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## CHICAGO FAIR OF 1950 May Extend Its Run Thru September

Fair weather, a great assist to the biggest outdoor Exposition in the country, altho a little cool and windy at times for capacity business on the motor launch rides.

European Big Top Circus new line up of acts: Penny, the educated baby elephant. KINKO, Contortionist. MELINO and HOLLIS, Knockabout Acrobats. CLOWNS, Water Bucket gag. Whitey Harris producing Frank De Rue and Joe Ambrose. THE GREAT SWANSON, the man who hangs himself. TOM PACK ELEPHANTS, very fast pachyderm display. THE YACOPIS, famous teeter-board troupe. Show manager, Sam Levy, Jr. Announcer, Red Kearns. Band Leader, Vincent Borrelli.

The weak sister shows are picking up a bit but still plenty weak. Muggsy Spanier Jazz Band out of Showboat. The pageant "Frontiers of Freedom" with a million dollars worth of first class publicity pushing it plus show cards in store windows, street cars, busses, etc., and a high bracket free act performing four times a day on the front (Ben and Betty Fox) is improving some but Chicagoans still do not go for it as the word of mouth has stamped it as a revamp of "Wheels-a-Rollin."

The most popular exhibit is Bell Telephone, like most commercials the accent is on education, but in this case the place is always full of people having fun getting voice tests, listening to actual long distance calls on party lines, hearing tests, calling foreign countries, etc. Another exhibit that does not adhere to the educational exclusively is International Harvester. Farnall Cub tractors are driven by the children themselves and do they enjoy the only honest to goodness ride on the grounds. Oh Boy.

Dixieland. New Orleans village, the land of the buccaneers and pirates. First a human interest story. One Thursday a woman with children found herself without any money left. She tried to cash a check but failed. The toughest looking pirate on the midway (with a patch on his eye and everything) offered her a dollar so that she could take her brood back to town. She took his name and address (Danny Burke, Pirate's Den, Chicago Fair) and in due time he received the dollar plus a million thanks,

the lady's name is Becker. New Orleans village is a misnomer as everybody calls it Ghost Town. A showman expert in this line, that they could have had, would have made this the talk of the Fair plus increasing the evening attendance. So I will not be accused of criticizing or panning, I will not point out where high-class showmanship would have helped the Fair to top the Railroad Fair which was the biggest amusement buy of all time. Creative showmen are seldom good business men and vice versa. The so-called midway activation that the concessionaires paid so dearly for is being eliminated gradually. The show Comic Cavalcade folder, followed by Lady Bushman which also folded after only two days. This particular showhouse is right plumb in the center of the midway, but what difference does it make what show you put in there, you must have people to work too and a village attraction must be presented in a certain way so that people will mill around and stay in the area for awhile.

Irving Golstein the Humatune king also has pulled out. A nice bit of atmosphere is an organ grinder with a coin picking monkey, this retired showman reporter is indirectly responsible for this little flash of showmanship.

"Live cobras from India" a new attraction in the village coupled with European Big Top Circus is plenty inconsistent with the beautiful motto of the Fair, viz. "American Achievement on Parade."

The Show Boat, Captain Billy Bryant, prop., presents The Sin Man, produced by Paul Killiam, Art Comstock of New York World's Fair fame on the mike. Bill Clark is cashier, Bill Meigs is now playing the hero. Leo Warneke's Kitchen and Waffle shop does good business whenever there is people on the midway. Paul Kruger and Phil the artists and our friend Russell Bradshaw still doing good. Lloyd Bethune and Barbara Moro the unit mgrs. are well liked.—By A. E. Dumont.

### CANCEL XMAS CARNIVAL

Birmingham, Alabama's Annual Xmas Carnival has been cancelled, the sponsors give the Korean War as the reason!

## Late News Flashes

### SALLY MARRIES HARRY

Sally Rand, at present with Al. Wagner's Cavalcade of Amusements, betook unto herself a husband in the person of her manager, the likable Harry Finkelstein, Aug. 22nd at Toledo, Ohio.

Sally Rand, with her Fan, Bubble or Talk, is the Greatest Single Attraction that ever lived, in American Show-business.

The merging of Sally and Harry did not come as a surprise to anyone in outdoor show business. It was obvious from the start when Harry first came into the picture as Sally's manager that some-day he would become her husband as they each hold the other in high esteem.

Following the fair season the couple will sojourn to Miami, Florida for the winter!

### RINGENS INJURED AT PONCHTRAIN BEACH

Peejay Ringens, 63 year old thrill cyclist while doing his act at Harry Batt's Ponchtrain Beach Park, New Orleans, Louisiana, failed to get enough momentum for the leap in which he falls free from the bicycle, while riding down a narrow ramp, fell two feet short of his target and struck his legs against the edge of the wooden tank.

He was removed in fair condition to New Orleans Charity Hospital where doctors reported he had two legs broken!

### N. Y. STATE FAIR

Syracuse, N. Y. — Entertainment features will star such nationally-known names as Milton Berle, Frances Langford, Jessica Dragonette, Eddy Arnold and Gil Lamb during appearances in the Coliseum. Grandstand spectators will enjoy the antics of the J-E Ranch Rodeo during the first five days.

### CHICAGO FAIR

There is a strong undercurrent up and down the Chicago Fair Grounds that, any day now the management will announce that because of popular demand the Fair will remain open another 3 weeks or more.

No news of the Fair operating next year.

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## THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE

Many years ago workmen in factories rioted to prevent the use of labor-saving machines. The owners of toll roads and bridges tried to prevent the building of free ones. (Today Unions riot for high wages)



### "OUR OPEN LETTER"

You can sleep well at night, for you have no fear of loss. No matter how poor your service, or how out of date your product, or how arrogant your treatment of customers, or how worn out and inefficient your equipment, you can always make fat profits, for you can set your own price.

The drawback in the scheme is that you stagnate. If monopolies are plentiful, everybody is content to grow rich by trimming the public in the easiest way and there is no effort to improve methods of manufacture or products or service—and of course, nobody tries to lower costs and thus give the people more for their money. The Labor Unions see to that. Living costs remain high and life is abundant for nobody except the government and its present management of affairs of state, because one man is selected to do the thinking for 150 millions of people.

Competition guarantees the survival of the fittest. It makes life cruel hard for the man-

ufacturers owing to the present power of labor unions granted them by the Robert Wagner labor act.

To meet the other fella's price and give a little more for the customer's dollar, they must keep everlastingly busy devising ways to eliminate waste and speed up production (by permission of the labor unions) and make a better product at less cost. They never get time for a nap.

That is the system that made America Great and Rich and Progressive (Before Unions) and enabled ordinary people to possess a thousand luxuries and conveniences unknown to their grandparents. It made fortunes for those who were fittest to survive and it also gave workers the highest wages in the world, (while commodities and food-stuff were low).

In the last few years we have tried another system sponsored by bright theorists in Washington. Despite disastrous experiments here and abroad, we have tried to fix prices by limiting production. The price of labor has been fixed by force and competition forbidden. Manufacturers have been authorized to fix retail selling price of their product. This decade for the first time our national wealth failed to increase and we produced less wealth to divide among us.

Now Mr. Truman has decided to fight monopoly. If he goes the whole hog and enables every man to compete freely for the buyer's dollar we'll quit sliding back and begin to grow again, but that, we doubt very much during the present administration of high taxes and discouraging any incentive to enrich themselves thru hard work and find that the Government demands more and more of your money so that the Marshall plan may function.

The sooner the master-minds in Washington realize that the basic need today is to foster the full application of the driving force of private capital the better it will be for America.

We want to see capital go into the productive channels of private industry. WE WANT TO SEE PRIVATE BUSINESS EXPAND.

We believe that much of the remaining unemployment will disappear as private capital funds are increasingly employed in productive enterprises. We believe that one of the most important ways of achieving these ends at this time is to continue progress toward a balance of the federal budget.

## BIG EYES

When a man begrudges another man's success in outdoor show business and permits that demon "JEALOUSY" to take possession of his mind and body—he does not give his brain-cells any room to THINK properly—and concentrate upon his own affairs. From then on, he is bound to start on a toboggan and slide down to oblivion.

