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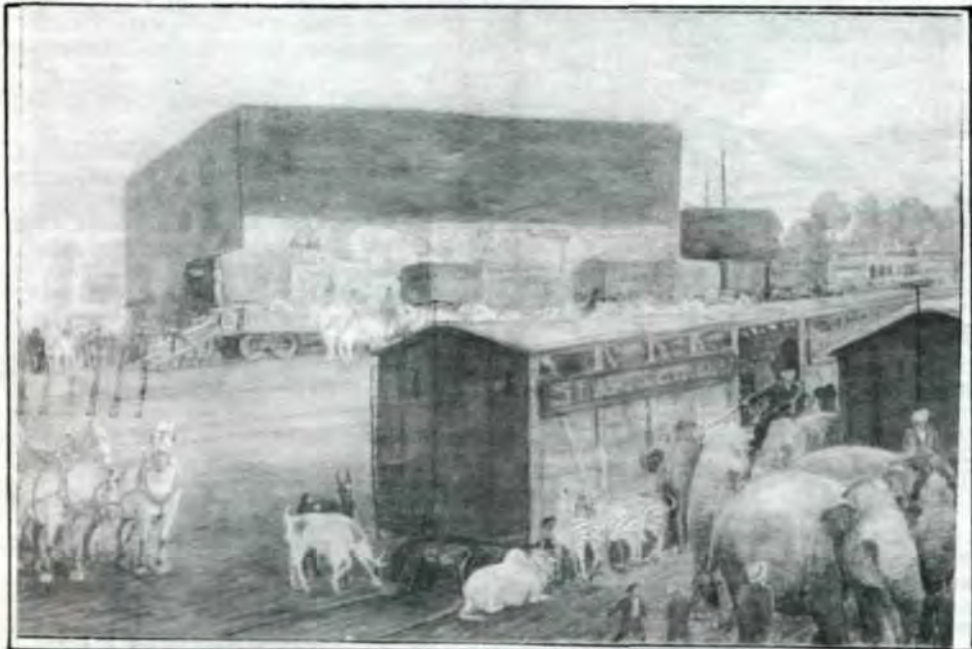
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Show Report

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS

For the first time, the family acts of both Tommy and George Hanneford have been combined for a presentation of the Royal Hanneford Circus. The big show is currently playing for the Syrian Shrine Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio (May 2-11), which is Tommy's third year as producer of the Syrian Temple Shrine Circus.

The circus is being presented under a huge six pole big top, offering five rings of acts. The top was rented from Harold Barnes' Florida Tent Rental Co.

The program includes three specs - Alice in Wonderland, Cinderella and a Patriotic Finale. Some of the acts appearing in the circus program are: the Tommy Hanneford circus acts, the George Hanneford circus acts, Don Anderson's horses, the Flying Gaonas and the Flying Valentines, Los Latinos Duo, Miss Tina and Miss Dianne, Gaylord Maynard's comedy horse, the Tangier Troupe, Alberto Zoppe's animals, Tajana's wild animals, the Hanneford and the King elephants plus a number of other features.

ABDU BEN ABHEN SHRINE CIRCUS

Acts appearing in the April 7-13 Abu Ben Abhen Temple Shrine Circus at Springfield, Mo., included:

Harry Thomas, tigers; Frank & Estreleta, aerial; The Karinas, trampoline; Bobby's Dogs; The Freddys, rola bola; Sissy, sword balancing; David, rola bola; Miss Tina, look walk; the Circus Ponies; Hunky Johnson's Bears; Circus Ponies; Jolly and Linda, hand balancing; The Grimaldis, novelty; Francero, trapeze; the Cavanaugh Duo, cradle; Carmen del Molino, trapeze; Prof. Shappi, comedy piano; LaVonne, cloud swing; Sissy and David, unicycle; Los Argentinos, perch; the Kursawes, bicycles; Sir Chadwick Chase and his Rolls Rotten; Bimbo, the elephant; Gene Mendez, high wire.

Announcer for the show was Mike Pike, while the clowns were Maxo, Sandy and Pockets.

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CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS

... by Joe M. Heiser, Jr.

Ted Bowman, vice president of Carson & Barnes Circus, greeted circus fans at the April 17th matinee of the show in Houston, Texas.

Especially enjoyed by the fans was the typical circus music by the Reynolds family and assisted by other musicians. They also enjoyed the spectacular elephant display, and a lively variety of acts by attractive performers.

