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December 5, 1977

Number 49

HOLIDAY PLANS

The most ambitious holiday schedule ever operated by John Strong is underway with six shows set for a series of Christmas dates in the U. S. and Canada.

The Western Unit of "Santa's Holiday Revue" opened on Dec. 3rd at Paradise (Calif.) and will play some 14 California cities, closing just ahead of Christmas. The unit is managed by Betty Wendany and features the Wendany Family, comedy; Heidi, juggling, dogs and ponies; The Brauns, whips, ropes and knife throwing, plus Ed Russell, magic and illusions.

The Eastern Unit opens today (Dec. 5) at Buffalo (NY) and plays for 13 days. Bill Birchfield will serve as manager, as well as being the MC and magician on the show: Among the other acts touring with the unit are Joe Lemke, chimps; Michael, juggler and knife thrower; John Daly, clown, trampoline and comedy gorilla. Music for the show will be provided by Bob and Kay Parker.

The Mid-west Unit also opens today (Dec. 5) at Salt Lake City (Utah) for a run of 11 days. With this show will be John Strong, Gene Holloway, Gary Holveck, magic and illusions; Yehya Awada, juggler; the Torreanos, wire and pedestal acts; Pat and Gwen Davison, rola bola and juggling; Harry and Mindy, trampoline and the

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An Associated Press released, dated Orlando, Fla., stated that Karl Wallenda planned to walk a wire stretched across the Tangerine Stadium on Nov. 25th. The event was to be in conjunction with the "C Bowl" a day of music and circus acts.

Wallenda, the article stated, said he would be wearing a neck brace as he makes the 700 foot walk, holding a 35 pound balance pole. The cable across the Tangerine Bowl will be about 100 feet off the ground.

Wallenda, who fell during the filming of the TV film about his life, told reporters: "I broke slightly my neck. I fell during the starting of the movie. I was just careless. I just made a somersault down."

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YEARS AGO

The Fisher Bros. Circus of 1932 had wintered in Jackson, Mich. The show's tour started in May and ran through late October, covering the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Show personnel included: F. C. Fisher, owner/Manager; Harry Reid, manager; R. J. Currian, advance agent; W. E. Currier, advance general agent; Bert Cites, boss stock; Doc Cook, privileges; E. K. Folker and wife, supt.; T. J. Wilson and wife, side show; Bob Perry, chef; Jack Baker & Co., Hawaiians;

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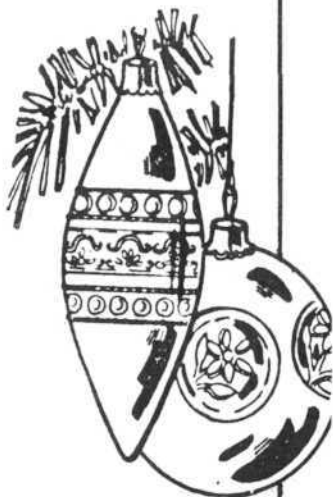
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Dec. 5 Tempe, Ariz.
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Santa's Revue - Eastern
Dec. 5 Buffalo, N. Y.
6 Toledo, Ohio
8 Indianapolis, Ind.
9 Lexington, Ky.
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11 Columbus

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Dec. 5 Oroville, Calif.
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Dec. 5 Salt Lake City, Utah
7 Denver, Colo.
8 Colorado Springs
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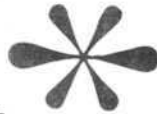
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BILLY BARTON

THE FABULOUS CIRCUS VARGAS is now in Florida, will lay off there, and then reopen with a quick tour of the state before heading west. Mr. Vargas has asked me to announce that ALL circus people will be cordially welcomed, but asks that the following procedures please be observed: Go to the Main Entrance, or to the Office, and then be taken into the show and seated by an official. Please do not risk the embarrassment of being turned away from the back door. Entering via the back door is prohibited, a rule that applies to everyone with no exceptions. Visiting in the backyard, if you have friends there, is permitted provided the visitor does not hang in the back door or try to enter during the performance, or wander at will throughout the big top and seating area. By observing these simple "ground rules" each visitor will find himself treated with respect and courtesy and will enjoy what is surely a not-to-be-missed experience.

