to Feld Bros. of Washington, DC, and who still manages it, but it is now owned by the Mattell Corp."

"I'm happy that the circus still flourishes -- in fact John and I went to see the circus in Chicago and we found it better and more beautiful than ever."

"Every once in a while I catch the old movie 'Greatest Show on Earth' and I think this most closely resembles the way the circus was when John and I were in charge."