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## REPORT

### CARDEN-JOHNSON CIRCUS

BY PAT BISSONETTE

The Red Unit of Clyde Bros. Carden-Johnson 3 Ring Circus appeared July 9-10 at the St. Cloud, Minn., Sports Arena ball field. This is the 23rd year the Osman Shrine Temple has sponsored a circus. Two performances were given each day in 98 and 101 degree heat but all acts held up well, performing enthusiastically.

Larry and Betty Carden headed this unit with Cleo Plunkett, ringmaster/announcer; Bobby Gibbs, director of special productions and ring stock supt.; Kay and Bob Parker, organ and drums; Jim Jayes, "Clancy the Clown", producing with "Peanuts" and "Sloppy Joe" assisting; Randy Armstrong, novelties.

After the Clown warm-up and color book sale, the program opened with Bill Golden and his 8 Bengal tigers; Bobby Gibbs, Malamutes; Ms. Kay and Ms. Olga, trapeze; Clown plate spinners; Dave Connors, unicycle/juggling; 3 rings of dressage horses and ponies; 4 girls on web; The Navarros, Sissy Connors, in two rings of ladders and sword balance; Bob and Rosa Gibbs, single elephant; Clown car Ho Ho Taxi worked by Manuel Cortez in a Poodles Hanneford fur coat; Bobby Gibbs, camels and Doug Tarranova, llamas; Cortez Family, trapeze; intermission with a 'Zoomerang' pitch; Connors Duo, rola bola; Szamanski's Chimps; Clown trunk gag; 5 girls on Nautical trapeze; Cleo Plunkett and Sissy Connors do a crazy whistle pitch (ventrilo), Sissy does a yelping dog, a horse whinny and a trilling canary; Bill Golden and the C-J elephants - Vickie, Judy and Ginny.

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There was a 15 minute intermission, with a three-quarter to full house in spite of the high heat and humidity. The program/color book has three reprints of Circus Report front page which head-lined C-J activities.

Some added notes:

David Connors, performer and prop boss, burned his left arm igniting rockets and fire crackers while filling in as operator of the clown car on July 9th.

Animal trainer Doug Tarranova recently purchased a baby Baboon from Ed Steeples and she is surprisingly docile.

Bobby Gibbs has a new look with a full beard and cowboy hat.

Harold "Pops" Cranston, elephant groom got his picture in a local paper while watering the C-J herd.

Cat man Bill Golden's son is learning to be a clown on C-J's Red Unit.

## MAILBAG

FROM VINCE CARMEN

It might be a service to tell your readers that acts intending to work in South America, especially Argentina, should plan ahead because of the high cost of living in these countries.

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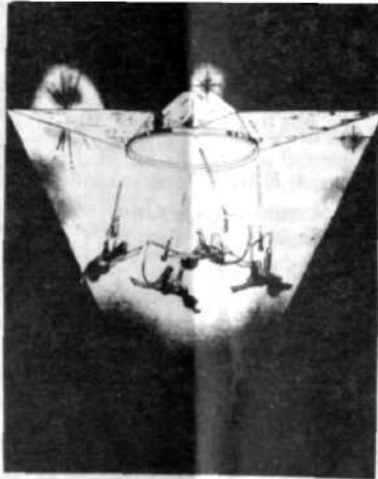
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# Show Dates

Beatty-Cole Circus  
Aug. 4-5 Marion, Ind.  
6-7 Danville, Ill.  
8-10 Decatur

Bentley Bros. Circus  
Aug. 9-10 Johnstown, Pa

Carson & Barnes Circus  
Aug. 6 Ashland, Wisc.  
7 Ontano  
8 Ironwood, Mich  
9 Rhinelander

Circus Vargas  
July 14-16 Boise, Idaho

Europorama  
July 28 Bremerton, Wash

Great All Amer. Youth  
Aug 8-10 San Bernardino  
Calif

Happytime Circus  
Aug 4-10 Paso Robles, Ca.

Hoxie Bros. Circus  
Aug. 4 Silver Creek, NY  
5 Ashtabula, Ohio  
6 Mantua  
7 Lorain  
8 Fremont  
9 Findlay  
10 Springfield

Hubler Int'l Circus  
Aug. 8 La Porte, Ind.

Kaye Cont'l Circus  
Aug. 7-17 Honolulu, Haw

Make-A-Circus  
Aug. 7 San Mateo, Calif.  
8 San Francisco

Ringling-Barnum - Blue  
to Aug 11 Anaheim, Cal.

Ringling-Barnum - Red  
Aug. 5-6 Tulsa, Okla  
8-10 Wichita, Kans

Royal Crown Circus  
Aug. 7-10 Pueblo, Colo.

Stebbing's Circus  
Aug. 7-16 Louisville, Ky

Swan Bros. Circus  
Aug. 6-10 Napa, Calif.

TNT & Royal Olympic  
Aug 6-10 Eden Prairie, Minn

---- MAGIC ----

Manzini - Escape Artist  
to Sep 1 Lake George, NY

Tom Ogden  
to Aug 24 Sheffield, Mass

Felix Snipes  
Aug 8-9 Pampa, Texas

SEAM Convention  
Aug 7-8 Macon, Ga.

---- OTHER DATES ----

Burr's Fun-O-Rama  
Aug 5-11 Rocky Hill, RI

James H. Drew Exposition  
Aug 4-9 Somerset, Ky

Firemen's Muster  
Aug 9-10 Prineville, Ore.

Foley & Burk Shows  
Aug 7-10 Plymouth, Ca.

Frontier Days  
Aug. 9-10 Mendocino, Ca

Gund Western Collection  
to Aug 20 San Fran, Ca.

Gutis Family - Comedy  
Aug 4-9 Yarmouth, N.S.

Hall & Christ Attractions  
to Aug. 10 Ionia, Mich

Ethel Jennier's Greyhounds  
Aug 6-16 Lexington, Ky

Mighty Thomas Shows  
Aug 8-16 Billings, Mont

Old Milwaukee Conclave  
Aug 8-9 Milwaukee, Wsc

Old Time Medicine Show  
Aug 4 Pt. Edwards, Ont.  
6 Kincardine  
7 Strathroy

Royal American Shows  
to Aug 10 Milwaukee, Wsc

The Sikorskys - Jugglers  
Aug. 5-6 Pittston, Pa.

Frank Strout - western act  
Aug 6-10 Gerry, NY

Tip Top Shows - Blue  
Aug 6-10 Wilmot, Wisc

Tip Top Shows - Green  
Aug 6-10 Mauston, Wisc

Whizzer the Clown Show  
Aug 6-10 New Paltz, NY

W. G. Wade Shows  
Aug. 3-9 Jackson, Mich.  
3-9 Corunna

## PEOPLE

MIKE and JOHN WINN were beat up by a gang at the Orange County Fair when they traied to damage their motorhome.

