

Shrine Circus To Arrive

Trained Animals, Human Performers Here For Weekend

Trained animals and human performers from many parts of the world started arriving in Roseburg this morning for the sixth annual Roseburg Shrine Club-Polack Bros. Circus, whereupon the Douglas County Fairgrounds became a scene of bustling activity in preparation for performances to be given Saturday and Sunday.

Hal A. Esselstrom, who, as general chairman of the Shrine Club's circus committee, has worked diligently for weeks in behalf of the circus, expressed hope that this year's showing would draw record crowds. He emphasized that because of the ample capacity of the fairgrounds grandstand, good seats are still available for all performances.

This is the first year for the circus to appear in Roseburg on a Saturday and Sunday rather than a Sunday and Monday meaning that school will be out both days.

The performances Saturday will start at 2:15 and 8:15, and those Sunday will be at 1:15 and 5:15. Thousands of coupons have been distributed through the schools of Roseburg and Douglas County that will entitle school children to a reduced price for all performances except Saturday nights. In addition, many children who otherwise would not have a chance to attend will be entertained by means of tickets provided by business and professional men, industrial concerns, and civic, labor and fraternal organizations throughout the area surrounding Roseburg.

Thronging of out-of-town children are to be brought to the circus by bus caravans both afternoons. They will come from such scattered points as Glendale, Sutherlin, Riddle, Canyonville, Myrtle Creek, Drain, Winston and Dillard.

Preliminary to the circus itself, the Barnie Longsdorf "troupe" was putting on its "act" today — with nobody on hand to applaud. As superintendent, Longsdorf heads the crew responsible for setting up the circus equipment and hanging the maze of rigging necessary for the aerial acts.

Climbing aloft with ropes and wires, these men sometimes display a disregard for danger approaching that of the actual performers. They are specialists in their line, able to accomplish in hours a job that would require days in less experienced hands. They are even engineers of sorts. They have to know about stress and strain and tensile strength. And this year electrical power figures in the equipment they handle.

In the opening aerial spectacle, electric hoists elevate three enormous birdcages in which girls perform at the same time as a dozen other Barrette-trained Aerialists, each on her own trapeze.

In another special number directed by Barrette, synchronized electric motors cause a tower to rise as it rotates. Atop this tower, Ronnie Lewis balances an 18-foot pole on his shoulders from the ends of which girls whirl by their teeth. At either side, meanwhile, girls at the top of ladders use their teeth to hold wires on which still other girls perform feats of balance.

Also to be installed by Longsdorf's crew was the complex rigging of the Flying Palacios, the High-Wire Torreans and Lalage, while at ground level props were made ready for such acts as the Kovacs, the Atomics and Jan Hisko and Nina and for the clowns and the trained-animal presentations.

Antonucci's Chimps and the dogs and monkeys that make up Victor Julian's Pets have their own mobile quarters.

The Besalou Baby Elephants and the horses of the Dorchester Troupe of English bareback riders arrived in a special railway baggage car.

The circus, which played in August at Klamath Falls and Eugene, is coming here from Salem, following appearances at Vancouver, B. C., the Tri-Cities in Washington and Seattle, and will go



SHRINE CIRCUS ATLAS—Ronnie Lewis (center) balances on 18-foot pole across his shoulders from the ends of which Sharon McFarland (left) and Beryl Smith whirl by their teeth.



CRINOLINE CANINE—Lady Edie is one of the daintily dressed dancing dogs in the "fashion review" of Victor Julian's Pets, to be seen with the sixth annual Roseburg Shrine Club-Polack Bros. Circus at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2:15 and 8:15, and Sunday, Sept. 23, at 1:15 and 8:15.

next to San Jose, Calif. On the Pacific Coast since April, the show will conclude its tour of the Far West at San Jose and then head back east by way of Denver.

Enrollment Increase Noted In Band Classes

Band classes in the Elktion schools have met with a great deal of interest as evidenced by enrollment, reports Leo R. Crisman, superintendent. Band and vocal music classes in the Elktion schools are under the direction of William Hickerson.

Three band groups of about 20 students each are working on their new instruments. There is a fifth and sixth grade group, a seventh and eighth grade group, and a high school group.

