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New Danger Sign

Animal trainers and circuses could face extinction if a new Federal Legislative bill is allowed to pass, reports L. David Harris, of Washington, DC. The bill, drawn up by the House of Representatives Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee, is expected to be ready for Congressional hearings late this month or sometime in early May.

A Black List

In its report released on April 2nd, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Stark County, Ohio, named four local organizations as operating "other than satisfactory solicitation" practices. They are:--

CANTON FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (financial information not available).

CANTON PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOC. Circus Shows (excessive fund raising costs - This group is not repeating this fund raising project) (Continued on Page 10)

The new bill, which is a lot tougher and restrictive than any yet passed, makes any person, corporation, show, etc., owning or exhibiting one or more zoological animals, subject to federal zoo laws. It will also make zoo laws more restrictive and demanding.

Because the law would put traveling animal operations and circuses in the zoo category it could put them out of business. Each circus and animal trainer would be required to carry a licensed zoo curator with their animals. (Continued on Page 10)

MINIATURE CIRCUS Goes on Tour

The big animated miniature circus display, created by Ernie and Virginia Palmquist, has been secured as a special advance attraction for Ringling-Barnum's Bicentennial Circus tour. The miniature circus will be billed as an exact replica of "The Greatest Show on Earth, 50 years ago under canvas" and will be exhibited in major shopping centers just ahead of the circus' arrival.

Show's Guest

On the night of March 19th former clown Tad Tosky was the guest of the Medina Shrine Circus, at Chicago. The show was produced by L. N. Fleckles who saw to it that Tad was sitting dead center in the front row, and was introduced to the audience just as the circus started

According to Tad the arena was packed and the performance was a great one, and well balanced. He was especially pleased with the clown car number

Clowns on the show included: Happy Kellums, Mike Klucker, Bill Spath, Bill Sweeney, Jeff Konecek and Bill Gowan.

(For a list of the show acts see Circus Report for Apr. 7th - Page 6).

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The animated layout includes some 50,000 hand carved figures, plus a three ring performance under the big top. There are also all the other features that one would expect to see in an old-time circus. The Palmquists will be traveling with their circus display.

Promotion and display dates for the model circus are to be handled by Marty Nash & Aides, Inc., of Miami (Fla.). They specialize in shopping center promotional features.

To Check Abuses

A special California state commission has been established to study the abuse of animals in the state.

The 11 member commission was set-up by the State's Board of Examiners of Veterinary Medicine to consider possible legislation that would prevent future abuses.

The board's executive secretary, Gary Hill, said the commission was established in response to recent disclosures of starving horses in California.

CASTLE SHOW CLICKING FOR '75 ...by DAVID E. REID

Officials of the Hubert Castle Circus report that thus far this year business is ahead of last season. Certainly business here at Salem, Ore., (Mar. 25-26) was good. The kind that makes show executives smile.

The program was backed by good music, a three piece band, including drums, organ and trumpet.

Featured on the show program here were:--



Joe Hartman - 3 tigers, 4 lions
Clowns - Safe Cracking
Esmeralda and Irma - traps
Evita - aerial web
Oscar - cloud swing
Christopher James - tight wire
Herman & Petunia - comedy act
Dale Harney - illusions
The Marhal camels and llamas
Irene, Tongo & Co. - comedy
The Hermans - perch act
Clowns - The Army
The Esquedas - cycles/teeterb'd
The Jeffreys - trampoline
The Pinson's - elephants
-- Intermission --
The Flying Valentines
Wilson's Pets - dog act
Clowns - Big Fire Cracker

Tony Fossett - bounding rope
The Alejandros - tight wire
Lenz Chimps
Miss Barbara, Loni and Lilian -
foot jugglers
The Aerial Youngs, Tibi & Eva,
and Aerial Teds - cradles
The Zoppe Riding Troupe.

Dailey Bros.

The arrival of the Al G. Barnes and Dailey Bros. Circus in Nolanville, Texas, was heralded by the first clear weather in quite a spell.