TIM BICKMORE is going to school in Mesa, Ariz., after several years of touring with Circus Vargas.

VELMA LOWRY reports that a tourist group recently toured their circus room and exhibit area.



MANUEL NAVARRO sent me the program for the Blackpool Tower Circus in England, which runs as follows: The Parade Passes By, Equestrian Pas de Deux with CARLOS and SUSANE, and the SVENSSONS; Roberts Br. ponies presented by NORMAN BARRETT; ERICH BRENN, THE WYCHWOOD, the RASTELLIS, JEIYS, and a Parade of Clowns; Interval; Second half begins with MARGARET CHIPPERFIELD and an "Assortment of animals"; WILLIAM RUEDA, BARBARA MORRIS and her California Sea Lions; The DOLLY SISTERS, The RASTELLIS, The SINEKOS, SYLVIA TERON and the Fountain of Lights.

SNAPSHOTS: HARRY THOMAS makes a return appearance in 1981 at the Rochester Shrine Circus produced by M&M. Also on the program are the QUASSARS. . . After a July 31st closing with Int'l All Star the comedy team of BONNIE & CLYDE went to a string of fair dates for Better Booking in Canada, New England and Penna. They will return to All Star when that show resumes its fall run. Meanwhile Billy and Bonnie have been making frequent forays into the Big Apple and note that parking at the New Yorker Trailer Park has now escalated to \$12 a day and \$6 extra if you stay past checkout time (WOW!). . . A friend KEVIN BARBERO who owns a mystery bookstore in Providence called "Murder By The Book" lost his entire stock including rare mystery first editions, in a fire. He is now relocating. That store, as well as several others, will stock my novel beginning around Christmastime. . . MARCELLA has been busying herself creating sequin and rhinestone sew-on designs which are selling like the proverbial hotcakes. . . Hey, the reason the programs for the Pittsburgh and St. Louis Shrine dates never appeared in this column is because I LOST THEM! . . . CAROL ATTERBURY is at home in San Antonio, . . . and I wonder how she's surviving all the heat? She returned at the height of the rampaging sun! . . . JIMMY DOUGLASS took another truck load of organs for his museum in Florida early in July . . . BILL BRICKLE takes out his school circus in November, after his trek with Hoxie Bros. is completed. . . WES and FLORINE OLER arrived on their first fair date with wretched colds. . . RON and JOY HOLIDAY open

this fall in Atlantic City with a sensational new illusion. . . CYNDY MIGLEY and her mother ARMIDA busy making wardrobe for Circus Odyssey. . . JIM PARKER is working in the office for Bentley Bros. Circus.

JENNY WALLEUDA wrote a detailed report about her disastrous trip to South America and I haven't had time to comb through it. . . VASHEK and KATHY are enjoying their tour with Beatty-Cole, they write, and especially their reunion for the season with SUSAN and CEMON whose daughter JULIANNA makes an ideal playmate for their daughter YANA. . . Recent visitors to the B-C lot were BEV and BILL GALLOWAY of Rochester. . . Designer GEORGE daDEPPO says he is feeling better after a long and serious illness. . . VIRGINIA LEE FENTON is scheduled to be with Bentley Bros. Circus.

TANDEM PRESS, with whom my BILBAR BOOK COMPANY will be associated in the near future on important publishing deals, is owned by JUDITH KEITH, herself a performer, best-selling novelist, self-publisher. Judith does a one woman comedy show at conventions based on her national best seller "I Haven't A Thing To Wear." We are neighboring publishers and since we are performers as well as friends we have a lot in common so don't tell me show business and the publishing business do not go hand-in-glove!

This is as good a spot as any to thank some of those hard-working people knocking themselves out on my behalf and promoting my book: ELIZABETH BAUER, BARBARA WOODCOCK, BONNIE ARMOR, WALLY NAGHTIN, FREDDIE and LONI, LEE MALONEY, LOTTIE BRUNN, TED CHIRRIK, SANDY DOBRITCH and MICHELE, IAN M. GARDEN, Dr. WILLIAM S. STANDRING, ROSEMARY MARINO, BEVERLY HEIGHMAN, BOBBY DAVIS, GRACE McINTOSH, JUDITH KEITH, ELISA FITZGERALD, the Felix Adler CFA Tent, FRANK ROBIE, JOE, MARY LOU and DIANE LANDES, Ed and CYNDY MIGLEY, MARK ANTHONY, The OMAHA SHRINE, MACK ESHLEMAN, DON MARCKS, GEORGE Da DEPPO, All the folks associated directly with Bilbar Books, LA NORMA and GILBERT, with more and more

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# REPORT

## NEWS FROM LONDON

BY JACK NIBLETT

The Circus Hassani (The circus without animals) after its short ill-starred winter season has been revived for a summer tour, help coming from an unexpected source.

The Hassani family reportedly sank all of their savings into the show and lost over \$40,000 in the process, but have now been bailed out by the RSPCA the animal protection society, a stern opponent of performing animals for many years. They have been quoted as coming forward with an offer of \$10,000 for the Hassanis presumably in an effort to sustain their opinion that a circus without trained animals could still draw the public and be a financial success.

Circus Hassani's bill has been strengthened by artists from the defunct Gerry Cottle Circus in the shape of the large Santus Julian family (cyclists, jugglers, comedy tumblers) and the clown Matto; and opened its summer season at Nottingham on June 9th. The circus is at present playing the London suburbs and I saw the show at Clapham Common, a venue for many big circuses in the past.

The four pole tent was neat and colorful, attendants uniformed, correctly garbed ringmaster, music by organ and drums, and the whole show being presented on a raised circular stage which filled the customary ring space.

The program, which lasted two hours, including and interval ran as follows:

Hassani Clown Charivari; Los Kansas, jugglers; Miss Gina, corde lisse; Clowns Matto and Paul, strong man gag; Danyarhi and Co., illusions; a Gorilla comedy on sway pole; Tan-Tan, Arab tumblers; Sisters Mack, western act; Santus Julian, cyclists; Clown photographer; Debbie Sue, swinging ladder; Clown and Hair Growing gag; Two Beraras, foot jugglers; Billy Tem-

pest, escapologist; The Loonies, comedy acrobats; Sasha Coco, son of the late famous Coco the clown, and brother-in-law to Mr. Hassani, and who was due to appear in his father's circus costumes and make-up as Coco II was unable to appear at the performance which I saw owing to illness.

I have to confess that despite initial prejudice I enjoyed the show. The pace, variety of acts, performance and excellent wardrobe were all so good I felt that I failed, at the time, to notice the complete absence of animal acts. I came away feeling that I had seen a good show - but not quite a circus!

