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Elephants Confuse Principal

When Robert Jones, principal of Winchester (Indiana) High School arrived at the school, the morning of May 17th, he was quite understandably upset. There in the school yard was a herd of elephants and various types of circus equipment.

It seems that when the Hoxie Bros. Circus arrived in town

NEW RECORD SET

The seven performances of the Aad Shrine Circus, at Duluth, Minn., (May 10-12) broke all records for attendance and revenue, Irving (Ike) Gerald, general chairman announced last week.

Gerald said the 1974 circus drew some 30,000 persons and that the Shrine Temple was well pleased with everything. They have signed a contract with Paul Kaye, circus producer, to present the Temple's 1975 circus.

Although no monetary figures were released, Gerald said this year's circus brought in twice the money of the circus held in 1973.



early that morning, there was a driving rain. In the haste of getting in, circus attendants made a mistake and proceeded to get things going, but on the school grounds.

After a hurried consultation the circus equipment and animals were moved across the street to a local park -- the original circus site.

WE ENJOYED IT

Visited the Hoxie Bros. Circus when it played the Saline (Mich.) Fairgrounds on May 20th. It is all circus -- good entertainment and everything looks
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Unique Show Appeals To Everyone

The Early American Circus, a recreation of America's first circus, is an impressive show that pleases both its sponsors and audience. The show plays mostly weekend dates in the Central California area, sponsored by various banking institutions, oil firms and other such major businesses.

Owned and operated by Maria and Jerry Booker, the circus features a variety of unusual and exotic animals. The tent is a 50 ft. square tent, red and white with one center pole. Ring curb is red with yellow trim and individual folding chairs are provided for the spectators.



The midway features a cage of peacocks, some old-style circus wagons and a horse and pad room top, with all horses on view for the public. Each unit is encircled with a cyclone fence, which protects both animals and public.

The program currently being presented includes:

- Grand Entry - all show personnel
- Whitney Brown - comedy juggler
- Jerry Booker - riding a giant horse (Percheron)
- Duke, the trained peacock
- Diana Howell - trained dogs
- Presentation of the llama
- Miss Doni - big snake
- Jerry Booker - hyena on leash
- Diana Howell - quarter horse
- Whitney Brown - trained dog
- Finale - Entire company

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CIRCUS Visits

We visited the Betty-Cole Circus three times already -- April 30 at Richmond, May 8 at Harrisonburg and May 10 at Charlottesville (Virginia).

Each visit was thoroughly enjoyable and everyone there the clowns, Ron and Mitzie and all the others made us feel right at home.

.... Bernard Carroll

Correction

The following corrections should be noted in regards to equipment reported on the Carson & Barnes Circus in the issue of May 13th.

The Tire & Supply Truck - No. 72 - was formerly used on the M. Miller's Community Circus.

Last year's cookhouse truck was a former Kelly-Miller bill car.

Capsules

Polack Bros. Circus drew big crowds at Fairfield and in Vallejo (Calif) last month.

Good crowds were on hand to see Gatti-Charles Circus during its recent engagement at Napa, Calif.

The George Matthews Circus has been pulling good business despite cold windy weather and even snow at Pocatello.

Ringling's Clown College will hold auditions at its Circus World Showbase on June 12th. It's the first Florida audition time ever scheduled.

The Al Sihah Temple of Mason, Ga., has signed Eddie Zucchini to produce its Nov. 8-10 circus.

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CIRCUS ACTS

Generally good business and an interesting show has been reported the the Benefit Circus dates at Yuba City and Monterey (Calif.) last month.

Featured on the show were:

Come-in Clowns - Harpo, Che Che Salute to the flag
The Victors - trampoline
Dave Linden - spinning plates
Miss Astro - high dive
Harry Ross - clown camera (T.V.)
Lee Anna - contortion
Fay Snyder - horse act
Harry Ross - The chicken cannon
Dave Linden - balancing
The Chimps -
Single Trapeze (2)
-- Intermission --
Fay Snyder - mixed animal group
The Sexons - juggle/unicycles
Harry Ross - Escaped convicts
Spanish webs - (2)
Fay Snyder - rope spinning
Russ Saunders Trio - testerb'd
The Bertini Duo - hanging perch

Heavy Rain

The weather wasn't too cooperative here in Ohio during our May circus season.

