Doing Well on New York Trek

The Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus played for eight days (Aug. 26-Sept. 2) at the Long Island Cerebral Palsy Fair, held on the Hofstra University grounds at Uniondale. The circus was presented under a yellow and white tent, which offered seating for 2,500 people. The admission price was $2.00.

The performance was backed by a band consisting of Don Freeberg, organist; L. Emerson, drums and Marc Donnally, trumpet. The ringmaster is Ian Stewart, who handles the job like an old pro.

The performance ran an hour and 20 minutes with no intermission. The Rossiris Family, long associated with this show, was away, but was expected to rejoin the circus soon.

The program, as presented on this date, included:
The Ashton Family - risley
Bertini Duo - perch
Jacki Althoff - riding chimps
The Blue Streaks - rollerskaters
Don Giovanni - high lamp post
The Andens - poodle revue
Clowns (2) - Washday Routine

A Winner

Turnaway business at every show has been reported by those who attended the performances of RBBB's Blue Unit at Fresno, Calif. (Sept. 4-8). The show played that city's new Convention Center.

On the last day of the Fresno engagement the show got started at 5:30 and was over at 8:15. The teardown and loading was completed in 90 minutes, but the train didn't leave town until 2 am.
CIRCUS Daze

The annual "Circus Daze", scheduled this week (Sep. 26-29) at Milpitas, Calif., is sponsored jointly by the Lions Club and the Business Association. The entire event has been promoted by Charles Mason, former circus advance man.

Throughout the four day event a Foley & Burk Carnival unit will be set up on the city show grounds. The John Strong Circus will come in for at least two shows on Sept. 29th.

Other features include a free gift auction, a pancake breakfast and a Clown Parade, lead-off by Ronald McDonald.

CFA State Meet

The annual Sells Bros. CFA Top's Fun Fest will be held at Columbus, Ohio this weekend -- Sept. 27-28. The event will be celebrating the fact that Ringling-Barnum is playing Columbus -- the first time in 16 yrs.

Registration and headquarters for the State Meet will be at the Rodeway Inn, where space is to be provided for circus models and other displays. On Saturday (Sep. 28) the group is planning to attend the evening performance of Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus at the fair grounds. The show's Red Unit plays that city Sep. 24-29.
Show Folks Take Postman's Holiday - See Circus

Three members of the Great Y Circus (Warren Wood, Dave McLees and Chuck Craw) visited the Wenatchee Youth Circus (Aug. 9-11) when the show was playing for the Alpenrose Dairy. The dairy complex includes a midget racing track, a bicycle track, picnic grounds, petting zoo, opera house, pony rides, milking parlors, clown and magic shows, antique autos and musical instruments and a circus arena.

The Wenatchee show has a 40 ft. semi trailer, with a rented tractor, which serves as the cookhouse. Parents chaperone the group and assist with meals, clowning and selling program books.

The pre-show warm-up features several clowns and a 20 piece band, directed by Paul Pugh. It plays some mighty fine circus music too.

The program itself features a Grand Entry, swinging ladders, bounding rope, juggling, trapeze, incline wire walk, trampoline, teeterboard, high wire, tumbling, unicycles, whips, fire act, slack wire and a flying act. The four clown gags also go over well with the audience.

The show's appearance on the lot is impressive with lots of aerial rigging. Costumes are great, made by the mothers, and the kids do their own setting up and teardown work.

Wallace & Rogers Circus presented three shows a day at Vancouver's PNE, a date that ended on Sept. 2nd. They are currently playing dates on Vancouver Island.

The New Yorker magazine had circus cartoons in its issues for: July 22, 1974 (Page 38) and Aug. 26, 1974 (Page 78)

For its dates at Fresno, Calif., and Portland, Ore., the RBBB's Blue Unit prices were set at $3.50; $4.50 and $5.50. At Portland a tie-in with the local department store offered $2.00 discounts on all tickets for the opening night.

Hoxie Bros. office was reportedly destroyed by fire while making a recent jump in the east.

Members of the Mary Jo Couls CFA Tent met on the Beatty Cole Circus at Lafayette, Ind., on Sept. 14th.

RBBB is looking for an old chest that supposedly contains the secrets of Houdini. They'd like to add it to their "Theatre of Illusions" at Circus World Showcase in Florida.
ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo
Sep. 27-29 Ed. Air Base

Beatty-Cole Circus
Sep. 23 Springf'd, Oh
24 Middletown
25 Lexington, Ky
26 Frankfort
27 Elizabethtown
28 Clarksville, Id
29 Fort Knox, Ky

Hubert Castle Circus
Sep. 23-26 Utica, N.Y.

