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New Hotel for Reno

Plans are underway for the construction of a Circus Circus Hotel/Casino in downtown Reno. Two existing buildings — a department store and a bank — will be remodeled for the first step of the project. Eventually the new facility will cover a full city block.

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SHOW REPORT

..... by JOSEPH A. GIORDANO

King Bros. Circus made a two hour jump from Valhalla, N.Y. to Hempstead, L.I. where the show gave five performances in two days (June 10-11). Rain kept the size of the crowds down for both shows on the 10th, giving them 2/3 houses each. But there was good business for the three shows on the 11th, with a 3/4 house and two full houses.

Greeting the show upon its arrival were members of the Dave Hoover Ring CMB, Dave Markly, Tom Murphy, Dom Yodice, Ed Pape and Joe Giordano. Since the show was short of roustabouts we pitched in to help raise the big top and later were treated to coffee in the cookhouse, compliments of manager Whitey Black.

All show equipment is in good shape and business, except for a couple of stands, has been very good. The performance is strong with seven Joeys in Clown Alley. Rigelette is a highlight of the show, but the show stopper was the performance of the Flying Gretonas, who brought down the house and at the evening show on the 11th they received a standing ovation.

The show carries three bulls, two of which performed. One, a punk named Jackie, was formerly on the Beatty show and has a broken leg. A mishap occurred on the night of the 10th, when Bobby Klein put the elephants into the truck for the night, leaving them a

Hoxie's Great American Circus played under sponsorship of the Lions Club at Melville on May 28-29, giving five shows in two days, with three of them straw houses. Everything on the show is in good shape and in talking with Billy Gunga we learned that business has been excellent ever since the show set out on its annual tour.

Notable show acts included Jo Ann Jennier, trapeze and seal, Billy Gunga and the Billy Gunga Family. Elephants are handled by Rick Pasha.

Show manager Bill Hill has the equipment cleaned every week. The show carries 3 elephants, a camel and 2 horses.

Show visitors included: CMB's Dom Yodice and Tommy Murphy.

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bit of room for them to move about. During the night one of the bulls took the back door off the truck. Needless to say, Bobby reports he will never do that again.

Frank McClosky has been a frequent visitor on the show, with both Beatty-Cole and Sells & Gray playing not too far away.

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July 11-12 Hale, Mich.

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July 1-5 Calistoga, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

July 4 Milton, Pa.
5 Selinsgrove
6 Mechanicsburg
7 Chambersburg
8 Waynesboro
9 Hanover

Hoxie's Great American Circus

July 4 Bath, N. Y.
5 Elmira
6 Endicott
7 Athens, Pa.
8 Towanda
9 Eynon

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July 5 Benton Harbor, Mich
6 Flint
7 Battle Creek
8 Grand Rapids
9 Comstock
10 Elkhart, Ind.
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July 4 Lynn, Mass.
5 Nashua, N. H.
6 Portsmouth
7 Weiss Beach
8 Hanover
9 Burlington, Vt.
10 Rutland
11 Bennington

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

July 6-10 Tucson, Ariz.

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July 4 Crabtree, Pa.
5 White Oak
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8 McKeesport
9 Washington
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ARTHUR DUCHEK, had to cancel his first attempt to walk the gondola cable at the Worlds of Fun Park (Kansas City, Mo.) on Memorial Day because of steady rains. He completed the walk the next day, albeit high and gusty winds, and made the front page of the local dailies.

SUPERSCOOPS: SANDY DOBRITCH has incorporated, reviving the famed DOBRITCH INTERNATIONAL CIRCUS title.....Look for a second CIRCUS CIRCUS to open at Sparks (Nev.) built in that city's business hub.....The FELDS reportedly flew to California to look over JOHN CUNEO's startling new white tiger act and I hear they were VERY impressed.

SNAPSHOTS: GEORGE and ANNE HUBLER's 16 year old daughter, MARY, (with the Dayton Ballet Co.) is in Europe.....SANDY DOBRITCH set the MARQUIS CHIMPS on the TIM CONWAY CBS special (coming up).....JERRY MAAS has taken over the music on King-Cole....TEX and MARCY MAYNARD went home for a rest....It's been rumored that IAN GARDEN will play Baltimore for the Police, under canvas for the Beatty-Cole org., which can't make the spot.....GLENN PARKINS, executive director of Royal Hanneford, had new logos designed for the show. R-H's star rider PETER HAUBNER broke his ankle doing a standing back from the ring curb, is now in Key West. STRUPPI was in the show (7) seven times in Poughkeepsie on a three show day. That's not only ridiculous, it's foolish. Watch it, Baby, or you'll burn yourself out.

