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Wagon Factory at Starke

America's amusement-goers will recall the famous Sky High Alcidos, who performed high in the air on such shows as Sparks, Robbins, West Wonder Show and all the major parks, coast-to-coast. The senior member of the act - Wilfred Fecteau - has settled in Starke, Fla., where he operates a circus wagon building shop.

Already he has turned out a cage wagon and a replica of the famous old Swan bandwagon. These wagons are built about half to three-quarters of the original size and have received a wide range of publicity, appearing in parades with 8 pony hitches.

Fecteau comes from an old family of French wood carvers

and his work is continuing to uphold the family tradition. He reports that a great deal of interest has been developing about his wagons and just recently he provided price estimates for a half size copy of the Great Britain tab and the Sparks dolphin wagon.

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Lewis Preps For '76 Tour

Work on the new 1976 edition of Lewis Bros. Circus has been progressing rapidly at the show's quarters in Bridgeport, Alabama, reports show owner John Lewis. "We'll open on April 24 and stay out until Oct. 30th."

For the '76 season John will be operating on his own after a long association with Hoxie Tucker. The show will carry a 60 ft. big top with two 20 ft. middles with seating for 1200 people. It will be a one ring operation, with seating arranged so patrons can easily see every act.

At the present time the show has several pieces of equipment ready to go, such as: concession trailer, livestock semi and bannerline, cage wagon and bannerline, light plant, cookhouse trailer, snake show, sound unit, pole wagon, canvas trailer and stake driver, water truck and a new office wagon.

Livestock in quarters for the coming tour includes: chimp, Barbary ape, tiger, 2 lions, a Puma, Llama, 2 African pigmy goats, blackbuck antelope, rhea, 3 Rhesus monkeys, 6 ponies, a donkey and two elephants, with negotiations underway for the purchase of a third elephant.

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to All"*

MARK ANTHONY

Ringling-Barnum Clown

Season's Greetings

to Circus Fans

Everywhere

from

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Show Stars

Some of the acts signed to appear at the Jan. 19-25 Cleveland (Ohio) Shrine Circus are:

Eddie Ventura's Rocket Car, The Dubskys, Ray and Yolanda, the Flying Dells, Tony Fossett, the Winn Troupe, Gibb's elephants, King's elephants, the Keppos, Tajana, Tommy Hanneford with riding act and elephants, Zoppe's 3001 Space Odyssey, the Bertini Troupe, Victor Julian, Baroness Von Frost and Marina Radulesco.

PEOPLE

DON ZIEGLER, former promotion man for the Kellner shows and who had his own small circus is now in the restaurant business in Farmington, Mo.



PEOPLE

GEE GEE STEELE and JIM (Kokomo) CONKLIN were married recently and plan to tour with Garden Bros. in 1976.

Merry Christmas



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Miscellaneous

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CIRCUS SENTINEL

..... by BILLY BARTON

Dateline, Las Vegas: HENRI LaMOTHE, 73 yr. old High Diver was a sensation on the MIKE DOUGLAS show here. This incredible man dives from 40 ft. into only 12 in. of water! Douglas was so impressed he ran the tape four times in slow motion. LaMothe, who wears a white body leotard, caused Douglas to crack at one point, "If you just tuned in this is not an underwear commercial."

Don't be surprised to learn that a major circus combine has decided to sell out.....BILLY RODGERS was forced to cancel dates when an accident left him with a broken hand and several stitches in his head.....ATAYDES and IRIS KEPPO among visitors to New Orleans Shrine date.....The first of the two RBBB units World Premieres at the Venice Arena on Jan. 2.....Hear RBBB will drop its web number after all these years. Since BARBETTE passed away web numbers HAVE lost much of their ingenuity.

GLENN PARKINS has fun scaring everyone with his darn Mon-goose!....AMANDIS left town for Xmas dates.....FLYING BELLS will play dates for SUESZ after Detroit.....JOEY HODGINI, of RBBB, taking life easy on the beach..Did Jon Zerbini buy Oscar Cristiani's elephants or didn't he? Can't sift fact from fiction on this one and HOW the rumors are flying!

Saw famed ANTOINETTE CONCELLO in a Sarasota restaurant and she still looks Gal-lam-or-ous.. ...the JORDANS will make all of Sam Polack's dates in '76.....

