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FAIR SHOW UNIT OPENS IN JUNE

Plans for the long awaited second unit of the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show were recently announced by show producers Gary and Philip Lashinsky.

The new show is scheduled to open on June 28th at the "Spirit of America" fair in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. The unit will play major fairs and celebrations during the July-August-September period, including an Aug. 15-21 date at the Canadian National Exposition at Toronto.

Rehearsals for the fair unit will get underway on May 13th. The performance will be such that it can vary from a 15 minute show to a 30 minute program. All programs will feature Lipizzan acts and presentations with European riders and Lipizzan stallions.

Several specialty presentations, including the spectacular leaps of the Lipizzan horses in the Airs Above the Ground are to be a part of every program.

The big arena unit of the Lipizzan Horse Show will be playing its annual dates in July and

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NEW NAME ahead

Reports the "Children's Magic Circus", produced by Nordmark & Hood Presentations from Sarasota, would be renamed were confirmed this past week in an eastern publication. The show is to be renamed "International All-Star Circus" as soon as its present supply of printed material is exhausted.

The show, managed by Hines Rucker, opened in Atlanta, Ga. on Jan. 31st and since then has been reporting good business at each stand. The energy crisis has received some credit for an

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HOTEL Circus

Early this month (March 2-3) the Le Baron Hotel at Buena Park, Calif. (near Knott's Berry Farm) presented a circus performance as its feature attraction.

The circus, presented in the Hotel's Grand Ballroom, featured:

- Joe Gerlach - sponge dive
- The Willers - one finger stand and juggling
- Yvette's Pets - dogs & ponies
- May Noblitt - uncaged leopard
- Johnny Day - clown/announcer
- Faye Snyder - rope spinning

notes

Members of the Bette Leonard CFA Tent plan to visit the Hamid-Morton Circus as a group during its Mar. 22-24 date at Wichita, Kans.

A baby elephant died at the Nugget Casino, Sparks, Nev., last month shortly after it was received. Death was attributed to an intestinal infection.

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Show talent

The program being presented this year by Bale's Buckeye Circus features:

- Overature - Emil Hahn at the circus organ
- The Parade of the Clowns
- The Bee Bee's
- Hal Haviland - dogs and pony
- Clowns - The Great Escape
- The Piper Puppets
- Clowns - The Levitation

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Show lineup

Acts appearing with the Book Bros. Circus during its recent Christmas tour (dec. 1973) included:

- Jerry Beck and Robin Clash - clowns
- Doris Humphrie - swing ladder
- Eve Eddy - contortionist
- McClinton's pony drill (3)
- Great Stanley - foot juggler
- Istwans Pets - trained pigeons
- Stan, the Poodle Man
- Stanley Book - ringmaster

The show played 17 one day stands with several of the dates being in Canada.

. . . .Jim Brooks

A NEW LAW

A new law could eliminate seal acts from circus programs and may well be the start of prohibiting the presentation of all trained animals, outside of shows at zoos. The law "Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972" was designed, so its backers state, to protect all marine animals.



Under the new law Federal permission must be granted before sea lions can be caught and added to an act. A public hearing is required and a detailed form must be filled out. The form offers space for a description of facilities where

a seal is kept, information is required on how they are treated and fed, and trained. The qualifications of the trainer and his work situation must also be included on the form.

A public hearing on the law and a request by Andre Bruneau to obtain seals was held in Washington, DC on Feb. 13th. At that time interested parties were invited to present their side - for or against - the matter as of March 14th. A final decision is pending, and will be made on the basis of opinions received from both sides.

by:

BOB GOOD



The Polack Bros. Circus gave four performances here at Allentown, Pa. (Mar. 2-3). They were all well attended and well received, on this Polack Bros.' second appearance for the local shrine club.

This year's program included the following numbers:

The Zamperle lion act
 Lazio Donert & Co. - clown band
 Miss Francesca and Senorita Rose Marie - single trapeze
 Pete & Petrova - aerial cradle
 The Grimaldis - musical comedy
 The Altos Troupe - trampoline
 Baby Mike, the elephant
 Senorita Segura - tight wire
 Mickey Antalek - chimps
 Cerillo Bros. - high wire
 Zamperle Family riding act
 The Flying Gibsons - flying act
 Don Nothdorff - Magic illusion
 Jacki Althoff - trained bears
 The Gutis Family - comedy act
 Miss Lona - performing dogs
 The Polack Bros. elephants
 Capt. Ed Venture - rocket car

Show personnel also included: Vaughn Pelletier, band leader; Don Nothdorft, ringmaster; Robert Hynds, supt. of props; Lazio Donert, Sr., prod. clown.

