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ANOTHER CIRCUS SALE REPORT

Late last week west coast show folks were talking about the upcoming sale of Clyde Bros. Circus to Ian Garden, owner of Garden Bros. Circus, which is headquartered in Canada. According to at least one inside source the sale will be finalized before the present season gets underway.

It is understood that Ian Garden will take over control of both Clyde Bros. units prior to the show's opening at Tulsa, Okla. Tex Burwell will continue to manage the Blue Unit, for its new owners.

A second unit will open at the same time in Florida, playing at St. Petersburg and Tampa before proceeding to Garden's already announced opening stand at Altoona, Pa. on April 22nd.


The Clyde Bros. Red Unit will be managed by Howard Suez and is expected to play both U. S. and Canadian dates. Suez will turn this unit over to Garden at the end of the season.

Both Altoona and Montreal, already booked by Garden for this year have been traditional stands for Clyde Bros. Circus. Garden has also

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Soviet Circus

The Great Moscow Circus, which is currently touring New Zealand reportedly has been drawing good crowds and offering a pleasing performance. A variety of acrobats, clowns, gymnasts and animal trainers are featured in the show.



Of special interest is the show's brand new tent with seating for 6,000 people. The top is 190 ft x 190 ft. and consists of 8,300 square yards of colored canvas.

The four center poles are 80 ft. long, made of 8 in. steel sections each 20 feet long. The tent peaks at 55 ft. above the ground, while the side wall is 15 ft. high



CIRCUS SOUGHT

Directors of the Fall Foliage Festival, at Waynesboro, Va., are reportedly negotiating for the Beatty-Cole Circus to be featured at the 1974 festival. The current plans are to have the circus offer four performances on the weekend of Sept. 28-29.

Last week the FFF directors voted to proceed with the plans whereby they will sponsor the circus for two days, with or without a co-sponsor. The circus will be set-up at the Expoland area in Waynesboro.

ALMOST READY

Plans for the third annual tour of Bale's Buckeye Society Circus are now being finalized for a late March opening, reports showman William G. Bale. The tour will be somewhat shorter than in the past, he adds, with all dates to be played indoors.

Already signed for the upcoming spring season are Hal Haviland with his dogs and ponies; The Benton Sisters, acrobatics and balancing, and Cleo, the Enchanted Clown.

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SHOW highlights

Seven performances have been announced for the Mahi Shrine Circus, which will be produced by Jack Leontini and Karl Wallenda. Show dates this year are March 13 to 17th.

This is our 10th annual circus, reports chairman Newell C. Taylor, and we'll be at a new location. The circus will appear at the Fabulous Glogler Dog Track on N. W. 37th Avenue.

Karl Wallenda will walk across the Dog Track on a wire held up by two cranes, 100 ft., above the ground. He will also appear with the Wallenda high wire and pyramid act. Other stars signed to appear in the circus include: Tarzan Zerbini and his wild animals, plus the Klein elephants.

A SOLID RUN

Sell-out crowds attended the three shows offered by the Harlem Globetrotters during their Oakland, Calif. engagement (Jan. 19-20) at the big Coliseum. Show prices were: \$2.50; \$4.00; \$5.00 and \$6.00 with all seats being reserved.



Acts appearing with the basketball team were:

The Great DeMille - tight wire
Rudy Cardenas - juggling
The Great Vino - sword balance

The Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show

In his review of the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show, at New York City, writer Jim Stephen reports the show is a lavish display, featuring some of the best dressage riders in the country. The costumes are elaborate, re adds, and some 40 horses, plus two white mules are presented in each performance.

The first half several solo numbers are presented, plus the opening feature "A Ride Through the Turn of The Century". A closing "Salute to Los Charros de Mexico" is a colorful and ethnic number. There's also comedy and a bull whip number by Gaylord Maynard.

Solo features in the second half include the Trevor Bale family, Tex Maynard, Jr. and Charles Skelton. Then come the real stars of the show the Lipizzan stallions with their classic feats.

According to Stephen no fuel shortage is anticipated and he even quotes showman Lashinsky as saying, "We have been told that as a commercial enterprise we will receive at least as much fuel as we used in 1973."