SPECIAL DELIVERY: The VILLAMS wrote from Sweden last month that they wrapped up a Royal Command Performance in Stockholm to be aired over ABC-TV.....HEIDI (Gutis) GROGAN advises that TOMMY BARTLETT will open a 2nd water show in Gatlinburg, Tenn., where he has bought property and is constructing a lake. The DAVE MERRIFIELD Helicopter Thriller will be a feature there from May 18th thru Oct. 28, 1978.

SNAPSHOTS: Returning to American Cont'l Circus next season are LEMKE's CHIMPS, the SUAREZ TROUPE, the FLYING WILLASTONS, MYNA MOON, GUERROS and BUCKY and BARBARA STEELE....DIANE WILSON now has two more seals which belonged to her son that she plans to break, and is also breaking a Macaw act. Her father, now in his late 90's, is a victim of cancer and Diane is taking him back to Texas and is forced to give up a run of Xmas dates. Diane has been with BILL GARDEN's 2nd Unit, Showtime Follies, and returns to that show in 1978....The story of how MISS LONI broke both wrists this past summer is something else: Late for Spec she was rushing between menagerie and big top when a rope stretched just inches from the ground tripped her. In her hand was a plastic garbage bag she planned to discard enroute. As serious as the accident was (she also received a nasty cut above the left eye when her glasses shattered), the after-remark by CLIFF VARGAS is a classic: "My God! Loni!" he cried in anguish, "What were YOU doing! NO lady of Quality EVER carries her own garbage!"....

MAGALY and RUEBEN go to Carden-Johnson in '78ANITA KEPPO DESMINI being kept busy on the West Coast.....TOMMY BENTLEY enjoying his new Hollywood home....Everyone did a double take when they saw BOBBY DAVIS leading one of Hall's Bruin BRUISERS recently in Pittsburgh....A Circus Fan told me JOHNNY and BETTY ZOPPE's rigging was struck by lightning this summer at Kennywood Park...Looks like MARVIN VARNER is having a run of "Billy Rodgers luck" when his truck and trailer were hi-jacked (with the entire family) and now JOE LEMKE's truck was stolen and taken to Mexico....Bandleader JIM GIBSON unveiled a new sound system for his great band....Didyknow circus king CLIFF VARGAS is the only person other than a CFA President to ever grace the cover of White Tops?

ON THE SCENE with EMMETT KELLY, Jr.: Emmett remodelled the interior of their luxurious Country-Aire 5th wheel. Nancy remarked: "Now you can't say it looks like a bowling alley!"...You're right, Nancy, I can't; but now it looks like the old Super Chief!"....Show worked over ice at West Lebanon (Pa) and it was sure COLD....Drummer GILES AUSTING had no problem keeping up the tempo, what with so much stamping of feet the tempos accelerated automaticallyJO ANN JENNIER now has SUNNY looking suave and debonair in a top hat....The Afena was so low DONNA (Wilson) BANNISTER did her slide for life outside....NANCY KELLY (her mother, Mary, made her first excursion on the road and loved it). Nancy's brother was also on tap...JIMMY HALL has lost beaucoup pounds, is now a butter-blonde. Despite the razing he took he looks great!

THE KNEISLEY DUO, broken in by BILL and TRUDY STRONG, worked side by side with their mentors recently in Troy (Ohio) for HUBLER....Understand HARRY THOMAS bowed out of the PAL circus and SUE McMILLAN was there instead....WALLY-NAGHTIN is working 12 bears....SAM T. POLACK has added a number of dates to his '78 route.

A FUNNY THING happened on the way to the USA. Circus Vargas features a mall-long exhibit of posters and artifacts at almost every mall where the show appears. One of the exhibits is a TOM MIX display, which caused a disgruntled elderly patron to chastise FRED Van VOORDEN and BILL BIGGERSTAFF upon leaving the big top during a Canadian stand.

