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MIX FILM STARTS FIRE

An old Tom Mix movie has been blamed for a fire that seriously damaged the Apopka (Fla) Cinema Theatre on Feb. 26th. Damage to the theatre was estimated at \$2,500, which included a destroyed film projector and damage to the projection room.

The theatre manager and several friends were watching the Tom Mix movie, after the theatre had closed, when the film suddenly burst into flames and spread quickly throughout the projection room.

EXTRA WEEK

Circus Odyssey will extend its tour in Puerto Rico by an extra week with the show playing at Mayaguez Mar. 30-April 3. The circus performances will be presented at the Mayaguez University.

Several acts, Venio Venito, Cimse's Russian Wolfhounds and Prince Najvez will be unable to make the Mayaguez date because of other con-

The film, a nitro-cellulose-based type is no longer used in film making. Today's films are made of a celluloid-type base which is non-flammable.

tract commitments in the states. These acts closed in Ponce on March 27th.

Business for the circus has remained steady throughout its Puerto Rico engagement, with a number of acts appearing on local TV programs.

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Mar. 30 Thiodaux, La.

Apr. 1-2 Abilene, Texas

Carden-Johnson - Red Unit

Apr. 1-3 Odessa, Texas

Carson & Barnes Circus

Mar. 28 Baton Rouge, La.

29 Jennings

30 Oakdale

31 De Ridder

Apr. 1 Orange, Texas

2 Groves

Hubert Castle Circus

Mar. 14-15 Missoula, Mont.

Circus Odyssey

Mar 31-Apr 3 Mayaquez, P. R.

Circus Vargas

Mar. 25-28 Tucson, Ariz.

30-31 Redlands, Calif.

Apr. 1-3 Hollywood

Cole All Star Circus

Mar. 28 Downsville, N. Y.

29 Oneonta

30 Morris

Apr. 2 Beacon

-- End of Tour --

El Bekal Shrine Circus

Apr. 2-3 Garden Grove, Cal.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Mar. 28 Sanford, Fla.

29 Ocala

30 St. Augustine

31 Lake City

Apr. 1 Perry

2 Tallahassee

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Sam T. Polack Circus

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Polack Bros. Circus

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Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Mar 30-Apr 3 Cincinnati, Ohio

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Mar 29-June 5 New York, N. Y.

Taiwan Chinese Circus

Mar. 31 Berkeley, Calif.

Apr. 1-2 San Francisco

3 Berkeley

..... OTHER ROUTES

Camp Fund Show

Mar. 27 Hayward, Calif.

Ice America

Mar 31-Apr 2 Canton, Ohio

Ice Follies

Mar 30-Apr 10 Minneapolis, Minn.

Ken Griffin (Magic)

Mar. 28 Cushing, Okla.

29 Wewoka

31 Okmulgee

Apr. 1 Pryor

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Apr. 2 Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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JOHN CUNEO announces a new 90 ft. cable mesh chute for WADE BURCK's tiger act. The chute was designed because cages block seating. "Wade is doing a terrific job," John writes, "we've added a hind-leg, plus other features. A new 9 tiger act is being broken which will include our 5 white tigers. Both acts will be on display this summer at MARINELAND (Ont.)."

Globetrotting GWEN & PAT DAVISON opened with the GLOBETROTTERS last Oct. and toured Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela. Team is currently touring in the U.S. and Canada. From April thru June they will be in Europe and then from July 15th to Labor Day they play their second season at Valley Fair Amusement Park in Shakopee (Minn) which will also be that fun spot's second season. In October Gwen and Pat rejoin the Globetrotters for a tour of Australia and the South Pacific (If they can deduct post cards as an expense they have it made!).

What is presumably the FIRST Statewide Promotion is winding up in Rhode Island for CIRCUS ODYSSEY where FRANK SMITH is heading up 7 promotion offices simultaneously for the State Police. The circus dates embrace 10 days and 3 towns: Kingston, Newport and Providence.