However, the departed rain greeted in the wild animal show in the guise of a muddy lot and offered all the usual minor problems.

Although one ring and a canvas mid-section were left on the trucks, two 90 minute performances drew sell-out crowds. The program featured an abundance of clown and juggling acts.

..... John Zimmerman



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TEXAS DATE WAS WHOPPER!.....by **BILL GREEN**

Just recently Fisher Bros. Circus completed a five day engagement at San Antonio (Texas) where they were sponsored by the Lakeland AFB Special Services. Business was good at all performances and three shows were presented each day.

Included in the show program is Ken Benson, who clowns for the early portion of the show, then takes over the announcing job.

HUBERT CASTLE CIRCUS INTERNATIONAL ..by **JOHN GOODALL**

The Zuhrah Shrine Circus at Minneapolis, Minn. (Feb. 28-Mar 2nd) was produced by Hubert Castle, who brought in a good show. The show's announcer was Lucky Larabee, while the band was directed by Russ Darr. Clown numbers were directed by Lee Marx.

The show program featured:-
 Tarzan Zerbini - wild animals
 Cycling Wizzards - unicycles
 Medro Twins - acrobatics
 Zerbini's tiger and horse
 The Clowns
 Frank and Estrellita
 The Delaneys - aerial cradle
 Alfredo's comedy dogs
 Milonga's liberty horses
 Charmaine's Playmates
 Geronimo - 50 ft. dive
 Tony Fossett - bounding rope
 Mel's Monkeys
 Miamba's baboons
 Johnny Cline's elephants
 The Mateo Trio - aerial motorcy.
 Lee Marx - juggling
 Great Goldfinger - one finger
 Gina Medro - balancing
 Miss Jacqueline - space ship
 The Flying Valentines

The show program included:
 Comedy Gorilla
 Juggling
 Liberty Horses
 Trained Llama
 Monkey act
 Clown numbers
 Cloud Swing
 Anchor Perch
 Aerial Web Act
 Swinging Ladder
 Western Whips
 Rope Twirling
 Elephant

HISTORICAL FACT . . .

The Adam 4 Paw & Sells Bros. Circus was in San Francisco, Cal. on Sept. 10, 1896. Prices were: General Admission 50¢, Children under 9 yrs 25¢, Chairs on Grand Stand \$1.00, Private Boxes (had 5 chairs) \$7.50, with single chairs in private boxes \$1.50

The Clowns
 Kastle's bears
 Van Donwen's seals
 Irene, Tongo & Co. - comedy
 Victor Julian's dog review
 The Smaha - trained horses
 Rebecca and Lamora
 The Jordanas
 Francarro
 The Triskas - high wire

PEOPLE

DEL GRAHAM's flying act recently joined the George Matthews Circus performance.

SILVANA HOLZMAIR, daughter of Wolfgang, is making her debut this year with a liberty act on Ringling's Blue Unit.

SEMON's Chimps have added two new babies to their growing family of animal performers.

CHIEF WHITE CLOUD (knife thrower) was a guest on the Mike Douglas TV Show on April 3rd.

JEANIE GORMAN was recently named head show girl on the RBBB Blue Unit.

THE AMAZING MONAHANS (risky act) starts a year and a half European tour this Wednesday (April 16).

TITO GAONA, circus flyer, was a guest on the "To Tell The Truth" TV show of March 24. The panel failed to identify him.

THE HOUGH's juggling team is expected to join the George Matthews Circus this month.

TAD TOSKY, retired clown, has sent his original manuscript for the book "Clowning from 6 to 60" to the Clown Club Convention at Denver, where it will be auctioned and the proceeds will be used for the COA building fund.

WALLY NAGHTIN lost a young bear when Circus Vargas played Barstow, Calif. Two local young fellows later said they "found" it in a parking lot.

JAN BICKMORE will be filming a TV show with David Frost on April 18th. The show will be aired at a later date.

