Elephants Confuse Principal

When Robert Jonas, principal of Winchester (Indiana) High School arrived at the school, the morning of May 17th, he was quite understandably upset. There in the school yard was a herd of elephants and various types of circus equipment.

It seems that when the Hoxie Bros. Circus arrived in town early that morning, there was a driving rain. In the haste of getting in, circus attendants made a mistake and proceeded to get things going, but on the school grounds.

After a hurried consultation, the circus equipment and animals were moved across the street to a local park — the original circus site.

NEW RECORD SET

The seven performances of the Ad Shrine Circus, at Duluth, Minn., (May 10-12) broke all records for attendance and revenue, Irving (Ike) Gerald, general chairman announced last week.

Gerald said the 1974 circus drew some 30,000 persons and that the Shrine Temple was well pleased with everything. They have signed a contract with Paul Kaye, circus producer, to present the Temple's 1975 circus.

Although no monetary figures were released, Gerald said this year's circus brought in twice the money of the circus held in 1973.

WE ENJOYED IT

Visited the Hoxie Bros. Circus when it played the Saline (Mich.) Fairgrounds on May 20th. It is all circus — good entertainment and everything looks (Continued on Page 7)
Unique Show Appeals To Everyone

The Early American Circus, a recreation of America's first circus, is an impressive show that pleases both its sponsors and audience. The show plays mostly weekend dates in the Central California area, sponsored by various banking institutions, oil firms and other such major businesses.

Owned and operated by Maria and Jerry Booker, the circus features a variety of unusual and exotic animals. The tent is a 50 ft. square tent, red and white with one center pole. Ring curb is red with yellow trim and individual folding chairs are provided for the spectators.

The midway features a cage of peacocks, some old-style circus wagons and a horse and pad room top, with all horses on view for the public. Each unit is encircled with a cyclone fence, which protects both animals and public.

The program currently being presented includes:

Grand Entry - all show personnel
Whitney Brown - comedy juggler
Jerry Booker - riding a giant horse (Percheron)
Duke, the trained peacock
Diana Howell - trained dogs
Presentation of the llama
Miss Doni - big snake
Jerry Booker - hyena on leash
Diana Howell - quarter horse
Whitney Brown - trained dog
Finale - Entire company

CIRCUS Visits

We visited the Beatty-Cole Circus three times already -- April 30 at Richmond, May 8 at Harrisonburg and May 10 at Charlottesville (Virginia).

Each visit was thoroughly enjoyable and everyone there the clowns, Ron and Mitzie and all the others made us feel right at home.

...... Bernard Carroll

Correction

The following corrections should be noted in regards to equipment reported on the Carson & Barnes Circus in the issue of May 13th.

The Tire & Supply Truck - No. 72 - was formerly used on the M. Miller's Community Circus.

Last year's cookhouse truck was a former Kelly-Miller bill car.
Capsules

Polack Bros. Circus drew big crowds at Fairfield and in Vallejo (Calif.) last month.

Good crowds were on hand to see Gatti-Chales Circus during its recent engagement at Napa, Calif.

The George Matthews Circus has been pulling good business despite cold windy weather and even snow at Pocatello.

Ringling's Clown College will hold auditions at its Circus World Showcase on June 12th. It's the first Florida audition time ever scheduled.

The Al Sihan Temple of Macon, Ga., has signed Eddie Zacchini to produce its Nov. 8-10 circus.

CIRCUS ACTS

Generally good business and an interesting show has been reported by the Benefit Circus dates at Yuba City and Monterey (Calif.) last month.

Featured on the show were:
Come-in Clowns - Harpo, Che. Che
Salute to the flag
The Victors - trampoline
Dave Linden - spinning plates
Miss Astro - high dive
Harry Ross - clown camera (T.V.)
Lee Anna - contortion
Fay Snyder - horse act
Harry Ross - The chicken cannon
Dave Linden - balancing
The Chimps -
Single Trapeze (2)
-- Intermission --
Fay Snyder - mixed animal group
The Saxons - juggle/unicycles
Harry Ross - Escaped convicts
Spanish webs - (2)
Fay Snyder - rope spinning
Rus Saunders Trio - teeterb'rd
The Bertini Duo - hanging perch

Heavy Rain

The weather wasn't too cooperative here in Ohio during our May circus season.

Caught Sells & Gray at Fairfield (May 17) where it rained hard all day long. Despite the rain good crowds were on hand for each performance, which was very enjoyable.

... Don Sandman
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## PEOPLE

- **KARL WALLENDA** claims a record sky walk by having walked a 1,700 ft. rope stretched over King's Island Amusement Park (Ohio) on May 25th.

