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show does ok

Owner/manager Ralph Schappacher, of the Diamond "S" Wild West Rodeo, went into the hospital on July 2nd for a knee injury, suffered during a bull-dogging event on that day. He is now getting around with the help of two canes.

Thus far this season the show has been doing good business. They are using a 200 ft. long canopy top and all rolling equipment, some 18 to 20 pieces, are newly painted.

Cherokee Hammond is the show announcer, while Tex and Marcy Maynard furnish the music, with organ and drums. This is the second year the Maynards have been on the show.

on tour

The Murillos, balancing act, (Salvador Murillo and Ulyses Reyes) recently embarked on a three month tour of South America. The act, was booked by Leo Grund of New York City, for a tour with Sergio Venturino's Circus International, out of Lima, Peru.

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The Winner

Three prizes -- a real elephant or \$5,000 in cash or a trip to India -- were offered in a recent "Name the Elephant" contest sponsored by Planters Peanuts.

The elephant, a one year old Indian female, is owned by the Planters Peanut Co. They selected the name "Cinderellephant" submitted by James Vullo, of Buffalo, N.Y., while he selected the cash prize.

The winn show

Karl Winn's European High Wire Show wound up its recent tour with a July 9th date at Seattle, Wash. The show had opened at Eureka, Cal, on June 20th and business for the three week run was described as "being very good."

Attendance at Seattle was hurt because the show's phone room operation had been closed down early in promotion (see Circus Report for May 7, 1973). Two shows were presented at the Memorial Stadium in the Seattle Center.

Test of Time

When he was just 9 yrs. old, Joe E. Brown, became a part of the Five Marvelous Ashtons, an acrobatic troupe that toured with circuses and carnivals.

Later he reflected, "I suppose the lessons I learned in the circus stuck with me all through life. I guess the main thing was the eagerness to please that circus performers have."

a tv film

Recently an ABC-TV crew spent four weeks on the Alberto's Circus in Australia, during its tour of Tasmania. The show, based in Portland, Victoria, was selected as the subject of the special TV film, because of its entertaining show.

The film, in color, is called "A Big Country - Alberto's Traveling Circus and Zoo." It has already been shown in Australia and is now reportedly for sale to British and American TV outlets.

Alberto's Circus is currently playing in Queensland, while Sole Bros. is also playing the same gen-

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the same route

Last month Doc Miller, general agent for Lewis Bros. Circus, was traveling over some of the same mountain roads he made in the 1920's with a wagon show. In fact he visited the very spot where, back in those days, lightning had killed the show's only horse, as the show inched its way over the Last River Mountain range in a storm.

Doc reports that many old-timers in the mountains ask about the Old Dominion Shows, Silven-Drew, Silver Bros., Mighty Haag and Teets Bros.

It all recalls, he added, a once familiar comment to would-be know it alls on various shows. "Makes no difference whether you came over here from Teets Bros. or Ringlings, -- on this show we do it this way."

eral area. In fact they even day-and-dated in a few towns.

Sole Bros. has 2 tigers, 5 lions, 3 camels, 3 monkeys, 4 elephants and several horses and ponies. Alberto's is somewhat smaller and has 2 lions, but an interesting and attractive midway with a merry-go-round, dart stand, knock-em-down and shooting gallery.

Vern Ellis, an Australian circus fan and model builder, has turned performer and is now featured in a role bola act.

. . . . by M. L. Dupont

NOTES

Clown Arams, a group of four, was reportedly signed for the fair at Santa Rosa, Calif. this week.

Allen's Petting Zoo played Placerville, Calif. early this month.

The Happytime Circus is having its trucks relettered and numbered.

The Karl Winn European High Wire Show reportedly drew good crowds at Burlington, Wash. on July 7th.

Ringling's Blue Unit switched some routes from its announced tour. Thus the show was at: Shreveport, La. on July 13-15; Jackson, Miss. on July 17-18 and Alexandria, La. July 20-22

The Shreveport Times for July 8th (Shreveport, La.) carried three separate circus items in the one issue.

The Happytime Circus got a plug in the Santa Rosa, Calif. newspaper last week on the basis it was the only show in the west that carries a managerie.

Rudy Bros. date at Cincinnati, Oh. was not in a Coliseum as was reported, but rather they played under one of Herold Barnes' tents.