BOB EMRICO reports his Side Show on the Wallace & Rogers Circus has been doing well despite some rainy and bad weather.

SIR ROCCO, magician, has moved to the Los Angeles area.

FOR SALE

PHOTOS ----- Set No. 1

12 black-and-white pictures of Ringling Bros. winterquarters (1955-56) at Sarasota, Fla.

This set includes Count Nicholas, Alex Konyot, the Tent Loft, Menagerie, Jomar car, Walking Mike Doyle,

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ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo
Apr. 17-20 Alhambra, Cal.

Beatty-Cole Circus
Apr. 14 Rock Hill, S.C.
15 Union

Carson & Barnes Circus
Apr. 14 Killeen, Texas

Hubert Castle - Blue Unit
Apr. 13-14 Yankton, S.D.
15-20 Sioux City, Iw.

Hubert Castle - Red Unit
Apr. 14-20 Dayton, Ohio

Children's Day Circus
Apr. 18 Jackson, Mich.

Circo Panamericano
to Apr. 20 Bayamon, P.R.

Circus Vargas
Apr. 16-22 Cerritos, Cal.

Clyde Bros. Circus
Apr. 17-20 Fargo, N.D.

L. N. Fleckles Circus
Apr. 17-28 Hartford, Conn.

Gatti-Charles Amer. Cont'l
Apr. 14 Madera, Calif.
15 Merced
16 Watsonville

Hamid-Morton Circus
Apr. 18-20 Cherry Hill, NJ

Hanneford Circus
Apr. 17 Farmingdale, NY
18 New Paltz
19 Jamaica

Happytime Circus
Apr. 16-20 Dublin, Calif.

Hiller Old Tyme Circus
Apr. 17-19 Madison Hghts,
Mich

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Apr. 14 Swainsboro, Ga.
15 Milledgeville
16 Gracewood
17 Clinton, SC
18 Seneca
19 Clayton, Ga.

Hubler Int'l Circus
Apr. 12-13 Steubenville, Oh

Kay Indoor Circus
Apr. 16-20 Omaha, Nebr.

Kaye Cont'l Circus
Apr. 16-20 Omaha, Nebr.

King Bros. Circus
Apr. 14 Summerville, SC
15 Lake City
16 Sumter
17 Marion
18 Laurinburg, NC
19 Dillon, SC
20 Bennettsville

Maine Shrine Circus
Apr. 18-May 11 Maine/Canda

Mid-America Circus
Apr. 14-15 No. Dallas, Tex.
17 San Angelo
18 Temple
19 Bryan
20-23 Houston

Polack Bros. Circus
Apr. 20 Sacramento, Cal

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Apr. 16-20 Binghampton,
NY

Ringling-Barnum - Red Un
to May 26 New York, NY

.....OTHER ROUTES

American Freedom Train
Apr. 14-15 Manchester, N.H.
17-18 Portland, Me.

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
Apr. 14-20 Florence, Ala.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
Apr. 14-20 Baton Rouge, La

Circus Knie (Europe)
Apr. 14-15 Sargons, Mark.
16-17 Wathvile, Schn.
18-23 St. Gallen, Splt

Circus Royle (Australia)
Apr. 14 Winchelsea, Vic.
15 Camberdown
16 Cobden
17 Terang
18-20 Warrnambool

Clown Club of America - An-
nual Convention
Apr. 16-19 Denver, Colo.

Prof. Miller's Magic Show
Apr. 14 Gastonia, NC
17 Dannhill, NJ
18 Norristown

Photo Titles

The photograph on Page 11 of today's paper was taken on the Russell Bros. Circus of 1941. The young lady is June Rose Shaller, who appeared in Spec, in a tramp-oline act and other numbers.

