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That show "This Was Vaudeville" which was seen on the west coast for several months late last year, is now touring Texas. The show has drawn good business and reviews at every stand and looks as if it will be running for a long time.

Some of the acts have been with the show since its start, while others have been added to replace those that have left after various engagements.

During the show's date at Dallas, Texas on Dec. 26-31, they played at the Music Hall and featured:

Panama Francis' Orchestra
The De Castro Sisters
Jim Dandy - unicycle
Tom Peters
Markworth & Mayana
Gene Bell - tap dancer
The Marquis Chimps
Fifi D'Orsay
Four Step Bros.
Johnnie Ray

GYM MEET

Early gymnastic meets announced by the University of California at Berkeley are shown below. The meets will be held in the UC's Harmon Gym at 8 p.m. on the date shown.

Jan. 19 - Calif. and Fullerton
Feb. 10 - Calif. and So. Illinois
Feb. 27 and 28 - Romanian Nat'l Team
and the USA All Stars

THE RUSH EAST

Business and promotions in the heavily populated areas of the East are "all very good" says one west coast shoman who spends most of his time east of the Rockies.

Proof of this is the fact that most eastern shows seldom venture out of that area, and more and more western shows are heading eastward as quickly as possible.

This year for the first time the George Matthews Circus and the Miller Johnson Circus will open their season on the Atlantic coast. Most of their tour dates have been set in the eastern areas.

Rudy Bros. Circus will open in California as usual and play several dates there before jumping into the east for a long series of tented stands.

The Gatti-Charles Circus is expected to open in California with a lengthy series of dates on the Pacific coast, but they too will be heading for the east which is to be followed by a long series of Canadian dates.

The John Strong Circus will open in California, but plans to spend most of the summer months in the east. They will, however, return to California for the last of their season.

About the only west coast shows to play completely in the west will be:

De Wayne Bros. Circus which traditionally plays the Pacific Northwest area. Incidentally, this show will be the CFA Convention Circus at Seattle.

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Ringling-Barnum Show

The Red Unit of Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus opened the other week at Venice, Fla. (Jan. 5-7) with two world premiere performances. The 103rd edition features 25 acts who are making their American debuts, plus five big production numbers.

After its closing performance in Venice the show moved on its own 31 car train to St. Petersburg, Fla. where they are playing at the Bayfront Center for six days. During this date the annual NBC-TV hour long special will be filmed for showing on national TV on Feb. 18th.

The 1973 edition of the two show units are produced by RBBB president Irvin Feld, and are staged by Richard Barstow, who this year is celebrating his 25th year with the circus.

By the end of the season the two shows will have played more than 100 cities in the United States and Canada.

CINEMA

A new movie called "Vampire Circus" currently being shown in the Chicago, Ill. area, reports Tim Tegge. The film is a horror picture and has been rated PG.

The movie features about ten performers and six or seven wagons from the Billy Smart Circus. The wagons have been repainted with the title "Circus of Nights" and are adorned with charging tigers and black leopards.

The film has been released by 20th Century Fox and features a small mud show that plays out in the open. The show is owned by cousins of a Vampire who was killed in the town of Shtettel in 1810.

The "Circus of Nights" pulls into Shtettel some 15 years later to seek re-
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The acts, staff and management for the 1973 tour of Lewis Bros. Circus was announced late last week and includes:

ACTS -- The Haig Family, risley, loop walking, high diving dog (through a ring of fire) and mechanical riding act; Ron Perry, slide for life, wire walking, juggling and plate spinning; his wife will do web and ladder routines; Diane Wilson, seals, Macaws and babboons. David Terrill will be producing clown.

MUSIC -- Bobby Green will head the music department, playing an old fashioned calliopo (This is the only tented show to carry an authentic calliopo.) Bob Styles will be the show's drummer.

