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## Vargas Top Ruined

A sudden cloudburst, coupled with strong gusts of wind completely destroyed the Circus Vargas big top midway in a performance at Mt. Clemens, Mich., on July 12th.

The storm struck as the 4 p.m. matinee was underway, just as the last act before intermission (Feller Boys) started. With the downpour came a sudden gust of wind that rocked the huge orange and white tent.

The performance was stopped and patrons were asked to leave the tent. Just as the last of the people were leaving a second gust swept down and lifted the tent up and over people and show equipment, then dropped it in a tangled mess - completely ruined

Performers opened their trailers and trucks to local patrons for protection from the storm. Thanks to the prompt and efficient action on the part of circus personnel there were no


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### BULLS LOST

On July 14th wire services reported that two Carson & Barnes elephants -- Lilly and Isaiah -- had wandered into the brush area near Hugo (Okla.) and were lost. At one point scores of people, state and local police and even an airplane were out searching for the animals.

The elephants were being trucked from Minnesota to Laredo (Texas) when they were unloaded at Hugo for a rest stop. Af-

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**In Memoriam** 

**BIRDIE BARKER** (82) mother of Lloyd Barker, circus concessionaire, passed away suddenly at her home in Roseburg, Ore., on July 8th. Interment was at the Oak Creek Cemetery at Oak Creek, Oregon. She was a life-long resident of Douglas County, born at Myrtle Creek, Ore. on Nov. 9, 1892.

**PEOPLE**

**GARY McGOWAN**, agent for Mid-America Circus, is booking show dates in the mid-west states

**ZOA ANN WORDEN**, columnist for the Beatrice, Nebr., Daily Sun, has been writing about some early day circus experiences.

**CHUCK GIAIMO** is playing drums with Clyde Bros. Circus, while **JOHN MOLINARI** directs the circus band.

**CLOSE OUT**

A FEW MORE CIRCUS COLLECTOR KITS

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**aphis** REPORTS

The first exhibitor charged with violations of the Animal Welfare Act have agreed to improve their facilities, according to a report by the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Mr. and Mrs. Pat Camillo, registered exhibitors, operate a private menagerie at Mantua, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland.

Early this year a 350 lb lion escaped from the zoo, thus bringing complaints of substandard facilities and poor sanitation. An APHIS investigation substantiated the complaints and in their agreement, the Camillo's promised to provide adequate sound cages and to improve sanitation facilities.

APHIS also reports that some 160 roadside zoos have upgraded their facilities to comply with licensing requirements since the program was started in Dec. 1971. During that same period another 100 roadside attractions have ceased to operate because they couldn't or wouldn't meet APHIS standards. Approximately 650 pet stores, APHIS reports, have discontinued their handling of wild animals.

To comply with licensing requirements 120 large zoos made improvements.

# OLD TIMERS TO BE FETED

by  
NORMAN  
WILBERT

The Carson & Barnes Circus is playing at Sheboygan, Wisc., today (July 28), exhibiting on Seamann Ave, next to the Knights of Columbus Hall. The circus, with its huge big top - 360 x 160 - features an array of outstanding performers, along with many wild animal numbers.

During the evening performance a special feature has been planned for circus patrons. Several former circus performers and friends of the Seils Sterling Circus, that called Sheboygan its home, will be honored.

Local circus enthusiast Wayne Bolz will have the pleasure of introducing the following old-timers.

Orval and Verna Lindemann - circus aerialists

LeRoy Schrader - circus pony and elephant trainer

Mrs. Arthur (Mack) Heller - aerialist and widow of the famous band leader

Shirley Lindemann - circus aerialist

Percy and Ella Rademacher - clown and performer

Levi and Harry Martin - trapeze performers

Billy Burkard - contortion

Scotty Schrader - billposter

Mrs. Betty (Heller) Orth - circus performer

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Miller - circus performers

Roland and Evelyn Metzner, Frederick and Loretta Wendland - friends of the Lindemanns



The TNT & Royal Olympic Circus shopping center unit gave 12 performances during their July 10-12 stand at Valley View Mall in Dallas, Texas.