MECHANICS' PAVILION

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18 New Paltz
19 Jamaica

Apr. 20 Sacramento, Cal

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Apr. 16-20 Binghamton,
NY
Ringling-Barnum - Red Un
to May 26 New York, NY

Royal Lipizzan Show
Apr. 15 Pottsville, Pa
17-18 Erie
19-20 Pittsburgh

Sells & Gray Circus
Apr. 14 Napoleonv'le,
15 Houmea La.
16 Franklin
17 New Iberia
18 Abbeville
19 Crowley
20 Vinton

Shrine Circus
Apr. 12-13 Long Beach,
Cal.

John Strong Circus
Apr. 14 Solvang, Cal.
15 Santa Maria
16 Pismo Beach
17 Attascadero
18 Paso Robles
19 San Luis Obs.
20 Morro Bay

Wallace & Rogers Circus
Apr. 18 Fontana, Cal.
19-20 Eureka
21 Brookings

.....and thrilling

The first of many shows scheduled to play in the Pacific Northwest this year, the Hubert Castle Circus came into Seattle for a Mar. 27-30 engagement. .. This was the big show's 9th year for the Al Kader Shrine Temple, with the program presented in the Memorial Coliseum.

They have an excellent show this year. The star of the program is wire walker Christopher James, who is learning the original Hubert Castle act and is doing OK.

The show's staff includes:

Bob Dunham - superintendent
Cleo Plunkett - ringmaster
Clement Tosca - band leader
Marlin Plunkett - prop boss
Merle Gilbert - electrician

The show uses two trucks that are painted yellow and red, and two trucks painted yellow and green.

.....Mike Sporrer

(See the Castle story on another page of today's issue).

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The above advertisement for Norris and Rowe's Circus appeared in the San Francisco, Calif. newspapers on March 10, 1901.

The Mechanics' Pavilion, a local park, is no longer in existence.

British Show Sets Record ...by JACK NIBLETT

The Chipperfield's Circus was one of the first to open here in 1975, opening in Dudley, in West Medlands, on Sunday, March 9th. This was rather unusual as Sunday performances of circuses have only been recently permitted, and this is the first occasion an

English circus has opened its tenting tour on Sunday,

As usual, the Chipperfield animals, trained and presented by the family, dominate the program. Dick Chipperfield, Jr. whom many readers will remember as presenting his lions and leopards on the Ringling-Barnum Circus of 1971 (Blue Unit) is much in evidence showing his animals and generally being on hand during the running of the show.



The Program includes:--

John Chipperfield, Jr. - mixed group of polar bears and Himalayan black bears

Mde. Ballon - aerial feature on a single rope

Dick Chipperfield, Jr. - African lions (12)

The Aeronas - aerial cradle

Dick Chipperfield, Jr. - a new group of leopards

Sally Chipperfield - poodle and monkey revue

The Johnsons - knockabout table

Bird Fantasy - exotic birds who fly free

Tommy Chipperfield - mixed group of stallions

-- Intermission --

The Cycling Ballons - Thrills on Wheels act

James Clubb - crocodiles, doves, pythons, lady-into-tiger act

The Amazing Misca - hand balane

Jim Stockley - elephants (6)

Chipperfield's Riding Machine

Les Pauwels - French Musical Clowns

James Clubb will soon be alternating with Dick in presenting the leopards. He is married to Sally Chipperfield.

Jimmy Stockley is the son of Marjorie Stockley (Chipperfield) so with the birds soon to be presented by Ann Chipperfield the animal side of the circus will be very much a family affair.

Dick Sr. and John Sr., the elder statesmen of the circus, do not take an active part in presenting acts these days, but keep a paternal eye on everything that's going on.

The English winter has exceptionally mild (we even had a tented circus in London at Christmas) but since the Chipperfield's new 6 polor went up the weather has deteriorated and they have suffered much rain, frost and even flurries of snow. Fortunately business has been good and heaters were placed inside the tent.