This year the show is moving on fewer trucks than in the past. They have four horse vans (each carries nine horses) and two semis. Of course there are also several private trailers and units on the show

Of special interest is the fact there will be a Lipizzan Stallion Show playing fairs this year. That until will feature 12-16 stallions and will be booked by E. O. Stacey.

We're Coming

The Big John Strong Circus will start its 1974 tour in early March and stays out until December

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Additional college dates are planned for the big show unit and a new show format has been scheduled starting at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at New York on May 10-12. Rehearsals for the new program are scheduled during a layoff on May 1-9.

ROUTES

Circus Vargas
 Jan 27-31 Harvey, La.
 Feb 1-2 Mobile, Ala
 3-4 Pensacola, Fla

Cole All Star TV Circus
 Jan. 28 Bellefonte, Pa
 29 Johnsonburg
 30 Brockway
 31 Smithport
 Feb. 1 Portville, NY
 2 Coudersport, Pa
 3 Enroute
 4 Tioga
 5 Wellsville, NY

Great Moscow Circus
 Feb. 2-12 Auckland, Aust.

Ringling's Blue Unit
 Jan 28-29 Miami Bch, Fla.
 31-Feb 3 Jacksonv'le

Royal Lipizzen Stallion Shw
 Jan 31-Feb 1 Orlando, Fla

Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show
 Jan 28 Lexington, NC
 29 Gastonia
 30 Newberry, SC
 31 Athens, Ga
 Feb. 1 Washington
 2 Augusta
 3 Louisville
 4 Statesboro
 5 Eastman

Voorheis Bros. Circus
 Jan. 29 Holland, Mich
 30 Grand Rapids
 (Wyoming area)
 Feb. 2 Bellevue

..... OTHER ROUTES

Disney on Parade
 Jan 29-Feb 3 Okla City, Okla

Peggy Fleming Ice Show
 Jan 28-29 Spokane, Wash.
 31-Feb 2 Vancouver, BC

Harlem Globetrotters
 Jan 30 Tucson, Ariz.
 31 El Paso, Texas

Holiday on Ice
 to Feb 3 Milwaukee, Wisc

Ice Capades
 Jan 31-Feb 3 Charlotte, NC
 Jan 31-Feb 3 St. Paul, Minn

Ice Follies
 Jan 29-Feb 4 Montreal, Que.

Mexico Folklorico
 Jan 29-Feb 6 San Francisco

Peter Pan Show
 Jan 29-Feb 3 Charlotte, NC

..... FAIR MEETINGS

Illinois Fair Assoc.
 Feb. 2-4 Springfield, Ill.

Western Fair Assoc.
 Feb. 4-6 Anaheim, Calif.



YEARS AGO

The "Holland & McMahon Circus of 1887 reportedly traveled on five cars. Their train included: 2 flat cars, 2 box cars and a coach.

The program featured a talking dog, ground tumbling and horizontal bar numbers.

Some of the performers on the show were:

Geo. Holland - bareback rid.
 John McMahon - 4 horse rider
 John Quigley - leaper/bars
 M. Devan - Indian rider
 Frank Cookley and Julian Eddy - leapers/acrobats
 John Stowe, clown/rider
 Charlie McMahon - jockey
 Prof. Hadley - boxer
 Charlie Orville - acrobat and single trapeze
 Belle Celeste - trapeze
 Jack Walsh - clown
 The Leandor Bros. - duo act
 James Kincaide - rider
 Harry Emerson - clown
 Homer Hobson - rider
 Billy Butcher - bars/leaps
 Billy Bennett - bars/leaps
 Alf Dorian - contortion
 Bert Stowe - comedian
 John Welsh - ballads
 Harry King - fire eater

GETTING READY

Rehearsals for RBBB's Red Unit got underway at Venice, Fla., on Jan. 18th for the 103rd edition of "The Greatest Show on Earth." The coming tour will mark the unit's second half of a two year schedule.



Featured in the circus will be Gebel Williams, winner of 1973's AGVA Award as "Outstanding Circus Performer of the Year". Also appearing in the show's program will be Wolfgang Holzmaier, lion trainer; Elvin Bale, trapeze star; Lou Jacobs, clown; Gran Picasso, juggler and Pio Nock, high wire performer.

