



Down A Little

According to a report in the Mar. 14th issue of Variety, business for the Ringling-Barnum Circus at Richmond, Va. (Feb. 21-27) was off considerably. R. E. Mc Mullen, Jr., box office treasurer said that 63,669 people attended the show's 14 performances this year, as compared to an attendance of 112,000 last year for 12 performances.

Ticket prices were increased 50% this year. In 1972 the show grossed \$450,000 during its Richmond Coliseum run. No figures are available for this year.

tour plans

A brand new show is set to tour Canada this year, according to recent plans announced this month. The show will open on May 12th and is expected to be on the road until Sept. 1st.

Royal Bros. Circus is owned by Al Stencell and John Frazier. Both have extensive show business backgrounds.

The circus will use a 60 ft. big top with two 30 ft. middles, while their side show is to be 30 ft x 90 ft. The marquee will be 15 ft x 15 ft. About six show owned pieces of rolling stock are anticipated.

Acts set for the show include:

- The Michael Family - four acts
- The Frazier Family - five acts
- Stanley Book - four acts

Costly attack

Attacked by a tiger during a performance of the Hamid Morton Circus at Kansas City (March 9) John Cuneo was rushed to Trinity Lutheran Hospital for treatment. Cuneo received severe clawing on the left side of his face, his left ear, neck and chest, as well as his right arm.



According to one report plastic surgery was required. Later it was said that he was re-joining the show at Oklahoma City.

The attack occurred while Cuneo was busy moving some equipment just outside the arena, then moved in close to the cage. The tiger lunged at him through the bars and caught him with both feet.

From his hospital bed Cuneo said the accident "was strictly 100% my fault. I just got too close. I did something I've told other people not to do for years."

GOOD NEWS

With each "Special Courtesy Pass" the Royal Ranch Wild West Circus issues in attached a note which reads:

"In appreciation of all the help we have received from Circus Fans in the past in obtaining good dates for our circus, as well as many other favors, and because we understand that some of you have been embarrassed on other shows, please accept the attached pass with our heartfelt thanks. We hope you will use it often -- you are always welcome."

W & R busy

Activity at the winterquarters of the Wallace & Rogers Circus was in high gear last week as the show made plans to set its tents up at the Kiteap Fair near Bremerton, Wash. The weekend of March 23-25 was used to set up the show, thus getting the kinks out of the set-up work. The show actually opens at Port Townsend on March 31st.

Equipment for the tour will include two 35 ft. seat trailers and a fun house for the midway. A trailer will be used as the office and ticket wagon, while all poles will be carried in the seat wagons. Show props and the organ will be carried in the fun house.

The concession tent used by the Hartzell family for concessions on the Miller-Johnson Circus last year will be used as the show's marquee. Other equipment -- poles, canvas, ring curbs, etc. are all new.

An elephant and horse have been purchased for the show and are now being broken for the performance. All dates will be at shopping centers, with bookings being handled by Stan Kramien.

U.S. visitors

The "Hai Chic Variety Show", from Taiwan, is currently touring the U. S., reports Gay W. Ng. of San Francisco, Cal. They played here for 14 days, he reports at a Chinese theatre. From here they went to Los Angeles for two weeks and are now playing in New York City.

The group consists of four families, with one family, the Hai group, providing the bulk of the performers, for they have 6 boys and 5 girls in the family.

You name it and they have it. This troupe offers a complete show -- singing, dancing, acrobatics, magic, high wire, balancing and trapeze.

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C-B is ok

The Carson & Barnes Circus opened its 1973 season at Austin, Texas (March 18) and they have a beautiful show. The show's tent is the largest top on the road (120 ft. round end with four 40 ft. middles) and is a beautiful sight to see against the blue sky.

The top has red trim at the center poles, with blue ovals at the quarter poles. The side wall is red and white plastic, and all poles are of aluminum.