The show is framed in one ring with all equipment looking neat and clean. Owner/announcer Earl Tegge made a natty appearance in his ringmaster wardrobe and did a fine job of introducing the acts.

Music for the show was provided by drums and organ. The latter is housed in a compact show trailer which makes a good looking bandstand.

The program featured:

Musical Overture  
The Houcs - juggling  
Twinkles, the Clown - magic  
The Vickinas - risley  
Francaro & Estrelita - aerial

....by Joe Schmitt, Jr

# CIRCUS DAYS

Garden Bros. Circus was the feature subject of an article in the Albertan newspaper's Week-end section on July 5th. The article covered four full pages and included seven color photos.

Author Dan Proudfoot obviously was impressed by Santani who offers magic/illusions in the circus, for the story was basically woven around this performer. However, there were also quotes and mentions of other performers like: Tommy and Struppi Hanneford, Frank Dailey, the Young Family, the Keppo Sisters and others.

Of special interest was the interview and comments made by show owner Ian Garden. The circus, it was reported, plays for six months a year, does very well, and covers a part of the U.S. along with eastern and mid-western Canada.

The show keeps growing, Garden says, and he has hopes of taking the circus to Western Canada, then south along the U. S. Pacific coast states. In a couple of years he expects to split the circus into two shows, thus covering even more territory.

"Our aim," he said, "is to be the second biggest circus in North America."



One of the finest films ever made is currently being shown throughout the country. Unfortunately, both newspaper and TV ads are completely misleading.

The film "When the North Wind Blows" have ads showing a man and dog, and sometimes bears thus one gets the impression it is just another "nature" film, with the usual faithful dog, etc.

The surprising shocker is that the entire film deals with Siberian tigers. It was shot on location in Alberta, Canada, and it wasn't until almost at the end of the film that I realized these gorgeous cats had to have been trained. In the credits at the end, it lists about ten "animal trainers."

Anyone who loves animals, especially tigers, must see the film. It has a story line and is excellent in all departments, but the color, the scenery and the fantastic shots of these outstanding animals "doing their thing" make this truly one of the outstanding animal films of all time!

..... Kent Ghirard

**HOXIE  
BROS.****CIRCUS**

..by

GENE  
MASCIOLA

I enjoyed the excitement of Hoxie Bros. Circus at Hill's Shopping Center in Camp Hill (Pa.) on July 7th and at the Harrisburg East Mall in Harrisburg (Pa.) on July 8th. The evening show at Harrisburg was almost a full house, while the performances at Camp Hill were hindered by rain.

Hoxie Bros. has gone back to the one large center ring, and this way no one can miss any part of the fast two hour show. It is one of the best circus programs currently on tour.

At York (Pa.) on July 12th, members of the Robert Dover CFA Tent had a buffet picnic for all circus personnel and visiting fans, held between shows. Also at the show was Rep. Goodling who rode an elephant in the afternoon program.

The show includes:

Spec - "Fascination"  
Miss Linda, Zoeanna, Laura,  
Cindy, Heidi - ladders  
The Clowns - Stomach Pump  
Mary Ruth - dogs and pony revue  
Miguel Ayala - trapeze balance  
Miss Zoeanna - trick riding  
John Herriot Family - riding  
Senorita Esqueda - aerialist  
Aerial web number  
John Herriott - trained horse  
Clowns - Builders and a bomb  
Great Chandler - magic  
Senor Rosales - foot juggling  
Diaz Sisters - juggling  
Gary Henry - pony comedy

**CHARGE FILED**

An employee of the Cracker Jack Co., of Chicago, has been charged with stealing some 200,000 cases of the caramel coated popcorn, worth about \$40,000.

