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LETTERS

Current Status of the Three Illions Supreme Carousels

In 1983, my wife, Cathy, and I were very fortunate in being able to purchase what we believed to be the finest merry-go-round ever built-the Illions Supreme Carousel which was built for the Prospect Hotel at Stillwell and Bowery in Coney Island in 1927. From the Prospect hotel it went to Celoron Park in Chautaugua Lake. In 1952 it was reassembled at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona. 1980 saw its last season when it was removed and placed in storage. We are happy to say that all the animals and a majority of the scenery have remained intact and are going through a major restoration program at this time. The lead American Beauty horse is featured on the front cover of the book, "Painted Ponies" by William Manns, Marianne Stevens, and Peggy Shank

Our second major purchase was the Illions Supreme from Long Island, New York. This unit we bought without the horses. It included all trim, panels, mechanism, etc. The third Illions Supreme carousel, mechanism and all trim intact, was purchased prior to the Guernsey auction and was the Circus World machine—again, less the horses. Even though this Circus World machine is quite a bit smaller than the other two Illions Supremes (mechanism as well as horses), we hope to have it up one day with all reproduction animals from the Los Angeles County machine as patterns for the other two carousels.

We own three other carousels at this time—an English Savage, and English Round-A-Bout, and a Spillman Engineering, and are currently trying to find homes for these carousels.

Our studio, "Daniel's Den," acts as a brokerage house for those who wish to purchse or sell antique carousel figures. We try to furnish the carousel collectors with all accessories such as bases, tails, books, etc.

We will keep you updated regarding the placement of our first Illions Supreme. As of this date, it is destined for a beautiful new park in Northern California. We are very fortunate that Barney Illions himself had been advising us as to the original artistic concepts that were used when the first machines were originally produced.

> John Daniel So. Pasadena, CA

Information on Marshall Hall Park

In response to the letter in the April, 1988 issue, Page 2, about Marshall Hall Amusement Park, we bought the horses and animals in the Spring of 1974. All of the gears were stripped on the machinery, so it was junked.

It was a Carmel-Borelli with a lion, sea monster, and two armored horses (See photos).

> Gray Tuttle Surfside Beach, SC







Carmel-Borelli carousel, Marshall Hall Park

The Carousel News & Trader, June, 1988



Carmel-Borelli Carousel, Marshall Hall park

Needs Information on Lenape Park

Would you or any of your readers have any information on a carousel that was located in a small park in Lenape, Pennsylvania? I spent many happy years riding it, and would like to purchase a horse from this carousel if at all possible.

> Mrs. Robert J. Cooper 528 Lenox Road North Hills Wilmington, DE 19809

I have included your address in hope that people will write to you. The carousel was a Dentzel-Muller, and was at Lenape Park, West Chester, PA. from 1926 until 1978 when it was dispersed. One of its outside row standers recently sold for \$30,800 at Guernsey's San Francisco auction.

Nancy

CORRECTION

The Illions Supreme carousel owned by Gray Tuttle actually had two previous owners instead of one as reported in the May issue, Page 2. It was also owned for a time by Leonard McCullough of Coney Island.

COVER

A circa 1915 Stein and Goldstein armored outside-row stander from the Earl and Rogene Corey collection was restored by Diane and Bill Baird of Spotted Horse Studio. It can be seen in its unrestored condition in *Painted Ponies*, Pages 144, and 145. Photo: Paul Arbogast

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CAROUSEL CALENDAR

Current - July 4, "Carrousselles" a carousel exhibit by Barbara Fahs Charles, and the Grand Rapids Museum's restored Spillman carousel animals and panels will be on view at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Current - July 18 Traveling exhibit sponsored by the Museum of American Folk Art "Catch A Brass Ring: Carousel Art From The Charlotte Dinger Collection", on display at the Hershey Museum of American Life, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Current - September 4 "An American Sampler, Folk Art from the Shelburne Museum" at Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, Texas. Featuring 5 Dentzel animals.

Current - Nov 6 "Once Upon a Carousel", an exhibit featuring approximately 50 animals from the collection of Wallace A. Krapf. Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, New York.

June 4 ABOA band organ rally, Crossroad's Village, Flint, Michigan.

June 11-12 Miniature Carousel Builders second annual convention at Seabreeze Park, Rochester, New York.

June 26 - September 1 Carousel art exhibit at Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, Michigan. Paintings by Jon McDonald. (See Page 14)

June 28 Slide show and lecture by Tony Orlando at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 6-9 p.m.

July 29 - 30 Musical Box Society International, Mid-America Chapter, Band Organ Rally, Marrietta, Ohio.

August 13 Earl and Rogene Corey cordially invite you to an afternoon and supper party in the beautiful Ohio country side. The gathering will be held from 3:00 p.m. to? at Spotted Horse Studio located 1 mile East of Greenford, Ohio 9 (20 miles South of Youngstown, 1 hour from Pittsburgh) View the start of the restoration of PTC#4, and other marvelous creatures.

August 14 - 18 National Carousel Association Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

August 15 - October 3 Traveling exhibit sponsored by the Museum of American Folk Art " Catch A Brass Ring: Carousel Art From The Charlotte Dinger Collection", on display at Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

September 17 - 18 Second Annual Burlington Carousel Festival, Burlington City Park, Burlington, North Carolina.

September 22 - 25 American Carousel Society Convention, Washington, DC.

October 1 First day of issue — Carousel animal stamps by United States Post Office, Sandusky, Ohio.

October 22-January 1, 1989 Traveling exhibit sponsored by the Museum of American Folk Art " Catch A Brass Ring: Carousel Art From The Charlotte Dinger Collection", on display at Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland.

November-February 1989 "Carrousselles" a carousel exhibit assembled by Barbara Fahs Charles will be on view at the State Historical Society of Colorado in Denver.

November 12 Bob Kissel consignment carousel auction, Stricker's Grove Park, Ross, Ohio.

November 16-19 IAAPA (International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions) Annual Convention and Trade Show, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas

January 23 - March 25, 1989 Traveling exhibit sponsored by the Museum of American Folk Art " Catch A Brass Ring: Carousel Art From The Charlotte Dinger Collection", on display at The Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, West Virginia.

Let others know about your carousel event through the CAROUSEL CALENDAR. Write or phone: The Carousel News & Trader, P.O. Box 92, Marcellus, MI 49067, [616] 646-3074.

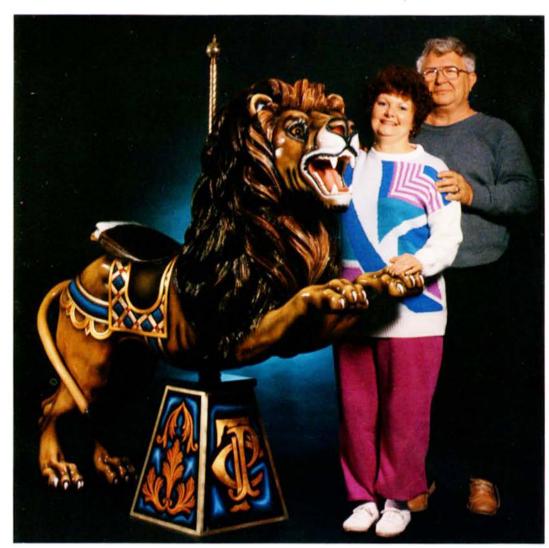
SITE FOUND FOR KAYDEROSS CAROUSEL

On May 16, the Saratoga Springs, New York City Council voted unanimously to meet again on the 26th of May to approve and sign a grant application for the carousel owned by the city. A site next to the Convention Center in the National Historic District of Saratoga Springs has been approved for the placement of the c. 1904 Illions carousel. The city purchased the carousel from Kaydeross Park last September. Many disagreements among the City Council members, Carousel Committee members, and Historical Society members about where to place the carousel, led to the resignation of Karen McCarthy from the Carousel Committee just a week before the final decision was made. The council voted not to place the carousel in Congress Park at that meeting.

The new site is actually a small cliff that was formed by an earthquake thousands of years ago. The fault line runs through downtown Saratoga Springs, trapping the water that the city is famous for, causing it to bubble up. According to Roberta Nelson, Carousel Committee member, the site is very innovative and is a perfect place for the carousel.

The State Environment Revue act to be signed on June 26 will provide half of the cost of the carousel building. More fund raising is needed to continue the restoration and installation of the carousel.

Bette Illions, wife of the late Barney Illions, has requested that any Memorial contributions be given to the Kaydeross Illions carousel. (See article on Barney Illions on Pages 15-19 in this issue.)





Ine Splendid Corey Collection



by Janie S. Jenkins

Photos: Paul Arbogast

Rogene and Earl Corey pose with Vincent, their magnificent leaping lion from the Skylon Towers carousel they purchased in 1986. They are restoring the carousel and hope to see it running once again.



Scout, a Stein and Goldstein jumper from the Corey collection last rode on a Great Falls, Virginia machine.



Freddie, a Herschell-Spillman frog is one of nearly 100 carousel animals gathered by the Coreys of Columbiana, Ohio.

Although Diane Less Baird had no previous experience in the carousel restoration field, the Coreys were confident that with her knowledge of horse conformation, of coat colors, of movement and expression, it would be a natural for her artistic ability.

Serhaps when night falls and the lights have been extinguished and all is silent within the house, Beauregard and Buster and Norman and Winnie prick their ears, fancying that they hear the remembered music of a band organ, that they see the winking lights, that they once again feel the feather-light pressure of children on their backs.

Vincent, the leaping lion with fearsome teeth bared in soundless roar, also hears and sees and feels and remembers. So do Caesar, the goat; and Tabitha, the cat; and Thunder, the deer; and Punkin, the kangaroo; and Peter Rabbit and Freddie Frog and Rajah, the elephant.

And while not all of them were together in their first "life," they, and many more early carousel animals, now constitute a splendid collection—nearing100—gathered by Rogene and Earl Corey of Columbiana, Ohio.

Remarkably, it has taken the Coreys just slightly over three years to amass this fine collection. In that short time, they have traveled the country to locate and "rescue" the animals they wanted. They have researched and studied and they have been extremely particular about restoration.

They have literally furnished their home with 20 or so animals and made them part of their family, while others wait their turn at restoration at the talented hands of Diane Less Baird, whose long experience as an equestrian, artist and sign painter give her special insight into realistic and artistic restoration.

The Corey's intense interest into carousel animals dates to Earl's childhood. Family outings to Youngstown's Idora Park were highlighted by rides on the merry-go-round, and Earl remembers his father, the late P.R. Corey, lifting him onto the armored horse and telling him, "Earl, you're my White Knight and this is your horse."

