Fireworks, Circus Coming

Rose Bowl Scene of Spectacle

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In THE beginning the Pasa-dena Firemen decided it would be better for the people of the town to gather in some central spot, like the Rose Bowl, and see a big, noisy, professional fireworks show, rather than light their own in the summer-dry city and possibly start a fire.

The idea was well-received by eity officials and the public and now, 38 years later, the Rose Bow't Circus and Fineworks is looked forward to by hundreds of small boys from the day school is out.

It is blg and it is professional and it is noisy. It packs into the oval that is Pasadena's sin-gular cloim to fame, the Rose Bowl, some of the vanishing old-fashioned elements' of what a Fourth of July should be.

When the time comes that do-it-yourself fireworks are banned everywhere, the Rose Bowl ex-travaganza will stand out as a beacon as the best alternative ever invented. This year thou-sands will drive down ino the Arroyo Seco and will sit on the board bleachers of the Rose Bowl to see the Circus and Fire-works. And hundreds of others will line the Arroyo to watch the big aerial pieces rocket up and hurst into a night filled with brief local stars and bright-ness. When the time comes that doness.

This year the Pasadena Fire-men's show has a queen, Miss Charlotte Stewart. There is a grand marshall in Jerry West, Los Angeles Lakers basketball slar. And there are two masters of ceremony, Al Lohman and Roger Barkley, KLAC. disk jockeys.

The Polack Bros. Circus will move into Pasadena on July 4 for the evening show. There will be a circus band, the clowns, high wire artists, acrobats, aer-ialists, wild animal acts, jug-glers, balancers, and of course, the elephants.

Tickets for the Circus and Fireworks show are \$2.50 and \$2; tickets for children are \$1. These are on sale at the cen-tral fire station in Pasadena and at Thrifty Drug Stores. And of course there is plenty of free parking on the Rose Bowl grounds

Many Fasadenans first saw the Rose Bowl Circus and Fire-works show as a small chid — their Fourths of July are hinged on this big outdoors spectacle. And they have introduced the evening's excitement to a sec-ond generation now.

The Pasadena Firemen, who use the monies carned from the show in their relief fund are show in their relation that are hoping, like many members of the public, that the big Rose Bow show will celebrate many birthdays after next Saturday night's happy 38th.



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