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fisher bros. is in the barn

"We closed our 1974 season at Beaumont, Texas, on Nov. 6th," says Mel Silverlake, owner of the Fisher Bros. Circus. "This left us with a jump of 460 miles to get into winterquarters here at Donna," he added.

The show traveled more than 18,000 miles, covering five states (Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana). They were out for 36 weeks and presented 475 performances in 234 cities.

Duo Xmas Party

A duo Christmas Party program was featured at the Moose Lodge in Fairfield (Calif.) in December. Arrangements and acts were booked by the Hal Morris Agency.

A Children's Christmas Party was presented on Sunday, Dec. 15th. This program featured Santa Claus, Jax's Marionettes and Bob Emrico, the clown.

An adults Christmas Party and dinner was held at the club on Dec. 21st. The stage show included Paul Desmond, vocalist and The Wheelers marimba act.

In May the circus lost its light plant truck due to a fire. This unit was subsequently replaced with a newer truck and a larger KW generator. A blowdown in June caused only minor damage, and two private trailers had to be replaced enroute when they were damaged accidents.

"An early February opening is anticipated for 1975," says Mr. Silverlake. "Our routing staff and performance has not yet been completed, but we will make an announcement about these departments soon."

Still A Strong Show

.....by KAYE SCHEIMAN

The Polack Bros. Circus presented the same strong show at its closing date for the year (Hammond, Ind., on Nov. 29-Dec. 1) that it has carried all year. Only the order of the acts had changed since early in the year.

The circus played to a full house for every performance, and every crowd was an enthusiastic one.



SEASON'S GREETINGS
and
best wishes for the
New Year

from

HAPPYTIME

DOG AND PONY

CIRCUS

Loans Save Wildlife Safari

WINSTON, Ore. (AP)—Ed Hutton, manager of the financially troubled World Wildlife Safari here, says new funding from Douglas County businessmen means the game preserve probably can stay open through winter.

Attendance at the 600-acre park dropped last year because of reduced tourism, and rumors were that it would close.

Hutton said the loan from the businessmen is to be paid back next summer when revenues are expected to pick up.

At one point, Hutton said, the commercial park had prepared a list of its animals for possible sale to other parks and zoos, but the list never was mailed.

"It looks better now than it has for months," Hutton said.



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Important Note!

The next issue of Circus Report will be dated Jan. 6, 1975. We hope you have a Happy Holiday Season.

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from

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and the
SPARTAN FAMILY

ROUTES

- Big John's Western Show
Dec. 23 Oakland, Calif.
- Circus America
Dec. 26-Jan. 5 Washington, DC
- Circus Vargas
Dec. 27-Jan. 7 Hayward, Cal.
- Int'l Circus Festival
Dec. 26-30 Monte Carlo
- Royal Lipizzan Show
Dec. 27-29 Lakeland, Fla.
Jan. 3-5 New York, N.Y.
- OTHER ROUTES
- Holiday on Ice
Jan. 1-5 San Francisco, Cal.
- Ice Capades
Dec 25-Jan 1 Spokane, Wash.
Jan. 3-12 Vancouver, BC
- McKinley Dog Show
Jan. 5 Canton, Ohio
- Johnny Mathis Show
Dec. 28 El Paso, Texas

PEOPLE

BOB EMRICO will tour Oregon and Northern California during January and February with his magic show.

Christmas Greetings

from

Knight Brothers

WORLD FAMOUS

Circus



WAVERLY, TENNESSEE

YEARS AGO

When the Ringling-Barnum show played Pittsfield, Mass. on July 6, 1920 the show carried 30 elephants, 8 camels, a baby camel, 140 ring horses, and 20 ponies.

Their tents included: 8 pole big top, side-walled menagerie, two side shows, cookhouse, four small tops, dining tent and 12 others.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

from

MARTHA and DON F. SMITH
Detroit, Michigan

Miscellaneous

The Commerford-Shea Shows is planning to put two units on the road for the 1975 fair season. This will permit them to double their dates



HOLIDAY GREETINGS
from
CLARK McDERMOTT
and The Cold Nose Five



May the New Year bring health and happiness to you and yours.