-- End of Tour --

Circus Vargas
Sep. 23-25 Stanton, Dela
26-28 Glen Burnie, Md

Gatti-Charles Circus
Sep. 23 Weyburn, Sask
24 Estevan
25 Moose Jaw
26-27 Saskatoon
28 Prince Albert
29 No. Battleford

George-Matthews Circus
Sep. 23 Mankato, Minn
24-28 Brooklyn Cent.

Hella Temple Shrine Circus
Sep. 23-29 Dallas, Texas

King Bros. Circus
Sep. 23 Fulton, Mo.
24 Jefferson City
25 Rolla
26 West Plains
27 Pocahontas, Ark
28 Brinkley
29 Open

Lewis Bros. Circus
Sep. 23 So. Plainf'd, N.J
24 Open
25 Connellsville, Pa
26 Rennersdale
27-29 Akron, Ohio

Polack Bros. Circus
Sep. 23-29 Pomona, Cal.

Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit
Sep. 25-29 Denver, Colo.

Ringling-Barnum Red Unit
Sep. 24-29 Columbus, Ohio

Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show
Sep. 28-29 Boston, Mass.

Sells Bros. CFA Tent Fun Fest
Sep. 27-28 Columbus, Ohio

John Strong Circus
Sep. 23-24 Oroville, Cal.
25 Lakeport
26 Ukiah
27 Antioch
28 Napa
29 Milpitas

Voorheis Bros. Circus
Sep. 24 Newberry, Mich
25 St. Ste Marie
26 St. Ignace
28 Cheboygan

Shrine Circus
Sep. 20-21 San Angelo, Tex
14-16 Minot, S.D.

Small Fry Circus
Sept. 14 Little Rock, Ak

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HE KEEPS BUSY WITH ACTIVE SCHEDULE

The world of motion pictures has been keeping circus star Bob Yerkes busy this year. Despite his tight schedule he managed to produce the Yerkes Continental Circus at Monrovia, Calif, on Aug. 10th. Several acts from Polack Bros, including the Grimaldis, Antalek Chimps, Polack Bros. elephants, plus contortionist Leanna Johnson - Miss California 1973-74, were incorporated in the show program.

Among the many film projects on Bob's calendar for the year were:

Doubling for David Carradine in the "Vanishing Image" sequence of the TV show "Kung Fu," and a Lincoln-Mercury commercial, in which he is the car driver.

The picture "Earthquake" stars Charlton Heston and Ava Gardner, and has Bob getting "killed off" seven different times for the camera. He reports that Heston is a real circus fan and was interested in knowing what the performers, with whom he worked in "Greatest Show on Earth" were doing.

In the film "Towering Inferno" Bob doubles for an actor who falls from an outside elevator into an airbag. This was incorporated in the film, with firemen bringing in the bag for part of the rescue effort.

Probably Bob's hardest stunt is coming up, he is currently in France, to double for an actor who is shot out of a helicopter and falls 70 ft.

CFA Meet

Members of the new D. R. Miller CFA tent held their second meeting (Aug. 24) on the Clyde Bros. Circus at Beaumont, Texas. The circus was presented at the local fair grounds and this night was the one evening the show wasn't caught in a downpour of rain. They gave an extra show on Aug. 26th, because of some rained out days.

Lucky Larabee, ringmaster, introduced each of the visiting CFA members -- Tex and Dorothy Dreyfus, Joe Heiser, Bill Henderson and Harry Lea Kingston -- and told the audience that a show like this couldn't exist without the circus fans.

... Harry Lea Kingston through the roof of a house. The stars of this picture will be Charles Bronson and Robert Duvall.

Incidentally, you'll be able to see Bob Yerkes, Parley Baer, Russ Saunders and Paula Dell in an upcoming segment of TV's Apple Way show called "The Circus."
Thank heaven for Evel Knievel!
This zany 34-year-old Montana stuntman tried to jump over the Snake River Canyon in Idaho in something called a Sky-Cycle — half rocket and half motorcycle — and failed. Or did he?
For a few dizzy, crazy days he gave us something to talk about besides inflation, Watergate, terrorism and crime.
P. T. Barnum, the greatest showman of all time, said, “There is a sucker born every minute.” Barnum would have understood what went on at the edge of that yawning canyon last Sunday. He would have understood Knievel.
True, the flamboyant half-stuntman, half-folk hero, didn’t make it across the canyon. The rocket malfunctioned and parachuted nose down, landing with a teeth rattling jar at the bottom of the canyon, Knievel emerging with a wave and a few minor cuts.
Barnum would have understood the crowds that gathered at the launch site and ponied up their hard-earned dollars at hundreds of closed circuit sites around the country to watch the death-defying plunge. They paid their money and they got what they came for.