Just because Beatty-Cole's new format involves shopping centers LOIS HOOVER might as well resign herself to a No Shopping Spree Edict from Dave. "He'll probably handcuff me to the trailer," sez Lois....ANDRE & LIANE STANEK leave about now for Austria to join MRS. ALTHOFF who has purchased the Austrian State Circus. Mrs. A. it will be remembered, is the ex-Mrs. Rudy. For those who haven't heard, two male partners now toss Liane UP to her trapeze and, at the finish, catch her in their arms as she drops from her heels in a free-falling dive earthward. Prior to her arrival in the USA, the famed ROSE GOULD executed a swan dive from the high cradle to the arms of two musclemen stationed on the ground. Liane is the first since Rose to even attempt this spectacular trick. SCALZO, illusionist, who I had never seen before, is exceptional. He does a "burning coffin" illusion that's a WOW!....MANUEL RUFFIN (Prince Bogino) plays Altoona for GARDEN, Orlando for CARDEN-JOHNSON and then makes the Garden road tour (Cuneo plays the first 10 weeks)....HARRY THOMAS will be at the Baraboo Circus World Museum in 1978 and that's what I call booking ahead....DONNIE STAMBAUGH flew directly from M&M to Puerto Rico to handle the clown productions JIMMY DOUGLAS had shipped ahead....Of the five CASSIDY SISTERS, only

two remain in the business: CATHY, married to VASHEK and VICKY, married to JOHN STEBBINGS.... 13 yr. old ALISSA WAZZAN is doing a "double" to a pole supported by her brothers in the Wazzan trampoline turn....True to everyone's prediction CAROL OBANDO indeed had her baby smack in the midst of the Rochester date (it's a girl).

CYNDY SMITH married ED MIGLEY Sep. 30, 1976, is the daughter of promoter FRANK SMITH and ARMIDA GUTIERREZ. Armida's sister ALICE is married to JOHNNY WALKER of Hoxie Bros....LINDA CHANDLER reports problems with GLADSTONE's getting fabrics, says others are experiencing the same headaches..The Chandlers are now on tour with Hoxie where Linda is presenting her dog act. They made dates this winter for HUBLER. At one spot their daughter ROBIN ANN, debuted in the aerial ballet and at Mentor, Linda assisted BARON VON UHL in his girl-to-tiger illusion.

CIRCUS VARGAS TIDBITS: J. A. HOFMEISTER, who sold his liberty horses to Cliff, was around the show during its Texas tour....The rocket ship act from Europe finally got off the ground in Houston after a lengthy rigging delay....Nothing but praise has been heard for the mobile sanitary unit, now on Vargas, built by the same company that constructed the elaborate concession trailer....The Canadian tour will be extended this year.

CIRCUS ODYSSEY ODDITIES: ANTAR WAZZAN teaching ROWENA THOMAS a breathing exercise which may be beneficial but looks and sounds GHASTLY....Acts, locked out of dressing rooms by indifferent locks and temperamental keys, climbing UP thru hallway ceiling panels, OVER the top, and DOWN through another ceiling to rooms below. The dialogue accompanying these grunts and groans cannot be repeated here!....RAFI MIRANDA, going bananas searching for horsemeat for the cat acts, found a kid willing to sell a horse for 50 bucks. Rafi forked over the money, the kid led back a horse - which he had stolen!....BOBBY GIBBS, GARY HENRY and JUNIOR RUFFIN, named the "Beef Trust" - for AMPLE reason...."Star" of the Spec is SARAH SAUERKRAUT (But I'll keep the secret)...ED MIGLEY, after an opening night that went the way of most, declares that next year he ABSOLUTELY refuses to lose his cool. Ha, Ha, Ha, how many times have we heard THAT before?...The Wazzan boys fly-

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Show Report

The 41st annual Hospitaler Circus, sponsored by the Lansing Commandery 25, Knights Templar, was held at the Lansing (Mich) Civic Center on March 3-6, produced by Harold Bros. Circus, Harold Voise, of Sarasota, Fla.

The program opened with the National Anthem and a short circus overture by Al Vernon's band followed by Lilli-Ana Kristensen and her leopards (5) and black panther. Irv "Ricky" Romig's clown alley (Jack Healy, Larry Benner, Rolla and Carla Romig) did the hot dog/dog pie routine during the cage tear-down slot.

Walt and Barbara King were next with a mixed group of animals (llama, camel, pony); followed by the Elkins Sisters (3) with their acrobatics, Afghans and poodles. It's a class act and an asset to any show.

Charley and Joyce Van Buskirk have an interesting unicycle act which includes an unusual neck swivel feat. The Four Staneks then came on to present their balance pole vaultage number, climaxed by the double back somersault.

Clowns then rushed into the ring with a baseball routine, which ends with a confetti water pail bit and they were followed by the Los Obandos (4) on the high wire, whose human wheelbarrow keeps the audience in suspense.