The larger instruments have been purchased by the school district. A contract for the new instruments was awarded to the Ott and Rickett Music Store of Roseburg.

A tonette group has been organized for the third and fourth grades.

SUEZ SQUADRON

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — The "Suez squadron" which France alerted after the canal crisis broke, arrived here Thursday. The squadron includes the 35,000-ton battleship Jean Bart, a cruiser, an aircraft carrier and 10 destroyers.

Church Activities

Glendale Minister Returns To Pulpit

By MRS. GERALD B. FOX
The Rev. Ed Grafstrom of Glendale returned to his pulpit at the Assembly of God Church Sept. 9, for the first time since severe illness struck him before Thanksgiving last year. Since he was last hospitalized in the late summer, his progress toward recovery has been reported to be rapid.

Last Sunday morning the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Johnston, former pastors of the church and missionaries on furlough from Japan, came in to visit and were asked to speak. They were dinner guests later at the home of the Howard Huttons. The Johnstons will leave for Seoul, Korea soon.

In the evening, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Howard Brock of Canyonville, Sunday School superintendent in the Canyonville Church. He spoke at both the Christ's Ambassador service and the evening church service.

Fix Meeting Place

Young people of the Assembly of God Church are working on fixing up their new meeting room above the platform of the auditorium. All work is being done or arranged for by the young people.

Hold Work Meet

The Women's Missionary Council of the Glendale Assembly of God Church held an all-day meeting at the church last week. They worked on fixing up the church nursery.

Methodist Choir To Present Concert

R. Cloyd Riffe, director of music for the Roseburg First Methodist Church, will present the choir and instrumentalists in a recital Sunday evening, Sept. 23, at 7:30 in the church sanctuary. This is the first music festival of the fall season which is given by the choir on the fourth Sunday evening of each month. The program is open to the public and there is no charge. A reception will follow in the social hall to which everyone is invited.

Grange Members Set Country Fair

By MRS. CHARLES FORREST
South Deer Creek Grange has arranged a "country fair" to be held at the Grange hall south of Dixonville Saturday. A chili supper will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. with supper for children under 8 free.

A talent contest is scheduled to start at 8:30, and anyone wishing to participate may do so. Prizes will be given that are suitable for the age of the winners. There will also be games, a fancy-work booth, and sale of cooked foods.

Meeting, Social Hour Held By Women's Club

The Associated Business Women's Club of Sutherlin held their regular monthly meeting with nine members present.

The business meeting was opened by the president, Dorothy Wolff. The school situation was also discussed. Ivena Halvorsen won the door prize.

After the meeting closed a social hour was held and the hostess, Jackie Kennedy, assisted by Doris Steinbach, served refreshments. The hostesses for the October meeting will be Dolores Jackson, Doris Steinbach and Cora Allen.

ASKS ASSIGNMENT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission Wednesday received an application from H. C. Singleton and W. N. Nelskog for assignment of a permit for radio station KYNG, Coos Bay, Ore.

Sutherlin Church Board Holds Meet

The Deaconesses of Sutherlin Christian Church met for a regular monthly meeting at the church Monday evening with Alta Williams as hostess.

Grace Heselball called the meeting to order and prayer was given by Ada Abeene. After the business meeting a study of women of the Bible was begun. Queen Esther was the subject of the evening's discussion, followed by the closing prayer given by Eleanor Woollett. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Ada Abeene.

Elktion High School Officers Elected

Elktion High School class officers for the 1956-57 school year have been elected as follows: freshmen president, Billy Isaacs; vice president, Mickey McCord; secretary, Jeanie Monner and treasurer, Buddy Bishop. Sophomores: president, Charles Henderer; vice president, David Adams; secretary, Ray Hoffman and treasurer, Hazel Blake. Juniors: president, Tom Hlescock; vice president, Larry Edmondson; secretary, Jenna Levenhagen, and treasurer, Elaine Whitfield. Seniors: president, Gary Moore; vice president, Dick Johnson; secretary, Doris Moore, and treasurer, Jim Snow.