Sincerely

CLAUDE TONOLLI

PEOPLE

CHERIE VALENTINE and JIM CUNNINGHAM (he plays trombone in the Beatty-Cole band) were married at Key Biscayne, Fla. on Nov. 23rd.

GORDON and DAISY BORDERS have been visiting the BOB MAC DOUGALL" in Southern California

RAY BEEBE was unable to get his monkey act -- Tony & Chris -- to the Las Vegas Outdoor Convention because of a transportation snafu.

POPO, the Clown, has presented a wax figure of himself to the Barnum Museum at Bridgeport, Conn

MICHELLE DOBRITCH rode at elephant to the Calif. State Capital (Sacramento) to invite Gov. Regan to the Circus Vargas early this month. The feat was widely covered by TV and the press.



Throughout this Christmas Season may you find new joys, renew old friendships, and rejoice in happy memories..... and may the New Year bring fulfillment of your brightest hopes.

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From

JOY and PERCY TURNER
San Diego, Calif.

Miscellaneous

The economic situation is of concern to show owners who are wondering how will people come to a show if they don't have the money to get out to the lot.

It's going to be a rough '75 is the general opinion.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



JACK ATKINSON
Birmingham, Alabama

PEOPLE

GEORGE HANNEFORD worked as the free act on the Deggeller Shopping Center Unit at the big Grant City Shopping Center in Venice, Florida.

WITH WARM AND
FRIENDLY WISHES



Lyle Scott - Scotty, the Clown
C.O.A. No. 756

xmas party

The 1974 Christmas Party for employees of the Caterpillar Corp., at San Leandro, Cal., was held on Sunday, Dec. 8th. An afternoon show only was presented in the local high school auditorium, with gifts for the kiddies afterwards.

Featured on the program were the clowns: Hi-Fi, Peanuts and Geraldo, plus:

Brian's chimps
Bakers marionettes
Hocus Pocus - magic clown

SATISFYING SHOW

The International Circus produced by George Hubler, at Gary, Ind. (Nov. 30) offered some interesting acts. Concessions were handled by Harry Mills, while the band consisted of Florine Oler at the organ and Mike Ashton on drums. Clowning throughout the show and prior to the performance was handled by Ko Ko and Mr. Hardy, who do balloon animals and other features.

Acts included on the program were: Joyce Rice, whips, ropes, baton, juggling;

Miss Sandee, aerial number; The Morgan Ashton Family, risley act; The Dansan Dolls, cradle; The Lester Ladies, in an aerial ballet; and Gary Bronson, cat act.


....Kaye Scheiman

Miscellaneous

Firemen had to cut the roof off an elephant truck to free the animals when a circus truck rolled on a Los Angeles Freeway.

The Hanneford Circus played at the University of South Alabama (Dec. 6-7) at Mobile.

The John Strong office wagon was wrecked on an icy road at South Bend, Ind. early this month,



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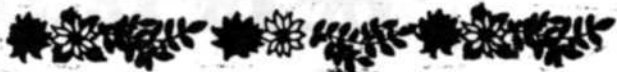
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MERRY
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and BEST WISHES

For The
COMING YEAR

from

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A LETTER

I want to thank you for the amazing results I've been getting on my advertisements in Circus Report. Orders have come from all over the country - it's been surprising.

Please keep up your good efforts, everyone appreciates it.
.....Art "Doc" Miller

Christmastime



Best wishes to all my friends and here's hoping you have a big 1975 season.

JOHN STRONG



and Happy 1975

to all Circus Fans and Friends
from
RUDY BROS. CIRCUS

Vegas Acts

Acts currently appearing at the Circus Circus Casino in Las Vegas (Nev.) include:-

Bob Welz - juggling
The Stephensons - dogs
The Staneks - acrobatic/balance
The Hildalys - aerial unicycle
Seven Endress - teeterboard
The Torrels - flying act
Simona - single trapeze
The Castors - risley act
Toly, Jr. - juggling
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FREEDOM TRAIN VISIT

President Ford attended inauguration ceremonies at Alexandria, Va., last week (Dec. 19) for the American Freedom Train.

