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Public Celebrity

Approximately 500 people paid tribute to Emmett Kelly, famous tramp clown, when he was honored by the Ringling Museum of the Circus on Feb. 25th.

Kelly is the ninth circus performer to be honored by being named to the Sarasota Circus Celebrity list. In addition to being presented with the key to the city (Sarasota, Fla.) he was presented with a plaque and lifetime pass to the Ringling Museum. A display of his props, costumes and original trapeze will be on display at the Museum for the next several months.

Snipping Old Ties

A split in the partnership of Karl and John Winn, operators of the Europorama Show, was reported to The Circus Report last week.

That title, used by Karl Winn over the past three years, was recently incorporated by John Winn and his wife, who now control the show. A dispute over sponsor rights resulted in the break-up of the partnership. Karl Winn disclaims any association with the Europorama, Inc.

Karl's new show will open on the West Coast on June 20th. Most of the dates will be in the western states.

Among the acts already signed to be with the new show are:

- Bob Chase - announcer
- John Molonarie - band director
- The Flying Artons - flying act

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show to debut

Late last month the Hartzell Family announced, at a meeting of the Jack Bell CFA Tent, in Seattle (Wash.) their their new show will be called the "Wallace and Rogers Circus."

The show opens on March 31st at Port Townsend, Wash. for a ten day trail run to get the bugs out. They'll go back into winterquarters for a few days and will be on the road for the summer starting June 14th at Mount Lake Terrace, Wash.

The show has ordered new canvas from the Puget Sound Tent & Awning Co. of Seattle. It is an 80 ft. round end top with one 40 ft center piece, and will be blue and white. All poles are to be of aluminum and special ring curbs are now being made.

The Hartzell's are buying a horse and have already purchased an elephant from Eloise Berchtold. They have also ordered a fun house for the midway.

This is the first show to be framed in the Seattle area. Their winterquarters are located in Edmonds, Wash.

..... Mike Sporrer

"Difficult Stage"

We really goofed last week and we're sorry. It's Robert L. Mitchell who will be Ringmaster and Announcer on the Hoxie Bros. Circus this year. We regret any problems the error may have caused.

big turnout

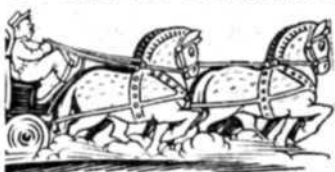
We opened our little show on Feb. 17th and have been playing in the Yakima Valley (Wash.) ever since, says Terrell Jacobs, Jr. We finally got a break in the weather and as a result have had some turnaway business which is pretty nice.

The show features a variety of animal numbers, plus a clown and it seems to go over very well. We're set up to play shopping centers, store openings, fairs, celebrations and just any sort of special event you can name.

new Wagon

The first new circus bandwagon to be built since the turn of the century is currently under construction at Baraboo, Wisc. When completed the wagon will be 22 ft. long and 13 ft. high, and is to be used exclusively for the Schlitz 40 horse hitch.

The wagon (white and gold) will feature a carved centerpiece of barley and hops, along with the famous Schlitz globe. It will be surrounded by intricate scroll carvings.



The wagon was designed by H. Russell Zimmermann, of Milwaukee, Wisc. after researching the historic wagons at the Circus World Museum. The wagon chassis was built by the Wilbur Deppe Co. of Baraboo, while the carvings are being turned out by William Thallmayer, one of the last of the great woodcarvers.

Upon completion the wagon, and the 40 horse team, will be shown at many celebrations, fairs and parades in the nation, as well as at the annual July 4th parade in Milwaukee. Completion of the wagon is set for early June.

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NOTES

The Oakland, Calif. Police Officers Assoc. is sponsoring an appearance of the Grand Ole Opry at the Coliseum this year.

A total of 101,000 people attended the annual Shrine Circus at Milwaukee, Wisc. officials report.

The Knights of Columbus Circus at San Francisco, Calif. has been switched to the Civic Auditorium on June 16-17.

Citizens of Danville, Calif. report a black leopard is roaming the hills of that area.

Carson & Barnes Circus will reportedly use a 140 ft. round end big top with three 40 ft. and two 30 ft. middle sections.

Sells & Gray Circus has purchased six new Chevrolet tractors for the coming show season.

Six Flags Over Texas Park (Arlington, Texas) will open their summer season on March 17th.

