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Ball Player Goes Back To Circus

After three days in pro-football, Tony Cristiani has returned to the circus world. He's bitter, but he's not washed up.

Cristiani played for three seasons with the University of Miami football team, then went over to the Chicago Fire team, of the new World Football League. This latter group let him go and now he's working with his father on the Lewis Bros. Circus.

The Fire team gave Cristiani, a middle guard, a two day look as a fullback, switched him to line backer for one workout, then dropped him.

Cristiani claims to have achieved a bench press of 400 pounds. He is 5' 9" tall and weighs 215 lbs, and is considered too small for the pros.

"They kicked me in the teeth," says Cristiani. "I lost a lot of respect for the people in the World Football League. I'd become involved with. The way they treated us was uncalled for. We got nothing."

Cristiani isn't ready to forget about pro-football. He plans to finish out the summer setting up circus tents, then will enter graduate school, get

FAIR Line Up

Acts working on the stage show at the San Mateo (Calif.) Fair during the fair's July 29-Aug. 10 run included:

Trinidad Steel Band
Zella Lehr - western singer
The Volantes - unicycles
Skiles & Henderson - comedy
The Kobelt Sisters - acrobats
Jim Rhinehart - juggler

Also working on the fair grounds are:

The Pickle Family - jugglers
Rags, the Children's clown
Mitchell's Marionettes

Elephants Run --- Keeper Is Injured

One evening, during Polack Bros. recent engagement at Las Vegas, Nevada (the show played there July 12-14) the elephants got into a fight at the picket line. After a bit Opal and Louie got loose, broke down a door and dashed outside the building.



Jay Jones, the elephant keeper, along with the police, went after the two bulls. Louie was caught and Jay turned his attention to getting Opal. After Opal was caught Jay turned to check on Louie, when Opal bolted and ran, as she did Jay was thrown to the pavement, breaking his leg in two places.

After being hospitalized Jay was released and will be in a cast, from his hip to toes for three or four months. He is currently recuperating in Southern California, at the home of his parents. His father is the well-known elephant trainer Smokey Jones.

Ringling doing okay

New advance sale records are being achieved by Ringling-Barnum in Southern California, according to all reports.

The show enjoyed turnaway night and weekend houses, along with half or better houses during its Inglewood engagement.

The advance sale for Anaheim (Aug. 1-14) was reportedly the biggest in history, with all previous records having been beat for the Long Beach (Aug. 15-18) show date.

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JETT'S PET ZOO

Sporting what appears to be a new tent, Jett's Petting Zoo played its annual engagement at El Cerrito's (Calif.) Plaza this past week. The show's top is a 30 x 60 ft size, made of red and yellow canvas, with a ticket office to match.

The zoo is traveling on 3 straightbed and one semi truck this year. Each unit is white, with red lettering and pictured is a stork carrying a baby elephant. Incidentally, while this year's zoo has a large variety of animals they have no elephant

In conjunction with the zoo there are three rides -- ferris wheel, kiddie cars and train. Prices are posted at 35¢ each, or three tickets for \$1.00.

A Big Show For San Diego

A big spectacular show was produced by Paul V. Kays for the annual Al Behr Temple Shrine Circus at San Diego (Calif.) on Aug. 3-4. The show, which was enthusiastically received by large crowds was presided over by Ringmaster Philip D. McDonald.

The program line-up included:

Blinko and Maran - balloon-A-Rama

Shrine Color Guard
Circus Overture - Jack Cervone, band leader

Donna and Lore - single traps
Trudy, Linda, Beth and Aileen - loop-the-loop

Pat Anthony - wild animals (16)
The Pharoahs and The Braun Duo - aerial cradles

The Clowns - Gene Randow, Abe Goldstein, Mildred Hall

Salvadori and Lucy - seals
Uncle Heavy's Pork Chop Revue
Miss Trudella - slide for life
Mister Bell - balancing

Trio Orlandos - teeterboard
Caddy & The Pro - acrobatics
Krasavina & Fedin - Soviet clown group from Russia

Baby Louis - baby elephant
Arturo - heel & toe trapeze

Niccolini Family of Chimps
The Clowns - Neil Kay, David Schwinkendorf

Norbu - Almost human gorilla
-- Intermission --

The Flying Astros - flying act
Gerard Soules - Poodles of Paris

The Clowns - Walter Stimax, John McKay and David Strong

Nicklos Bros. - Walters Family
- Friel Trio - trampoline

YEARS AGO

May 24, 1921 - Pittsfield, Mass.