Hubler's Circus Acts

Circus acts appearing on the Hubler International Circus at its Jan. 26-27 date at Mentor, Ohio includes:

Julius Von Uhl - lions/tigers
 Rock Smith Flyers - flying act
 Miss Patricia - comedy diving
 The Saturnaires - flying saucer
 Los Latinos - tight wire
 Kurt Anden - poodle revue
 Paul Kelly - elephants

GARDEN BUYS CLYDE BROS. (Cont'd)

reportedly signed the Crescent Shrine Temple at Trenton, N.J., a former Hamid-Morton stronghold. It has also been reported that Garden will play several dates in the New Jersey area.

TRIP TO HUGO

We recently formed a brand new CFA Tent - the D. R. Miller Tent - as a tribute to Dorey Miller, owner of Carson & Barnes Circus. Officers of the tent are: President, Harry Lee Kingston; Vice-President, Harry (Tex) Dreyfus; Sec./Treas., Russell Youens and Historian, Pete Holmes, Jr.

Three of us - Harry, Tex and Pete - visited the Carson & Barnes people at Hugo, Okla., where we were treated royally. We had films of last year's show, were given a tour of the show's quarters and the local residential areas, and visited with many of the show folks who live there. Incidentally at the old quarters one can still find the Kelly-Miller, Carson-Barnes, Clerk & Walters and other old show equipment. We also visited the machine shop where the first canvas spool truck was made there in Hugo.

Among the folks with whom we visited were: Dorey Miller, Barbara and Geary Byrd, Ted Bowman, Mrs. Helen Walters, Gladys and Whitey Black, Mrs. William Woodcock, Breasy Hill, Ione MacIntosh, etc.

Some new surprises are in store for those who see the Carson & Barnes Circus this season, so be sure to watch for the circus as it nears your area.

.... Harry Lee Kingston

notes

Strong rumors making the rounds last week indicated that Bethlehem Steel Corp. was the firm buying the Ringling-Barnum Show.

The Emmett Kelly Jr. Circus played Providence, R.I., on Jan. 11-12. They gave two shows at the Veterans Auditorium.

Circus World Park, at Orlando, Fla., is still hoping for a Feb. 15 opening.

A Color film of the Shen Yang Chinese Troupe of acrobats is now being distributed to universities for public showings.

Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit is set to open its New York engagement on March 28th.

Australia's "Outdoor Showman" magazine reports a small American circus will tour in Australia during the 1974 season.

The Waco, Texas, Shrine Circus is scheduled for the week of Apr. 1-7.

John Strong will take his circus to Arizona in April, while Circus Vargas will be in that state in March.

The CFA's of Phoenix, Ariz. are planning to visit the Hubert Castle Circus when that show plays Tucson next month.

Charles Bros. Circus is booking dates in Ohio and that area for the mid-summer months.

zoo bull dies

Toots, a once popular elephant at the Toledo, Ohio, Zoo, has been buried in a local landfill. The 58 year old female, who had lived at the zoo since 1923, died of natural causes on Jan. 10th.

Zoo director Phil Skeldon reports the burial is a temporary thing, to allow the carcass to decompose naturally. In about two years the animal will be dug up and its bones will be placed in the museum's of natural history at the zoo.

For many years Toots gave rides to children who visited the zoo. Her death leaves the zoo with only two elephants - Amber and Wally.

REBORN FAITH

A small booklet describing Austin Miles' conversion to Christianity and his recovery from cancer is now in its third printing. Called "The Ringmaster Meets Jesus" the booklet was published and is distributed by Revivaltime, Int'l Radio Broadcast in five languages, with some 5.5 million copies having already been distributed.

Miles devotes his life to the Assemblies of God ministry. He has been the announcer for a great many circuses and is currently on tour with the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show.



PEOPLE

JOE HARTMAN will reportedly present a wild animal act on the Hubert Castle Circus this year.

D. R. MILLER, owner of Carson & Barnes Circus bought the bankrupt U. S. Tent and Awning Co. for \$5,200 at a recent auction.