STAFF and MANAGEMENT --

John Lewis & Jim Silverlake - owners
John Lewis - Manager
Merlyn Silverlake - Office manager
Jim Silverlake - lot supt.
David Rawls - Concession Dept.
Jim Windland - Snake and Ape Shows
Jim Silverlake - electrician
John Lewis - sound truck
Bobby Green - announcer and calliopist
Myrna Ratcliff and John Lewis - booking agents. Circus Fans will also be used when and where available.

The show is scheduled to open in Indiana on May 1st and will tour in the Mid-west, then in the latter part of summer will head into the Southern states.

Lewis Bros. Circus has added another middle section to their big top, making it 60 ft wide by 120 ft. long, with 9 ft sidewalls. Patrons will buy one ticket which will take them through the menagerie at no extra cost.

Entrance to the show will be via a marquee into the menagerie, then into the big top. On the midway there will be an ape show, snake show and various types of concessions. The office wagon will be located at the start of the midway.

NOTES

The Oakland, Calif. Baby Zoo recently acquired a white faced baby chimp.

Prices for the Globetrotters Show are priced at: \$2.50; \$4.00; \$5.00; \$6.00

The Ice Follies opened a brief run at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nev. last week.

California Assemblyman Mike Cullen has asked for the resignation of the Executive Committee of the California State Fair. The event, he says, should be run by proven management people with a national reputation.

The Oakland (Calif.) Tribune has been carrying an advertisement seeking student phone sales people to sell tickets for an upcoming benefit show.

Three acts from "Animal Actors Ranch" were featured with the recent Loni Ironberg shows at the Cow Palace (San Francisco, Cal) They were: Ed Steeples with Alfie the elephant; Poncho Magana with liberty ponies and Ed and Jerry with the Gypsy bears.

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The Winn's Europorama Show plays for about six weeks, all in the west; and the Reid Bros. Circus will probably stay mostly in the west, with dates in all three West Coast states.

Kay Bros. Circus plays mostly in California, but does venture into Nevada for several weeks each year. The Happytim Circus is almost exclusively a California show, playing a combination of sponsored dates and western fair stands.

Several new deals are planned for the coming year, with at least two small shopping center shows set to appear this spring. It is also understood that even a model circus is ready to start playing shopping centers and fairs in Northern and Central California this season.

Thus even though many of the west coast shows will be playing in the East this year it looks as if West Coast circus enthusiasts, and especially those in California, will have a busy season.

'Tis the season

Last month California suffered some unusually cold weather and the John Strong Circus was out there playing everyday. Temperatures dropped to as low as 10 degrees, but business held up "quite well," says John even in the cold tent.

For his last two stands of the year John moved indoors (Oakland on Dec. 18th and San Jose on Dec. 19th) and thus he escaped some of the continual cold and rainy weather.

At Oakland the show played on the stage of the auditorium theatre. All three levels of the seating area were jam-packed for the single 7 p.m. show. A similar crowd reportedly attended the circus at San Jose.

The program as seen at Oakland was:

John Strong - The Canine Revue
Clowns - Balloon number
The Waltims - Risley/acrobatics
John Strong Jr. - juggling
Dave Slusser - Arthur, the parrott
David Pugh - trampoline
Clowns - one finger stand
Mr. Meatball - riding dogs
Miss Jan - single trapeze
John Strong Jr. - balancing
Clowns - The big car jump
Linda Strong - Teena, the elephant

After the circus performance John Strong was on hand, as Santa, to talk to the children. Gifts and candy were passed out to everyone as they left the theatre.



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venge of the townspeople. It's a bloody film, with a midget releasing a black leopard who attacks three people, tearing their bodies apart. This and other far-out violence deals with the revenge of the Vampire.

The cast features Adrienne Corri as the gypsy who owns the circus; Anthony Corlan, as Emil, the acrobatic Vampire; Laurence Payne, as Mueller and Mary Chipperfield, the animal consultant. The film runs about 87 minutes.