Ohio CFA members are expected to put in a bid for the 1974 convention, which they hope to hold at Springfield.

About a million people were on hand to see the July 4th Circus parade at Milwaukee, Wisc.

A camel in the Milwaukee parade broke loose during the event, but was quickly retaken.

This year the fair at Santa Rosa, Calif., (Jul. 16-28) is presenting three stage shows, in place of the usual two shows. In some cases acts are held over for the following show, while other acts are changed.

Those appearing on the fair's shows include: Pearce Sisters, The Snyder Bros., Lou Jacklich, Guy & Raina, Duane Dancers, Glen Ash and the group called The Bright Side.

NOTES

The Golden Days of Chivalry wagon was pulled from the July 4th Milwaukee parade when its team of horses was startled by some unknown source.

ON TOUR (Continued)

In 1970, the Murillos made a tour of the Orient and Japan, which was followed by a 1971 tour in Canada and the U.S., along with dates for Polack Bros. Circus. Last year they appeared with the Three Caballeros Disney show, and early this year played some dates with the Gatti Charles Circus.

Salvador (Sal) Murillo, who is from Dallas, Texas, has a new partner this season in Ulyses Reyes, of Los Angeles, Cal., the son of Alfredo Reyes. Ulyses father, before being crippled in an auto accident, was for five years featured at The Dunes in Las Vegas, Nev. in the original role bold act.

**SONOMA
COUNTY
FAIR**

ROUTES

Beatty-Cole Circus
 Jul 23 Oil City, Pa.
 24 Youngstown, Ohio
 25 Canton

Carden Johnson Circus
 Jul 23-24 Fergus Falls, Minn
 25-26 St. Cloud
 27 St. Peter
 28 Cannon Falls

Carson & Barnes Circus
 Jul 23 South Elgin, Ill.
 24 Hanover Park

Circus Kirk
 Jul 23 Cambridge, Ohio
 24 Woodsfield
 25 Powhatan Point
 26 New Martinsville
 W. Va.
 27 Racine, Ohio
 28 Pt. Pleasant, W. Va

Clyde Bros. Circus
 Jul 23-24 Iowa City, Iowa
 26-29 Pekatomia, Ill.

Diamond "S" Wild West
 Jul 23 Rockaway, N.J.
 24 Honesdale, Pa.
 26 Morindaville, W. Va
 27-28 Proctorville, Ohio

George Matthews Circus
 Jul 24-26 Prospect, Ill.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
 Jul 23 Lancaster, Pa.
 24 Willow Street
 25 Kenneth Square
 26 Media
 27 Newark, Dela.
 28 Thorofare, N.J.

Wm. Kay Circus
 Jul 23-24 Eau Claire, Wisc

King Bros. Circus
 Jul 23 Ormo, Wisc.
 24 Two Rivers
 25 Sturgeon Bay
 26 Oconto
 27 Marinette
 28 Iron Mountain

Fisher Bros. Circus
 Jul 23 Akron, Colo.
 24 Yuma
 25 Wray
 26 Brush
 27 La Salle
 28 Eaton

Royal Bros. Circus
 Jul 23 Hearst, Ont. Cana.
 24 Smooth Rock Falls
 25 Cochorane
 26 Iroquis Falls
 27 Marathon
 28-29 No Show

Royal Wild West Circus
 Jul 23 Fair Lawn, N.J.
 24 Enroute
 25 Ledyard, Conn.
 26 Hebron
 27 Old Saybrook
 28 Oakdale

Royson Bros. Circus
 Jul 23-24 Bryson City, N.C.
 25-26 Andrews
 27-28 Murphy

Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show
 Jul 23 Merrill, Wisc.
 24 Enroute
 25 Appleton
 26 Two Rivers
 27 Chilton
 28 Plymouth
 29 Sheboygan

Sells & Gray Circus
 Jul 23 Ludlow, Mass.
 24 New Britain, Conn
 25 Cromwell
 26 Meriden
 27 Windsor
 28 East Otis, Mass

John Strong Circus
 Jul 23-24 Canton, Ohio
 25-26 Akron
 27-29 Cleveland

Wellenda Circus
 Jul 27-28 Gulfport, Miss.