Even though Earl grew up with real ponies (Corey Pony Farm was long and widely known for fine Shetlands and Hackneys) there was a particular magic to merry-goround horses, and that magic was enhanced when his father acquired one from the Gooding Amusement Co. to decorate the office and lounge at the barn.

Although Earl didn't know it at the time, "Beauregard," an early Dentzel prancer, would be the beginning of the Corey Collection.

When Idora Park closed forever at the end of the summer of 1984 and the announcement made that its amusements, including the 1922 Philadelphia Toboggan Co. Carousel No. 61—on the National Register of Historic Places—would be sold at auction that fall, Earl made up his mind: he had to have the armored charger he had ridden so many times as his father's "White Knight".

Even though Earl's was the highest bid (\$23,000) on "his" horse, the eventual sale of the merry-go-round as a unit rather than by individual piece dashed his dream of owning the armored horse.

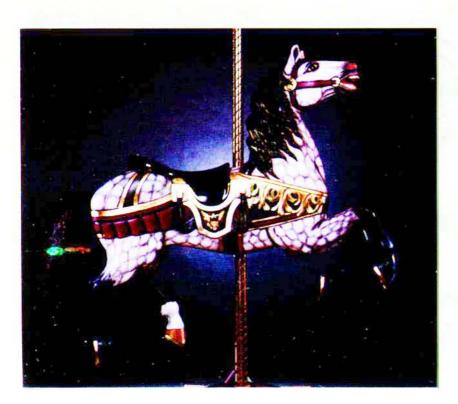
But the Corey's had been "bitten" by the (Continued on Page 8)

Earl & Rogene Corey Condially Invite You to an Afternoon & Supper Party in the Beautiful Ohio Country Side The Gathering will be held at Spotted Horse Studio Localed 1 mile East of Greenford, Ohio (20 miles South of Youngstown, one hour from Pillsburgh) Saturday, August 13 3.00 p.m. -? Please come view the start of the restoration of P. T.C. #4 and other marvelous creatures.



Diane Less Baird's first restoration was on Norman, a PTC #12 jumper from Crystal Beach.



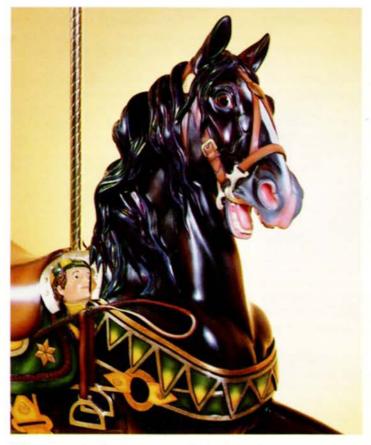


The Splendid Corey Collection

Photos: Paul Arbogast

Top Photo: Camelot came from PTC No. 59 at Petticoat Junction in Panama City Beach, Florida. This armored charger is similar to the one Earl Corey had ridden as a child.

Left Photo: A Dentzel jumper in the Corey Collection is named Bill. Bill is painted in Japan paints by Diane Less Baird.



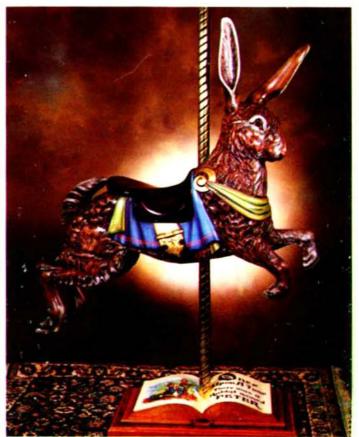
A Dentzel stander, Buster, is restored in the Corey Pony Farm colors and painted to resemble "Chocolate Soldier", the famous Corey stud pony.



A Dentzel bear has a real hand-woven beehive on its base. The Coreys have named him Teddy.



Ceasar, a PTC No. 12 goat from the carousel that last operated at Crystal Beach in Ontario is refinished in overglaze stains by Diane Less Baird.



A Dentzel rabbit in the Corey collection is refinished in overglaze stains. The base is a carved "book" illustrated with pictures from Beatrix Potter's book.



Jewel is an Early PTC prancer belonging to Rogene and Earl Corey.

The Splendid Corey Collection

(Continued from Page 5)

carousel bug and the following spring he and Rogene went to Indiana for the sale of PTC No. 12 from Crystal Beach, Ontario.

They came home with two second-row jumpers, Norman and Winnie, and the goat, which Rogene named Caesar.

There was no question as to who would do their restoration. The Coreys and Diane Less Baird had been long aquainted. In fact, Diane had personalized one of Earl's oil tankers—his Earl Corey Co. is a bulk oil distributor and distributor of commercial lubricants—with a life-size painting of Dutch White's Chocolate Soldier, the beloved Hackney stallion Earl had shown to national championships and who was known to his family as Buster.

Although Diane had had no previous experience in this particular field, the Corey's were confident that with her knowledge of horse conformation, coat colors, movement and expresson, it would be a natural for her artistic ability. After all, she'd been painting horses since she was a child, and her Happy Appy Valley Studio specialized in designing, creating and marketing horse-related pottery, as well as individualized sign painting.

As the Corey's collection grew, so did Diane's skill. She, too, did research and studied and traveled, and as the studio filled with carousel animals she found less time for the pottery business and it was sold. Her studio is now the Spotted Horse Studio, as the Happy Appy Valley name went with the pottery business.

Very much a part of the restoration projects is Diane's husband, Bill Baird, and so much work is there to be done that Jim Goodwin joined the force a year and a half ago.

The restoration involves stripping and meticulous hand-carving of any repairs. Between 60 and 75 hours are involved in the painting alone. Real gold leaf is used, as well as enamel, oil, and japan color.

Since acquiring Norman and Winnie and Caesar, the Corey's have greatly augmented their collection. They acquired a Herschell-Spillman pig at a farm auction, and from Florida they acquired the Albert Ricci Collection which includes Punkin, the Dentzel kangaroo. Thunder is a Dentzel deer, Rajah the elephant is a Herschell-Spillman, Cleopatra the goat, is a PTC as are a giraffe and a camel. Another giraffe is a PTC also.

There is a Heyn prancer, a pair of Dentzel ostriches, a Dentzel donkey and a Dentzel standing lion with a flag on the side and a portrait of Francis Scott Key. There is an Illions horse with a flying gold mane. Freddie Frog is a Herschell-Spillman, Peter Rabbit and Tabitha the cat are Dentzels, and Vincent the lion is a PTC.

And sometime not too far distant, the Coreys are going to have to come up with many more names for all the animals of PTC No. 4 which came from the Skylon Towers at Niagara Falls.

Purchased by the Coreys in 1986, the 36 animal carousel includes Vincent the leaping lion, a tiger, 2 zebras, 32 horses and two The Carousel News & Trader, June, 1988 chariots.

Initially, Earl intended to sell the animals piece-meal, but Rogene, in her quiet way, asked him, "Isn't there some way we can keep them together?" And so they are together, and down the road it is hoped they will once again carry feather-light children on their backs to the military-style music of a Wurlitzer 125 band organ. Meanwhile, every piece is undergoing restoration at the Spotted Horse Studio.

Research is underway into the history of PTC No. 4 and anyone with information or early photographs, postcards, etc., is asked to contact Janie S. Jenkins, 126 Washington Blvd., Boardman, Ohio 44512.

One thing is known: in 1929, the carousel went to the Herschell-Spillman factory and the stationary animals were placed on a whole new frame with a mechanism that allowed them to go up and down. Earl and Rogene have the animals, frame and metal rounding boards.

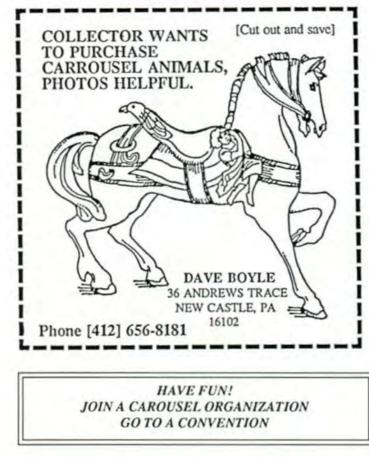
Members of the National Carousel Association who will be attending the convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., from Aug.14 through 20 will have the opportunity to see a large segment of the Corey Collection.

From 3:00 p.m. on Aug. 13, the Corey's are hosting an open house and catered buffet at the Spotted Horse Studio, 6385 State Route 165, Greenford, Ohio, 44422. The Wurlitzer band organ will be there and guests will be able to see various stages of the restoration being done on the PTC No. 4 animals.

Further information about the festivity can be obtained by contacting Diane Less Baird at the studio where the telephone number is 216-533-2391.



Mr. Parker is one of the almost 100 carousel animals in the Earl and Rogene Corey collection. Some of them can be viewed at the Corey's party on August 13 in Greenford, Ohio.





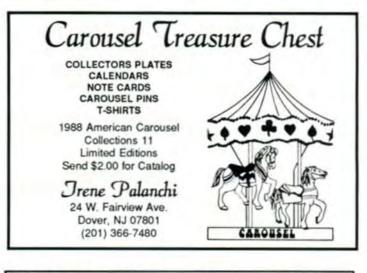
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BOBLO ISLAND SOLD

Boblo Island, the amusement park on an island off Amherstburg, Ontario has been sold by AAA of Michigan to International Broadcasting Corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The AAA had initiated a fiveyear plan to improve the park including completely restoring its c. 1906 Mangels-Illions carousel. The new buyers will continue that plan.

The International Broadcasting Corporation is active in the amusement industry with such entertainment concerns as the Harlem Globetrotters. The new owners will be taking over sometime in the month of June (Thanks to Jennifer Deck, our Boblo carousel watcher)





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R & F DESIGN TO OPEN CAROUSEL MUSEUM

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Bill Finkenstein, owner of R & F Design, Bristol, Connecticut, has announced that a new carousel museum and workshop will be built next to Hershey Lake Compounce in Bristol. Ground was broke this spring and plans are made for completion of the building at the end of this year.

The new facility will be 12,000 square feet, and comprise of a museum-exhibit space with a carousel restoration workshop behind glass walls. It will be a working carousel museum with approximately 10 people restoring horses in full view of the visitors.