Among the bright spots on this year's show are the new elephant blankets, the herd of 24 elephants, the exceptional lighting and the eight piece band. They can really play circus music.

The show's staff includes:

Dorey Miller - majority owner
 Ted Bowman - general supt.
 Manuel King - general manager
 Kenny Irkert - boss elephant man
 Whitey Gross - asst. elephant dept.
 H. T. Dreyfus

ROUTES

FOREIGN SHOWS

Circus Krone
 Thru Mar. 31 - Munich, Germany
 Menschen Tiere Sensationen
 March 22-31 Bremen, Germany
 Moscow State Circus
 March 23-April 1 Dortmund, Germany

Some of their outstanding feats included:

- * A handstand atop a stack of eight chairs balanced on Pepsi Cola bottles
- * A handstand on the head of a man standing on an unsupported ladder.
- * A long jump over two girls on the high wire
- * An aerial iron jaw number
- * A brother and sister do a head-to-head stand, without a grommet, which is held for about 5 minutes

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west type acts and circus style presentations.

The show uses phone promotion, soliciting the merchants to buy tickets which can be given away. The program runs about an hour and 45 minutes, and is usually presented only once a day.

Some acts were handicapped here due to the small stage and curtains. This was bothersome to the whip acts and perch act. Everyone on the show has flashy wardrobe, and they double in two or more numbers.

The show's manager, Sam Baxter, told this reporter that he had started with Tommy Scott in this very town some 19 yrs ago, with Gaines Blevins, who is still with it.

This reporter also visted with Tim McCoy at a nearby motel. He is the only member of the show that stays in motels, for the others live in their own or show owned house trailers.

McCoy is in excellent health despite the daily travel, and reports he will be 83 in April. His home is in Arizona, and his wife lives there, but comes to see him frequently during the touring season.

The program here featured:

Opening -- Sam Baxter, M.C. and guitar;
Gaines Blevins, lead guitar; Scotty Blevins, drums; Ray Walker, bass
Bo-Jo, the Clown in a comedy dance act (He's dressed like a mountain man and his wife, Lynn, is dressed as a clown
Plate Spinning - Bo-Jo and Lynn
Texas Tommy and his dogs - 2 Alaskan Huskies and 3 Spitz
Country Music - singer Larry Naus
Indian Dance - Bo-Jo and Lynn - do an Indian dance and fire acts
The Masked Rider - whip act featuring Gaines Blevins
Dave Renick - Kentucky singer
Sharp shooting by Annie Oakley - Lynn

GEORGE HUBLER

This past week the Hubler's Int'l Circus played at Steubenville, Ohio (Mar. 24-25) presenting four shows. The performances were under police sponsorship and were presented in the St. John's Arena.

Among the acts appearing on the show were:

Guy Gossing - tigers
The Flying Valentines
Berosini's chimps, etc.
Anna Lee - doves
The Great Huberto - slide for life
King's elephants
Miss Randy - poodles
The Adonis Duo - aerial feature
Jimmy Troy - comedy trapeze
The Los Latinos - tight wire
Franconi Trio - trapeze
Mills & Memmel - tightwire
Miss Cheri - roman rings
Al Ross - producing clown
Florine Oler - musical director

For an earlier stand at Columbus (March 10-11) the show played in the big Franklin Heights High School Gym. This program featured several of the acts named above, plus:

Harriett Beatty - lions
Johnny Cline - elephants
Buchbaum's liberty horses
Miss Cathy's ponies
The Niccolini chimps
Nicco Bros. - trampoline

An upcoming date (Mar. 30-Apr. 1) at Decatur has been announced for the show.

and Bo-Jo in costume
Magic - featuring Larry Naus as "Martina the Magician"
Raymond Walker - country singing
Texas Tommy - rope spinning
Bo-Jo, the sad clown - clowning and a perch act with Lynn
Scotty Blevins - sing-along number
Tim McCoy - whip cracking and tricks

people

POPO, the Clown, will be honored by the Circus Museum in Bridgeport, Conn. with a reproduction of his circus dressing room.

