

# Water Follies Coming To Shelby June 17



**CLOWNING**—Divers who appear to be very inept at the trade during the comedy segments of the International Water Follies Show coming to Shelby June 15 are in reality very skilled at the art. Here we see one of the comedy divers "flying like a big bird."

The International Water Follies, world-famous water and stage show, that was the big entertainment hit of the Brussels World's Fair, and also of EXPO '74" at Spokane Washington, is coming to Shelby for a three day engagement, starting on Fri., June 15 and running through Sun., June 17 at Blanton Memorial Stadium under the sponsorship of 14 WADA. Proceeds to the Dan Moore Scholarship Fund.

This exciting and novel Aquacade, staged and produced by Sam Snyder of Boston, Mass., pioneer in that field, will be presented in the world's largest portable pools and stage, 150 feet in length. International Water Follies will bring to this city an entrancing musical revue in water and on stage, that features world-champion spectacular divers, the famed water ballet, gorgeously costumed stage and water production numbers, top-calibre stage acts with singing and dancing stars, unique lighting effects, and five of the nation's outstanding diving and water comedians, including Roger Nadeau, world's greatest water comedian. Water Follies is truly international in scope,

travelling further in this world than any other show. It has already made four round trips to Australia and New Zealand, playing there four months at a time, attracting huge crowds in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, Wellington and Auckland. It recently played in Japan for four months, Hong Kong for two months, and South Africa for six months. It also played in Brussels at the World's Fair, there, for several months, in England, Mexico and South America, and in Indonesia for four months.

One of the highlights of the International Water Follies is its sensational diving, which, from a three-metre board (only 10-feet above the water) can be most dangerous to a performer, especially when the diving tank contains only six feet of water. The usual depth of the pool that Olympic divers perform in contains anywhere from 12 to 18 feet of water.

The stage portion of the Water Follies features a top singing star, a unique musical novelty act, a very talented impressionist, and many beautifully costumed production numbers with novel lighting effects.

The portable pools and equipment used in staging the International Water Follies are said to be a marvel in engineering ingenuity. Containing over 1700 pieces of metal and lumber, assembled like a huge jig-saw puzzle, it takes a crew of 12 technicians between 6 to 8 hours to assemble the gigantic diving tank and swimming pool. The diving tank along contains about 26,000 gallons of water, the swimming pool holds 24,000 gallons of water. It takes between 30 to 4 hours to dismantle this equipment, upon completion of the engagement. The diving tank is just under 7 feet in height, with the swimming pool just a little over four feet in height. A large portable stage 35 feet by 28 feet is placed between both pools, with the total overall length of all the equipment being 150 feet by 35 feet.

The whole two-hour large locally augmented show, whether diving, stage or swimming, is completely set to music, which will be played by a Kings Mountain orchestra. Tickets are available in Kings Mountain at which will be played by a Hightower's.

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### Marine Receives Promotion

Marine Private First Class Timothy F. Bees, son of Barbara J. Bees of 302 S. Goforth St., Kings Mountain, has been promoted to his present rank while serving at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

A 1978 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1978.

### Thomas Receives Promotion

Marine Lance Corporal Michael E. Thomas, son of Amos McCluney of Kings Mountain and Olivia Thomas of Grover, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune.

A 1978 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High, Lance Corporal Thomas joined the Marine Corps in July 1978.

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