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Seal In Trouble With The Feds

The honorary harbormaster at Rockport, Maine -- Harry Goodrich -- could lose his job and home as the result of a federal law that prohibits the capture of marine mammals. Officials of the national Marine Fisheries Service have informed him that he is violating the law by keeping Andre, his pet seal. He's raised Andre from a pup, having acquired him some 14 years ago.

"These federal men just swooped down on us. It is really kind of frightening," says Goodrich. The agent, Alan S. Mager, according to Goodrich, told him the service "had been aware we'd been breaking the law for some time" but gave no reason why they've suddenly decided to enforce the law which was enacted in 1972.

The agent left Goodrich with a lot of forms to fill out petitioning the government for the right to keep Andre. Goodrich plans to complete the waiver, but is apprehensive that "some guy in Washington will throw it out." This type of a relationship is just beyond their comprehension, he says.

Andre is one of the most popular attractions in the State of Maine. He jumps through hoops and shoots a basketball, all

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Aerialist Hurt

Inge Bisbini, an aerialist who works under the name of "Yolande", fell some 40 feet from her trapeze while performing on the Circus Continental, at the Ohio State Fair (Columbus) on Monday, Aug. 26th.

Some 3,500 people were watching the free circus when Mrs. Bisbini fell. She slipped as she attempted to grab the trapeze while doing a heel hang.

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AERIALIST MURT (Continued)

She fell head first, then landed on her back.

Rushed to nearby University Hospital, officials there said the 33 year old performer suffered a fractured pelvis and contusions

Half Ring SHOW

The free presentations offered by Michael's Spaghetti Circus, at San Francisco parks last month, offered only a minute look at the entire company. The idea was to interest folks in attending the group's evening performances at a local playhouse.

The programs were presented by about seven members of the troupe, which claims it tours the country each summer. It was a combination of juggling, comedy and pantomime that was offered as a "come on", backed by a band of guitars and drums.

Clowns mingled through the audience asking for any loose change that could be spared to help meet the group's expenses. Tickets for the full evening show (a two hour presentation)
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Report On Animal Control Regulations

The August 1974 issue of the National Congress of Animal Trainers newsletter reports on recent meetings between Rev. L. David Harris and Tom Wilde with officials of various government regulation offices.

Officials of the Marine Mammal Protection Act reportedly have no intention of preventing qualified sea lion trainers or qualified persons who wish to become trainers from obtaining new animals. They've asked those who wish to start in the business to contact them concerning transportation regulations and thus avoid unnecessary expenses in making changes. (Dept. of Commerce, Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service, Washington, DC 20240).

The Endangered Species Act was admittedly written without any thought about animal trainers and its effect on them. It has now been suggested that this law be amended to establish a threatened list. This would encompass animals that are endangered in the wild, but breed easily in captivity. It would allow for the free movement, buying and selling of "threatened" species in the U.S. It will allow those people who owned "endangered" species before Dec. 28, 1973, to continue exhibit such animals, but would prevent them from buying any others.

While breeders, zoos and research facilities could buy and sell between each other, the trainers would no longer be able to replace their "endangered" species. They could, however, establish a self-sustaining captive population of such animals. A trainer will be able to buy or sell a "threatened" species af-

ter registration with the Dept. (Dept. of Interior, Director, Fish & Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240.)

Officials with the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service reportedly have made assurances that new cage size regulations will not affect performing animals.

Harassment by inspectors was discussed, with the USDA assuring Wilde and Harris that all would be treated fairly. They've asked for evidence of harassment so the incident could be investigated.

The big problem, reports Wilde, centers around Nathaniel Reed (Asst. Secretary of the Interior), who was appointed by Roger Morton, Secretary of the Interior).

Mr. Reed, it is stated, is definitely on the side of those
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ROUTES

Aller's Pet Zoo

Sep. 12-15 Petaluma, Cal.

Beatty-Cole Circus

Sep. 9 Peoria, Ill.