The trouble with some people in Outdoor show business is—they have "BIG EYES"—they envy the other fella and that envy develops into a hatred of the successful man. They go out of their way to try and harm the successful showman

and all the time they are neglecting their own business.

The moral of the story being; Mind your own business—Think of yourself—how to improve your business and yourself—and soon you'll be as successful as the man whom you envy—see the point?

## AN ENEMY OF SHOW BUSINESS

Outdoor Showmen's organizations are built on a foundation that appeared to be sound, to cultivate, promote and uplift among its members, friendship, sociability and culture. To voluntarily aid and assist its members and others. To create and promote more friendly relationship between members and their business endeavors. It does not take upon themselves to promote the welfare and conditions of people in the outdoor show world. They do not obligate themselves to furnish burial (this despite the general impression some members are under the impression they do?)

All show organizations are tax exempt. The reason, they are down on the records as charitable organizations. To prove this they should without exception vote to contribute a substantial amount of money to fight the enemy of outdoor show business—POLIO. Much money is needed for this cause and inasmuch as show organizations are regarded as Charity organizations, no better cause for contributions is in the offing at this time than the POLIO FUND. Therefore the matter should be placed on the agenda of one and all show organizations at their first annual meeting—to make a donation to the POLIO FUND—as soon as possible and in that way you will help to fight off the enemy of show business—POLIO!

## SO YOU WANT MORE

You can't just wave a magic wand,  
Or buy a gold-egged goose,  
To get the things of which you're fond.  
You simply must produce.  
You can't depend on grant and gift,  
Of money, milk or juice,  
To give our way of life a lift  
You simply must produce.  
No government can pave your road  
With handouts free and loose,  
Each one of us must share the load,  
So pitch in—and produce.  
You can't sit back and curse your lot,  
Or say, "Oh, what's the use?"  
Be thankful for the things you've got,  
Do you want more? — produce!  
—The Exposition

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## FAIRS and EXPOSITIONS



### YORK INTER-STATE FAIR

Visitors to the York Inter-State Fair, York, Pa., will see many improvements to buildings and grounds, which the fair managers saw fit to make for the welfare and safety of fair patrons.

President Sam S. Lewis, revealed that it was his aim since becoming general manager to place emphasis on horticultural and agricultural exhibits at the fair, one of the purposes for which the York County Agricultural Society was incorporated.

Sanitary conditions are the finest of any fairgrounds in the country, modern toilet facilities have been installed in the grandstand annex building, utility building and a building of brick construction adjacent to the main exhibition hall. This change-over alone, President Lewis said cost the society more than \$100,000.

Five additional enameled signs, red, white and blue in color and displaying the dates of the 1950 York Inter-State Fair, Sept. 12th to 16th inclusive, will be hung from posts inside the fair grounds over the fence on Market Street, Carlisle and Highland Avenues.

Aside from a strong array of grand stand talent, there will be an elaborate display of fireworks at the fair and because of the present trend, the fireworks display this year will cost the fair society 60% more than those of pre-war years.

The editor always recalls what Prez. S. S. Lewis once said, which is implanted in our mind quote, "If you have anything—that will make a good fair better—we are interested", end of quote.

### STATE FAIR TAKES TO AIRWAVES

#### In Spreading Word About Forthcoming Exposition

Syracuse . . . The New York State Fair went "on the air" today.

The agricultural and industrial exposition, opening its gate for an eight-day and night run on Saturday, September 2, will receive state-wide attention as a small army of 5,000 "Ham" radio operators take to the airwaves to send and receive special invitation all messages.

Since late last night, "Ham" radio operators have been relaying a message of invitation from Harold L. Creal, director, to 350 personalities in the state and in Washington, D. C.

**WHO'S WHO — IN THE FAIR WORLD**  
You'll see them all — in the November Convention Number of the Greater Show World!

### CHICAGO FAIR

Chicago — Thirteen of the nation's most beautiful and talented young women will contest for the title of "Miss U. S. Television of 1950" on Sunday, Sept. 3 at the Chicago Fair of 1950.

Fair officials have designated the day as "Miss U. S. Television Day."

The final judging culminates almost two months of elimination contests conducted by television stations in the cities of Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Detroit, Baltimore, New Orleans, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Salt Lake City, Houston, Birmingham, and Huntington, W. Va.

The 13 finalists, single women between 18 and 28 and possessing either vocal, dramatic, instrumental or dance talent, will hold a "finals preview" at the Fair's Central special agents stage from Noon-2 p.m., and then compete for the national crown from 8-9 p.m. from the WGN-TV studio at the Fair's television center. The program will be carried over the DuMont television network. Prizes of more than \$10,000 will go to the national winner. Radio Features, Inc., of Chicago is conducting the contest.

### N. Y. STATE FAIR

Blonde, lovely Frances Langford, frequently voted radio's most popular singer in nationwide polls, will appear in person as a stellar attraction of the Light Horse Show during the 1950 State Fair, opening for eight days and nights on Sat., Sept. 2.

The attractive girl who is often referred to as a "vest-pocket torch singer" was added to the exposition agenda as a last-minute substitution for Martha Raye, originally contracted for the horse show entertainment spot.

Miss Raye was compelled to withdraw from the State program because of previous contractual agreements, according to her booking agency.

### SHREVEPORT GRADES MIDWAY

Offers 50G Premiums

Shreveport, La.—Louisiana State Fair here has surfaced its midway area to prevent a recurrence of the muddy conditions that prevailed last year which forced the Royal American Shows to close down for several days. W. R. Hirsch, secretary-manager, announced.

Agricultural premiums this year will set a new high for the fair, he said, with approximately \$50,000 offered. All exhibit space is moving fast and the agricultural and merchants buildings are completely sold out.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE SCORES NATIONAL "SCOOP" FOR EXPOSITION WEEK

The state of New Hampshire will present to visitors at the Eastern States Exposition, September 17th to 23rd, something new and colossal never before shown in the east—in fact, which have been seen only in New York and a few other major cities in this country—giant color pictures which fill a screen 10 feet high by 40 feet wide. This stupendous show of gorgeous scenes of New Hampshire recreation, agriculture and industry from more than 700 color slides will be presented 12 times daily in the New Hampshire State Building on the Exposition grounds during the entire week.

### ARE YOU KEEPING SCORE?

#### Thrill Rider Dies After Fall

Springfield, Ill. — Philip Lease, thirty-two, of York, Pa., a thrill rider in a motorcycle show at the State Fair, died in St. John's Hospital of injuries suffered when his motorcycle fell.

### J-E RANCH RODEO FOR 1950 STATE FAIR

Syracuse . . . Comedy and spine-tingling thrills will be mixed together with the appearance of the J-E Ranch Rodeo as a highlight entertainment attraction in front of the grandstand during the 1950 State Fair, opening for eight days and nights on Saturday, September 2.

Colonel Jim Eskew, arena director and the boss of the 100 or more cowboys and cowgirls who will be entered in the contests, dashes, trick riding stunts, and many other exciting events, will bring his entire troupe to the exposition site for performances on Saturday through Wednesday.

The Rodeo will be in action for matinee performances during the first two days of the Fair with shows scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, and 5 p.m. Sunday afternoons. Evening performances for the five days will start at 8:15 p.m.

At the J-E Ranch Rodeo there will be a dozen or more of the greatest cowboy and cowgirl trick riders of the western rangeland, including Beryl Jackson, Betty Thomas, Johnny Abbot, Darlene Morris, and the sensational nine-year-old trick rider, Madonna Eskew.

### N. J. RACING PLEA REJECTED

Trenton, N. J. — The State Racing Commission rejected an application for regular and harness racing at the New Jersey State Fair Ground, Trenton. The commission said the application "was improperly filled out." It was filed by the Breeders Racing Association.

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By ELSIE MILLER

GOOD DAY to all you dear show folks everywhere. Here we are in Puckawah Lake, Montello, Wis., Northern Woods of Wisconsin. Bob, Joanie and I are enjoying good FISHING, Swimming, Boating and marvelous weather. Perfect Paradise. Our Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kostecki, who own the Log Cabin Resort here, are according us every hospitality. This is really a lovely place. Just what we have been looking for and are already planning to come back here next Season. We will visit the Channel Lakes when we leave here, for a week.