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ROUTES

Allen's Petting Zoo
Mar. 20-24 Camarillo, Cal

Bale's Buckeye Circus
Mar. 23 Alliance, Ohio
25 Loudonville

Carson & Barnes Circus
Mar. 22-24 Austin, Texas

Hubert Castle Circus
Mar. 19-20 Pendleton, Ore
21-24 Spokane, Wash

Circus Vargas
Mar. 18-20 Austin, Texas
22-25 El Paso

Cole All Star TV Circus
Mar 18 Canastota, N.Y.
19 Turin
20 Boonville
21 Adams
22 Beaver Falls
23 Gouverneur
24 Enroute
25 Canton
26 Madrid

Great Moscow Circus
to Mar. 24 Adelaide, Aust

Hamid-Morton Circus
Mar. 22-24 Okla City, Okla

Happytime Circus
Mar. 15-17 Boyes Hot Spg, Ca
22-24 Sebastopol

Hubler's Int'l Circus
Mar. 23-24 Berea, Ohio

Kaye Continental Circus
Mar. 24-25 Jackson, Miss.

Polack Bros. Circus
Mar, 21-23 Canton, Ohio

Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit
to Mar. 25 Baltimore, Md.

Ringling-Barnum Red Unit
Mar. 19-24 Knoxville, Tenn.

Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show
Mar. 20 Louisville, Ky.
22-23 Terre Haute, Ind

Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show
Mar. 18 Warrenton, Va.
19 Woodbridge
20 Alexandria
21 Wilmington, Dela.
22 Frederick, Md.
23 Hedgesville, W. Va
24 Buena Vista, Va.
25 Staunton
26 Bedford

Sells & Gray Circus
Mar. 18 Pt. Charlotte, Fla.
19 Sebring
20 Cape Coral

Sells & Gray (Continued)
Mar. 21 La Belle, Fla.
22 Belle Glade
23 Green Acres
24 Denia
25 Miramar

Big John Strong Circus
Mar. 18-23 Springf'd, Va

World Pet Expo
Mar. 23-24 Utica, N. Y.

..... OTHER ROUTES

Carnival de Mexico
Mar. 22 Cupertino, Cal.
23 Oakland
24 San Francisco

Cowboy Hall of Fame Auct'n
Mar. 18-30 Los Ang, Cal.

Disney on Parade
Mar. 19-24 Evensville, In

Peggy Fleming Ice Show
to Apr. 3 Reno, Nev.

Holiday on Ice
Mar. 19-24 Jacksenv'le, F

Ice Capades
Mar. 19-24 Halifax, N.S.

Ice Follies
Mar. 19-24 Buffalo, N.Y.

people

KOO KOO, the Clown (of San Jose, Calif.), lost his 11 yr. old white handed gibbon when the animal died of pneumonia.

FREDDIE LOGAN is in San Juan, P.R., with the Beatty-Cole elephants, which includes two baby bulls.

JOHNNY CLINE will have his horses and elephants at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wisc again this summer.

BUCK NOLAN, the 7' 6" clown will be touring with the Beatty-Cole Circus this year.

WALT KING is scheduled to have his elephants at the Shrine Circus in Syracuse, N.Y. and at Buffalo in May.

SLYDINI, magician, was a guest performer at the Oakland, Calif. Magic Circle on Mar. 5th.

VELMA LOWRY, 206 No. Douglas St., Sedan, Kans., is looking for information about the giant Jakob Necken, who was with Sells Floto Circus.

BOB YERKES has some of his acts working on the new Glenn Ford TV Show "Punch & Jody".

ROY BUSH, elephant man on the Hanneford Circus, recently visited the Circus Vargas during its stand at Tampa, Fla.

DOUG LYON has been busy working on publicity for Circus

Sawdust Trail

Because of a conflict with a Monroe, La. city ordinance, to protect the Shrine Circus, Beatty-Cole will play nearby Ruston, La. again this season, instead of at Monroe.

Carl Conley told this writer that because of his father's heart attack Circus Williams is not going to tour this year. The show was offered to buyers in a recent AB advertisement.

Farrow Amusements, of Jackson, Miss. played in back of the Monroe, La. Civic Auditorium when Elvis Presley played here. Mr. Farrow reports business has been fair thus far and as of this moment they haven't had any gas problems.

An accident at the La. Purchase Gardens & Zoo claimed the life of an 18 month old child. One of the park's excursion boat took on water, people panicked and rushed to one side which caused the boat to overturn.

According to a report from Al Stencil, his Royal Bros. Circus is all set to go. A good 74 season is anticipated.

