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the big dive

Just last month, Bob Yerkes was asked to test an air bag for the Fire Dept. at New Orleans, La. They have developed an air bag, into which people could jump from burning buildings and as a result their lives would be saved.

Assisting Bob in the test were Dar Robinson and Marilyn Beer, both of whom are performers working for the Yerkes Productions.

Bob and Dar made one jump as a team, from a height of 40 feet. They landed safely and the air bag was called a success.

This was followed by two record setting dives. The first was made from a height of 106 feet

(10 floors), made by Dar Robinson. This was followed a 60 ft. dive made by Marilyn, a new record for a woman diver.

INVESTMENT PAYS OFF

A four week advance promotion at Prescott, Ariz., worked by Dan Gabert, was a successful event for the John Strong Circus in that city.

The show came in for two performances on May 3rd and drew big crowds. The afternoon crowd filled the tent, while for the night show people were seated down to the ring curbs, with others standing in the doorway.

Special advance promotional features were also planned for the show's date at Phoenix. This also helped to boost the gate attendance.

duo honors

LOU JACOBS, the internationally famous clown, was honored May 16th at Madison Square Garden by a double celebration. It was his 70th birthday and his 50th yr. of clowning with "The Greatest Show on Earth". The veteran clown was feted by circus management and the entire show cast at a party in Clown Alley, backstage in the big Madison Square Garden.



The beloved laugh-maker, generally considered one of the greatest working clowns today, began his show career in Germany as an acrobat, then switched to clowning. He came to the U. S. in the early 1920's as a performer in Vaudeville and joined Ringling-Barnum in 1923.

Jacob's colorful face has appeared on Ringling-Barnum lithos for many years, as well as other types of advertisements and the circus program book.

Known as a "producing clown", he has invented hundreds of props, gadgets and mechanical devices to assist him in his merry-making. He is especially famous for his tiny car and motorized bathtub acts.

SOME ACTS

Included on the Wallenda Show at Miami's Tropical Park (Fla.) early this year were:

- Karl Wallenda - wide walk
- Lucio Cristiani - uncaged leopards
- Albert Rix's bears
- Carla Wallenda - slide for life

The GARDEN Show

An interesting and varied program is being presented by the Garden Bros. Circus for its 1973 tour of Canadian cities and Towns.

The program features:

Opening Spec - The Circus on Parade
 Princess Eli - wild animals
 Jimmy Troy - comedy king of the air
 The Keppos and The Robertsons - acrobats
 Zoppe's Riding K-9's
 Diego - the high stilts
 Pele - aerial gymnast
 The Young Troupe - teeterboard
 The Riding Kristensens
 Morrel Duo, Sulo Sisters and The Four Jandors - balancers
 Alberto's Riding School
 The Comancheros - aerial feature
 Remo Cristiani - elephants
 Prince Najvez - aerial cloud swing

Staff for the circus includes:

Ian M. Garden - producer and director
 B. Elliot Abells - Business manager
 James M. Cole - show manager
 Brenda Boothe - contracting agent
 L. J. Gordon - promotional director
 Ron Morris - concession manager
 Billy Barton - Performance director
 Leo Mascitto - musical director
 Frank Dailey - Superintendent
 Remo Cristiani - Animal superintendent
 Francoise Jules - wardrobe mistress
 Ray Taylor - Boss rigger
 Sebastian of Toronto - wardrobe designer

New Records

Business for the Royal International Circus has been good since its opening at Santa Barbara, Calif. on May 4th. Attendance at both matinee and night shows have been above that of last year.

The show is currently playing in the Southwest area.

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by DAVID E. REID

This year's presentation by the Gatti-Charles Circus is the strongest show they have ever had.

The show played Eugene, Ore. Apr. 30 where they were handicapped by the low ceiling of the Horse Arena. At Salem, on May 2nd, they played in front of the fair grounds grandstand, and thus were set up a long ways from the seats.

Clement Tosca is the show's band director and does a good job. They have three pieces -- organ, drums, trumpet.

The program includes:

Clown Come-in - Eddie Dullum, the producing clown.

Circus musical overture

Spec - "Cinderella" featuring little Catherine Hanneford as Cinderella.

Key Hanneford and Frank Mogyorosi - two rings of dog acts

Eddie Dullum as the Beauty Queen

Princess Morningstar - Dianna - rides a horse into the ring, then does an upside down walk, followed by a single trap act.

The Gaonas - risley and casting (this act worked only their risley number at both dates - casting was presented at Eugene.)