"The show's okay," he said, "but where's Tom Mix?"

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PEOPLE

GEORGE (Perky) PERKINS, retired circus clown, is the manager of the Melody Lanes Mobile home park in Yucaipa, Calif.

WARREN G. HYDE, who was city manager of Edina, Minn., for the past 22 years, will be guest of honor at a special Circus Retirement Party arranged for him, to be held on Jan. 6th.

ED and HELEN WILSON (chimps and organ) recently returned from a tour of dates in Indiana, Ohio and Penna. Helen has added a Silver poodle puppy to her poodle act.

BOB-O the Clown has set a series of Holiday dates in the Sacramento, Calif., area during the month of December.

ELVIN BALE, RBBB Blue Unit star, reportedly broke his wrist while performing on the rotating wheel in Chicago.

ROBERTA WINN worked in the slide for life and aerial motorcycle acts at San Francisco's PAL Circus, the first time since the birth of her baby in Columbus, Ohio, three months ago.

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PHIL TEMPLE, magician, leaves this month for an around the world tour with his full stage magic show.

PETER HAUBNER, somersaulting bareback rider with Tommy Hanneford's riding act, will retire at the end of the 1977 season. He plans to operate his own private business in Northern Michigan, opening shortly after the first of the year.

BOBBY and MAUREEN RAWLS are billers and working advance press ahead of the Nordmark Int'l All Star Circus.

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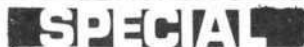
With the acquisition of the Jabczynski Troupe, an 8 person teterboard combination booked by Gil Miller, the new program for Circus Vargas has been completed.

In its swing through southern Alabama (Mobile and Montgomery) the show racked up excellent attendance which, combined with turn-aways at Chattanooga and good crowds at Nashville, brought the overall gross in the south to a winning level.

The show is now in Florida for the first time in three years, having opened its tour at the Miami Stadium on Nov. 29th. During the six day Miami run, owner Cliff Vargas was surprised by a gala birthday party. A luxury yacht was rented for the occasion.

Nov. 29th, Cliff Vargas appeared on the "Open Phone" talk program of WKAT, hosted by Craig Worthing. Vargas appeared on the program for an unprecedented four hours. The appearance on the program was arranged by CFA Larry Kent, who contacted Bill Lyons (doing advance PR for Vargas in the Miami area) who, in turn, contacted Worthing, a close friend of Kent's.

Circus Vargas takes its "winter break" following the closing of its Melbourne date on Dec. 14th and then re-opens Dec. 26th at Jacksonville Billy Barton



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The program will feature: Bob Emrico, MC and magic; The Saxons, unicycles and juggling; Lani Ironberg, dogs and ponies and the Indian troupe of dancers.

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CROWD PLEASER

The annual Showfolks Circus, presented at Sarasota, Fla., was produced by Karl Wallenda and featured: Al Dawley and Col. 'Lucky' Larabee, announcers; William Prun and the circus band; Harry Thomas, tigers; Clowns; the Flores Duo, aerial; Erik Adams, chimps; Alfredo Landon and the clowns; the Verdus; the Great Wallendas; the Bertinis; Roman Schmitt, rhino and elephant; the Ashtons, foot juggling; DeMille, wire; Great Ottini, balancing; Ayala, wire; the Rix Bears; Miss Margarita, aerial; Karl's Poodles; the Maniacs; The Doritas, acrobatic; Zerbini Troupe, acrobatic; Al's Lemonzine, comedy car; Gabriel, aerial; the Cristiani elephants; The Great Wallendas.

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

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See you down the road, luvs.

In Memoriam

JACK JOYCE (67), well known animal trainer who spent most of his life in the circus world, died at Sarasota, Fla. on Oct. 16th. Survivors include his widow, Martha and three sisters.

RALPH STOKKE (27) an employee with the King Bros. Circus, died as the result of an auto accident while enroute to his home in La Crosse, Wisc., on July 30th. Survivors include his parents and a brother.