David Smart's Super Circus also opened in June, at Battersea Park, quite close to Central London, for a long summer season. This is unquestionably, the most sumptuous tented circus which England has seen for a long time, and must easily have cost the money that Mr. Smart claims was spent on the show.

The elaborate box office, front doors, bandstand, lighting effects and the colossal four pole tent with its rows of seats, of which more than half are individual chairs, are all quite breath-taking with their style. With a program to match the rich surroundings David Smart, with real courage in this uncertain year, has done everything to encourage the customers, and to revive a flagging interest in the circus.

The program opens with "Supersomic" circus band playing a specially written overture, "The Family of Circus" and a welcome from the "World's Most Glamorous Ringmistress", Yasmine Smart. Then follows: The Constantini Group on the giant trampoline; The Paulsons, aerial cradle; Yasmine Smart with Arabian Liberty horses; The Koziaks, Russian bar act; Mimo di Lello, comedy car; Dany Cesar, Man on the Moon equilibrist; Roberts Bros. elephants; Interval; The Koziaks, perch pole; Los Castros, high wire; Yasmine Smart and Dany

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## in the NEWS

### BEROSINI PLEADS GUILTY

*(The following information is from an article by Don Quinn, which appeared in the Imperial Valley Press (Calif.) on July 10, 1980).*

Jungle cat owner-trainer Otto Berosini pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor violation of state regulations prohibiting the possession of wild animals without a permit.

The guilty plea in El Centro Municipal Court came during the second day of a jury trial and ended a series of plea bargaining negotiations between defense counsel Eduardo Rivera and the district attorney's office.

In return for the guilty plea, Deputy District Attorney Cheryl Bueno dismissed four additional charges related to possession and state regulations governing the proper care of wild animals.

Municipal Court Judge William Lehnhardt sentenced Berosini to one year summary probation and a representative for the state Dept. of Fish and Game issued a temporary permit for Berosini to move his animals out of California within a 48 hour period, effective July 14th.

Later, Berosini said, "I am being deported from the state of California." He seemed dissatisfied with the decision to plead guilty and remarked that he had no other choice.

Representatives of the Wildlife Waystation in San Fernando were given a check for \$4,251 to cover care, feeding and veterinary expenses for Berosini's animals following their seizure by Fish and Game Warden Robert Flynt on May 10th.

The check was signed by Mrs. Sylvia L. Cole, wife of a former county conciliator, who became a firm supporter of Berosini shortly after his troubles were made public. Berosini said he will repay Mrs. Cole's donation.

A spokesman for the animal refuge said the cost of keeping Berosini's animals was based on a figure of \$6.42 per day for each of the animals (1 lion, 3 tigers) and \$3.66 per day for each of the two leopards. Water, additional care and cleaning cages for all six animals came to an additional \$9 per day. There were also more than \$1,000 in veterinary expenses.

The trial had been expected to continue and Deputy District Attorney Ken Chinn had expected to call one more witness in the prosecution of Berosini.

Berosini was named in separate criminal charges alleging possession of a prohibited species without a permit and housing animals in sub-standard cages.

Berosini said he was committed to fighting the case in court despite an earlier settlement offer. Berosini said if he won, the state must give his animals back.

Berosini hit the headlines earlier this year when one of his "love trained" lions was reported loose in the Calexico area and the State Fish and Game people investigated.

According to testimony by Fish and Game Warden Robert Flynt, two tigers, a lion, and three leopards were located at a ranch in Calexico.

Flynt said some of the animals were on leashes attached to a van while others were in cages that did not conform to state standards.

The Fish and Game official said a man identified as Jerry Douglas Smith said he was caring for the animals for Berosini. Smith reportedly said he did not have permits for the cats, but that Berosini did. Smith, however, was not sure of Berosini's whereabouts.

Flynt told the jury, "I verified some permits had been issued by the state to a Berosini for apes but not to Otto Berosini."

When questioned about the size of the cages, Flynt said the Bengal tiger, for example, was in a cage about 4 ft. x 8 ft. x 4 ft. But in cross examination Flynt admitted that he did not take actual measurements of any cage found at the ranch location.

Flynt seized the animals on the order of Calexico Municipal Court Judge Robert Fox and although Berosini reportedly called Flynt and said he was enroute to Calexico with the permits, "Mr. Berosini never arrived and the cats were sent to the Wildlife Waystation shelter in San Fernando Valley," Flynt said.

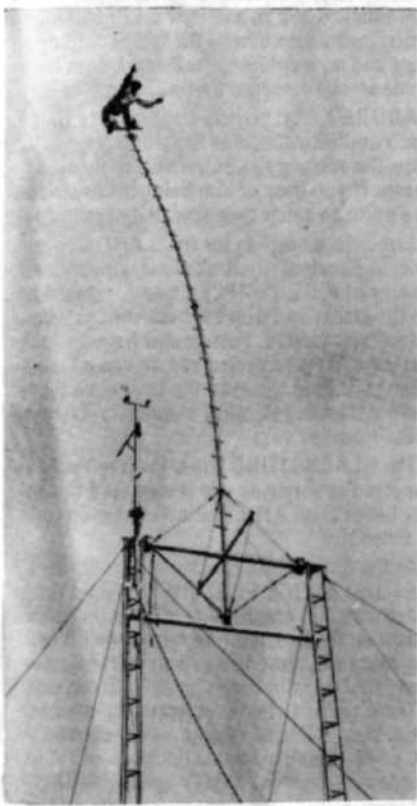
Deputy Chinn, who prosecuted with co-worker Bueno, then questioned Flynt about an agreement Berosini signed on May 6th, which allowed Berosini to take his animals back to Las Vegas.

Flynt said the agreement was a culmination of several meetings between state representatives and Berosini and, in some cases, Berosini's then defense counsel, Walter Cress.

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BY LLOYD E. JONES

BERT EASLEY'S Magic and Fun Shop in Phoenix suffered a \$55,000 fire in early July. Fortunately, the recently built warehouse was not touched and so a detour was made for visitors. Insurance covered the loss according to Bert and no one was hurt. But, he does have some smoke damaged books. Interested?

ANDRE KOLE starts a hundred city tour for Youth For Christ in September. He will play Canada and the Eastern U. S. By all means if you hear of him being nearby make it a point to catch the show. It's excellent!

Just before heading for the S.A.M. Convention in Pasadena, a drunk came around the corner of PHIL TEMPLE's street, crashed into the trailer and drove it back into his car, which was totaled. Posters and frames in the car were likewise ruined and he had a bust time at 3:30 in the morning to replace them before traveling South. Fortunately, his show wasn't packed yet.

The BLACKSTONE Show in New York is reported as surviving and is expected to run 'til Labor Day. After that a nationwide tour is scheduled.

