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# SHOW VISIT

Went over to see Hoxie Bros Circus at Marietta, Ga. (Oct. 7) writes Paul Fitzpatrick. Visited with John Herriott and family who were with the show, having joined right after Labor Day. They are presenting a fine liberty horse act, dog and pony number, etc.

John plans to be on the big Beatty-Cole Show next season. They joined Hoxie for the closing tour after the Dragettes left for some other engagements.

John Lewis was also on the show and he planned to leave after Anniston. He will be in Indiana putting his own show together for the 1974 season.

## Convention

The Windjammers Unlimited will hold their second annual convention at Atlanta, Ga. on Jan. 18-20th.

The three day event will be headquartered in the brand new Hilton Inn at that city.

# SHOW IN BARN

What has been called a successful season for the George Matthews Circus came to an end at Vallejo, Calif. on Oct. 14th. The show's big tour included dates in the mid-west and eastern states, Canada and the west coast areas. Business was generally good at all dates, officials report



Three dates in Canada were played indoors because of bad weather. Otherwise all of the performances were presented under canvas. At least three really outstanding dates were noted during the final days of the tour -- Cranbrook, BC, Medford, Ore. and Pleasant Hills, Calif.

The show traveled on 17 semi-units, which included 7 seat trucks. Also carried were two sections of bleacher style seats (10 rows high) plus a special reserved section just in front of the center ring.

A full-time band of eight or more was carried all season, with (Continued on Page 6 - Column 2)

## 'T WAS A WINNER

The Beatty-Cole's one day stand at Roswell, N.M. (Oct. 6th) was a real winner. The weather was perfect, the advance sale was good (sponsors were the Jr. Chamber of Commerce) and as a result big crowds were on hand for both performances.

This is one of the few traditional circuses left, writes J. King Ross, and it goes without saying that it seems nice to see a canvas show again. It makes most of the other shows look like "gilly shows."

The circus has 15 elephants, a great riding act and a 5 person high wire number (Wallenda style). They also have the best trainer in the business today -- Jack Joyce -- who presents some nice acts, such as a pony drill, jumping greyhounds, llamas and zebra drill and a clown dog.

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## ALL'S QUIET

During a recent visit to Sarasota, Fla., we drove over to see the RBBB quarters at Venice. It is only about 30 miles from Sarasota.

With both units on the road, the winterquarters were really dead. We did see a couple of caretakers and a few animals around.

Of special interest was Gargantua's old cage, laying off to one side, among the weeds. It's paint is peeling badly, but the big special window glass is still all intact. It was last used by the show for those baby gorillas, and their toys are still piled up in one corner of the cage.

. . . L. Wilson Poarch

## for Sale

### NICE COLLECTORS ASSORTMENT

Circus material, including letterheads (one Mighty Haag), promotional material, office forms, tickets, litho passes, herald and window card . . . . . \$5.00

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## Season ENDS

The Playtime Shows wound up the 1973 season at the fair in Fryeburg, Me. where they winter their equipment. The show features a large midway, with numerous concession stands. They carry their own light plant, transformer unit and office trailer.

Midway features included: Merry-go-round; Truck-mounted wheel; Round-up; Rollo-plane; Tilt a-Whirl; Tempest; Scrambler; Octopus; Skooter; Giant Slide. They also had three umbrella rides and an air pillow.

Other attractions include: A Fun House; Glass House; Girl Show; Giant Rat Show; and a Wax Show.

## MORE INFO

After reading a report of the Beatty-Cole Show in your Oct. 8th issue, says Tex Dreyfus, there is a correction to be made. The circus lost their matinee performance at Beaumont, Texas, because the stake drivers were late getting in. As a result they gave only the night show.

I visited the show at Beaumont and Victoria, and they pulled good crowds at this latter date. The weather was ideal and the lot was nice and dry.

Corpus Christi also proved to be a winner, with an advance sale that was beyond expectations. As a result big crowds were on hand for both performances.