Knievel said he would try the jump and he did. The high drama was all these: The dare-devil in his pseudo-space suit telling us he was not afraid to die; the band rendering “The Ballad of Evel Knievel,” a giant device called the “Evel Knievel Freedom Crane” lifting the stuntman into the skyward pointed Sky-Cycle; his pretty wife and children huddled at the canyon rim; his grandmother sobbing quietly; then the blastoff; the agonizing moment of suspense; Knievel coming back alive.
Will he try it again? Probably. What a dull place this world would be without the Evel Knievels — the zanies who walk tight wires between New York skyscrapers, plunge over Niagara Falls in barrels, sail to Hawaii on a raft, and hang upside down in a straitjacket from The Tribune tower.

Evel Knievel came up with a new gimmick in a gimmick-ridden world. At a time when it is next to impossible to excite a thrill-jaded world, let alone make a profit, Knievel did it with a new and different act. He entertained — and he stands to make millions from it.

The late Mr. Barnum would have understood that too.
BARNUM WAS RIGHT

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THE SENSATIONAL ENCORE
- E. Knievel
DURING ITS three day stand at the Mid-island Shopping Center (Aug. 21-25) on Long Island, Circus Vargas gave a special noon-time performance on Aug. 23rd for some 6000 mentally retarded and handicapped children. The entire engagement was sponsored by the "Shields of Nassau" a fraternal police organization.

Circus owner, Cliff Vargas has a huge tent --- 315 ft x 165 ft and 48 ft high. The top is orange and white, a color scheme that is carried throughout the show.

Music for the performance is provided by an organ and full drum set, all mounted in a special trailer, complete with even flashing lights. Sandy Dobritch is the show's announcer/ringmaster, and Clown Alley includes: John Peers, Steve Brennan, Manny Laborin and Emera Boros.

The program as presented at this stand included:—

Spec - Entire company
Harry Thomas - tiger act (8)
Charivari - Arab tumblers
Parker Aston - sway pole
Prof. Shappi - comedy piano
Armon Duo - aerial acrobatics
Semon's Chimps
Great Yashek - incline wire walk
Wally Ross - liberty horses
Rogana - rolling globe/balance
Clowns - A Hole in the Rug
The Hassani Troupe - tumbling
--- Intermission ---
The Flying Farias - flying act
Wally Naughtin's bears
Clowns - The Jack-in-the-Box
The Villams - jugglers

LONG TOUR

An extensive summer tour has kept William Burger, of Lakeside, Calif., busy for most of the summer season. He is now busy booking dates for the John Strong Circus in Southern California.

In Penna., says Burger, the roadside poles were covered with arrows representing many circuses. Some poles had three and four sets of show arrows, along with chalk arrows, all pointing the way a show should go. Must have been confusing to follow show arrows in that area, he said.

Burger spent a day visiting the Duncklee's miniature of the Ringling Bros. Circus, another at the Circus Memories Museum, and some time at Circus Circus in Las Vegas.

Vashek Duo - motorcycle on wire
Wally Ross - elephants

……… Pat Bissonette
DR. J. Y. HENDERSON is on RBBB's Blue Unit after spending several months on the Red Unit.

KARL WALLENDA is featured at the Western Washington Fair this month.

ERNEST SINCLAIR, British Circus Fan, has been visiting shows and parks along the Canadian border.

JOHN CUNEO and HERTA KLAUSER had their animals at Marine land, Niagara Falls, Canada this past summer.

THE WAL-TIMS were advertised as being part of the stage show at the Big E Fair, West Springfield, Mass. (Sep. 13-22)

MIKE NAUGHTON and RUSSELL BROWN (New York clowns) have been accepted for RBBB's Clown College. They'll report to the show's Florida quarters on Sep. 22nd.

PAUL JUNG and PRINCE PAUL (clowns) were the subjects of a photo exhibit seen at the Lodi Grape Festival (Calif.) the weekend of Sept. 13-15.

REVEEN, magician from Canada, will play Sacramento, Cal., on Oct. 8-12. The prices are: $3.00; $4.00 and $5.00.

DWIGHT MOORE and his dogs have rejoined the George Matthews Circus for the remainder of the season.