At the present time, R & F Design has animals from four operating carousels in for restoration and painting; The Crescent Park Looff carousel; the Bridgeport Carmel carousel; the Atlantic Beach Park Mangels-Illions carousel, and the Onandaga Lake carousel (formerly Roseland Park). One of the Kaydeross Park (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.) horses was recently restored by R & F Design for free to help the city with its restoration efforts.

67 members of the NCA Northeast Chap-

ter recently visited the R & F Design shop at its present location, an old funeral home.

MULLER INDIAN PONY SELLS FOR \$75,000

New World Record Price for a Carousel Figure at Auction

Four animals from the Conneaut Lake Park carousel were recently auctioned through a "silent bid" auction by Americana Antiques of Oxford, Maryland. The animals had minimum reserves and were publically offered with a closing date of May 7, 1988 for bids. (See *The Carousel News & Trader*, April, 1988, Page 43.)

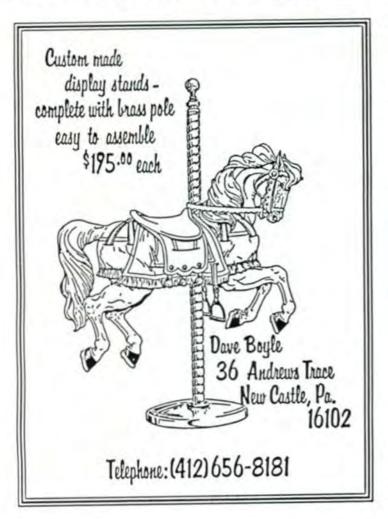
The Indian pony with an Indian chief's head on its shoulder and a snake behind the saddle sold for a world record price of \$75,000. A butting goat with a jester head behind the saddle and bells on his neck sold for \$54,000, the second highest menagerie animal ever sold at auction. The highest is a Looff Greyhound sold at Phillips, New York, in 1987 for \$59,400.

A Muller horse with ribbons and a tucked head became the fourth highest selling horse at auction with a price of \$57,000.A Muller zebra sold for its reserve price of around \$25,000. The four figures brought over \$200,000 total.

Earlier this year four other figures were sold off the Conneaut Lake carousel through a private silent bid auction. Since these figures were not offered publically, their prices are not included in *The Carousel News & Trader's World Record Auction Prices* on Page 12. Those animals were: an armored horse with a tucked head and a sword and shield; a horse with jester-style drapes on his trappings; a military horse; and a strolling deer with leaves and acorn clusters behind the saddle.

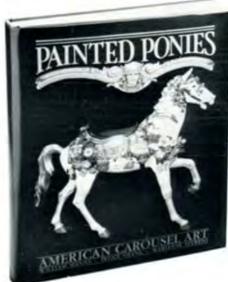
The animals sold from the Conneaut Lake Park carousel will be replaced with new carvings from The Carousel Works, Bristol, Connecticut. According to Master Carver Art Ritchie, the new figures will be slightly smaller than the original figures and some of the trappings will be quite different from the Muller carvings. The whole carousel is currently being restored by The Carousel Works and will be an operational machine at Conneaut Lake for many more years.

The park's primary committment is to the whole park, and subsequently sacrificed some of the outside-row, high-priced figures for economic reasons.



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THE MERRY-GO-ROUND SPIRIT From Kathleen Rowe

New York

I agree wholeheartedly with Larry Hinson's letter that appeared in the May edition of TCN&T. I think that the exquisite work of artists such as Robert Curley, Joe Leonard and Rebecca Hays represents a true renaissance of merry-go-round art that should be encouraged, cataloged and shown to the public. What a treat it would be to find their works collected in books as beautiful as Painted Ponies and Art of the Carousel.

Perhaps the World Carousel Center in Portland could begin a simple registration program for the figures created during the renaissance that has already begun. Artists (who should sign <u>all</u> of their works) could submit a photograph along with name, carving date, etc. so that a hundred years from now carousel enthusiasts in that time won't go crazy trying to figure out who did what. In the meantime, competitions such as Hinson suggests would be a wonderful way to help artists such as himself and would encourage even more people to take up chisel and wood.

By the way, this debate regarding registration of figures at the Portland Museum is getting ridiculous. Let's be logical about this issue: human memory is not only fallible, it is mortal. Not one of the artists who created the MGR figures we love so well is alive to tell us whether or not our "expert" identifications are correct. When you come down to it, books, libraries, and museum archives are the antidote to loss of knowledge and infomation through human mortality. Today's experts can not expect to live forever. I can't understand why registration of all figures at the Portland Museum has become an issue at all, much less an emotional one. The debate is degenerating into an emotional, just-plain-stupid contest of wills that is completely out of rythm with the Merry-Go-Round spirit.

Let's get on with the business of recording as much information as possible about the great works of Merry-Go-Round art and, at the same time, do everything we can to promote the renaissance of carousel art that has begun.

"QUIETLY DOING"

From William Herbert Long California

The Portland Carousel Museum's recent proposal to establish a registry for carousels and carousel figures has, not unexpectedly, exposed raw nerves among polarized factions of the carousel scene. The sounds of anguish can be heard across the country. The sounds are not pretty, neither is the carousel scene.

There are those who say the registration project belongs with the National Carousel Association or the American Carousel Society. Both organizations have been around, in one form or another, since 1973. They have met and talked, and met and talked, and met and talked. After fifteen years of this, their combined membership probably does not exceed 1500 (probably less) and the numbers dwindle with each passing year. Neither organization really wants to face up to the "whys" of this, or the real "whats" of the carousel scene.

There is an almost universal consensus among thinking people that a real carousel and figure registration program is an idea whose time has come. The reasons are self evident and stand alone. Further commentary on my part will not enhance their validity, nor can detractors impugn their integrity.

While the NCA and the ACS have been meeting and talking, the Portland Carousel Museum, and Carol and Duane Perron, recently joined by their eldest son, Brad, have been quietly doing. In 1984 they organized the Portland Carousel Museum, and opened a 2500 square feet museum supported by a wide spectrum of local governmental, corporate, and individual donors. They have acquired and restored and refurbished six complete carousels, operate five of them, and have another seven in storage awaiting attention. And they have put into operation an increasing number of educational, technical, preservation and historical research programs of which the Carousel Registry is only a part.

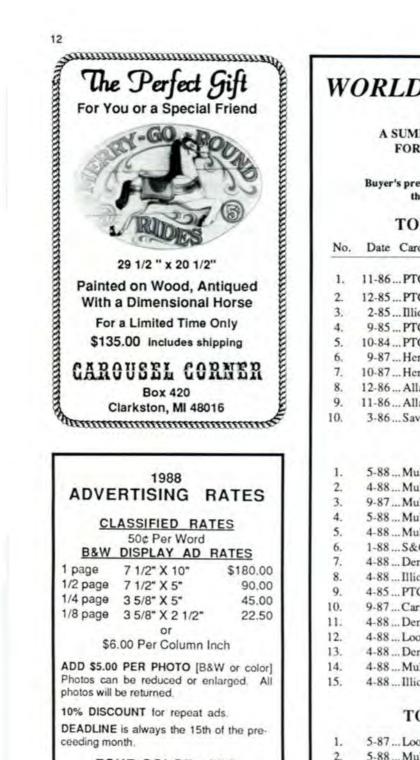
The Perrons and the Portland Carousel Museum look upon the carousel scene not the way they think it should be, but as it is, with all its frustrated idealism on the one hand, and egomaniacal greed on the other. They have quietly set about creating order among the chaos. Their record speaks loudly for itself. What kind of record can the detracting loud speakers claim, other than speaking loudly?

And speaking of speaking and the American tradition of free speech, neither the ACS nor the NCA has ever aired such a debate as this. It is appropriately ironic that such words first see print in a publication founded to serve demonstrated needs that neither organization was meeting. That its number of paid subscribers probably already exceeds the total number of members in both organizations provides its own commentary and lesson.

Will either organization heed the message? Look at their track records. You be the judge.

Will the Perrons and the Portland Carousel Museum succeed with their ambitious new programs? Look at their track record. You be the judge.





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Up-dated June, 1988

A SUMMARY OF THE HIGHEST PRICES PAID AT AUCTION FOR COMPLETE CAROUSELS, INDIVIDUAL HORSES, AND MENAGERIE ANIMALS.

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No.	Date	Carousel	Company	Park/Museum	Auction Company	Price
1.	11-86	PTC #54	I	Lincoln Park	Guernsey's	\$693,000
2.	12-85	PTC#85		Paragon Park	Norton	598,800
3.	2-85.	Illions St	upreme	Circus World	Guernsey's	
4.	9-85	PTC#18		Roseland Park	Norton	402,500
5.	10-84	PTC#61		Idora Park	Norton	
6.	9-87.	Hersch-S	Spillman	Chanos Shows		82,500
7.	10-87.	Hersch-S	Spillman	MeekerShows	Norton	65,000
8.	12-86.	Allan He	erschell	Twin Lakes	Norton	
9.	11-86.	Allan He	erschell	Encanto	Norton	55,000
10.	3-86.	Savage		England	Norton	

TOP SELLING HORSES

1.	5-88 Muller Indian Pony Conneaut Lake	Americana Antiq 75,000
2.	4-88 Muller Stander Rock Springs	Guernsey's
3.	9-87 Muller Stander Rock Springs	Guernsey's
4.	5-88 Muller Stander Conneaut Lake	Americana Antiq 57,000
5.	4-88 Muller Stander Rock Springs	Guernsey's
6.	1-88 S&G Stander	Bourne
7.	4-88 Dentzel Stander Edgewater Park	Guernsey's
8.	4-88 Illions Stander Circus World	Guernsey's
9.	4-85 PTC Stander Americana	Norton
10.	9-87 Carmel Stander Keansburg	Guernsey's
11.	4-88 Dentzel-Muller Stander . Lenape Park	Guernsey's
12.	4-88 Looff Jumper	Guernsey's
13.	4-88 Dentzel Stander Golden Gate Park	Guernsey's
14.	4-88 Muller Jumper Rock Springs	Guernsey's
15.	4-88 Illions Stander Circus World	Guernsey's

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1.	5-87 Looff Greyhound		Phillips	
2.	5-88 Muller Goat	Conneaut Lake	Americana Ant	iq54,000
3.	9-87 Looff Lion	Keansburg	Guernsey's	
4.	4-88 Dentzel Lion		Guernsey's	
5.	9-87 Looff Greyhound	Keansburg	Guernsey's	
6.	5-86 Looff Tiger			
7.	9-87 Looff Sea Serpent			
8.	10-83 A.H. Polar Bear		Guernsey's	
9.	4-88 Dentzel Cat			
10.	12-84 PTC St. Bernard	Crystal Beach	Norton	
11.	12-84 PTC Lion	Crystal Beach	Norton	
12.	9-87 Dentzel Lion		Guernseys	
13.	4-88 Dentzel Deer	S.F.Playland		
14.	10-84 Looff-Borelli Lion		Riewe	
15.	5-87 Dentzel Zebra		Phillips	
16.	12-84 PTC Giraffe	Crystal Beach		

Any corrections or additions to this list would be appreciated.