KAREN and HENRI FRENCH with Stebbing's European Circus.... TONY FOSSETT & Irene will make the entire Spring tour for Royal Hanneford, ditto RAY & YOLANDA.. ...ZOPPE's Riding Act to Mentor for GEORGE HUBLER who is in Sarasota for the Showfolks Circus at the Robarts Arena.

TAJANA gifted PRINCE NAJVEZ with another elaborate headdress made for her by EAVES which she wore only briefly. Each year he gets a bigger truck and each truck seems to shrink with its contents....and southern Pennsylvania hunters have only one objective: shoot pheasants for the Prince which his uncle salts and cures.

A major circus owner remembers what it's like in this business and has decided to go along (for a while) with a mid-western circus that owes him a great deal of money.....At the same time we're sorry to learn that a show, built on class, now seems to be going in the other direction.

COOKIE ARTURO has made a remarkable physical comeback af-

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**Miscellaneous**

Circo North Americano, of Mexico, one of that country's largest shows, recently spent in excess of \$38,000 in the U.S. for equipment and supplies.

PEOPLE

STANLEY BOOK, Sr., celebrated his 81st birthday Oct. 25 at Botsford Hospital, Farmington, Mich. (Rm. 218-A). He'd like to hear from friends.

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him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men. +



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Random Ramblings

... by ART "Doc" MILLER

Irving "Punch" Wheeler was a famous old-time circus and theatrical agent, prior to and long after the turn of the century. His immaculate dress often created awe amongst editors and even bankers, while his priceless stories have been told and retold by many a trouper.

Like a lot of other famous gents, he had a fondness for the cup that cheers, and as a result spent some of his farewell years in extreme modest lodgings. One such abode was the old Rutland Hotel in Elmira, NY, near the Lyceum, Family and Mozart theatres. Almost every week an advance agent would breeze into town ahead of a popular "Mellerdrama" and look up old Punch for tips on where to book his show further down the Erie tracks. This usually called for an elegant meal at the old Rathbone Hotel, plus a few dollars slipped into Punch's pocket. He made regular rounds each day, visiting Flynn's Cigar Store, Gilmore's Oyster Bay, and the various barber shows around Lake and Water Streets.

Then one winter the theatres remained dark much of the time. The terrible Infantile Paralysis epidemic caused children to be banned from all public places, and most adults shied away. Poor Punch became nearly destitute without his friendly agent friends to slip him the odd duece of five spot, and as Christmas approached, his hotel room rent



was far in arrears, to say nothing of a much larger restaurant bill. A couple of good samaritans felt duty bound to help poor Punch so went the rounds collecting cash for his holiday gift. Everyone kicked in, for his jovial presence always stimulated business and kept customers in a happy mood. By Christmas Eve nearly \$50 was in the kitty, and for once Punch was speechless, and most grateful.

The day after Christmas Punch visited his usual haunts, a twinkle in his eye, happy as a kid, and sporting a swanky new \$50 overcoat. He just couldn't resist the temptation to appear the best dressed man in town, regardless of where his next meal was coming from.

But I've forgotten to mention one of his favorite stories. This is, by no means, the first time it has circulated, or the second. Details have changed slightly as the years rolled past, depending on who related or wrote of the incident. Here's the story exactly as told to me nearly sixty years ago

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PEOPLE

ROBIN and MIGUEL MERAZ, of Mexico's Ribbon Star Circus, are visiting her parents (the Ralph Hortons) in San Diego, Calif. They have visited De Wayne Bros. Wallace & Rogers and Circus Vargas this month.

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The first performance of a series of holiday dates for the Stroyanoff Great European Circus was sponsored by the Jaycees of Lancaster, Texas on Dec. 6th.

The show was produced by Luben Stroyanoff and Jeannine Johnson. Music was provided by the Madden family (drums and organ), with Gene Randow serving as both clown and announcer.

The program featured:-

Corky Plunkett Family - tramp.
 Glen and Ethel Henry - dogs
 Larry Rucker - dogs
 Miss Myna - single trapeze
 The Lemke Family of Chimps
 Larry Rucker's chimps
 Carl Wong - sway pole
 -- Intermission --
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 Larry Rucker - circus elephants
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Concessions were handled by:
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 circus novelties; June Plunkett,
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A HUGE CROWD turned out to see and enjoy the Big John Strong's "Santa Circus" at the Oakland (Calif.) Auditorium Theatre on Dec. 15th. It was a well-paced show, with good audience response for each act and if anything was missing it was only Big John himself, who was on another unit in the mid-west.