TERRELL JACOBS, Jr. reports his trained animal acts will be featured on the Wes-Lyn Circus starting in April. The show opens in Idaho, then goes into Washington and Canada.

DON FRANCIS was at the Paul Eagles Luncheon Club at Los Angeles, Cal. last week.

TAD TOSKY reports his book is going fast. It can be obtained for just \$6.00 by writing him at: 3121 So. Avers Ave. Chicago, Ill.

DIANE HONAN and KERRY MACKENZIE were married in the Ashton Circus at Adelaide, Australia on Dec. 31, 1972.

JEROME S. SOWALSKY has been named corporate Counsel for Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Prior to the appointment he was with American Air Lines.

MERLE PEPPER builds real circus wagons as a hobby and even has a lion for his big cage wagon.

DR. FRED KINGDON, Prof. at Fullerton College, has been elected President of the Andrew Rowe CFA Tent at Los Angeles, Cal.

MERLE EVANS has ten concerts scheduled between now and June 1st.

KENNETH MITCHELL, an employee with the Sole Bros. Circus in Australia, was injured when a loading ramp fell on him.

HINES RUCKER is manager of the Childrens Magic Circus which opened early this month (March 10th).

JOHN CUNEO's animals are scheduled to join the Marineland park at Ontario, Canada for the summer (July 3 to Sept. 15).

MARK BUTHMAN, brother of a west coast CFA member, is a clown on Ringling's Red Unit.

WANTED

Please send in any circus news you might have that can be shared with others. We'd also like to get reviews from the papers.

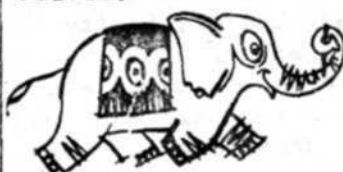
The program

The program as announced for the 1973 tour of the Royal International Circus will feature:

Miss Astra - sponge dive
 The Great Huberto - slide for life
 Eduardo's bears
 Miss Jan and Rosa - single trapeze
 David & Irena - aerialists
 The Rummel's - unsupported ladders
 Clowns - The Cannon act
 Henry's chimps
 The Noblitts - trampoline
 Don Juan - roly boly
 The Great Morales - one finger stand
 The Flying Artons
 The Cassidy Girls - rolling globes
 Pancho's liberty ponies
 Daisy Mae & Her Critters
 The Los Latinos - tight wire
 Clowns - Dr. Ben Crazy
 Juan Morales - juggling
 Senior Antonio - single trapeze
 Ed Steeples with Baby Alfie
 The Great Bruno - sway pole

Laying the Foundation

It has not yet been decided whether the huge elephant landmark tower at Ringling's "Circus World" in Florida will have all four feet on the ground or if one foot will be raised. The final decision will determine the height of the structure -- 195 ft. if all four feet are on the ground or 170 ft. if one foot is raised.



The huge structure, which is to be called "Jumbo", will include an observation tower howdah, plus souvenir shops and a two story restaurant. Elevators in the elephant's legs will whisk customers to the various levels.

The R888 elephant "Betty" has been selected as the model for the structure. She reportedly has distinct features and as a result has been photographed from every angle. These pictures and measurements will provide architects with the proper perspective and size for designing the big elephant tower.