The train, financed by five major corporations, consists of

a steam powered locomotive and 22 cars, which will travel to 76 cities in 1975 and 1976, to display documents and artifacts as part of the nation's bicentennial celebration.



from
PERRY LUTH

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C.F.A.

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a sarasota show

The program for the annual Roberts Arena Benefit Circus at Sarasota, Fla. (Dec. 14) was produced by Bill English, William Kay and Karl Wallenda.

Featured on the show were:

The Stebbings - elephant/chimps
 The Woodcocks - Jungle Fantasy
 Alfredo Landon - clown
 The Tito Bros. - trampoline
 Ted Young Duo - trapeze
 Louis Murillo - aerial motorcy.
 The Cristiani Family
 The Medros Family

Hi ! 

Merry
 Christmas

from

ROYAL BOOKS
 Bruce R. Royal

Miscellaneous

The Florida West Coast Symphony recently sponsored the Original Hermann Royal Lipizzan Stallions for an appearance at Sarasota's Roberts Arena.

Season's Greetings



To all my friends in and out of the circus

from

DAVID E. REID
Lebanon, Oregon

Miscellaneous

A lion, loose in Ottawa County, Ohio, has evaded hunters for days. Some say it escaped from the local Lion Park, but officials there claim it is not one of their animals.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

from

RAY HARRIS

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★ *Revue* ★
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YVETTE



BRUNO

PEOPLE

ART PETRI (Jolly, the Clown) will be working at the Tanglewood Club in Wisconsin the evening of Dec. 31st.

JOHN CLINE reportedly will have his elephants and horses with the Hubert Castle Circus during the spring of 1975.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
TO ALL!

from

FRANKS JUNGLE CATS
Hugo Marquardt

COOKIE THE CLOWN
Grace Smith

Sara Bay Court
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Osprey, Florida



*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



to all our
friends

ELOISE BERCHTOLD

and

H. MORGAN BERRY

Woodland, Wash.

PEOPLE

TOMMY and STRUPPI HANNEFORD are back at their Florida winter home after completing their annual show tour. It was reported last week that STRUPPI suffered a bite on her hand while feeding her tigers.

HARRY ELLIS has been visiting show friends in both Southern and Northern California.



to
All Circus Performers
and
Circus Fans

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It's Magic

An interesting program called "A Child's Magic Show" made a brief tour in Northern California early this month. The show is a promotional operation, and offers a full evening of magic and novelty, as seen in a child's dream.

Featured on the program
were:

Siroco & Shanda - illusionists

Sir Ruff & Monica - magic

Bob Emrico - clown

Mary Culley - poodle review

Ken Elia - ventriloquist

Bill Williams - Santa Claus

The route consisted of
dates at: Dec. 6 Vallejo, Dec. 7
Napa, Dec. 8 Marysville, Dec. 9
South Tahoe and Dec. 10 Oakland.



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A Circus Birthday Party

The month of November found two circuses playing here in Tennessee -- Carson & Barnes and the Hubert Castle Circus.

Carson & Barnes played South Pittsburg, Tenn. (Oct. 5) and in addition to this writer there were several visitors on the lot including: Kenneth Sylar, Kayden and Mark Smith, Hoxie Tucker and John Lewis.

The Hubert Castle Circus was sponsored by the Alhambra Shrine Temple on Oct. 18-20 and has been signed for a return engagement in 1975. This writer was a guest clown on the show and even celebrated his 80th birthday with them, and the entire audience sang their greetings. Visitors on the show included: Ozzie Schleetz, and John Lewis.

..... Hubert L. Merk

A merry, merry Christmas

and the best of
 everything
 for the
 1975
 season
 from



DON "Mr. Spud" KIRBY

PEOPLE

H. MORGAN BERRY and the JOHN HARTZELL's were guests at the Dec. 15th meeting of the Jack Bell CFA Tent on Mercer Isl. Wash



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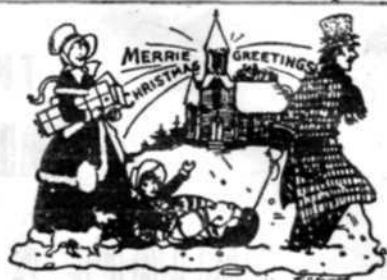
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(Thanks to everyone for a very happy and pleasant 1974 season)

Prices Up

An increase of about 10% was made in admission prices for tickets to the Nov. 20-30 Moslah Shrine Circus at Fort Worth, Tex. A heavy advance sale was reported.