The program, MC'd by Bill Birchfield, featured Phil (Philippe) Shear and Roy Davenport as clowns, who had worked out some new ideas for old routines.

Included in the program were:

Heidi Wendany - trained dogs
 The Deans - rope spinning
 Clowns - the long shirt
 Sandy Strong - trained birds
 Bill Birchfield - guillotine
 The Wendanys - balance/comedy

-- Intermission --
 Bill Birchfield - magic/illus.
 Clowns - hair grower
 The Taylors - juggling
 Sylvester - trained chimp
 Clowns - boxing match
 The Deans - whips

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Sarasota Show

A good crowd was on hand for the annual Showfolks Circus at Roberts Arena in Sarasota. Included in the audience were many circus fans and show folks.

The program, with Al Dawley, as ringmaster, included:

Circus Clowns

Overture

Aerial ballet and balancing

traps - Chapman and Navarro

The Rita Bros. - juggling

The Canestrellis - horses

Hernandez Troupe - perch act

Johnny Cline - elephants

The Clowns -

The Jordans - upsidedown cycle

-- Intermission --

The Bulgaros - trampoline

Dog act

The Navarros - sword balance

The Chapmans - ladder balance

Johnny Cline - liberty horses

The Clowns

The Tabaks - revolving perch

Hernandez Troupe - teeterboard

The Clowns

Elephant and leopard (Woodcock)

The Clowns

The Wallendas - high wire

..... Hugo Marquardt

MANY THANKS

and

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

To All Our Friends on The Big John Strong Circus
and Especially To
Big John and Betty Wendany who made it all worthwhile

from

FRANK and BERNICE DEAN

This past year has certainly been a most difficult one and it recalls the days of the Great Depression, when life was anything but easy. Living in a small New England town it was a daily struggle just to exist and one of the bright spots in life was the visit of a circus to our town.

Despite a shortage of money, food and clothing, a visit to the circus was an important family activity. Somehow Dad always knew ahead of time that a show was due and he felt it was important that we not only see the performance, but that we observe every operation of the circus and record everything possible. This eventually produced bulging files, photo albums and charts.

We were born in March and attended our first circus two months later. From that day to this virtually nothing has ever been allowed to stand in the way of our visiting a circus, and sometimes this has meant traveling hundreds of miles, for just a few short hours on the show lot.

From our childhood home we could look out upon the circus lot, which was just across the way. From this vantage point we could see the circus, the parade and all that was connected with the show just as it happened.

There were large and small shows, good ones and poor ones, truck and railroad shows. They all had that magic that was to touch us and would forever, like a strong magnet, continually draw us to it, no matter what the obstacles.



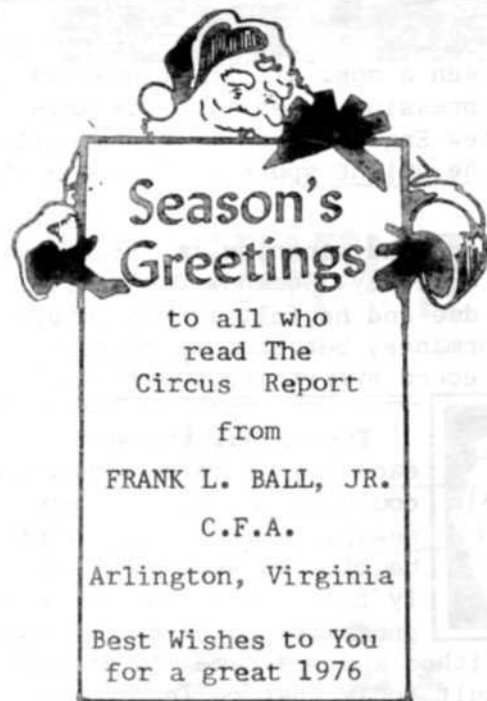
Throughout the years each bit of information that could be gathered, every newspaper item that could be clipped were all carefully filed away. So too, were programs, route cards, show lithos and you name it. As a result today that collection is rated as one of the largest all-around private collections in the country.

Most of these items were never removed from the files once they were put away, but over the past four years we have taken some material and used it in The Circus Report. The response has been good with requests for even more such goodies.

In the coming years of Circus Report we will bring you more of these features - rare items that many people have not seen. We'll also bring you routes, news and other information you will enjoy.

We appreciate your support and look forward to the future.