Sells Floto Circus arrived here at about 8 a.m. on one train of 25 cars -- 14 flats, 4 stock cars, 7 sleepers and 50 wagons, with two certs, a clown patrol wagon, a tractor and an auto.

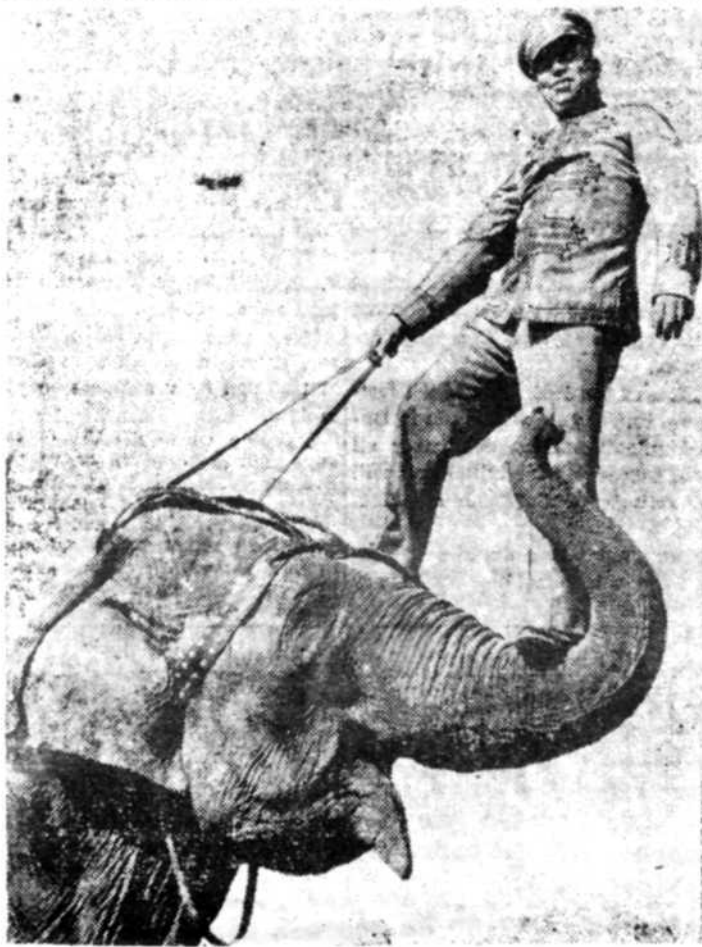
Everything was unloaded and on the lot by early morning. They have a big top, menagerie, two side shows, Dressing and ring stock, dining tent, cookhouse, 3 horse tents, wardrobe, 2 candy stands, 4 small tents. The big top has six center poles, and is carried on two spool wagons.

The parade left the lot about 12:30 pm and was back in about an hour, when they opened the side shows.

The matinee was started at 2:45 pm with a fair crowd and was out by 4:30 pm, with a concert after that. The night show got started at 8:25 pm with a fair

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The Cerillo Bros. - high wire
Al Behr Shrine Circus elephants
The Quassers - spaceship
Exit March - Au Revoir



The picture above is of Walter McClain, boss elephant man on Ringling-Barnum, The elephant's name is Myrtle and the picture was taken during the 1941 season.

The group of clowns is a publicity picture used by Arthur Bros. Circus in 1944. The clowns, from top to bottom, are: Mel Henry, Jack and Grace Fairburn.

The picture on the right, is of course, the famous gorilla "Gargantua" who was a big feature for many years on the Ringling-Barnum Circus.



Russian Circus Plays Tokyo

Every circus has its highlights and the Russian circus playing here in Tokyo has plenty of them. It's a 2½ hour show filled with unique acts, which is drawing well and keeps your interest all the way through.

The top acts include a juggling, working with 7 large balls, a hoop and 5 clubs. Then there's a girl who works on a large ring, doing a single trapeze type act, with the ring hanging from a single rope. The teeterboard act features a double somersault to a five high, putting the top mounter on the shoulder of the fifth man up. This act includes a three horse drawn sled, and is the closing act, which is a show in itself.



The show's program is printed in Russian and Japanese.