## SHOW TALENT

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Glenn Eden Sun Park (between Corona and Elsinore, Cal) offered its members a variety of entertainment programs. One of the features was a circus presentation produced by Tom Handforth, who is an organist and MC. The Oct. 7th show ran about 45 minutes and continued a tradition of circus programs at the park, which was first produced in 1964.

Appearing on the show were: Denny Rees - clown and juggler  
Dave Linden & Co. - hand balance  
Frenchy, the Clown  
Bill Dedrick - dogs and ponies

The clowns included a "lost pants" number in their routine, but it didn't draw one laugh. Instead the laugh was on the clowns, for the Glenn Eden Sun Park is a nudist camp, and all 1,000 or more men, women and children who were watching the show didn't have a stitch of clothing on.

## TO THE EDITOR

Here's my check for a renewal subscription to Circus Report. It expires at the end of October and I don't want to miss a single issue  
. . . .John Phillips

### NOTICE .....

All kinds of circus pictures for sale - 8x10's in sets. Write to: Circus Memories Museum, Fryeburg, Maine - 04037.

# ROUTES

**Boas Bros. Circus**  
 Oct. 22 Booneville, N.C.  
 23 Cooleemes  
 24 Thomasville  
 25 Pittsboro  
 26 Silver City  
 27 Lillington

**Carson & Barnes Circus**  
 Oct. 22 Abilene, Texas  
 23 Gatesville  
 24 San Saba  
 25 Killeen  
 26 Trague  
 27 Corsicana  
 28 Commerce

-- End of Season --

**Hubert Castle Circus**  
 Oct. 24-27 Utica, N.Y.

**Clyde Bros. Circus**  
 Oct. 22-23 Greenville, SC

**Fisher Bros. Circus**  
 Oct. 22 Iowa Park, Texas  
 23 Olney  
 24 Springtown  
 25 Clifton  
 27 West

**Hall's Circus Side Show**  
 Oct. 22-27 Thomasville, Ga.

**Happytime Circus**  
 Oct. 26-Nov 11 Phoenix, Arz

**George Hubler Circus**  
 Oct. 27-28 Dayton, Ohio

**Int'l Boys Circus**  
 Oct. 23-24 Hampton, Va.  
 26-28 San Antonio, Tex

**King Bros. Circus**  
 Oct. 22 Amory, Miss.  
 23 Louisville  
 24 Brookhaven  
 25 McComb  
 26 Amite, La.  
 27 Bogalusa  
 28 Columbia, Miss.

**Miller Johnson Circus**  
 Oct. 24-25 Blackfoot, Id.  
 26 Boise

**Olympic Int'l Circus**  
 Oct. 26-28 Monroe, La.

**Ringling's Blue Unit**  
 Oct. 24-28 Nashville, Tenn

**Ringling's Red Unit**  
 Oct. 25-28 Ottawa, Ont.

**Royal Lipizzan Show**  
 Oct. 23-24 Allentown, Pa.  
 26-28 Springfield, Mass

**Sells & Gray Circus**  
 Oct. 22 Dublin, Ga.  
 23 McRae

-- End of the Season --

**Ben Hur Shrine Circus**  
 to Oct. 28 Houston, Texas

..... SPECIAL ROUTES .....

**Fiesta Folklorico**  
 Oct. 22 Miami, Fla.  
 23 Orlando  
 26 Albany, N.Y.  
 27 Trenton, N.J.  
 28 Poughkeepsie, NY  
 30 Wilmington, Del

**Grand Nationals**  
 Oct. 26-Nov 4 San Fran, Cal

**Holiday on Ice (Int'l)**  
 Oct. 24-28 Johnstown, Pa.

**Holiday on Ice (Nat'l)**  
 Oct. 23-28 Ft. Wayne, Ind.

**Rex Humbard (Evangelist)**  
 Oct. 22 Madison, Wisc.  
 23 Fargo, N.D.  
 24 Minot  
 26 Flint, Mich

**Ice Capades**  
 Oct. 23-28 El Paso, Texas

**Irish Festival**  
 Oct. 20-27 San Fran, Cal.

**Small World (Disney)**  
 Oct. 23-28 Birmingham, Ala

..... CARNIVALS .....