HISTORIC, ANTIQUE CAROUSEL HORSE RETURNS TO CANANDAIGUA

Carousel horse to be featured in major Roseland Amusement Park Exhibit

One of the antique horses from the historic carousel that is being restored by the Syracuse-based Pyramid Company will be featured in a major exhibition that opens May 7 at the Ontario County Historical Society in Canandaigua, New York.

The exhibition, "Roseland Park: Playground of the Finger Lakes," will be open to the public throughout the summer at the Historical Society's museum at 55 North Main St. in Canandaigua.

The exhibition will trace the famous amusement park's 60-year history and feature park memorabillia, including the wellknown taupe-colored "jumper" horse that graced the carousel at Roseland Park for many years.

The 42-horse carousel was purchased at auction by The Pyramid Companies in 1985 when Roseland Park closed. The carousel is now being completely restored by William Finkenstein of the Bristol, Connecticutbased R & F Design. When restoration work is complete, the carousel will be located in Carousel Center, the namesake shopping mall planned for the south shore of Onondaga Lake in Syracuse.

Lynda McCurdy Hotra, co-ordinator of the Roseland exhibition, said the exhibit will provide visitors with an opportunity to experience again the excitement of Roseland Amusement Park.

"No subject could be closer to the hearts of the residents of Ontario County," she said. "We hope the exhibit will help them discover things about Roseland and the history of their community that they weren't aware of before. That's why we so appreciate the generosity of The Pyramid Companies and others who have loaned us materials for this exhibit."

In addition to Pyramid's carousel horse, the exhibition will feature photographs from the 1920's, as well as Roseland souvenirs and game memorabillia. The "Grandma's Prophecies" machine will be on display, along with one of Roseland's early bumper cars.

When Roseland Park opened in 1925, it was the first amusement park in the eastern United States designed for that new group of tourists—automobile travelers. The park featured rides, games, concessions and a dance hall. Roseland Park and Canadaigua are together as a major tourist destination in the Finger Lakes region.

The former Roseland carousel quickly

became one of the park's premier attractions when it was installed at Roseland in the 1940s. Prior to being installed in Canadaigua, the carousel was located at Longbranch Amusement Park in Syracuse and in Louisville, Ky., Worcester, Ma. and Erie, Pa.



The Roseland Park Carousel as it appeared in 1985 when it was purchased at auction. The carousel is now being restored by R & F Design, Bristol, Connecticut.

The carousel was hand carved in 1909 by sculptor Leo Zoller of the Philadelphia Toboggan Company, one of the country's foremost carousel manufacturers.

According to Salli Tuozzolo, co-ordinator of the carousel restoration project, the outpouring of interest in the turn-of-the-century

Ride On!"

carousel influenced The Pyramid Companies' decision to restore it to its original splendor and to make it accessible to future generations of upstate and Central New York residents.

"It is a great pleasure to be able to loan this special horse for the Roseland exhibition because for the last two years, literally hundreds of people have shared treasured carousel memories with us," Tuozzolo said.

"It is clear that, for almost all of this century, this carousel had enjoyed a special place in the hearts of area residents and visitors. Knowing that the very same carousel that entertained generations of upstate and Central New York residents will once again be enriching our lives gives those of us close to this dream special pleasure." she said.

Tuozzolo explained that as part of the restoration documentation of the carousel, The Pyramid Companies is tracing the carousel's first eight decades and plans to publish a commemorative book. The company is also continuing its search for a carousel horse that disappeared from Roseland Park just prior to the auction.

The Roseland exhibition is made possible in part with public funds from The New York State Council on the Arts and the G., W. Lisk Co., Inc. Admission to the exhibiton is free.

by Donna Stuck

"Daddy, oh, Daddy, a nickel, please....ple-e-ease!!", I pleaded as I pulled my father toward the carousel. It was just as enchanting as I remembered. It had been so long...too long...since we had been here last summer. My eyes were quickly transfixed by the animals, (my "friends", as I called them), as they made their rounds, gallantly prancing as if trying to keep in step to the lively music. Yes, there was my favorite. His name was "Prince", for that is exactly how he appeared, his shiny black coat, beautiful saddle with matching head piece, and front legs reared up as if to proclaim his royalty.

As Daddy reached into his pocket, I could hardly contain myself with excitement. I couldn't imagine anything more exciting than to climb up on one of my wonderful "friends" (all by myself, I might add, for two summers now) and go for the ride of my life. The music, the lights and colors, the warm wind, and the dizzy feeling in my head made me forget anything else existed.

Quickly I handed my ticket to the man with the red jacket, and raced through the turnstyle and around to the backside. Yes! Prince is waiting for me. He even seems to have bowed down low for me to climb on. Daddy walks around to see if I'm okay. "Daddy, look! I got the one I wanted!" The music starts and Prince gets in step. Higher and higher we go. I hold on tight. Over the top and down, and up again! Oh, I love it so!! Ride on, my Prince, ride on...Forever.

The Carousel News & Trader, June, 1988

Merry Go Round by John Vincent

As I was strolling in to town One evening as the sun went down I spied a short-cut through a wood And took it—well, I thought I should.

I walked a path and climbed a hill, I followed on past creek and rill And in a pleasant little dell I found a splendid carousel!

With carven horses, gilded swans, Some chariots, a brace of favons Indeed, the after part was blessed With ponies running four abreast!

An organ blared, the platform spun And, my, it looked like lots of fun, I bought a ticket from the man And waited till my turn began.

I mounted up with great good care A little dapple-painted mare With western saddle I could sit And kick the stirrups, saw the bit.

She'd flaring nostrils, lusty face "Twas just like riding in a race And all about me there were those Who took the challenge, J suppose.

The motor roared, we plied the track An animated Zodiac. No time to waste, no time to scoff The music started, we were off!

I watched a rider on the rail His teeth were set, his face so pale I wanted so to tell him that The race was fixed; 'twas tit-for-tat.

I thought perhaps I'd let him win And turned to tell him with a grin— For winning isn't everything— Just as he looked, I grabbed the ring!

John Vincent, a retired teacher, is active in the Downey, California Historical Society as well as the Rose Parade Float Committee. Part of his inspiration for this poem was Marianne Steven's Shoreline Village Looff Carousel which was used for design on the 1985 Downey float, promoted by Mr. Vincent.



Jon McDonald's "Carousel Horses" to be Exhibited at the Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, Michigan

Grand Rapids artist Jon McDonald has created 24 powerful images to be grouped in an exhibition entitled "CAROUSEL HORSES" on display in the Muskegon Museum of Art, June 26-September 4. Inspiration for these dramatic paintings



The Grand Rapids Public Museum Carousel is the inspiration for Jon McDonald's paintings.

came from the Spillman Carousel (c. 1925) recently purchased and restored by the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

McDonald, an associate professor of Illustration at the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, is well remembered for his critically acclaimed oils on canvas exhibited in the MMA's 1986 MI-NORITY WORKS exhibition as well as several recent regional competitions.

Born in Grand Haven, Jon McDonald went on to earn a Masters of Fine Arts degree from the San Francisco Art Institute. His works have been shown in a number of exhibitions throughout the country, including Governor Blanchard's office at the State Capitol, the International Exhibition at the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee, the Seattle Art Exhibition, Muskegon Community College, the City Art Show in Los Angeles, and the Grand Rapids Festivel.

A festive Carousel Carnival will celebrate this exhibition on Saturday, July 2, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Family fun includes clowns, balloons, music, sculpture-making for children of all ages, refreshments and more. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet the artist throughout the afternoon and to purchase signed carousel posters, created by McDonald especially for this exhibition.



Photo: Courtesy of Bette Illions

Barney Illions tells stories at a National Carousel Association Convention. This photo was given to Barney by his friend Frederick Fried.

Bernard "Barney" Illions

America's Last Artist From the Golden Age of the Carousel

Barney Illions passed away on May 9th in Costa Mesa, California. Barney was the youngest son of the grand master of carousel artists, Marcus Charles Illions. He was born September 25, 1901 and his life spanned almost a century of change. He saw the carousel evolve from a single amusement attraction to a recognized and highly prized art form. Growing up in Coney Island, New York, Barney, along with the rest of the Illions clan enjoyed thoroughly the benefit of being at home in the heart of the amusement empire. He remembered riding for free on every amusement in the fabled beach resort and helping to operate

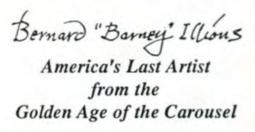
By William Manns

many of the Coney Island's Illions carousels during the slower summer months.

At age ten, he began working with his father and his brothers Rudy and Philip in the carving shop, sanding and cleaning up. His apprenticeship as an ornamental painter began in his early teens under the guidance of his uncle Jack. Within a few years, Barney was an accomplished and skilled artist capable of painting a complete carousel by himself. Barney continued to work with his father until the shop failed in the late 1920's. He continued to paint and refurbish carousels periodically in the early years of the Depression. During those difficult years of the early 1930's, Barney wandered into Vaudeville as a magician, dancer, singer and even a juggler. It was during this period that he met his wife Bette at a theatrical club in New York, They were married in 1941. Barney later joined National Screen Studios where he produced title graphics for many of Hollywood's major motion pictures, including "Man With a Golden Hand", until his retirement in 1970.

Barney's only involvement with the carousel since his father's shop had closed, was that of operating the Illions machine at the (Continued on Page 16)

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Pomona Fairgrounds during his vacation from National Screen Studios. Barney loved to operate the carousel and took great pleasure in being able to load and unload the machine without ever bringing it to a complete and total halt. This way he could start up the machine quicker, squeezing more rides into the day, and more importantly, put less wear on the clutch and machinery.

When I met Barney, he was ill and in frail health. For the past three years, he had



Photo: William Manns A recent photo of Barney Illions, age 87, at his home in Cosa Mesa, California.

been on kidney dialysis several times a week. At our first meeting, I wondered whether Barney would have the strength to contribute to the creation of "Painted Ponies". As our conversations progressed, Barney's spirits and enthusiasm noticeably improved as he dipped back into his memory of his days in his father's Coney Island Carousel Shop. His strong, rich voice would pick up in volume as he talked of his father's great talent and love of art. I was always impressed by the great love Barney had for the "Old Gent", as he called him...it made me wonder what type of man he must have really been.