Caught Sells & Gray at Fairfield (May 17) where it rained hard all day long. Despite the rain good crowds were on hand for each performance, which was very enjoyable.

. . . . Don Sandmen

ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo
Jun 4-9 San Jose, Calif.

Barnes & Daily Circus
Jun 3 Milan, Mo.
4 Linneus
5 Brunswick
6 Herdin
7 Kearney
8 Hamilton

Beatty-Cole Circus
Jun 3 Easton, Pa.
4 Hazelton
5 Williamsport
6 Scranton
7-8 Binghampton, NY
9 Elmira

Cerson & Barnes Circus
Jun 3 Olathe, Kans.
4 Excelsior Spgs, Mo
5 Maryville
6 Shenandoah, Iowa
7 Greenfield
8 Eddyville

Hubert Castle Circus
Jun 3-8 Edmonton, Alaba.

Circus Knie
Jun 3-4 Lenzburg, Switz.
5-6 Giestal

Circus Vargas
Jun 3 Pueblo, Colo.
4 Colorado Springs
5 Enroute
6 Lawrence, Kans.
7-9 Kansas City

Getti-Charles Circus
Jun 3-6 Sacramento, Cal.
7-9 San Jose

Lewis Bros. Circus
June 3 Sylvania, Ohio
4 Grover Hill
5 Kenton
6 Utica
7 Maryville
8 New Comerstown

Moolah Shrine Circus
Jun 8-11 St. Louis, Mo.

Poleck Bros. Circus
Jun 8 Farmington, N.M.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
to Jun 16 Philadelphia, Pa

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Jun 6-9 Nashville, Tenn.

Roberts Bros. Circus
Jun 4 Fredonia, N. Y.
5 Brockton
6 Gowanda
7 Wattsburg, Pa.
8 Ripley, N.Y.

Royal Lipizzen Stallion Shw
June 4 Rochester, Minn
5 Austin
7-9 Chicago, Ill.
11 Duluth, Minn.

John Strong's 1869 Circus
Jun 4-6 Dallas, Texas
7-8 Fort Worth
9 Wichita Falls

Wenatchee Youth Circus
Jun 9 Cashmere, Wash

... OTHER ROUTES ...
All Breed Dog Show
9 Pleasant Hills, Cal
Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
Jun 3-8 Gary, Ind.

PEOPLE

KARL WALLEDA claims a record sky walk by having walked a 1,700 ft. rope stretched over Kings Isl'd Amusement Park (Ohio) on May 25th.

BOB MATTHEWS, former lion trainer, suffered a brief heart seizure after attending Circus Vargas. He is reportedly doing well at this time.

DOROTHY MILLER is one of the few gals who belonged to the Billers Union (Card # 32). She is also the only gal to ever work for car manager Elmer Kaufman.

MICHAEL MOK, reporter, was a guest clown with the RBBB show in New York. His story appeared in the National Star of May 18th.

AL MALL was working concessions with De Wayne Bre early this year. He had his own show for several years

WILLIE KEO worked the Fiesta Days celebration at Vacaville, Calif. on Memorial Day weekend.

CAROLE CARMICHAEL, UPI reporter, clowned with the RBBB show in New York late last month.

6 Lawrence, Kans.

7-9 Kansas City

Gatti-Charles Circus

Jun 3-6 Sacramento, Cal.

7-9 San Jose

George-Matthews Circus

Jun 4 Casper, Wyo.

5 Enroute

6 Laramie

7 Cheyenne

8 Fort Collins

Hamid-Morton Circus

Jun 6-9 Trenton, N. J.

Happytime Circus

Jun 5-9 Modesto, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Jun 3 Sheboygan, Wisc.

4 Manitowoc

5 Wausau

6 Marshfield

7 Baraboo

8 Beaver Dam

9 Beloit

Kays Continental Circus

Jun 7-11 Denver, Colo.

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus

Jun 7-9 Detroit, Mich.

King Bros. Circus

Jun 3 Superior, Ariz.