10 Bloomington

11 Joliet

12 Munster, Ind.

13 Valparaiso

14 Lafayette

15 Elwood

Carson & Barnes Circus

Sep. 9 Vandalia, Ill.

10 Vienna

11 Chester

14 Herrin

Hubert Castle Circus

Sep. 10-11 Allegan, Mich.

14-16 Minot, S.D.

Circus Vargas

Sep. 9-13 Burlington, Mass.

14 Hopewell Jct, NY

Franzan Bros, Circus

Sep. 13 Sugar Grove, Ill

15 Mequen

Gatti-Charles Circus

Sep. 13-14 Prince George,

BC

George Matthews Circus

Sep. 9 Osceola, Mich.

News (Cont'd)

Sep. 10 Benton Hbr, Mich

11-12 Bridgeton, Ill.

13-14 Wheeling

Hoxie Bros, Circus

Sep. 9 Fairfield, N.J.

10 Raritan

11 New Providence

12 Middlesex

13 Parlin

14 Westfield

15 Union

King Bros. Circus

Sep. 5 Stillwater, Minn

6 Ladysmith

7 Medford

8 Wausau

9 Steven Point

10 Portage

11 Waupun

12 Saukville

13 Zion, Ill

14 Harvard

15 Addison

Lewis Bros. Circus

Sep. 9 Phillipsburg, NJ

10 Hammonton

11 Pomona

12 Franklinsville

13 Indian Mills

14 Union Beach

Polack Bros. Circus

Sep. 14-15 San Jose, Cal.

Ringling's Blue Unit

Sep. 11-16 Seattle, Wash

Ringling's Red Unit

Sep. 11-15 Bloomington,

Minn

Royal Int'l Circus

Sep. 14-15 W. Springf'd,

Mass

Sells & Gray Circus

Sep. 9 Oxford, N.J.

10 Randolph

11 Media, Pa.

12 Dover, Dela.

13 Milford

14 Lewes

15 Salisbury, Md.

John Strong 1869 Circus

Sep. 9-11 Vanc, BC

13 Stayton, Ore.

14 Lebanon

15 Roseburg

.... OTHER ROUTES

Century 21 Shows - Blue

Sep. 9-14 Jasper, Ala.

Century 21 Shows - Red

Sep. 9-14 Jackson, Tenn.

James H. Drew Shows

Sep. 9-14 Carrollton, Ga.

Frazier World Fair Shows

to Sep. 22 Albuquerque,

N.M.

Woman's Day Magazine - RBBB Join Forces

Women's Day magazine and Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus will join forces in the first year-long national sales promotion tie-in with a magazine ever undertaken by the circus. The promotion kicks off in the national edition of the Feb. 1975 issue of "Woman's Day", in which each participating advertiser will have a full color product spread ad.

A multi-spread circus section will be featured in each regional edition of "Woman's Day" during 1975, rolling out as the circus rolls across the country. As with the national edition, the

A NEW HIGH

Some 57 Michigan CFA's attended the Annual Summer Meeting on Big John Strong's Circus, at Flint in late July. After viewing two performances the group went across town to the home of Judge Dale Rivers for a real circus cookhouse dinner.

Big John was in top form as an entertainer and named each of the CFA's. Several special acts were dedicated to many of the individuals.

One day during John's date at Detroit there were enough people on the lot to fill the tent three times, waiting for a single performance. At the same time there was a line up of cars for three blocks, all trying to get into the parking area.

Because of the huge crowds the sidewall was taken down and people were invited to sit on the track area, while others crowded in around the tent. Thus a great many more people were

circus section in each regional edition will lead off with a full-page circus presentation, followed by participating advertisers' full-color product spreads--the same ads that appear in the national edition in February.

Each participating advertiser in the circus promotion has exclusivity in his product category for one year. Advertisers also have available to them a half hour TV film history of the circus entitled "Titans of the Tanbark," which contains four commercial minutes for their use.

COMING SOON ... A Circus cartoon story starts Jan. 6, 1975.

able to see the circus than could otherwise be accommodated.

