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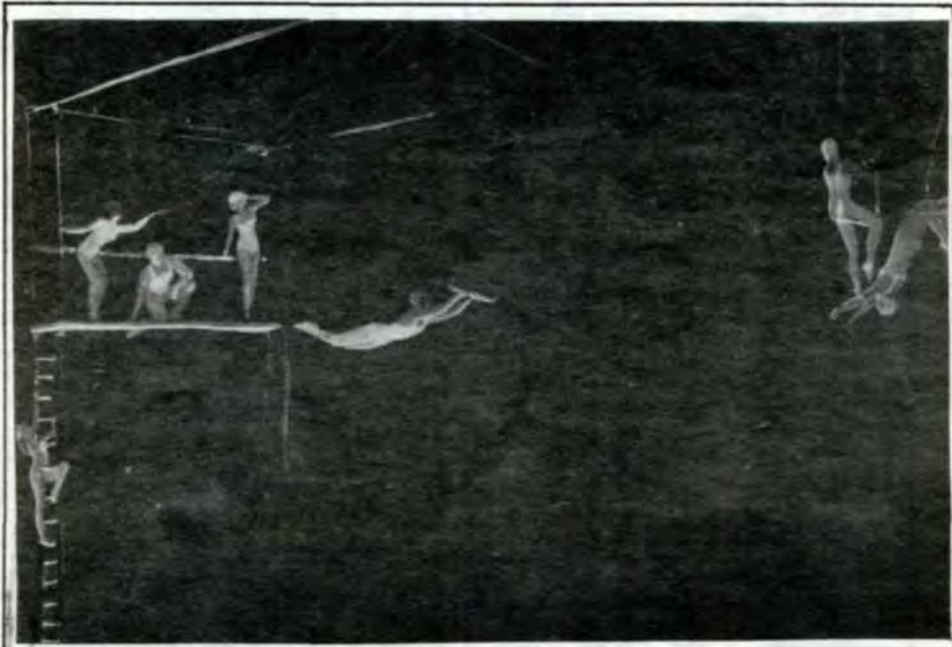
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REPORT

ROYAL EUROPEAN CIRCUS

BY CLARENCE HASTINGS

Despite the heavy rain and storm warnings, the Dorothy Herbert Tent No. 129 held their meeting on the Stebbings Royal European Circus, at Ypsilanti, Mich., Aug. 2nd.

Due to the bad weather a one pole tent was erected by Bill Stebbings. It was the first time the animals and performers had worked around a center pole. All animals worked well. The show played to a straw house, with people sitting down to the ring curb.

Ringmaster and band director was Mike Pike.

The program included: Overture; Table Act with clowns Steve and Patrick Baker; Dressage act on long lines, Joanne Pinson; The Baker Boys, European clowning with Pat, Sr., Steve, Dick and Pat, Jr.; Elephant Baby Lou and little Miss Holly Stebbings, 6 yrs old and Bob-by Stebbings; The Baker Boys, musical number; Dogs, pony and Baboon presented by Joanne Pinson; Bareback Riding by Timi and Kim Loyal Repensky, with Guistino Loyal; Bob Stebbings and the circus elephants; Intermission; Cage act by John Stebbings with tigers and lions.

PEOPLE

JOEY JORDAN, skating juggler writes that the correct name for his show is "Fantasy Follies, The Space Age Touring Variety Revue"

FRANCIS BRUNN, juggler, will be working at Chateau Madrid in New York City next month.

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SPECIAL

FLYING PADILLAS JOIN RBBB BLUE

BY HARRY GRAHAM

The Flying Padillas, were signed by Ringling Barnum to fly on the Blue Unit. They have replaced the Flying Farias who left the circus in June, following the death of Julio during a practice session.

The Padillo's agent, Raul Prado, called the flying act back from France where they had been working on Cirque Amar this year. They flew home to Guadalajara, Mexico, where they worked out for a few days with their cousin Carmen, who has joined them on the Ringling show.

