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October 4, 1976

Number 40

USDA Meet Set

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) will hold a public meeting on Oct. 13th to consider live animal transportation standards as required by the 1976 amendments to the Animal Welfare Act. The meeting is to be held in the Heritage Room of the Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

Certain provisions of the 1976 amendments -- scheduled to take effect April 21, 1977, require the department to establish standards for shipping live animals. Transportation standards are in effect now for animal dealers and other regulated parties moving animals in privately owned or hired vehicles. New standards would apply to transportation of live animals shipped by anyone via airlines, trucking companies, railroads, bus companies or on ship lines. Also affected are intermediate handlers taking animals before or after shipment. Standards would (Continued on Page 14)

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10 Bay Minette, Ala.

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Oct. 4 Marysville, Kans.
5 Manhattan
6 Junction City
7 Clay Center
8 Lendsborg
9 Great Bend

Circus Vargas

Oct 5-6 Springfield, Mo.
8 Lawton, Okla
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Oct. 4 Horseshoe Bend, Ark
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9 Webb City
10 Jasper

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Oct 6-Nov 7 Chicago, Ill.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Oct. 6-17 Largo, Md.

Sells & Gray Circus

Oct. 4 London, Ky.
5 Oneida
7 Cleveland, Tenn.
8 Lafayette, Ga.
9-10 Marietta

Shrine Circus

Oct 5-17 Houston, Texas

Stebbins Circus

Oct. 4-9 Shelby, N.C.

John Strong Circus

Oct. 4 Lakeport, Calif.
5 Willits
6 Ukiah
7 Cloverdale
8 Petaluma
9 Napa
10 Gilroy

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Oct 7-10 Harvey, Ill.

..... OTHER ROUTES

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Oct. 4-9 Robins, Ga.

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BILLY BARTON . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

One year ago this week, this column was born — an intimate communication to those in the industry, authored by an active member. In January I was given my personal Logo inasmuch as the column reflects my style of thinking and speaking, which most people know to be the real me, and which my editor has had the temerity to let stand.

The wonderful thing about Circus Folks is their unique ability to laugh at themselves and their misfortunes; thus, human foible, funny or sad, takes precedence in a journal of gossip and rumor, hard news and information, embellished by opinion and viewpoint culled from 42 years' experience.

I am grateful to my supporters and...my detractors — one is quite as important as the other. I am grateful, also, to my editor who has suffered hair-raising moments because of my outspokenness, but whose trust and patience has made me so widely read.

Radio City's program for the week of Sept. 2nd listed the ROLAN BROS., and OTTINI in their circus spectacle LA FANTASIE DU CIRQUE. . . . Observers inform me that HOLIDAY WITH HORSES is still out, struggling in the East and Mid-west, but that its program is very lightweight. The BALE SISTERS and SMAHAS departed after only a few days.

M. L. DUPONT reports the stake holes SID KELLNER forked over a G-note to have repaired at a shopping center in Ruston (La) were never filled. Apparently, as Dupont reported, the deal was a rip-off.

CHARLES GERMAINE's new show, the Page-Cavanaugh Circus which opened in the East is booked into December at Memphis (Tenn) and at Montgomery (Ala). On the show are the Los Latinos, The Cuneos and the W al-Tims.

VINCENT GAETA, director of the Onstage Cabaret in New York, flies to Yugoslavia for two weeks. Prior to his departure he filled me in on Circus Vargas' New York appearance. He and a friend went to Spanish Harlem only to find a vacant lot. A Puerto Rican girl told them the circus "didn't like the neighborhood". I guess not! The show was fenced in and had guards with dogs patrolling the area. After two days and an appearance by CLIFF VARGAS on the NBC-TV "Today" show the circus left town!

FEAST or FAMINE: FOUR elephant acts are up for sale! The Paul Kelly herd, Carden-Johnson, the Po-lack bulls and the G-M three. IRVIN FELD nixed a deal he had going with Kellner. The asking price was too high. Feld indicated they have too many elephants as it is — something that DOREY MILLER would never admit to!