HERBERT WEBER (Los Latinos) played a sports show at Albuquerque, NM on Jan. 17th, then went east to play dates for George Hubler.

GUNTHER GEBEL-WILLIAMS is going to offer a new cat act in 1975. The act will include two leopards, two lions, two black panthers, two pu-

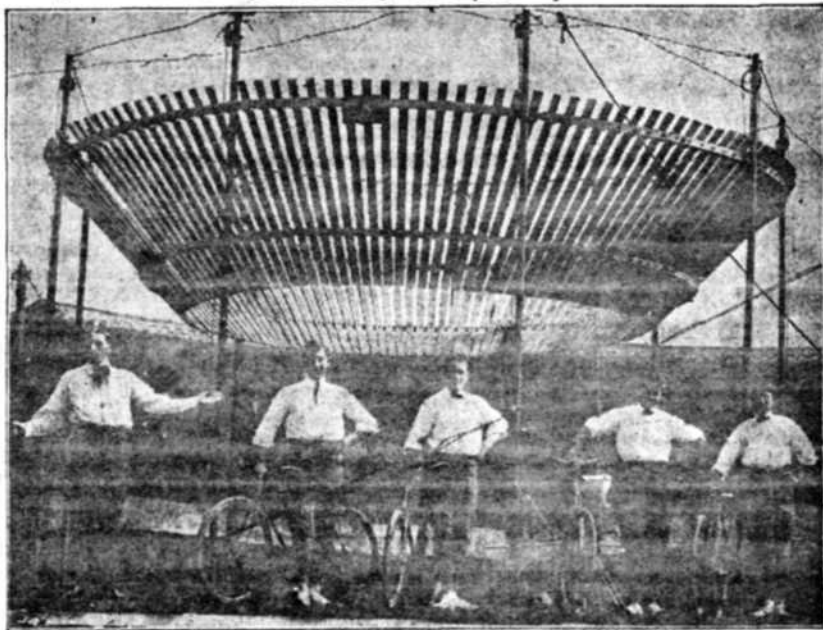
mas and a baby African elephant.

FAY SNYDER and the GREAT BRUNO recently visited CHARLIE and BEVERLY ALLEN at their home in Pixley, Cal.

CLARK McDERMOTT, dog trainer, has a new address: 1113 Cambridge Road, Burlingame, Calif. - 94010

TOM UPTON was showing his circus films for a small party in San Francisco, Calif. last week.

KENNETH FELD was the subject of a feature article in the Dec. 27, 1973 issue of the Boston Dailey Globe. Title of the article was: "Kenneth Feld runs 'Greatest Show on Earth'".



PICTURED ABOVE is an old Cycle Whirl, designed and built by Harry Cooper at his father's planing mill at Saginaw, Mich., in 1902. Those shown in the picture, reading from left to right, are "Dutch" Barrel, talker; Harry Cooper, Frank Doherty, John Dambacher and Edward Smithson. Act was known as the Famous Coopers, owned and operated by Harry Cooper, and was an attraction with Ferari Bros.' Shows in 1904, when this photograph was taken. The attraction was first taken on the road by Cooper in 1902.

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a politician

The world's most famous circus man, P. T. Barnum, was frequently mentioned as a candidate for political office. Once, in 1888, he turned down a chance to run for President because the wrong party offered him the nomination. In 1852 he rejected the Democratic Party's candidacy for governor of Connecticut.

Barnum was elected to the Conn. State Legislature in 1865, as a Republican. Later he served as Mayor of Bridgeport and lost a race for the U. S. House of Representatives.

He was offered an opportunity to run for President by the Prohibition Party in 1888. He turned it down saying he was too old and didn't think a third party had a chance.

At one time he did tell the newsmen that he would accept a nomination from the GOP. I'd probably win, he added, if the women and children could vote.

Great Huberto - slide for life
Derrick Rosaire and "Tony" the
wonder horse

Arturo Segura - bounding rope

Jerry Lipko - chimps

Sandy Lueblein - single trapeze

June Mills - aerial ballet

Al Ross, Freddie & Co. - clowns