Head of the troupe is Humberto Padilla, the catcher. With him are his brothers Tuli and Julio,

Ringling's suspension rigging is new to the Padillas, but Humberto said he thought they would have it solved in a few days. Tuli had a blood blister on his right palm when they joined the Blue Unit, in Anaheim, Aug. 2nd, and it was causing him some problems on the triple, but Humberto said he expected that it would be healed by the time they leave Southern California this month.

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30 Park Forest
31 Ottawa

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Aug 28 Burton, Ohio

Make-A-Circus
Aug 26 E. Palo Alto, Cal.
28 Redwood City

Ringling-Barnum - Blue
to Aug 26 Oakland, Cal.
Aug 28-Sep 1 San Fran

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Acts playing that fair date for Garden included the Klara Bertini Troupe (bikes/wire), Debbie Chapman, revolving ladder, Pirates of the Sky, The Quassars, Trudy's Dalmations, Tony Diano Elephants, Flying Lanes, Ian Garden, Jr's ponies, Rumpy the Clown, and musicians Leo Mascitto and Chuck Schlarbaum. Mickey Garden was ringmistress.

CABIN IN THE SKY: A unique feature for the ten days at that fair was RICKEY WALLEDA who actually lived in a hut 10 ft sq. erected on top of the Police Station tower from which the performer emerged and then sky-walked 150 ft. from that point to the stadium where the circus was playing. In the house was a bed, sink, porta-potty and food was shipped up to Rickey who was also permitted visitors, I'm sure he was glad when that 10 day gig was over!

RAMBLINGS: The PIRATES of the SKY to Circo Atayde this winter for the full tour. They are also filling in on some outdoor spots for Bill and Trudy. . . DUTCH CRAWFORD left Hoxie and DAVE EPPERLY, formerly of Vargas has joined Int'l All Star. . . HEIDI GUTIS GROGAN is back from a trip to Ham burg, Germany, where she visited her grandparents. . . Also back from Europe is CORKY CRISTIANI BOWES and her husband - one of their stopovers was Ireland. . . Recently on the Great American lot I said a quick Hello to BONNIE BONTA, the LANG TROUPE, GARY and ZOEANN HENRY and BUCK

NOLAN. . . Biz in Waynesboro, under the promotion of the HILLS, was super-big - and the show's season overall has been good. . . JIM SILVERLAKE is the show's manager, his wife MARLYN handles the office. Also on the show are Sammy Johnson, Don Strong & Co., Joe Frisco, Jr., Cella Diaz and others whose names I didn't catch. . . Since the unfortunate and untimely death of our good friend JOHNNY CANOLE last fall I've been missing my usual yearly supply of pens

but I've uncovered a new source: those unique pens given out by ALLAN HILL which are filled to the brim with shredded "old money" - \$2000 worth! (More about the promotional wizardry of the Hill Family later).

During the pre-publication promotion of my book, notes have come in with those orders and I've heard from people not heard from in years! It's not a surprise to me that so many performers and fans are dyed-in-the-wool mystery buffs and Agatha Christie addicts although it might be to those people in New York who told me the puzzle-plot detection novel was dead. They'll be amazed to find that the genre is a most lively corpse and that it took a little circus gypsy to prove it!. Certainly England does not share that view and my book has been sold to British and British Commonwealth foreign rights and will be published in hardcover in Canada, England, New Zealand, and Australia in 1981. It all goes to prove my theory that the first persons not to listen to are the so-called experts.

JERRY LIPKO wrote from Japan and sent pictures of that beautiful park where he is appearing. He loves it and has had a highly successful season. . . JOHNNY and PATSY JORDAN are firmly ensconced at Circus Circus in Reno where the Globe of Death is a smash hit and where their option has been picked up so our friends will be there for a long time. I couldn't be happier for them - they really deserve good seasons after all their tragic bad luck. LISA JORDAN is kept busy at CC in Reno - doing two globes, two unicycles, three aerial ballets and three cowgirl numbers per day (Wow!). . . Acts at CC besides the Jordans include MICHAEL CHIRRICK, The FLYING VOLARES, the FLYING RAMOS, the GIL-

REPORT

FARLEY BROS. CIRCUS

A new promotional circus, operated by Jack Haley, and called "Farley Bros. Circus" played the Pacific Northwest area (Oregon, Washington, Idaho) for a period of 12 weeks with good business. The show's title was leased from Benzine Farley. Mrs. Haley served as both secretary and treasurer for the show.