LETTERS: BILLY RODGERS reports: The day he visited HINES and PATTI Rucker on the Int'l All Star, Coco the Clown got married on stilts....EVY KAROLY gifted Billy with a new cat and newly trained Macaw, which is now riding a bike on the high wire....A visit to King Bros. effected a re-union with good chums HARRY HAMMOND (office) and JO ANN JENNIER who has followed in the Jennier footsteps with a seal act....PEGGY ZOPPE writes: The troupe plays Mexico with the ATAYDE SHOW starting in December. "We'll really miss the ice and snow," says Peggy. (I BET they will!). The Zoppes spent their waiting period for the Texas dates making all new wardrobe....JIM SWAFFORD of Burbank (Calif) wonders if I could explain the inter-relationships of troupes such as the Canestrellis, the Zoppes, etc. He MUST be kidding! I doubt that even those families have figured it out themselves!

Talk about RED CARPET Treatment! When INGE and ROBERT WILLIAMS visited Sells & Gray Circus and parked on an adjacent lot, Manager WILSON STOREY saw to it that a light cable was strung across and then sent over the water wagon.

BILLY McCABE, whom I lost track of when he reportedly went to South America, re-appeared on the Super Circus date at Union City (NJ) in late August. Rumors that the show folded in Tampa seem to be a bit premature! Also seen on the date were the Apollos, the Flying Medallions, the Winn Troupe and Frank and Janet Burger.....Spies inform me that although the date was no money-maker everyone got paid.

Good friend MAE WEST, now before the cameras at the Goldwyn Studios making SEXTETTE, once wanted to buy a lion cub from PAT ANTHONY. Pat was set to deliver the cub when an urgent phone message from Mae informed him of her sister, Beverly's, ultimatum: "NO lions running loose in the West Menage!"

On every show I visit I hear the following refrain:

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SPCA Gets Ready

Newspapers, TV and CB radios have publicized the stranding of circus personnel and animals at Akron (Ohio) after the G-M Circus played there early this month. As a result the show folks are getting by on donations from local people and the animals have been housed at a near-by farm.

Pauncho Magana and LuAnn Jacobs, plus three elephants, a lion and six circus employees were left without money and only a vague promise of work on the west coast late this year, according to the Akron Beacon Journal. The newspaper carried from page stories and photos on Sept. 18th

and Sept. 22nd, which prompted offers of food and financial assistance.

Last week Sue Pressman, director of the Humane Society of the United States was called in to inspect the animals. One was reportedly ill and was visited by a vet. Mrs. Pressman said she found the animals were in "nifty shape"

Mrs. Pressman has asked local officials for assistance in filing a custody suit for the animals. A court fight might develop over the charges, she said, and in referring to the circus owner, she said, "I'm going to get this guy for this."

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The 30 year old elephant, Gypsy, doesn't like strangers and she started throwing rocks and sticks.

Alaska Date

For the first time ever the citizens of Barrows, Alaska, north of the Arctic Circle, had a circus in their city. On June 6th the DeWayne Bros. Circus, sponsored by the Lions Club, was flown in for three shows by a AIA loadmaster plane.

Despite the 35 degree temperature roustabouts drove stakes into the frozen earth and worked all night to get the show up. Then circus performers donned their costumes and for the circus program. Of special interest to the youngsters were the elephant (Bimbo); bears, ponies, lions, a camel, cougar and llamas.

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Busy Schedule

Made a 110 mile drive to see Carson & Barnes at Lebanon (Ill) on Sept. 6th and arrived in plenty of time to watch the tent go up. The first folks to greet me there were Albert and Anita Vanderheid, who had been with the show since June. They were leaving the next day so their daughter could get back for school. Needless to say it was a great day for me.

Also visited RBBB's Red Unit at St. Louis and then when the train passed through Decatur (Ill) they stopped to change crews and the engine. Many people were out taking pictures, including the local TV station.

Then I dashed off to Jacksonville for another day with Carson & Barnes. Several fans had visited including V. H. Richardson, Charles Bellati and Mike Sorrell. Many Ringling people also visited the show, Dale Longmire, Bruce Guttilla, Jimmy and Sandra Briscoe, Heike and Wendy Detjens, Tim Holt and wife and Gunther Gebel-Williams.

On Sept. 14th, I drove to Bloomington to catch Beatty-Cole and was lucky to be on hand for a real band "jam session." Then it was a dash to Lincoln for a quick visit with Sells & Gray, then back to Beatty-Cole at DeCatur, where Lois Hoover celebrated her birthday, and another full day on Sells & Gray at Clinton.

..... Allen Babcock

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RUTH REPINE, former circus manager and wife of Ken Jensen, died on Sept. 22nd after a long illness. She has a daughter who is active working with Reid Bros. Circus. Burial was in Norco, Cal. on Sept. 28th.

