New TENT order

While awaiting delivery on a new tent (it will be European style -- 85 ft. round top with one 40 ft. middle) the Stebbing's Royal European Circus announced they would be playing the Virginia State Fair this year, doing three and four shows each day. Seating for some 2,000 persons is planned.

The tent, which was ordered at Norfolk Tent & Awning Co., will be red and white. All poles, including the big king poles, are to be of aluminum.

Acts signed to appear with the show at the Virginia State Fair include:

- Stabbing's Boxer Dogs
- John Stebbings - chimps
- Princess Taina - trapeze
- Carol Frances - aerial web
- Al Vidbel - elephants/ponies
- Scott's Unridable Mule
- Ascott Sisters - unicycles
- Gus & Ursula - jugglers
- Florinne Oler - organist

Lost Shows

Although two shows were lost, the George Matthews Circus pulled good business at its Louisville, Ky. date on July 1-4. According to all reports the show pulled good three-quarter houses for all performances except the July 4th matinee, when a full house was recorded.

The opening matinee was lost because of a late arrival when everything was late getting off the lot of the previous stand in Evansville. The evening show of July 3rd was lost, officials report, because of bad winds.

In the jump from Evansville to Louisville the show's band trailer had to be towed in and the show's jeep was totaled out. As a result it was the elephants that got the big top into the air.

The show is using a 120 ft. round and big top with three 40 ft. middle sections.

Clowns on the show will be: Russ Taylor (producing); Stabbo, Bob-O and Kerpek (Jim Haygood).
sawdust trail
by M. L. DUPONT

Allen Bloom was the RBBB representative at the IAAM Convention in Philadelphia and did a good job for the show. Evidence of this is the fact that several arenas who have bucked the Ringling-Barnum show are now back in the fold for 1974.

Carson & Barnes plans to replace their giraffe next season. The big feature attraction died while the show was in Colorado.

Carla Mallsnda had her indoor show in Louisiana early this month. They played Baton Rouge on Aug. 3-4 and Lafayette Aug. 6-7. They also have eight days set at New Orleans.

The Miller-Johnson Circus has a 28 page souvenir program book with an excellent multi-colored cover. Incidentally, it is understood the show will be using the title "Circus Vagies" in 1974.

Is Everybody Doing It?

Everyone in the John Harriott family takes part in the circus program which is currently being presented at Storytown, USA (Lake George, New York).

The program features:
Cindy, Heidi and Amy - an Equestrian Quadrille
Laura - riding "American Anthem" in a dressage number
Mary Ruth's poodles and pony
John with elephant "Nellie"
Laura - cloud swing
Cindy - web or ladder
Heidi - swinging ladder
John - liberty horses/pick out pony

C-B show

This year the Carson & Barnes Circus is using a push pole top that is 140 ft. x 340 ft. (it has five middle sections 40 ft. each). All of the poles are aluminum, with center and quarter poles having come from the old Oral Roberts tent the end poles were made at a Hugo school.

A free menagerie is featured and it is placed between the marquee and big top. Featured here are 18 elephants, a cage with deer, black bear, lion and tiger, 4 camels, 18 monkeys, 5 llamas, two guanacos, goats, ostrich, rhea, emu, yak and a midget steer.

On the midway are: an Ape Show, Snake Show, Giant Turtle Show, Moon Walk, Hippo, jewelry and concessions.
Hanneford Circus

After a successful spring tour that took the show through the East and mid-west, as well as Canada, the Hanneford Circus went into the Steel Pier at Atlantic City for ten days, followed by a date at the Summerfest in Milwaukee. At the present time they are playing the Allentown, Pa. Fair.

The show will go back on tour from Sept. 15 to Oct. 6th, followed by a date at the North Carolina State Fair (Raleigh). The fall tour will start immediately after and is expected to wind up about the middle of November.