4 Chandler

5 Avondale

6 Wickenburg

7 Prescott

8 Cottonwood

9 Flagstaff

... OTHER ROUTES

All Breed Dog Show

9 Pleasant Hills, Cal

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit

Jun 3-8 Gary, Ind.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit

June 3-8 Quincy, Ill.

Circus World Museum Exhibit

to Jun 30 Waupum, Wisc

James H. Drew Shows

Jun 3-8 Bluefield, W. Va.

Foley & Burk Shows

Jun 4-9 Hayward, Calif.

5-9 San Leandro

Kramien's Magic Capades

Jun 8 Vancouver, Wash

Rose City Rides

Jun 3-8 Herculaneum, Mo.

.. LATE ROUTE

Circus Kirk

June 3 Waynesboro, Pa.

4 Chambersburg

5 Shippensburg

6 New Cumberland

7 Street, Md.

8 Enroute

9 Hanover, Pa.



orial Day weekend.

CAROLE CARMICHAEL, UPI reporter, crowned with the RBBB show in New York late last month.

ANTAR WAZZAN recently became a U.S. citizen. He is with the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus.

STEPHEN HLAVENKA visited the John Strong Circus in Central Calif. areas.

THE RUMMELS, jugglers, and rolling globes, are touring with King Bros.

THE BLUE STREAKS (roller skaters) took a brief vacation from the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus, then rejoined them at Spokane, Wash.



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Fox Plans Film On Life Of Tom Mix

A film based on the life of Tom Mix has been scheduled for production by Jerry Zeitman. It will be released through 20th Century-Fox Studios, sometime early in 1975.

The screenplay will be written by Darryl Ponicsan, whose book on Tom Mix will be published just prior to the release date of the film. Ponicsan is the author of "Cinderella Liberty" and "The Last Detail", both of which became major motion pictures.

Both Ponicsan and Zeitman are doing research study on the background of Tom Mix, famous western and circus star.



Reaps Calif. \$

Two major west coast shows - George Matthews and Circus Vargas - have been doing good business in the western states, according to an AB report last month. Most of the California dates were lucrative ones, the article stated.

The item quoted Vargas' press chief Doug Lyon, as saying the show had "blacked out" at its April 19-23 Costa Mesa stand. It was the only weak date in Southern California.

The George-Matthews Circus reportedly drew a "blank" at Fountain Valley on May 6th, but otherwise has been doing quite well. They plan to be on the road until late this year.

HISTORICAL FACT

The first giraffe born in the U. S. was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on Oct. 20, 1889.

Several books have been written about Mix, and a museum -- The Tom Mix Museum -- operates in Dewey, Okla. Everything displayed there was, at one time, owned by Mix himself.

Mix's circus career included tours with: 101 Ranch Wild West, Walter L. Main, Col. F.T. Cummings Wild West, Young Buffalo Wild West, Circle D Ranch, Kit Carson Buffalo Ranch, Mulhill's Wild West, Buffalo Bill Wild West, Sells Floto Circus and his own show, the Tom Mix Circus.

Mix won all around top cowboy awards for 1909-1910, he was in the Boer Uprising, Spanish-American and Philippine wars, served as a Texas Ranger, sheriff and U. S. Marshall, appeared at the 1937 Canadian National Expo, toured Europe in 1938 and 1939 and as an attraction at Hamid's Million Dollar Pier.

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Kelly Show Heads For Michigan Town

The Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus has completed its current west coast tour, which was highlighted by a four day stand at Expo 74 (May 30-June 2) at Spokane, Wash. The show's next date is a three day stand at Detroit, Mich (June 7-9).

Included in the west coast tour were two performances at Berkeley's U. C. Campus, where the show worked in the new Zellerbach Auditorium on May 25th. A big crowd was on hand for the matinee while only a few folks came out for the evening performance.

ALASKA BOUND

Already on their way to Alaska, the Wallace & Rogers Circus plans to spend about 60 days in the far northern state. The show, which is traveling on seven trucks, will be playing Canadian dates on the way to and from Alaska.

The circus is owned and operated by the Hartzell Family. They have an 80 x 120 ft. blue and white tent that was made by the Puget Sound Tent & Awning Co. Seating - two seat trailers and three sections of traditional seating -- will handle some 1,200 people.