OTHER ROUTES

Bob Hammond Shows
 Jul 25-29 Fairbault, Minn

D. L. Manning Shows
 Jul 23-28 Rimersburg, Pa.

Megerle Shows
 Jul 28-Aug 4 Warren, Ohio

Midway of Mirth Shows
 Jul 25 Decatur, Ill.

Mid-South Shows
 Jul 23-28 Hodgenville, Ky.

Mid-State Shows
 Jul 26-29 Rockton, Ill.

Miller Spectacular Shows
 Jul 23-28 Marshall, Mo.

Mississippi Valley Shows
 Jul 23-28 Benton, Ill.

Moore's Greater Shows
 Jul 24-29 Ocala, Nebr.
 23-26 Smith Center, Ks.
 27-29 Clay Center, Neb

Murphy Bros. Exposition
 Jul 25-29 Hibbing, Minn.

Pugh Shows
 Jul 23-28 Oblong, Ill.

Reithoffer Shows
 Jul 22-28 Watertown, NY

Rose City Rides
 Jul 24-28 Montgomery City,
 Mo

Skerbeck Shows
 Jul 25-28 Hale, Mich.

Ralph Wagner Shows
 Jul 25-28 Hico, Texas

..... FAIRS

Ionia Free Fair
 Jul 26-Aug 5 Ionia, Mich

Mother Lode Fair
 Jul 26-29 Sonora, Calif.

Santa Barbara County Fair
 Jul 24-29 Santa Marie, Cal

State Fair
 Jul 28-Aug 8 Great Falls,
 Mont.

Yuba-Sutter Fair
 Jul 25-29 Yuba City, Cal.

QUESTION

28 Iron Mountain

Lewis Bros. Circus

Jul 23 Middleburg, W. Va

24 Blacksville

25 Mannington

26 Belington

27 Parsons

28 Kingwood

Miller-Johnson Circus

Jul 22-24 Hartford, Conn.

25-26 Waterford

27 Stafford Springs

28 Danbury

Olympic Int'l Circus

Jul 25 Pocono, Pa.

Polack Bros. Circus

Jul 25 Klamath Falls, Ore

Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit

Jul 24-25 Mobile, Ala.

27-30 Memphis, Tenn.

Ringling-Barnum Red Unit

Jul 24-Aug 8 Inglew'd, Cal.

Royal Lipizzen Show

Jul 24 Bakersfield, Cal.

25 Fresno

26-27 San Francisco

28-29 Oakland

Rudy Bros. Circus

Jul 24-29 Baltimore, Md.

OTHER ROUTES

Peggy Fleming Ice Show

Jul 24-29 Valley Forge, Pa.

Holiday on Ice

Jul 23-Aug 12 Knoxville, Ten

Little People of America Con.

Jul 23-27 Oakland, Calif.

Mexican Rodeo

Jul 27-29 Los Angeles, Cal.

Steamboat Days

Jul 27-29 Peoria, Ill.

Topper, the Clown Magic Show

Jul 23-27 Ottawa, Ont. Can.

..... CARNIVALS

American Eagle Shows

Jul 24-26 Ord, Nebr.

27-29 Atkinson

Amusements of America

Jul 27-Aug 4 Middlet'n, N.Y.

Atlas Greater Shows

Jul 26-29 San Leandro, Cal.

Central State Shows

Jul 26-28 Pratt, Kans.

Continental Shows

Jul 27-29 Bradford, Vt.

Dell & Travers Shows

Jul 23-28 Butler, Pa.

Don's Amusements

Jul 23-26 Sibley, Iowa

James H. Drew Shows

Jul 23-28 Olney, Ill.

Great American Shows

Jul 23-28 Hemlock, N. Y.

QUESTION

What happened to the "petrified man" that was dug up near Creede, Colo. about 1892?

The fabricated figure, for that is what it was, was dug up by J. J. Dore in Apr. of 1892. The piece of sculpture was given the name of "McGinty" by the Creede Candle, local newspaper. McGinty had been bought in Denver, and buried near Creede by Bob Fitzsimmons, a gambler (not the fighter). After some manipulations, he and "Soapy" Smith became its owners. It was eventually shipped east, where it disintegrated. There have been other such hoaxes in the past, such as the Cardiff Giant, and The Solid Muldoon



Lessons to Be Learned

In a recent issue of "The Enquirer" newspaper, clown Emmett Kelly was quoted as saying -- You must stick to life's simple virtues and you'll have a sure-fire recipe for happiness.