Don



ROUTES

American Freedom Train

Dec 20-28 Pomona, Calif.
30-Jan 1 Los Angeles

Globetrotters

Dec. 28 Duluth, Minn.

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Dec. 26-31 Boston, Mass.
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to Dec 25 Mexico City, Mex.

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Circus Vargas

Dec 26-Jan 1 San Jose, Cal.
Jan. 3-7 Alameda

Int'l Circus Festival

Dec 26-30 Monte Carlo

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus

Dec 27-28 Phoenix, Ariz.
Jan. 3 Yuma

ROUTES

- King Bros. Circus
to Dec 25 Mexico City, Mex.
- Pickle Family Circus
Dec 26-29 San Francisco, Cal.
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PEOPLE

BOB EMRICO opens with his school magic show in Oregon on Jan. 3rd for a winter series of show dates.

CHARLES GERMAINE reportedly plans to take out his own circus for the 1976 season.

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The Cole All Star Circus is scheduled to open at Halifax, Pa on Jan. 17th. Watch for the show route and details in future issues of Circus Report.

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PEOPLE

MARI JO COULS, who was in the office of King Bros. Circus has retired to her home in Florida.

JOE EDDIE will be back on the Hoxie Circus in '76 as the show's drummer.

CLEO PLUNKETT is reportedly joining Carden-Johnson Circus as their ringmaster.

THE ZOPPEs have recently purchased buses which are now being converted into mobile homes for the coming season.

PATRICIA GATTI, of American Cont'l Circus, and promoter RON CALHOUN were married early this month.

BOB EMRICO, clown, and CLARK McDERMOTT's dogs have been working several holiday shows together

TOM and ROBIN BISHOP plan to spend some time in Texas before starting their 1976 season.

TOM UPTON reports none of his circus films were damaged in his recent fire.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To
All Our
Circus Friends and Fans

from

KATHLEEN and EUGENE
LaPOINTE

Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

**Clown College**

At least 22 students recently completed a course in "Clownology" at the California State University in San Diego. The occasion marked a special program featuring each graduate, after which diplomas were presented to the clown students.

The course is taught by Rich Wise and features instruction on make-up, costumes, general clowning, props, etc.

Clown Honored

Veteran clown Gene Randow was honored by Morris Bentley and the Hella Shrine Temple at the end of the recent Dallas circus date. The after show party marked Gene's 14th year with the annual Texas Shrine dates and was a tribute for his exceptional work throughout the years. As a special part of the occasion a huge cake, complete with a likeness of Gene, was served.

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Miscellaneous

The Northwest Showman's Club will hold their annual "Bull Banquet" at the Olympia Hotel in Seattle on Jan. 17th. Jerry Burtenshaw is the incoming president.

The Syrian Shrine Temple of Cincinnati is already selling tickets for their Mar. 16-21 circus. The show is billed as the "Red Carpet Bicentennial Circus."

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ART "Doc" MILLER

PEOPLE

FRED WENDANY recently won two \$100 jackpots at Reno, then put it all back trying for the third win.

*Season's Greetings***WALLACE & ROGERS CIRCUS**

PEOPLE

CLIFFORD MONEZ, former circus high wire performer and wild west star, now works as Santa Claus in Martinez, Calif.

Miscellaneous

An 18 month old gorilla at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo has been ill and is being treated with anti-biotics.

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happiness to
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Letters

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..... Raymond E. Dumke



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to all my CFA &
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real enjoyment!

M. L. DUPONT

Miscellaneous

The new book "The Biggest, The Smallest, The Longest, The Shortest" a story of Wisconsin circuses by Dean Jensen is now available.

In Memoriam

CLAUDIA CONDON (69) former vaudeville performer, died last month at Albany, N.Y. She toured with a vaude act and was at one time under contract with NBC. Survivors include a daughter and a sister.