WE ENJOYED IT (Continued)
good.

The round big top is still in great shape and seems to be going up easier than in the past. An absence of aerial rigging makes it easy to see acts on the other side of the arena. We missed the traditional wild animal number, and Louis Murillo still isn't working.

At an age when he could be

Featured in the show were:

Kelly introduction and leading of the circus band (drums, a trumpet and organ).

Miss Pamela - trained dogs

Don Giovanni - drunk sway pole

The Wazzen Family - tumbling

Clowns (2) - Was Day

Judy & Harold - trampoline

Derrick Rossire - "Tony," the Wonder Horse

-- Intermission --

The Bonges - comedy rev. ladder
Emmett Kelly, Jr. - balancing

feather on his nose

Judy and Toto - trained chimps

Clowns - The Armored Car

Rossire with "Gentle Ben"

Tino Wallenda - high wire

Emmett Kelly, Jr. farewell

home collecting his Social Security, Lucio Cristieni is still the hit of the show. His comedy riding is as popular as ever.

Other highlights on the big show program included: Gilde's uncaged leopards; Phil Chandler's substitution trunk and the Fornasari Family's comedy numbers.

..... George Bird

YEARS AGO (1921)

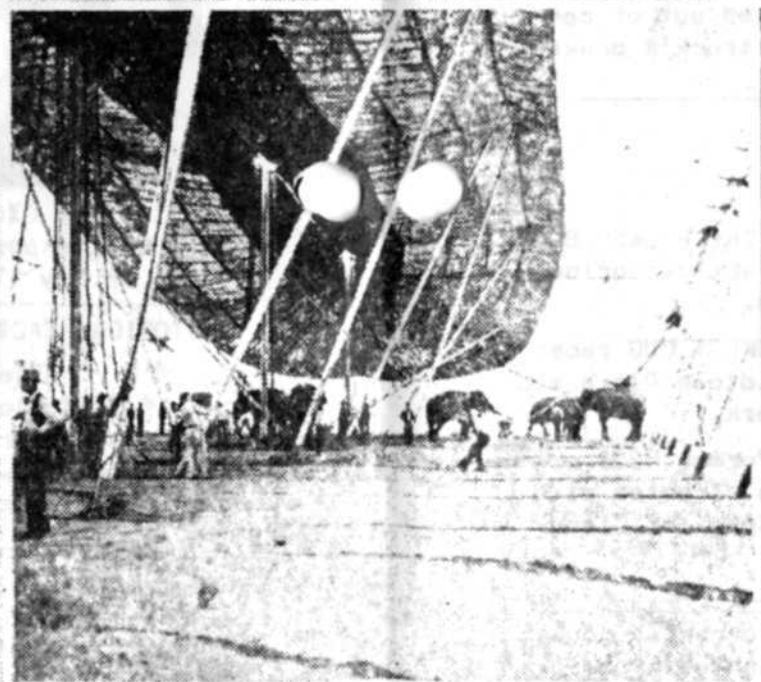
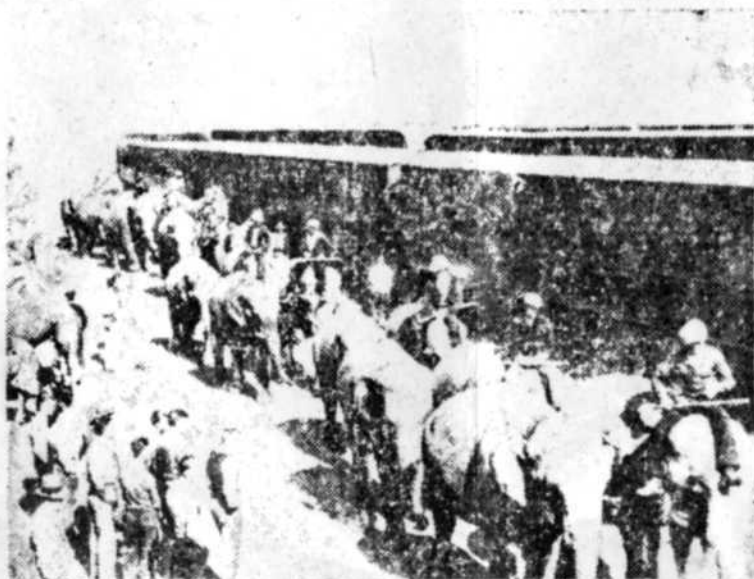
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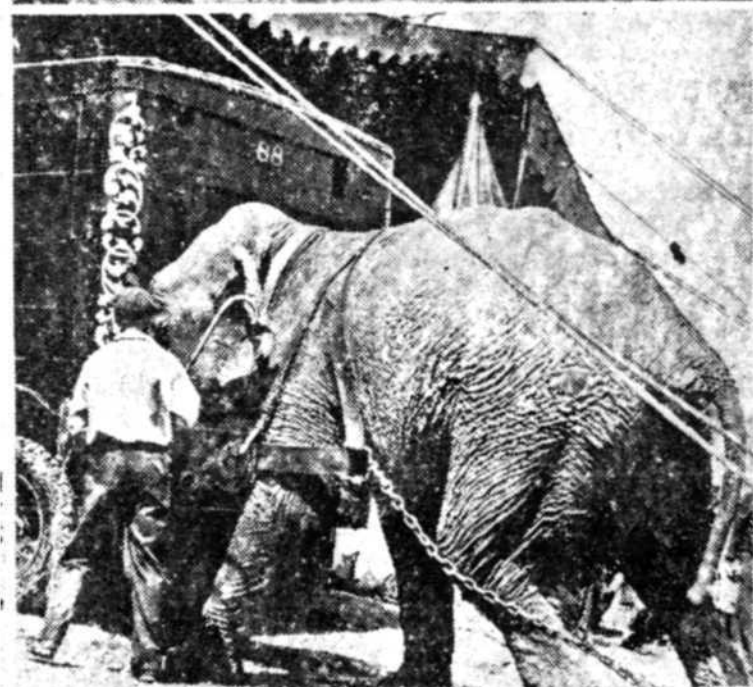
The circus side show featured: a band and lady singer; tattooed lady; Mr. & Mrs. Doll, midgets; Lentini, three legged man; Mrs. Gilmore, snakes; Kees, missing link; Capt. Fred Walters, blue man; Jerry and June, giant chimps; Transparent William, human skelton; Carry Holt, fat lady; Irene Walden, armless girl; Mile. Gabrielle, half lady; Cliquot, African bushman; Mrs. Clifford, sword swallower; Three Hoy Sisters, dancers and singers; and George Auger, the giant.