**Believe it or not**, the Northerners are really striking out here. Joanie caught (2) two pound Channel Catfish of the silver variety first day. Say, she is alright. When she goes out in the motor boat with Bob she is like a regular sailor, loves speed boats and fishing and Bob calls her MATEY. Bob caught fish every day so far.

HELLO there Edith Streibich in Delavan Lake, Wis., so nice to know you folks out there are having a good time and that the Summer is being kind to you all.

MR. and MRS. SADIE GOODMAN spent the week end as guests of MR. and MRS. NED TORTI. Regret exceedingly to hear Mr. and Mrs. Torti's son NED has been very ill, however, recuperating nicely. Strep infection can always be very serious. Best wishes from all for complete recovery.

GOOD NEWS to hear MARTHA MCKAY, well known show girl, who lives in St. Paul, Minn., is planning on a lovely vacation and trip via plane to Sweden.

Perhaps at this writing you are visiting all points in Europe Martha and trust you are having a nice time. Martha recently has been very ill, but came through alright. Good luck Martha and happy landing. Let us hear from you.

Heard that Minnie Delgarian Hoffman has been ill for some time also recently and trust you are well on the mend, Del. Hard to keep tabs on all you folks.

Before we left Chicago we visited the CHICAGO FAIR, which is going strong and full speed and no doubt at this time has had over a MILLION visitors. Folks: When you get down to the Fair, be sure to visit Pretty and Vivacious MARGIE FLETCHER, queen of the Cypress Gardens Water Thrill Show. The entire show is spectacular and outstanding. Great showmanship in its entirety. You can spend a day at the FAIR which you will never forget and it will be impossible for you

see it all in one day, however, make it a point to visit same two or three times a week, as it will be here until around LABOR DAY. Joanie and I plan to visit same again and take in a lot more when we get back to Chicago, hope you folks back home have nice, cool weather. Here in Wisconsin we do not have that intense heat and humidity. Evenings cool and lovely and in the day time hot, but comfortable.

LOVELY GESTURE: Most Outstanding Party of the Season: She did it again. Lillian Glick, show personality of long standing, and 1st Vice Pres. of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Showmen's League of America, entertained a large gathering at a most superb, delicious dinner party, in her spacious, lovely home.

The party was a huge success. Menu consisted of fried spring chicken, baked white fish, noodle ring mold, buttered carrots, combination salad, potato chips, hot rolls, relish and coffee. Lemon pie and lime pie, butterscotch and angel food cake and ice cream. Mmmmm. sound good.

Sure sorry I had to miss it, as we are on our vacation. Lillian is well known as a very gracious and excellent hostess. Donations received from Ann Sleyster and Carmelita Horan. Mrs. Henry T. Belden donated a beautiful Organdy Apron and a set of lovely guest towels. Apron was won by Alice Hill and towels by Mrs. Henrietta Finder. The party netted the Auxiliary a tidy sum. The balance of the evening was spent in playing cards, visiting, and refreshments were served. Those attending were: Lillian Glick, Hostess, Leah M. Brumleve, Ann Belden, Lee Gluskin, Delgarian Hoffman, Dorothy Belden, Pat Seery, Billie Lou Foreman, Edna Burrows, Mae Taylor, Louise Donahue, Margaret Filograsso, Pres. of the Auxiliary Alice Hill, Phoebe Carsky, Mrs. Max Rein, Mrs. Gold, Henrietta Finder, Miss Diana Flick, Minnie Lindemann, Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Robinson (Lillian's son and wife).

Fred Burrows came in later on and enjoyed a delicious lunch which Lillian made up for him. Lillian and Ralph Glick will soon be leaving Chicago, possibly around August 15th to join the Fair in the Twin City of St. Paul, Minn., which opens August 26th. Good luck Lillian and Ralph, sorry I could not be with you at your lovely party.

Mrs. LEAH M. BRUMLEVE visited her nephew GEORGE KIRCHEN recently, as their son Ralph had a Birthday and Leah

never misses it. She is one person who is always very thoughtful and a friend. CONGRATULATIONS, Ralph.

Hello NAN RANKINE with the Happyland Shows. Hope you are having a good Season out there in Michigan. Nan also visited the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Detroit Showmen's Association while in their town and enjoyed it immensely. Nan has loads of friends and was accorded every hospitality there. Hi Nan!

GERALDINE GAUGHN, who is with the Royal Crown Shows, also her hubby HARRY (IRISH) GAUGHN, had her Mother, Sister and Niece on hand to welcome her and the Royal Crown Shows, as they live nearby in Akron, Ohio.

MRS. DENA BERNI, Pres. of the CLOVER GARDEN CIRCLE was honored recently by being selected by the Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs as the FIRST Member of the Circle to have an article published in the "Tampa Daily Times," having a by-line "HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW." This honor was indeed highly deserving, as she is one person who has "GREEN THUMB." Mrs. Berni is also very active in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Greater Tampa Showmen's Association in Tampa, Fla. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU MRS. BERNI, we are proud of you.

While playing Springfield, Ohio, HARRY (IRISH) GAUGHN collected a substantial sum from the concessionaires of the Royal Crown Shows, which was presented to BERTIE PERROTT, who has been very ill and in Mercy Hospital for some time, and slowly improving. All show folks and friends will make Bertie very happy by writing to her at Mercy Hospital, Room 520, 1343 Fountain Blvd., Springfield, Ohio. Nice Gesture, I'll say folks and Bertie, we are all pulling for your speedy recovery.

BESS and GEORGE HAMID returned from a lovely visit up in Maine, where they enjoyed themselves with friends and relatives. Hi Bess and George.

HELLO, hello, DOLLY YOUNG. We are all so happy to hear you are feeling so much better again and with the show in full swing.

#### ROYAL CROWN SHOWS notes:

FRANCIS FRAZIER entertained a host of friends in Erie, Pa., when show hit that town. Francis is a lovely person and an excellent hostess.

MR. and MRS. LOU ARNER of JONES BETTER BINGO, have their daughter with them on a visit until Fall term of school. Sure is nice, how happy you folks must be, as I sure am going to miss my Joanie (my niece) when she leaves for school again this Fall.

DOLLY YOUNG, real show trouper had as her guests recently in Painesville, Ohio, MR. and MRS. ED WEYLS, well known show people and former owner of WEYLS PRODUCTION COMPANY and now in the Realty Business.

DOLLY YOUNG, by the way, was business manager (14) fourteen years ago on the Weyl's shows. MR. and MRS. WEYL in turn entertained DOLLY YOUNG at the Weyl's lovely home in Madison, Wis., on

the Lake, with a Buffet Supper and invited twenty people from the Royal Crown Shows. Now that is what I call real hospitality.

Manager E. L. YOUNG had his son RAY YOUNG on the show for a visit, also MR. C. H. TODD was a welcome visitor. Manager E. L. YOUNG has had a new shop built on winter quarters at Tarpon Springs, Fla., where Royal Crown Shows have (10) ten acres of ground and it is really a wonderful place for their quarters. You folks should be mighty proud of your home folks. Every one on the Royal Crown Shows are getting ready for the FAIRS. Last week in July is their starting date and last closing date is November 18th, 1950, in Florida. Good luck and God Bless You All. Hope business is terrific.

My niece Joan and I were guests of GRACE and CHARLIE GOSS of the Hennies Bros. Shows before we left Chicago, when show played Waukegan, Ill. Spent a beautiful day with the folks. The Goss's own the Bug House, Ghost Ride and Fly-O-Plane. Two sweeter people never lived. Also were guests of Bettie (Grace) Davis and her charming daughter Charmaine (who is ten years old) and adorable. Charmaine and Joanie took in the Midway while we enjoyed visiting with Bettie in her gorgeous Trailer. Grace and her hubby are owners of the Arcade and Diggers on the show. Thanks so much folks for the lovely time we had in your spacious beautiful Trailer.

Sorry we missed you ALICE and HARRY HENNIES, but did enjoy lovely visit with you while you were in Chicago. Know you are back on the show again.

Recent visitors on the Hennie shows were: Sara McCaffery, Isabel Brantman, Eddie and Mae Sopenar and Alma Rubens.