The program ran about an hour and 40 minutes and featured: Benzine, ringmaster; Rocky and Buster, clowns; Children's Day at the Circus" spec; Swinging ladders (3); Bear act; Japanese juggling; Clown and trick dog; Slack wire; Liberty ponies (6); the La Wares Troupe from Mexico, on high wire; Butterfly and iron jaw number; Hair hang; Revolving ladder; Trampoline act; and a single elephant.

The five piece band was directed by Jack Riley.

SPECIAL

FARIAS YOUNGSTERS JOIN SEGRERAS

BY HARRY GRAHAM

Tata and Carmelina Farias worked out on the flying trapeze in Anaheim for the first time they have flown since their brother, Julio, was killed in a fall at Tucson, Ariz., in June. Catching them was their uncle, Jesus Segrera, boss of the famed Flying Segreras.

Tata, now 9 yrs old, did the triple somersault to the hands of Jesus three times, making perfect catches on each attempt. Carmelina did the double.

They were expected to work out with Jesus again in Southern California, but there was no word from their father Fidel when the family might resume practice of their own act. Tata is the youngest flyer ever to do the triple somersault. He caught the trick for the first time more than a year and a half ago, when he was eight years old.

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Parno-Virus is a new type of viral enteritis that was unknown before 1978 and many people are still unaware of it. Puppies and older dogs are especially vulnerable to the disease.

The disease strikes quickly and is hard. It is characterized by a loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, high temperatures and a low white blood cell count. Dogs can survive it if they are treated by a veterinarian within the first few days, but the death loss runs high.

Parno-Virus spreads rapidly among dogs that congregate and are kept kenneled for shows, etc. The virus is easily transmitted by humans and dogs, although it is not known to cause any health problems among people.

Officials are concerned for fear that Parno-

Virus might break out in the commercial marketing chain that supplies retail stores with puppies. If this happens the virus would spread rapidly throughout retail pet stores and into the homes of customers.

Runs, cages, food bowls and other equipment should be thoroughly disinfected. Cleanup and sanitation are crucially important. The disease spreads rapidly through contact with contaminated feces. The virus can be passed to puppies by infected mothers' milk during their first few days of life.

The USDA has licensed a virus vaccine against the canine Parno-Virus, but supplies are presently low. The vaccine must be given in two doses 14 days apart and repeated annually. Full protection against the disease does not develop until about a week after the second vaccination.

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BY KARL J. BISCHOFF

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The CMB National Gathering held at Woonsocket, R.I., in July was a complete success, according to Ray Larouche and Tom Kulbasky, co-chairman, who said their committees deserve a "tip of the hat."

The live circus style show was outstanding. Performing were Roger Dubois, plate spinning and chimp parody; Gary Girouard, the silent clown, mime, illusions, unicycle, juggling, (CMB) Mrs. Amy Hicks, clown did hand illusions, Dan Bonner (CMB) with Wilma did a smooth elephant parody to the climax of the show.

PEOPLE

LLOYD LOAN, clown, was the subject of a special newspaper story when he appeared with the George Hanneford Circus at the Tri-State Fair.

ROBERTA GRIFFIN gave a nice plug to the **STU MILLER Magic Time USA Show** in her regular column which appears in *Genii*.

JOHN FISHER, producer, BBC, London, visited Sarasota in July and discussed the possible use of acts for an upcoming TV show in England, with agent **EUGENE C. LAMBART.**

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Acts

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The program also include a spec and finale. Bob Welz was the announcer, Jack Cervone, was the musical director and Clown Alley included: Mark Anthony, Steve Lucas, Tim Hill, Fred Lavine, and Ken Miller.