The program as presented had the following line-up of acts:

Spec - girls walk around ring
 A bear act
 Aerial trap act on large ring
 Juggling by single man
 Clown - comedy juggling
 Whip cracking and lasso work
 Motorcycle and horse
 Dog act
 Clown wire act
 Hand balancing
 Two man high act
 Chimp act
 7 people flying act
 -- Intermission --
 two people unicycle act
 Clowns and hula hoops
 Acrobats on teeterboard with a
 3 horse drawn sled
 Finale

.... Jess Monefeldt

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HONOR FOR LOWRY

Aden W. Lowry, of Seden, Kans., was honored at a recent Wichita (Kans.) Masonic Lodge meeting. The evening was presided over by Carl Graham, who introduced Aden and told about his travels and his artistry with the tambourine, a lost art from the days of vaudeville.

Among the other guests attending the dinner meeting were Bette Leonard, former circus performer, and Velma Lowry.



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ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo
Aug 7-11 San Leandro, Cal.

Barnes & Daily Circus
Aug. 5 Rhinelander, Wisc
6 Enroute
7 Lac du Flambeau
8 Mellen
9 Washburn
10 Hurley

Beatty-Cole Circus
Aug. 5 Brattleboro, Vt.
6 Claremont, N.H.
7 Barre, Vt.
8 Burlington
9 Rutland
10 Troy, N. Y.
11 Glens Falls

Carson & Barnes Circus
Aug. 5 Whitewater, Wisc.
6 Watertown
7 Adams
8 Baraboo
9 Darlington
10 Mt. Morris, Ill.

Hubert Castle Circus
Aug. 8-10 Joplin, Mo.

Charles Bros. Circus
Aug. 8 Galeton, Pa.
9 Weston Hills, NY
10 Hinsdale
11 Salamanca

Keye L.
Aug. 8-18 Honolulu, Haw.

King Bros. Circus
Aug. 5 Mandan, N.D.
6 Jamestown
7 Fargo
8 Wehpeton
9 Sisseton

Lewis Bros. Circus
Aug. 5 Warrington, Pa.
6 Lansdale
7 Open
8 Oley
9 Bally
10 Topton
11 Hecktown

Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit
to Aug 13 Anaheim, Cal.

Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit
Aug. 7-11 Des Moines, Iowa

Royal Bros. Circus
Aug. 5 Lewisporte, Nfld.
6 Open
7 Bonivista
8 Clareville
9 Placentia
10 Carbonear

Royal Lipizzen Stallion Show
Aug. 8-9 Portland, Ore.
10-11 Seattle, Wash.

Tommy Scott Show
Aug. 5 Bellows Falls, Vt
7 Plymouth, N.H.

Magic-Dinner Show
Aug. 6 Oakland, Calif.

Liza Minelli Show
Aug. 8-10 Allentown, Pa

Old Spanish Days Fiesta
Aug. 7-11 Santa Barbara
Cal.

Rose City Rides
Aug. 7-10 Potosi, Mo.

Tip Top Shows
Aug. 7-11 Wilnot, Wisc

Pot-Pourri

The Barnes & Daily Circus has added a new center section to its big top. It is now a 60 ft. round end with one 30 ft and one 40 ft. middle pieces.

Ringling-Barnum got a UPI photo coverage when the circus took its elephants to a car wash in Inglewood, Calif. to cool the animals off. The temperature was running in the high 90's at the time.

The small Key Bros. Circus reportedly made the fair at Napa, Calif. on Aug. 1-4.

Circus Kirk
 Aug. 5 McKees Rock, Pa.
 6 Midland
 7 Richeyville
 8 Open
 9 Parker
 10 Enroute
 11 So. Greensburg

Circus Vargas
 Aug. 6-9 Syracuse, N.Y.
 10-12 Rochester

Franzen Bros. Circus
 Aug. 5 Three Lakes, Wisc
 6 Crandon
 7 Elco
 8 Tomahawk
 9 Gleason
 10 Merrill
 11 Mosinee

George-Matthews Circus
 Aug. 5 Lancaster, Pa.
 6 Gouglersville
 7-9 Forestville, Md.
 10 Manhattan
 11 Trexlertown, Pa.

Happytime Circus
 Aug. 11 San Jose, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
 Aug. 5 Vineland, N.J.
 6 Ocean City
 7 Beach Haven
 8 Lavellette
 9 Toms River
 10 Tuckerton
 11 Forked River

Bells & Gray Circus
 Aug. 5 Liberty, N.Y.
 6 Fallsburg
 7 Monroe
 8 Westport, Conn.
 9 Brookfield
 10 Middletown
 11 Cromwell

John Strong's 1869 Circus
 Aug. 8 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 11-12 Lincoln, Nebr.