Why hello there FLORENCE RUBIN with the Royal Crown Shows. Florence was expecting to go home for a visit with her dear Mother and folks. Her Mom has spent most of the winter in Arizona and is back home again in Salem, Ill. Imagine mother being 85 years old November 5th. How wonderful. Good old ripe age and Congratulations way ahead of time to your dear Mom. Sure sorry to hear you have had to have an eye operation, Florence, but pleased to know you are better.

MARGARET JESKE and her son BOB will soon make a trip to Raleigh, N. Car., around the first two weeks in August. Margaret's Dad has been very ill, however, is recuperating again nicely. He had to be hospitalized and is now in a Summer Resort in Wisconsin. Know he is mighty comfy Margaret, as Wisconsin weather is heavenly.

A little bit on the sad side: Tom Casey, partner of Tom and Ette Henderson, of the Grand Union Shows, is very ill at this writing and we do trust that he is much better. Thanks so much for the telegram Etta and Tom, telling us about Mr. Casey. Thinking of you up here in Wisconsin. Good luck to all.

We also regret hearing of Henry (Curly) DUCHARME, Magic Empire Shows, and trust his injury recently from his Cannon Act will not keep him confined too long. Best of luck, Boy.

LEE RUNK (Line Girl) of the Nat Mercy Shows and ROBERT H. SNOW, Canvasman, were married recently and had a lovely wedding in Tampa, Fla., where they visited their parents. Congratulations to you both.

CONGRATULATIONS to you Hattie and AL. WAGNER, owner of the Cavalcade of Amusement Shows on your adopting a son (12) twelve years old, who was orphaned by the death of his father. Kenneth is enjoying his new Mom and Dad immensely and we do not blame him, as we all know he will really have a home now and loads of happiness with the WAGNERS, who go all out to help everyone. Hi Hattie and Al!

Recent visitors on the Cavalcade of Amusements Shows were: Ed and Mae Sopenar, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Keller and quite a number of folks from Chicago.

Hello, BILLY and RENEE PAPE. We hope you folks enjoyed your fishing trip in Fox Lake, as that is where we will be heading when we leave here in Wisconsin.

Congrats to you ANDRAE (Candy) JONES on your 11th birthday. Was told your birthday cake in the form of a Merry-Go-Round was out of this world. Candy is the lovely daughter of the Johnny J. Jones's, Jr., of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition Shows.

Rose and Claude JARBOE and MAE COPENAR are enjoying a nice vacation in Montreal, Que., Can., with Rose's sister and husband.

Oh gosh, FRED MAHONEY, also up in Canada with the Royal Canadian Shows, in Sask., Can. We are indeed sorry to hear of your misfortune, due to rattlesnake bite for second time and trust you are well on the road to recovery when this goes to Press.

Aside to Ivadel and Milo Anthony: This Reporter would like to know somethin' . . . Where in the world are you two hiding?? Write me dear, all mail coming back.

BERTHA DUTCHER who owns the Duplex Apartments on Cedar Street in Hot Springs, Ark., was a recent Chicago visitor and wouldn't it just be my luck, Bertha, to miss you and not be able to visit with you, as we are out here in Wisconsin. However, happy to hear Carmelita Horan and you have a nice visit.

A number of show folks and Ladies visited the Johnny J. Jones Expositions Shows when they were in Cicero, Ill. Also sorry I missed you folks.

VIRGINIA KLINE, whom you all know, has sure traveled around a lot again last winter and thus far and is still as active as ever.

MARTIN ARTHUR'S Number One Show is only (17) seventeen miles from Salem, Oregon, where Virginia lives. She drove over to visit the show with MR. and MRS. Tom ARMSTRONG. Tom, by the way, is the new Concession Manager of the Oregon State Fair and enjoys visiting all the shows around close. The ARTHUR'S shows are in Stayton, Oregon. It is a town of about 3,000 people and the show is really a BIG ONE. They have (5) five Major rides, baby rides, several shows and a number of concessions. The folks all went up to JANTZEN BEACH PARK and had a nice

visit with GLADYS and JERRY MACKEY and their little son Danny.

ARTHUR'S Number Two Show was in Dallas, Oregon, some time ago and Virginia visited there also. WALTON dePELLATON is with them and they enjoyed a nice visit together.

West Coast shows will be at Eugene, Oregon, about seventy miles from Virginia's home. She is planning on driving out to the show and visit with all her friends.

Virginia also went to Omaha to visit the White Shrine convention in May and then on to Seattle last week for the Soroptimist Convention. Nice that you can get around to all these shows and places of interest Virginia. Hello from all your friends and "yours truly."

Have made a few reservations already for the convention this Fall and time is sure slipping by fast, won't be long before the Summer will be over and Fall is around again.

MARGARET FILOGRASSO' Pres. of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Showmen's League of America acted as Hostess to her daughter Mary Lou's school chum RUTH ORDT who came in to Chicago from South Bend, Indiana, and was guest of Margaret and Mary Lou at a Luncheon in the Celtic room of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

That's all for this time folks, will be writing you from Chicago in my next column. Wherever you go, take the Greater Show World with you. May God Bless You All, everywhere. Good Luck!

## SHOWFOLKS OF AMERICA MEETING AT SHERMAN HOTEL

Presided by Irene Blauvelt Reidy, also on the dais were Vice President Mabel Loverridge, Jewell Organ Coleman Rec. Sect., Walter F. Driver, Treasurer, and Thomas Coulthard, Financial Sect. Rev. Marcel La Voy officiated with the invocation. Grace Lynn led the singing of The Star Spangled Banner. The main item on the agenda was a vote on amendments of parts of Article 3-5-6 of the Constitution and By-Laws pertaining to Active, Associate, Life and Honorary members which was carried by a ratio of 11 to 1. From now on only active members (theatrical background) will be entitled to vote and hold office. After the meeting Isaac Chaple of the Entertainment committee put on an impromptu show that featured the beautiful voice of Jewell Organ Coleman. (By A. E. Dumont)

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### CARNIES — THE MOON IS THEIR SUN — THE STARS THEIR CANDLES!

The Fair officials of the Great Virginia Galax Fair cancelled their fair scheduled for August 21st week owing to a strong break-out of Polio. The John Marks Shows were slated to exhibit them!

The Lawrence Greater Shows finally got a real break in business when they played the Harrington, Delaware Fair, which gave the showfolk around the show new hope that the season will be kind to them. The Harrington Fair board awarded Shirley & Sam Levy the midway contract for 1951. This being the first time in 30 years the Fair gave a carnie a contract a year in advance, which speaks highly of the Lawrence Greater Shows. Robert (Bobby) Kline is now general agent of the show!

Vivona Bros. and Prell combined shows to play certain fair dates that Joe Press contracted for this unit. The show to be known as Prell's World's Fair Shows for the fair dates only!

Last Press notice; Lon Ramsdell, 56, agent for Blackstone the magician passed away at Biloxi, Mississippi August 10th after a short illness. Ramsdell was press agent of the World of Mirth, O. C. Buck and Cavalcade of Amusements as well as with circuses in the past!

Curtis & Elmer Velare's sensational "SKY-RIDE" will be seen at the following fairs; Springfield, Ill. Canadian Exhibition, Nashville, Tennessee Fair and Dallas!

Dick Coleman's Coleman Bros. Shows will play the following fair dates; Boonville, N. Y. Middletown, N. Y. Altamont, N. Y., Norwich, Conn., Fonda, N. Y., Greenfield, Mass., Rochester, N. H., Stafford Spgs., Conn., Middletown, Conn., and Belchertown, Mass., closing the season October 12th.

The comfort stations on the Royal Crown Shows is something other shows may do well to pattern after. It is mounted on a trailer with an attendant on hand at all times. Eddie & Dolly Young, may well take a bow for his innovation on carnie midways!

Mel Dodson, sold his home in Miami, Florida and will make his home in Savannah, Georgia again, having business interests there with Brother Guy!

Despite what you may have heard to the contrary—all carnies having played thru Long Island, N. Y. with the exception of Isser-Trebish I. T. Shows lost money playing that strip of land and each week went down on their books in the RED!

The E. J. Casey Shows of Winnipeg, Canada are registering better business than in '49 while business in his amusement park is proving very satisfactory!