Featured in the show's program are:

The Olympians - tumbling
Miss Tajana - wild animals and aerial feature
The Dionnes - balancing
Armand Duciuel - equilibrist
Ray & Yolanda - perch pole
Hugo Marquardt - plate spinning
Macias - balancing
Tarrant & Co. - unicycles
The Roberts - trampoline
The Martells - roman ladders
Hanneford Riding Act
Terry O'Brien - juggling/wire
Carin Cristiani - iron jaw
Tommy's Boxer Dogs
Satani Demon - fire act
Raymond & Co.
Miss Isabella
The Hanneford elephants
Spec - Alice's Birthday

The red carpet of welcome was rolled out for Tad Tosky's recent visit to the George Matthews Circus. Everyone -- Sid Kellner, his sons George and Matthew, Larry Miller, Harry Ross, Ken Miller, Sparky and Bill Williams -- went out of their way to make me welcome on the show, Tad reports.

It had rained quite hard that day, he added, but the people came out just the same. By the time the first act was over for the night show that tent was jammed-packed. The day before they had to do three shows.

(For a list of the acts appearing on the show see Circus Report for June 25, 1973).

The show's staff includes:

Sid Kellner - owner/manager
George & Matthew Kellner - asst
Larry Miller - band leader
Ed Russell - announcer
Bill Williams - electrician

Clowns with the circus are:
Sparkey, the Clown, Harry Ross, Ken Miller and Cotton Candy.

The show's staff includes:

William J. English - pres./gen.mgr
Tommy Hanneford - V.P./exec. dirac
James Ille - band leader
Gertrude Hanneford - asst. producer
Phillip Morris - production design
Glenn Perkins - V.P./gen. agent
Vivian Wilcox - publicity director
Jack S. Smith - contracting agent
**Routes**

**Betty-Cole Circus**  
14 Saginaw  
15 Jackson

**Canadian Circus**  
Aug. 13 Woodstock, N.B.  
14 Sarnia, Ont.  
15-16 Windsor  
17-18 London Lumbpr Prk

**Garden Johnson Circus**  
Aug. 13 Truth or Con, Ariz.  
14 Los Alamos  
15 Artesia  
16 Clovis  
17 Santa Fe

--- Season Ends ---

**Carson & Barnes Circus**  
Aug. 13 Olney, Ill.  
14 Eldorado  
15 Benton

**Hubert Castle Circus**  
Aug. 13 Garden City, Kan.  
15 Great Bend  
16-18 St. Joseph, Mo.

**Circus Kirk**  
14 Sharpburg  
15 Cheswick  
16 Kittanning  
17 New Bethlehem  
18 Brookville  
19 Enroute

**Clyde Bros. Circus**  
Aug. 16-19 Corpus Christi, Tex.

**Diamond S Wild West**  
Aug. 16-17 Madisonville, Ky.  
18 Princeton, Ind.

**Europorama**  
Aug. 13 Napa, Calif.  
15 Manteca  
16 Santa Cruz  
18 San Rafael

**Gatti-Charles Circus**  
Aug. 13-14 Regina, Canada  
15-16 W. Ossipea, N.H.

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**Royson Bros. (Continued)**  
16 Decatur  
17-18 Valley View

**Rudy Bros. Circus**  
Aug. 17-22 Oklahoma City, Okla.  
18-29 McCovey Show  
19-20 St. Louis  

**Sells & Gray Circus**  
Aug. 13-14 W. Ossipea, N.H.

**John Strong Circus**  
Aug. 13-14 Off  
15-17 Denver, Colo.  
18-19 Off

**Wallaenda Circus**  

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**Pot-Pourri**

Jett's Petting Zoo played the Eastmall Mall in Oakland, Calif. on Aug. 8-12.

Wallace & Rogers Circus played the Multnomah County Fair at Portland, Oreg. on July 31-Aug. 5. They were using their tent for the first time since the blowdown.

Royal West Show's merry-go-round (reported lost in June) has been found on a back street in San Francisco, Calif. unharmed.

The Hennesford Circus has the most beautiful program of any show on the road.

The Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus will play New York City for the Boy's Club. It is to be a 10 day stand.

Kay Bros. Circus played the Flea Market at Santa Clara, Calif. on July 7-8.

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**Who's Who**

WALTER MATHAU, movie star, clowned with RBBB at its initial date in the Los Angeles, Calif. area.