At the S.A.M. Business Meeting, retiring President BRUCE FLETCHER livened the otherwise dull and routine affair with some quickies. When Tucson reported their meeting place was close to a prison and inmates had inquired about membership, Bruce said, "There seems to be no objection to membership, but I'd like to remind you that the S.A.M. is now being made in chocolate and if they got some they might break out!" OUCH!!

Later, during a discussion of continuing efforts to get a stamp honoring magicians, preferably with Houdini, Fletcher said, "Houdini in his will stated that no stamp should be made to honor him. He didn't want anyone to lick him." Ooooh.

One more chuckle arose during a discussion on the Houdini Hospital Fund maintained under the direction of the Parent Assembly. Efforts had been made to find out when it was changed from a welfare fund to the Houdini fund and to discover this a call was made to a prominent S.A.M. member. To the caller's

## HOTLINE

July 11 - Kennewick, Wash. - Elephant handler John Loeffler suffered a broken arm when an elephant with Circus Vargas picked him up and threw him to the ground. The incident occurred just outside the big top as Loeffler and the elephant were standing alongside each other while the performance was underway in the circus tent.

July 17 - Kalispell, Montana - Willie the clown who has toured with the American Continental Circus for several years, was burned in the face when a charge of black powder, used in the clown cannon number, exploded prematurely during the circus performance. He is confined to the Kalispell Regional Hospital in Montana.

## In Memoriam

FRED KAPS (50's), considered by many to be the world's greatest magician, and a really nice guy, died of cancer on July 22nd in Europe. He had been appearing at Monte Carlo, then after 9 days of shows he was forced to return home because of his health, where he passed away. He created many tricks and illusions, one of which was the Dancing Cork.

surprise, the response was immediate as to date, this was noted in M.U.M. What a memory! However, after checking the particular issue it was noted that the member had been the front page feature of that issue. Oh, no!

LEON M. LEON, son of the late Great Leon was submitted to prostate surgery on July 14. No malignancy and all clear, His wife, popular Magical Teddy (Theresa) says he will return to active magic club participation in a few weeks.

PERCY EASLER well known Vancouver magic club member died in early July. He was in his 70's.

CARL HEMEON, who with his wife LOTTIE were noted for their magic act featuring doves (Symphony In Blue) suffered a stroke in early July. Convention reports from visitors stated he is recovering well and the prognosis is good for a complete recovery.

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### REPORT

#### BEATTY-COLE PLANS EXPANSION

*(The following article appeared in the July 14, 1980 issue of Variety).*

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus is going in to a major expansion program. The show has retained Thomas K. Scallen as president of the arena division, who will produce and book the show into major arenas next season.

It's first date will be at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, Oct. 29. Outfit will play about 30 dates during the year, and wind up the season in May.

Scallen is the former operator of "Ice Follies" and "Holiday On Ice" which he sold to Arthur M. Wirtz, latter in turn sold both icers to Mattel Toys which also owns the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, headed by Irvin and Kenneth Feld, with which the CB-BC Circus will compete.

The Beatty-Cole Circus played in a scaled-down size in shopping malls last season. It is owned by Jerry Collins, who has other interests, including the Sarasota and Orlando kennel clubs. The show's marketing director is Tim Stinson, who held a similar position with Ringling, and operations veepee is John Pugh.

Under the new format, CB-BC Circus will be a three ring show in which thrill acts will predominate.

Scallen, who will book the show out of his office at the International Broadcasting Co. of Minneapolis, intends to set the dates so that competition with other shows will be minimized.

Scallen says there are many cities unable to get a major circus, which will provide a fertile area for them. He said that in cities played by another circus, he will try to book dates sufficiently far apart.

### Wedding

Wedding bells rang twice for J. P. Theron and Doris Gutierrez, who were married on July 26 in New York City, where the bride's family attended. The couple was remarried on Aug. 1st in Sarasota, Fla., for the groom's family.

### REPORT

#### GREMLINS AT WORK

The Gremlins are still busy working within the equipment that is normally used to produce Circus Report each week. Just as soon as one thing is repaired it seems something else breaks down.

The servicemen have almost found a second home here.

### MAIL

The Post Office has returned mail addressed to the following people. They say it can no longer be delivered as addressed.

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BY RALPH HENDERSON

The routes in Circus Report listed The Tent Troupe as being in Greenfield, Ind., July 12th and since I was going to be enroute from the Baraboo parade to the Peru Circus Festival it was right on my way. I followed the blue arrows to the fair grounds and found they had already arrived and set up on a grassy lot.

This is a touring tent theatre, their top is a red and white tent, a 60 ft round with a 30 ft middle, with 8 ft. side walls. On the mid-way was a small novelty stand and souvenir tent and a concession trailer.

In the backyard was a 30x60 pad room and a 20x40 cook tent. I found the group to be extremely friendly and was invited to join them for lunch.

The matinee was a production for children entitled "Treasured Island Tales." All nineteen of the cast members take part, telling in story and song of life on different islands of the world. The evening show was "Inherit the Wind", a play in 5 scenes and 3 acts. The nineteen member cast is augmented by local

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people to play members of the jury and the trial witnesses. The performance was very believable and entertaining and it is a very talented group of people.

The show moves on three rental trucks, a station wagon, and a ten passenger van that pulls the concession trailer. They are on the road from June to July.

The Tent Troupe is based in Silver Springs, Md and this is their 11th season on the road. Their director is Pastor David Shasheen; Drama Director is Roney Shawi; Boss Canvasman, Paul Bruening; Electrician and Sound engine, David Rutland; Cookhouse supt., Ellen Shaheen; Business and Concession managers, Joe and Dottie Wiebush.

I found this to be a very talented and friendly group of people and I spent the entire day on the lot, until tear down.

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# PEOPLE

**DONNA "Twirlee" McBRIDE**, National Secretary for the National Clowns of America, reports this is "National Clown Week" Aug. 1 to 7th.

**JOHN STUART**, magician, served as co-chairman for a new project "Clown Carnavale Canada" which was held at Moncton, N.B. on July 4-6.

**BILL CUNNINGHAM**, general manager of the Oakland (Calif.) Coliseum has announced his retirement effective Oct. 1st. He has managed the Coliseum since it opened in 1966.

**ROGER DuBOIS** appeared as "Chippie" the Super Ape and **GARY GIROUARD** was "The Silent Clown" in a program for a recent Fight Night at the Naval Base, Newport, R. I.

**MIKE McCARTHY**, advance clown for Circus Vargas, and the Governor of Washington were pictured together in Seattle papers prior to the show's arrival in that city.

**BILL OMEIS** produced a Circus Music Concert at Youngstown, Ohio, on July 30th. He is a former circus and rodeo musician.