Barney often said that he was hanging on to see the book completed and his father's place in carousel history properly noted. It's with great joy that I had the special op-



Photo: Rol & Jo Summit

Barney Illions in 1977 in the early stages of painting the Russian Cossack horse owned by Rol and Jo Summit. Rol repaired the horse and primed it, ready for Barney's master touch. The pinto body color went on first, followed by color shading on the face and ears.



Photo: Rol & Jo Summit

Barney and Bette Illions with Barney's "re-creation" of the Russian Cossack horse that last operated on the Stubbman Carousel in Coney Island. The original c. 1909 shop photo (behind Bette's shoulder) is being used as a guide. Notice that the jewels have not been set in place yet, nor have the horse-shoes been put back on. The horse's eyes are still covered with masking tape. The finished horse can be seen on Page 41 of *The Carousel Animal* by Tobin Fraley.

portunity to work with this very special man who certainly enriched my life and that of many others. Barney did hang on to see the book complete and become an enormous success, which certainly in part, he was responsible for.

Buck Brasington of Glendale, California has been visiting Barney and Bette almost every week these past several months in order to cheer Barney up with news and stories of carousel events. Buck found his planned 45 minute stops usually turned into three hour visits. Barney's energy and spirit would pick up quickly as talk of Illions carousels filled the room. Buck said "Barney was such a great gentleman, full of warmth. I



Barney with his painting of an Illions flying mane horse which he used as the major part of a poster he did several years ago.



Photo: courtesy of Bette Illions

Barney Illions in his magician costume in the days of vaudeville around the 1930's. Barney also was a dancer, singer and juggler.

was lucky to know and share time with him. By the time I left, it was <u>Barney</u> who had fired<u>me</u> up!"

Buck was on his way to visit Barney the day he died, to show him pictures of the recent auction in San Francisco. Barney was eager to see the Illions Supreme horses which he was the first to paint over 50 years ago.

In the late 1960's, Jo and Rol Summit decided it was time the Illions family should again have one of their father's horses. Through the years and moves they had not held on to any of his complete carvings. The Summits selected a nice inner-row stander that had once been on the Stubbman carousel.

Though he had not painted a horse in several decades, Barney dusted off his paints and brushes and completely restored the horse to an Illions factory-like appearance. According to Jo Summit, "He didn't hesitate. All the skill and knowledge came right back. It was like he had been painting every day." Later while painting the Summit's "Russian Cossack" horse, he apologized for taking so long to complete it. In the three sessions he took to do the horse, Barney said he used to be able to do eight or nine figures.



Photo: William Manns

Barney Illions and his wife of 47 years, Bette review a copy of *Painted Ponies* which he collaborated on and wrote the introduction for. Barney hung on to see the completion of the book, and his father's place in history properly noted.

No one was more surprised than Barney and his brother Rudy of all the interest in carousel art that began in the early 70's. Jo Summit remembers "He was such a warm and delightful human being, and a very (Continued on Page 18)

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Bernard "Barney Illions America's Last Artist from the Golden Age of the Carousel

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talented artist in his own right." Barney was a generous individual who was always happy to share his knowledge, experience and stories. He went on to teach the Summits, Marge Swenson and others the painting technique he had used in his father's shop over a half a century earlier.

These past few months, Barney had been working with the Carousel Preservation group in Saratoga Springs, New York and Bill Finkenstein of R & F Design in Bristol, Connecticut. Barney provided suggestions for the authentic restoration of the Illion's carousels using the techniques and colors that were developed by Barney and his father over 70 years ago.

With Barney's passing, all those that love the American carousel have lost a great friend and an important link to the past. As Rol Summit said, "We've lost our last eyewitness to carousel history." Never again will we be able to call Barney and ask what really happened or find out how it was really done. We'll now have to rely on our notes and records and whatever history that we've luckily recorded. Most important, Barney and his family left America with a rich legacy of carousel art that hopefully will continue to entertain yet unborn generations. I know their carvings will grace museums and private collections for centurys to come. For that we thank you, Barney, Cheerio, old friend.

(Many thanks to Bette Illions, William Manns, and Jo Summit for pictures and text for this story.)



Photo: Courtesy of Bette Illions

An old photo of Barney Illions in vaudeville with surrounding sketches by artist Pud Lane, indicating some of the many talents he used in his performance on stage.

Photo, facing Page: Barney Illions (Courtesy of Bette Illions).



Saratoga Springs Preservation Fund

A memorial service for Barney Illions will be held June 12 in Los Angeles. In Lieu of flowers, Mrs. Illions has requested that donations be made on Barney's behalf to the Carousel Preservation Fund in Saratoga Springs, New York. The 1910 Illions two-row carousel was saved by a group of concerned citizens last September. Barney had worked throughout the winter months with the Restoration Committee on techniques and color schemes. Donations may be sent to:

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TUTTLES PURCHASE RARE HORSE

An Allan Herschell standing horse, the only one known to exist today, was bought by Judy and Gray Tuttle for their collection April 9th at an estate auction in Clarence, N.Y. The only other Allan Herschell stander known is pictured below and on page 48 of "The Flying Horses" by Barbara Williams and Sara Canchola, a paperback booklet on the Southern California Carousels. It is not known if that horse still exists.

The photo shows a display booth at a 1920's amusement park convention with a similiar standing horse with different trappings and head position. The signs on the wall and under the horse say "Allan Herschell Co."

The May 3rd, 1947, Post magazine cover



Photo: Gray Tuttle

The Tuttles' newly purchased Allan Herschell stander has the wrap-around tail and extra long mane that can also be found on the kiddle horses that rode in front of the chariots on Allan Herschell carousels. This rare horse is the only one known to exist today. Deep blanket folds, tassels, fringe, and moon and stars decorated the trappings.

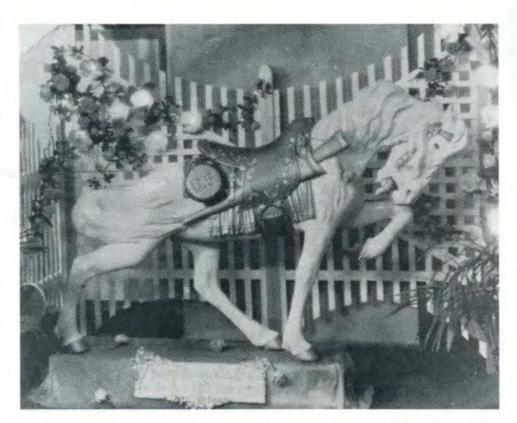


Photo: Courtesy of John Davis and National Carousel Association

An Allan Herschell display from a 1920's annual convention of the National Association of Amusement parks, Pools and Beaches shows the same style horse with a long mane, tongue out and tail flipped forward. The sign says "Allan Herschell Co."



The May 3, 1947 Post magazine cover depicts Allan Herschell standers and "King Reid Shows" painted on a merry-go-round panel in the background. Both horses have the letter "N" on their trappings.

has a Norman Rockwell painting showing two of these standers with "King Reed Shows" painted on a merry-go-round panel. Did King Reed Shows have a machine in the 40s with an outside row of these horses? Does anyone else know of the existence of other horses of this style?

The former owner bought the horse around 40 years ago from the Allan Herschell factory. Were they traded in and sold piece meal by Allan Herschell?

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Carrousselles, an exhibit currently on display at the Grand Rapids Public Museum is a treat for any carousel enthusiast.





The large Wurlitzer 157 Band Organ that came with the Spillman Engineering Carousel purchased by the Grand Rapids Museum is now restored and operating for visitors to the Museum. The facade was beautifully restored and painted by Jon and Linda Layton of Layton Studios.

MGR EXHIBIT AT GRAND RAPIDS MUSEUM

The Grand Rapids Public Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan is currectly exhibiting "Carrousselles", a collection of wonderful memorabilia by Barbara Fahs Charles. Late 1800's and early 1900's post cards, posters, photos, prints and broadsides tell of some long forgotten carousels and parks. Brass MGR tokens and ride tickets, a 1918 P.T.C. calendar, C.W. Parker advertising posters, and scenes of the Allan Herschell factory in 1920 make you wish you could visit those early days.

There are postcards of festivals and fairs in the German-speaking world before W.W.1; a circa 1890 chromolithograph of "Frolique", a cross between a carrousselle, a derby racer and a roller coaster; a print of a 1916 Herschell-Spillman carousel showing original stenciling on the rounding boards, sweeps and spreader bars; and other treats for merry-go-round enthusiasts. The exhibit ends July 4.

The Museum is taking this opportunity to display its newly restored Wurlitzer 157 Band Organ, and some panels from its Spillman carousel. The organ plays at certain times each day, entertaining Museum visitors who may sit in chairs and enjoy the music.

The Museum is still raising funds to complete the restoration of its carousel. Approximately \$75,000 more is needed to finish the restoration of the rounding boards, ceiling panels and mechanical parts. Plans for a new building are progressing with the selection of an Internationally known Architect, E. Vernon Johnson, to do the drawings and scale model. Corporate money will be raised for most of the \$34 million cost of the new facilities.

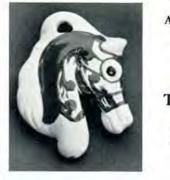
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AMERICAN BAND ORGAN ASSOCIATION SPRING RALLY AT CROSSROADS VILLAGE

The third annual ABOA Spring Band Organ Rally will be held Saturday, June 4th at Crossroads, an 1890s era village near Flint, Michigan. Some of the regular park attractions include the Huckleberry Railroad, where visitors can enjoy a scenic ten-mile ride through the neighboring countryside, horse-drawn wagon rides, and the historic Colwell Opera House with free entertainment. There are also three operating mills, a General Store for visitor shopping, and a carousel for all to ride.

In addition to the regular park exhibits, there will be two hot air balloon ascensions scheduled for 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Saturday, and again at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday. The site will be open to the public from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the band organs will be playing throughout the day.

Admission fees: Adults (13-59) \$5.95; Seniors (60 & older) \$4.95; Children (4-12) \$3.95; Children (3 & under) free. Group discounts are available with a one-week prior reservation. Parking fee is \$1.00 per vehicle and there are nominal fees for wagon and carousel rides.