After intermission the Los Roberto's (6) of the Flying Palacios present their fast-paced trampoline casting act, using two cradles. This is a good act and deserves much better applause than it got. Clowns were on next with a computer dating service gag.

The Carlos Duo (2) from the Obandos offer a perch act with a free headstand and upside down juggling by the top-mounter. The Seven Andres teeterboard troupe were next, who climaxed their act with a four-high pyramid.

Norbu, the Almost Human Gorilla is not new to Lansing crowds, but they literally "eat up" the gorilla parody and nobody does a gorilla aping better than Norbu. Finish is with a lady stooge whose skirt the gorilla removes.

Walt King's elephants offers a classic bull routine, followed by the clowns with animal heads as the flying net is being set. Then the "World's Largest Flying Return Act" the Eight Flying Palacios are up on their double-wide flying rig-



The Big One

Canadian and Norwegian hunters continued to work towards their quota of seal pelts off northern Newfoundland last week, as bad weather kept protesters and observers off the ice banks.

Franch actress Brigitte Bardot, who twice failed in attempting to reach the hunt area, has reportedly returned to France. The hunting area is about 50 miles east of St. Anthony in Canada.

"As far as I know, she's gone," says Patrick Moore of the Greenpeace Foundation, which is protesting the annual seal hunt. The protests, he added, will continue throughout the final days of the hunt.

ging with two catchers to close the show. The act appears to open with a double standard passing leap and close with a piggy-back version of the passing leap in tandem. The act seemed to be having rigging trouble on opening night, when caught, and one of the flyers blew a basic pirouette return to the fly bar. Of course when a flying act doubles (or triples) the numbers of fliers in the air at the same time the chances of error increase greatly.

The show staff included: Harold Voise, producer; Charles Van Buskirk, announcer; George Voise, supt.; Al Vernon, band leader.

..... Jon Friday.

Shrine Date

The Rochester (NY) Shrine presented its 53rd annual Circus with the aid of M&M Circus Productions with seven performances over Feb. 16-19. The band was directed by Boom Boom Browning, while announcing was handled by Jimmy Douglass. The show's Clown Alley included: Josh Silver, Buck Nolan, Vern and Danny Woerner and Joe Sherman.

On opening night the performers and floats were presented in a spec, followed by the Shriners who trouped their colors, with the singing of the National Anthem.

The actual circus performance started with Baron Von Uhl and his wild animals, followed by: The Apollos, The 6 Ashtons, Clowns in a Hillbilly number, The Carolyns, The Navarros and The Cyclonians (unicycles), The Andres gymnastic troupe, Francisco, Mr. Bell, Dondi, the elephant, The Clowns, Victor Julian and his dogs, eight show girls in an aerial ballet, with Lianne on the trapeze over center ring, who features a dive into the arms of two men on the floor for her finish.

Judy Norton Taylor, the "Mary Ellen" of the TV Walton Family, sang several songs in a thin voice, just before intermission.

In the second half were the Aztec Flyers, the clown walkaround, the Willy Lenz Chimps, the Villams, jugglers, The Fulbrights, dressage horses, Clowns, The Pattersons, Staneks and Endre & Co., gymnasts, Yanacy, high wire, the six Diano elephants and the Nocks on swaypoles.

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Texas Date

The American Continental Circus, a division of Gatti-Charles Productions, were in El Paso, Texas, on March 11-13 for seven performances, sponsored by the Municipal Police Officers' Association. The show was presented at the local County Coliseum and has a bright, new look with props and equipment freshly painted and the elaborate costumes appearing band-box fresh.

John A. Miller, ringmaster/vocalist, was outstanding and exhibited his magnificent voice in the many musical numbers, backed by his father, Herb Miller, musical director, who plays trumpet and trombone and directs the musical trio, which includes drums and organ.

Many excellent acts appear in this year's show and several deserve special mention. The Arturo's have a great trampoline act and should be in the center ring. Mixx Tina's upside-down walk held the audience spellbound and Lottie Brunn's speeded up juggling act was topnotch.

The grace and precision of Raul's flying act was truly beautiful to see and Ken Willer in his balancing act perfectly executed many difficult

PEOPLE

BING CROSBY continues to be hospitalized for treatments after falling from a concert stage several weeks ago.

GEORGE FOREMAN was hospitalized after losing a boxing match to Johnny Young at the San Juan, Puerto Rico Coliseum on May 17th. The fight originated from the same building that Circus Odyssey is playing.

feats requiring great strength and concluded with a one-finger stand that drew "ooh's" from the crowd.