Two Shows Visited

When the Barnes & Daily Circus played Republic, Mich., (Aug. 19) they had two full houses, with clear skies overhead. The show had about two additional weeks set in Michigan, then planned to open in Indiana in early September.

Bert Pettus was working two bulls as part of the program, and then handled the elephant rides on the midway.

Also visited with the big Beatty-Cole Circus at Ann Harbor, Mich. (Aug. 27). They have a good show and drew big crowds for both performances that day.

CARLOS OBANDO set a record when he walked a 484 ft. inclined wire, across the Genessee River at Rochester, N.Y.

ROMAN SCHMITT is currently working on a new act for his single elephant feature.

MIKE NAUGHTON and PAT BISSONETTE (clowns) recently visited MARY and BILL JENACH, founders of two unicycle associations. Their son, JOHN, will be teaching circus arts at Nassau Community college this fall.

"HANABEL" BELIER and "Punch" COUCH ended their season at Coney Island's N.Y. Steeplechase Park on Sept. 2nd.
A GERMAN SHOW

In Germany this summer, the Circus Gebruder Althoff has been managed by Corty and Giovanni Althoff, sons of Carl who has been operating the family's other show.

Among the acts featured on the circus are:-

Ingalise - single trapeze
Corty Althoff - elephants, ponies and horses
Giovanni Althoff - horses/ponies
Sergio Casagrande - tigers
Charles Dube - lions
Mariani Family - clowns
Dahli Dahli Co. - slapstick
Marok-Marok - exotics
Pilade Cristiani - chimps
Michael Cheng - cycles/balance
Ton Rafaelos - rolla bolla
Muo Nandors - eccentrics
Charifien Troupe - Arab tumbler
Marquez Family - low flying act
Mary and Chris - plate spinning
The Two Istvans - teeterboard
Aylime - contortionist
Ching Tu Chenz - Chinese number
Two Kristof - perch act
Dos Rafaelos & Gloria - balance
Gretu Troupe - teeterboard

Music for the show is provided by the Polish State Circus orchestra, which is directed by Zygmunt Michalek.

HISTORICAL FACT ......

Corradini's Menagerie of trained animals (zebras, horses, elephants, dogs) were at the Orpheum Theatre (San Francisco) the week of July 11, 1914.

Comic Strip Coming

Plans are now being scheduled for the publication of an all-circus cartoon strip in The Circus Report. This new feature will start the first Monday of January.

Watch for it, tell your friends about it, everyone will want to follow this interesting and authentic circus story.

ROUTES

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
Sep. 23-28 Annistan, Ala.
Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
Sep. 23-28 Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Circus Daze Celebration
Sep. 26-29 Milpitas, Calif.
Roy Clark Show
28 Bangor, Me.
James H. Drew Shows
Frazier World Fair Shows
Sep. 24-28 Roswell, N.M.
Golden State Rodeo
Sep. 28-29 Visalia, Calif.
Longhorn Rodeo
Sep. 27-29 Monroe, La.
Rose City Rides
Sep. 23-28 Sikeston, Mo.
Tennis Tournament
Sep. 23-30 San Francisco, Cal
Tip Top Shows
Sep. 27-29 La Crescent, Wisc.
Ukranian Ice Festival
Sep. 25-29 Troy, N. Y.
Vandermeide (Hypnotist)
Sep. 28 Memphis, Tenn.
FINALE

DR. H. H. CONLEY, well-known physician and circus fan, died early this month. He often wrote and lectured on the circus and served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Circus World Museum at Baraboo. He was also a past CFA president.

E. R. "Pops" GRAY, died on Sept. 3rd, after a brief illness. He helped produce the Shrine Circus at Evansville, Ind. for over 40 years. Survivors include his wife: Mrs. Gray, 700 Sweetser Ave., Evansville, Ind. 47713

CECIL "Mac" ROBERTS, who held various jobs with RBBB for 40 years, died on Aug. 31st at Miami, Fla. His son, Tommy, recently took over his father's duties on the Blue Unit.

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Still have a few "Circusiana Super Specials" left. Price still $5.50 and that includes postage and handling.

Be sure and check the October issues of "The Circus Report" for the Ringling Bros. Winter Quarters picture offer.

David P. Orr
75 Doe Drive, Terre Haute, Ind. - 47802
A WINNER AT FRESNO (Continued)

The SP had the circus routed to Seattle via Sacramento and Portland, with the show arriving in Seattle at 11 am on Sept. 10th. The Seattle date was set for Sept. 11-16.

