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## New TENTS order

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

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

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

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

## Lost Shows

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

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

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

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

Clowns on the show will be: Russ Taylor (producing); Stebbo, Bob-O and Kerpak (Jim Haygood).

## sawdust trail

by M. L. DUPONT

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

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

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

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

## HEADLINES

Stage acts appearing at the Napa Town & Country Fair, at Napa, Calif. on Aug. 1-5 included:

Henry Clay - banjo artist  
 Nelson Harris - musical novelty  
 Bobby Clark - magician  
 Bobby & Cissy - Wolk dancers

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## Is Everybody Doing It?

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

The program features:

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

## C-B show

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

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

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

# Hanneford CIRCUS

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

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

Featured in the show's program are:

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

## g-m okay

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

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

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

The Show's staff includes:

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

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

The show's staff includes:

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

# ROUTES

- Beatty-Cole Circus
  - Aug. 13 Lansing, Mich.
  - 14 Saginaw
  - 15 Jackson
- Canadian Circus
  - Aug. 13 Woodstock, N.B.
  - 14 Sarnia, Ont.
  - 15-16 Windsor
  - 17-18 London Lambert Prk
- Carden Johnson Circus
  - Aug. 13 Truth or Con. Arz
  - 14 Los Alamos
  - 15 Artesia
  - 16 Clovis
  - 17 Santa Fe
  - Season Ends --
- Carson & Barnes Circus
  - Aug. 13 Olney, Ill
  - 14 Eldorado
  - 15 Benton
- Hubert Castle Circus
  - Aug. 13 Garden City, Kans
  - 15 Great Bend
  - 16-18 St. Joseph, Mo.
- Circus Kirk
  - Aug. 13 Claridge, Pa.
  - 14 Shersburg
  - 15 Cheswick
  - 16 Kittaning
  - 17 New Bethlehem
  - 18 Brookville
  - 19 Enroute
- Clyde Bros. Circus
  - Aug. 16-19 Corpus Christi, Tx
- Diamond S Wild West
  - Aug. 16-17 Madisonville, Ky
  - 18 Princeton, Ind.
- Europorams
  - Aug. 13 Napa, Calif.
  - 15 Manteca
  - 16 Santa Cruz
  - 18 San Rafael
- Gatti-Charles Circus
  - Aug. 13-14 Regina, Canada
- Ward Hall's Circus Side Show

- Royson Bros. (Continued)
  - Aug. 14-15 Cleveland, Tenn
  - 16 Decatur
  - 17-18 Valley View
- Rudy Bros. Circus
  - Aug. 17-22 Oklahoma City,
- Tommy Scott-TimMcCoy Show
  - Aug. 15 Grand Rapids, Mich
- Selle & Gray Circus
  - Aug. 13 W. Ossipa, N.H.
- John Strong Circus
  - Aug. 13-14 Off
  - 15-17 Denver, Colo.
  - 18-19 Off
- Wallaenda Circus
  - Aug. 17-25 New Orleans, La

## Pot-Pourri

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

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

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

The Hennessee Circus has the most beautiful program of show new on the road.

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

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

## Who's Who

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REX and AVA WILLIAMS have joined the Canadian Circus for that show's tour.

Ward Hall's Circus Side Show  
 Aug. 16-26 Indianapolis, Ind  
 Happytime Circus  
 Aug. 14-19 Paso Robles, Cal  
 Hoxie Bros. Circus  
 Aug. 13 Beverly, N.J.  
 14 Beach Haven  
 15 Pt. Pleasant  
 16 Ft. Monmouth  
 17 Ocean Twp.  
 18 Keyport  
 19 Monroe

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

Miller Johnson Circus  
 Aug. 14 Atlantic City, N.J.  
 15-16 Wilmington, Del  
 17-18 Newport News, Va

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

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

Ringling's Red Unit  
 Aug. 13-21 Anaheim, Cal.

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

Royson Bros. Circus  
 Aug. 13 Oconee, Tenn

OTHER ROUTES .....

Abbott's Magic Conclave  
 Aug. 15-18 Colon, Mich.

Dancing Waters  
 to Aug. 18 Staten Isl, NY

Disney on Parade (Small Wrld)  
 to Aug. 26 New York, N.Y.

James H. Drew Shows  
 Aug. 13-18 Grundy, Va.

Peggy Fleming Ice Show  
 Aug. 14-19 Atlanta, Ga.

Holiday on Ice  
 Aug. 13-19 Knoxville, Tenn.

Ice Capades  
 Aug. 14-19 Duluth, Minn.

Ice Classics  
 Aug. 15-18 Thousand Oaks, Ca

Ice Follies  
 Aug. 14-Sep. 2 San Fran, Cal.

Rose City Rides  
 Aug. 14-18 Puxico, Mo.

.... FAIRS .....

Canadian Nat'l Exhibition  
 Aug. 15-Sep. 3 Toronto, Can.

Custer County Fair  
 Aug. 13-15 Broken Bow, Neb

Gasper County Fair  
 Aug. 16-18 Elwood, Neb.

Missouri State Fair  
 Aug. 17-26 Sedalia, Mo.

West Va. State Fair  
 Aug. 16-28 Lewisburg, W.Va.

BOB EMRICO has a side show on Wallace & Rogers Circus. He's featuring a Girl Escape act, magic, lizards, birds that tumble and a freak rooster.

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

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

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

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

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

BOB GARNER, model builder, shows his model of the RBBB show at hospitals and other such facilities as a means of creating interest among the kiddies.

## less than you'd imagine

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

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

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

The program featured:

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

### HISTORICAL FACT . . . . .

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

## wild red dies

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

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

Survivors include his wife, Lil and a son Jim.

## The Big New Tour

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

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

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

# A country show

by NORMAN WILBERT

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



A good crowd enjoyed the pleasing and enjoyable Country Music Circus production. The show is owned by Tommy Scott and Tim McCoy's Australian whip act is the feature

attraction. Mr. McCoy, who is 82 years old, is still a top performer. He has traveled with this show for 12 years and has appeared in 4,000 performances.

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

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

It was my pleasure to interview Sam Baxter, manager of the circus. He is 38 yrs old and has been with the Country Music Circus



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for 19 yrs. He is also a writer and performer, and has contributed his talents and abilities in promoting this gifted group of performers. His pleasing voice and his own guitar accompaniment, plus the other country singers have a tremendous appeal. Mr. Baxter presented me with their latest stereo recording of "Tommy Scott's Country Music" (No. SKLP-7-11).

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

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

# Loni's Show

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

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

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

The program as caught on Jul. 31st included:

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

## Is There a Magician in the House?

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

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