Other acts appearing in the program are: Miss Myoshi Amotto; The Willetts, rola bola; The Allens, teeterboard; The Burketts, hanging perch; Miss Martha and Miss Iris, contortionists; Los Argentinos, unsupported perch; Arturo Segura, bounding rope; Eloise Berchtold, wild animals and elephants; Miss Myna and Miss Lydia, single trapeze; Lemke's Chimps; The Gerreros, high wire and the Suarez Troupe of bareback riders.

.... Greg Taylor

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Miscellaneous

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The Nov. 1976 issue of "Ave. 11" magazine has a 6 page story with color photos about life on a European circus.

A show billed as "Super Circus" scheduled for the Oakland (Calif.) Auditorium on April 7-10 has been cancelled according to auditorium officials who said the promoters did not pay the building rental fee.

The King Bros.-Cole Circus will open its 1977 tour at Apopka, Fla. on April 8th.

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High wire performer Warner Gerrero escaped death when he fell while performing at the indoor amphitheatre at El Paso, Texas, on Sunday, March 13th. He was saved from serious injury when his father, Arturo Gerrero, fell to the ground beneath him, breaking his fall.

Both father and son were taken to a nearby hospital for examination and Arturo was released, having only minor bruises. Warner was admitted to the hospital, but on Monday was reported in good condition and he said he expected to be released soon. He sustained internal injuries, but no broken bones.

The Gerrero act was appearing with the American Continental Circus, which was in El Paso under the sponsorship of the Municipal Police Officers' Association.

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Playing to an audience of 800 to 1,000 for each of its nine performances, the Redland's YMCA's Great All-American Youth Circus (Great Y Circus) presented a 50 minute show for shoppers at San Bernardino (Calif.) Central City Mall on March 11-13. The circus was heavily publicized by the Mall Merchants' Association with radio spots and full page newspaper ads.

The program included a double mini-trampoline, artistic bicycling, rola bola, hand balancing, juggling, clowns, unicycle and teeterboard acts, involving over 40 of the group's members.

This marks the second appearance of the group in the mall and the contract for a third appearance in the fall has already been signed. Near full page coverage of the event and excellent reviews followed the performances, in the local newspapers. Other recent road show activities have included appearances for R.T.G. Productions during the first weekend in March at Indio, Banning and Hemet (all Calif.) for the American Veterans.

Joe Anderson, circus director for Marriott's Great America, visited the circus on March 19 and 20th. During the last few months the theme park's new director of show operations, Dennis C. Albert, and vice president of the park operations, Gene Patrick, have also made visits to the YMCA sponsored show.

CLOWNS

Notes from Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit Circus program book for 1977.

Clowns pictured in the program book are: Jim Tinsman, Barry Lubin, Jonathan Fredde, Jimmy Briscoe, Glen Little, Lou Jacobs, John Mc Hugh, Peggy Williams, Richard Mann, Bruce Gutilla, Kathy Herb, Mike King, Gary White, Mickey Gayler, Timothy Doody, Dale Longmire, George Rollins.

A special feature of the program book "Match the Clown" has photos, with and without the make-up of: Leonard Wolen, Peggy Williams, Ruth Chaddock, Anthony Chicchino, Serafin Rocha, Duane Thorpe, Dwayne Cunningham, John McHugh and Jimmy Briscoe.

Show Acts

The program for the annual Medinah Temple Shrine Circus, at Chicago, Ill., produced by L. N. Fleckles, features:

Martin Lamberti, juggling; Guy Gossing's tigers; The Lodi Duo, cradle; De Mille, tightwire; Jorge's Unpredictable Car; Clowns, boxing; Sebastian's Poodles; Aerial Ballet; Mr. Rythm, dancing horse; The Reynoso Bros., aerialists; Clowns; The Flying Lar-Rays.

The second half includes: Randy and Sylvia, perch; Sabo's Chimps; The Clown Wedding; Martin Lamberti, balancing; The World Wheelers; Clowns, The Long Shirt; The Hernandez Troupe and Hortobagyi Troupe, teeterboard; The Rosell Troupe, high wire; Walt King's elephants and the Finale.

The show staff includes: L. N. Fleckles, producer; Dorothy Winn, general manager/director; Al Youngman, musical director; Al Dawley, announcer; Ernie McClain, vocalist; Ron Kelroy, prop boss and Eve Kelroy, wardrobe.

Clown Alley features: Mistufao, Goufee, Happy along with Yo Ho and his wife.