..... M. L. Dupont

Vargas' month long stand in Los Angeles next month.

BERT PETTUS will be in charge of the bull herd on Hoxie Bros. Circus for the 74 tour.



ALLEN KING, half owner of the Rice Bros.-Allen Circus, and who also presents his big wild animal act with the show.



DIET OF DEATH!

MAJOR OTIS SATYRDAE--
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BLOW TORCH--
INTO HIS MOUTH--
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Wild West Circuses may fold up, but there's always a spot for a rider like Dorothy Herbert, "most recklessly fearless and expert rider of reinless, rearing and jumping horses ever known in the circus world."



STARS OF CIRCUS



JAMES O'DONNELL of the Jordan troupe, with the Tom Mix Circus this season, holding the troupe on his shoulders.



RUTH MIX, Tom's daughter, who is scoring on the Tom Mix Circus. This versatile performer also is a picture star.



JACK KNAPP and his pal Toodles head the troupe of funsters with Tom Mix circus

The three pictures shown above were used for the Tom Mix Circus as general advertising. The specific date each picture was used is unknown, but they all appeared in newspapers in the late 1930's.

SHOW'S OK

"One of the most delightful circuses I've seen -- The Hanneford Circus -- played the Georgia Tech. University on Mar. 3rd. It was really a great show! I would like to have heard more traditional circus music, but they did have some, in addition to lots of modern numbers."

The show's band featured: Robert Parker, drums; Mrs. Kay Parker, organ, and Dave Workman, trumpet.

The program, as presented here in Atlanta, featured:

- Cat act - Miss Hanneford
- Spec (tune Greatest Show on Earth)
- Aerial Lovelies - ladders
- Canine Basketball Game
- The Hungarian Troupe - acrobat
- Clowns - A musical horn
- Aerial Lovelies - aerial web
- Swinging bar act - Miss Rita
- The Clowns
- Yahnos' chimps, Wilson's dogs and Stacey's seals
- Intermission --
- 3 Unceged leopards
- Clowns - The boxing match
- A Morgan horse act
- The Dubaky's - perch act
- "Ine" the elephant - was too large to get into bldg.
- Aerial Persons - aerial cradle
- Riding act - The Hannefords
- Finale (tune Bye Bye Blues)
-Paul Fitzpatrick

NEW NAME (Continued)

increase in attendance, based on the fact people probably do not want to drive into a major city for entertainment, and the show is bringing a program directly into their local community.

Last year the show was out 43 weeks and this season's plans call for about the same number of weeks. The jumps have been shortened and some cities have been replaced by others.

Some gas problems have been encountered, but manager H. Rucker says "if the shortage doesn't get any worse we can live with it."

From Florida, show producer Jim Nordmark said, "the gasoline shortage has us all worried, but we are proceeding with a 'dammit-the-torpedoes' attitude. I don't care what kind of business you are in, doing business during an inflationary period is like financial water skiing. If you slow down you will sink."

people

THE WAL-TIMS are building themselves a new home in Cave Junction, Oregon.

SONDRA and HENRY THOMPSON will be in charge of the Sells & Gray Circus side show this year.

HEIDI WENDANY celebrated her 16th birthday with a party backstage during the recent Caltech Circus at Pasadena, Calif.

SHOW Changes

"The Circus," said L. N. Fleckles, in an Associated Press interview, "is not what it used to be. There just isn't enough money in it now." Fleckles produces circus programs for various sponsoring groups and is on the road for about six months every year.

There was a time, he said, when big family acts would come from Europe and the head of the act earned enough to take care of the whole family -- maybe six or seven people. Then as the children grew up and married and the families enlarged they needed more money, but it just isn't there.

This has broken up the family acts. Nowadays they will go from show to show, wherever they can get the money, rather than staying with one show for the entire season.

Rarely is a traveling act more than three persons these days. Simply because the promoter can't afford to pay enough for half a dozen performers who are in just one act.

Fleckles also discussed the move from tented circuses to indoor presentations. Among his reasons for the move were (1) not as many good lots available, (2) security is easier in a building, and (3) townsfolks may get their feelings hurt if the

Mattel Suit

A group of former Ringling Barnum Circus share holders have filed suits against Mattel, Inc. in an attempt to recover at least \$40 million.

The two suits, both filed at Los Angeles, Calif., one in the U. S. District Court and the other in Superior Court, named as defendants the toy company's co-chairmen Elliot and Ruth Handler, three other employees, a former employee and Mattel's accounting firm.