Summer Circus
 Aug. 5-10 Lavonia, Mich.

Wallenda Circus
 Aug. 9-10 Baton Rouge, La

Wenatchee Youth Circus
 Aug. 9-11 Portland, Ore.

..... OTHER ROUTES

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
 Aug. 5-11 Austin, Minn.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
 to Aug 11 Springfield, Mo.

Roy Clerk Show
 Aug. 9 Cincinnati, Ohio
 10 Springfield
 11 Angola, Ind.

James H. Drew Shows
 Aug. 5-10 Valparaiso, Ind.

Frazier's World Fair Shows
 Aug. 9-17 Billings, Mont.

14 men serve Shrine Circus natl. committee

Dick Zoller of Springfield, Mass. (Melha Temple) is chairman of the Imperial Shrine Circus Committee; co-chairman is Cecil Byrne of Indianapolis (Murat). Other committeemen:

John Cameron of Winnipeg (Khartoum), Fred Casey of El Paso (El Maida), Don Coller of Detroit (Moslem), Eugene Connelly of Pittsburgh (Syria), Earl Creager of Dayton (Antioch), O. L. Freeman of Atlanta (Yaarab), Bernard Gillespie of Portland (Al Kader), J. B. Hubbard of Norfolk (Khedive), E. E. Johnson of Evansville, Ind. (Hadi), Robert Parish of Wheeling W. Va. (Osiris), Glen Pinston of Memphis (Al Chymia), and Virgil Wilder of Memphis (Al Chymia).



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CLYDE CIRCUS — CROWD PLEASER

The Al Koran Shrine, of Cleveland, Ohio, booked Clyde Bros. Circus for 33 performances in the following cities: July 11-13 - Berea; July 15-17 - Youngstown; July 18-20 Canton; July 22-24 - Wooster and July 25-27 - Painesville. (The Wooster date was added in place of Ashland at the last minute because of conflicts with that county fairboard.



For a grandstand circus this was an impressive show and featured the following acts:

Lou Reagan - Bengal tigers
 Doubleday Duo - Revolving lad.
 Sherman Bros. - clowns
 The Navarros - high perch pole
 Cucciolo - comedy trampoline
 Michael Brunn - juggling
 Lottie Brunn - juggling
 Ron Perry - juggling
 The Clowns
 Moore's dog act
 Miss Tina - upside down walk
 -- Intermission --
 Miss Olga - Single trapeze
 The Kirby Family - chimps
 Terry O'Brien - slack wire
 The Rejones Duo - tight wire
 The Clowns
 The Vakinas Family - risley
 Los Comancheros - breakaway trap
 Paulette Brown - flaming batons
 Ron Perry - juggling/unicycle
 Cucciolo - spinning plates
 Prince Navez - aerial feature
 Lou Reagan - elephants

..... Tom Morrison

The Guest

Circus bandleader Charles Schlarbaum was guest conductor at the annual circus performance for Peru's (Ind.) Circus City festival. He played an 1882 Henry Distin b-flat cornet and was a big hit with everyone. He was also the guest speaker for the Cheerful Gardner CFA tent's annual Funfest.

The Peru circus, as always, was a complete sell-out. Everyone of the 21 acts was well received and enjoyed.

..... Mike Terry

Finale

GWEN MILLER, of Tacoma, Wash, an ardent circus fan and a founder of the DeWayne CFA Tent No. 47, died on July 1st. Survivors include her husband Dan and two children.

notes

Some 306 people registered at the recent CFA Convention in Springfield, Ohio.

The Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show has four trucks which are lettered. The rest of the show units are unlettered.



The clown cop shown above left is Huffy Hoffmen who was with Cole Bros Circus in the 1940's.

The small Clyde Beatty-Russell Bros. Circus advertisement show to the left, was used by that show at Los Angeles, Calif. in 1944.

The photo above shows trapeze star Helen Partello adjusting makeup on Otto Greibling's face in preparation for a Cole Bros. Circus performance about 1940.

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Q & A:

(The following questions and answers appeared in Mattel's report to its stockholders on the company's May 29, 1974 meeting).

Q: How many shares of Ringling Bros.-Bernum & Bailey stock are still outstanding following the merger with Mattel? Would you please explain the status of the exchange of Ringling stock for Mattel stock?