THE MERLETT, jugglers, will be on the stage show at the San Jose, Calif. Fair.

ADEN and VELMA LOWRY were featured in a Sedan, Kan., centennial pageant on Aug. 6-7. They'll also appear at the upcoming CFA convention.

RON HENON and wife visited Wallace & Rogers Circus at Portland, Ore. last week.

CHARLES MASON, circus advance man, was featured in an article in the Milpitas Post (Calif.) on Aug. 1st.

BUTTONS, an RBBB clown, is featuring clown make-up lessons at Ross-Atkins store in San Francisco, Calif. on Aug 25th.

DAVID Mc MILLAN is working a group of 7 tigers at the Japanese Village in Buena Park, Calif. He was formerly with RBBB.

POPO, the Clown, recently worked the Cerebral Palsy Assoc. Benefit at Oakland, Calif.

BILL BALLANTINE, director of RBBB's Clown College, lectured at the University of Maryland on Aug. 7 and at the University of Tennessee on Aug. 9th.

REX and AVA WILLIAMS have joined the Canadian Circus for that show's tour.
**Hard Hall's Circus Side Show**
Aug. 16-26 Indianapolis, Ind.

**Happytime Circus**

**Hoxie Bros. Circus**
Aug. 13 Beverly, N.J.
14 Beach Haven
15 Pt. Pleasant
16 Ft. Monmouth
17 Ocean Twp.
18 Keeyport
19 Monroe

**Kaye's Continental Circus**
to Aug. 19 Honolulu, Hawaii

**Miller Johnson Circus**
Aug. 14 Atlantic City, N.J.
15-16 Wilmington, Del.

**Polack Bros. Circus**
Aug. 16-17 Monterey, Cal.

**Ringling's Blue Unit**
Aug. 15-19 Kansas City, Mo.

**Ringling's "Red Unit**
Aug. 13-21 Anaheim, Calif.

**Royal Bros. Circus**
Aug. 13 Athens, Ont.
14 Kemptville
15 Winchester
16 Prescott
17 Alexandria
18 No Show
19 Smith Falls

**ROY LAMBERT** has a side show with Wallace & Romer Circus. He's featuring a Girl Escape act, magic, lizards, birds that tumble and a freak rooster.

**EDDIE KUHN's K & K Show**
is now playing shopping centers in the East.

**MICHAEL BURKE** has been elected president and chief operating officer of Madison Square Garden, Inc. He was at one time executive vice president of RBBB.

**RENE BUGLER**, trapeze performer with Disney on Parade, died at Sao Paulo, Brazil, after falling 50 ft. into a crowd of spectators.

**STAN KRAMIEN** has resigned as advance agent for Wallace & Rogers to devote all his time to his Magic Show.

**BOBBY KAYE**, RBBB clown, will be retiring at the end of the current season.

**BOBBY BARNER**, model builder, shows his models of the RBBB show at hospitals and other such facilities as a means of creating interest among the kiddies.
less than you'd imagine

Strong winds and the dusty rodeo grounds of the Napa (Calif.) Fair offered poor facilities for the presentation of the Las Vegas Int'l Circus program. The show was featured at the fair on Aug. 1st, with two shows scheduled in the evening.

Attractive pictorial posters were displayed throughout the fairgrounds and in the city's downtown area. A considerable amount of newspaper publicity was used and there was every indication that an advance phone promotion was used to sell tickets. Admission prices at the gate were: adults $2.00; students $1.50 and children $1.00.

No ring curb was used, but instead plywood had been put down to make a stage area about 16 x 16 ft. Music for the show was by means of records and Carlos Farfan did the announcing.

The program featured:
Tino Martino - hand balancing
Miss Dolly - comedy dance
Howard Jones - elephant
Kankook, the Clown
Steve McPeake - high wire
Lancelot's chimps
Senor Santos - juggler
Kankook, the clown
The Farfans - aerial motorcycle

HISTORICAL FACT

In early 1935 both Lewis Bros. and Russell Bros. played at Sandusky, Ohio. Then in August the Tom Mix Circus and Cole Bros. were in town on the same day.

wild red dies

Ralph "Wild Red" Barry, a professional wrestler and avid circus buff, died at Pittsburg, Kans. on July 28th. Death was attributed to a heart attack, which he suffered at his home.