Performer Hurt

Two members of the Rodriguez Troupe - Robert Rodriguez and Felipe Vasquez - were injured when they fell at Kansas City (Mo.) on Nov. 2nd. They were appearing with the Hubert Castle Circus and reportedly were standing on a security net prior to climbing up to the aerial bars when the net suddenly collapsed.

A MIRACLE

In 1975, the Louisiana Purchase Garden and Zoo, at Monroe, La., had to put their 11 year old elephant Michele to sleep because of a severe case of arthritis. When she would get down it was almost impossible for her to get back up. Michele had been a source of entertainment for several years at the zoo and the public could not understand why a zoo of this size did not have an elephant. But due to a number of things and money being one of them, it was just not possible to replace the other elephant.

Early in 1977, this writer had as his guests at the zoo, some members of the Zacchini Circus that were in Monroe for the annual Northeast Shrine Circus. Among the visitors was the jovial performer Bobby Gibbs and his family. Bob had his elephants, ponies, etc., on the local show, just prior to his leaving for the summer engagement at Baraboo, Wisc.

While touring the zoo with Bobby one morning, the writer jokingly said, "Hey, Bobby, why don't you get us an elephant for our zoo." To which Bobby replied, "sure man, I have one in mind that I feel Dorey Miller, of the Carson and Barnes Circus will let you have - on loan." Like most things, that's as far as the conversation went and it was forgotten as most of it was said in jest. Then one morning in early September, four months later, the writer received a call from Bobby Gibbs in Baraboo.

"Marion, I have your elephant, it's on the way and should be in your area by Sept. 18th. Dorey Miller has this elephant Shirley on the Fisher Bros. Circus and he wants to retire her off the road and has agreed to give her to your zoo - can you clear it for me?"

"Hold on Bobby," I stated, "I have to contact the zoo, who has to get clearance from the Mayor as the zoo is city owned." Well, hurry up, as I leave here for Dallas Monday and the show will be in your area about Sept. 18th, was his reply.

This reporter called the zoo and explained the situation, but no one knew what to do. After waiting for three days, I by-passed the zoo and called Mayor Jack Howard personally. The Mayor only wanted to know three things. Was the elephant a "rouge", was it on the road and will we have to go and get it? My answers were: No, Yes, No. "Then tell them to bring it in," said the Mayor.

Immediately I contacted Bobby Gibbs, who was now at the Dallas Shrine Circus and told him all was set and then found that the elephant would be in Delhi, La., on Sept. 18th, just 35 miles away. The Administrator of the zoo, John Hassion and I drove over, to look at the elephant and talk with John Frazier of Fisher Bros.

On arriving we looked Shirley over and found she had a gimpy back leg due to an accident, but otherwise appeared to be in good shape. When Mr. Frazier arrived he already knew all about the arrangements and said he would bring Shirley to the zoo the next day. Up until that time I just couldn't believe it was true that we were getting an elephant for the zoo.

After Shirley arrived she proved to be smarter than anyone at the zoo, undoing her chains at night (but causing no trouble), getting in and out of the moat, without anyone figuring how she did it. As a result she was soon the talk of the town.

The writer wrote Dorey Miller, thanking him for the elephant and asking for ownership papers, which arrived within a few days.

It takes a big man to give an animal as big and costly as an elephant away. Dorey Miller is that kind of man. A plaque is being made with the Carson & Barnes logo and the wording from Dorey's letter. It will be placed in the elephant enclosure.

We hope at a future date to have Mr. Miller visit the zoo, to see how happy and content Shirley is at her new home.

The writer would like to extend his personal thanks to Dorey Miller for a generous gesture, to Bobby Gibbs, for helping make a miracle come true and to John Frazier, of Fisher Bros. Circus, for bringing the elephant here. As an added bonus we were able to secure the service of Ken Benson, who was Fisher Bros. elephant man, who will winter here and has accepted a job at the zoo to help Shirley become familiar with the new facilities.

So don't sell circus people and owners short — there are still many wonderful people in the circus world. Now, despite some of my lost illusions with some folks I have had business dealings with, I know Miracles Still Happen.