A: Approximately 3,000 Ringling shareholders have not exchanged their shares, possibly because of their interest in keeping the very colorful stock certificate as a Circus souvenir. About 300 Ringling stockholders are entitled to one or more Mattel shares via exchange, while the balance hold fewer shares than required by the terms of the exchange to entitle them to receive a full share of Mattel stock. The Company has arranged for a perforation type cancellation on Ringling certificates so that they can be returned to the individual exchanging stockholders. The exchange of shares may be accomplished through the Bank of America as exchange agent, at the following address: Bank of America, Box 2152, Los Angeles, Cal., 90051, Attn: George Best.

people

DAVE TWOMEY was forced to set up his show completely by himself, for the San Mateo (Calif.) Fair when his hired help failed to show up.

PHIL SHEAR, advance clown for John Strong Circus, has been visiting with Super DAVE and BILLY GRIFFIN on the Barnes and Jolly Circus.

Q: what is being done to see that the Circus operates profitably for the benefit of the stockholders?

A: The traveling Circus groups have always been profitable.

Q: will the Ringling Bros. subsidiary be sold?

A: The Company is considering the sale of the Ringling Bros. operation in order to divest the Company of the substantial liabilities attendant to the investment in Circus world. However, ideally, the Company would prefer to keep the profitable cash-generating Circus operation and dispose of only the Circus World with its accompanying debt. If it appears necessary to sell the Circus and the Circus World as one package in order to be relieved of the Circus World debt, the Company would be obliged to consider that alternative.

people

ART FOSTER (of Indianapolis Ind) recently attended the Peru Circus Festival and Circus.

GALE AHRENS caught the Big John Strong Circus and George-Matthews Circus at Cincinnati, Ohio last month.

CHAPPIE FOX was a guest speaker at the CMB Convention on Aug. 2nd.

JIM SAUNDERS (Cleveland) recently visited the Beraboo Museum and Peru's Circus Festival and Circus.

SMOKEY JONES had his baby elephant "Tika" at the "Day of the Lotus Festival in Los Angeles, Calif. last month.

POPO, the Clown, left last week for a month's visit to Monaco, Luxembourg, Iceland and Greenland.

ERIC WILSON is visiting on Carson & Barnes Circus this week in Wisconsin.

THE ZOPPE TROUPE is reportedly going to Mexico for the Atayda Circus for about 6 weeks.

BERT PETTUS is now handling two elephants on the Barnes and Daily show, while his wife MARIE has a novelty stand.

FLOYD BAKER is still handling canvas, etc. on the Circus Vargas.

Sawdust Trail

The Ringling-Barnum Red Unit made a long jump into Monroe, (La.) which made it necessary to stop for feed and water enroute. As a result they got in late and so had to work all night to get ready for the opening show.

The circus drew good crowds and offers an excellent program. Advance work was handled by Brad Cumming, and included newspaper, TV and radio spots, plus lithos, etc.

This writer was a guest clown during the engagement and his grand-daughter Michele Watson appeared in the "Once Upon A Circus" spec. There were also other guest clowns - two women reporters and a rodeo clown.

Frosty Little, producing clown was away at the time. His job was handled by Jim Howle, who does nice work.

.....M. L. Dupont

HUGO ZACCHINI is teaching art at a Southern California College. He is the oldest art instructor at any college in the country.

MIKE TWOMEY won a banana eating contest last week and received a tape recorder and other gifts at the San Mateo (Calif.) Fair.

PAUL ROBINSON, who worked on many shows, has joined the Deg-geller Amusement Shows.

YEARS AGO (Continued)

crowd and was out by 10:25 pm with the concert following.

The menagerie had 12 cages - seals, tigers, lions, Ostriches, lioness, bears, deer, parrots, monkeys, hippo, 7 elephants, 5 camels, and a Cracker Jack stand

The big side show featured: a lecturer, ticket taker, two ticket sellers, 8 banners, a minstrel band, fortune teller, a spotted lady, Dolly, the doll lady, Fairy Lillian, the Albino lady, Pinhead, snakes, Lady bag puncher, Impalement, Cuban Mack, the juggler, Capt. Thomas, and his fighting lions, Punch & Judy and 4 dancing girls.

The small side show had a lecturer, ticket seller, ticket taker, and Mary Allison, two bodied girl in glass jar.

The stock cars and flat cars are white with red letters. The show sleepers are white with green trim, while the wagons are white with red.

GRIDDER BACK ON SHOW (Continued)

married and next summer will take another shot at pro-football.

"You always consider yourself a ball player," he said. "I've been one for 12 years and it would be hard for me to make a complete break."