A recent issue of the National Enquirer had an article about Buffalo Bill and Heinz Willie, German elephant trainer.

Campbell's have a recipe for "Circus Beans" on some of their canned foods.

The film "Houdini" featuring Tony Curtis was shown on west coast TV stations last week. (March 7).

Feature TV Stars

WALNUT CREEK — Stars of the television show "Hee Haw" will be the headliners at the fourth annual benefit show planned by American Legion Post 115 for June 8 at Fairgrounds, in the Alameda County Pleasanton.

Recording star Roy Clark, Grandpa Jones of the Grand Ol' Opry, comedian Archie

Campbell, singer Guenella Hutton, the Hagers brothers and singer Diane Trask are all scheduled to be on the bill.

Chuck Humphrey of Post 115 said the total net proceeds will go to the group's year-round charity efforts.

Two shows will be presented, at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets and other information are available through Humphrey, care of American Legion 115, P.O. Box 5664, Walnut Creek, Ca. 94596.

for the Show

Side Show personnel for the 1973 tour of the Sells & Gray Circus was announced last week by Jon Friday.

Jack Donohue - the human balloon
Ricardo - sword swallower
Dennis Dup - impalement
Miss Serpentine - blade box
Ruth & Dick - fire eating and magic

The H-M Show

Members and guests of the Bette Leonard CFA Tent (Wichita, Kans.) enjoyed a dinner at the home of Bette Leonard on Feb. 24th. Later they attended the Hamid Marton Circus, which was playing there on Feb. 22-25. A special cake, made by Kansas' own Top Clown Micki Hansen was provided for the occasion.

Special guests from the circus included: The Flying Cordona; George Hamid, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Basil; Harry Peebles and Lucile Coats.



Featured in the circus program are:

- Los Galambos - aerial feature
- Bill Golden - tigers and lion
- Msr. Duval and The Wazzans - bal.
- Miss Donna, Diane and Debbie - loop-the-loop
- The Great Cardona - aerial
- Princess Ming Wong - Golden Mist - dancing horse
- Miss Kaylena - doves
- Carlow, The Wazzans, Dan & Trina acrobats
- The Flying Dells - flying act
- Hawthorn's elephants
- The Aerial pirates.
- Sammy, the seal
- Liberty ponies

The show's staff includes:

- George A. Hamid, Jr. - producer
- Harry Peebles - Co-Producer
- Andy Bogner - Show Chairman
- Lucille Coats, Anna Mae Easley - office
- G. B. Miller - publicity
- Charles Basile - ringmaster/announcer
- James M. Hamid - advertising manager
- Al Youngman - musical director
- Robert Atterbury - Director of staging
- Gary Peterson - producing clown

.....Velma Lowry

SNIPPING OLD TIES (Continued)

- Miss Astra - high dive
- Las Verdus - rolling globes
- The Regettys - unsupported ladders
- Rod James - ventriloquist
- Sabrina - head balance trapeze
- The Nobletts - cradle act
- The Winns - aerial motorcycle
- Karl Winn - walk of death
- Miss Sheila - slide for life
- Allison and Beth - double trapeze
- Bob Emrico and The Chases - clowns

Collector's Corner

Blackhawk Films of Davenport, Iowa - 52808, has the following sets of color slides on sale.

No. 350-88-0074 - Circus Train - Last days of the Circus.

- No. 350-88-0561 - Milwaukee Circus Parade
- No. 350-88-0484 - Old Time Circus Parade
- No. 350-88-0861 - Historic Circus Wagons
- No. 350-88-0829 - Beatty-Cole Circus

Ringling antiques on display

The Ringling Museums in Sarasota, Fla., will have a full schedule of cultural activities for visitors. Art exhibitions, opera, concerts and plays are on the

program. The John Ringling (he of circus fame) mansion is being restored. Visitors may wander through the Venetian palace-style home to see the family's priceless art collection and other antiques. Programs are available from Ringling Museums. Information Department. Post-office Box 1838, Sarasota, Fla. 33578.