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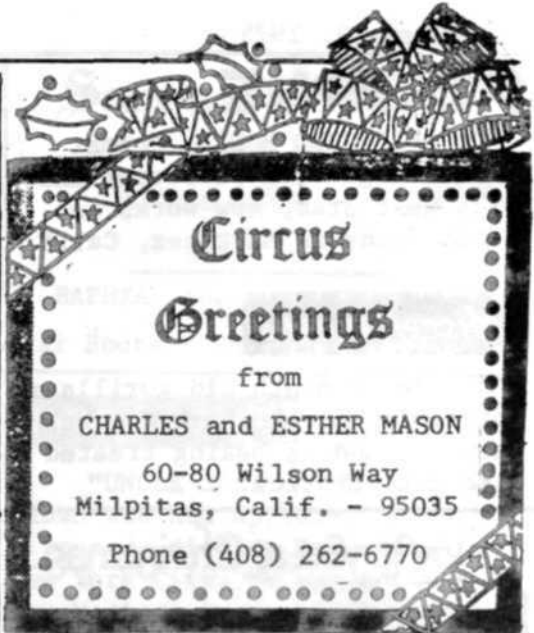
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Last week a San Francisco TV station held a "Circus Week" and featured a different circus film each afternoon. They were:



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ter that terrible bomb incident at L.A. Int'l last year....Following a long search, yours truly has entrusted his biography to KATHY GOFORTH, feature writer for the Akron Beacon Journal, who has already written a sensational article on her subject that has garnered an avalanche of mail.

GLENN PARKIN's mother flew into Sarasota from Canada and we can't blame her for that. After a severe cold wave the Floridian weather is HOT!....HOXIE TUCKER changed his mind about the new top for his Great American Circus. He ordered a red top from Leaf with blue and white sidewall. It is an 80 with two 20 ft middles and one 40 ft. He also ordered a new Marquee for the Hoxie Circus.

And what is the George Matthews spool wagon doing at Leaf? New Big Top in the offing for '76? Must drive up there and find out!

We at CR are grateful for the fan mail CIRCUS SENTINEL is receiving and take this opportunity to thank all those who have so kindly written in. It's nice to be appreciated.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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RANDOM RAMBLING (Continued)

by Henry Boulliea, stage manager at the old Lyceum Theatre.

Out in the Colorado mining country, a small theatrical troupe was struggling to make a go of it. Towns it had banked heavily on, had shut down, while small pox raged in others, a most discouraging situation.

As the performers climbed aboard the horse drawn stage, heading towards one more town, the only seat available for the manager was up top-side with the rough bewhiskered tobacco-chewing teamster. Feeling the need of a sympathetic ear, the manager went into detail, as they jounced along, about all of their troubles, how much the group needed a bit of success to keep going, and how the Open House they were now headed for was their last and final hope to avoid being stranded. This tale of woe fell on the teamster's deaf ears and for some time they continued over the rocky road in silence.

Topping the brow of a mountain top, the manager noted a bright glow in the sky up ahead so with forced enthusiasm he made one more attempt to engage the driver in some sort of conversation. He said, "Golly! That is certainly a beautiful sunrise up ahead, isn't it?" Getting a firmer grip on the reins, and urging the horses to



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The next issue of Circus Report will be dated Jan. 5, 1976. We hope you have a Happy Holiday Season.



LOVE,
JOY,
PEACE

to all

Our Circus Friends

from

The SLUSSER FAMILY
Porterville, Calif.

a trot, the teamster spit out his chew of tobacco and almost roared at the showman - "Why ya stupid fool, that ain't no sunrise, that's yur dern ol' Opry house a-burning down!"

YEARS AGO

Pittsfield, Mass. June 8, 1924
Sells Floto Circus

The Sells Floto Circus arrived here from Gloversville at 11:30 a.m. (Sunday, June 7) on one train of 29 cars, consisting of 6 horse cars, 14 flat cars, 8 sleepers, 1 stock car and 60 wagons, plus 2 tractors, an auto and a cart.

The cars are painted white with red ends. The wagons are blue, white and red. The coaches are white with salmon ends and roofs.

The flat car no's are: 21 to 35; horse cars 15 to 20; coaches 43 to 48 - their names are: Missisquoi 43; Pueblo 42; Tambon 41; Cody 40; Colorado 39; Denver 38; Pikes Peak 37; Royal Gorge 36;

Animals include 14 elephants plus 4 camels, 2 baby camels, 1 llama, 6 ponies, 3 donkeys, 120 baggage horses and 72 ring stock

It was trying to rain most of the morning on Sunday, then finally started raining hard for most of the morning. On Monday it was a very good day.

They began to unload about 12:20 p.m. and were finished by 2 p.m.

They have two light plants, one stake driver and no spool

wagons this year. The big top has 4 center poles.

The baggage stock includes: four 8 horse teams; eight 6 horse teams; five 4 horse teams; four horses not used; four 2 horse teams; there are three tents for the baggage stock with 40 horses in each tent.