People

CHUCK SATEJA recently completed a three year tour with the Disney on Parade Show. He's interested in collecting circus type post cards -- write him at: 1031 Liberty St., Camden, N. J.

BOB EMRICO is currently doing magic shows in Oregon and Washington.

DON KIRBY will be working on the advance for Miller Johnson Circus this coming season.

CHIEF HENRY RED EAGLE, an 87 year old Indian, who traveled with many shows and wild west outfits, died last month at Greenville, Maine.

THE WALTIMS (acrobats) and THE WILL* ETY'S (jugglers) were featured on a Miller Johnson Variety Show at Seattle on Dec. 22-23.

TIM COONEY, clown, was ill with pneumonia last month and was forced to return to his home. He reportedly is improving rapidly at this time.

CHARLES (Chuck) SCHLARBAUM, the Beatty-Cole bandleader, layed over in Los Angeles, Calif. on Dec. 24th, enroute to Portland, Ore. for a visit with his mother.

THE MONAHAN'S risley act is reportedly with the Harlem Globetrotters this season.

PARLEY BAER reportedly will serve as manager of the Miller-John Circus for the upcoming tour.

SHERI LEWIS will be presenting her puppet show at the Alameda County Fair grounds (Pleasanton, Calif.) on Jan. 20th

PAUL VAN POOL slipped on an icy road last month and broke his left arm in the fall.

FRED LOGAN was in Hugo, Okla. over the holiday season. He'll be back with the Beatty-Cole show this year.

WHITEY BLACK is reportedly booking dates for the Carson & Barnes Circus in Texas for the show's spring opening.

CIRCUS acts

Acts announced as appearing with the Cole All-Star TV Circus during its 1973 tour include:

Danny Carry - hand balancing
Peter & Petrova - aerialists
Phil Chandler & Co. - illusions
The Luvases - perch pole
Famous Kettles - clowns
Tavana - aerial ballerina
Bill Kay - Comedian
Miss Trudy - trained dogs.

In all, the announcements report there will be twelve acts featured in the hour and a half show. It's a program, the officials report, that will delight and please all members of the family.

Advance ticket prices have been set at 75¢ for children and \$1.00 for adults.

12 Oakland Tribune Sun., Jan. 7, 1973 (CALIF)

Suit Filed Against Show Promoters

The Alameda County District Attorney's office yesterday filed a suite in superior court seeking to halt what it calls "Fraudulent misrepresentations" made by promoters of a benefit puppet show.

Named defendants in the suit are the California Entertainment Enterprises of Stockton, the San Leandro Junior Chamber of Commerce and Jack O'Rourke, operator of a telephone soliciting service in Castro Valley at 21011 Redwood Rd.

The suit was filed after the district attorney's office received complaints from the Hayward Chamber of Commerce and the Boy Scouts of America. They claimed that the event is being sponsored by the San Leandro Jaycees to benefit one troop of handicapped Boy Scouts in San Leandro.

Ticket sellers, however, the complaint says, "caused people outside of San Leandro believe that the proceeds will help handicapped Scouts in

their area. "The suit also charges that persons solicited were told that the money would be used for wheelchairs and other equipment although its true purpose, the complaint said, is to raise funds for a Jamboree for Scouts in San Leandro.

The deputy district attorney Alfred Buxcher, who filed the action, said he had warned the San Leandro Jaycees a month ago to refrain from "this type of promotion." He emphasized however that the puppet show, which will be held at the County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton later this month, is legitimate and there is no misuse of funds involved. "Only the method of raising money is questionable," he said.

The complaint asks the defendants to refund all money attained by the alleged misrepresentation and that the defendants pay a fine of \$2,500 for each misrepresentation. The suit also asks \$20,000 in general damages. A hearing has been set for Jan. 15.