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On Aug. 3rd, six Alley 85 Clowns supplied Clown entertainment at Old City Park in Dallas. Clowns were: Joe Vineyard, Carol Hill, James Decker, Juanita Holdcroft, Jimmie Griffith and Dave Lewis.

When the Happytime Circus worked the fair at Santa Barbara, Calif, instead of performing under the big top, different acts worked various stages and platforms throughout the fairgrounds.

Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit played Dallas at the big 20,000 seat indoor facility, where they drew extremely well. Lou Jacobs, was featured not only in the show but also in the advance publicity and the novelty stands.

In Memoriam

FRANK BRIGGS, died Aug. 1st, of gunshot wounds. His body was found in a car trunk in Chicago Heights. Briggs owned a carnival and was a partner in a circus with Chicago circus people.

He was recently in Madison, Wisc., appearing before a Federal Grand Jury and was questioned about mob (syndicate) influence in his affairs.

Survivors include his wife and three children. Burial was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Chicago on Aug. 5th.

WALT MATTHIE (68), 24 hour man with Circus Vargas, died at the Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Aug. 12th. He had been in ill health for some time, had marked the show's route into town and then was forced to enter the hospital.

Walt was a charter member of the Circus Model Builders and was an active historian. He had also toured with both the Clyde Beatty Circus and Russell Bros. Circus.

PEOPLE

JIM "Texas Shorty" CHANCELLOR won the Texas State Fiddle Championship on Aug. 2nd at Arlington, Texas, playing Gray Eagle, Lady's Fancy and Apple Blossoms.

BOB and LOU STODDARD and JUANITA HOLDCRAFT were on hand when the Mayor of Duncansville, Texas, signed a proclamation proclaiming Clown Week in the city.

DAVE MILLER (Skinhead), **JUANITA HOLDCRAFT** (Minihaha) and **LOU STODDARD** (Honey) made up some 50 children for contests at Dallas, Texas, Kiest Park during Clown Week, Aug. 1-7.

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The Flying Volares recently closed there and played the Hawaii date with the Paul Kaye Circus. The Flying Michaels are returning to Circus Circus after an engagement in Denmark

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HAPPY THE CLOWN (Dave Twomey) of the Happytime Circus, received heavy coverage in the Santa Maria and Santa Barbara (Calif) newspapers during the show's run at the fair in Santa Barbara, Calif.

THE PAULO SISTERS, aerial perch, will be working the Texas Dates, after which they will return to Circus Circus in Las Vegas.

JACKIE COOGAN is starring in a new movie being made in Cleveland called "The Escape Artist."

MILTON H. GARLOW, of 6125 West Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, Wisc 53216, is looking for a small portable calliope.

LIPKO'S COMEDY CHIMPS have been held over for two months at a Safari Park in Japan which will keep them there thru October. In the meantime the **STIMAX CHIMPS** will be playing some U.S. dates for them.

STEVE BAKER and **GARY RAY**, Checkers and Patches, clowns at Six Flags Over Texas theme park, were recently visited by **BOB STONE** and **RANDY PETTON** (Fuzzy and Farley) who have toured with Carson & Barnes and now appear with their unicycle act at the "Anything Goes" club in New Orleans

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HAROLD BLACK and his talented family received nice write-ups in Canadian newspapers. Harold is a clown, his wife Pauline, does vent, a son Ken is a unicyclist, and the daughters, Barbara and Marilyn, are a magician and dancer.

ROLAND TIEBOR, retired seal trainer, will celebrate his 79th birthday next month, at his home in Palmetto, Fla.

LLOYD STEIER's "Whiskey Dogs" opened a 91 engagement at Japan's Oyata Safari Park on Aug. 21st. The booking was handled by World Wide Attractions, Inc.

DYER "Ichabod" REYNOLDS, circus collector and former RBBB employee, has been donating his collection to the Memphis State University, where many of his items will be displayed from Sept. thru December.