ROUTES

- Hubert Castle Circus
 March 26-32 Dayton, Ohio
 30-Apr. 1 Aberdeen, S. D.
- Fisher Bros. Circus
 March 26 Roby, Texas
 27 Roscoe
 28 Merkel
 29 Colorado City
 30 Stanton
- Hamid-Morton Circus
 March 29-Apr. 1 Troy, Ohio
- Hoxie Bros. Circus
 March 26 Sweetwater, Fla.
 27 Hollywood
 28 Margate
 29 Coral Springs
 30 Indian Town
 31 Melbourne
- Hubler's International Circus
 Mar 30-April 1 Decatur, Ill.
- Miller-Johnson Circus
 March 24-26 El Paso, Texas
 28 Odessa
- Moscow State Circus
 March 22-Apr. 9 Montreal, Canada
- Pan American Circus
 March 30-Apr. 1 Morristown, N. J.
- Polack Bros. Circus
 March 29-31 Huntsville, Ala.
- Ringling-Barnum (Blue Unit)
 Mar. 27-Apr. 1 Charlotte, N. C.
- Ringling-Barnum (Red Unit)
 Mar. 27-May 28 New York, N. Y.
- Tommy Scott-TimMcCoy Show
 March 26 Brownwood, Texas
- Sells & Gray Circus
 March 26 Boco Raton, Fla.
 27 Riviera Beach
 28 Fort Pierce
 29 Forest City
 30 Cocoa
 31 New Smyrna Beach
- April 1 Holly Hill
- John Strong Circus
 March 26 Ojai, Calif.
 27 Sante Paula
 31 Simi
- April 1 Golata
- Wallace & Rogers Circus
 March 31 Port Townsend, Wash.
 April 1 Sequin

Canada tour

The Canadian tour of the Moscow Circus began in Ottawa, Ont., on Feb. 13-17, offering basically the same show that recently appeared in the U. S. Popular clown Popov has reportedly returned to Europe for a rest.

The show's program book sells for 50¢ and lists the entire Canadian tour of dates -- Edmonton, Alta. Feb. 21-25; Calgary Feb. 27-Mar. 4; Vancouver, B.C. Mar. 7-17; Montreal Mar. 22-Apr. 9 and then into Toronto (Apr. 17-22) where the show closes. Prior to this tour no real route information was published in the show's program books.

Prices for the circus are: \$4.50; \$5.50; \$6.50 and \$7.50. It's a great circus and one that's well worth seeing.

..... Michael Sporrer

Show program

Acts appearing with the Kays Continental Circus at Cleveland, Ohio (Feb. 15 to 25) included:

- Opening - The Circus on Parade
 Jimmy Troy - Comedy trapeze
 Guy Gossing - Royal Bengal Tigers
 The Pharoahs - aerial feature
 The Wayne Trio, Mister Bell and Johnny James -
 Miss Trudella - slide for life
 Bucky's Ponies, Hofmeister's stallion Troupe, Seago's Liberty ponies
 Chester "Bobo" Barnett - dogs/car
 Maryse Begary - single trapeze
 Steele's uncaged leopards, the Niccolini chimps, Robert's bears
 La Norma - single trapeze
 The Flying Astros - flying trapeze
 Niccos Trio, Walters Family and the Wainwrights - acrobats
 The Great Alzana - high wire
 The Circus elephants
 Johnny Luxem - Wheel of Destiny
 Zacchini's double cannon
 Grand Finale - all stars

The show was produced by Paul V. Kays, with Forrest Wilson serving as General Chairman for the Al Sirat Grotto Circus.

NOTES

The Shrine Temple at Stockton, Calif. reports they'll sponsor a circus in the Civic Auditorium on April 24-25.

The Brookfield Zoo (Chicago, Ill.) has published an eight page paper on the history of their elephant "Ziggy."

Back in 1946 it cost only 75¢ for adults and 50¢ for children to see the Clyde Beatty Circus.

Garden Circus Corp. is selling a collector's package of items from their ice show for \$2.50. Write: Garden Bros. Circus at Sarasota Bank Bldg., Sarasota, Fla.

The Chattanooga, Tenn., auditorium has dropped its policy of limiting shows. But they will still strive to keep circus and ice show dates about six months apart.

There's a new book on the market these days called "Sitting Bull". It's an interesting biography of this famous Indian.

The San Francisco, Calif. Zoo is remodeling its elephant quarters. They have four bulls there.