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PEOPLE

ALBERT RIX reports the Rix Bears are awaiting the birth of some baby polar bears, due any time now. The act will be in Mexico this winter working for Circo Atayde.

GIL MILLER was visiting the New Orleans Shrine date when he received an urgent call from CLIFF VARGAS which sent him rushing to the airport, to catch a plane for the Circus Vargas lot in Montgomery, Ala. "I never got to see the opening act in New Orleans," he said.

JIMMY DOUGLASS is "consultant" to JIM NORDMARK for the new Int'l Magic Spectacular which is being prepared for the 1978 season. Douglass spent several days at Sarasota at

meetings with Nordmark and while there attended the graduation at the Clown College.

WES OLER, of Oler Productions, has signed several fairs, including the Oct. 9-14 Orangeburg (SC) date and the Sept. 18-23 Goldsboro (NC) fair.

DANNY CHAPMAN is featured in an upcoming GMC commercial for TV which has him driving a 1978 Pickup with a "square wheel."

JIM NORDMARK's Int'l Magic Spectacular will feature the Amazing Conklins, Billy and Bonnie Earl, Buddy, Cindy and Shawnee Big Mountain with vent, magic and Indian dancing. Music is to be provided by Lou Costello, drums, Grace Costello, organ and Gene Holmes, trumpet.

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SPECIAL

It is not widely known, but the famous and treacherous "bullet-catching trick" featured by the leading illusionists for many years, was actually invented by Philip Astley, the famous riding master and the creator of the first circus as we know it today. He died in England at the age of 72 in 1814 and had doubled as an acrobat and conjuror, as well.

In 1785 he published a book on "Natural Magic" which, except for the final trick, was simply a translation of a volume written by the Frenchman Decremps a few years before.

The last trick was "The Bullet Catch" and Astley told how he devised it to prevent two army officers from being killed in a foolhardy duel. Their pistols were loaded, they fired point-blank at each other, but without result, because Astley, who had loaded the guns, secretly extracted the bullets without their knowledge. From that, Astley developed the trick so that a gun loaded with a marked bullet could be fired at a magician who calmly caught the bullet on the point of a knife.

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Later, magicians performed the trick by "Catching" the bullet in their teeth. Many great and not-so-great magicians met an untimely death performing this hazardous feat and the effect is now almost totally avoided by modern-day wizards as being too risky.

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RAGS, the Clown, was on hand to welcome the Navy's ammo ship "Shasta" when it docked last week at the Concord (Calif.) Naval Weapons Depot, after a sea tour of six months.

BOB EMRICO, clown and magician, is working Holiday Season dates in the San Francisco Bay area.

LOOMIS, magician, will be working dates in the Central California area during the next few weeks.

LEE GRABEL, magician, is planning a spring tour with his full evening magic show. Present

Miscellaneous

The Stebbings/Polack Circus played a Nov. 18-20 engagement for the Shrine at Springfield, Ill.

West Coast newspapers reported last week that a circus clown, working at Columbia, S. C., had been arrested early in November. He was charged with stealing a trailer in Racine, Wisc. After arraignment on a fugitive charge he was released on a \$2,000 bond.

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court rules

Big Ben, a 600 lb. toothless, clawless, neutered Russian bear, can remain with its owner at Lakeville (Minn.) a County Judge ruled earlier this month.

Judge Jack Mitchell ruled that Lakeville officials had failed to prove their case, that Jeannie and John Greaves were guilty of keeping a non-domestic animal in a residential area.

Lakeville officials argued that regardless of how tame the bear was it is still not a domestic animal and therefore, should not be kept by the Greaveses. None of the city's ordinances, however, specifically refer to a bear as either a domestic or non-domestic animal and there are no ordinances referring to wild animals.

Mrs. Greaves and her son live on a 2½ acre plot of land, where they keep the bear caged.

The Greaves argued the bear is harmless and cited the fact that the animal is descended from a long line of show bears, had been in films and once traveled with the Ringling circus. Mrs. Greaves bought the bear early this year from a doctor in Hollywood, Calif., who owns several other animals.