William Parrilli, a shipping foreman at the company's South Side plant warehouse, was arrested on April 4th after he was paid \$8,900 for some 1,300 cases which were loaded into a rental truck for an undercover agent from the state attorney's office.

A former FBI agent who now works as a security guard at the plant tipped the state attorney's office off to the theft, when he received a tip that "thousands of cases" have been missing.

According to reports most of the stolen merchandise was shipped to the west coast

Miss Linda and Graciela -  
aerial acrobatics  
Margarita Michelle - hair hang  
Hoxie Bros. Circus elephants

# SELLS & GRAY

The Sells & Gray Circus was treated to sunny skies filled with lazy clouds as they set up their big top on the northern edge of Sheboygan (Wisc.) on July 12th. For the afternoon performance they drew a full house, while the evening show was presented to a 3/4 house. It was a typical circus for the family, well received, punctuated with warm applause. The costumes were beautiful and the European-oriented performers were excellent.

Sells & Gray were sponsored by "The Buccaneers of Sheboygan" who did a tremendous advance sale of tickets. Wayne Bloz, circus enthusiast and promoter added his know-how to promote the big circus day.

Although the performers' names may not be too well known, their skills and acts warmed the hearts of those attending the show. Many come from a long line of European circus families, some running back for six generations.

Show manager Wilson Storey has been with Sells & Gray for 7 years. He has two lovely daughters - Tina and Renee - who work on the trapeze and swinging ladders.

Dana Novotny, who came to America at the age of 12 (from Czechoslovakia) was featured in a trapeze number above the center ring, where she defies the

laws of gravity. Her final feat is a headstand on the swinging trapeze.

An unusual number was presented by Mademoiselle Marie France, who is from Paris. She has six cute, tiny Yorkshire silky dogs that do some amazing tricks. Her husband, Sampion Zurani, is from Belgium, and in addition to assisting his wife, also has his own juggling act.

Another favorite performer was the Karoly Family, also from a long line of circus people in Europe. Evy (Mrs. Karoly) offered an excellent dressage act on a beautiful white stallion, plus an exciting canine act. Her husband keeps busy assisting her in the many numbers. Their son, Mark Anthony, did a marvelous barebackriding act, doing the forward and backward somersault while the horse was in full gallop. His trampoline act won a

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## MUSEUM TO RESTORE TRUCKS

Two Bull Dog Mack trucks (circa 1920's) that hauled circus equipment for years will soon be restored to their original beauty at the Ringling Museum of the Circus, in Sarasota. The restoration work will be carried out by Tommy White, who with his son, Billy, recently restored a 50 year old Aeolian pipe organ purchased by John Ringling and installed in the Ringling Mansion in 1924.

The two old trucks started their circus careers on the Al G. Barnes Circus, then were shipped to Florida when Ringling-Barnum purchased that show in 1929. One of them went on the road, but it soon joined the other truck in the Sarasota graveyard.

In 1960, when RBBB sold off its surplus equipment the trucks were purchased by Royal American Shows. They were refurbished and used regularly until the show presented them to the Ringling Museum of the Circus in 1965.

Few of the 1920 vintage vehicles remain today despite their dependability which inspired the phrase, "Built Like a Mack Truck."

The Bull Dog Macks acquired their nickname when the British government ordered them for their military forces in early 1917. Because of their pugnacious front and resolute lines which suggest the tenacious quality of the British Bull Dog, the British engineers dubbed them "Bull Dog Macks."

Circus officials liked the trucks because of their ruggedness and dependability. Almost every show on the road had its fleet of trucks, at one time, to

## PEOPLE

RUDI LENZ, chimp trainer, recently purchased a new Yellowstone Capri house trailer.

SUPER DAVE KNODERER is on tour in Canada with the Royal Bros. Circus. He has a new callope unit in a special trailer.

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### *Important Note!*

The Post Office reports its rates will be increased in September. At that time Circus Report's subscription price will be increased.