Admission prices at Fort Worth were: Box Seats \$4.25 and \$3.75; Ringside Reserves \$3.75, \$3.25 and \$3.00; Balcony \$3.75, \$3.25, \$3.00, \$2.25 and \$1.50. All seats were reserved.

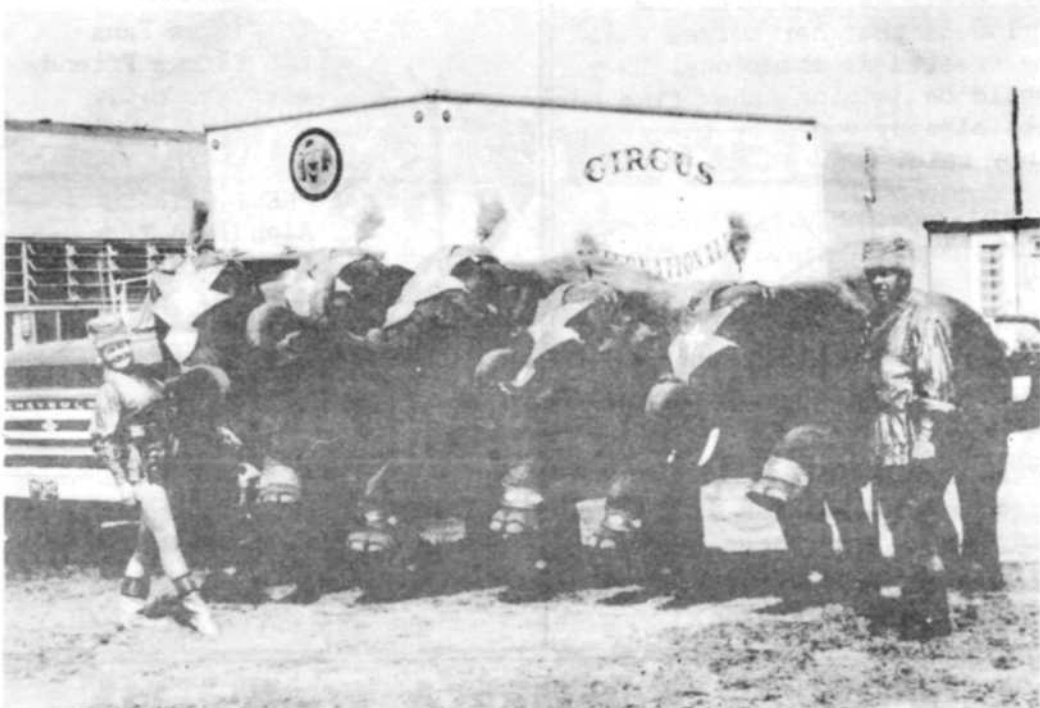


Happy Holidays and a Prosperous
New Year to all my Friends

JAMES GOFF

MERRY CHRISTMAS and **A Successful 1975**

To All Our Friends



Bucky & Gee Gee Steele

and

The Cossack Elephants

R-B Wants Royal Steeds

When England's Princess Anne announced recently that she was giving up her stable of horses, she was almost immediately contacted by Irvin and Kenneth Feld, who have hopes the horses can be purchased for the Ringling-Barnum Circus.

The Greatest Show on Earth officials have assured the Princess that her horses would be treated as champions. They would be joining other fine horses already owned by the circus, they said.



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Dottie Morris
Doug Morris

Gerry Mosley
Cliff Mosley
Susie Mosley Gothard



Kohler Co. Has A Christmas Circus

Four exciting Christmas circus programs were presented by the Kohler Co., of Kohler, Wisc., on Dec. 14th, for children of the company's employees. An estimated 5,000 or more children attended the shows, which were presented in the Kohler Memorial Theatre.