You don't need a lot of material things, said Kelly. "All you really need are a loving family, a lot of friends, food enough to fill your stomach, shelter to keep you warm and dry, and a bed soft enough to sleep on.

"If you have these things, you should be satisfied -- you have got enough," he said.

For inner happiness, Kelly reports, you must be yourself. There is no use trying to copy others, for that is a lie that is bound to backfire in your face. Be honest with others, he added, you'll always be happier and safer with the truth.

Looking back on his own life, Kelly who is 74 said, he was always in too much of a hurry. "Now that I'm semi-retired, I have to stop myself from hurrying.

"Try to live your life at an easy pace. Don't be in too much of a rush.

"I have only one religion. Do unto others as you wish to be done by. As long as you follow that wonderful rule, it doesn't matter what faith you follow.

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are doing the right thing."

According to Kelly, his Weary Willie appeals to people because they feel sorry for him. No matter how many problems you have, Willie is in worse shape. By comparing yourself to Willie, you feel better



DWIGHT MOORE (pictured left) had his dog act at Pleasanton and Fresno, Calif. recently.

POPO, The Clown, presented three kiddie shows at an Oakland, Calif. store on July 14th.

DAVE TWOMEY had his kiddie cars at the Pleasanton, Calif. fair earlier this month.

DAN RUSSELL provided stock for a rodeo held at Sonoma, Ca. on July 14-15.

J. KING ROSS was featured in the July 15th issue of Grit magazine.

BILLIE GRUBBS is lithographer for Lewis Bros. Circus. He also serves in working with the show sponsors.

FRANK and BERNICE DEAN visited GAYLORD MAYNARD and BUTCH and SHIELA FRANK ON THE Royal Lipizzan Show at Long Beach, Cal. on July 9th. Butch is the son of veteran wild west performer TAMA FRANK. On July 11th FRANK DEAN got photos of Gaylord's mules and horses for an upcoming magazine article.

JAMES HARGROVE and BOB TRIPP were seen visiting at the Pleasanton, Cal. Fair last week.

GREG STONE, a CFA member, is now handling announcing chores with the Anderson Roman Show.

HARRY RAWLS, mgr. for King Bros. reports his son is handling concessions on the Beatty-Cole show.

RON SEVERINI, an RBBB clown,

Happytime Circus

The program currently being presented by the Happytime Circus consists of:

Miss Heidi - juggling
 Kok9 the clown and a balloon
 Three trained goats
 Making of balloon animals
 Wire walking dog
 Goofus and Koko - role bola
 Hula Hoop contest
 The Baby gorilla
 The Wendany Family - acrobats
 Three liberty ponies
 High dive dog

A general rundown on the show, including its physical equipment was reported on July 2nd.



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credits OTTO GRIEBLING with a great deal of his success.

HAROLD SIMMONS has reportedly quit show business and is now working at a golf course in Florida.

THE GREAT UNUS who is now retired, reportedly owns a shopping center near Sarasota, Fla.

The Big One

..... by H. T. Dreyfus

Caught Ringling Blue at Houston (July 4-11) and enjoyed the show. The whole production was beautiful, wardrobe is great and that midget is a real crowd pleaser. Clown Dougie Ashton was a merry screaming sensation in all his skits. He has the walk and mannerisms of Chaplin down to a T.

On Friday evening (July 6) Charlie Baumann was mauled by one of his tigers during a rehearsal after the night show. Wasn't able to find out how badly he was hurt, but he didn't make any shows on Saturday.

f. valle dies

Felix Valle, acclaimed as one of the world's greatest cowboy rope spinners, died at the age of 58 on June 29th. Will Rogers, Jr., said, "he probably was the greatest two handed roper there has been."

Valle was known for his work in theatres, fairs, circus and motion pictures. During the offseason he worked as a playground roping instructor in the Los Angeles area. He had been on the John Strong and DeWayne Bros. Circus, but for the past 6 or 8 years was semi-retired.

Among the ropers attending the services at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, Calif. on Jul. 2nd were: Frank and Bernice Dean, Les Walker, Sylvester and Barbara Braun.