The stork paid a visit to Mrs. Al. Moody, trainmaster of the World of Mirth Shows and left a baby girl, which they named

Hilda, in esteem of Hilda Bergen, wife of Frank Bergen owner of the WOM!

Al & Hattie Wagner were paid high compliments in a feature article in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Journal when the show played the Lakefront!

## HEARD IN AND AROUND COOK HOUSES

### "Quote and Unquote"

"Paul Olsen with Hennies Shows playing a certain spot, decided to be stubborn and refuse "A mob" to put on 3 stores — and the boys almost got rough and just as a sample gave Olsen's neck a wrench — that had him squealing. The boys put on."

"Did Jack Tavlin's wife do a walk-out or a fade out."

"Eddie Reicher can't stand the gaff of losing money with his Itzy-Bitzy Kiddy Park in Miami Beach, Florida and is looking around for a buyer — so he can pay Murray Goldberg back the 20 grand he's supposed to have loaned Eddie for the venture?"

"Didja read that article in the August issue of 'Front Page' magazine? It tells about the murder of Joe Maley, a ride man on the Dodson Shows some years ago. It's some story at that — but it didn't happen on the lot — it was after the show closed for the season!"

"Dick Best, would have won a lotta money with the side show on the Cole Bros. Circus, if anyone around that cirkie (who had a say) knew what cirkie business was all about. Dick had what it takes to get money, but the Cirkie guys who didn't know, gave him a tossing around. He'd work — then lay off. If that Wirtz gang had given Jack Tavlin the green light and let him manage the circus (for he was the only guy around the "Big Top" who knew what it was all about)—the thing might have made money for all parties concerned."

"Didja see the way Al. Wagner is advertising "Sally Rand! It reads "The girl who fanned a breeze into a tornado." Not bad, eh?"

"Say Bub — tel me, what's become of America's Best Advertised Midway of some years ago — the J. J. Kirkwood Shows?"

"I see where Billy Rose is writing a song entitled "I'm glad I'm ME and not somebody else" . . . so what?"

"Say, didja know that Max Goodman sold his interest in the Tamiami Totel, Miami and is back in the carnie bizness with a Bingo and other concessions on the Hennies Shows."

Said a concessionaire to a cement mixer operator "why don't you put up a large Neon sign over your trailer to read "Customer's Last Stand." That's a good name for a frozen custard concession, don't you think?"

## KANSAS CITY NOTES

George Elser, who underwent a major operation at Menorah Hospital recently is out and about again.

Past president Chester I. Levin of the Heart of America Showmans' Club and Hugh F. Keller have opened a memorial fund in honor of Edward (Slim) Johnson who passed away recently. The monies derived from this fund will be donated to the Cerebral Palsy Center, which will be built in Kansas City as a memorial for a room in this Center to Edward Johnson who was one of the Officers for the Cerebral Palsy Center.

Frank Layman Shows are playing local spots in this vicinity. Capt. Hugo, wife and daughter Lorelli, were in the City recently and are now playing fairs, celebrations and picnic with their string of concessions.

Publicity has started for the annual American Royal Horse Show which opens in October.

**One who has followed the Carnival Business** for years in the past often wonders how the present day operators of some of these outfits survive. They come into a town unheralded, no paper, no advance billing except a few "tack cards" stuck up in concealed places and then wonder why the natives don't turn out and patronize them. It would pay them to start out the season with a capable man ahead and plenty of paper to let the natives know they are coming, and going back to the old time way, a band would be of material help.

Rosell, the evangelist, packed 'em in for two weeks July 22 to Aug. 7 at the Municipal Auditorium. Plenty of advance billing and newspaper spreads, also radio hook-ups. Just good showmanship.

F. W. (Boxie) Warfield, chairman of the Heart of America Showman's Club, banquet & ball committee info's that this year's event will eclipse anything in the past. This annual New Years affair will be held as usual in the Georgian Rooms at the Hotel Continental on New Year's eve.

George Howk, will fold his string of concessions on Labor Day with the closing of Fairyland Park.

Sam Benjiman who has spent the summer season at Walled Lake Park, Detroit will return to Kaysee in the near future.

The old Gayety Theatre, long the home of Columbia Burlesque is being torn down to make way for the new addition to the Hotel Muehlebach.

Folly Theatre, which has been playing burlesque for the past few years and which has been dark during the summer months, is expected to reopen about Sept. 1.

Night spots in Kaysee playing Combo's and Ork's—Terrace Grill, Hotel Muehlebach; Cabana Room, Hotel Phillips; Hotel Bellerive; Eddie Bros. Restaurant; Hotel Continental Roof Garden; and Hotel President, Drum Room. (By Al. C. Wilson)

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## 75c WAGE URGED FOR AMUSEMENT FIELD IN STATE

A basic minimum hourly wage rate of 75 cents has been recommended for 78,000 persons in the amusement and recreation industry in New York State, Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi announced.

The recommendation, included in a report of the Amusement and Recreation Industry Minimum Wage Board submitted to Mr. Corsi, puts the number of workers covered by minimum wage orders at more than 1,000,000.

It is defined as including motion picture and other theaters, dance halls and ballrooms, bowling alleys, skating rinks, riding academies, race tracks and stables, amusement parks and centers, penny arcades and other coin-operated amusement device parlors, arenas, ball parks and stadiums, swimming pools, beaches, golf courses, tennis courts, carnivals, circuses, and other similar establishments, as well as play-producing companies, theatrical agents, ticket-brokers and professional sports promoters.

## NEW ENGLAND SHOW NOTES

By J. H. GUILFOYLE

Worcester, Mass. — Fire at White City Park, July 25, discovered at 2:15 in the morning was held in check so it only did slight damage. The blaze was caused by a short circuit in one of the motors at the shooting galleries. A large part of the flooring and back of the shooting gallery was destroyed.

A Revere Beach concessionaire has lost the first round of a fight to clear himself of the charge of the murder of his former show girl wife.

Judge Frank D. Crowley in Chelsea District Court decided against dismissal of a murder charge against Wilmer J. O'Brien, 56, accused of killing his wife, Charon, 34.

Judge Crowley found probable cause to hold O'Brien for the grand jury and declared: "I find it very hard to disbelieve the medical examiner's testimony."

The medical examiner, Dr. William J. Brickley, testified at the hearing that "ingestion of poison combined with external force" killed Mrs. O'Brien.

## BIG CIRCUS TO PLAY SOLDIER FIELD

Aug. 21 Thru 27

The Dave Malcolm Sister Kenny Super Circus will play the largest amphitheatre in Chicago for seven days, it is billed as "The Top Outdoor Show of the Half Century." Gate prices for general admission 60c for children and \$1.20 for adults. Many organizations are selling tickets and the city billing is extensive. With such a big show and at these prices with plenty of seats at the Field, also counting the first class auspice the big circus should do exceptionally well. (By A. E. Dumont).

## MAY WE "QUOTE" . . .

"Nothing is certain but death and taxes—at least the death rate is being reduced every year."—Chain Gang.

"The cannibals had a way of solving high taxes. When they got higher than the cost of food, they ate the tax collector." Note on tax return of Theodore B. Larson, Litchfield, Minn.—Texas Tax Journal.

"The irony of it all is that while the Administration is aggressively carrying on a campaign for comprehensive and liberal social security program, at the same time it is undermining the very foundation of its program by diluting the purchasing power of the dollar through deficit financing."—New England Letter.

"The recapture of the moral fibre of our people is a slow, painful procedure. It must be a matter of the individual's decision. To spend less than we earn, to put a little aside for the inevitable rainy day—must become the guiding philosophy of our individual lives. It will be a relatively simple matter then to inspire groups and government with some enthusiasm for a well-balanced program of operation."—Ike Ashburn in Texas Parade.

"When the citizen grumbles futilely about unnecessary taxes, he accuses no one but himself. When he begins to act in union with others who feel a sense of the responsibility of citizenship, he will gain not only cheaper—but decidedly better government."—New York State Taxpayer.