**Amusements of America**  
 Oct 25-Nov 3 Charleston, SC

**Belle City Amusements**  
 Oct. 22-27 Bainbridge, Ga.

**James H. Drew Shows**  
 Oct. 22-27 Augusta, Ga.

**Farrow Amusements**  
 Oct. 22-27 Monticello, Miss

**Fun Fair Amusements**  
 Oct. 22-27 Loris, SC

**Gold Medal Shows**  
 Oct. 22-27 Robertsedale, Ala

**Golden Empire Shows**  
 Oct. 29-Nov 3 Pascag'la, Ms

**Little Richard's Expo**  
 Oct. 22-27 Lincolnton, NC

**Louden Amusements**  
 Oct. 22-28 Vidalia, Ga.

**Matt Armstrong Shows**  
 Oct. 24-28 Opelousas, La.

## TOUR ENDS

Billy Griffen, clown and office manager of the Jim Silverlake Lewis Bros. Circus, reports they closed on Oct. 6th and went into quarters at Medora, Ind. The season as a whole was reportedly very successful, despite the first few weeks of rain and generator trouble.

Acts were added towards the end of the season to strengthen the program. It is expected that the show will travel westward in '74, under another title. The Lewis Bros. title was leased from John Lewis, who toured as assistant manager on Hoxie Bros. this past season.

. . . . M. L. Dupont

## Pot-Pourri

The police at Springfield, Mo. sponsored a circus in that city on Oct. 8-9.

The pictorial book "Berkshire" (published in June 1961) contains a picture of a circus parade in 1900.

The Arabia Shrine Circus was produced at Houston, Texas by L. N. Fleckles this year.

Rudy Bros. Circus has the most colorful advance sale tickets of any show on the road.

The DeWayne Bros. Circus played at Pico Riviera, Calif. on Oct. 20.

A carnival was set up on the Universal Studio lot last week for some special film work.

## A MUDDY LOT

by L. R. LOOMIS

When the Beatty-Cole Circus played Lawton, Okla. (Oct. 11) the show drew straw houses despite a muddy lot, due to 2½" of rain the previous evening.

Every piece of equipment became mired deep in the mud and two and three elephants were required to move just the light stuff. A call was sent out for bulldozers, but none was available.



After contacting local Army officials three bulldozers, two road-graders and several loads of gravel were made available for the circus without charge.

The matinee was delayed about 45 minutes, and the high wire act and riding number were unable to work. All of the performers wore boots, yet did a fine job despite the slippery footing.

CFA and CMB's attending the show were: Robert Stiff (Lindsay); Elgin Bailey, Edgar Petty (Olka City).

Royal Wild West Circus is set to end its 1973 tour on Oct. 26th.

Miller Johnson's advance sale family tickets now being sold in California are priced at \$8.00

The TNT Circus ended its season with a four day stand at Clarksville Ind. (Oct. 17-20)

## THAT'S IT

The last route card (no. 16) for the Sells & Gray Circus has been issued for the 1973 season. This card was longer than the other cards issued as it carries an extra week -- weeks 31st and 32nd, plus four days listed as the 33rd week, with a closing set at McRae, Ga. on Oct. 23rd.

The card reads as follows: "Sells & Gray Circus thanks everyone for making this a great season. Opened March 10th and closed Oct. 23rd, for a total of 228 days,"

The show traveled a total of 12,342 miles with only five days off. One day was lost, at Keansburg, N.J., because the lot was underwater. They presented 438 performances this year.

## Fair Talent

Top name acts were on hand to please fair goers at two fairs recently. All reportedly played to good crowds and offered pleasing performances.

Appearing at the Eastern States Expo in West Springfield, Mass. were: Rex and Wanda Rossi, the Royal Int'l Circus, Ostermayer's Lipizzens and the Cutis Jungle Fantasy.

Headling the Santa Cruz County Fair at Santa Cruz, Calif. were: the Happytime Circus, The Aerial Baretts, Bob Baker's Marionettes, Ken Delo, Harris Nelson, musical comedian, Three of a Kind and accordionist Lou Jacklich.

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### SHOW IN BARN (Continued)

students from Martinez, Cal. adding to the group at several spots.