Incidentally, this writer and his wife (Martha) visited RBBB's Red Unit, Peru Festival, Gatti-Charles, Circus Vargas, Big John Strong, Beatty-Cole and Bob Atterbury's Summer Circus this year.

..... Don Smith



Gollmar Bros. Circus, season of 1916. Among those in the front row are Hook Cross, Gus Lind, Earl Shipley, Charley Fisher. "African Slim," Major Buggs, Frank Ardell; Harry Wertz, equestrian director; Dr. Stoddard, Shorty Hewitt, Al Dean, Buck Leahy, Toby Tyler, Dewy Campbell and F. C. Wallace. Those in the rear row include Dr. Otto Sclack, Art LaFleur, Mrs. McGee, Edith Fisher, Lillian Lind, Art Lind Sr.; Elizabeth Rooney, now Mrs. Romig; Minnie Hodgini, now Mrs. Charles Rooney; Charles Rooney, Eva Loos; Buck Jones, many years a cowboy film actor; Bill Reed and Bob Fisher, now manager of the Five Fearless Flyers.



Show above is the band on Wheeler Bros. Circus in 1921. Standing are: Yonkers, Grear, Robinson, Schell, Wheeler, Frank P. Maister, the director. Seated are: Fowler, Alford, Adams, Levine, Leonhardt and Bressler.



Clowns on Christy Bros. Circus in 1922 were: Joe Dobeck, juggler; Charles Drydon, foot juggler (he was on Bud Anderson's show in 1939); Vernon West, wire walker (was later a member of the Westlake Troupe of jugglers; Fat Rowe, a dog trainer; Shorty Evans and Charles Nelson, producing clown. Standing in front is the boy, Harry James.



Girls on Howes Great London Circus in 1914 are: Mrs. Ches. Taylor, wardrobe mistress; Hattie Mc Cree; Marie Melrose; Martha Schmidt; Mary Connors; Isabel Nicholson; Mrs. Glen Warner; Alma Hand, Vivian Cahill; Clara Crow; Hama Yoshida; Louise Young; Tetu Robinson; Toma Yoshida. The name of the child is not known.



AN ACTION PICTURE showing Alex Siebert, of the Siebert riding act, in a jump-up while performing at Red Bank (N. J.) Fair in 1913. Rose Siebert is standing on the horse's haunches ready to steady her uncle and Ring Mistress Harriet Siebert is at the right. Name of the groom holding the dog is not remembered. Alex also did clown work. The act appeared with the Barnum & Bailey Circus at the old Madison Square Garden in New York City in 1910.



The above photo was taken on the Jones Bros. and Wilson Shows in 1914. From l.t.r. are; Howard Damon; William Campbell, ticket seller; an Erie Printing Co. representative; Harry G. Wilson; Elmer Jones; Otto Hoffman, ticket seller. The other individuals are not known.

CARSON & BARNES

by
JAMES D.
KALIVODA

Went over and visited the Carson & Barnes Circus in the Chicago area, when they played Lemont, Ill. on Aug. 21st. "Circus Day" was dry and sunny with the temperature in the low 90's. The lot was a large, flat grassy one, dry and hard. It easily accommodated the show and parking for the patrons.

Less than a week old and still clean, their new tent was a sight to behold and a photographers delight. It was made by the O'Henry Tent & Awning Co. of Chicago and is a deep royal blue canvas. Inside the top is trimmed with bright red and yellow, while the sidewall is red and white.

This 6 pole push-top tent is of cable construction and incorporates two rows of quarter poles. Five 40 ft. middle sections are laced to the 120 ft. round ends, making the tent 320 ft x 120 ft.

The 90 minute program drew straw houses for both shows. The 8 piece band (trumpet, drums, 2 French horns, tuba, trombone, clarinet, piccolo), headed up by 26 yr. old Jim Gibson, sounds good and plays many traditional circus standards.