Santa and his elves were on hand to greet the kiddies in the theatre lobby prior to showtime. Later the "Jolly Man in Red" lead everyone in songs of the season, accompanied by Mel Hummitzsch's musical troupe of crazy clowns.

Then - it was circus time! Acts featured on the show were:

Vic Hyde - super musician who plays 65 instruments and can perform on three at one time.
The Great Andre - a poodle who



GREETINGS from
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D.C. Park Gets New Animals

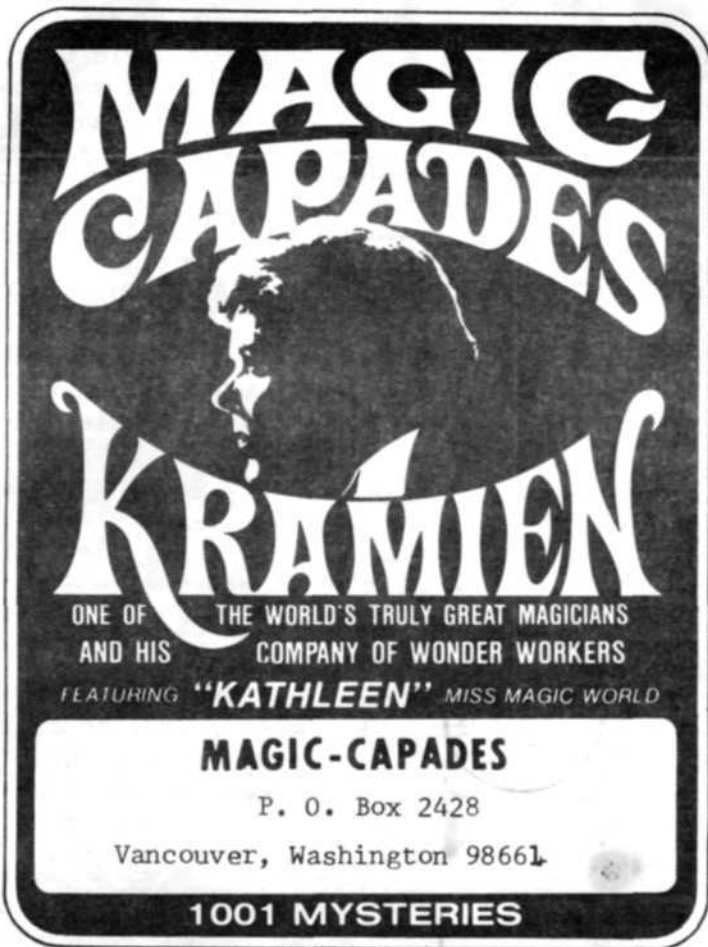
LARGO, Md. — A capybara, a tapir, three flamingos and six Texas longhorns have been added to the collection of almost 500 animals at The Wildlife Preserve, a popular wild animal drive-through park that opened this summer in Largo, near Washington, D.C.

With the exception of the flamingos, the newly acquired animals will remain at the Preserve during the winter months.

During the cold season, the Wildlife Preserve ships its tropical animals, reptiles and exotic birds to Florida's Silver Springs.

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— Have A Good Year —

Fine Imposed

Superior Court Judge Anthony A. Gianni (Providence, RI) fined Harold C. Copeland, former executive director of the Providence Civic Center, \$1000 for soliciting a bribe. Copeland was found guilty in a jury-waived trial (see Circus Report for Oct. 14, 1974).

The State asked that Copeland be sentenced to a year in prison, but Judge Gianni imposed the fine on the basis it was his first offense. The key evidence against him was a tape recording of a telephone conversation on Feb. 12, 1973, when Copeland asked promoter Chernov for money. According to Copeland the voice was his, but the request was only a joke.

In the meantime charges that Chernov had been denied show dates were disputed by J.J. Cummings, Jr., chairman of the Providence Civic Center Authority. However, acting director James Nagle has reportedly confirmed the charges.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

from

DON MARCKS and The Circus Report