Mattel purchased the circus in Feb. 1971, for stock that was valued at \$47 million. Last December the company signed a letter of intent to sell the circus to a subsidiary of Gulf Oil Corp. However, in February, Gulf said it "will decide at a later date whether to negotiate" the acquisition.

The circus includes the 700 acre Circus World park, now being developed near Orlando, Florida.



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building they paid for isn't used by everyone coming into town.

YEARS AGO

Hamilton & Sargent's New York Circus of 1877 used a 100 foot round top and carried 50 horses.

Personnel on the show included: Wm. L. Main, general agent; James De Mott, ringmaster Mrs. De Mott, principal rider; Willie De Mott, a rider and Miss Josie De Mott, who rode two horses. The Commonwealth Minstrels were also a feature of the show

notes

Racing camels and ostrich features were provided by Margaret and Bobby Holter, for the Nat'l Date Festival at Indio, Ca.

Last week's Capt. Kangaroo TV show presented some film clips of an RBBB performance.

Capital Centre, in Washington, DC, which will promote its own circus this year, is also going to offer a side show, a menagerie and a petting zoo.

Polack Bros. date this weekend at Canton, Ohio, is for the Tador (Akron) Shrine Temple The show will play the 6,000 seat Memorial Auditorium, giving six performances.

The Happytime Circus will combine shopping center dates with its fair route this season.

lively program.

When the Calif. State University Band at Chico, Calif., presented its recent concert the theme was "circus". The lobby was well decorated and there were even some clowns on hand for the occasion.

The Center Ring Concert, just ahead of the show itself, featured: Cyrus, the Great by King; The Jolly Robbers by F. von Suppe; Carnival of Venice by Clarke; The Whistler and His Dog by Pryor and Barnum & Bailey Favorite by King.

The main program included: Ringling Bros. Grand Entry by Al Sweet
The Palm Garden Rag by F. Huffer
The Wedding of the Winds by Hell
On the Warpath by Karl King
Wings of Victory by Frank Ventre
Spring, Beautiful Spring by Lincke

Broadway One Step by Karl King
Slim Trombone by Henry Fillmore
Thunder and Blazes by Fuick
The Walking Frog by Karl King
The Walsenburg Galop by K. King
Colossus of Columbia by Alexandr

The band concert was under the direction of Daniel Hiestand with guest conductor Arvel Allread. Special soloist for the program was Richard Winslow, and ringmaster was Frank McDonald.

.....John Vernon

YEARS AGO

July 17, 1920 -
Pittsfield, Mass.

The Howes Great London Circus arrived here from Holyoke, Mass. today on one train of 14 cars. The train consisted of: 4 horse cars, 6 flat cars, 4 sleepers and 26 wagons (with 7 cages).

They have 4 elephants, 4 camels, and a sacred cow. In the cages were: bears, deer, monkey, tigers, a lion cub and two big lions.

The tents included: the 4 pole big top; 3 pole menagerie; dressing room and ring stock tent; two draft horse tops; a dressing tent; dining room; kitchen; 3 pole side show with a second side show featuring Za Za, the strange girl. There were also a hot dog, ice cream and soft drink stand.

A parade was given in the morning and two shows were presented with good attendance at both. Their wild west show featured 7 riders and 3 Arabs.

All of the show equipment was painted orange.

Featured in the big side show are:



four dancing girls, a 10 piece band, magician, bag puncher, mind reader, comedy juggler, two toed and two fingered man, cakes of lion and snakes.

ROUTES

Peter Pan Show
Mar. 19-24 Toronto, Ont.

Frank Sinatra Show
to Mar. 20 Las Vegas, Nev.



The Kaye Continental Circus will be playing Honolulu again this year, with the dates being Aug. 8-18

During the shows date in the island city the circus will serve as background for the TV series "Hawaii 5-0". The tentative TV shooting dates, are Aug. 6-13.

SHOW TALENT (Continued)

Marko - juggling

Battle of Magic - Cleo

-- Intermission --

Aerial Ballet

Cleo Tries to Fly

Terini - European Paper Tear

Dianne Wilson - trained birds

Clowns - Jack-In-The-Box

The Millers - swinging trape

Clowns - Photographers Model

Wilson's trained seal

The Benton Acrobats

A Clown Interlude

The Cyclonians - unicycles

Grand Finale.

Charles Van Buskirk serves as the show's ringmaster



LIPIZZAN SHOW (Continued)

August, in California, Oregon, Washington and western Canada.

The arena unit will play Expo '74 in Spokane on Aug. 16, 17 and 18th at the Coliseum and will be one of the feature presentations of the Expo '74 World Fair to be held in that city.