The VFW will sponsor a western show at Pleasanton, Calif. on June 3rd. The show will feature Roy Clark.

The magazine "Railroading Ideas" for Spring 1973 has a 26 page article called "Here Comes The Circus". It's chock full of pictures.

Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets are offering discount coupons for the purchase of Mattel toys.

Hoxie Bros. Circus will be traveling on 25 trucks this season.

Flames Destroy Amusement Park

3-18-73
SANTA MONICA (AP)—Pacific Ocean Park, abandoned and awaiting demolition, got an unexpected start toward its end Saturday when fire broke out and officials decided to let it burn, fire officials said.

Cause of the blaze was not immediately determined. Firemen stood by at the scene but said there was no danger to any other structures in the area. No injuries were reported.

Ocean Park Pier was built during the 1920s and the amusement park opened in 1958, featuring several rides from the pier's earliest days. But it shut down in 1967, plagued by financial woes that have taken its operators through bankruptcy proceedings.

Plenty of Tigers

New Delhi (AP)—The government estimates the tiger population at about 18,200 in India, where it is forbidden to kill the beasts.

concert set

The Duggan Bros. CFA Tent will be sponsoring another Merle Evans concert, reports Paul Fitzpatrick. This year's big program will be held at the Clayton Jr. College with local student musicians making up the band.



Merle Evans will be here in town for about three days, he added. The program will be rehearsed all day Saturday and the concert will be presented on Sunday, May 13th.

The concert is open to the public, without charge. Rehearsal sessions are closed, but all CFA members who come to the concert will be admitted to rehearsals. Those planning on attending or desiring information concerning the concert should contact Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick, 6185 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, Ga. - 30260.

A full list of the numbers to be offered in the concert will be made next month.

Sizing Up the program

In its review of the Minneapolis (Minn) Shrine Circus, Variety (Mar. 14) says that although there were several new and fresh acts one had the feeling they'd seen it all before. There was ample variety, the reviewer said, along with plenty of excitement for the general circus fan.

An outstanding act, according to the review was the Albanis motorcycle tricks atop a sway pole. The Rodriguez Troupe of aerial bar performers was another act that came in for praise.

The best of all the animal acts, the magazine says, was Berosini's Jungleland Revue. It's a real crowd pleaser and the most novel number on the program.

Another good number, they said, was the Zamperla Bareback Riders, who came here from the Circus Atlas in Spain. One member of this family also presents an act with lions.

sole brothers circus

. . . by Laurie Jackson

When the Sole Bros. Circus played at Canberra, Australia (Sep. 28-Oct. 2, '72) they pulled very good business. All matinees were straw houses, while most of the evening shows were comfortably full.

The program was fast moving, with a limited number of announcements. Prop men were well groomed and neatly dressed and did their work in a minimum amount of time.

The show has a 90 ft. round end top with one 48 ft. center piece. They have a new steel arena and the seating has been altered, with the highest seat plank now being only 5 ft. off the ground.

The program featured:

Joseph Eroni - lionesses (5)
 Jennie Lennon - swinging ladder
 Comedy - telescope routine
 Joseph Eroni - trick pony
 Mervyn & Phyllis Nairn - juggling
 Comedy - barber shop routine
 Joseph Eroni - monkey steeplechase
 Mervyn Nairn - performing dogs
 Philip Lennon - spinning ropes
 Comedy - Tommy Hanlon, Philip Gill
 Joseph Eroni - football pony
 Philip Lennon - Muldoon
 Joseph Eroni - Palamino Liberty horses
 Philip Lennon - whip cracking
 Mervyn & Phyllis Nairn - balancing
 Joseph Eroni - elephants

The Sole Bros. Circus equipment is shown below, but does not include the carnival that is set up on the show's midway at each stand.