On the Scene with Beatty-Cole: Biz in Toms River (NJ) was so fabulous an extra 10 p.m. show was scheduled on closing night, causing a delay in the arrival at Paramus, where the matinee was blown and the night show started at 9 p.m., all complicated by rainstorms. Unofficial reports suggest the B-C concession dept., won top-grosses in the show's history at Toms River, that owners FRANK and BRENDA McCLOSKEY were spied working novelties.....CARMEN PADILLA blew an ankle drop, fell, was saved by her father, and suffered only a sprained ankle.....The RAYELLS are back in the program.....DENNIS STEVENS discovered a new book on clowns. Since his pictures were in it the store gave him a discount.If joey BERNIE KALLMAN has a sleeping compartment the Holiday Inns sure don't know about it.KAY PITTENGER and whizz-bang bandleader CHARLIE BERTINI are THAT way about each oth-

er....Don't, I repeat, DON'T go "out on the town" with energy-bomb ETHEL JENNIER unless you're prepared to spend a week recuperating!....B-C is now charging a \$5 admission, \$6 for reserves. The discount ticket format applies only to opening day...Band member J. P. CUNNINGHAM sipped his first cocktail - A Shirley Temple! and CHUCK BERTINI hosted a wild party for his band, serving -- cookies and milk!....What I want to know is WHO is "Drifty"?

On the Scene with Hoxie's Great American: The spool truck was hit broadside by a semi, both vehicles were demolished (the semi did somersaults), but all parties involved walked away unhurt. Canvas is now loaded on the stringer wagon by forklift..Mgr. BILL HILL underwent a day of frustration in Long Valley (NJ - June 8). Trucks were strung out on a mountain, many had to be towed over, and the show was compelled to move THREE times on one lot to satisfy school officials and to accommodate baseball games that were NEVER played....DONNI STAMBAUGH is now advance clown, working several days ahead....Anybody tells you BILLY GUNGA's unique glass balancing act is gimmicked, don't believe 'em. T'ain't so. I saw them fall and bounce all over the ring.....A local boy working props untied the wrong block rope, dropping the chandeliers on his noggin. It was "lights out" for both....Someone neglected to secure USDA permits for "Sunny", Jo Ann Jennier's seal, resulting in headaches for everyone. Turned out no such permits are needed for "pre-seal" acts....Giant Clown BUCK NOLAN has a habit of giving the pie-in-the-face on one's birthday, so watch out....First to get it was illusionist JIM ROYAL who has abandoned the Zig Zag and is doing the trunk escape....I'm happy to report that G-A circus hasn't had a losing day since it opened, the atmosphere on the lot is happy-happy, and the show functions like clock-work.

QUICKIES: DAVE SMITH's wife, JEANNIE, presented him with a baby boy during Castle's Brandon (Man) run and AL DAWLEY stopped the flying act in progress to make the announcement....ELKINS SISTERS are busy, busy, busy.....TED and LISA STEWART and the PLUNKETTS played Shreveport Shrine for EDDIE ZACCHINI.....WIRENGARDS build most of the equipment for Circus Kingdom. Due to the ill health of DAVE HARRIS that show is shuttered, but most of the troupe has been hired

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ISLAND DATE IS SET

The circus is heading for a place it's never been — Roberts Bros. Circus is going to Tangier Island, off the coast of Virginia, to present two performances on July 16th. The circus elephant Mona is also going along and as far as anyone knows it will be the first time an elephant has ever stepped foot on the island.

The idea of taking the circus to Tangier was developed by advanceman Stan Mulford. He expects that all 900 residents will turn out to see the first performance and that about 60% of them will return for the second show. Half of the proceeds will go to the Volunteer Fire Department.

Tangier's Mayor Bob Thorne hopes the Navy will provide a landing craft to bring the circus to Tangier. The crossing from Crisfield, across Tangier Sound would then be 12 miles whereas the distance from Reedville, across Chesapeake Bay is 18 miles.

Roberts Bros. Circus is one of the few shows in the country that maintains a policy of having Sundays off. The show's official policy is

that Sunday performances do not generate enough business to warrant the wear and tear on equipment and staff to present the circus programs. In order to maintain a first quality performance the staff and performers need those Sundays to make repairs and improvements on wardrobe, props and equipment, as well as having a few hours of rest and perhaps a chance to get into town to a movie.