The bull herd is now up to 24 and the show again features two flying acts. This performance is stronger than that of last year and is definitely well worth while. See if if you can!

HISTORICAL FACT

The first Belgian horses to be brought into the U. S. were imported in 1866 by Dr. A. G. Van Hoorebeck, of Monmouth, Ill.

Injury Reported

An animal man with the Beatty-Cole Circus was injured when an elephant attacked him during the show date at Ann Harbor, Mich. (Aug. 27). Gary Griffith said he was sitting near the tent entrance when one of the elephants broke away from the others and slammed him to the ground, then battered him with its head and feet.

Gary was treated for his injuries at the University of Michigan hospital. He was released a few hours later, and officials said he had suffered a fractured jaw and head cuts.

Memphis date

Again this year the Olympic Int'l Circus will be featured at the Memphis Mid-South Fair (Sep. 20-28). The show, produced by Eddie Zacchini, is scheduled to give 20 performances.
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ACTS NAMED FOR TEXAS SHRINE CIRCUS

An 'mpressive program, featuring some of the top names in the circus world, has been announced for the upcoming Hella Shrine Circus at Dallas, Texas (Sept. 23-29). The show's staff is headed by Morris B. Bentley, Director General.

Acts scheduled to appear on the show program are:

Blinko and Maran - balloons
 Geronimo and Tony Steele - dives
 Bill Golden - Hawthorne tigers
 Serge Duo - motorcycle
 The Wazzonz - tumbling
 Carlow - balancing
 Mr. Bell - chair balancing
 Gina Medro - head balancing
 La Mafalda - sword balance
 Joanne, Cimse and Medro - dogs
 Walters Family, the Atos and the Wazzons - trampoline
 Jeanne's Shetland ponies
 Klauser's bears
 John Cuneo - baby elephant
 Joanna and Betty - doves
 The Flying Astros and The Flying Steeles
 Bill Golden - tiger riding on a horse
 The Coronas - high wire
 Stoyanoffs - low bars
 Ming Wong - hair hang
 Johnny Jordan - elephant leaps
 Zamperla - bareback riding
 Rudy & Anid - plate spinning
 Navarro Family - unicycles
 The Great Goldfinger -
 The Blondins - unicycles
 The Medro Bros. - balancing
 Bobby Berosini - Orang./chimps
 The Pinson Duo - aerial
 The Jordanas Duo - aerial
 La Bella Raquel - cloud swing

SAWDUST TRAIL

A new show is being formed in Monroe, La., to travel the tri-state area. It's called "Fantasy World" and will feature Do-Do, the Clown, La Mont, the Magician Bo-Bo, the Hobo, the Three Little Pigs and the Three Bears. The show is being put together by CFA M. L. Dupont (Do-Do, the Clown) and Norman Land Talent Agency.

The Shrine Circus, at Monroe on Nov. 1-3, will feature a new format this year. All posters will feature Zacchini - All New - All Different publicity.

New Orleans has been booked by the Geo. Matthews Great London Circus for Oct. 18-20; with Beatty-Cole at West Bank on Oct. 25-27.

Farrow Amusements has played Monroe, La. four times this year with good business each time.

Peggy Briggs, known as "Ka-
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Les Rodins - aerial duo
 Lorelei - single trapeze
 Diano, Hawthorne and Cristiani -
 Circus elephants
 Eddy Ventura - crater crash
 Grand Finale - entire company

PEOPLE

JIMMY ILLE, former bandmaster for Ringling Bros., Circus Circus, Clyde Bros., Tom Packs,



Bill Key and the Wellenda Circus has closed a successful engagement at the Blue Angel Jazz Club in New Orleans. Plans now are in the works to record him live at one of his 2 a.m. Jam Sessions when he has the band at the Wellenda Shrine Circus in November.

ROD MORRISON (C&A of Phoenix) recently returned to his home after being hospitalized with an ulcer.

GEORGE EMERY reports he recently visited with the Sells & Gray and Beatty-Cole circuses.