Int'l - 34 ft semi - big top canvas
 Int'l - 36 ft semi - elephants
 Cm. Knacker - light plant
 Carnival light plant
 Int'l - 36 ft semi - horses, ponies
 Bedf'd - lion truck - cage and props
 Austin - 32 ft semi - lion cage - props
 Commer - seat board, jacks, ring curb
 Bedf'd - ohirs
 Bedf'd - 34 ft semi - tigers
 Dodge - 37 ft mobile home
 Ford - One ton pick-up (Lindsay Perry)

disney hit

The 1973 edition of "Disney on Parade" was well received during its five day stand (Mar. 7-11) at Monroe, La. Lots of TV, radio and newspaper advertisements preceded the show's arrival and in a large part accounts for the big crowds that jammed the auditorium.

This show is real family entertainment, all brilliantly staged and lighted. It is a potpurri of story telling magic and tuneful memories from Disney shows from many years.

The program has a 15 minute intermission and runs over two hours in all. Not listed on the show program are some clown numbers which features: Peluze (producing clown), Roger Arroyo, Roy Fullgrapp, Timo Nordstrom and Aurelio Perez.

If one were to select favorite numbers from the show it would have to be the Beautiful Sleeping Beauty number and Goofy and the Love Bugs. This latter number is really amazing.

A 16 piece band backs the show, which is directed and produced by Michael M. Grilikhes. Staging and choreography was handled by Tom Hansen.

The program is as follows:

How Do You Do/Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah - all of the show cast
 Winnie, the Pooh - a birthday party
 Mickey's Revue - Mickey turns conductor, but his friends have their own ideas about music
 The Aristocats - Swinging Parisian life as seen through the eyes of cats and kittens
 Sleeping Beauty -- The unforgettable story of this lovely girl
 Three's A Family - Goofy and the Love Bugs create their own mischief
 The Three Caballeros - Donald Duck, Ponchito and Jose Carioca and the whole cast on a Latin trip.
 Finale - "It's a Small World."

Ford - Two ton pick-up (Mervyn Nairn)
 Ford Galxie - 26 ft kitchen/men's unit
 Holden panel van
 Bedf'd panel van

good Show

For the seventh year (1967-1973) the Al Kadar Shrine Temple has brought the Hubert Castle Circus to Portland, Ore. Throughout the show's March 8-11 run at the Memorial Coliseum business was excellent. For the Sunday afternoon performance (March 11) the show drew a 3/4 house.

This year's program is outstanding with several new acts and unusual numbers. These include Rudolfo Alles, tight wire; the Zoppe Troupe of Arabian riders; Cardenal, balancing and the Triska Troupe on the high wire.

The program here featured the following acts. Cleo Plunkett is the ringmaster/announcer.

Roger Smith - lions and tigers	
Kassle's bears	
The Young Duo	Ponce Bros - perch
Ed's Cont. Taxi	The Pablos -perch
Cycling Wizards	Herman & Petunia
Christina - acro	Jose Cole - balance
Sylvas Trio	Arturo - trapeze
Chrys Holt	Rudolfo Alles - wire
Marshal's animals	Charmaine's dogs
Hall's chimps	Trio Angelos - ser.
Flying Latinos	Lee Marx - juggling
Zavattas	Johnny Zoppe, Jr.
Janmar elephants	Cardenal - balance

CIRCUS acts

Circus acts appearing on the Zuhreh Shrine Circus at Minneapolis, Minn. (Mar. 2-10) included:

Zamperla's wild animals	Burger's animals
Rejenine Duo	Joanna's doves
King's elephants	Flying Armors
Burger's chimps	Berosini's animals
Rosell Troupe	Geo. Hanneford, Jr.
Scott's mule	Rodriguez Troupe
Zamperla riders	Ascot Sisters
Zacchini cannon	Four Olmedas
Clovers	Great Huberto
Bumpy Family	Torino Bros.
Georgian Trio	
Los Latinos	



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Hernandez Troupe	Sanchez Troupe
The Plunketts	The Spartins
Roger Zoppe Troupe	Triska Troupe