On Wednesday, March 9th, several members of the circus presented a special performance at a local hospital. Acts appearing on that show were: Guy Gossing's tigers; The Lodi Duo; Jorge's unpredictable Car; Mr. Rythm; Sebastian's Poodles; The Reynoso Bros.; Sabo's Chimps; The World Wheelers; The Hernandez Troupe; The Rosell Troupe; Walt King's elephants and the circus clowns.

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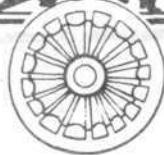
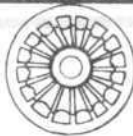
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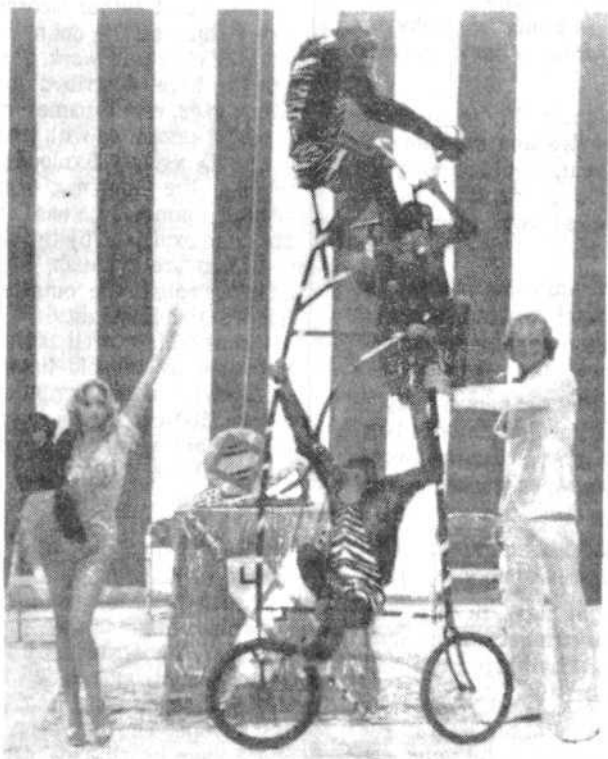
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YEARS AGO

Great Barrington, Mass. - July 16, 1926

WALTER L. MAIN CIRCUS

The Walter L. Main Circus arrived today for the date at Great Barrington where they are playing on the fairgrounds.

The show train consists of 14 cars, carrying 42 head of baggage stock, 14 ponies, 3 donkeys, 6 elephants, 3 camels, 4 zebras, a llama, plus six cages.

The tents are: 4 pole big top, 4 pole menagerie, 3 pole side show, 3 pole dressing and ring stock tent, two 6 pole horse tents, 2 pole dining top, 2 pole kitchen, 2 pole No. 2 side show, three concession tops, 1 pole and a one pole side show No. 3 which is red.

In addition to the above animals the menagerie has 3 lions, a leopard, black leopard, tiger, monkeys, tapir, black bear, polar bears, hyena, wart hog, kangaroo.

The main side show has 12 banners, a bally platform and 2 ticket boxes. Inside are a band, minstrels, Hawaiians, pigmy, fire eater, sword swallower, magic, mind reader, gorilla, monkeys and snakes.

The No. 2 side show has 3 banners and a ticket box, while the No. 3 unit has baboons.

The wagons include: light plant, tickets, water wagon, horse tents, two stringer wagons, two plank wagons, stake and chain, steam calliope, six cages, privilege wagon, two tableaux.

The tents were old ones here, but later in the year they obtained new canvas. All tents were down and loaded by midnight and the train left about 1:30 a.m. for New Milford, Conn.

PEOPLE

DAN HAGGERTY, star of TV's "Grizzly Adams" show once worked for Africa USA, and reportedly trains his own animals for work in films and TV shows.

DIANE BERRY, former Sailor Circus performer, has been working with the Flying Lar Rays, appearing in Detroit, Milwaukee and Chicago.

Circus clowns take the center ring

by **SHIRLEY CARROLL**

The World of Clowns by George Bishop (Brooke House: \$20, illustrated)

West Coast author George Bishop has written what surely must be the definitive book on the day-to-day world of clowns at work, at play and at rest. All the basics are here, described and illustrated: Clown faces, clown gags, clown names, clown costumes, indeed everything associated with that arcane profession.

The Driverless Exploding Car, the House on Fire routine, the mini-mini-compact that disgorges "22 clowns, a pony and a base drum," are not only pictured but often explained by the clowns who created them.