PHILIPPE PETIT, wire walker, walked a cable some 100 ft. above the Great Falls, at Paterson, N.J. on Sept. 2nd.

TITO GAONO, RBBB flyer celebrated his 27th birthday at San Francisco on Aug. 29th.

EDITH HEAD, chief costume designer for Universal Pictures, got her start about 1930 designing an elephant costume.

JOHNNY LUXEM is playing the

Finale

MARGRET MILTON, mother of Ritte Taliaferro and Betty Sturmak, both of whom were with the Cole Bros. Circus and Biller Br. Circus, died at Valley Station, Ky. on Aug. 14th.

NELLIE SCHRADER, who with her husband Le Roy traveled with the Lindemann-Seils-Sterling Circus, died on Aug. 22nd at Sheboygan, Wisc. She is remembered for her dancing horse acts.

GRACE B. SMITH, mother of Don B. Smith, past president of the CFA, died on Aug. 13th. She was well known by circus people and fans.

Greenville, S.C., Fair this week with his Wheel of Destiny.

PAUL (Zacchani) CREASON has reportedly quit his job as a human cannonball, after breaking his left shoulder in an Aug. 15 performance at the Wisconsin State Fair (West Allis),

MARY GILL, circus flyer, visited the RBBB Blue Unit at San Francisco's Cow Palace on Sept. 2nd.

EUGENE NOCK, Jr., recently made his debut with the Nerveless Nocks act at Rocky Point Park, R. I. His sister DOLLY is back performing after recovering from a fall during a trapeze number. The act will be at the Acme-Zip football game (Sep. 7) at the University of Akron.

FEDS GO AFTER SEAL (Cont'd)

for the delight of visitors and photographers.

This year Andre became so lonesome at his winter home in a Boston aquarium that he swam the 128 miles north in record time.

If the government decides to enforce the law will they be able to explain things to Andre -- will they put armed scuba divers in Rockport Harbor to keep the seal away? If they put Andre in an aquarium permanently, are they being fair to him?

"I've been frightened ever since the agents left, says Goodrich, "because I can't get it out of my mind what they might do to him. They could just leave us alone and let me take care of my seal, then Andre can be a nice healthy show-off for his visitors.

(Readers are urged to ask their friends to write their Congressman, asking for the repeal of restrictive animal laws such as these and those which affect circus people).

MEMPHIS DATE (Continued)
ances at the fair.

The circus will be centrally located on the fair grounds, and reportedly draws better than 90,000 people. It will be sponsored by Coca Cola and McDonalds.



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SAWDUST TRAIL (Continued)

jun Clown" worked a new toy shop opening in Northern Louisiana last month. She's a desk clerk for Roadway Inns at Haume, La.

Bred Cummings, Market Director for RBBB's Red Unit wrote all the Monroe (La.) area folks thanking them for a good job at the show's dete in this city.

Fisher Bros. Circus is going to be in Northeftn Arkansas this month, as they head back into the South.

Royal Bros. Wild West Circus has quit issuing route cards for this season. In the meantime Ringling-Barnum has issued their final cards for the season.

..... M. L. Dupont

THE HALF RING SHOW (Continued)

were also available. The price in advance was \$4.00 each, but at the door the price jumped to \$4.50 each.

Attendance has generally been fair, said one member of the company. They plan to continue their presentations in San Francisco until the middle of September.



We really need news and route information all year long. In fact we're never happier than when the mail box is crammed with mail of all sorts. We are anxious for news from or about the whole world of circus.

The Circus Report is published to be of service and a means whereby we can all share news of the show world.

ANIMAL REPORT (Continued)

"do-gooders" who have little or no idea about the facts of animal training and have no interest in learning. This was evidenced by a recent speech before the Humane Society of the U.S.

The NCAT is asking that everyone write their own Congressman and Senator, as well as Roger Norton (Secretary of the Interior, Interior Bldg., Washington, DC 20240) urging the replacement of Nathaniel Reed with someone who is not obviously biased on the matter.