"The American people should not be taken off their feet by the sudden impact of the Korean situation to the extent their attention is diverted, their vigilance relaxed, or that of the Congress, in respect to matters and events which have agitated the nation for long past and which now, more than ever before, in light of actual conflict, so greatly concern our national salvation. Whatever may be the import and consequences of the Korean outbreak, it serves to accentuate the need to root out and do away with here at home every menace to our national safety and stability."—San Marino (Calif.) Tribune.

## N. S. ALEXANDER BOOSTS BUSINESS AT WOODSIDE PARK

Philadelphia — To boost attendance at the height of its season, N. S. Alexander's Woodside Park here has purchased from Station WFIL a promotion package designed to call attention to the Park's feature thru an intensive radio and video campaign.

Package features 12 top radio shows transcribed in Hollywood, daily TV and radio spot announcements and scenes filmed at the park for use on video spot plugs. Thru the plan, WFIL virtually supplies an exploitation staff for the spot Sale of the series to the park is another link in the close contact which has proved profitable to both the station and the park.

## WE BELIEVE

By House Parkers

YOU, should wake up from your nightmare of Fear and Hysteria! Remember, the strong man, the strong nation, the strong people has nothing to FEAR—BUT FEAR ITSELF. If we are truly strong, not in military might and economic resources, but primarily in our dedication to the lofty ideals of FREEDOM, SERVICE one power that can really hurt and harm AND DEMOCRACY, then there is only us and that is—OURSELVES.

WHY are we today in the grip of fear that borders on hysteria? Why do we behave like the frightened neurotic who nightly looks under his bed and into each closet for fear he may find someone there who threatens his life and possessions? Why is the atmosphere today filled with the shrill cries of those that are always expecting attack and aggression instead of cultivating the courage, the serenity and the discipline of the truly strong? Do we not know that our enemies are the ones that are afraid and that we can best meet fanatical alarms with serene mind and quiet spirit? Or have we also, as they have, a guilty conscience, for there is no more fertile, breeding-ground for the sinister demons or fear and apprehension than the feeling of guilt and consciousness or direction.

WAKE UP, FOLKS, from your evil dream of suspicion! Rouse yourself from its quake of fever and its ague of the jitters! Why always be on he qui vive for attack and on the alert for danger? Is it really as bad as that, or may not America with a sense of righteousness and a feeling of rectitude, be assured that as long as our democracy remains fundamentally healthy and its guardians alert and watchful, nothing really evil can befall us. Is there a traitor within or an enemy without who can undermine our foundation or breach our walls so long as we keep clearly before our eyes the beacon of liberty, The Torch of Equality and THE STAR OF BROTHERHOOD? Tyranny and error are always distrustful and suspicious; Freedom and Truth are always FRANK, HONEST and OPEN MINDED, for they have nothing to hide, not even the temporal human, all-too-human habiliments.

Wake up Folks from your torpor of apathy and indifference! Too long have you closed your eyes and ears to the needs of others, less fortunate than you.

The sands of time are running low. Not the atom bomb, nor the mighty armies and navies and airmaramadas will save you, but only that inner strength that arises from character, the power of the spirit of freedom and the inspiration of justice and righteousness. These resources of strength may be yours, but you must see them with open eyes and seek them with a brave heart!

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## Show Business and Show Folk on the West Coast

By PEGGY M. FORSTALL\*

Out here in California we have Hot Days and Cool Nights. Reports from various shows are the same—business bad everywhere. A big surprise came to us a few weeks ago, when it was announced that powerful Bobby Cohen had left Orville Craft to become the general manager for Spade Cooley. But word came right back saying "It isn't so", being I can say now—I told you so, because it so happened I was in Mr. Cooley's presence last Friday and all his crew was with him, but nary a glimpse of Mr. Cohen and when I asked about HIM—they replied "WHO'S HE?" so we wonder if Craft took him back, anyway here's hoping everyone is happy now. By the way Norma, YOU, won the coffee maker at the club-party last Tuesday, so let's hear from you, where to send it.

The War situation sure didn't help put any folding or jingling money in anyone's pocket at the San Diego Del Mar Fair this year. Craft's 20 Big was on hand and the ACTS were nothing you could write home about. The last two days drew rain—so that didn't help the finale either. Too bad because so many around here depend on that date and this year they didn't even get MAD MONEY. Eddie Brown who has always been made Mayor of the doings was unable to attend, because of his recent operation, but all say they missed him. Opal & Lou Manley, went over for one day and report seeing Fern Chaney Redman, Florence Kebber, Ethel & Joe Krug, Lucille Dolman, Lillabelle Williams and Mary Taylor. All had their handkerchiefs out. But Opal sez she had a swell time as all the girls made her feel welcome. Incidentally Opal is holding the Presidents chair at the Ladies Auxiliary while Prez. Lille Shue is out trying to make a living too. Ruby Kirkendall past secretary also past first vice prez is pinch-hitting for Morosa Herman the secretary while she is galavanting around in Canada with her husband who is on the Royal American Shows, by now back in the States.

Marie Bailey, P.P. of the Ass'd Troupers is back from her trip up North, visited daughter and Grand-daughter in Medford, Oregon. . . . Maxine Ellison, a charter member of the Auxiliary and a member of the Troupers Club also went to Salt Lake City, to attend the Daughters of the Nile Convention and reports it was a swell affair! . . . Tillie Palmateer, that gal that lives in a wheel chair, but really gets around, is back from the Cherry Festival. She also spent a couple of days at Del Mar and was very much in sight while the Shrine Convention was on in Los Angeles—sez "She is ready for a little rest now".

We are indeed sorry to learn Maybelle Bennet lost her dog "SPOT" and no one knows better than I do, what it is to lose a dog. . . . Florence Lusby, has been seen

flitting around here and there lately trying to show the interesting places to Phil Darling, while he is here. Phil arrived from Kansas City, Mo. . . . Word gets back that, that grand gal fom Salem, Oregon sure has been places this summer, visiting Portland, Oregon and Janzen Beach. Guess when she and Gladys and Jerry Mackey got together, they really cut up Jackies. Wonder who that grand gal could be . . . why Virginia Kline, of course!

Letter from Ann Doolan and Elsie Miller from Chicago, both saying "weather very damp". Elsie, had to be away when Theo was in the Windy City with the Ringling Show and I guess the rain kept Ann from seeing him, but Mike dropped by and had a few minutes with him. To Madge Buckley, if you want to get your copies of the Greater Show World, send me your address. You owe me a letter anyway, remember?

### Carnies

The Monarch Imperial Shows owned and operated by Howard and Emmie Clifford were visited by Marge & Harry Chipman, Mrs. Whitey Jameson and Ray Young. The show being in Raymond, Washington. . . . Lucille King, dropped in, looking like her old-self again and seems happier than ever about her new daughter-in-law, Rosemary Loomis, who married Howard, Lucille's Son. They are in Manilla and very happy. She reports having visited several shows, but everyone had the same story—"season N.G." Also visited Bloomson Robinson who is living with her son in Taft, California and has been very ill but on the road to recovery and out of the wheel chair and for that, we are very pleased.

During the Shrine Convention in Los Angeles the club was a very busy place with men coming in from all parts. Ben Beno opened the bar and had cold drinks and a dinner was served one night, which was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Mrs. Eunice Masseth and Anthony Masseth, were host to the wedding party of their niece Donna Bitz,—the wedding took place in Mill City, Oregon and the lucky man was William Hanks, aeronautical engineer. . . . Ziegler Shows will be on the midway in Salem, Oregon when the Fair is on. K. R. Anderson and W. E. Vanner-son are managers of the org and are hoping this spot will be IT. . . . The American Legion, Vets of Foreign Wars, Chamber of Commerce and Lion Club all sponsored the Larry Ferris Shows for 11 days in Huntington Beach, California and for once reported having done well. Space was short, so Larry had to keep a ride or two off the lot, being a sand-lot, made it very tough to set up. . . . Harry Lewis, Bobby Cohen, Ginger Kearns and John Murray are new members joining the Show Folk of America

in San Francisco.

Several on the sick list in these parts and San Francisco are; Billy Dean Fox, Oscar Walker, Theodore Roche, Fred Ferguson, Henry Hoenstaner, Lou Godfrey and Al Cohn are among the men, while the ladies are; Mayme Butters, Vera Selby, Jetta Clancy, Marge Chipman, Vivian Gorman, Emma Crosby, Fern Redman and Estelle Vampler.