The bear is shown with carnivals, but had been kept at the Greaves' home since the debate began. They expect to place the bear back on a carnival now that a decision has been reached by the court.

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THE RANDELLS, trampoline act, is featured on the Ice Capades which is currently playing dates on the West Coast.

TOBY REED, former high wire performer and CHERYL ANN TOCA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Toca, were married on Nov. 7th.

RAYMOND (Congo) MILE, of RBBB's Red Unit, re-entered the St. Mary's Medical Center in Long Beach on Nov. 18th. He will be there for approximately three weeks after which he plans to return to Florida. Mail can be sent to him at: 1051 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90801.

DANIEL A. SEGAL has acquired the U.S. film rights to the Russian comedy spectacular "Circus in the Circus." The film, shot entirely on location in Moscow and featuring three Russian circuses, will soon be released on a nationwide basis.

ROGER LITTLEFORD, III, publisher of the Billboard, has chosen a pictorial of the old "Great James M. Cole Circus" to frame and hang on the wall of his home.

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On Dec. 17-18 a Santa's Holiday Revue unit will be presented at Beaverton (Oregon) with Stan Kramien, magic and illusions; Roy Davenport, escapes; David Linden, one finger stand; the Bounding Jacks, trampoline; Horton's bears, plus some dogs and ponies.

Also on Dec. 17-18 another Santa's Holiday Revue unit will be presented at Langley, BC, which will feature Jack D'Non, magician; the Dowie Puppets; Walk'n'Shaw, comedy act; the Orminston Kids, aerialists and Justin, juggler.

In the meantime, on Dec. 17th, John Strong, Jr., will be presenting his own show at Port Hueneme (Calif). This program will feature John Strong, Jr., magic and juggling; Wally Ross, elephants and ponies; Don Young, clown; John McGuire, clown; Sandy Strong, birds; plus Nolly and Polly Tate, dogs and clowning.

Plans for the upcoming summer tour of the Big John A. Strong & Son Circus were also announced this past week. John reports the season is to be cut back once again with the show operating from March 27th to October 15th. Because of health problems John does not plan to tour daily with his show, instead he will appear with the show at selected dates throughout the year.

Bill Burger, who has been doing booking and advance publicity, will tour as office manager of the circus, while Bill Schreiber will take over the duties of animal superintendent, along with other duties on the show.

Wally Wallentin will serve as show superintendent and concession manager, John Strong, Jr. will operate the side show and present his juggling acts, while Sandy Strong will be presenting an all new bird act. Chris DeWayne will again tour with the show, presenting the elephant act and doing single trapeze.

Wally Bickmore and family will join the show

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PAL SHOW

San Francisco's annual PAL Circus was presented at the Cow Palace on Nov. 19-20, with two shows scheduled each day. There was some confusion in the parking lot and at ticket windows because a "Dickens Fair" was being held in another part of the huge building complex.

The opening show was somewhat delayed due to difficulties in the building's sound system. However, the program went on and all other performances moved smoothly, backed by a 25 piece band, directed by Bill Saxe.

The show program featured: Miss Carol, announcer/ring mistress; the Mother Goose spec; Sue McMillan, dog/tiger/horse; Clowns; Jeffries California Seals; John's leopard; Toni Madison's dogs; John and Mike Winn, walk of death; Miss Zanita, juggling; Andre & Co., teeterboard; Phil Temple, magic/illusions; Miss Fritzie, trapeze, with five girls on web; Clown band; Roberta, slide for life; the Lancelot Link Chimps; Baby elephant in each end ring; The Flying Russells; Clown Boxing; Zanita, rolling globe; Leroy, chair balance; Eleana Omar, balancing; Tony Nock, sway pole; Judy Jacobs Kaye, elephants and the Winn Troupe, aerial motorcycle.

The show's Clown Alley consisted of: Ken Miller, Tim Hill, Chris Bricker, Fred LaVine, Neal Kay, Bob-O, Phil Crowder, Mike Davis, Greg Dean, Katie, the clown, Meshia T. Clown and Wheat Straw.

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