The Clown Firehouse

Ken Willer - balancing number, ends by doing a one finger stand

Lemke's chimps - a good act

The Hanneford Riding Troupe 5 people with Catherine Hanneford

The Flying Gaonas - wasn't able to work at Eugene because of the low ceiling.

Mogyorosi - with 2 male lions (animals are well trained and there's nice comedy in this number.)

Ken and Betty Willer - juggling. A nice trampoline worked at the same time.

Lemke's almost human gorilla

Ronritas - aerial cradle - worked at Eugene only

Ronritas - space wheel - worked only at Salem.

The Clowns - Long shirt gag

The Franciscos - teeterboard act (7)

George Hanneford - troupe of baby elephants (they have six and used four. Did not work at Salem because of the cold)

TWO FOR ONE

With an open date on Sunday, April 29, the Fisher Bros. Circus laid over on the lot that Carson & Barnes were playing in Borger, Texas. As a result the local townfolks got to see two shows on the same lot, and show people were able to visit with each other.

The Carson & Barnes Circus drew a full house and a half house that day. Visitors report the C&B show has a good performance and a very fine band.

Business for Fisher Bros. Circus playing small towns in Western Texas, has been good. However, they have run into a steady seige of strong winds, and twice have moved into local buildings to avoid the winds.

DEWAYNE BROS. CIRCUS

This year's edition of the De Wayne Bros. Circus, is well dressed and presented, says David Reid. The show has three brand new trucks, and the top is in good shape. However, they were having light rouble and the generator's starter kept blowing.

The show came into Lebanon, Oregon, to give two performances on April 7th. They were sponsored by the JC's, with no publicity and no phone room operation. As a result business wasn't too good.

Col. Harry Jenkins is organist and part-time announcer for the program. Acts seen here include:

- Clowns - Nolly and Polly Tate
- Trampoline - 3 people
- Swinging ladder - single girl
- Tate's dogs
- Clown painters on revolving ladder
- The Tates - balancing an egg
- Four pony drill
- Trapeze - headstand
- Gemini - high school horse
- Juggling and unsupported ladder
- Single aerial web
- Chimp act
- Lady balancer - does one finger stand
- Bimbo, Jr. elephant
- Jergo - gorilla parody

RUDY BROS.

Again this year the Rudy Bros Circus has embarked on an extensive tour that will take it from coast-to-coast. A long season is scheduled that will keep the show out until late in the year.

The show opened at San Diego, Calif. (May 4-5), then moved up into the Northern California area for several dates. They'll go back to the Southern part of the state before making their annual big jump into the East.

This year's program has been enlarged and will be further enlarged for the eastern tour. The show is well designed and presented.

The 1973 program, on the west coast, featured:

- Spec - The Circus on Parade
- Miss Joanne - dogs and ponies
- Clowns - The high jump
- Leonardo - juggling
- Cristiani Bros. - trampoline
- Esther Aguilar - tight wire
- Clowns - egg balancing
- The Medinas - revolving ladder
- The Pinsons - aerial cradle
- Ray Grant & Co. - illusions
- Clowns - anti-puncture
- The Edwardos - unicycles
- Gilda's uncaged leopards
- Tony Fossett - bounding rope
- Clowns - The balloon gag
- Van Donwen's seal
- The Judy Jacobs elephants (3)
- Clowns - Passe Passe bottles
- Karl Linares' poodles
- Miss Irene - gorilla parody
- Miss Cecelia - hair hang
- Rodgers Tropical Fantasy
- The Riding Cristianis
- The Swaying Stars - sway poles

The Show officials include:

- Bob Golden - announcer/ring master
- Chuck Burnes - assistant manager
- Don Rey - musical director
- Cliff Henry - electrical supt.

Clowns on the show include: Connie and Dime Wilson, Geraldo, Dave Harrington, Frosty Brittingham and Will Hutchins.

PERSONNEL

D. W. WASHBURN (Sparky, the Clown) was working advance at Phoenix and Tucson for the John Strong Circus.

SHIRLEY MILLER and her daughters have been visiting husband KEN MILLER on the Royal International Circus.

HAPPY KELLEMS is working on a clown museum for a deal at Santa Claus, Ind.

THE FLYING VALENTINES will be at the Central Ontario Exposition at Kitchener on Aug. 28-Sept. 3.

NOLLY and POLLY TATE reportedly have several upcoming fair dates. They are currently on the De Wayne Bros. Circus

MINGO, former clown, is touring with the Rudy Bros. Circus as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobi.