If you wish to renew or extend your present subscription at the \$10.00 per year rate you may do so up to the time postage rates go up.

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haul wagons from the train to the circus lot. But with the passing of railroad shows, the trucks also disappeared.

# ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo  
Jul 30-Aug 3 Sacramto, Ca

Beatty-Cole Circus  
Jul 28 Lehighton, Pa.  
29 W. Orange, NJ  
30 Lakewood  
31 Cape May Crthse  
Aug. 1 Somers Point  
2 Madison  
3 Sparta

Frank Brown's Int'l Circus  
Jul 25-Aug 31 Mexico City

Carden-Johnson Circus  
Jul 29 Cannon Falls, Minn  
Aug 1-2 Waynesville, Mo

Carson & Barnes Circus  
July 28 Sheboygan, Wisc  
29 Kimberly  
30 Two Rivers  
31 Zion, Ill.  
Aug. 1 Libertyville  
2 Morris  
3 Sauke Village

Circus Kingdom  
Jul 28 Warrenton, Pa.  
29 Washington, DC  
30 Mt. Airy, Pa.  
31 Baltimore, Md.

Circus Kirk  
Jul 28 Newington, N.H.  
29 Saugus, Mass.  
30 Braintree  
31 Orange  
Aug. 1 Pittsfield  
3 Scott, Pa.

Lewis Bros. Circus  
Aug. 1 Rockaway, N.J.  
2 Hightstown  
3 Elverson, Pa.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue  
Jul 30-Aug 3 Des Moines,  
Iowa

Ringling-Barnum - Red  
to Jul 30 Inglewood, Cal.  
Jul 31-Aug 12 Anaheim

Royal Lipizzan Show  
Jul 28-29 San Fran, Cal.  
Aug. 1-3 Vancouver, BC

Royal Ranch Circus  
Jul 28-29 Canaan, Conn.

Schmidt Circus  
Jul 28-29 Valley City, ND  
31 Fergus Falls, Minn  
Aug. 1-3 Frazee

Sells & Gray Circus  
July 28 Escanaba, Mich.  
29 Manistique  
30 Marquette  
31 Houghton/Hancock  
Aug. 1 Hurley  
2 Washburn  
3 Duluth, Minn.

John Strong Circus  
Jul 28-30 Detroit, Mich.  
31-Aug 1 So. Bend, Ind  
Aug. 2-3 Terre Haute

Karl Wallenda Circus  
July 29 Clarksburg, W.Va.  
Aug. Parkersburg

Wenatchee Youth Circus  
Jul 29-Aug 3 Portland, Ore

..... OTHER ROUTES .....

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Eva United Shows  
Jul 31-Aug 3 Chippewa Falls, Wisc

Foley & Burk Shows  
Jul 28-Aug 9 San Mateo, Ca

Fr World Fair Shows  
Jul 28-Aug 2 Casper, Wym.

Fun City Shows  
Jul 29-Aug 2 Orleans, NY

Mid South Shows  
Jul 28-Aug 2 Russell Sprgs, Ky

Millers Spectaculer Show  
Jul 29-Aug 2 Jefferson City, Mo

Myers Amusement Corp.  
Jul 28-Aug 2 Albany, Ky

Reithoffer Shows  
Jul 29-Aug 2 Etna, NY

Rose City Rides  
Jul 28-30 Prairie Home, Mo  
31-Aug 2 Booneville

Tip Top Shows - Green  
Jul 30-Aug 3 Blck Rv Falls, Wisc

Tin Top Shows Wisc

Aug. 1 Pittsfield  
3 Scott, Pa.