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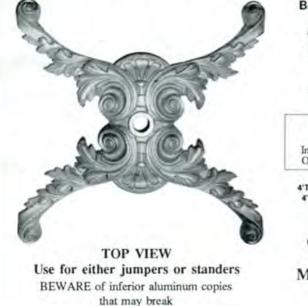
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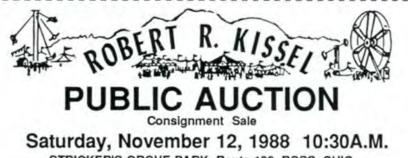
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"Days in Park" Events Planned to Accompany Carousel Exhibit

"Once Upon A Carousel," the inaugural exhibit in Kodak Gallery of the Rochseter Museum & Science Center's new Elaine Wilson Hall, recreates the sense and spirit of the old-time amusement park with its magnificent carousel display.

As part of the celebration, a series of four special theme weekends has been sched-

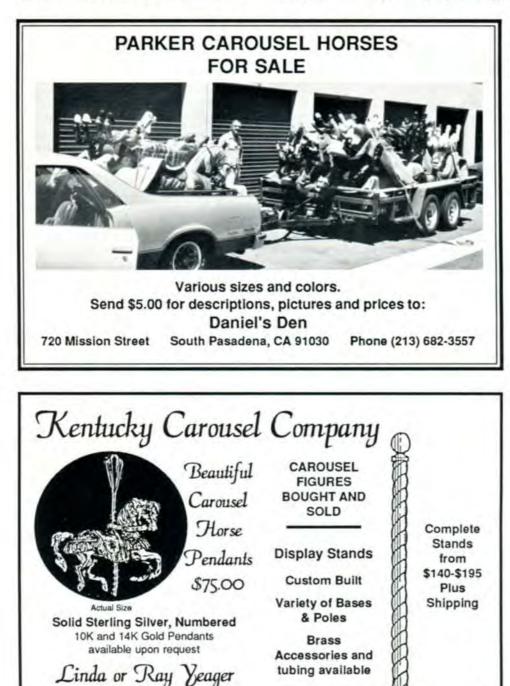
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uled for mid-June to early October. Under the title of "Days in the Park," each weekend highlights specific eras and aspects of local amusement park history.

"An 1888 Day in the Park" will be held on June 11 and 12. This first trip back in time offers a display of antique bicycles and a talk about a local bicycle troupe (Saturday)



as well as the display of a Rochester man's model of a carousel and a talk on "Carousel as Folk Art" (Sunday). Periodic demonstrations of the exhibition's hand-cranked band organ round out the entertainments.

"A 1920s Day in the Park" takes place on July 30 and 31. As jazz music fills the air, strolling street performers will demonstrate their magic and juggling skills. Elizabeth Clark will demonstrate the lively Charleston, and fans of music and machines can take in a lecture on mechanical music, punctuated by band organ demostrations.

"A German Festival" is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 3-5. This promises to be a hearty celebration, with demonstrations of German music, cooking and crafts. Visitors can expect a lot of oompah-pah from the band organ and from live performers during this look at the culture of one of the largest ethnic constituencies of late-19th century Rochester. "A Salute to Rochester's Parks" will be held on Columbus Day weekend, October 8-10, recognizing 1988 as the centennial of the city's park system. Band organ demonstrations and a talk on Rochester parks are among the planned activities. The Rochester Gas & Electric Company Big Band will play on Monday, and a good time is planned for all.

During "Days in the Park," the museum's carousel activity area will be open next to the gallery housing the exhibition. With a puppet theatre, carousel toys, and carnival games of skill such as a ring toss, the activity area adds an extra dimension of fun for youngsters. Its hours are: Saturdays and Mondays, 11 a.m.-3p.m.; Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

In addition, kids can become adorable carousel animals themselves through the ever popular face-painting sessions scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. each Saturday of the "Days in the Park."

Admission to "Days in the Park" events is free with general museum admission, free to RMSC members.

CAROUSEL LECTURE AT HENRY FORD MUSEUM

Tony orlando will lecture at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, June 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m. The lecture will include: Carousel history, buying and selling carousel figures, basic styles of carving, and restoration tips. The Greenfield Village carousel restored by Orlando in 1975 will be visited by the class. Registration information may be obtained from Education Programs, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, P.O. Box 1970, Dearborn, MI 48121-1970



The King of Beasts, a Dentzel lion discovered in a lodge in Canada, sold for \$44,000, the top price for a menagerie animal, at Guernsey's San Francisco auction April 23.

Guernsey's Auction Prices San Francisco, April 23, 1988

Approximately 280 items were offered for bids, and 20 items listed in the catalog were withdrawn from the sale. The number is the catalog number, the item is more thoroughly described in the catalog, the catalog estimate is the pre-sale estimate of what the items might bring, and the price is the highest bid received on that item. Items consigned after the catalog was printed are also included in this list.

The 10% buyer's premium charged by Guernsey's has been added to the prices listed, as that is what the buyer had to pay to own the item.

No.	Item	Catalog Estimate	Price
120	Muller puter-row stander 1927 F	Rock Springs Pk. (\$60,000-65,000)	\$63.800
		lock Springs Pk (50,000-60,000)	
		(50,000-60,000)	
00	Dentzel outer rowstander 1911	Edgewater Park (40,000-50,000)	36 300
		rcus World	
		Lenape Park (35,000-40,000)	
		(15,000-18,000)	
		(40,000-50,000)	
		Iden Gate Park (20.000-25.000)	
	an and the second s	0, Americana (30,000-40,000)	
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		nchanted Village . (70,000-90,000)	
		rcus World	
		Crystal Beach (30,000-40,000)	
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		Rock Springs (16,000-18,000)	
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		. 1912	
132.	PTC#13Zebra, c.1906	(18,000-22,000)	18,700
82.	Muller jumper, c.1902, Bennett A.	P(15,000-18,000)	17,600
90.	Looff stander, 1910, Indian Trails	Park	17,600
97,	Dentzel stander	(16,000-20,000)	17,600
58.	Dentzel goat, c. 1905	(18,000-22,000)	16,500
86.	Illions tiger, 1918		16,500
93.	Stein & Goldstein outer-row stand	ler, c.1912 (18,000-22,000)	16,500
10C.	Dentzel deer, prancer, Oakford P	ark(25,000-30,000)	16,500
117.	Muller inside-row jumper, 1927, F	lock Springs (18,500-20,000)	16,500
138.	(Pg. 43) Dentzel stander, new ea	gle carving (15,000-20,000)	15,400
119.	Muller inside-row, 1927, Rock Sp	rings	15,40

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No	. Item	Catalog Estimate	Price
131.	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World	(14,000-16,000)	15.40
80.	Looff camel, 1800, Riverside, RI	(14 000-18 000)	14 30
21.	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		13,20
35.	Carmelinner-rowstander, 1914, Luna Park, Au	us (11,000-13,000)	13,20
	Illions middle-row stander, 1921, Circus World		
21.	Looff outer-row jumper, c.1895-1900		13,20
24.	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .	(14,000-16,000)	13,20
41.	Dentzel prancer	(15,000-18,000)	13,20
79.	Muller jumper, 1900, Arnold's Park	(14,000-16,000)	12,65
20.	Dentzel stander, Listener Stein & Goldstein outer-row jumper, c. 1912-19		12,10
20	Carmel jumper, c. 1900-1905, Myrtle Beach	16 (13,000-15,000)	12,10
25	Dentzel pig, 1906, Playland A.P.	/11 000 13 000	12,10
81.	Illions Supreme chariot, 1921, Circus World	(8 000.10 000)	12 10
	Wurlitzer 146 band organ		
11.	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .	(14.000-16.000)	11.00
	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		
15.	Carmel jumper, 1914, Luna Park, Aus.		11,00
4.	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .	(14,000-16,000)	10,45
	Looff middle-row stander, 1884, Keansburg		
	Illions Supreme chariot, 1921, Circus World		
	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		
23.	PTC outer-row jumper, c. 1920, Petticoat Juncti	ion (14,000-16,000)	10,45
45.	Dentzel stander, Listener, President's Park Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		10,45
23.	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		
	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		
30.	Carmelinner-row jumper, 1914, Luna Park	(12 000 16 000)	0.00
	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		
	Illionsmiddle-rowjumper, 1921, Circus World .		
	Herschell-Spillman deer		
02	Parker jumper, c.1916		
11.	Carmel jumper, 1914, Luna Park, Aus.	(12,000-16,000)	
12.	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		
43.	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		
	Illions middle-row jumper, 1921, Circus World .		
0G.	PTC donkey, 1905, Euclid Park		
	Dentzel stander, Listener		
30.	Herschell-Spillman dog, c. 1915	(7,000-10,000)	9,35
	Carmel Stander, 1914, Luna Park, Aus		
42.	Carmel inner-row jumper	(12,000-14,000)	8,80
	PTC#34 outer-row jumper, c. 1915		
05	Muller jumper Stein & Goldstein inner-row stander	(18 000.22 000)	715
OA.	Dentzel pig. c. 1910	(9 000-11 000)	715
	Dentzel prancer		
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
	Newly carved sea serpent		
	Bayol cow		
96.	Bayol pig, c. 1850	(5,000-7,000)	6,60
9N.	Herschell-Spillman chicken	(14,000-18,000)	6,05
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World Heyn elephant with howdah		
14	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World	(8,000-10,000)	5 50
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
54	PTC#34 outer-row jumper, c. 1915	(7 000.9 000)	5 50
59	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World	(8,000-10,000)	5.50
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
OF.	New carving, Korean horse		5.50
03.	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World	(8,000-10,000)	
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
50	Savage rooster, two seat		
9C.	Limonair rabbit, c. 1880		
	Illions inner-row jumper, c. 1921, Circus World		
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
	Illions horse, display piece, c. 1920		
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
	Illions inner-row jumper, 1921, Circus World		
	PTC inner-row jumper		
	Armitage-Herschell jumper, 1880		
	Turkey Allan Herschell Trojan jumper, c1920		
66	Bayol fish, c. 1900	(4 500 6 000)	4,95
op.	Mexican Polar Bear (Looff in catalog)	(25 000.30 000)	4,95
04	Heynjumper, Playland-at-the-Beach		4.67
44	Parker jumper, gun and lariat	(6000-8 000)	4.67
	Heyn lion, c. 1900		

