

## Circus Performers Work To Perfect Summer Show

By HAL BOYLE  
SARASOTA, Fla., March 24 (AP)—A circus getting ready for its spring opening is about as glamorous as a middle aged chorus girl with her nose peeling from sunburn.

The ordeal of the road is as nothing to the ordeal of getting ready.

In their winter quarters on the edge of Sarasota performers of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus are rounding into shape for the season debut April 9th in Madison Square Garden.

Under the flapping canvas of the big tent, thick-skinned young dancers in sloppy slacks rehearse without sparkle or glitter while the director's tired voice rasps over and over:

"Do not stop with the poles. I told you that. Didn't I tell ya that a hunnert times? Do not stop with the poles."

Broad-backed horses trot in everlasting circles, lions snake

their cages with coughing roars and thirty elephants dream of free peanuts.

Chorus lassies who never had their feet more than a high kick off the floor five weeks ago soar nimbly up the ropes to practice an aerial can-can which will give the fathers something to admire while the children are laughing at the clowns.

"It's a circus with its coat off now," said big Jim Haley its cigar-puffing president. "Here's where the real work is."

Circus proprietors don't speak with the superlative eloquence of other years. Apparently they leashed all their adjectives to the Hollywood movie producers.

"We just think we've got the finest show we ever put together—let it go at that," said Haley.

"Circus acts are like baseball plays. This year we've got an entire new team. Last season was the best in circus history. Things have quieted down a little, but we expect a good year."

The exuberant vice president, John Ringling North, said that the 40 acts he had hired during his first post-war raid of European talent were all new to American audiences.

The circus is also continuing its wartime program of luring more grownups to tent seats by emphasizing sex as well as clowns and wild animals. John Murray Anderson is producing a spectacular show employing a hundred girls.

The girls get from \$40 to \$130 a week—depending upon whether they just dance in the ballets or also play hopscotch with the elephants.

"Each year 40 per cent of the girls are new to the circus," an official said. "Lots of 'em get married every year."

Others presumably just get tired of lying in the tanbark looking up at the toenails of an uplifted elephant's foot and wondering whether the pachyderm will slip on a banana peel.

The circus will go north this year in a hundred gay red railroad cars carrying 1400 workers, performers and people who pass out free tickets.

Gargantuan the gorilla who looks like a gorilla, will have a little "tiny tot" competition from two baby jaguars and two newborn leopards. The jaguars are being nursed by a friendly housecat, the leopards by a dazed lady dog.

Vice President North is annoyed with the U. S. department of agriculture which declined to let him bring in a Belgian pig act under Belgium's immigration quota.

"They have some kind of rule against admitting cloven-footed animals," he said, "but one of these pigs was wonderful. He could push bells with his snout and play 'Whose Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf.'"

"I'm still trying to get that pig in. We shouldn't ban educated animals like that from America."

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## HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

By MARY O'BRIEN

With the apportioning of student body funds as their purpose the student body finance committee met today in activity

period. In addition to student chairman John Epley, committee members are Helen Eckert, Larry Klahn and Ben Larson. Faculty members are Harold Palmer, Joe Peak and Everett Vanderpool.

Tri-Hi-Y met today for the specific purpose of dividing the new organization into a probable three groups of sophomore, junior and senior girls. In accordance with this plan each group would elect its own president, vice president, secretary and chaplain. Suggestions will be solicited soon for members of an adult advisory council that must be formed before the club's constitution can be submitted to Student Congress.

At the last meeting election of officers of the entire Tri-Hi-Y, a group of over one hundred girls, was completed. Results, upon being tallied, showed Irma McBride to be the new secretary, Donna Hanson the new treasurer, and Margie Robinson the newly-elected chaplain. President and vice president, both elected at one of the previous meetings, are Connie Hunt and Doris Ehrhridge.

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## Committee Change Eyed

PORTLAND, March 24 (AP)—Oregon republican leaders intend to ask the state legislature to remove the election of national committeemen and committeewomen from the primary ballot and place their selection in the hands of the state central committee.

A resolution to that effect was passed at the committee's week-end meeting here.

James A. Rodman, Eugene, re-elected chairman, said the proposal was "a step in the direction of a truly representative party vote. It is now possible for any man with a few thousands of dollars to spend and a pair of brass lungs to make a creditable race for national committee-man."

Mrs. John Y. Richardson, Portland, was elected vice-chairman; Newell Elliott, Baker, secretary; and Sigfrid Unander, Portland, treasurer.

Heart Disease Cause Of Deaths

Figures from the Oregon health bulletin for March 19, 1947, show no deaths from tuberculosis in Klamath county to date this year.

Leading causes of death in this county for January, 1947, include five from heart disease, two from intracranial lesions, four from cancer, one from nephritis, one from diabetes, one from a communicable disease, two from motor accidents and 15 from other causes, totaling 31 in all.

Cases of communicable diseases reported for the first time during the week ending March 15, 1947, in Klamath county, include three of chicken pox, one of measles, four of scarlet fever

and four of syphilis. These cases were reported through the central registry.

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Daily Williams answered advertisements and rang doorbells in search of more commodious quarters. Now the family is looking forward to receiving a promised two-story, three-bedroom trailer with adjustable porch, gift of a trailer manufacturing company which heard that the children all slept in one bunk. The new "home" is valued at \$5000.

DETROIT, March 24 (AP)—Willie Senters, 25, awakened early today to find his mattress afire.

He tried to shove it out a first-story window but it stuck. So Willie backed up, took a short run and lunged at it again.

The mattress remained wedged but Willie flew out the window and down 15 feet onto a basement stairway.

Firemen extinguished the blaze and took Willie to receiving hospital where he was treated for an injured arm and released.

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Objects of the two months Alaskan expedition, which will have a personnel of 12, will include cosmic ray research, glacial motion research, photographic records, army clothing and equipment tests, and weather observations on the peak—known as "the cradle of evil weather."

The party, which will include Hugo Vitoreen, University of Chicago physicist and cosmic ray researcher, will remain on the huge mountain from early April through May, described by the 38-year-old Washburn as "the best months of the year."

High Voltage Wire Cause Of Death

GRANTS PASS, March 24 (AP)—Henry Volkman, 65, was killed Saturday as he tried to move the broken end of a high voltage wire from a pile of lumber. The wire had been broken in tree-topping operations.

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