ROUTES

Bell Vue Int'l Circus
Thru Feb. 3 - Manchester, England

Cole All Star Circus
Jan. 15-16 Williamsport, Pa.
17 Hendon
18 Enroute
19 Schickshinny
20 Milton
21 Off

Happytime Circus
Jan. 11-13 Coddington, Calif.
14 Off
15 Fulton
16 Covington
17 Sebastapol

Harlem Globe Trotters
Jan. 20-21 Oakland, Calif.

Moscow Circus
Jan. 17-21 Hampton, Va.

Ringling-Barnum (Red Unit)
Jan. 5-7 Venice, Fla.
9-17 St. Petersburg
19-23 West Palm Beach

HISTORICAL FACT

The first parade given by the Walter L. Main Circus after its railroad wreck of May 30, 1893, was presented in Tyrone, Pa. on June 8th.

The show's band was directed by Mont Long, whose wife was also a performer on the circus.

HISTORICAL FACT

Personnel of the King Edward Trained Wild Animal Show, at King Edward Park in Montreal (season of 1912) included:

Harry Bentum, Gen. Agt.; Herr Bertino Mlle. Flora; Capt. Chas. Martin and Bert DeRenzo, animal trainers; Carl Turnquist supt; B. H. Patrick, general manager; Mrs. Patrick; Mrs. Turnquist; Joe Cicardo the band leader.

'AS SHE WAS'

. by Ted La Velda

Lion Bros. Circus was a small show that operated in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado in 1925, as well as in New Mexico.

I caught the show in late July and learned that earlier in the season they had lost their big top in a windstorm. It had been replaced by a wild west canopy, which covered only the reserved seat section. The blues were out under the open.

The show was owned and operated by Harry Bray and in fact it could almost be called a one man show as Harry did most of the program. There was a Jesse King who worked an eight pony drill, and also a riderless menage horse. Other acts included a dog act, pick-out pony, performing monkeys, juggling (comedy) and some small magic.

The show also featured an aftershow or concert which was an old medicine show bill "Over the River Charlie." The show's mechanic played the leading part in this part of the program.

There was no side show as such, but they did carry a small pit show. It was a hyena which was referred to as the "What is it animal?"

A man by the name of Keats (can't recall his first name) was the advance man and sometimes he was only two or three days ahead of the show. They had one concession (a candy pitch), were traveling on Model T Ford trucks and all of the music was by means of a Victrola.

At Pine Ridge, S. D., the show played an Indian reservation and had a straw house. About the middle of the performance a strong wind came up and all of the older Indians got up and left the tent. However, the younger ones stayed for the show and concert too.

The show wintered at Las Cruces, N. M., but prior to that had wintered at Maple Hill, Kans. (near Topeka.)

and Still More

The International Circus at Belle Vue in Manchester, England is currently playing to nice crowds with a good show, says Margaret Wright, of London. The show opened on Dec. 21, 1972, she adds, and will continue playing through Feb. 3, 1973.

Of special interest is the show's first woman ringmaster - Miss Nelly Jane. She has been touring in Sweden with the Circus Scott and really attracts attention in her hot pants, thigh high boots and traditional top hat, and tail coat.



The show's executive staff includes:

Kenneth Andrews - Area Director
 E. C. Davis - Catering Executive
 J. F. Fearnley - General Manager
 R. T. Talnot - Buying Executive
 P. E. Smith - Deputy general manager
 Morris Maclean - Musical Director

The program features:

Showtime Parade - all circus performers
 The Rodolfos - jugglers
 The Two Svenssons - Comedy riding
 Li Koon Family - Chinese balancers
 The Two Tornados - Impalement act
 Bobby Roberts - Baby elephant review
 Jumping Jack - the human kangaroo
 David Rosaire - dogs (12)
 Wong Chung Lan - Magical mysteries

sheep dies

The famous five-legged sheep, owned for many years by Bob Emrico, a clown and magician, died early this month as a result of old age.

The unusual animal, which in addition to its five legs, also had six feet, has been seen by thousands of people all over the country. She had been with most of the nation's leading circus side shows as well as some carnival shows.

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