HARRY BLACKSTONE's magic show program credits Gentle Jungle, Inc., with providing and training animals for the show. The show program was produced by **JACK RYAN**

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PEOPLE

MARTIN (Lancelot Goodperson) REEVES, DAVE (Skinhead) LEWIS, JUANITA (Minihaha) HOLDCRAFT, LOU FLOWERS (Honey) STODDARD and CAROL (Punkin) HILL Texas Alley 85 clowns, entertained for the children of Dallas' Crippled Children's Hospital, then later joined ROSALIE (Superstar) PERRYMAN and daughter LOIS (Kukan) at a local park for additional programs.

WILLIE KRAUS, ANNIE EDELSTON and JOHN HURDLE recently visited the FLYING ROBINS at Circus World's Participation Circus. Willie and Annie were flyers on Ringling in the 1940's and Mr. Hurdle is the former curator of the John Ringling Museum.

THE FLYING ROBINS feature Tom Robin who executes a 2½ pirouette return off both his double forward and triple (only 1½ off his double-double). Laura Rappa and Linda Stamen do a passing leap and the act's catcher is John Zimmerman.

JERRY GOODSPEED & SYLVESTER, ventriloquist act, are working cruise ships out of Miami, but will play one date for Fantasy Follies next month.

JEFF McBRIDE, pantomime/illusionist, is appearing at Club Ibis in New York after playing two weeks at a fair in Middletown, NY.

TONY ECHEVERIA, fire act, is working for

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RUDY CARDENAS, juggler, is presently appearing at the Lido in Paris.

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Show Report

THE STEBBINGS' SHOW

BY DON SANDMAN

Bill Stebbing and his Royal European and Polack Bros. Combined Circus played the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 7-16.

The show was presented in a 3 pole, blue and white striped tent. The attractive walk-thru marquee had the show name across the top, with circus figures on side panels. Two concession trailers were out in front, with the circus set up on a black top parking lot.

Three performances were presented each day as a free attraction for visitors to the fair. The performances ran as: Color Book pitch before the show started; Overture by Mike Pike and the circus band; John Stebbing and his Jungle Bred Cats (4 lions, 1 tiger); The Baker Boys, table acrobatics; The Juggling Jewels (4); Jo Ann Pinson, Animal Fantasy (1 pony, 8 dogs 1 monkey); The Loyal Repensky Riding Act with Tim and Kim Loyal; The Baker Boys, musical clowns; The Young Troupe, teeterboard (7 people, doing 4 high); Polack Bros. elephants presented by Robert and Carol Stebbing.

It was figured that a three hour performance could have been presented if all the acts not used had been put in and if all the visitors in the backyard worked. Visitors included: Lucio Cristiani and family, Papa and Momma Loyal (Justino does work with Tim and Kim and Momma works concessions), and Buckle Woodcock.

Ethel Jennier and her Greyhounds were also working at the fair, with Ethel presenting the dogs on the stage in the East Wing of the Col-



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The circus performers were the highlight of the opening day parade presented on the Main concourse of the Kentucky Fairgrounds - they were: Tim Loyal, standing on back of an elephant; Carol and Holly Stebbings also rode elephants. Kim Loyal rode a horse, Jo Ann Pinson led her pony while the rest of the performers, in costume, walked the parade route. John Stebbing and Justino Loyal pulled the cats with a pick-up truck. Ethel Jennier rode with her dogs later in the parade which also included three marching bands, other performers, with two that looked like Laurel and Hardy, Floats and the Louisville Clowns of America Chapter.

Miscellaneous

BUSY SPOT

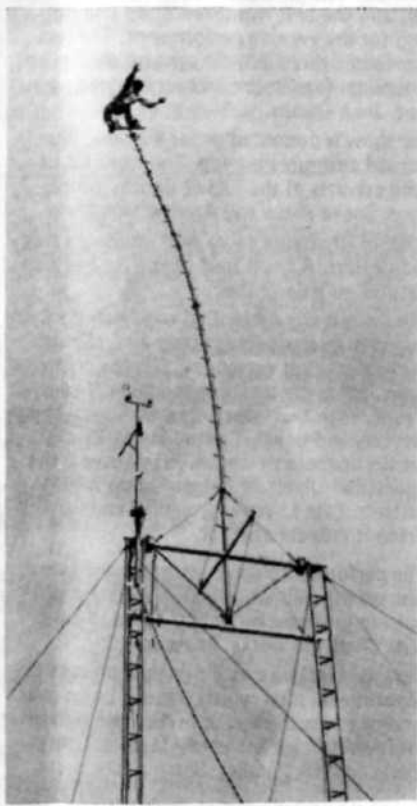
Circus activity has really picked up in the Illinois area with three shows playing within 10 miles of each other this month. The shows were:

- Circus Vargas - Aug. 22-25 - Hillside
- Carson & Barnes Circus - Aug. 25 - Maywood
- Hoxie Bros. Circus - Aug. 23 - Oak Park

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REPORT**WILLIAMS BROS. CIRCUS**

BY DON SANDMAN

A sudden storm caught the Williams Bros. Circus at South Charleston, Ohio, just before showtime on Tuesday, Aug. 5th.

The Animal Side Show tent went down and suffered minor damage. No animals were hurt and the tent was taken down and not used for the evening performance. The weather then cleared and the sun was shining by showtime. Rips in the tent were sewed up by supt. John Owens.

The show is presented under a 2 pole, blue and red push-pole big top. The front lot usually consists of the Ticket Booth, Concessions, Snake Show and Animal/Side Show.

Spotted all around town were window cards and posters. A small four page flyer was also distributed around town.

The show is owned by Carl and Michelle Conley, with an assist from father Jim. Michelle works the ticket wagon and Jim the front door. Carl is the manager and John Owens is supt. With their work crew of Bubba, they get it up and down. Tammy Helen Owens has the concession wagon. Pete Luvas is the Equestrian Director, Isabelle Luvas is ring-mistress, Pete Luvas is prop boss and Bobby Green is musical director.

The performance opens with a musical overture on the calliope, which is used throughout the program, by Bobby Green. Young Miss Charlotte works the webs.

Clowns, Fleckles and Bingo then present the Countdown, after which Isabelle Luvas gave a coloring book pitch as props were moved into position for the lovely Madam Trudy Luvas and her Poodles. Some of the props

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REPORT**HUBERT CASTLE CIRCUS**

BY ALTON L. JONES

The Hubert Castle Circus gave four performances for the Shrine Club in Joplin, Mo., on Aug. 1-2, with large crowds for the morning shows, mostly children. Evening performances were for full houses.

The program consisted of: Overture directed by Clement Toca; The Space Angels; then the Tarzan and Patricia illusion, followed by Tarzan Zerbini and his animals. Clowns followed with their lion act, then the Cradle and Traps with Miss Steffa and Miss Maya, The Berans, the Brauns, and Miss Debbie and Miss Lillian.

The jugglers were Ray Michel & Yolanda, Sampion and the Lambertis. Jorge Rossell and his comedy car was very exciting. Then came Baby Marie, the Marhal Camels and Llamas, followed with Barons and Patty with their horses. The head balancers were Sr. Juan, Felipe and Sr. Venico. On the ladders were Becky and Maya, Martin Lambert and Les Micncls on the head stand.

Marie France was a hit with her dogs. Then Gary Thomas showed the Hubert Castle elephants and their new pyramid act.

Following intermission, the Zercoffs and Voltige had the horse and clown act. The Flying Vasquez were well received and then the Clown Washing Women act was hifarious. The perch act was with the Dionnes and the Berans followed by the Riding Zerbinis.

A new feature was the Outer Space production, featuring the Empress Mlle. Jacqueline. Captain Circus was well received with his Cannon exposition.

The Joplin shows were under the production of Tarzan Zerbini.

WILLIAMS BROS. (Continued)

used by Trudy are beautiful and not normally seen on a show of this size.

Freckles and Bingo return to put on a juggling exhibition? and they are followed by Miss Tajana, who is making her debut this year on the swinging ladder. The little 7 yr. old is well schooled and daring.

Joyce and her pony and dog, who acts as a rider, present nice tricks and daring routines including a leap thru fire.

Isabelle Luvas presented a Peanut Pitch while the rigging was being set for Miss Petrova on the aerial trapeze.