TOM MIX (Continued)

He was born in El Paso Co., Texas, in 1880, the son of an Irish father and a mother of Scotch and Cherokee Indian extraction. His grand father translation of the Bible was used by the Osage Indians. His father was a captain in the U. S. 7th Cavalry and young Mix learned to ride when quite small. He was only seven when he made his first public appearance in a circus knife throwing act with his parents at Waring, Pa. He was educated at the Virginia Military Academy.

He died in an auto accident near Florence, Ariz., on Oct. 12, 1940.







The above picture was taken in Los Angeles, Calif., on Nov. 12, 1944. It shows an Arthur Bros. Circus semi that backed out of control and crashed into a house. It was said that the truck's brakes had failed.

Gorilla Cage At Park

The cage that once housed "Gargantua" the famed R888 gorilla was recently purchased by Bob Snowden, for his Chico's Monkey Farm at Richmond Hills, Ga. The cage was purchased from Johnny Keef (Keef's Capital City Shows) who obtained it at an auction of R888 artifacts.

Large billboard signs proclaiming the "Home of Gargantua" is at Chico's Monkey Farm have been placed on local highways. The farm also includes a souvenir shop, stroll-through menagerie and amusement rides.

Snowden is refurbishing

people

JEANETTE and "Hi Brown" BOBBY BURNS are currently touring Europe and Africa.

The MUNOZ-BURKETT DUO recently worked the Midtown Plaza at Rochester, New York.

RUDY BUNDY, former R888 executive, is now a director with Kapok Tree Inns Corp. of Clearwater, Florida.

the cage, which currently houses a large chimp. Eventually he hopes to obtain a gorilla which will be displayed in the cage.