**ZACCHINI** the Human Cannonball was featured at Rhode Island's Rocky Point Park in early July.

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**SUSAN (Bo Bo Brown) CORONA** made circus clowns out of her fellow employees at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas for the annual Chili Cook-off. The Nephrology Division clowns won First Place for showmanship.

**BOB and LOU FLOWERS STODDARD, ELEN TIMBERLAKE, BECKY ESKEW and SUSAN CORONA**, representing COA Alley 85, spent most of July 11th driving to Joshua, Texas, to buy a fire truck for parade activities. The man who had promised them the truck sold it prior to their arrival.

**CHAPPIE FOX** is in California this month doing advance work for the Ringling Blue Unit.

**GENE NICHOLS**, former Beatty-Cole band leader, visited Carson & Barnes Circus at De Kalb, Ill. (June 16) and sat in with the show band.

**ALBERT LUCAS**, juggler, reportedly was married just recently. He is touring with an ice show.

**REPORT****CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS**

BY KAREN CART

Carson & Barnes has been the scene of a lot of activity recently. It started June 26th when Gen. Supt., Geary Byrd celebrated his birthday with a cookout for the entire show. The 175 guests enjoyed charcoaled bratwursts, baked beans, potato salad, etc, as well as the traditional cake and ice cream.

On July 4th, Owner and President D. R. Miller, Isla Miller, their grand-daughter, Traci Byrd and Publicity and Public Relations Director Ted Bowman left for Baraboo, Wisc., to see the circus parade sponsored by the Circus World Museum and to participate in the associated activities. D. R. was guest speaker at the National Circus Historical Society Convention banquet on Sunday evening. They returned to the show on July 7th. Barbara Byrd and daughter, Kristin, went to Baraboo for the day on the 5th to see the parade. All reported the trip was well worthwhile as they really enjoyed the parade, all the events and seeing old friends.

The highlight of the recent activities was the raising of the new big top. It is another first for D. R. Miller. It is probably the largest push pole top in use in this country. It was manufactured in Italy according to D. R.'s design

and specifications. It is a 13U with 4 forties, 1 fifty and 2 twenties. It will accommodate the 5 rings, with the track as in the old tent. On July 9th, they made a trial run by spreading the tent and putting up two center poles. Despite the 100 plus temperature and shortness of time, Barbara Byrd's birthday couldn't be overlooked. She and approximately 25 guests enjoyed dinner at the local steak house. Then in the evening when it was cooler, all had birthday cake and ice cream.

July 10th, at Storm Lake, Iowa, was the big day. The new tent went up and was used for the first time. The inside is two-toned blue stripes with red, white and blue stars. The outside is orange and blue stripe; the sidewall is blue with a yellow stripe with the Carson & Barnes logo in orange going completely around it. There are matching ring mats for each of the 5 rings and orange and blue flags for the 8 poles. It is beautiful and being water resistant and with a minimum amount of rope and cable is practical.

Visitors during this time, in addition to yours truly, and Mrs. Kelly Miller, were: Albert and Anita Vonderhied, their daughters, Mari and Susan, Dan and Rosalie Draper, Don Frances, and Jim McRoberts. The Vonderheids joined the show for Geary's birthday, then went to Baraboo for the activities there, afterwards returning to the show for Barbara's birthday, to see the net tent go up, and to celebrate Maria's birthday on July 12th.



**SPECIAL****TEXANS MADE NOT BORN . . .**

BY BOB STODDARD

The International Wildlife Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, has 33 new babies to care for. The babies, ranging in age from one to four have practically become television stars in Texas since their journey began several months ago.

Even though the African elephant is on the endangered species list, it was determined by scientists that the elephant population in Kruger National Park, South Africa, had too many elephants and that 33 young ones would have to be moved or destroyed.

The International Animal Exchange, Inc., determined that they should all become Texans, and began to prepare the elephants for the trip. Their environment and diet were slowly and gradually changed into what they would encounter in Texas. The similar climates of the two areas made the transition easier.

They were moved by truck, in individual crates to Durban, South Africa. Then the long trip by ship to Houston, and finally a ten hour trip by truck to the Dallas area location with feed and

**Acts****ROYAL DANISH CIRCUS**

The Royal Danish Circus featured the following performers and personnel for its June 28-29 engagement at Pine Mountain, Ga.

Ringmaster, Albert Sahlstrom; Clowns, Coco, Jr., Coco III and Pizza the Clown.

The program ran as follows: Coco & Co., a clown warm-up; Lilli-Ana and her leopards; Coco & Co., stilts; Rosita and Alberto, comedy plate spinning; Benny Cristiani, comedy pony act; Arguilas, perch pole; Coco & Co.; Diana, foot juggler; Angela Wilnow and her Collies; The Bertinis, aerial act; Yvonne, high school act; Rudi Del Monte, balancing; Coco & Co.; The Rolling Diamonds, roller skaters; Erma's Chimpanzees and the Vickinas, teeterboard act, followed by a Finale with all of the performers.

water stops every three hours, then finally they were released in the elephant area at the International Wildlife Park.

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**SPECIAL****BELT BREAK BLAMED IN FATAL FALL**

BY HARRY GRAHAM

Jesus Segrera says it was a mechanic belt failure that cost Ringling-Barnum flyer Julio Farias his life last month during a practice session in Tucson, Ariz.

Julio's catcher-father Fidel was in the ring coaching and his cousin Jorge Page was handling the mechanic cables when the tragic accident occurred. Jorge formerly flew with the Farias, but was an apprentice catcher this year.

Segrera is catcher-boss of the Flying Segreras, who also work their act on the Ringling Blue Unit. His wife is Julio's mother's sister.

On the fatal fall, Julio turned the three-and-a-half, then Page took up the slack in the mechanic cables, as he was supposed to do. But there was a loop in one of the cables, which kinked in one of the pulleys.

Julio was thrown to one side, and Segrera says the mechanic belt split. The flyer miss-

ed the net and fell to the floor on his head. He never regained consciousness. Five days later, the life-support system was disconnected when his parents had learned there was no hope for his recovery. He fell on June 25, and died June 30th.

"It's the first time I ever heard of such an accident happening," said Jesus in San Diego the following week. "I just don't know of a belt ever breaking before."

Jesus said the death broke up the best two-team flying act the world has ever seen. Julio did the three-and-a-half, and so did Miguel Caceras, Segrera's principal flyer.

The Farias left the Ringling Blue Unit after the accident, Jesus said. He did not know how long it would be before they returned. The Flying Segreras are continuing their act with the circus.

Segrera said Julio apparently had a premonition of death before the fall. The day before the accident, Julio was about to take leave of his girlfriend, saying goodbye in Miami in preparation to fly to Tucson to rejoin the circus.