The ring horses and dressing tent is combined, with ladies on one end, the men on the other end and horses in the center.

The tents are: big top with 4 poles; menagerie 5 poles; side show 3 poles, dressing and ring horses 5 poles; dining tent 6 poles; kitchen 2 poles; three horse tents 6 poles; wardrobe 2 poles; band 2 poles; blacksmith 2 poles; small top 2 poles, four candy stands, 2 poles each.

The side show has a bally platform, 3 ticket boxes, 14 platforms, 15 pole banner line.

All the tents were put up on Sunday with only a small part of the seats left for Monday. Two elephants were used to pull the wagons around the lot and on Sunday the hippo was left out of its cage.

The parade, which started at 11 a.m. on Monday featured: Tally Ho; 4 trumpeteers; 3 lady riders; 12 cowboys; 2 cowgirls; 12 lady riders; clown police patrol; 6 camels; 14 elephants; 3 outriders.



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for Circus Fans
and Circus Folks
is that you have a

BLESSED CHRISTMAS

and a

NEW YEAR

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..... TINY and HAZEL PHILLIPS

xmas party

Members of the Duggan Bros. CFA Tent #116 held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 6th at Atlanta, Ga. A feature of the evening was the screening of color films made by Joe Bradbury during his summer trip to Europe

Among those attending the meeting were: Merlin Weaver, Joe Bradbury, Mercer Sullivan, Bill and Lucille Lane, Nat'l CFA President Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick and wife Roxana, Charles Hanson, Stan May, Robert Brisendine and his mother, Dick Dickerson and Herbert Frierson, District 14 CFA Director.

SAWDUST TRAIL

The Shrine Circus at New Orleans, produced by Karl Wal-lenda, was aided in ticket sales with a tie-in to the Burger King. They had tickets for the 10:30 a.m. show on Nov. 29th.

Timex is using an elephant and circus background to demonstrate the durability of their watch.

The Oscanian Bros. Circus, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., will premiere early in '76. Already a tentative route has been set.

Bea K. Silverlake told this reporter that McDonald's (national hamburger chain) was negotiating for their circus (Fisher Bros.). No complete details are immediately available.

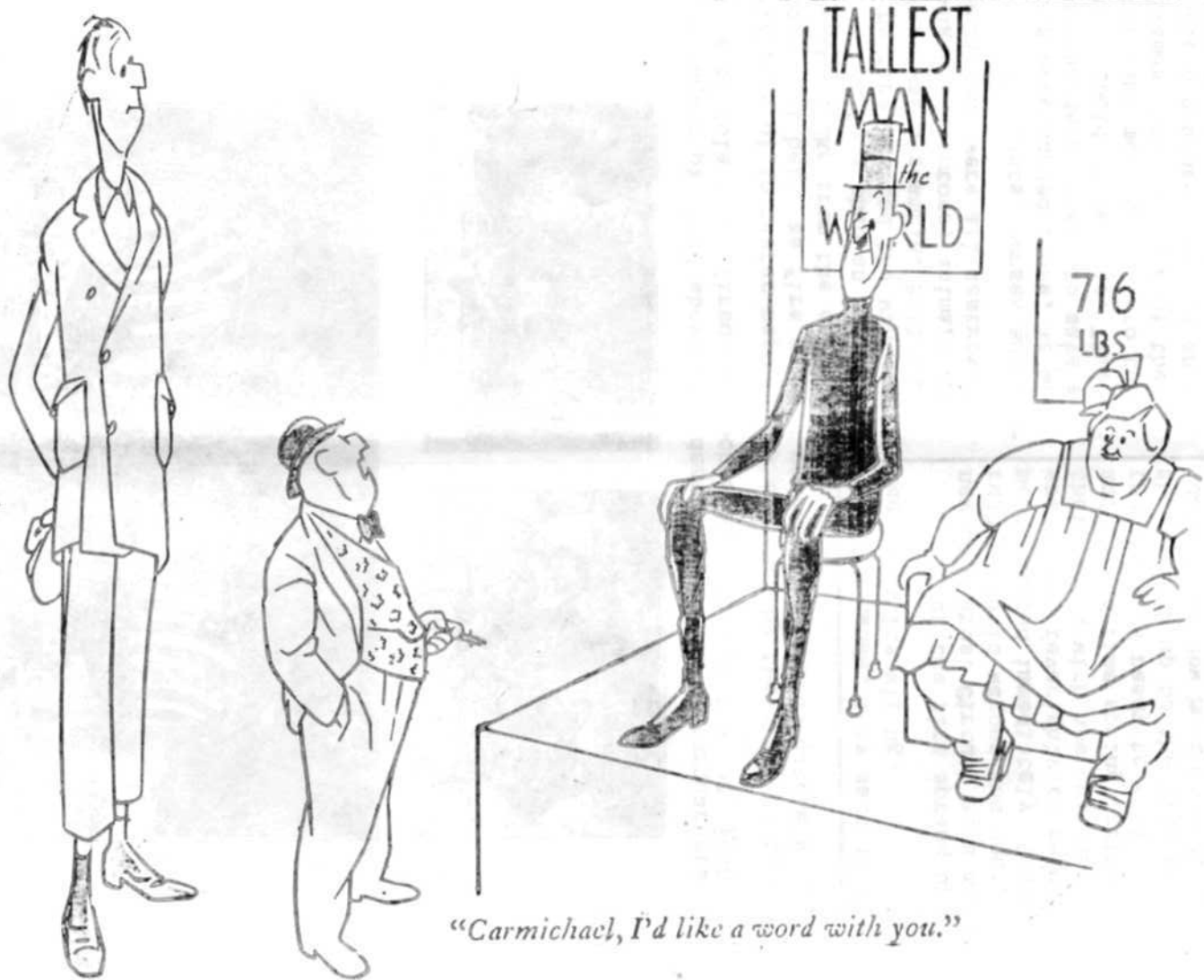
A well known circus fan is planning legal action against a name circus family and show that could shake the faith of all Circus Fans. A brief has already been filed for services owed.