This date, in the Pacific Northwest, was sponsored by the local Shrine club. The indication was that the show would have another sell-out stand, for the advance sale was described by one Shriner as being really big.

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EMMETT KELLY SHOW (Continued)

Emmett Kelly, Jr. - balancing a feather on his nose
Miss Olga Olinka - single trap.
Bob Johnson - one finger stand
The Clowns - An armored tank
Gus, Ursula & Don - juggling
Tino Wallenda - high wire
Jackie Althoff - Brown bears (5)

........ Pat Bissonette
Animals are funny people! There is something about them that makes a person wonder if they could have been blessed with long departed minds. Matter of fact a lot of them really do think they are humans. Take for example the cotton mule that proceeded to make a darn fool out of me one time. I was driving my old Nash car along an Alabama back road when suddenly a mule raced out and galloped along in front of the car. I'd blow my horn, pull over onto the shoulder and attempt to pass, only to have him veer over and also hog that part of the road.

This went on for perhaps half a mile, my head out of the window, yelling at him, while he would turn his head around, give me a silly toothy grin and just keep blocking me. When he'd decided I'd been plagued enough, he turned into a side lane, looked around towards me threw his head back and brayed long and lustily.

If this isn't exactly like a certain type of road hog that refuses to let anyone pass their car, well I'll eat my hat.

Then there was the whiskey jackbird up in Ontario that used to appear daily from nowhere and fly just inches above my car's hood. Up grades and down, no matter how much I slowed for hair pin curves through those rock formations, or raced along the straight-away.

The Jack always adjusted his speed. When I'd come within sight of the trading post, he would suddenly tee off and vanish in the brush to await my return another day.

The Canadian northland can tell many a true tale that puts fiction to shame. Up in the Flin Flon mining area a tiny settlement was abandoned when the once rich ore vein gave out. Everyone moved to another strike some 12 miles down the lake and threw up rough shelters — except one miner who was not about to abandon his well built and snug cabin.

With snow on the ground, he sent out a call for everyone with dog teams to join him for a party. They came from miles around, for up there, there are few opportunities during the endless winters for hunters and trappers to enjoy socializing with each other.

After generous drinks and a big meal, the host proposed that his guests all hitch their dog teams to the cabin, and "sled" (See Page 4 of this Supplement)
BIG show band members of Sparks’ World-Famous Shows, season of 1916. Standing, left to right, George Hess, Irwin Tuttle, Gyl Cohen, Miles Racey, Harry Daniels, William Yates and Charles E. Duble. Seated: Harold B. Stephens, Henry Bouge, William Valentine, Jack Philips (leader), Hector Poole, George Risher and Donald Heltzer.
SO WHAT IF THEY'RE LITTLE? — It's a tiger on an elephant, even if both are babies, as Rex Williams shows the start of what he expects to become a finished act.

Performers on the Van Amburgh Shows of 1905 are shown at bottom right. They are, top row, l.t. r. Peeewee Vender: Ben Beno; Ed Millette; John Hines; Joe and Charles Bell. Second row: Mrs. Kellogg; Mrs. Ed Millette; Kate Dooley; Inez Serina, former wife of the late Jess Adkins; Mrs. John Hines; Walter Jennier; Mrs. Jennier. Bottom row: Annie Carroll; Hotzi; Jenny Rooney; Mamie Ward; Ira Millette; Roy Jennier; Guy Kimble. Seated are: Mr. Kelly; Harry Mick and Mr. Burke.
The picture at the bottom, on the right side of the center spread, is of the Buffalo Bill Show, taken during its tour of Europe.

Seated at the table near the tent is Major John M. Burke, press agent; William Langdon and David Laurence. The head chef on the extreme left is Charles A. Smith. To his right is Thomas Jones and Francis Burns, who were Smith's assistants. The other two chefs are unknown.

Smith was a hotel chef in Des Moines, Iowa, and was especially picked by Buffalo Bill for his excellent menus.

RANDOM RAMBLINGS (Continued)

The astonished visitors were speechless for a moment, then as one they burst into laughter and a spokesman cried out:

"By Gar, she is a big load, but we do have these many dogs and she is one job we do."

With much ado the teams totaling by actual count 80 huskies were hitched to the building. After many shouts in Cree, French and English, the cabin broke loose from the ground, and away went the yipping teams with the strange cargo riding merrily behind, across the frozen lake to the new location.

While this instance happened 60 years ago, old timers will often still chuckle and relate how a thrifty miner moved his domicile three miles by dog power.