CLYDE BEATTY COLE BROS. CIRCUS

WORLD'S LARGEST

There are certainly some nice highlights in the 1975 edition of the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus program. They include an expanded cat act (5 lions, 4 tigers) by Dave Hoover; the first aerial display of the show; the Drouettes; the Verdus Troupe; the baby elephant number, presented by Fred Logan; the flying act headed by Dennis Sherman and the aerial ring number by Mitzie and Ron.

The overall show is pleasing and the band, headed by Jimmy Ille, plays a fine book of circus music in the traditional style. He has replaced the 2nd trombone with an organ for the tour this season.

The clowning is good, with six members in the Alley - Jerry Werner, Brenardo Crespo, Mike Ferriero, Jimmy James, Phil Logsdon, Louie Nagy. (Ken Dodd has taken a leave of absence). The aerial ballet consists of 12 girls and the predominant color is blue.

The program, as seen on March 29th included:--
 Dave Hoover - wild animals
 Twinkling light pitch
 Clown walk-around
 The Glorions - aerial perch
 Rita & Elba - hanging perch
 Braun and Sharon - cradle
 Clown's Bullfighting number
 The Four Drouettes - juggling
 The Williams - trained chows
 Kay's Pets - mixed animals
 Aerial Ballet with Ron and Mitzie doing an iron jaw act
 Kay Hanneford - riding number
 Clowns - the hot dog
 Michael, The Drouettes and Inge
 - juggling display

-- Intermission --

The Flying Astros - flying act
 Clown walkaround
 Mitzi Gill - slide for life
 The Ferreiras - perch balance
 Don Mauricio - ladder balance
 The Verdus Troupe - rolling globe
 Clown Walkaround
 Side Show announcement
 Walter Logan, Fred Logan and
 Gary Thomas - elephants

The show's announcer is Michael Martin, who also has the Side Show. Acts there are: Fire Eater, Chinese Torture, Knife Throwing, snakes, Punch & Judy, Rubber Girl, The animals in the tent are: camel, 9 elephants and a big cage, with lion cub, leopard and mandrill.

Prices for the big show are \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00, with the Side Show priced at 75¢ for everyone.

..... Al House

ANGER SIGN (Continued)

Those people handling or taking care of animals would be licensed, after passing specific examinations. The license would stipulate which animals the individual was qualified to care for and train. Licenses would run from \$100 to \$1,000 each.

The bill would also limit the importation and interstate movement of animals. It will set standards for sizes of cages, holding areas, etc., for the research work, breeding and exhibition of animals.

George E. Steele, Jr. editor of Zoo Action magazine, says "this bill means trouble for circuses. There are a lot of do-gooder organizations that are working through this bill to get rid of circuses."

However, Frank Potter, counsel for the Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee, and one of the bill's authors, says "we don't intend for this bill to put circuses out of business, but we are out to make it tough for roadside zoos, menageries, schlock outfits who run sub-standard operations."

Potter reports the bill is now "in limbo" awaiting complete writing and presentation for Congressional hearings. He says circus people, trainers, etc., should let the Committee know their feelings about the bill

In Memoriam

JOHN (Starkey) BRANNOCK (75) died at Pascagoula, Miss., on March 19th. He started his show business career on the Mighty Haag Circus in 1914, as a sign painter and artist. He also worked for numerous other shows and for the film industry.

MEVEL MADDOX VALEE, mother of the show announcer and chaplain Austin Miles, who conducted the graveside services at Evansville, Ind. on Mar. 18th.

BLACK LIST (Continued)

CANTON VFW Posts Magazine Sales (financial information is not available).

SHRINE CIRCUS (unacceptable fund raising methods)

In the main, the report stated, most organizations meet or comply with the BBB standards.

However, it listed the following organizations as practicing "fraudulent or deceptive solicitations."

Int'l Braille Distributor Inc.; Metro Directory; Nat'l Urban News; Navy Echo; Standard Business Directory; U. S. Merchant Marines; Vietnam Veterans Assoc.; and the Wisdom Society.

and how it will effect them. He also suggests that they make an effort to testify at the hearings which will be coming up before the bill is voted upon.



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