..... M. L. Dupont

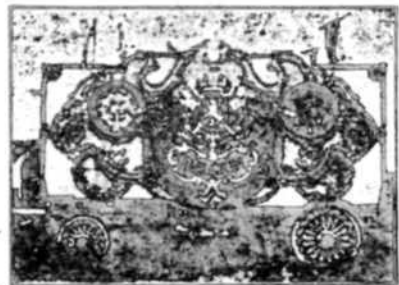
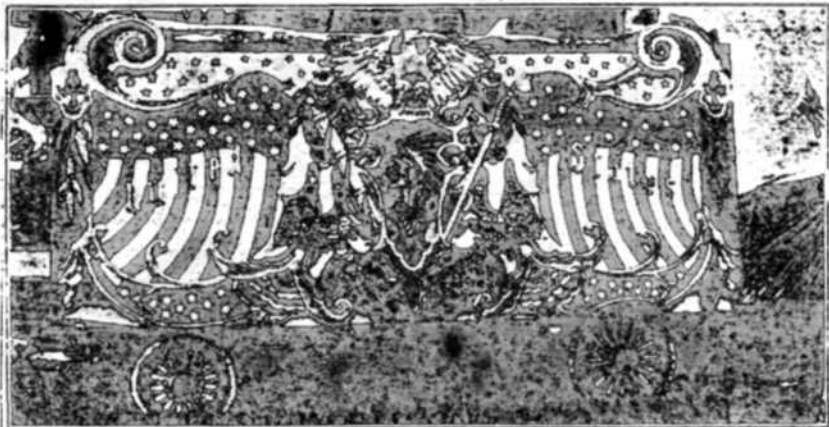


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DON MARCKS



"Carmichael, I'd like a word with you."



The wagons pictured above were destroyed in the winterquarters fire of Cole Bros. Circus at Rochester, Ind., on Feb. 20, 1940.

Citizens of Rochester were rudely awakened by the clanging of the town hall bell, as fire engines raced to the circus quarters, just a few blocks from the center of town.

In less than an hour after the fire started the winterquarters was a shamble. Buildings, wagons, tractors, animals and equipment were all destroyed.

Elephants, horses and camels were turned loose, as men worked desperately to save all that could be reached. Time after time men rushed into the flames, not thinking of their possible danger, but in an effort to save the show.

The cause, they said it was due to faulty wiring.

Out of the fire sprang up a new Cole Bros. Circus, as a mad rush to build wagons and equipment started immediately. Trainers worked feverishly to rebuild their acts, with new animals and by the time spring arrived the show was ready to roll -- thus living up to the time worn adage "The Show Must Go On"....



HAPPY END OF SEASON
TO ALL



SEE YOU ON THE ROAD IN '76

Philippe



P.S. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Merry Christmas ❁ Happy New Year

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