Ann & Sol Waterman were seen at the club a meeting or two back . . . The Party Mary Taylor, Marie Tait, Marie Mead, Lucille Dolman and Sally Flint gave at the Ladies Auxiliary club rooms last week, turned out to a Big success. Quite a few of the girls were showing near-by so they took the day off and came over for the affair. It was good to see Patti and Leona Cooki, Nancy Meyers, Rose Fitzgerald, Trudi De Santi, Olga Weber, Hazel Mack and Edith Hargrave. Bank nite was won by Elsie Suker, while door prizes went to Norman Cohn, Prez., Lille Schue and Florence Weber. Punch board winners were; Mabel Brown, Nancy Meyers and Ruby Kirkendall. The guests were: Eva Thornson, Pearl Beem, Rose Fitzgerald, Eve Scott, Addie Le Barge, Kima Ross and Mrs. Forsyth. The men who attended were; Lou Manley, Joe Mead, Eddie Brown, Dan Rosard and Cleo Wampler.

Jimmy Dunn, Harold Robideaux, Fred Smith and Pete Steinkellner gave a special party at the Regular Troupers club on July 27th. What was expected to be just a small affair, turned out to be mighty good and the boys did O. K. . . . Lucille King, founder of Regular Associated Troupers Club is planning on a party for the org on August 10th and we know if Lucille cooks up one of her specialties, everyone is going to be well fed and will host a garden party at President Nell's Home.

### Circus

Clyde Beatty Circus in Reno was a big day for all personnel course it was good for some and NOT so good for others. **Dan Dix took a power and Left the show.** Joining the Cole Brothers, as 24 hour man Jimmie McGee also left the show and am told he is in our Parts. Al Moss also home. Tom Plank who had been on the show and left, has gone back to take over McGee place and **Frank Lee** replaced Ora Parks as General Press agent. Harper Joy was on hand as usual in Spokane Washington. Morales Doss, Mark Anthony, Caudillo Sisters, Jerry Lewis, Arden Beeche, Bernie Griggs, Alva Evans, Billy Temple and Charley Hilderri were on hand to entertain the Shrine Cripple children, business continues being so-so. But Denver Colo. turned out very nice. Hazel and Paul Moss are back from a jaunt up to Reno and Salt Lake City, visiting with Al and Paul says he thinks he should have stayed on to help move the org. **SOME BOY**, but now that daddy is home I guess he is satisfied. When the Ward Brothers were around here I took a gander over to see who was who over there saw old friend Jack Bell who has the band. Walter Jenniers and his Seal, Felix Morales Trampoline, and Kays High Wire Act. Lewis Reed

has the elephants, R. M. Harvey who was General Agent had left for that umpteenth time, saying he is retiring. That—we want to see. Ethel Jennier, Walters wife, visited in Long Beach.

Jack and Bertie Youden have gone up North to visit their son and Daughter-in-law and most of all to see the new Grandson. He's about 4 months old now, so no doubt when he sees them, he will greet them saying where you been? Bud and Ruth Casten have taken themselves away, in fact sneaked away, and are on their way to Cleveland, Ohio to visit their Son and Daughter-in-law, better write a letter next time big Gal. I DON'T LIKE CARDS. My Clarita and her Folks Adolf and Mary Delbosq worked the Police Show at Santa Anita track last Friday, it was a Spade Cooley Show, and all acts were very nice, the dancing afterwards got a big play, and I guess I'm younger than I thought I was. I can still cut a few capers if I get the rite Pardner, WOOPIE, a good time was had by all.

Jack Joyce is back from Australia, he brought back a flock of Camels, for Louie Gobbels who has an animal farm at THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF. Some of the Camels will be placed at the San Diego Zoo also Los Angeles Zoo. Jimmie Woods is manager of Louis Pan American Shows they play in and around near L. A. at all times and seem to be doing as well as those who meander out a long ways. The outfit has all the appearance of a circus and carnie, has a big top and Marquee but at the front gates are all the rides. They are usually sponsored by the Lions Club. All concessions are in the Big top and there is a gate. Hort Campbell 3 rides, Bob Thornton has 3. Bill Overly is the Agent, Bill Ellis Handles the Advance, Harry Walters has the Publicity, Ruby Woods Treasurer, Ova Thornton Secretary, Frank Chicareli Boss Canvasmen. Is really a nice outfit to go out and spend a nice evening. Jimmie always makes you feel very welcome.

Brothers Circus are all ready to open again for their September opening and this time Manager George McCall hopes it will be a winner, we do too George. Of all the luck I have, I could be home day in and day out and Peg and Art Freeman never drop in but let me out for a day of recreation they come. So they found closed doors, next time call before you come, sure am sorry better luck next time, for your benefit. I was out with Bertie and Jack Youden who took me out for a very nice Birthday dinner. Yeah; they rushed it a little, but they were leaving the next day, and won't be back for the day, so they made hay while hay making was good.

Jerry Arcaris is home for 4 weeks from the CHRISTIAN BROTHER HOME in Napa, California Mary Arcaris Looking like a long lost sheep since sister Doris has gone to San Francisco to join the HOLLY SISTERS. Yeah; the rest of family don't look too gay either. Lots of excitement going to take place at Margaret and S. J. Arcaris place within the next few months. Daughter Bernice expecting her Baby, and Daughter Jane just having announced her engage-

ment. Auntie Virginia will no doubt be in a sweat around those days.

Well Folks really meant to make this longer, but it does have to go out tonight, company has just come in, so that cramps my style to try to do right by GREATER SHOW WORLD so will call it a day, and see you again next Month. Adios.

## THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE SLOA

Margaret Filograsso, Pres. of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Showmen's League of America has her daughter Mary Lou with her from Bradford College, in Peoria, Ill.

Margaret Jeske is planning on a vacation with her son Bob very shortly. Ida Chase, Past Pres. is in Black Hills, S. Dak. visiting her brothers. Jean Barnard has been released from hospital here in Chicago and recuperating nicely. Elsie Miller, Secretary is in North Woods of Wis. for a month. Edith Streibich, Past Pres. is in Delavan Lake, Wis., also Leona, Parker, Mabel Wright and Jeanette Wall.

Sadie and Max Goodman were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Torti. The Torti's son Ned has been hospitalized with a strep infection and is recuperating nicely.

Dolly Young with Royal Crown Shows sent in the following applications: Evelyn Virginia Fisher, Lillie Macolley, Betty Jones King, Orlene Brothers, Mrs. Robert L. Mack, Gertrude A. Weyls, Mrs. George W. Jones, Mary Allen, Athalee Barfield, Mary Catherine English, Esther Vicki San Fratello, Lois Lucille Gettys, Margaret Alena Wilson, and Marie F. Burgdorf. Dolly is well on way towards goal of receiving a Gold Life Membership card.

Carmelita Horan, chairman of raffle books out on road reports same coming in nicely. Forward yours upon disposal to her at 1825 W. Ohio St. Chicago, Ill.

1951 dues cards are available. If you care to send in for yours, write to Elsie Miller, Secretary at 4215 W. Fifth Ave., Chicago, 24, Ill. There are still a few 1950 delinquent dues out do not forget yours.

Bertha Dutcher was a visitor in Chicago from Hot Springs, Ark. Carmelita Horan had a nice visit with her while here.

Josephine Glickman is ill at her home.

Lillian Glick had a lovely party at her home in behalf of the Auxiliary which netted a nice sum. (By Edith Streibich, Chairman of Press.

## CARAVANS, INC.

President Mae Oakes expresses her thanks to all members for their thoughtfulness and cheerful cards received during her convalescence following a major operation. Mae's youngest brother whom she hadn't seen for 23 years were among those who visited her during her stay at the hospital. (What a grand week it was just reminiscing). Mae's trip to the Johnny Jones Show presented the opportunity to chat with Daisy Davis and "Boots" Paddock who are 'with it'. The popular "Ragan Twins" (Mary & Madeline) who operate the "Hillbilly Holler Trading Post" in Benton, Arkansas, were in

town on business and also visited the show.

