

Televising Circus Tremendous Task

NEW YORK — "The Greatest Show On Earth" played the national living room circuit Tuesday night for the first time and didn't lose a spangle or an elephant. As smoothly as it appeared on your television screens over the NBC network, that's how smoothly the specially constructed program of important acts of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey

Circus was run off in Madison Square Garden for one hour before an invited audience of about 5,000. The only uncooperative member of the cast was one medium-sized elephant that refused to join the fore-foot-mount formation line with its fellow in the finale and instead stood glaring at John Ringling North in the official box as though demanding a raise in hay.

COLORS GALORE

"I can't find a thing to say except that it was just wonderful," the circus owner said after it was all over.

"It couldn't have run more smoothly," said Alan Handley, director of the program who had been working toward this supreme moment since last November.

It was really a shame that everyone couldn't have had a color TV set for this one. Myles White, who has dressed the big show for years, has really outdone himself this time in a tasteful riot of colors.

The center ring, where the lions of Paul Fritz worked, is covered with yellow-colored wood chips. One of the end rings has a blended purple-white covering; the other has a pink covering. The track around the arena is finished in a greenish shade. The stage on which the clowns blew up the kitchen stove has a white geometric design painted on black.

These huge letters of the alphabet covering the walls of the arena in endless chain were in many colors on rainbow backgrounds.

Fifteen minutes before the show went on the air at 8 p.m. EST, the dozens of circus people in the opening "spec" were lined up in place, burdened by their heavy costumes. They scarcely moved until the show went on the air. The lions moved down the chute from their steel wagon into the barred arena while the parade was going on.

CAMERAS "CATCH" CATS
A TV camera was right up against the bars photographing Fritz and his "cats" throughout their act.

Ten cameras were scattered at various points around the arena, along with a number of huge TV spotlights to augment the Garden's own high-powered lighting system. Two large vans moved an NBC control room crew and equipment



SENIOR KNEEPANT LEAGUE PLAYERS — Pictured above are members of the senior Kneepant league. The league has games scheduled twice each week, here in the ball park. Pictured, from left to right, front row: George Lee, Buddy Godwin, David Coats, Charles Tripp, Donald Bass, Jimmy Jordan, Fred Newton, Jimmy Lann, and Willie Tart; second row: Herman West, Harry Britton,

Ronnie Wade, Billy Carroll, Robert Lee, Billy Hall, and Harold Ausley; third row: Joe Tart, Jerry Bass, Paul White, Kenneth Williams, Jimmy Conn, Joseph Norris, John Johnson; fourth row: Bill Jernigan, Jimmy Jones, Joe Thomas, Bud Hudson, Jimmy Mattox, Louis Godwin, Jr., and Jackie Sturgill.

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Studio Lot To House Sabrina, London Actress, Calls Scotland Yard

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Signs of the times! At least one major movie company is spending \$2,500,000 on rebuilding a nostalgia-filled studio lot to serve nothing but television.

20th Century-Fox's famous Western Avenue studio where Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell teamed for "Seventh Heaven" and Edmund Lowe, Victor McLaglen and Dolores del Rio made movie history with "What Price Glory" has been dormant for close to two decades. But not anymore.

Today, the 13-acre studio lot which lost its usefulness after the company moved to its modern studio city half-way between Hollywood and the Pacific Ocean, is buzzing with activity.

Huge stages, empty and silent since the late 1930's, are being cut in thirds to become television stages. At least one sound studio has been turned into a television

to the Garden for the temporary setup. As soon as the show was off the air at 9 p.m., the Garden attendants began shooting the crowd outside and NBC picked up its lights, cameras, monitor TV sets and control equipment and went home to Radio City.

For outside was another crowd, waiting to get in — for free — to see a complete dress rehearsal of the entire circus that started at 10 p.m.

Tonight: The season's official opening. Marilyn Monroe on a pink elephant. Sorry. No television.

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TELEVISION WINS NEW POPULARITY

From the moment Norma — now Sabrina — displayed her charms on a TV closeup, Englishmen crowded closer to their sets. Next time the Askey program came on, the British Broadcasting Corp. estimated that its male audiences almost doubled.

Within days Sabrina was being offered contracts so fast she could not keep count. From the \$2 fee she got for her nude poses she jumped to \$200-plus for fleeting appearances at fashionable charity shows. Society photographer Baron asked her if she could find the time to pose for him, and she is scheduled to start her first film any moment now.

Then someone told Sabrina that the value of those almost forgotten nude poses had gone up steeply too—just like Marilyn's famous calendar.

DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT DEFEAT
Sabrina threw a tantrum. "I was only a kid of 16 when those were taken," she sobbed. "I was not going to admit defeat to my parents and ask them for my fare home. I will do everything I can to stop them from being crucified."

So she called on Detective Superintendent Glander, and he has promised cooperation, particularly if any of the pictures "come outside the category of art studies.

Moral for well-endowed blondes: Never post nude; one day you may be famous.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mrs. Genevieve M. Agnew, a landlady was indicted for interfering with the mails after fluorescent powder dusted on letters mailed to Miss Joyce Gast, one of her tenants, was found on her hands.

The letters, which Miss Gast said were taken before she read them, were from airline pilot William Agnew, Mrs. Agnew's husband.

studio payroll will get their first chance of acting in these television productions.

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LODI, Italy (AP) — Authorities reported today that two farm workers have been charged with cutting the tails off 39 cows because they got mad at their boss.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — State Rep. Ben Rhodes admitted to his colleagues that he was hurt when they defeated a bill he sponsored, 115-0.

"You didn't have to pass it," he said, "but you didn't have to be so ornery."

DETROIT (AP) — William P. Utter, 47, told the judge he passed a red light because he was trying to escape a fire in the front seat of his car started by a fallen cigarette ash.

The judge sentenced him to 10 days in jail or \$150 fine.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — Mrs. Jeanne K. Davis, confessed Wednesday that she wrote \$5,000 in worthless checks using her ex-husband's name, in hopes he would learn of it and come back to Milwaukee.

CHICAGO (AP) — Russian farmers who will watch a major league baseball game when they visit Chicago in August may not understand what's going on.

Officials so far have been unable to find anyone who speaks Russian and also knows baseball well enough to explain the game.

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actress Barbara Stanwyck was hospitalized in nearby Santa Monica today with a painful back injury resulting from a fall down a flight of stairs at her home.

Her physician, Dr. George W. Amley Sr., said preliminary x-rays taken after the accident Wednesday indicated Miss Stanwyck did not have a spine fracture as was first feared. A complete examination was to be made today.

CAMP KILMER, N. J. (AP) — Taps will sound for Camp Kilmer tonight.

The post named for poet Joyce Kilmer who was killed in action during World War I will pass to standby status at midnight despite the efforts of local residents to keep it open.

Kilmer was the temporary home for more than 5 million men and women who passed through here to and from overseas assignment

after it was opened in 1941.

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Film star Loretta Young rested comfortably in St. John's Hospital today following surgery for abdominal adhesions which have kept her in bed since mid-April.

Attendants said Wednesday's two hour operation was a success and the actress was expected to recover rapidly.

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — President Fulgencio Batista said Wednesday night former President Carlos Prío Socarras may return to Cuba "freely and whenever he wishes" if he ends his alleged subversive activities.

Prío is now living in exile in Miami, Fla.

If Prío ends his "subversive plans," Batista said he may return "with full guarantees as a citizen and resume his political activities if he wants to do so."

Prío has been charged by a Cuban court of masterminding an anti-Batista underground and a warrant for his arrest issued.

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