"Look at me for the last time," Segrera says Julio told the girl. "The next time you'll see me in pieces."

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Appearing on July 1st, at the College Park meeting were: Frank Ball, CFA, of Arlington, Va., and Col. E. T. Bale, animal trainer from Venice, Fla., and Ringling attorney, Larry Jones.

The July 10th meeting in Kansas City, Mo. was attended by John Cuneo, Hawthorn Circus Corp., Roland Gibbs, CFA, from Glenwood, Iowa and Larry Jones, Ringling attorney.

New regulations will soon be published in the Federal Register for all to see and read.

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**REPORT****A BUSY AREA**

The immediate Chicago area, as well as other parts of Illinois will soon be busy playing host to several circuses, all coming in within a matter of a few weeks time.

*Bewteen Aug. 15th and Sept. 15th, the Chicago area will be welcoming Circus Vargas, Carson & Barnes, Franzen Bros., Carden-Johnson, Hoxie Bros. and Beatty-Cole.*

*Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit will play in Chicago Nov. 18-30, while the Red Unit will be playing Springfield Aug. 29-Sept. 1, and Champlain Sept. 26-28.*

**PEOPLE**

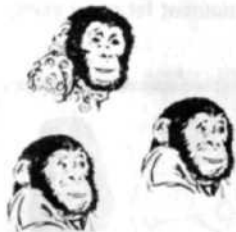
**CRAIGE McCOMB SNADER, Jr.**, has just published issue No. 6 of his "Occasional" newsletter which is a 20 page interesting and delightful report on his activities and magic. For information write him at: P. O. Box 12-655, Mexico 12, D.F., Mexico,

**SPECIAL****MANZINI PLANS COFFIN ESCAPE**

Mario Manzini, Guinness World Champion Daredevil Escape King has accepted a challenge to attempt the most dangerous escape stunt of his career. He will be locked into 15 pairs of Police hand and leg cuffs by Lake George, NY, Police and Warren County Sheriff's Deputies. He will then be placed into a large coffin. The lid will be screwed, nailed and locked with ropes and chains. 500 lbs of fweights will be attached to the coffin and it will be lowered into Lake George, from the Steel Pier. Manzini will have only 2 minutes to free himself from the shackles and the sealed coffin or risk drowning.

This will be another first for Manzini who is attempting to set a new Guinness World Record. He currently holds 6 world records and last year attempted an escape for the Escapology World Title at the Circus World Championships in London.

He is presently appearing, through Sept. 1st, at Gaslight Village in Lake George. Also appearing at the park are the Bruski's with their juggling and unicycle act.

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# SPECIAL

## CLOWN PLANS RETIREMENT

When the spotlight turns on the center ring of the Carden-Johnson Circus at Reno, Nevada, the weekend of Aug. 17th, it will mark the last performance for Bob-O the Clown, who in real life is Robert E. Hitson.

The grease paint, the shiny red nose, the baggy pants and the banjo shoes will come off, to be hung up after 56 years of clowning for circuses, fairs, carnivals and shopping centers.

It's been a long journey for Bob-O who was born in a small Tennessee town. He came to Sacramento, Calif., at the age of 8 and was initiated into the theatrical world when he appeared in a Christmas scene in the window of a Kimball-Upson Co. store. "I was the little

boy, dreaming in his bed when the fairy princess arrived," he recalls.

Hitson moved to Fresno during the Depression, where he felt the urge to join the big top and so at 14 years of age he joined the Barnum & Bailey show, setting up seats and watering animals. Later, after working as a candy butcher, he joined Clown Alley and credits a lot of his knowledge to the late Felix Adler.

"I can remember closing a show in Nashville on Sunday and driving more than a thousand miles to open in Colorado Springs on Tuesday," he said.

His work in the circus cooktent gave him a second vocation, for Hitson and his wife, Isabel, operated a restaurant for many years,

**BOB-O RETIRES (Continued)**

and at one time he operated the cafeteria in the State consumer affairs building in Sacramento, but once again the lure of the circus was too strong and he took to the road.

Isabel has been designing his costumes and making them for the 23 years they've been married.

"It's the children I'll miss most," he says as tears well up in his eyes. "They bring joy to my soul. It's great to see them laugh and have fun when there's so damned much sadness in the world today. If I can make them laugh it's more than money to me, mister."

Two strokes and a severe heart attack last year have slowed Hitson down and forced Bob-O into retirement.

The Reno performance for a Shrine children's benefit will be his last show.

"I've enjoyed this life. It's been most gratifying and I'd just like the kids to know I'm still around and kicking even though Bob-O and I can't clown anymore," Hitson said.

**REPORT****CIRCUS ARTS TROUPE**

BY W. S. JACKSON

The "Circus Arts Troupe" consists of a trio of very nice and talented young performers, who I visited at the Jefferson Mall in Louisville, Ky.

The troupe consists of Dixon White and his wife, Annie, and a partner, Jim Strinknacoff. They are based out of Tucson, Ariz., and travel in a large motor home and trailer. Dixon also handles the bookings, and has a degree in Marketing.

They juggle 7 and 8 rings, 7 balls, use unicycles up to 10 ft. high, do tight wire, unicycle on the wire, juggle clubs, devil sticks and Dixon works with the kids and adults from the audience, keeping up a steady gift of gab. All three performers also play the piano.

They give a half hour to 45 minute performance in shopping malls and the crowd certainly builds for their presentation. In fact during the shows this writer caught the audience was up three times as large at the end of the show as when it started.

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**SPECIAL****"ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO"**

Billy Barton made his final outdoor appearance during the Greencastle (Pa) Old Home Week Celebration held every four years and it was the first time he has appeared professionally in his home town. His performance was held at 9:45 p.m., Monday, Aug. 4, on the lawn of the St. Marks Catholic Church and preceded the Grand Opening Ball.

Special posters, radio spot announcements and heavy press coverage heralded his in-person appearance. Among the large crowd attending the event were the performer's family, staff of his newly formed publishing company, Jim Harshman, with a group from the Emmett Kelly CFA tent, located in nearby Hagerstown, local dignitaries and scores of friends from the area.

"I have packed away my outdoor rigging for good," he smiled, as the frame was dropped and dismantled. "I have always hated working outside at the mercy of sun, wind, rain, heat, cold, mud and now, thank God, I don't have to do that any more. Give me buildings or big tops but this outdoor business you can give to campers."

Wednesday, July 30, the performer-turned-author met with CFA'r Jim Harshman on Hoxie Tucker's Great American Circus (playing eight miles away in Waynesboro) and donated to the Emmett Kelly Library and Museum his remaining memorabilia. "A lot of it," he said, "I had already given away and a lot of it got burned. I don't keep scrapbooks or mementoes. It's the future that interests me. I know where I've been, what I've done, it's where I'm going and what I will be doing that counts."