- **BOB MATTHEWS**, former lion trainer, suffered a brief heart seizure after attending Circus Vargas. He is reportedly doing well at this time.

- **DOROTHY MILLER** is one of the few gals who belonged to the Billere Union (Card #32). She is also the only gal to ever work for car manager Elmer Kaufman.

- **MICHAEL MOK**, reporter, was a guest clown with the RBBB show in New York. His story appeared in the National Star of May 18th.

- **AL MALL** was working concessions with DeWayne Bre early this year. He had his own show for several years.

- **WILLIE KEO** worked the Fiesta Days celebration at Vacaville, Calif. on Memorial Day weekend.

- **CAROLE CARMICHAEL**, UPI reporter, clowned with the RBBB show in New York late last month.
6 Lawrence, Kans.
7-9 Kansas City

Gatti-Charles Circus
Jun 3-6 Sacramento, Cal.
7-9 San Jose

George-Matthews Circus
Jun 4 Casper, Wyo.
5 Enroute
6 Laramie
7 Cheyenne
8 Fort Collins

Hamid-Morton Circus
Jun 6-9 Trenton, N. J.

Happytime Circus
Jun 5-9 Modesto, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Jun 3 Sheboygan, Wisc.
4 Manitowoc
5 Wausau
6 Marshfield
7 Baraboo
8 Beaver Dam
9 Beloit

Kaye Continental Circus
Jun 7-11 Denver, Colo.

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus
Jun 7-9 Detroit, Mich.

King Bros. Circus
Jun 3 Superior, Ariz.
4 Chandler
5 Avondale
6 Wickenburg
7 Prescott
8 Cottonwood
9 Flagstaff

--- OTHER ROUTES -------

All Breed Dog Show
9 Pleasant Hill, Cal.

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
Jun 3-8 Gary, Ind.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
Jun 3-8 Quincy, Ill.

Circus World Museum Exhibit
to Jun 30 Wapum, Wisc.

James H. Drew Shows
Jun 3-6 Bluefield, W. Va.

Foley & Burk Shows
Jun 4-9 Hayward, Calif.
5-9 San Leandro

Kramien’s Magic Capades
Jun 8 Vancouver, Wash.

Rose City Rides
Jun 3-8 Herculaneum, Mo.

--- LATE ROUTE -------

Circus Kirk
Jun 3 Waynesboro, Pa.
4 Chambersburg
5 Shippensburg
6 New Cumberland
7 Street, Md.
8 Enroute
9 Hanover, Pa.

--- ORIgINAL DAY weekend ---

CAROLE CARMICHAEL, UPI reporter, clowned with the ROBBB show in New York late last month.

ANTAR WAZZAN recently became a U.S. citizen. He is with the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus.

STEPHEN HLAVENKA visited the John Strong Circus in Central Calif. areas.

THE RUMMELS, jugglers, and rolling globes, are touring with King Bros.

THE BLUE STREAKS (roller skaters) took a brief vacation from the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus, then rejoined them at Spokane, Wash.
Fox Plans Film On Life Of Tom Mix

A film based on the life of Tom Mix has been scheduled for production by Jerry Zeitman. It will be released through 20th Century-Fox Studios, sometime early in 1975.

The screenplay will be written by Darryl Ponierson, whose book on Tom Mix will be published just prior to the release date of the film. Ponierson is the author of "Cinderella Liberty" and "The Last Detail", both of which became major motion pictures.

Both Ponierson and Zeitman are doing research study on the background of Tom Mix, famous western and circus star.

Reaps Calif. $

Two major west coast shows - George Matthews and Circus Vargas - have been doing good business in the western states, according to an AB report last month. Most of the California dates were lucrative ones, the article stated.

The item quoted Vargas' press chief Doug Lyon, as saying the show had "blanked out" at its April 19-23 Costa Mesa stand. It was the only weak date in Southern California.

The George-Matthews Circus reportedly drew a "blank" at Fountain Valley on May 6th, but otherwise has been doing quite well. They plan to be on the road until late this year.

HISTORICAL FACT

The first giraffe born in the U. S. was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on Oct. 20, 1889.

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Kelly Show Heads For Michigan Town

The Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus has completed its current west coast tour, which was highlighted by a four day stand at Expo 74 (May 30-June 2) at Spokane, Wash. The show's next date is a three day stand at Detroit, Mich (June 7-9).

Included in the west coast tour were two performances at Berkeley's U. C. Campus, where the show worked in the new Zellerbach Auditorium on May 25th. A big crowd was on hand for the matinee while only a few folks came out for the evening performance.