Clowns are clannish, the author soon learned, but once accepted, the outsider is given their full confidence and hospitality.

Circus buffs as well as the general reader will be enlightened by the old-timers' revelations. Even those who have traveled across country in the special world of the 100-car circus trains will be intrigued by a clown's eye view of a three-high-double, a most unusual tumbling act. And some of the photographs, especially those of complete clown contingents on the big shows are, in the real sense of the phrase, collectors' items loaned to the author from the clowns' personal scrapbooks.

Bishop has little use for the modern, assembly-line clown turned out by professional schools. "Clown schools," he writes, "... with rare exceptions are merely supplying people who look like clowns and who are technically capable of performing clown routines." As anyone who has been around clowns knows, you gotta have heart, and heart is what beats at a steady, exuberant pace through the pages of this book.

Carroll did publicity and public relations work for the Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey, Clyde Beatty and Cole Bros. circuses for 25 years.

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In Memoriam

HAROLD HALL (75) who spent virtually his entire life in the circus world as a clown, died at his home in Hollywood, Calif., late on the night of March 16th. He had toured with: Robbins Bros., Christy Bros., Sells Floto, Barnett Bros., Downie Bros., Cole Bros., Clyde Beatty, 101 Ranch, Pan American and the Paul V. Kaye circuses. During World War II he served in the Army. Harold was a long-time friend and partner of Bobby Kaye, with whom he helped host parties for circus folks in the Los Angeles area. There are no none survivors. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery at Hollywood Hills, Calif., on March 21st.

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PEOPLE

DE MILLE, wire walker, was featured on the Bozo TV Show in Chicago to publicize the annual Medinah Shrine Circus in that city. He appeared on the show on March 10th.

BOBBY KAYE, has jumped into Southern California to start advance publicity for the Ringling-Barnum Red Unit.

JOHN McPEAK is currently presenting his juggling act at a club in East Berlin and is getting rave notices. His booking was arranged through Fun Unlimited Agency.

DON and MARTHA SMITH made a quick trip to their Michiagn home after visiting show quarters in Florida and attending the CHS Convention in Sarasota. They plan to catch the Ringling-Barnum Red Unit's opening in New York City.

Show Staff

Staff for the King Bros.-Cole Combined Circus this year will include:

Whitey Black - manager
Harry Hammond - secretary/treasurer
George Butlery - supt./boss canvasman
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Members of the newly formed Dorothy Herbert Tent No. 129, of the CFA, attended a luncheon and business meeting before visiting the Harold Bros. Circus in Lansing, Mich., on March 5th. They approved a letterhead design by George DaDeppo, which will feature Dorothy on a rearing horse, from a photo taken by Don Smith in 1939 and used by both Ringling and Cole circuses for many years.

Officers of the new Tent include: Don F. Smith, president; Andrew Patrino, vice president; and Clarence Hastings, secretary/treasurer. The official tent raising will be held this spring.

YEARS AGO

The Sells Floto Circus of 1927 played Pittsfield, Mass. on May 27th, arriving on a single train of 28 cars. The train included 7 horse cars, 8 sleepers, 13 flat cars and 58 wagons (2 tractors, 1 auto, 2 carts, 18 cages).

Show animals included 13 elephants, 11 camels, 20 ponies, 52 ring horses, 14 broncos and 112 draft horses.

The tents are: Big top, menagerie, side show, dressing tent, dining tent, two draft horse tops, ushers top, wardrobe, kitchen, dog top, privileges, dwarf clowns, four candy stands.

The menagerie contains 18 cages, a hippo, the pygmy hippo, two giraffes, monkeys, ostrich, five lions, four tigers, two polar bears, tapir, kangaroo, two llamas, 13 elephants and the 11 camels.

Miscellaneous

The Providence (R.I.) City Council has ok'd an application for a license which will permit the VFW to sponsor the King Bros.-Cole Circus in their city on June 16th.

Gulf & Western Industries, Inc., have made an offer to buy up all outstanding shares of Madison Square Garden Corp. G&W already owns 39.1% of the Garden's total stock.

The Onstage Cabaret Theatre Circus was featured in a special article in the New York Times on March 13th, which included photos of the show's performers.

The Circus World Museum, at Baraboo, will be open for the summer season on May 7th. An opening night banquet is planned at the Farm Kitchen (\$6.00 each). Reservations should be sent to: Ms. Van Etta Dixon, 506½ - 9th Ave., Baraboo, Wisc. 53913.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

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