The show's big top boss Jeff Earl, reports a serious lack of help, but despite these problems he and his crew have been getting the 60 x 150 ft. big top, marquee and 16 sections of blues up in about two hours. Tear-down time runs about an hour and a half.

After four years of holding the advance ticket prices to \$1.00 for kids and \$2.00 for adults, Roberts Bros. Circus is finally succumbing to inflation. Skyrocketing insurance and transportation costs receive the principle blame. As of the last week in July advance prices will go up fifty cents, while there will be a twenty-five cent increase in children's gate tickets. The show does not have reserved seats.

PEOPLE

BOBBY and TERESA EARL, transportation boss and cookhouse manager for Roberts Bros. have taken delivery on one of Johnny Canole's Yellowstone trailers.

HERMAN BRANDMILLER, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was elected to head the CFA for the coming year. He succeeds **HOWARD COLEMAN**, following an election at the CFA Convention in Las Vegas.

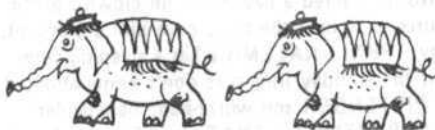
ROBERT SNYDER, organist on Roberts Bros. Circus, is in the process of lettering the show's various trucks. He is currently working on the water truck.

MARTHA and GABRIEL FLORES, aerialists, are the proud parents of a new baby girl born early last month.

GENE ANDERSON, magician, is featured on the cover and in several stories in the June 1977 issue of Genii magazine.

HANS and RAIJA TORREANI, revolving pedestal/balancing; **Maryse Begary**, trapeze; **The BURKETTS**, cradle/revolving perch; **DICK FRANCO**, juggler; **JOSE COLE**, balancing; **JOHNSON'S BEARS**; **JIMMY PLUNKETT**, wire; **WINI McKAY**, aerialist; and the **CARLSONS**, jugglers are acts who have or will be appearing in the 1977 edition of the TNT & Royal Olympic Circus.

EARL TEGGE, ringmaster; **TIM TEGGE**, drummer/clown and **LOUISE TEGGE**, organist, produce and direct the circus performance for the TNT show.

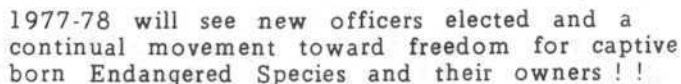


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Cody Honored

Some 500 people attended the unveiling of a statue of Buffalo Bill at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. Among those attending the ceremonies were Joel McCrea, who portrayed Buffalo Bill in an early film, and William F. Cody III, a grandson of the famous frontiersman.

The 33 foot bronze statue of William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) has him sitting stride a rearing horse, with a rifle in his hand. It was designed by Oklahoma City artist Leonard McMurry, and took five years to complete. The huge statue was donated to the museum by Mrs. D. D. Payne, of Pampa, Texas, and Jasper Ackerman, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

PEOPLE

GENE MORELAND and his miniature circus were recently featured in a Sarasota, Fla., newspaper. The article included a photo of the model show.

MONICA BERTINI, LEO MASCITTO and DON BRIDWELL, of Garden Bros. Circus, all recently celebrated their birthdays.

TOM ROBBINS, author, reportedly spends all his time visiting and traveling with circuses and carnivals -

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PEOPLE

TEX MAYNARD, announcer/band leader/drummer, for King Bros.-Cole Circus and wife MARCY, organist, have taken a leave-of-absence to visit their son Jimmie in New York. They plan to rejoin the circus on Aug. 20th. In the meantime the show's music is being provided by JERRY MAAS and son.

MIMI ZERBINI, aerialist, beat GARY THOMAS, big top boss, and ARNIE JAFFER, prop boss, in an arm wrestling match on the Sells & Gray Circus on June 18th.

MIKE NAUGHTON, clown, is spending three weeks touring with the Beatty-Cole Circus.

JUDY JOHNSON, trampoline artist, celebrated her birthday at the Tivoli in Copenhagen on June 14th. Among those attending the party was SIMONE FINNER of California.

THE SEDOJAS, ballet adagio, COATES and JOHNSON, trampoline and THE FLYING MICHAELS, trapeze act, were featured at the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen last month.