ALBERT LUCAS, juggler, was a guest on the Mike Douglas Show on May 11th.

DAVE HARRINGTON, clown, escaped injury when his car was damaged in an accident as he was enroute from San Diego to Richmond, Calif. this month.

BETTY BURGESS, President of the Jugglers Assoc. made a guest appearance on the TV Show "To Tell The Truth" last week.

LUCIO CRISTIANI's favorite bareback horse died early this month in San Diego, Ca.

PRINCE BOGINO was clawed by a lion during the opening night show of Hoxie Bros. Circus at the start of the season.

MIHALY MEZAROS, RBBB's midget, receives a steady stream of jibes because of his small height.

STAN KRAMIEN, magician, recently completed an extensive tour in the Pacific Northwest area.

YEARS AGO

(from St. Louis, Mo. Globe Democrat for April 12, 1898).

A circus parade in downtown St. Louis resulted in "near disaster" when eight horses drawing a band wagon took fright at the clanging streetcar gongs, bolted and collided with a crowded streetcar. All the musicians and several persons on the car were injured.

GOOD SHOW

This year's presentation of the Great Y Circus (May 11-12 and 18-19) at Redlands, Calif., was that city's 35th annual YMCA circus. The program, presented at the YMCA, features local youths in a wide variety of circus-type acts, and drew good crowds for each show.



The entire production is directed by Warren C. Wood, who also help in the training of the youngsters. He is assisted by several local gym coaches, all of whom donate their time. Music for the show is provided by Phyllis Foster at the organ.

The program featured:

Grand Spec - The entire company
 Gymnastics - tumbling
 Aerial cradle numbers
 The Clowns
 Revolving trapeze
 Tightwire
 The Flying Y's
 Roly Boly
 Gymnastics - bars
 Balancing perch
 Unicycles
 Hanging Perch
 Side-by-Side (special number)
 The Royals
 Rolling Globes
 Single Trapeze numbers
 Trampoline
 The Clowns
 Gymnastics - vaulting
 Fire Eating
 Aerial webs
 Teeterboard

the bull line

Elephants featured on the Miller-Johnson Circus are:

Bobby Gibbs' elephants: Lydia, Marie and Shirley

Oscar Cristieni's elephants: Babe, Carrie, Emma, and Shirley

Miller-Johnson elephants, with Wally Ross trainer: Colonel, Judy, Lottie, Minnie and Shirley

ROUTES

Carson & Barnes Circus
 May 23 Sedalia, Mo.
 Hubert Castle Circus
 May 21-26 Edmonton, Alberta
 Circus Kirk
 20 Hunterstown, Pa
 21 Littlestown
 22 Emmitsburg
 23 Greencastle
 24 Hancock, Md.
 25 McCoolle
 26 Off
 27 Columbia
 Clyde Bros. - Red Unit
 May 21 Kingston, Ont.
 23-27 Montreal
 De Wayne Bros. Circus
 May 21 Bothell, Wash.
 23 Mt. Vernon
 27 Ellensburg
 Gatti-Charles Circus
 May 23 Bellingham, Wash
 Fisher Bros. Circus
 May 20 McLean, Texas
 21 Wellington
 22 Hollis, Okla.
 23 Hobart
 24 Snyder
 25 Cache
 26 Tipton
 Hamid-Morton Circus
 May 24-27 Greensboro, NC
 Hanneford Circus
 May 22 Guelph, Ont.
 Happytime Circus
 May 22 Albany, Calif.
 23-26 Vacaville
 27-28 San Rafael
 Hoxie Bros. Circus
 May 21 Lapeer, Mich.
 22 Owosso
 23 East Lansing
 24 Battle Creek
 25 Portage
 26 Dowagiac
 27 Laporte
 Miller-Johnson Circus
 May 21 Greeley, Colo.
 22 Pueblo
 23 Colorado Springs
 24 Hayes, Kans.
 Polack Bros. Circus
 May 26-27 Long Beach, Cal.