The author's first novel scheduled for release in September will be released instead on Aug.

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**PEOPLE**

ART "Doc" MILLER recalls one of the funniest statements he ever heard at a circus. It took place on the Ringling show where they played to a straw house in New England. The loud speaker assured the still gathering crowd that there would be plenty of room inside, with "Plenty of seating room on freshly laundered canvas."

GENE HUGHES, former clown, won 1st Prize at a Gong Show, with his magic, held at Mc Bee's Lounge in Columbia, SC. As a result of the contest he won a three weeks booking engagement at the Lounge.

21st. "We are two weeks ahead of schedule," he advises. "That edition is nearly sold out and the second 'run', also a first edition, will be released right behind the initial run but will not go out autographed. "The autographed edition was for the pre-publication sale only." Those people not getting their orders in before the deadline are out of luck."

The regular edition, also priced at \$11.95, is distributed through a center set up by BilBar Books. "I see neither the orders or the books being mailed," remarks the author. "It works just the same as it does for any other writer. The company is run by professionals. My job is to write and sell books."

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# REPORT

## S. A. M.'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Society of American Magician's International Convention, held in Southern California July 9-12, featured four shows, each presented at the Civic Auditorium in Pasadena, Calif.

The Convention's General Chairman was Dale R. Hindman, Production Stage Manager was Michael D. Douglass, and the Jerry Rosen orchestra played for the last three shows.

Personnel featured on the shows were:

July 9 - M.C., Bruce Fletcher; John Fedko; Ronny Cortes; Kerry Ross; Khan & Wendy; Mike Douglass and Lori Demarjian; Earl Zinger and Zicarte Y. Melba.

July 10 - M.C., Billy McComb; Mark Kalin and Linda; Dan Stapleton; Liebenow; Cha Nin; Fantasio; Dan Stapleton; Paul Driscoll & Co.

July 11 - M.C., Jay Marshall; Mercer Helms; Roland Hill; Ricardo; Frances Willard; Jana Lou; Pat Page; Phil Temple & Co.

July 12 - M. C., Mike Caldwell; Ger Copper; Glenn Falkenstein; Norm Nielson; Mr. Electric; Petrick & Mia; Chuck Jones and Co.

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## LONDON NEWS (Continued)

Cesar, double haute ecole; Constantini Troupe a springboard act; Doreen Pedersen's sea lions and penguins; Bubi and Juli, clowns; The Flying Lantons, flying trapeze; Finale "Fantasy in White" with stars taking their bows in an elaborate spectacle.

An added attraction may be seen outside the big top as the customers are leaving, in the shape of an aerial trapeze/motorcycle combination provided by the Three Paulsons. Production numbers during the show are supplied by girls from the Jackie Palmer Dancing School, while continuation comedy is provided by Rubi and Juli, German clowns.

The show has opened well to good notices, with steady business and with promise of increased patronage as school holidays progress and the circus has already received Royal Patronage with Princess Margaret being present at a Royal Gala Charity performance.

**BILLY BARTON (Continued)**

names being added to that list daily, not to mention people in my home town area whose names wouldn't be recognizable to you. I am grateful for the support these friends, many of whom read the book in its manuscript form.

**CLOSEUPS:** Hamid-Morton clown **MARK ESHLEMAN** is back home in Harrisburg foregoing a lengthy summer tour of dates with another show to take care of his meat business - that's right, that's what I said, his meat business. . . My Condolences to the **FLYING FARIAS** on Ringling Blue over their recent terrible personal loss and tragedy. . . Business for Great Adventure, so advises **JOE BAUER**, continues to be excellent. . . **LOTTIE BRUNN** arrived on the Hoxie lot July 4th - a day late for our meeting, set for July 3rd and **THEN** had the gall to lay me out for **NOT** being there - that's out Lottie!

**BILL BRICKLE** is experiencing nothing but headaches with his new Holiday Rambler and is all upset about it. . . The Vargas show plays the Chicago area soon, the first time the show has come that far east in several years. . . **GEORGE** and **VICKI HANNEFORD** joined forces with **TOMMY HANNEFORD** on several dates this year. . . **JUNE DEWSBURY** has actually taken a hand at the kitchen range and swears she can cook - well, grilled cheese sandwiches at any rate and for June that is quite a culinary accomplishment. . . **SHE** scorches **WATER!** . . . **CHRIS HUDSON** told **FRANK CURRY** she almost fainted from shock when she received a book-flyer by mail. Why, Chris, I remember people's addresses I just don't get around to writing letters. . . The Godmother **AURELIA HALL** finally made it up to Benson's to be with daughter **CARMEN**. . . **FRANK GALAMBO** is the Bentley Bros. prop boss and super, sharing those honors with hard-working

**CHESTER CABLE.** Both are good men to have around a show.

**TALENT ROSTER** on **M&M Circus** for the Kiawanis in Wyandotte (Mich) July 21-27 included: Mike Clark, lions; Don Phillips & Co.; the Kursawes, the Wainwrights, Walt King's mixed group and elephants; the Patricks, Miss Paula and aerial ballet; Victor Julian's Little Stars presented by Leo Coffey; the Davidsons; the Patricks; the Freddies; the Widgets; the Bertloffs and Mister Sensation. Clowns, headed up by Vern Woerner, included Irv Romig, Rocky Ridedeau, Rick Legg. Musical director, William Browning; Equestrian director/announcer Jim Douglass, spec by Circus Creations. **M&M** is, of course, produced by Gracie McIntosh and Chuck Marine.

**IN ORDER** to find out how badly Ringling Red was suffering in that killer heat wave I finally wired **WALLY NAGHTIN** to call me. He said the animals seemed to be getting the worst of it, especially his bears which he kept hosed down with water. Several times they simply refused to work and had to be put back in the cages. Some animals suffered heat prostration going from the building to the trains. Wally said they traveled at night because it was so hot cars actually burned their motors in the daytime. Business remained good due to air conditioning in the buildings.

**PEDRO CARRILLO** is up and about and the act is practicing though not working. Had his fall not been broken by a net they were forced to use in Glens Falls (NY) the accident would have been far more serious. Other than the pall cast over the show by the tragic death of 16 year old **JULIO FARIAS** on Ringling Blue, Wally says everything is fine.