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HERMAN KERSKEN died at Oakland, Calif., on June 21st of injuries suffered when he was struck by a car on June 5th. For many years he managed Oakland's Paramount Theatre and San Francisco's Fox Theatre. At the time of his retirement he was a division manager for Fox West Coast Theatres.

For the past 15 years he had produced the Christmas show for San Francisco's Laguna Honda Home and was instrumental in bringing in Bing Crosby and his family. He was the founder of the Roundtable Luncheon Club of San Francisco and was the first President of the No Stuffed Shirts Club, a showmen's organization founded in the mid 1930's.

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Show Folks

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Acts appearing at the Alameda County Fair (June 26-July 10) in Pleasanton, Calif., will include: Clay Hart and Sally Flynn, singers; Chuck Jones, magic; Ben Wrigley, comedian; Jose Feliciano, singer; Skiles & Henderson, comedians; Jana Lou, violinist; Bill Chaudet; MC; The Treniers; Freddie Fender, vocalist; The Elkins Sisters, acro/dogs; Russ Fisher; Jerry Murad's Harmonicats and Sherri Lewis. Also featured at the fair will be the Johnny Rivers' Diving Mules, Allen's Pet Zoo and a variety of roaming musical groups.

SHOW VISIT

Franzen Bros. Circus played at Baraboo, Wisc., on June 14th, giving two shows to full house crowds. The Optimist Club sponsored date was held at the fairgrounds, where many local fans and most personnel from Circus World Museum were in attendance.

The show features Mark Pilger and Wayne Franzen with animal acts, Kathy Franzen did the announcing and serves as circus director. In all about 13 people travel with the show, which moves on eight units. All equipment, the big top and animals are in excellent condition.

After the show Wayne and Kathy Franzen had a social hour for visiting show folks, including Bobby and Gracie Gibbs, Jack and Rose Ann Baty, Kathy Thielitz, Mrs. Pilger, Mario and Ollie Gauger and several others.

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Using the nucleus of the George Hanneford Family Circus, its new red and white big top, seats, light plant and equipment, Circus Carol was well received.

The show ran two hours with an intermission. In addition to the Hanneford Family acts, baby elephants, mixed animals, pony drill, riding act, aerial ballet and trapeze, the program featured Jim Douglass with his Mother Goose spec, and troupe of clowns, Vern Woerner, Roger Nale, Jimmy himself (filling in for an absent clown); plus Prince Najvez, closing aerial feature and the Hanneford clown team of Alfredo Landon and Joe Schmidt.

Upon closing in Lancaster, George and Vicki Hanneford took their circus to the Steel Pier for the summer. Prince Najvez and Jim Doug-

Anniversary Tour

Europe's Circus Benneweis is celebrating its 90th year of continuous operation this season and to mark the occasion they have produced a colorful program book which features full page photos of the acts, with lots of gold on every page.

The show program features: Henrik Krogsgard, band leader; Diana Benneweis, elephants and horses; Salvatore, balancing; Michael, juggler; Eric & Francine, dogs; Perris, ladder balance; The Moreno Clowns; Lore Eston, birds; Les Castors, risley; Karl Kossmayer, comedy mule; Toly, juggler; Hr. Braun, clown with dog; The Sally Bros., handstand experts; Pompoff Thedy Family, comedy musicians; Fernanda, trapeze and a special 1977 finale.

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Newspaper and radio spot ads were used in the area, along with a free children's ticket program.

New this year is the lighted ring curbs with blue bulbs and diamond cutouts. The ring curbs are painted white, with red and blue trim. The two end ring mats are blue with a white star in the center, while the center ring mat is red with a white star. The show looks good and is well laid out. Again this year an aerial ballet is presented, which is good and well routined.

The program, with Herb Miller directing the band and announcing handled by John A. Miller, features: Spec, Circus on Parade; Eloise Berchtold, mixed wild animals; The Burketts, revolving perch; Clowns, a long distance phone call; The Willettys, rola bella; Los Argentinos, perch; The Arturos, trampoline; Miss Myoshi, hair hang; Miss Iris and Martha, contortion; The Megres, balancing; The Clown Band; Lemke's Chimps; Clowns, The Doctor; Arturo Segura, bounding rope; Aerial Ballet

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PEOPLE

KAY ROSAIRE and her lions are appearing at Gaslight Village in Lake George, N. Y., for the summer season.

DAVE COLEMAN has been transferred from the hospital to a nursing home at Boise, Idaho. He was seriously injured in a car accident some time ago.