Circus Vargas  
to Jul 31 Scarborough, Ont  
Aug. 1-2 Stoney Creek

Diamond S Rodeo  
Jul 28-29 Myack, NY  
30 Pawcatuck, Conn  
31 Fall River, Mass  
Aug 1-2 Hyannis  
3 Newport, R.I.  
4 Worcester, Mass

Early American Circus  
Jul 28-Aug 9 San Mateo, Cal

Hanneford Family Cir.  
Jul 28-29 Henderson, Ky  
31 Hardinsburg  
Aug. 2 Maysville

Happytime Circus  
Jul 30-Aug 3 Napa, Cal.

Hoxie Bros. Circus  
July 29 Bricktown, N.J.  
Aug. 2 Tuckerton

Hunt's Circus  
July 28 Belchertown, Mass  
29 Athol  
30 Monson  
31 Conway

King Bros. Circus  
Jul 28 Mechanicsvle, NY  
29 Cocksachie  
30 Bennington, Vt.

..... OTHER ROUTES .....

Int'l Jugglers Convention  
Jul 31-Aug 3 Youngstwn, Oh

Kramian's Magic Capades  
July 28 Nampa, Idaho  
29 Caldwell  
30 Weiser

The 40 horse hitch  
Aug. 2 Canton, Ohio

CHS CONVENTION  
Aug. 1-2 Baraboo, Wisc.

..... CARNIVALS .....

Big J Amusements  
Jul 28-31 Eldorada, Iowa  
Aug 1-5 Marshalltown

Central State Shows  
Jul 28-30 Beliot, Kans  
31-Aug 2 La Crosse

Century 21 Shows - Blue  
Jul 29-Aug 3 Chippewa Flls  
Wisc

Century 21 Shows - Red  
Aug 1-10 Springfield, Mo

Crown Amusements  
Jul 28-Aug 2 Marshall, Mich

Dell & Travers Shows  
Jul 28-Aug 2 Cumberl'd, Md

James H. Drew Shows  
Jul 27-Aug 2 Charleston, Ill

Jul 30-Aug 3 Bick Rv Falls  
Wsc

Tip Top Shows  
Jul 30-Aug 3 Green Lake, Ws

Vinson Amusement Co.  
Jul 29-Aug 2 Canton Twnshi  
Mic



**SHOW Equip.**

Rolling equipment used on  
Circus Kirk this season is:

Intl - S.B. - Stake Driver  
GMC - S.B. - Canvas loader  
Chev - S.B. - water truck - pull  
concession trailer  
Chev - S.B. - Doniker - pulls  
the novelty trailer  
Mack - Semi - side show  
Mack - Semi - cookhouse/sleeper  
Mack - Semi - Power plant/sleep  
Mack - Semi - props/sleeper  
Mack - Semi - poles/canvas/etc  
Mack - Semi - animals - bull,  
horse, ponies, llamas, don-  
key, goats, monkey  
Ticket office trailer - pulled  
by private truck

Big top - 60 ft round end with  
two 30's and one 40 ' mid.  
orange and blue stripes

Side show - 40 ft square top  
with two 30 ft centers  
orange and white

Animal show - 20 ft. square top  
with one 20 ft. center - is  
green and white

Two small tops, each 20x 30 used  
for dining and dressing rooms.

..... Albert F. House

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**SHOW acts**

Acts appearing with the big  
Wallenda Circus for the summer  
tour include:

Blinko and Maran - balloons  
Circus Fantasy on Parade  
Overature - Wm. Browning - show  
musical director  
Harriet Beatty - African lions  
Miss Yolanda - aerialist  
The Clowns  
Carla Wallenda - swaypole  
My-Inmba - trained baboons  
The Clowns  
The Saturnaires - space ship  
Frio Trio - trampoline  
Cycling Wizards - unicycles  
Bisbini's - juggling/balance  
The Clowns  
The Wallenda Family - high wire  
-- Intermission --  
Missouri, unrideable mule  
The Clowns  
Rock-Smith Flyers - aerialists  
The Clowns  
Charmaine and her Pets  
Diano's elephants (Lee Keener)  
Johnny Luxem - Giant Space Wheel  
Karl Wallenda - sky walk

**PEOPLE**

SMOKEY JONES, his elephant  
Tika and daughter Kari, were pic-  
tured in the Sun-Telegram, of  
San Bernardino (Cal.) on Jul. 14

BILL BRICKLE recently  
closed with Polack Bros. to pre-  
sent his dog act on some eastern  
show dates.