**NEXT WEEK's** column is scheduled to be written by **LEE MALONEY** (if he gets it in on time) - SO . . .

## Shrine Dates

SALEM OREGON - Salem Shrine Club

BY MIKE SPORRER

- 1956 - Sept. 19-20 - Polack Bros. Western Fairgrounds  
 1957 - July 19-20 - Polack Bros. Western - Waters Field  
 1958 - July 25-26 - Rudy Bros. - Fairgrounds  
 1959 - None  
 1960 - Aug. 6 - Rudy Bros. - Waters Field  
 1961 - July 28-29 - Rudy Bros. - Ball Park  
 1962 - Aug. 13-14 - Rudy Bros. - Armory  
 1963 - July 16-17 - Rudy Bros. - Armory  
 1964 - June 4 - Rudy Bros. - Cancelled  
 1965 - June 5-6 - Rudy Bros. - Armory  
 1966 - June 18-19 - Rudy Bros. - Armory  
 1967 - June 24-25 - Gatti-Charles - Armory  
 1968-1969 - None  
 1970 - Mar. 9-10 - Hubert Castle - Armory  
 1971 - Mar. 8-9 - Hubert Castle - Armory  
 1972 - Mar. 13-14 - Hubert Castle - Armory  
 1973 - Mar. 12-13 - Hubert Castle - Armory  
 1974 - Mar. 11-12 - Hubert Castle - Armory  
 1975 - Mar. 25-26 - Hubert Castle - Armory  
 1976 - Mar. 23-24 - Hubert Castle - Armory  
 1977 - Mar. 22-23 - Hubert Castle - Sparks Ar.  
 1978 - Mar. 20-21 - Hubert Castle - Armory  
 1979 - Aug. 21-22 - Hubert Castle - Sparks Ar.

(Note: Sparks Arena is located at the Williamette University).

## On The Cover

This week's cover picture is another painting by Robert B. Johnson, made several years ago. It is titled "The Riding Troupe".

Obviously this depicts a large troupe of circus riders, probably working on a big show. The feature of the act is caught in motion, as the rider makes a somersault from the lead horse, passing over the center horse and landing on the third horse.

## Miscellaneous

The Middletown Youth Circus, of Belford, N. J., presented a program, including a clown make-up session and balloon sculpture, at the Public Library on July 25-26. The group will also be presenting a show at the 4-H Section of the Monmouth County (NJ) Fair.

## Summer Address

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## in the NEWS

### WINS PRAISE AND SPACE

The Big John Strong Circus won page after page of pictures and free publicity in newspapers in Wyoming during the show's recent tour of that state. In addition to praise review notices, the papers carried photos of the set-up, the elephant, ponies, clowns and even the sponsors. In addition to its reviews, the show received newspaper space for its children's clown contests and several benefit programs. Meanwhile, in most of the same papers Circus Vargas was running heavy "Wait for the Big Show" advertisements. They also offered special children's ticket promotions and a coloring contest.

## PEOPLE

REX ROSSI and DERRICK ROSAIRE are among the performers appearing with the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show which is now playing west coast dates.

BOB KELLOGG has the elephant show at the Los Angeles Zoo, a new feature for the Southern California facility.

STEVE MILLS, CAROL MILLS, ED JACKSON and wife, JOEY JORDAN and HOVEY BURGESS, all jugglers, got together for a workout in New York City the week of July 4th.

SYLVESTER and BARBARA BRAUN spent a few days at their Southern California home during a layover of the Happytime Circus in July. They'll soon be playing dates at Sacramento and Reno fairs.

MIKE and SALLY LaTORRES who are with the int'l All Star Circus, visited the Beatty-Cole Circus at Lakewood, NY last month.

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## CIRCUS QUIPS . . . .

BY KARL J. BISCHOFF

IT'S NOT A QUESTION of how much a showman knows . . . IT'S A QUESTION OF WHAT HE DOES WITH IT.

A REPORTER from a local paper went down to the circus lot to interview the owner, he wanted some advice on how he managed such a large show. "YOU'VE COME TO THE WRONG PERSON, JUST ASK ANYONE OF MY EMPLOYEES," said the owner.

IF RETIRED CIRCUS PEOPLE could jump into a time machine and go back to the good old days . . . WOULD YOU BE ONE OF THEM?

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## MAILBAG

FROM RALPH F. HARTMAN

I always enjoy reading CR. Once in a while I note some article that I believe needs an answer, and possibly a retraction.

The story "Too Many Elephants" did not list the writer. Some of it was interesting, but when it said that the White Elephants have white eyes, white palate, white tail hairs and white testicles, I realized that the person who wrote it didn't know what he was doing.

Of course, white elephants are Albinos and noted for their pink eyes. Their palates are not white. As for their "White Testicles", when did you last see a pair of elephant testicles (testes), except possibly in a jar pickled? You didn't because they are situated high inside the belly wall on each side. The situation is somewhat like a rooster. The act of caaponizing requires a small incision in each side to remove these organs and often the mortality is high.

With elephants it's a much bigger deal, requiring two separate operations to castrate them and the mortality rate is very high. Many owners of male elephants would like to have them castrated. Such an operation in California last year attracted elephant people from all over. The elephant unfortunately died.

There may be some other castrated elephants around, but the only one I know of is the big tusker who works center ring on Circus Vargas. He made it over the surgery

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## PEOPLE

**ALLEN GOLD**, wild animal trainer, works both lions and tigers at a park in New Hampshire.

**THE TANGIER TROUPE**, Arab tumblers, have joined the American Continental Circus.

**JOHNNY THOMPSON**, known as "The Polish Magician" will open an all new show in Reno on Aug. 12th, featuring dancing girls, a variety of acts and some comedy magic.

**GEORGE HUNTLEY**, of Rockford, Ill., visited Circus Report while enroute to a family reunion and the Ringling Circus in Southern California.

**JOEY JORDAN**, juggler, will be taping a segment of Canada's TV Show "Circus" on Sep. 18th. He is currently featured with the "Fantasy On Ice" show.

**THE DAVID ZOPPE Family** is now on tour with the Western Canadian "B" Circuit, playing in Alberta, Saskatoon and Manitoba. They opened June 25th

## MAILBAG

BY "CIRCUS JOE" VALENCIA

A unique model circus titled "Buddy L. Tonka Bros. Circus" is located in Florida. It is modeled after the Hoxie Bros. Circus of the early 70's, when the show had the one center pole big top.

The slogan of this mini show is: "The Miniature Circus-In-The Round". It is a modern day truck show with four Buddy L. Circus semis, and various other mini trucks. The midway has a side show/menagerie, pit show, concessions and ticket truck.

The big top has 3 rings inside in the same order as Hoxie used to have it, around the one center pole. The bandstand is at the rear and blues circle around the ring area.

The program as presented features: National Anthem; Introductions; 'Life' a musical group; Susan Sheryll's Royal Afghan Champions; Bill King and Jackie; 'Life'; Davide Laddie, unsupported ladder; Bill King with audience participation; Johnny Zoppe's Rhesus Monkey Revue

## THANK YOU

For your many replies to my recent advertisement.

I have just finished working the Republican Convention, in communications, and will answer all replies soon.

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