PEOPLE

THE HENNEBERRY FAMILY worked at Hampton Beach (N.H.) in late August then jumped to Edinburg (Ill), Stewardson (Ill) and St. Joseph (Mich) for Labor Day

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School Closed

Last week the Associated Press reported the Circus World Museum's school for aspiring circus performers had been closed because of an insurance problem. The school had been insured by the state, but recently Wisconsin dropped its liability coverage.

Museum director William Schultz told AP that 150 people were enrolled in the class this summer. The kids were really upset, he added,

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NADIA COMANECI, Olympic winning gymnast, will be on FLIP WILSON's TV special on Nov. 18th.

DOROTHY STOREY celebrated her birthday on Sells & Gray Circus at Fairborn, Ohio on Sep. 21.

THE RONRITAS worked their "Boomer and Co." kangaroo act on a recent Merv Griffith TV show. The program will be aired nationally in mid-October.

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The citizens want to purchase a two ton granite marker on which will be placed a small statue of an elephant. They also plan to set up a glass case in which pictures of the elephant can be exhibited.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

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USDA MEET SET (Continued)

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The show played Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 16-19, with two shows per day and three on Saturday. The first two performances played to nearly full houses, and literally thousands were turned away for every show thereafter. For the weekend shows the 6000 seat coliseum filled-up so rapidly that the fire inspectors had to order the doors closed as much as 50 minutes ahead of the scheduled performances.

The show's producer, Wayne McCary, is also Executive Assistant on the administration staff of the Big E, and has been touring circuses under the Royal International title for six years. Favoring a one-ring format, McCary takes special pains to formulate a program run-down that shows-off every act to the best advantage. The show he brings into West Springfield is especially tailored to the requirements of the fair. This year's edition, lasting precisely one hour, was a glittering concentration of all that a circus should be.

The program featured: Wm. "Boom Boom" Browning, band leader; Lilli-Ana (Kristensen) leopards; the Apollo Duo, cradle; Al Vidbel's pony revue; Satani, fire act; The Flying Dells; Vidbel's elephants and the 3001 Exploits in Space with Johnny Zoppe, Jr.

The show's staff included Ken Mattoon in charge of building staff and lighting; Roland Cote, rigger and

prop boss; and Charley Van Buskirk, ringmaster. The sound crew was headed by Low Bianco.

Lilli Kristensen, billed as "The Amazon Queen", perhaps looked more like a Nordic Goddess, but striking withal, with a cascade of platinum hair flowing to her waist. The act opens with Lilli and five spotted leopards. Her presentation is strong, but feminine, with a distinctive delicacy that puts the act in a class by itself. She closes by putting a black panther through his paces, which includes a fire hoop and poses atop a revolving globe. He's a big sleek animal and works with just enough sullen reluctance to bring the danger factor of this act into chilling prominence.

The Apollos emphasize the boy-girl relationship in their cradle-bar act to excellent advantage. They open on the ground with a well-choreographed entrance set to a swinging, hard-beat arrangement of "Big Spender", setting a tone of subtly under-played sexiness that they carry tastefully through their entire act.

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CONGRATULATIONS to

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AUCTION

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10th, Harry and Louise Primmer, owners of the Rose Gale Pony Farm at Clinton, Ill., (on Route 10 about 8 miles east of town) will sell all their animals and equipment at public auction.

Included on the sale list are ponies, horses, circus wagons a calliope, and several fancy wagons. Other items include various types of equipment and trailers.

PEOPLE

Bob Emrico has a series of 26 magic show dates set for himself in the Pacific Northwest.

TNT Show

The TNT & Roval Olympic Circus played to capacity crowds at the Westwood Mall in Jackson (Mich) on Sept. 21 to 23. They gave three shows a day - 1, 4 and 7 p.m.

The program included: Earl Tegge, ringmaster/owner; Evelyn Tegge, organist; Tim Tegge, drums The Houcs, juggling; Twinkles the clown; Jose Cole, balancing; The Torreanis.

The show was very clean and well-paced and was beautifully staged. Several fans were on hand during the engagement and all were made more than welcome.

.....Clarence Hastings

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICITY

Your show deserves the best professionally produced publicity packages, press kits, well staged photography, feature stories, backgrounding. Get it done for one date or the season by people who care how you and your show looks.

Packages developed, advance work covered cooperative with sponsors and producers and individual acts. Design work in posters, ads, coloring books, programs, rolling stock, arena decor, props and wardrobe available from the most imaginative designer in the business today.

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