Ernest Barber and his educated horse follow with various tricks and ending with Buster playing football, with the audience.

Fleckles and Bingo were back, with magic? Peter Luvas and Princess Tajana presented Kenya, the African elephant. Miss Kenya plays a mouth organ or harmonica and also plays the bells.

As you leave the tent novelties, balloons and coloring books are offered for sale. No novelties and balloons were sold during the performance. Thus they couldn't get in anyone's

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HELEN WILSON, show organist, is busy playing dates in the Northeast and also is putting a "Playtime Animal Circus" together.

BOB TIMMEL, BILL RHODES, GRACE SANDMAN AND

BOB TIMMEL, BILL RHODES, GRACE and DON SANDMAN visited the Stebbing Circus at the Kentucky State Fair.

view.

Williams Bros. is called Ohio's own, as Carl, Michelle and Jim live and winter in Kent, Oh. So, there were many circus fans and model builders on the lot. Seen by this writer were: Dick Adams, Richard Schillhahn, Roger Harris, Al Conover, Dick Schillhahn, Charles De Wein, Jake Conover, Wendall Cultice, Jim Harris, Smiley Brewer, Larry Lyons and Don Sandman.

PEOPLE

GEORGE "Perky" PERKINS, retired clown is recuperating at home after a hip replacement operation. He would enjoy cards and letters. Write him at: 12688 California Ave., Yucaipa, Calif. 92399.

SEBASTIAN will be featured in the King Bros. Circus program where he will do his Cathing A Bullet in His Teeth, a Motorcycle Illusion and the Sub Trunk.

HERBERT WEBER, Jr., son of The Great Huberto, teaches school at Riverside (Calif) College.

SANDRA ESCALANTE has a job editing commercials for TV programs.

ROBERT FRISBY, of Philadelphia, Pa., has modeled the 1925 Walter L. Main Circus as well as the 1918 Satuma Circus.

WALLY BICKMORE now operates a shop in Southern California from which he sells exotic birds and show props.

BLACKIE ESCALANTE recently had a part in the TV show "Hart-to-Hart." His granddaughter CHRISTALEE McPHERSON sings the theme song for the film "Pacific High."

ANGELA WILNOW and her Collies played Frankfurt, NY (Aug. 11-17), Lyndonville, Vt. (Aug. 18-23) and St. John, NB (Aug. 25-30).

JAY AND KEN JONES have joined the concession dept. on Hoxie Bros. Circus. They are the sons of elephant trainer SMOKEY JONES. His other son, KEITH, is with the American Continental Circus.

JANICE IAN, vocalist, is expected to star in the film translation of "The Magic of Doug Henning". The film will be made in Canada and will get underway in October.

REPORT

SUIT FILED AGAINST RBBB

A suit asking for \$140,000 in damages has been filed against the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus by Thomas Hall, of Fayetteville, N.C.

Hall contends that he was humiliated and suffered a permanent eye injury when a clown came up behind him "and began polishing (Hall's) head with a rough cloth."

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On The Cover

This week's cover painting by Robert B. Johnson is called "The Flying Act" and shows one of the early day double-wide acts performing under the big top.

There have never been many double-wide flying acts in the circus, most are a single-wide act.

Back on the Tom Mix Circus the Flying Arbaughs used a cross-over act, performing on rigging that was designed in the shape of a cross. It was quite a thrill to watch as the flyers crossed over each other on their way to or from the catcher.

Perhaps the most popular of the double-wide acts was The Ward-Bell Troupe, featuring nine people. They toured with Polack Bros. for several years, appeared on other shows and at one time even had their own circus.

HOTLINE

Aug. 11 - Anaheim, Calif. - As the Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit coaches were being moved between Anaheim and Santa Ana, the train suddenly went into emergency, which jumped the section. Pauline MacDougall was thrown from one end of the car to the other, and has been hospitalized at Anaheim, with what hospital attendants say are serious injuries.

Miscellaneous

Chris Carey, of Sho-pro Productions, of St. Petersburg, Fla., has booked the clown team of Checkers and Patches (Steve Baker and Gary Ray) for Nov. 4-11, for shows in Yambo, Saudi Arabia.