"Wild Red" started his career as a teenager and was wrestling regularly until about five years ago. He was popular with entertainers and was devoted to a program of physical fitness. He had been the local park commissioner.

Survivors include his wife, Lil and a son Jim.

The Big New Tour

A 17 week tour of North America has been announced for the "Los Muchachos - The Int'l Boys Circus of Spain. The tour will start in September and includes dates in the U. S. Canada and Mexico.

All of the circus performers are young people who live in an independent state in Northern Spain. The area was founded as a home for unwanted boys and the circus is the major source of revenue to maintain the facility's operation.

Performers are from 15 countries, all of whom are acrobats, musicians, clowns, horsemen, jugglers, etc. Advance publicity for the show is being handled by F. Beverly Kelley.
A country show

by NORMAN WILBERT

Col. Tim McCoy, star of more than 200 motion pictures, including Mike Todd’s “Around the World in 80 Days”, was featured at the Sheboygan, Wisc. Municipal Armory on Sunday afternoon, July 29, with the Country Music Circus.

A good crowd enjoyed the pleasing and enjoyable Country Music Circus production. The show is owned by Tommy Scott and Tim McCoy’s Australian whip act is the feature attraction. Mr. McCoy, who is 82 years old, is still a top performer. He has traveled with this show for 12 years and has appeared in 4,000 performances.

The afternoon’s entertainment included such acts as Prof. BoJo, the clown, a sway pole act, dogs, etc. In the past the show has featured Junior Samples, star of Hee Haw; Col. Larson, world champion sharp shooter; Fuzzy St. John and Johnny MacBrown, western movie stars.

The Country Music Circus began its 1973 tour on June 21st at Asheville, N.C. Following their Wisconsin tour they will play in Michigan, Indiana and then plan to close just before Thanksgiving in the south.

It was my pleasure to interview Sam Baxter, manager of the circus. He is 38 yrs old and has been with the Country Music Circus for 19 yrs. He is also a writer and performer, and has contributed his talents and abilities in promoting this gifted group of performers. His pleasing voice and his own guitar accompaniment, plus the other country singers have a tremendous appeal. Mr. Baxter presented me with their latest stereo recording of “Tommy Scott’s Country Music” (No. SKLP-7-11).

Tommy Scott, producer and director of the show, has been a troubadour for 39 years. He was a familiar movie star in the 1940’s and many of his and Tim McCoy’s favorite songs are featured on the latest album. Ralph and Arthur Smith took time out from their TV productions to record the album, which includes the song “Watergate Love Affair.”

Mr. Baxter tells me the Country Music Circus has toured the Canadian Provinces as far north as Dawson Creek, B.C. this year. Concerts were presented in Edmonton, Calgary, Alberta, Moose Jaw and Regina. They returned to the state in Montana on July 5th.
Loni's Show

The small Ironberg Circus was featured at the San Mateo, Calif. fair on July 30-Aug. 4, much to the delight of the kiddies. The show is owned and operated by Loni Ironberg who also owns the Kay Bros. title.

The show uses a ring and small stage section. Ring curb is red and white, with all props painted in a variety of pastel shades. Sawdust is used in the ring, the backdrop is red and white and the two trucks are white and unlettered.

Seating set up for the show consisted of seven sections, each five rows high. All seats are painted blue.

The program as caught on Jul. 31st included:

Miss Loni - rope spinning  
Miss Lorraine - unicyclist/juggle  
Miss Tina - trained poodle  
Miss Loni - trained pony  
Miss Lorraine - 2 chimps

Is There a Magician in the House?

Acts announced as a part of the Albacker Magic Circus, which will soon be playing at Fulton, Pa. are:

Hey-U - the clown  
Don Rogers - juggler  
Bashful Harmonica Joe  
The Perky Pups  
Harry Albacker - magic  
Miss Jessie Griffith - organ