Irene Coffey, corresponding secretary, has found new living quarters and is very happy in her new surroundings. Isabel and Max Brantman are still shopping around for an apartment. While on a shopping tour in the loop, we had a chance meeting with Marguerite Shapiro who looked just as smart as usual. While Clara Etta Barker covered a cotton floss spot at 147th Street SOUTH, with her trailer, her 'better half' Chester, "held the fort" in the same capacity at 3200 NORTH, which goes to show what a congenial couple they really are. Etta tells us what a pleasant time they had with Ann & Mike Doolan and their daughters Kathleen and Margie during a visit to the Doolan's Kiddland Park in Chicago.

Edith Streibich, summering in her home at Delavan Lake, Wisconsin writes that she has had week end guests all summer, and is anticipating a visit from Fred & Edna Burrows. Edith's 'kid' brother and cousins from Milwaukee dropped in for a short talk.

While hurrying thru the North Western Station search of a quick cup of coffee, we encountered Helen Wettour with bag and baggage waiting to board the train for her summer cottage in Arlington Heights where she spends week ends working in the garden (just a small one acre plot). Her daughter June Milcenzny plans to spend a two week vacation there.

Helen's son Bobby and his bride spent their honeymoon at Delavan Lake, Wisconsin at the home of Ed and Jeanette Wall. Martha Witter and her spouse are planning a trip to New York.

Sophie Gleason, while vacationing with her daughter Mrs. W. F. Corsario of Janesville, Wisconsin, met with an accident which sent her to the hospital with a broken arm. Josephine Glickman, corresponding secretary, is recuperating at home after having been hospitalized. Past President Edna O'Shea Stenson was also reported on the sick list. Word also came that Estelle Swaider has been ill and is still under doctor's care.

First meeting of the Fall season will be held Tuesday, September 26th in Hotel Sherman. Katie Owens (Club Mother) is visiting with her sister Mrs. H. H. Brice in Milwaukee, Wisc. Pearl Washburn recently returned from Sullivan, Indiana where she was vacationing. Edna Sanders chose the Kentucky Derby for her vacation spot. Mary Stutzske cards from Benton Harbor, Michigan where she and Martha (Marty) Marts are "roughing it thru the wilds of Indiana and Michigan while on vacation.

(By Lillian Lawrence)

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## STARS OF STAGE AND SCREEN AT YORK FAIR

There will be special added attractions each day of the 1950 York, Pa. Inter-State Fair Sept. 12th thru 16th inclusive.

Samuel S. Lewis, president, completed negotiations and signed contracts to be presented before grand stand audience.

Eddie Cantor has been engaged for the afternoon and evening shows on Wednesday.

The Mills Brothers slated for Thursday. Xavier Cugat and his orchestra for Friday.

Auto Daredevils will perform on the Race track, Saturday afternoon and evening.

The night revue this year will be entitled "Wake Up and Sing."

There will be both running and harness races Tuesday to Friday afternoons.

Fireworks display Tuesday thru to Friday nights!

## MAN SUES SPEEDWAY IN DEATH OF WIFE AND SON

Camden, N. J. — Damages of \$120,000 have been asked in a New Jersey Superior Court suit filed by William A. Suggs, Jr., against the Atco Speedway in the death of his wife and son.

The Camden man's wife, Mary, thirty-three, and six-year-old son, William, were killed at the speedway, June 25 when a car broke through a guard rail during a race. A daughter, Dolores, eight, suffered a skull fracture in the same accident.

The suit, charging negligence in the track's operation, names as defendants the Atco Speedway, Inc., the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, Inc., and four brothers who operate the track.

## DROME RIDER KILLED AT ILL. STATE FAIR

Springfield, Ill.—Philip Lease, 32 Motor-drome rider with the Hennies Bros. Shows at the Illinois State Fair here, died Wednesday (16) in St. John's Hospital, Springfield, of injuries sustained when he lost control of his cycle during a Tuesday evening (15) performance.

Lease's motorcycle dipped about a foot from the top of the Drome, careened almost around the wall and slammed to the bottom, pinning him underneath, according to Ben Crouch, manager of the show.

Lease, unmarried, had been with the shows four years, and formerly was with Endy Bros. and World of Mirth Shows.

Survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lease, North York, Pa., where remains were sent for burial.

## ROYAL CROWN SHOWS

Dolly Young, business manager of the Royal Crown Shows, has fully recovered and getting along fine.

Business for the RCS at the Springfield, Mo., Great Ozark Fair proved very good, topping all previous records in grosses. The show plays Peoria, the second largest fair in the State of Illinois!



## "As Free Men We Proclaim"

Recently, this column mentioned that in my travels around the country there had been observed the beginning of "an awakening of significant proportions" at the grass roots. People in the cities and towns visited were telling me they'd begun to realize the fuller import of things happening in our nation and were anxious to do something to help safeguard the American way of life.

Since writing the column, many further signs of the awakening have been observed. There has been evidence too that a great many people have begun actually to do something to safeguard liberty against internal encroachment. I've just received in my mail a most inspiring piece of evidence. It was sent to me by an Ohio friend. It is a full page advertisement published in the July 3 issue of the Advertiser Tribune, of Tiffin, Ohio, an industrial city of 18,000.

This advertisement reminded me in many ways, of the historic document I viewed one winter's day two and a half years ago in a coach of the Freedom Train. It was the original Declaration of Independence. Reading that great declaration of freedom and seeing the scrawled signatures of men like John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson filled me with mixed emotion—tingling pride and reverent gratitude. Now I have experienced a kindred sensation while reading this advertisement that came in the mail. It carries a great proclamation and affixed to it are the penned signatures of 410 people declaring themselves gloriously free.

It must be passed along. Here it is:

"As Free Men We Proclaim—

"Our Belief in the divinity of God, the dignity of man and the destiny of our country.

"Our Belief that man shall live by the sweat of his brow.

"Our Belief in a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

"Our Belief that a man should live within his income and pay his honest debts, and that our government should operate on the same sensible basis.

"Our Belief that under the American Way of Life we already have a higher standard of living than any other governmental system has ever offered—let alone delivered.

"Our Belief that as free men, proud of our achievements and jealous of our rights, there is no place in our midst for communists, fellow travelers and other cranks who by wild accusations and empty promises would lead us down the trail to political and economic slavery.

"Our Belief that it is our duty as free men to speak out in defense of our American

way of Life and to go on record to that end . . . May God be with us."

The signatures penned to this document were not those of members of the Sons of the American Revolution. Nor was it a politically inspired advertisement. All the people who signed it are industrial workers—men and women employees of an industrial hearth manufacturing company, Basic Refractories, Inc., with plants at Maple Grove and Bettsville, Ohio. I'm informed that one of the workers got the idea for the advertisement, discussed it with some of his fellows and found spontaneous response. The workers themselves wrote the proclamation and paid for the ad. The company had no part whatsoever in the project.

What a grand thing it is? It is passed along here as an inspiring example for people in every community in America who want to do something for their country. If enough people would thus publicly pledge themselves to actively support such a sound American credo no harmful movement or trend arising within our nation could ever badly injure or menace our freedom. These industrial workers in Ohio have given us a splendid 1950 Declaration of Independence.

## J. NORTH OFFERS 700 GRAND TO HARTFORD

Hartford, Conn. — Representatives of Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows, Inc., proposed to pay \$700,000 still due claimants as a result of the Hartford circus fire July 6, 1944, in which 169 were killed and more than 800 injured.

It was understood that if the offer is accepted at a meeting between circus attorneys and lawyers for the claimants in Hartford Aug. 31, the interest accrued on the unpaid balance—a considerable smaller amount—would be forgiven. The \$700,000 is all that remains of total claims against the circus amounting to \$3,900,000.

## PALISADE PARK HITS 2ND BIGGEST WEEK

Palisades, (N. J.) Park scored its second biggest take of the season last week-end, according to Irving Rosenthal, co-owner with brother Jack. Only grosses racked up during the July 4th week-end exceeded the figure.

Pool biz has perked up considerably with the weather, for the most part good. If skies remain clear for another week, it is claimed that Palisades could wind up ahead of last year. Rosenthal said that biz at this point is 50 per cent ahead of the corresponding time last year.

## MRS. I. TREBISH LAST PRESS NOTICE

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