Yoncalla High School Enrollment Short Of Anticipated Mark

Yoncalla Union High School now reports a total enrollment of 116 students according to C. Wayne Flynn, principal. This falls short of the expected mark of 130 which was anticipated, but exceeds previous school enrollments by approximately 5 per cent. Freshmen number 38, sophomores 31, juniors 26 and seniors 21.

Special interest is being shown this year in the music program being conducted by Donald Loftus, Flynn said. Both band and chorus groups are larger this year. In addition to the band and chorus, students are offered the opportunity to take piano lessons on a group basis. A special performing group is expected to materialize from among the students participating in this program.

Teachers returning to the faculty this year include Mrs. Ruby Thomas, Grant Brown, and Louis Maurer. New members of the faculty include Mrs. Marilyn Brock, Harley Johnson, Verbal Snook and Principal Flynn.

LEAVING FOR EUROPE

Pvt. Matt C. Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen, 980 SE Stephens St., Roseburg, will leave the United States Sept. 25 for Europe. He is a member of the 8th Infantry Division. He entered the Army a year ago after attending Oregon State College. He is attached to the medical company of the division's 5th Regiment.

17 Runaway Steers Shot By Police In Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — Seventeen runaway steers were shot by police Wednesday after a truck accident had set the animals free. The loaded cattle truck and a railroad switch train collided at a North Portland grade crossing. The truck overturned, killing one of the steers and shacking up the truck driver, Jim Packard.

Eighteen other steers scattered, some of them roaming into residential areas where they were hunted down by police armed with rifles. A citizen shot one of the animals.

Only one escaped the dragnet and it plunged down a bluff overlooking the Willamette River, but apparently survived. Police reported it last was seen in a wooded area near the bluff.

Azalea Grange Fall Circus Set Sept. 26

The Azalea Grange will hold its fall circus at the Grange Hall Wednesday evening, Sept. 26. The evening's program will be preceded by a children's circus parade beginning at 8:15. Children are invited to bring pets on leash, bikes or tricycles and wear costumes for participation in the parade. All children of the area are invited.

After the parade acts will be put on in a ring in the main room of the Grange hall. Circus theme refreshments will be sold and side shows will be conducted in the dining room space.

There will be no admission charge, but tickets will be sold for prizes and for the sideshow and food.

Oakland City Council Holds Regular Meeting

During an Oakland City Council meeting this week a letter was read pertaining to a meeting of a representative of the Southern Pacific Railroad with Martin Bros. The latter is asking for a warning signal to be set up at the crossing of Stearns Avenue. The new

access on Stearns Ave. with Highway 99 will be opened in several days and will be the main road to go south on the highway.

A letter was also read from the Oregon State Highway Commission concerning a new amendment to the state constitution to sell corporation stock to be used for educational purposes.

The council voted to postpone the Oct. 2 meeting until Oct. 9 due the hunting season. Mayor Floyd Ross and councilmen Vern Little and Paul Schulze will be candidates for reelection in the November election it was announced.

Those present voted to go on record as cooperating in good will with farmers and sportsmen. It was reported that the new Fifth Street paving is not holding up satisfactorily. A stop sign will be put up at Fifth and Cedar streets, and school zone signs near Washington Grade School.

FL Club Members Attend Convention

Four members of the Glendale FL Club attended the state convention at Bay City last weekend. Attending were the local president, Mrs. Polly Wright, Mrs. Nadine Reynolds, who acted as door guard at the convention, Mrs. Hazel Whaley and Mrs. Charlene Menke.

The local girls took part in the program, putting on an addenda which paid tribute to some 15 charter members who were present.

Next year, when the convention will be held at Myrtle Creek with the Riddle Club assisting in hostess duties, the Glendale Club will be asked to judge the scrapbooks.

About 150 delegates were present. After the sessions of the convention they were taken on tours of cheese factories, the Pioneer Museum, and the coast. They went deep-sea fishing at Depot Bay.

AIRMAN ASSIGNED

Airman 2-c Harry J. Brittain of Milo has been assigned to the 2469th Air Reserve Flying Center, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He enlisted in the Air Force in February 1953 and has since served 1 1/2 years in Okinawa and Japan.

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