SHOW ACTS

Acts appearing with the Miller Johnson Circus this season include:

- Lester Parker - swaypole
- Pat Anthony - mixed wild animals
- The Rhalphys - aerial ladder
- The Hassanis and Chari Vani acrobats
- Semon's chimps
- Kim and Michele - single trapeze
- Prof. Shappi - crazy piano
- Vashek - inclined wire walk
- Naughtin's bears
- Clowns - The laundromat
- Ben DeWayne, Kathy Cassidy, Miss Loni juggler display
- Clowns - The Lumberjack
- Feller Boys & Dodo - wire act
- The Flying Farias
- Clowns
- Sandy Fulbright - ponies
- Roberto's mules
- Rosa's ponies
- Hassani's - tumblers
- Lothar, Jolly Jr. and Ferronis - balancing display
- Clowns - The Newspaper
- Vashek Duo - aerial motorcycle
- Bob Gibbs, Oscar Cristiani and Ben De Wayne - elephants
- The Sky Kings - sway poles

personalities

RONALD, the MacDonald Clown, was at the company's store in Berkeley, Calif. last weekend (March 3).

MARCEL SCHEWER joined Ringling's Blue Unit as bandmaster to replace BILL PURYN who is in the hospital at Sarasota, Fla.

LYLE TUTTLE, a San Francisco, Calif., tattooist, is covered with tattoos from head to foot.

JOHN STRONG was in the Pacific Northwest last week booking dates for the fall.

JOHN OSBORNE writes he visited five circuses last year - Clark & Walters, Fisher Bros., John Strong, Carson & Barnes and Sells & Gray.

DAMOD DHOTRE, wild animal trainer, died at his home in India on Jan. 24th. He was 71 years old.

CLARK McDERMOTT has returned to San Francisco, Calif. after playing some dates in Idaho.

MADRIAN LEE, of Bowling Green, Kty, has been charged by the Dept. of Agriculture with exhibiting a "sored" horse. Conviction could mean a fine of \$2,000 or imprisonment for six months or both.

TOM UPTON will have his "Pictorial History of the Circus" film at the Oakland, Calif. Main Library on March 16th. They'll be shown at 2 p.m.

ALICE STUART and her snakes were at the Orphanage Club in San Francisco, Calif. all last week.



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R-B's good

The 1973 edition of Ringling-Bar-num's Red Unit is a big and dazzling affair. It should please everyone who sees it.

The program really features Gunther Gebel-Williams, who is seen in at least three numbers. In the finale he rides an elephant with a tiger, around the track, for a really big round of applause. He is truly the first circus star developed by this show in many years.

Something a little different is offered in the second half, when Pio Nock walks the highwire across an arena full of lions. It's a dual presentation for Wolfgang Holzmair works his 17 lions at the same time. Reminds you of the old days when this sort of thing was a very popular number.

There's an alley of 30 clowns on the show, with Frosty Little listed as producing clown. Incidentally, he sometimes helps out as assistant program director. Guess the only recognizable names among the clowns are Lou Jacobs and Bobby Kaye, although there's one clown that is out there most of the time and is pretty good.

They have some nice specs this year and the big one is called "The Circus". It features some of the spectators, as children are selected to ride the carousel in each end ring. . . . M. Simic

with Affection

Some 135 relatives and friends honored Art and Rose Heller with a party for their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23 at Sheboygan, Wisc. The couple are well-known circus people who traveled with the Seils-Sterling-Lindemann Circus from 1921 to 1938. Art was a musician, while Rose was an aerialist.

Their daughter, Betty, who also was in the circus, composed a special poem for the occasion. Her husband, Norbert Orth, served as toastmaster and also sang two appropriate songs.

. . . . Norman Wilbert

ROUTES

- Carson & Barnes Circus
March 17 Austin, Texas
- Hubert Castle Circus
March 12-13 Salem, Oregon
- Hamid-Morton Circus
March 22-25 Oklahoma, City, Okla.
- Hubler's Int'l Circus
March 15-18 Youngstown, Ohio
24-25 Steubenville
- Polack Bros. Circus
March 15-17 Akron, Ohio
21-24 Canton
- Ringling-Barnum (Blue Unit)
March 14-18 Charleston, W. Va.
20-25 Knoxville, Tenn.
- Ringling-Barnum (Red Unit)
March 14-18 Raleigh, N. C.
20-25 Norfolk, Va.
- Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show
March 12 West Monroe, La.
13 Bastrop
14 Natchitoches
15 Oakdale
16 Leesville
17 Woodville, Texas
18 Off
19 Crockett
20 Marshall
21 Ennis
22 Mineral Wells
23 Breckenridge
24 Comanche
- Semo Shrine Circus
March 23-24 Sikeston, Mo.
- John Strong Circus
March 17 Blythe, Calif.
24 Camarillo
25 Santa Barbara
- TNE & Royal Olympic Circus
Feb. 28-March 1 Sarasota, Fla.
March 6 Chicago, Ill.
12 Central City, Kty.
15-17 Hopkinsville
- Wonderful World of Horses
March 23-25 Miami, Fla.
- Six Flags Over Texas Park
March 17 Arlington, Texas
(Opening Day)
- FOREIGN SHOWS
- Artistent Tiere Circus
March 13-18 Innsbruck
- Willy Hagenbeck Circus
March 16 Mannheim, Germany