Our group included: "Tex" Dreyfus, who helped as he has so often in the past, with the elephant department; Mary Hoppe, who recently moved to Baytown with her husband Dr. Robert C. Hoppe, staff physician at the huge Exxon refinery complex; Harry Lee Kingston, professional photography, listed in the official program book; Bill Henderson, my partner on many circus rambles and your reporter, who still recalls impressions of his first circus adventure in the year of 1903.

HOTLINE

April 22 - Mama Hanneford broke an arm when she slipped and fell in her trailer, at a New York engagement. After the cast was placed on the arm she had a seamstress make up special sleeved garments so she could continue to appear in the ring with the Hanneford Riding Act.

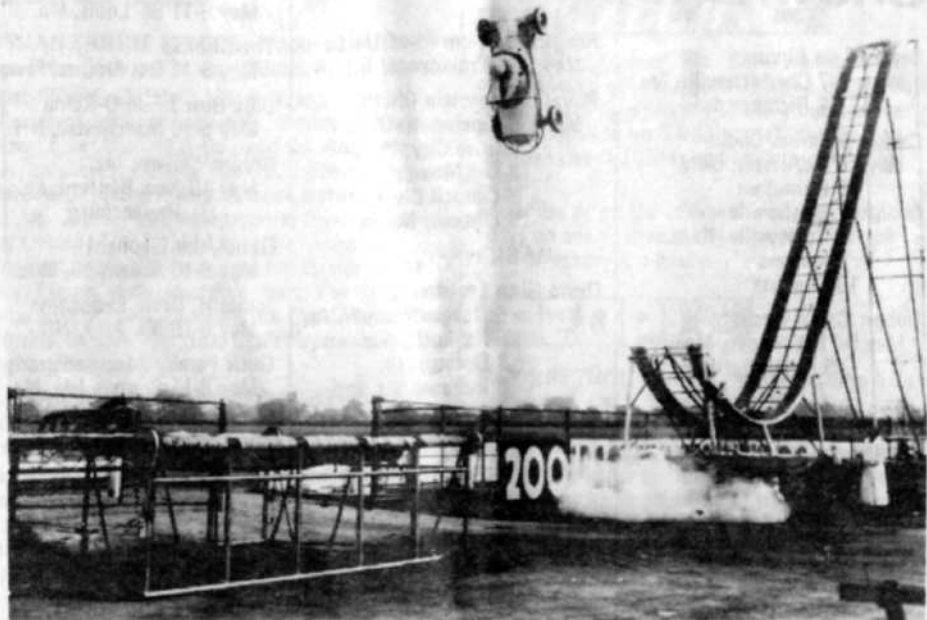
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PEOPLE NOTES

... by Harry L. Graham

HUGO ZUNIGA, who with his brother Manuel, does a rola bola act and a juggling act this season with Circus Vargas, has recently completed the writing of a novel about the circus. He is now looking for a publisher.

RUSSELL "Russ" MANNING, Star Wars cartoon strip artist and for 14 years the writer and cartoonist for the "Tarzan" funnies, has flipped his hat into the political ring and is running for 3rd District Supervisor in Orange County, Calif. In addition to his art work, Manning has previously served his community as chief of the volunteer fire dept., water district president

and planning committee chairman.

JACK KELLY, best known for his role as Bart Maverick in the popular TV series of the late 1950's and 1960's "Maverick" is another of the celebrities getting into politics. The 52 year old movie and TV star was elected to the city council of Huntington Beach, Calif. He said he got into politics because he has been upset with the lack of efficiency in the operation of city government and he hopes to rectify that.

PEOPLE

LORNE GREENE has been named Grand Marshall for the annual New Year's Day Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

Show Dates

Beatty-Cole Circus
 May 5-7 Charlottesville, Va.
 8-11 Richmond

Carson & Barnes Circus
 May 5 McAlester, Okla.
 6 Okmulgee
 7 Bartlesville
 8 Coffeyville, Kans.
 9 Parsons
 10 Chanute

Hubert Castle Circus
 May 5-11 Winnipeg, Manit.
 5 North Battleford
 7 Yorkton, Sask.
 9-11 Saskatoon

Circus Arts Troupe
 May 7-10 Wheaton, Md.

Fiesta de Circo
 May 5 Camarillo, Calif.
 6 Palmdale
 7 Indio
 8 Brawley
 9 El Centro
 10 Somerton, Ariz.

Great Youth Circus
 May 9-11 Redlands, Calif.

