



LEO AND CLYDE BEATTY
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CLYDE BEATTY BRINGS FAMOUS CIRCUS HERE

BY JACK O. BALDWIN

"My big cats are just like ordinary kittens—except of course," said the famous wild animal trainer Clyde Beatty as he slipped into a fresh clean white uniform, "they don't know their own strength."

"Take, for instance, the time Leo reached out to get me. A pure gesture of fondness for me but he forgot to pull in his claws and this is what happened."

The fearless Beatty bared his leg, and from his hip to his knee was the jagged scar where the big cat's claw had ripped the flesh.

Beatty and his famous wild animal act will be presented before local fans on April 21 under the huge big top to be erected at 190th street and Western avenue.

The death-defying Beatty and other acts in the circus will present two performances during the circus' one day billing here—the afternoon show begins at 2:30 p. m. and the evening show at 8 p. m.

Beatty's life has only one advantage as I see it. He certainly isn't bothered by insurance salesmen. While the white-suited, whip-snapping little man is in the cage with 37 lions and tigers—natural jungle enemies, his life isn't worth the paper this is printed on.

It isn't easy work either. I talked with Beatty personally just before he went into the cage with his blacksnake whip and chair to put the growling beasts through their paces. He was calm, businesslike, and very eager to tell us anything we wanted to know about his experiences.

I'm afraid we were not very diplomatic asking him about the number of times he was clawed by the big cats while in the cage—especially just before he risked having the same thing happen again.

We walked with him to the edge of the tent and stood there during his 15 minutes he browbeat the huge animals through their tricks.

We walked with him back to his trailer and talked with him while he changed clothes. His clean white starched uniform was as wet as though he had worn it into a shower.

Beatty is essentially a product of the American circus. He was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, and began his career as an animal trainer in 1922, although at that time, he had no idea that he would today be acknowledged as the greatest wild animal trainer in the world—and, in addition to that, own and operate one of the three biggest shows in America, which, of course, means the world.

In addition to Clyde Beatty and his famous display, the big show boasts of many other top-flight attractions. Among them, Harriet Beatty, wife of the famous trainer and her thrilling display featuring an elephant and a tiger, two of the jungle's deadliest enemies; The Great Barton, the most talked of display in circuses at the present—the man who walks on his forefinger; the Caudillo Sisters, from Old Mexico, celebrated risley artists; the Oliveras, and the Silva Bros., troupes of high-perch performers; The Flying Thrillers, flying return stars; and Frank Doyle, the suicidal aerialist, and literally scores of other internationally known attractions.

In all, 267 men and women argue stars and performers go to "make up this year's exciting program." The performances open with a gorgeously produced professional entitled, "Spangleland On The March," in which masses of people and animals take part.

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County X-rays To Be Taken Next December

Four Harbor area men have been named to the Los Angeles County X-Ray Survey's steering committee scheduled to meet tonight.

Those named to the committee are J. R. McHenry, assistant city manager of Long Beach; Alfred Williams of the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce; D. A. Skaggs, superintendent of the Artesia Elementary School district, and Dr. H. C. Ward of the L. A. County Medical Association's Long Beach branch.

This committee, selected from the thousand-strong county-wide board of councilors, is working on plans for setting up regional boards of councilors to promote the survey in each of the 16 regions into which Los Angeles has been divided.

At some time during the nine months of the campaign to X-ray 3,000,000 persons in the county, X-ray units will reach into each of these areas so that every resident may have access to them.

The units are tentatively scheduled to reach this area, which includes the communities listed below, on December 4:

Artesia, Channel Heights, Dominguez, Fort MacArthur, Harbor City, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Village, Long Beach, Mayfair, Moneta, Naples, North Long Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Signal Hill, Terminal Island, Torrance, Waverly and Wilmington.

Survey officials are reminding everyone in Los Angeles County that the X-rays are free, take less than a minute and the results are strictly confidential. Currently the units are operating mostly in downtown Los Angeles.

Sponsored by all county official and non-official health agencies, the survey is financed by Christmas seal monies and tax funds.

Stevens To Head Waleria Group

Fred R. Stevens will be installed as president of the Waleria Businessmen's Club in ceremonies to be held on April 20th, it was announced today.

Snyder, who will succeed James Whitmer, was selected for office at the annual election of officers held last week at the Waleria Fish Shanty.

Other new officers include John Bauman, vice president; Larry Booth, secretary; and Dale Wands, treasurer.

Harbor District C. of C. Long Beach to Host
Long Beach Chamber of Commerce will host the general meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce today at 5 p. m. in the Wilton hotel in Long Beach.

Raymond C. Kealer, member of the Long Beach City council and chairman of the council's Harbor, Oil, and Industries committee, will discuss the tidelands issue as it affects the harbor district area.

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