## SAWDUST TRAIL

Mike Rosenberg, who served as both engagement director and marketing supervisor for the RBBB Red Unit, has joined the American Freedom Train as a Vice President.

A new book called "Circus Days" by Jill Freedmar is a soft cover book filled with large (8x10 black and white) photos of the Beatty-Cole Circus. It is an excellent volume and one collectors will want.

Ringling's Blue Unit arrived at Monroe (La.) on July 17 for their July 18-20 engagement. Nothing was unloaded and sent to the building until Friday morning. First show was that night.

Do-Do, the Clown, worked a 10th Anniversary celebration for Citizen's Federal Savings & Loan at Rayville (La.)

Big John Strong day-and-dated the George Matthews Circus at New Orleans. Business for the two shows ran from fair to good, depending on the day.

RBBB's engagement directors are each handling up to five towns each. In some instances they are working two at the same time. Chris Brieskey worked Monroe (La.) and Portland (Ore.). He has already completed Huntsville (Ala.)

..... M. L. Dupont

## PEOPLE

BUCKY STEELE's elephants were on the Disney feature aired on Sunday, July 20th.

BILL BARBER and HAP ROBERTS, clowns, are touring with Chitwood's Auto Thrill Show.

JIM ESTEP, is featured on Royal Bros. Circus in Canada, with his mule act, dogs, plate spinning and clown numbers.

BOB EMRICO, clown, has returned to his Ashland, Ore. home after becoming ill in Canada. He is under a doctor's care, suffering from a hole in the windpipe.

### ELEPHANTS LOST (Continued)

ter getting their fill of water, said a spokesman, the animals just wandered away.

By July 18th the searchers had given up, deciding the animals were lost in the dense overgrown area that surrounds the local reservoir system.

The local sheriff said he thought the elephants might be found, sometime, maybe by fishermen who often go in to fish the reservoir waters. We'll just have to wait until someone spots them, he added.

"it's just like a natural habitat in there for them," the official said. "Probably the only way we will find them is if some fisherman happens to spot them."



The young lady pictured above is Ursula Bottcher, of Munich, West Germany, with one of her trained polar bears. She recently won a circus oscar at an international competition for her unusual act and it is said that she will arrive in America for a tour on Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit in 1976.

Miss Bottcher was recently attacked by her bears and spent some time in a hospital, but she has now returned to full-time presentation of her charges in the circus ring.

**BIG JOHN STRONG'S Musical Score**

The musical score for Big John Strong's Circus was compiled for Circus Report by Dr. Paul E. Fitzpatrick, during the shows June 19-20 engagement at Atlanta, Ga. Virginia Fenton is the show's musical director.

## Come-In

Hello Dolly  
Oh, Johnny

## Pony drill

Best Things in Life Are Free  
Cabaret

## The DeWayne Trio - jugglers

Cinque de Mayo  
Watermellan Man  
Oye Negra  
Mumbo Jumbo

## The Deans - whips

El Cumanchero  
Song of the Vagabond

## Robin and Meatball - tightwire

Pretty Girl is Like a Melody  
I Could Have Danced All Night  
Raindrops Keep Falling  
Hey, Look Me Over  
Caravan

## Heidi Wendany - trained dogs

That's Entertainment  
Beer Barrel Polka  
Ave Negalia  
This is the Start of Somethng  
Love Me Tonight  
Ritual Fire Dance

## Arthur, trained Macaw

Talk to The Animals

## Wendany Family - comedy

By the Sea  
Ain't She Sweet

## From This Moment On

The Charleston  
Just One of Those Things  
Everything's Coming up Roses

## Sandy Strong - swinging ladder

No Biz Like Show Business  
Medley of Mancini numbers  
Days of Wine and Roses  
Charade  
Moon River