Hamid-Morton Circus
 May 8-11 Springfield, Mass.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
 May 5 Statesboro, Ga.
 6 Beaufort, SC
 7 Georgetown
 8 Sumter
 9 Marion
 10 Myrtle Beach

Hubler Int'l Circus
 May 9-11 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

McCary's Shrine Circus
 May 8-11 Presque Isle, Me.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
 to June 1 New York, NY

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
 May 7-11 Providence, R.I.

Royal Lichtenstein Circus
 May 5-6 Cincinnati, Ohio
 7 Iowa City, Iowa
 8 Des Moines
 9 Council Bluffs
 -10 Lincoln, Nebr.

---- MAGIC ----

David Ginn Lecturer
 May 5 Morgantown, W. Va.
 6 Oshkosh, Wisc.
 7 Decatur, Ill.
 8 Indianapolis, Ind.
 9-10 Chicago, Ill.

Stu Miller's Magic Time USA
 May 5 Norwalk, Mass.
 6 Bedford, NY
 10 Mystic, Conn.

Babes In Toyland
 May 6-11 St. Louis, Mo.

The Bisbins
 May 9-11 Des Moines, Iowa

Billy Burr's Fun-O-Rama
 May 5-10 Manchester, NH

Bryons Clowns, Inc.
 May 10 New Bedford, Pa.
 Harlansburg

Dondi, the Elephant
 May 6-10 Greenville, Miss.

James H. Drew Exposition
 May 5-10 Mt. Airy, NC

Gutis Family - Jungle Parody
 May 8-11 Presque Isle, Me.

Ice Follies
 May 7-11 San Fran, Calif.

Kaye Hollywood Elephants
 to May 17 H. Castle Circus

Old Time Vaudeville
 May 6 San Jose, Calif.

Rolling Diamonds - Skaters
 May 8-11 Presque Isle, Me.

Tommy Scott's Medicine Show
 May 5 Muleshoe, Texas
 6 Hereford
 7 Pampa
 8 Clovis, NM
 9 Dalhart, Texas

The Sikorskys - Jugglers
 May 9-10 Baltimore, Md.

Harry Thomas - Tigers
 May 9-11 Des Moines, Iowa

White House in Miniature
 to May 10 St. Louis, Mo.

Acts

OSMAN SHRINE CIRCUS - Produced by Garden Bros. Circus at St. Paul, Minn. Apr. 8-13. Spec "Razzle Dazzle"; Lilli-Ana, leopards; the Winn Bros. inclined wire walk; Smiley Dailey, clown bike; Michael & Co., and the Andromedas, balancing; Clowns; Gee Gee's ponies; Ian Garden, Jr., ponies; Web number featuring Jo Ann Jennier on single trapeze; Princess Tanya, clowns; The Flying Lanes; Intermission; Toyland production number; the Pirates of the Sky; Cimses' dogs; Horton's Bears; The Cold Nose Five dog act; Clowns; The Cyclonians; the Bruski; Joanna Hall; Gee Gee's elephants and the Astros, aerial.

MIDIAN TEMPLE SHRINE CIRCUS - Produced by Kaye Entertainment Enterprises at Wichita, Kansas - April 17-20.

Pre-show clown warm-up; Spec, "Circus on Parade"; Aerial display with Carol on trapeze, Patty on loops, Rose Ann on trapeze and lora on loops; the Hawthorn wild animals; Clowns; The Dolly Sisters, aerial cradle; O'Donnells, wire; Little John, balancing; the Wayne Trio, acrobatic; Cook's Comedy Car; Moore's Mongrel Revue; Clowns; Anderson's Liberty Horses; the Hofmeister Liberty Horses; Aerial Ballet featuring Lorelei on trapeze; My-Imbas African Baboons; Clowns; Johnny Luxem with the Wheel of Destiny; Intermission; The Flying Russells; Clowns; the Hawthorn Circus Elephants; Valentino, high wire; The Wainwrights, trampoline; The Navarros, cycles; The Neils, trampoline; the Four Nerveless Nocks, sway poles; Finale "Salute to the Stars and Stripes."

The ringmaster was Paul V. Kaye and the clown contingent consisted of: Neil Kay, Bruce Warner, Steve Lucas and Fred Lavine.

HOTLINE

March 30 - Lakeland, Fla - Carla Wallenda Guzman, escaped serious injuries when a rigging bolt snapped and dropped her to the ground at the end of her slide for life presentation. She was dropped about 20 feet and landed on her back and side.