Making Le Point

As a fellow circus fan I'd like to set the record straight about that "Great New Act" described in the Dec. 18, 1972 issue of Circus Report. That act, presented by Freddy Knie, Jr. is every bit as sensational as you say. But it's not a new act.

Last year at the 5th International Circus Congress a special ovation was given Freddy Knie, Sr. for presenting this act. He thanked everyone, then said that the act had been first presented years ago on the Circus Strassburger, in Germany. In fact he introduced Ell Strassburger and said the applause should be directed to her family.

None of this spoils the wonderful act that Freddy, Jr. is presenting. He is an amazing performer, who apparently can do anything. He always has a new and sensational act for the circus.

The Knies are wonderful perfectionists as performers and they have about the best show in the world. The modest Freddy Sr. simply wanted to get the facts straight and give credit where due. He has originated enough sensational acts on his own to deserve the ovation he got.

..... Ralph Hartman

HISTORICAL FACT

In 1915 the Ringling Bros. Circus train were painted as: Advance cars all green; show cars yellow trimmed in red, coaches were all red. All circus wagons were red.

They were traveling on four trains and featured a big parade every day. It featured 19 cages, 17 tab wagons and at least three bands. Over 190 horses were included in the long procession.

- Menschen Tiere Sensationsen
March 22-31 Bremen, Germany
- Moscow State Circus
March 18-22 Mainz, Germany

..... FAIR DATES

- Hernando County Fair
March 5-10 Brooksville, Fla.
- Pinal County Fair
March 14-17 Casa Grande, Ariz.
- Sarasota County Fair
March 19-24 Sarasota, Fla.

Is There a Magician in the House?

The annual contest show and dinner for San Francisco (Calif.) area magicians was held last week at the Oakland Magic Circle's headquarters. The March 6th program brought out a big crowd with representatives from all area clubs.

Featured on the program were:

Orsinni and Crystal - Hayward
 Jack Rendis - Santa Rosa
 Jim Embree - San Jose
 Lee Tai King - San Francisco
 Billy De Von - Sacramento
 Steve Blanca - Monterey

Winner of the contest show was the team of Orsinni and Crystal.

Book

A new book has been written about Wm. F. Cody by John Burke. The volume is titled simply "Buffalo Bill" and was published by Putman. It sells for \$7.95.

The author says his book may look like an attempt to cut Cody down, but that's not the case. He offers some of the facts about the famous man, facts that don't agree with the stories reported about him.

People liked Cody, says Burke, and he was a generous man. As a result he let millions of dollars flow through his hands

FRENCH SHOW

Each Christmas season the Bouglione circus people of France lease the Porte de Versailles exhibition hall for a series of circus programs. Each performance is sold as a package deal to various organizations and firms who use the circus for a Christmas party for their employees and friends.

During the holiday season the circus offered an outstanding program of acts for its buyers. Music for the whole series was provided by a large orchestra under the direction of Marcellus.

Circus acts appearing there were:

Miss Catherine Blankert - tigers
 The Jaccomos - comedy numbers
 Rudi Enders - elephants
 The Six Hergottis - aerial perch
 The Juanitos - balancing
 The Gambys - perch pole
 Mdme. Claudine Lorent - seals
 Enders Bros. - riding act
 Rodriquez Troupe - horizontal bars
 Jacques & Addi Enders - crazy taxi
 Iby's dogs
 Les French - musical clowns
 Rudy Enders - liberty horses
 Tito Reyes - juggler

Cody liked the spotlight and was a real showman, thus he wouldn't object to anything that was written about him. He knew that those stories would bring full houses for each performance.