Guernsey's Auction Prices (Cont.) San Francisco, April 23, 1988

No.	ltem	Catalog Estimate	Price
AGE	Carl Muller Gazelle, c. 1896	(6.000-9.000)	4.400
88	Parker inner-row jumper		4 400
164	Parker inner-row jumper Spooner galloper, c. 1880	(5 000-7 000)	4.180
44	French Donkey, child's, c. 1920		4.125
BOH.	French Donkey, child's, c. 1920 PTC jumper, 1907, Bayonne, NJ	(2,000-3,000)	4,125
59K.	Carl Muller gazelle, c. 1896	(6,000-9,000)	
	Muller chariot side		
165.	Heyn cow with howdah		
	French standing rooster, c. 1912		
	Muller rounding board, Arnold's Park		
	Armitage-Herschell jumper, 1880		
	Heyn elephant, with howdah c. 1915		
	Parkerjumper, c1895		
	Parker jumper		
	Heyn, early		
	Armitage-Herschell jumper, 1880		
	Herschell-Spillman jumper		
55D.	Parker jumper		
	Illions Supreme mirrored shield, 1927		
80B.	Savage rooster, two-seat		
	Armitage-Herschell jumper, 1880		
	Heynlion, child's		
	French chicken, c. 1905		
	French Muller fox, c. 1890		
	Henri Devos cat, c. 1900		
	Street organ		
	Heyn pig. 1875		
	Dare jumper, c. 1880		
	Illions child's jumper, wood, c. 1918		
	Illions child's jumper, wood, c.1918		
491.	Spooner galloper, two-seater, c. 1900	(7,000-9,000)	3,02
	Illions Supreme mirrored shield, 1927		
	Bayol child's horse		
	Spooner galloper, c. 1895		
159.	Spoonergalloper, c. 1900		
70A	Illions Supreme mirrored panel, 1927		
-	Mexican armored jumper	25 000 7 000)	3,02
52A.	European child's elephant		2,15
	Allan Herschell Trojan, 1932, Cave City		
	Chanvin pig, 1870		
31.	Allan Herschell jumper Illions Supreme mirrored shield, 1927	(2 000 2 000)	0.75
101	Howard Pell band organ		2.13
AOR	Heyn prancer, c. 1890	(4 000-5 000)	264
	Herschell-Spillman jumper		
20	Herschell-Spillman, middle-row jumper	(3,000-4,000)	2 47
	Bavol child's jumper, c.1900		
	Mexican gorilla, c.1920		
	Heyn prancer, c. 1890		
AOK	Anderson child's galloper, c.1895	(5 000-6 000)	2 47
	Allan Herschell chariot side		
	French swan, c. 1905	and the second	
182	Popeye carved figure	(4.000.6.000)	2 47
SOF	Anderson galloper, c. 1900	(4 000-5 000)	2 47
	Spooner galloper, c. 1890-1900		
	PTC Walking Charlie game		
	Wurlitzer 105 band organ		
1.00	Mexican gazelle		
9	Herschell-Spillman jumper		
	Belgian hare, 1932		
	Illions child's jumper, wood, c.1918		
494	Henri Devos cat, c. 1900	(5,000-7,000)	2.20
	Anderson(Spooner in catalog) child's gallop		
	Anderson child's galloper, c. 1890		
	Anderson child's galloper, c. 1895		
490	. Heyn carousel sailor figure	(7 000.9 000)	2.20
1204	A Armitage-Herschelljumper, 1884	(3 000 4 000)	2 20
154	Herschell-Spillman outer-row jumper, c. 19	25 (3 000-4 000)	2.20
104	 Herschell-Spillman outer-row jumper, c. 19 Herschell-Spillman inner-row jumper, c. 19 	25 (3000 4000)	2.20
150	 Herscheit-Spillman inner-row jumper, c. 19 Illions Supreme mirrored shield, 1927 	(2000-3000)	2 20
109	 Allan Herschell jumper, 1932, Cave City 	(2,000-3,000)	200
19	 Alian Herscheil jumper, 1932, Cave City Art Deco Mexican Panther 	(3,000-4,000)	2,05
24	J. Ant Deco Mexican Panther J. Anderson child's galloper, c.1890	(6,000-10,000)	2,05
73	 Illions Supreme inner cornice, 1927 	(1,000-1,500)	2,05
1598	3. Spooner child's horse, c. 1895-1905	(5,000-6,000)	2,05
157	7. Herschell-Spillman inner-row jumper, c. 19 9. Herschell-Spillman inner-row jumper	25	2,09
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No.	Item	Catalog Estimate	Price
31A.	Mexican stander		1,980
19Q.	Dare jumper		1,980
	Savage galloper, two seat		
	Allan Herschell jumper		
	Heyn carousel sailor figure		
	Illions Supreme inner cornice, 1927		
	Mexican bucking horse		
	Anderson horse		
185.	Rocking horse, unusual	(5,000-7,000)	
163.	Lakin Peacock, c. 1928	(1,500-2,500)	1,760
176.	Dentzel carousel panel, Sterling Forest		
195.	Elephant, c. 1900	(3,500-5,000)	
	Anderson child's galloper, 1885		
	Allan Herschell jumper		
	French Velocipede c. 1870-1880		
	English horse		
	Carmel chariot, c. 1014, Luna Park, Aus		
	Armitage-Herschell jumper, c. 1870		
	San Francisco Dance Hall, mechanized carving		
	PTC child's cat		
	Savage (Spooner) galloper, two seat		
153.	Mangels Pony cart		1,430
10B	Allan Herschell jumper		
45E.	Heynhorse, child's		1,320
	French pig		
81A	English rounding board, c. 1910		1,320
	Herschell-Spillman middle-row jumper		
161	Spooner peacock, c. 1895	(3,000-4,000)	
63.	Illions Supremeinner cornice, 1927		
180	Illions Supreme posiedon head, 1927		
61,	Armitage-Herschell chariot		
168.	Illions Supreme inner cornice, 1927		
	Mexican armored, small		
26	Mexican dog	(4,000-5,000)	
55E.	French prancer, small, c. 1895	******	
	Mexican horse		
55G.	Horse, jumper		
55J.	Pony Cart		
	Mexican horse	*************	
55H.	. Peacock		
	Mexican horse		
71.	PTC lower panel, 1905, Twin Pines		
	Primitive horse		
171.	Herschell-Spillman rounding board		
	Mexican horse		
189	Figural wooden carving		
72	PTC lower panel, 1905, Twin Pines		
181B	. Three carousel plaques		
70	PTC lower panel, 1905, Twin Pines		
55F	Pony		
62	Bavol chariot		
65	PTC rounding board & shield, 1905, Twin Pine	35	
67	PTC bottom panel, 1905, Twin Pines		
66	PTC upper panel, 1905, twin Pines		
183B	. Carved wooden figure, guitar player		
16	Illions outer-row, 1921, Circus World		Withdraw
29	Allan Herschelliumper	(2,000-4,000) .	Withdraw
34	Illions outer-row stander, 1921, Circus World.	(20.000-25.000) .	Withdraw
55	Illions outer-row stander, 1921, Circus World.		Withdraw
55K	Mexican doo	(4,000-6,000) .	Passe
101	Illions outer-row stander, 1921, Circus World.		Withdraw
1100) Herschell-Spillman 3-row carousel, c. 1904	(150,000-200,000)	Broken u
	(sold piecemeal for \$66,000.27 horses at \$1,	430-\$3,080, with one	
	at\$3,960, Chariots, \$1,210 and \$1,870, Mech	anism, \$1,595)	
114	Illions outer-row stander, 1921, Circus World.	(20,000-25,000) .	Withdraw
116	Illions outer-row stander, 1921, Circus World.		Withdraw
122	2. Illions outer-row stander, 1921, Circus World.		Withdraw
134	Illions outer-row stander, 1921, Circus World.		Withdraw
1346	8 European horse	(6.000-8.000)	Withdraw
139	Illions jumper, newly carved mane and neck		Withdraw
182E	Contemporary horse sculpture	(7,000-9,000) .	Passe
148	Anderson galloper		Withdraw
155	Herschell-Spillman outer-row jumper		Withdraw
156	 Herschell-Spillman outer-row jumper 	(3,000-4,000) .	Withdraw
160). Allan Herschell menagerie machine	(75,000-100,000) .	Passe
170	Allan Herschell chariot		Withdraw
172	2. Illions Supreme inner cornice, 1927		Withdraw
17	 Illions Supreme mirrored shield, 1927 	(2,000-3,000)	Withdraw
17	 Illions Supremeinner cornice, 1927 	(1.000-1.500)	Withdraw
1.11	 Illions Supreme mirrored shield, 1927 	(2 000-3 000)	Withdraw
170		10000 (0,000)	
178	 Dentzel carousel panel, Sterling Forest 		Withdraw

CAROUSEL DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco is proud to RECOGNIZE and HONOR the important work done by the San Francisco American Carousel Museum to preserve these unique and beautiful works of the wood carver's art, —and: Whereas: The American Carousel Museum's talented carvers, curators, staff and docents whose skills and talent bring back to life this menagerie of delightful creatures which have brought joy and warm memories to generations of American children,— Therefore: Be it resolved that I, Art Agnos, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, do hereby in recognition of the Freels Foundation's sponsorship of this unique and wonderful Institution, the American Carousel Museum, on the occasion of the first California auction conducted by Guernsey's of New York, do proclaim April 23, 1988 as CAROUSEL DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO

The West Coast's first major carousel art auction in San Francisco drew a standingroom-only crowd to bid on 292 items offered throughout an eight-hour sale. Over 250 bidders vied for carousel animals, chariots, trim and a few miscellaneous items. Guernsey's of New York and The American Carousel Museum of San Francisco cohosted the event which drew buyers from all across the country. The Museum is sponsored by the Freels Foundation which was created by long-time carousel collectors, Larry and Glenda Freels, for the restoration, preservation and exhibition of American art and animals. The American Carousel Museum accommodated all the extra enthusiasts that toured it while they were in town for the sale. A breathtaking display of Muller horses and a Dentzel lion filled the center room of the gallery, while other magnificient creatures in various stages of restoration awed visitors.



A Muller stander from the Rock Springs Park Carousel consigned by the American Carousel Museum brought the top price at the Guernsey's auction in San Francisco. John Daniel of South Pasadena paid \$63,800 in a determined bid to own the horse.

The sale was held at Fort Mason Center, Pier 2, a beautiful setting in view of the Golden Gate Bridge, and about a mile and a half from the American Carousel Museum. A three-day preview gave potential buyers time to pick out their favorites, while guest lectures by restoration artists Pam Hesse and George Faircloth of Faircloth Restoration Studios, and Lise Liepman of Lise Liepman Carousel Restoration Workshop provided restoration information and help.