She slides down the inclined wire while suspended by an ankle. Several ropes helped to break her fall, acting as a brake.

PEOPLE

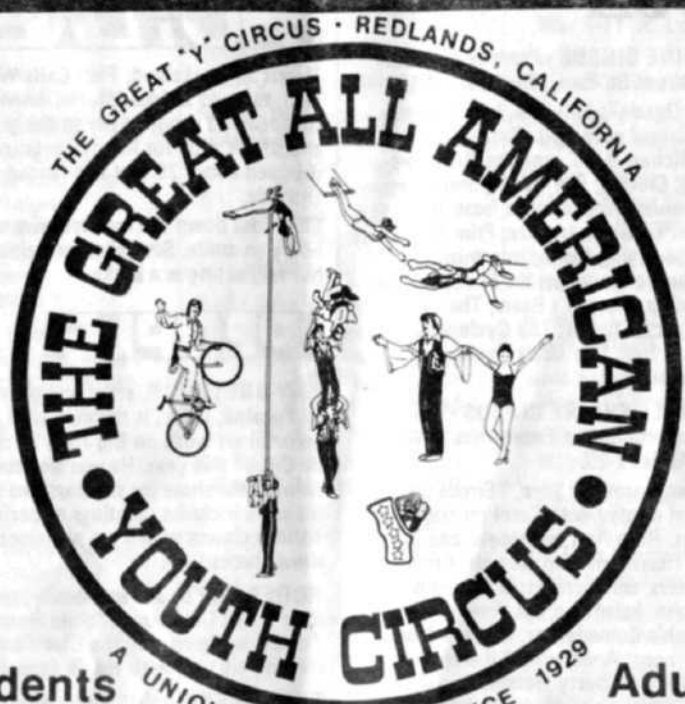
RAY BRET HOUR, artist and painter who lives in Yucaipa, Calif., is the man who did all of the colorful art work on Big John Strong's "Fiesta de Circo" this year. He was also the man who painted the show for the past two seasons, and his work includes paintings of performers and famous clowns which are prominent on the big show trucks.

ROGER BOYD, Jr., and family, spent a few days at the Glenwood Mobile Home Park in Tampa, while visiting the Diaz Family before starting his tour with Hoxie Bros. Circus.

THE VALENCIANOS attended a performance of the 15th annual Egypt Temple Shrine Circus produced by Carden-Johnson.

RED SKELTON as pictured with one of his paintings in the "Star" magazine under the caption "Red Skelton, King of Clowns, is also a distinguished painter of clowns and an apostle of good causes."

JOE "Jo-Jo" VINEYARD and **EDDIE "Crash" KAHAN**, members of the Texas Mid-cities Clown Alley No. 85, and many of the Hella Temple Shrine Clowns, along with the Kuntz Brothers (Darryl and Frank) worked the "Spring thing" - home and lifestyle fair sponsored by WFAA Radio at Dallas, Texas, on the state fair grounds.



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BEFORE I CROP UP in the Mailbag again, several mistakes appeared in my April 14th Column, which were my own fault. One, when I referred to JOHNNY ZOPPE I meant JOHN ZOPPE, Sr. Two: The rhesus monkeys and afghan dog acts will not appear at Cape Cod (unfortunately) as these negotiations apparently did not jell but certainly these two great acts WILL appear with Circus Odyssey in the future. Three: I appear at the St. Louis Shrine and not the Police Circus which having played the now defunct Police date for the late AL DOBRITCH I always confuse, especially when I have to get a column off in a hurry and, lately, that seems to be the case.

In an earlier column I already retracted the bit about CV's not doing the Gay Night in L.A. as they did last year. About the kids' tickets, I was passed along erroneous information from someone on the West Coast who'd been visiting Vargas and who had gotten that impression. Sorry.

L.A.'s HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST BETTY ESCALANTE is just getting over the flu bug and writes that she has been tired and listless and suffering from too much tetracyclines (hope that's spelled right as I copied from the letter). That column devoted entirely to her letter to me has elicited mucho phone calls and letters to which she adds, "Thanks a lot for bringing old friends together." You're welcome dear heart.