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

BERTOS (hand balancing), **RUDY's** Poodles and the **ANDRE PRINCE** Aerial Ballet. The **JORDANAS** upside-down unicycle is executed from the long monorail and Patsy says Johnny had a time getting used to that long, long ride. It was a bit "hairy" at first. Patsy saw **POM POM DONAHO** in L.V., says Pom Pom looks great, and also **BA WORKMEISTER** now in Copenhagen with **MEL**, **MIKE BEARD** and **BETTY WOODS** where that flying act ensemble is appearing. . . Little **JODY JORDAN** has all the girls chasing after him and even (sez Patsy) gets fan mail!

DOWN NOSTALGIA TRAIL: Visiting the Great American Circus I encountered **MAGGIE WISE** (now Riley) who was vacationing with **BILL HILL** and who is now living near Louisville (Ky). Maggie was a former Barbettes Girl on the old Cole Show - started out in '42 and ended her circus career in '49 on the same show when her husband **DUTCH WISE** (head ticket seller) died. Maggie has since remarried and is now an actress, recently essaying the fabulous role of **MAME** in a road company of that perennial musical. Maggie is 57, but looks years younger, has an exuberant personality and admits to getting "sawdust-fever" every now and again. She has three daughters and a son from her two marriages. The girls are named after circus greats - Terrell after Zack Terrell and Estrelita after Estrelita from the famed Nelson Family. The other daughter Heather, is an equestrienne with the U. S. Olympic Team. Her son, a comely blue-eyed 12 yr old, is named Jason and I wish I could say he is named after my soon-to-be-famous fictional detective Jason Conover - but, alas, I can't.

I **FINALLY** had the opportunity to not only see but also spend several hours in that fabulous \$200,000 bus owned by handsome **ALLAN HILL** who, by the way, is an Elvis Pressley fan and insisted on showing me video

PEOPLE

DONALD T. ARCHER, self-styled 'human fly' climbed up the side of a 36 story building in Seattle on Aug. 9th.

ROSITA SEGRERA has been practicing the triple somersault. She hopes to have it ready for the act next season.

TRUDY LUVAS will tour with her one person mall show after completing the season with Williams Bros. Circus.

MOORE'S MESS OF MUTTS were featured on a recent showing of the Merv Griffin TV Show.

cassettes of his idol whether we watched or not and asked us a thousand times if we liked Elvis! Of course I've known Bill Hill most of my life and had met his one son **TED** but never met **Allan** - which is an experience, believe me! It's hard to look at him and not think of **MAC DAVIS** and it's certainly difficult to think of him as a promotional genius at the young age of 31 when he has the outward appearance of a Rock Star!

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DEBRA PATSEL, clown, is working advance for the new King Bros. Circus dates.

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JIM SWAFFORD and RALPH HORTON made a quick visit to Circo Atayde in Mexico last month.

CARMEN HALL, FRANK MOGYOROSI, ROLAND TIEBOR and LARRY RECORDS are the animal trainers working in New Hampshire this season.

DAR ROBINSON, stunt man, executed a free fall from Toronto's CN Tower (900 ft.) last month. He was stopped by a wire cable which was attached to him. Last year he jumped from the same tower, using a parachute

Notice

SURVEY OF PERFORMING CHIMPS

The Primate Foundation of Arizona is conducting a survey of the number of chimpanzee acts and performing chimpanzees in the United States. When the survey is completed we shall publish the figures in Circus Report.

We will also be able to help you by serving as a clearing house for buying, selling, or trading chimpanzees. The Foundation does not buy or sell chimpanzees, but we will be able to put you in touch with each other or tell you of others outside the world of performers. There will be no charge for this service. It is done as part of the Foundation's charitable status on behalf of the chimpanzee.

Please complete the form on the opposite page and mail it to us. To assist in the survey, we would also appreciate a list of addresses (if you have it) of chimpanzee acts other than yours. We want the survey to be as complete as possible, so we can give you accurate figures.