ALASKA BOUND

Already on their way to Alaska, the Wallace & Rogers Circus plans to spend about 60 days in the far northern state. The show, which is traveling on seven trucks, will be playing Canadian dates on the way to and from Alaska.

The circus is owned and operated by the Hertzell Family. They have an 80 x 120 ft. blue and white tent that was made by the Puget Sound Tent & Awning Co. Seating - two seat trailers and three sections of traditional seating will handle some 1,200 people.

WE ENJOYED IT (Continued)
good.

The round big top is still in great shape and seems to be going up easier than in the past. An absence of aerial rigging makes it easy to see acts on the other side of the arena. We missed the traditional wild animal number, and Louis Murillo still isn't working.

At an age when he could be

Featured in the show were:
- Kelly introduction and leading of the circus band (drums, a trumpet and organ)
- Miss Pamela - trained dogs
- Don Giovan - drunk away pole
- The Wazzan Family - tumbling
- Clowns (2) - was Day
- Judy & Harold - trampoline
- Derrick Rossaier - "Tony," the Wonder Horse

-- Intermission --
- The Bongas - comedy rev. ladder
- Emmett Kelly, Jr. - balancing feather on his nose
- Judy and Toto - trained chimps
- Clowns - The Armored Car
- Rossaier with "Gentle Ben"
- Tino Wallenda - high wire

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Farrell

home collecting his Social Security, Lucio Cristiani is still the hit of the show. His comedy riding is as popular as ever.

Other highlights on the big show program included: Gilda's uncaged leopards; Phil Chandler's substitution trunk and the Fornasari Family's comedy numbers.

........ George Bird
YEARS AGO (1921)

July 3-4 - Pittsfield, Mass.

Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey

The circus side show featured a band and lady singer; tattooed lady; Mr. & Mrs. Doll, midgets; Lentini, three legged man; Mme. Gilmore, snakes; Kebo, missing link; Capt. Fred Walters, blue man; Jerry and June, giant chimps; Transparent William, human skeleton; Carry Holt, fat lady; Irene Walden, armless girl; Mlle. Gabrielle, half lady; Cliquot, African bushman; Mme. Clifford, sword swallower; Three Hoy Sisters, dancers and singers; and George Auger, the giant.

TOM MIX (Continued)

He was born in El Paseo Co., Texas, in 1880, the son of an Irish father and a mother of Scotch and Cherokee Indian extraction. His grand father translation of the Bible was used by the Osage Indians. His father was a captain in the U. S. 7th Cavalry and young Mix learned to ride when quite small. He was only seven when he made his first public appearance in a circus knife throwing act with his parents at Baring, Pa. He was educated at the Virginia Military Academy.

He died in an auto accident near Florence, Ariz., on Oct. 12, 1940.
Lion trainer Dick Clemens is shown here with “Patsy” who attacked him during a performance of the Polack Bros. Circus at Oakland, Calif. on May 17, 1943.

HISTORICAL FACT

Mrs. Charles Warner’s Circus of 1869 played Philadelphia, Pa. from January to March, at 10th and Callowhill Streets. Admission was 25¢.

Featured in the show were: Mrs. Charles Warner (former Mrs. J. Dan Rice); William La Rue, manager; George M. Kelley, leaper; Robert (Bob) Stickney; Tom King; Richard Hemminga and James Reynolds.

PHOTO NOTES

The photos in the center spread of this supplement were all used for general advertising purposes by Ringling-Barnum in 1939.

Several of these pictures eventually found their way into the advertisements and programs of other circuses.
The above picture was taken in Los Angeles, Calif., on Nov. 12, 1944. It shows an Arthur Bros. Circus semi that backed out of control and crashed into a house. It was said that the truck’s brakes had failed.

Gorilla Cage At Park

The cage that once housed "Gargantua" the famed RBBB gorilla was recently purchased by Bob Snowden, for his Chico's Monkey Farm at Richmond Hills, Ga. The cage was purchased from Johnny Keef (Keef's Capital City Shows) who obtained it at an auction of RBBB artifacts.

Large billboard signs proclaiming the "Home of Gargantua" is at Chico's Monkey Farm have been placed on local highways. The Farm also includes a souvenir shop, stroll-through menagerie and amusement rides.

Snowden is refurbishing the cage, which currently houses a large chimp. Eventually he hopes to obtain a gorilla which will be displayed in the cage.

people

JEANETTE and "Hi Brown" BOBBY BURNS are currently touring Europe and Africa.

The MUNOZ-BURKETT DUO recently worked the Midtown Plaza at Rochester, New York.

RUDY BUNDY, former RBBB executive, is now a director with Kapok Tree Inns Corp. of Clearwater, Florida.