Ringling's Blue Unit
 thru May 28 Boston, Mass.
 Ringling's Red Unit
 thru May 28 New York, NY
 Royson Bros. Circus
 May 21 Mauldin, S. C.
 22 Pacelot
 24 Wellford
 25 Mill Springs
 26 Laundrum
 Rudy Bros. Circus
 May 25-28 San Jose, Calif.
 Sells & Gray Circus
 May 21 Colonial Hghts, Va
 22 South Hill
 23 Oxford, N.C.
 24 Roxboro
 25 Danville
 26 Mayodan
 27 Mt. Airy
 John Strong Circus
 May 21-22 San Mateo, Calif.
 23-25 Pleasanton
 26 Santa Rosa
 27 Ukiah
 Voorheis Bros. Circus
 May 21 Fremont, Ohio
 22 Bowling Green
 24 Saginaw, Mich.
 Yerkes Continental Circus
 May 27 Fairfield, Calif.

..... CARNIVALS

Buck Page Shows
 May 21-26 Emporia, Va.
 Capital City Shows
 May 21-26 Dayton, Tenn.
 Lawrence Carr Shows
 May 22-28 Gloucester, Mass.
 James H. Drew Shows
 May 21-26 So. Charleston, WVa
 Little Richard's Exposition
 May 22-Jun 2 Levittown, Pa.
 Midway of Mirth Shows
 May 22-27 Winchester Ill.
 Rose City Rides
 May 21-26 Bonne Terre, Mo.

..... FAIRS

Silver Dollar Fair
 May 23-28 Chicao, Calif.
 Chowchilla Jr. Fair
 May 24-27 Chowchilla, Cal.

NOTES

Carson & Barnes played at Ottawa, Kans. on May 17, Topeka May 18 and Atchinson May 19th.

Holiday on Ice drew 12,523 people for its six shows at Macon, Ga. on Apr. 11-15

Rumor has it that Miller Johnson has bought their own big top. It's a 160 ft. round end with three 50 ft middles.

Fisher Bros. Circus reports they have started to get some sunny and warm days at last.

Polack Bros. Circus will be at the Fresno, Calif. Fair for two days this fall.

The Happytime Circus and Miller-Johnson day and dated at both Fresno and San Rafael, Calif.

The state of Oregon is preparing laws to govern promotional activities which will be similar to those enacted in the State of Washington.

Bill to Protect Eagles, Pelicans

SACRAMENTO (AP)—The golden eagle and the pelican would be put on the state's list of untouchable birds under a proposed law.

Assemblyman Barry Keene, D-Santa Rosa, said his bill would make it illegal to take either bird captive or to kill them.

..... OTHER ROUTES

Three Caballeros (Disney)
 May 23-27 Spokane, Wash.
 Small World (Disney)
 May 22-27 Waterloo, Iowa
 Holiday on Ice
 thru June 3 Mexico City, Mex.
 Ice Follies
 May 22-27 Oakland, Calif.
 Bugs Bunny Show
 May 25-26 Paramus, N. J.
 Water Show
 May 25-26 Richmond, Calif.

CIRCUS is ok

. . . by MICHAEL D. SPORRER

The American Continental Circus, a Gatti-Charles Production, played Seattle, Wash. on May 13-18 under a tent. The big show tent was a 100 ft. round end, with three 40 ft. center pieces. Local seats and lighting were used.

This was the first time here that the show has used a tent and it gave it a real three ring circus flavor. Most of the time the show plays indoors or in grandstand type arenas.

The program featured top notch acts, plus the George Hanneford Family numbers. The only act which was unable to work in the tent was that of the Ronritas, a high space wheel number.

The program, as presented here included:

Spec - Cinderella - featuring Catherine Hanneford as Cinderella

Bareback riding - Hanneford girls

Frank Mogyorosi - dogs

Kay Hanneford - dog, monkey and pony

Clowns - The mother of the year

Princess Morningstar - trapeze

Acrobatic troupe

The Paulos - aerial cradle

Clowns - The Fire House

Ken Willer - one finger stand

Lemke's chimps

BOOK

An interesting story of the American Indian, told by a man who lived and worked with them, is provided in the new book "My Friend the Indian" by James McLaughlin. Originally printed in 1910, the book had a limited sale and has been long out of print.

Now it has been republished, along with 30 full color paintings by Daniel S. Buisson. The book is an excellent volume and a fine study of America's Indians.



To order your copy send \$14.95 to the Superior Publishing Co., Box 1710, Seattle Wash. - 98111.

The Geo. Hanneford, Jr. Riding act

-- Intermission --

Frank Mogyorosi - lion act

The Willettys - juggling

Joe Casstevens & Co. - trampoline

Congo, the human gorilla

Clowns - Paper tear

Franciscos - teeterboard

The Flying Gaonas

Geo. Hanneford, Jr. - elephants (4)

Ronritas - space wheel - worked outside