## The Clowns - painting number

Goofus  
Java

## --- Intermission ---

## Single Pony - "Rascal"

Our Director

## Clown and Comedy Trumpet

76 Trombones

## The Bishops - cradle act

Strike Up the Band  
Girl from Ipanema  
Music to Watch Girls by  
Brazil

## Slide For Life

Big Cage Galop  
Strike Up the Band

## Cheryl Shawyer - elephants (2)

Baby Elephant Walk  
The Charleston  
Merle's Pet  
Born Free

## Finale -

Circus on Parade

**SELLS & GRAY (Continued)**

great ovation.

The Great Moises, from Europe, is an outstanding performer, as he completes a somersault on the tightwire.

Jon Friday, manages the side show and serves as the big show announcer. A former carnival man, he has been with Sells & Gray for some time.

The Circus elephants concluded the performance, handled by young Ted Svertesky. This is his first season with Sells & Gray. Last year he assisted Fred Logan, of Clyde Beatty fame.

Among those visiting the circus here was Jack Nibletts, of West Midlands, England. He is a long-time circus buff, visiting Wayne Bolz and Mrs. Herbert Weckworth. Jack knows the Fossetts and in fact helped arrange plans so the Circus World Museum at Baraboo, could purchase the famous old Fossett wagons.

..... Norman Wilbert

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**Married**

Wayne Kohler, a merry-go-round operator and Micki Sietz, a concessionaire with a carnival were married on July 15th, at Detroit Lakes, Minn.

The couple was seated in a ferris wheel, along with the entire wedding party. The wheel was stopped for the ceremony

**BIG TOP WRECKED (Continued)**

injuries.

With the combined efforts of performers and working crew the circus was ready to perform again on the next afternoon. The only act unable to work was the Flying Lantons, who rigging was damaged in the storm.

A new top, ordered early in the year, was shipped to the next stand the day of the accident. As a result the show has continued to tour under canvas as scheduled.

# YEARS AGO

Pittsfield, Mass. - Jun. 9, 1923

## Sells Floto Circus

The first section arrived at 5:30 a.m. from Springfield with 14 cars (7 flats, 3 sleepers, 27 wagons, 2 tractors, 1 truck).

The second section arrived at 6 a.m. with 15 cars (7 flats, 5 sleepers, 32 wagons, 16 cages and 1 cart).

Their color scheme is: horse cars, white and red; flats all white; sleepers, white and or-



ange. They have 113 head of baggage stock (four 8 horse teams, eight 6 horse teams, five 4 horses teams, four 2 horse teams, 2 saddle horses, 3 single horses.

Everything was unloaded and on the lot by 11 a.m. with the parade starting at 11:30 a.m. There were 30 sections -- 12 cages, air calliope, steam calliope, 7 tab wagons, wild west, clowns, 4 ladies on horses, elephants, camels, ladies riding, gents riding, lady and girl driving cart.

Their tents include: big top 6 poles; menagerie 5 poles; No. 1 side show 3 poles; No. 2 side show (open front) 5 poles; Dressing and ring stock; 3 horse tents; cookhouse; dining tent; butcher shop; blacksmith; wardrobe; privileges; 3 concession stands; 3 small tops.

Concessions are: Two juice stands, hot dogs, cotton candy, balloons and whips.

The No. 1 side show featured: minstrels, comedy juggler, long hair lady, Albinos, impalement, Hawaiians, sword swallower, sword walker, tattooed, snakes, fortune, lion, lecturer - 3 ticket boxes.

The No. 2 side show featured: fortune, unafon, Joined twins, Zeppo, snakes, Lecturer and two ticket sellers.

The afternoon show started at 2:30 p.m. and had just a fair crowd. The night show drew better.