JOHNNY LUXEM's Wheel of Destiny and the SMAHA Horses are working at Kennywood Park (Penna.) this month.

'The Peppermint Suite'; Miss Tina, upside down walk; Intermission.

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PEOPLE

TOM DONOHO, former Polack Bros. Circus elephant trainer, now works as a stagehand at the MGM and Hilton hotels in Las Vegas. His address is: 4787 Koval Lane, (Space 47), Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. Phone: (702) 736-1266.

FRANK DAILEY, prop boss and general superintendent with Garden Bros. Circus, once served as trainmaster for the World of Mirth Shows.

FRED REED, of Glendale, Ariz., and AL TURNER, of Lakewood, Colo., had their circus models displayed at the CFA Convention in Las Vegas late last month.

CHARLES SCHLARBAUM has joined the Carson & Barnes Circus as Equestrian Director. It is also reported that he works one of the elephants during a number.

FRAN BRIDWELL, a licensed beautician, has been busy arranging hairdos for many Garden Bros. Circus personnel, including: KLARA BERTINI, TERRI FOLEY, KATHY BENTON and ANITA ZERBINI. She also provided a super "frost" job for trainer WADE BURCK.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

for Tampa's Bush Gardens.....BILLY RODGERS is staying off the road this year.....JUNE DEWSBURY is hospitalized (Columbian Presb. Hospital, 622 West 168th St., New York, NY 10032. Her private phone is: 212-694-4476 - call before 10 p.m.)....The Great VASHEK has accomplished the "impossible" and is the first to do a "wheelie" on his inclined wire with the motorbike, which means he's roaring up the wire on ONE back wheel!....AERIALETTA II will start breaking the incredible somersault to the web from the swinging trapeze this winter and hopes to have it in the act by mid-1978....She will be the FIRST to do it without a net since her mother's hey day, and Ethel will train her for it.

DENNIS STEVENS and I, who were with Polack Western 30 years ago, coffee-klatched at the mall restaurant in Paramus, rehashing the crazy things we all did during those golden Polack years, when Dennis illustrated my "arrival" on the show in 1947. He remembers that I made a "dramatic entrance" with a camel's hair coat draped over my shoulders, brandishing a "long cigarette holder," I think he made it up!

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PEOPLE

ABB DICKSON, magician, and actor ORSON WELLES are making a magic TV special at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles. It is expected to be aired late this year.

In Memoriam

C. C. SMITH (78) died on June 12th after a long bout with cancer. He had operated many minstrel shows and circuses and worked on the 101 Ranch and other shows of that era. He served as an agent and backer for several shows coming out of Hugo, Okla. He last toured with the Sells & Gray Circus.

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FLASH!

Delegates returning from the CFA Convention in Las Vegas reported the sale of Polack Bros. Circus to the Stebbing Royal European Circus. However, reports circulating in the last few days indicate there was no such sale.

Contract Ok'd

A new contract was signed last month by the American Federation of Musicians and the Ringling-Barnum Circus, thus ending a nationwide labor boycott against the circus. The settlement took place on June 7th and AFL-CIO president George Meany said, "the circus is all union again."

Under terms of the new agreement the circus will hire local musicians at each engagement. The circus will carry a regular band of five pieces and will hire an additional ten musicians at each city played. The main feature, one official reports, will be the stabilization of payment rates.

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What Next ?

Amid warnings that poor people might spend their extra money for such things as "circus tickets", a House panel has voted to drop a requirement that food stamp recipients put up some cash to get the stamps.

Rep. Steven D. Symms (R.-Idaho) wanted the House Agriculture Committee to keep the rule that the 5.4 million households which receive food stamps pay a portion of the stamps face value in order to receive them.

Otherwise, since poor families would not have to "invest" in stamps, Symms said, they would take the cash they "saved" and use it to buy such things as "circus Tickets".

Rep. Harold L. Volkmer (D.-Mo.) expressed surprise and asked, "The gentleman feels that poor kids should never go to the circus?"

Not if their nutrition would be neglected, was Symms reply. He charges that the poor will spend less money on food with the elimination of the purchase requirement.

NEW HOTEL (Continued)

Circus Circus Casino, Las Vegas, was opened in 1968, consisting of casino, circus and carnival midway. In 1972, a 400 room hotel tower was erected. CIRCO Resorts assumed management in 1974 and a year later, a twin 15 story tower was completed, for a total of 800 rooms and suites with complete resort facilities.

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