Marianne Stevens, one of America's leading authorities on carousel art and a coauthor of the book *Painted Ponies*, presented a fascinating slide show and lecture on her 1906 Looff carousel that had once operated in San Francisco's Playland Beach Park. The carousel, which was completely restored by Mrs. Stevens, now operates at Shoreline Village in Long Beach.

A Friday night Preview Party hosted by Guernsey's featured a live band, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and a chance to meet many of the well-known authors, collectors and dealers from throughout the country.

On sale day Guernsey's president, Arlan Ettinger, auctioned the items himself, even though he had fallen and broken some ribs just a week before, and was in intense pain during the long auction. Twenty-two carousel animals out of the almost 300 items sold, brought bids of over \$24,000, breaking records from previous auctions. A Muller outside-row stander from the carousel that last operated at Rock Springs Park, West Virginia topped the sale with a \$63,800 bid, breaking the record set by Guernsey's last year at Saratoga Springs, New York when a similar horse from the same carousel brought \$57,200. (All prices include the

10% buyer's premium charged by Guernsey's.) The winning bidder was John Daniel of Daniel's Den, So. Pasadena, who held his paper plate bidding number up throughout the bidding until the horse was his. He got a round of applause from the crowd for his persistance. The second highest selling horse was another of the outerrow standers from Rock Springs Park which sold for \$51,700 to a New York collector. An exceptional Dentzel lion with a carved figure on its shoulder was found in a lodge in Canada, partially restored, and brought to the Guernsey sale where it sold for \$44,000 to a collector from Michigan.

An 1880's Dentzel deer pranced its way to the highest-priced deer ever sold at auction list when a collector paid \$27,500 to own it.

Horses from the Circus World Illions carousel were sold for prices ranging from \$24,200-\$33,000 for the outer-row standers, \$9,300-\$15,400 for second row jump-



Small inner-row jumpers from the Circus World Illions Carousel brought from \$4,900 to \$6,600 at Guernsey's San Francisco Auction. The large outer-row standers (right) brought prices ranging from \$24,200 to \$33,000.



Pat Mills, (left) and Maurice Fraley looking over Pat's shipment from England that was released from customs and arrived just minutes before the sale.

ers, and \$4,900-6,600 for the small innerrow jumpers. One Illions middle-row stander sold for \$13,200. Two grand Illions "Dragon" chariots sold for \$10,450 and \$12,100, a new record for chariots. The Circus World Illions carousel was bought in March by a collector who kept nine of the horses and offered the rest of them for sale at Guernseys. The frame was sold privately before the sale.

A nice Herschell-Spillman three row operating carousel with 28 horses entered the sale to late to be listed in the catalog. The individual pieces were sold contingent on a bid for the complete carousel. The horses, (Continued on Page 30)



Illions jumpers from the Circus World Carousel brought prices ranging from \$9,300-\$15,400. The carousel was broken up by a collector and most of the horses were sold at Guernsey's auction.



An Allan Herschell carousel with some metal animals consigned by Amusement Canvass Outfitters ran happily in the large building to the enjoyment of the auction goers. Unfortunately, it was not offered for sale until the very end, and did not draw any bids.



The San Francisco American Carousel Museum, co-host of the Guernsey auction displayed their beautiful Muller standers and a large Dentzel lion in the main gallery during auction week.



Marianne Stevens presented a slide show and lecture at The American Carousel Museum on the restoration of her Shoreline Village Carousel at Long Beach.



The fourth highest selling animal at Guernsey's was this Dentzel stander from Edgewater Park, Detroit, Michigan, for \$36,300.

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chariots, mechanism, and original oil paintings totaled \$6,600. The complete carousel was offered to the bidders for \$71,500, (including 10% buyer's premium) but as there was no bid, the carousel was broken up.

A shipment of carousel items from Pat Mills of England was held up at customs for almost a month and not expected to be released before sale day. However, with



This Dentzel-Muller outer-row stander last rode the Lenape Park carousel. Its selling price was \$30,800.

some urging from Ettinger, the items were released and unpacked just minutes before the start of the sale.

With the extraordinarily high pre-auction catalog estimates, bidders were unsure of the real worth of the animals. About half of the items sold far under their estimates proving that anything can happen at an auction. A Dentzel cat was estimated at \$40,000-50,000, but sold for \$28,600 with the buyers premium included. An Allan

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Photos, Facing Page:

Top left: A perky Illions Supreme outside row stander from th Circus World Carousel sold for \$27,500 at Guernsey's San Francisco auction.

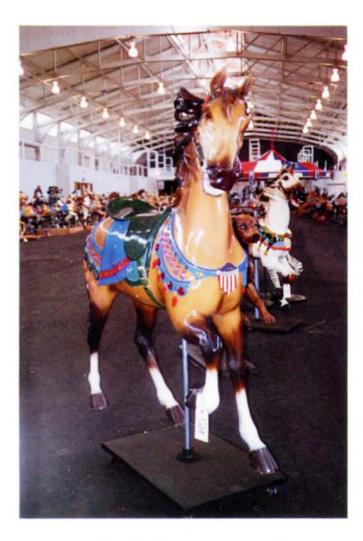
Top right: A circa 1889 Dentzel deer from the Whitney-at-the-Beach collection reached a new record price for a deer, \$27,500.

Middle right: The second highest selling horse in the Guernsey's auction went to a New York collector for \$51,700.

Bottom left: A Circus World Illions stander was the fifth highest selling animal at the San Francisco auction at \$33,000.

Bottom right: A beautifully restored Dentzel, Circa 1900-1904 brought a bid of \$26,400. The Looff jumper in the background brought \$30,800.

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Illions Supreme horses



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A variety of carousel animals at Guernsey's

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Herschell carousel was listed as worth \$70,000-90,000 but only sold for \$27,500. and a small Stein & Goldstein stander sold for \$7,150 in spite of a pre-auction estimate of \$18,000-22,000. A Mexican Polar Bear was pictured in the catalog as a Looff, with a pre-sale estimate of \$25,000-30,000, but only drew a bid of \$4,250. New carvings didn't fare so well either. A newly carved sea serpent with an estimate of \$15,000-20,000 sold for \$6,600, and an Illions horse with a newly carved mane and neck with an estimate of \$30,000-40,000 was pulled from the sale by Guernsey's because the horse was altered to supposedly make it worth more money.

One sad note for Tommy Sciortino and Lynn Beckett of Amusement Canvass Outfitters who hauled one of their complete carousels all the way to California from Florida, only to have their carousel pushed to the end of the sale and offered to only about 20 people who were still left. They had been one of the first consignors, but were slotted in near the end of the catalog and bypassed when their number came up because according to the auctioneer "there wasn't enough time" to sell their carousel. The remaining items in the catalog and addendum were finished before the carousel was offered, but alas, by then, not even a bid of \$300 for an Allan Herschell jumper could be found.

(For further information on the Guernsey's San Francisco Auction and The American Carousel Museum, see *The Carousel News & Trader*, April, 1988 pages 12-15. Most of the information on these carousel animals came from the Guernsey's San Francisco sale catalog.)

Photos, Facing Page:

Top left: Guernsey's center stage with the crew holding up the record-breaking Muller horse that sold for \$63,800. At the microphone is Guernsey's president, Arlan Ettinger with Barbara Mintz beside him. Eve Joslyn stands to the right. Ring man, John Eubanks, is to the right of the crew.

Top right: John Daniel holds up his paper plate bidding number until he is sure that the outsiderow Muller from Rock Springs Park is his.

Middle left: A corral of wooden pigs at Guernsey's San Francisco auction.

Middle right A Dentzel cat in possible original paint and with a short tail sold for \$28,600

Bottom left: This large PTC stander was originally on the Middletown, Ohio carousel. It sold at Guernsey's auction for \$28,600.

Bottom right: A restored PTC#12 stander from the Crystal Beach Carousel brought a top bid of \$27,500.















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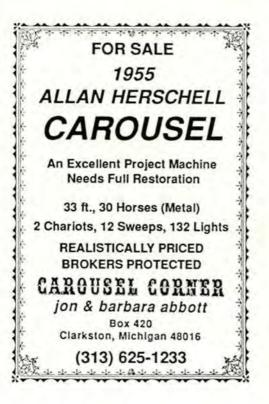
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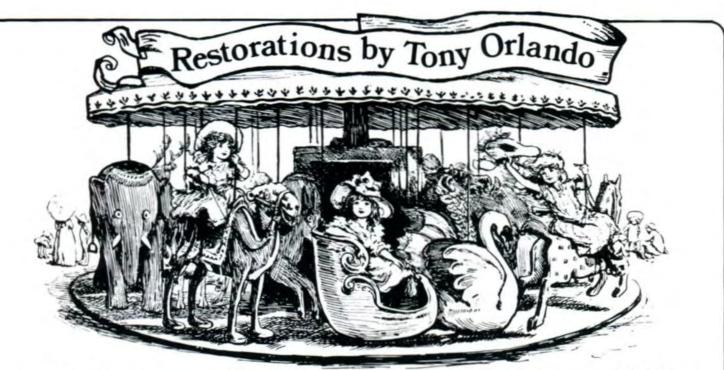
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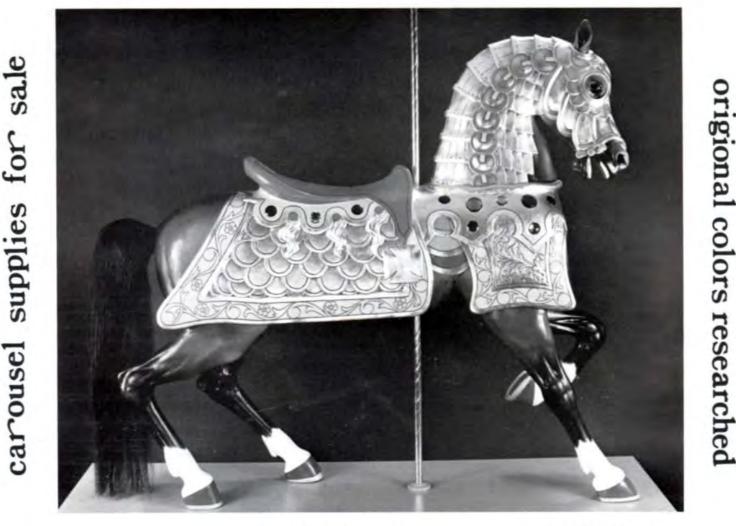
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