The big top, which was new last year is starting to show some signs of wear. It is a 120 ft. round end with three 40 ft. center pieces. Four center poles, 20 long quarters, 23 short quarters and 64 side poles hold the top in place.

The midway includes a marquee and ticket wagon, concession stand and the colorful Ed Russell side show. Featured were magic, a blade box, electric man, snakes and the show's elephants (Jackie, Sue and Lovey).

Featured in the show's program during its closing days were

Chester Cable - foot juggler  
Xavier Morales - juggling  
The Davidsons - juggling  
Clowns - The Cannon number  
Phil & Francine - serial cradle  
Tony & Brende - balancing  
Alfonso - elephants  
Herbert Weber - slide for life  
Ivan Henry - chimps  
Alfonso - liberty horses  
The Davidsons - rola bola  
Xavier Morales - rola bola  
Los Latinos - tight wire  
Clowns - Levitation  
Antonio Morales - single trapeze  
Alfonso - elephants (3)  
Sparky, the Clown - floating cane  
The Flying Apollos

# Who's Who

**BOBBY** and **JEANNE MOORE** and **POM POM** and **TOMMY DONOHO** recently visited with **SMOKEY JONES** in Southern California.

**J. KING ROSS** visited with **ETHEL** and **JACK JOYCE** when the **Beatty-Cole Show** played dates in New Mexico.

**DOROTHY MILLER** (public relations) is visiting her folks in Timmons, Ont., while **ART "Doc" MILLER** is doing newspaper work in Florida.

**PAUL** (former trampoline performer) now heads a musical group on the west coast.

**GEORGE BRUNO** (Great Bruno, break-away sway pole) is currently working with the **E. K. Fernandez Shows** in Hawaii.

**JIM DOLAN**, original owner of the

**James Bros. Circus** visited on the **George Matthews Circus** early this month before returning to his home in Australia.

**FLOYD BAKER** is planning on a mixed uncaged animal act for the 1974 season. The act will include a lion, tiger and leopard.

**DAVE SLUSSER** (clown) is at Fort Benning, Ga. for an 8 week course with the Army.

**HARRY ROSS** (clown) has been in show business since 1918, when he joined the **Sells Floto Circus**.

**CHARLES** (Glenn) **McCaskey** would like to hear from friends. Write him at: Rte. 2 Box 38, Atmore, Ala.

**HERBERT WEBER** will be playing Shrine dates for **George Hubler** starting in November.



THE ABOVE photograph is that of the Jackson Family, safety bicyclists, as they appeared in 1899 with the Forepaugh-Sells Show. From left to right they are Amelia Correia, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Katie Dooley, Clara Melnott, Fred Jinks and Leo Jackson.

**THE FLYING APOLLOS** left the **George Matthews Circus** just a day ahead of the season's closing.

**CHET SLUSSER** was able to see several shows this season - **RBBB**, **John Strong**, **Polack**, **Royal Int'l** and **Happytime Circus**.

**TOM UPTON** visited with the **Polack Bros. Circus** during that show's date at the Fair in Fresno, Cal.

# Grand Jury indicts

The executive director of the Providence, R.I., Civic Center was indicted by a Grand Jury on Oct. 10th for soliciting a bribe. Harold C. Copeland was charged with "corruptly attempting to obtain from Robert 'Skip' Chernov the sum of \$1,000 for securing Mr. Chernov a favorable date for his promotion."

Mr. Copeland pleaded innocent to the charges and said he will stay on the job, despite a suggestion by Mayor Doorley that he take a leave of absence. He said he was "shocked and surprised and had seen nothing to support the charges.

Copeland was assistant manager of the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, Ore. in 1960-65, then served as manager of Winterland Arena in San Francisco, until he was named to head the Providence center in July 1971. As executive director he is in charge of all staff, sales, operations and fiscal management and is responsible for all activities connected with the building.

Mr. Chernov is a former night club operator, who now books and promotes rock concerts and other shows. He is a co-owner of Leisure Systems, Inc., which plans to operate jal alai fronton with pari-mutual betting at Newport, R. I.