CLOSEUPS: Showgirl SHARON WARD was forced to leave the Ringling unit owing to bad health. Get well soon, Sharon. . . BETTY ESCALANTE and entourage went to the Variety Arts Club in L.A. where SHIRLEY CARROLL was donating Norman's circus collection. In the lobby were clowns handing out candy floss and popcorn from a circus wagon; in the bar downstairs was free champagne. In attendance among the many was BOBBY KAYE, also JO JO MONARCH a gal with whom Betty worked on the old Cole show. . . ROMAN and JEAN SCHMITT will make the Western tour for BILL KAY. . . HOWARD SUESZ writes that he is taking life easy in Harlingen, Texas. . . KAY ROSAIRE, after losing her lions last season, bought the late ELOISE BERCHTOLD's cat act and now, after having her baby, is back in action and playing dates. . . GEORGE HUBLER has acquired new equipment in which to transport his circus - several

new pieces of rolling stock, in fact.

JOHN HERRIOTT writes he spent six months with Atayde, some of that time on the road with the tent show which he says is well-organized. In winter quarters he routined two elephant acts one for the tent show, one for the Arena production, plus a camel act and an eight palomino liberty horse drill. Johnny presented the horse and elephant acts in the Arena Mexico and was pleased to receive the Manuel Del A Rosa Medal for the best Animal Act of 1980, given for the horses, during a lavish ceremony. Award for the Best Aerial Act went to the WALLENDAS. Meanwhile MARY RUTH trained a new dog act of giant poodles which debuted recently with the CORONAS. She spent a month with Johnny during the Holidays in Mexico where BOBBY and ROSA GIBBS were her guides on a tour of the smaller circuses (tent shows) and where they pointed out the major sights of the city. They also did the night club scenes with ALEK and RUTH SEBESTYN, JIMMY and EVY FOSSETT. Visitors included BILL HILL, HERBIE WEBER, MARCELLA, BIG JOHN STRONG and DOREY MILLER.

In his lengthy letter JOHNNY reports that CINDY and HEIDI are with the Royal Hanneford Circus working in the riding act, also doing production and Johnny visited his daughters during the Detroit date enroute to his own appearance at the Aut Mori Grotto Circus in Youngstown. He and Mary Ruth and daughter Weiner played St. Pete and Tampa for Garden-Johnson with three rings of high school horses, Mary Ruth's dog act, and Weiner's new juggling act. The same combination played the West Orange date for Coronas where Johnny was also ringmaster. Prior to the West Orange date the Herriotts appeared on the grounds of the Smithsonian in DC, along with BOBBY KAYE, LOU JACOBS, the National Marine Band, all portraying the "Americana" of the American Circus and were greatly pleased by the honor. Right after the West Orange date they trekked to Baraboo for the summer season, joining ADA SMEIJA and clown JIMMY WILLIAMS. Johnny postscripts he is looking forward to his old stomping grounds and "Dombroski's."

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD: Last summer GRA-

(Continued on Page 17)



... by LLOYD E. JONES

Once in awhile a book comes along that strikes this reviewer as being just right. That means it has humor, is clean, clever and suitable for the comic, the magician or the MC, who is constantly looking for material and gags. This current book is "The M.C. Bit Book" by Algonquin Mc Duff (a real name by the way) as told to Rhett Bryson, Jr. and Dexter Cleveland, and it is subtitled "Comedy for Magicians."

The book is comb spiral plastic bound with a soft board cover. There are 48 pages and it is 5½ x 8½ in. Priced at \$5.00, regular postage runs 40 c.

This book is fully illustrated and offers a lot of visual gags using such items as coat hangers, scissors, watches, newspaper, etc. Some of the items here might even inspire you to come up with your own specials, and no doubt there are a lot here that you will never use. But if you want a walk-on bit now and then you'll find usable material here. In fact one could even work up a routine with several of these ideas. (California Sales tax amounts to 30c).

Come to think of it, if you want quips, gags, sage sayings, patter for tricks and assorted laugh items, dig into your purse and ask for a Laugh Packet. For your \$6.00 I'll send four different books of chuckles, etc., post paid. A \$10 value if you were to buy them separately.

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TONY DUKE, former flying trapeze artist and now an actor, appeared in the April 11th episode of TV's The Incredible Hulk.

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Show Report

EMMETT KELLY, JR. CIRCUS

The program for the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., on Apr. 11th lists the following program schedule.

Overture; Benson's Tigers (Frank Magarosi); Marcella & Janice, slack wire; Emmett and Are You Ready for More?; Gracie Hanneford, dogs; Emmett and the Hankie; The Pan-Terras, hanging perch; Emmett and standing on hands; The Ro-Lon-Dos, juggling; Emmett and rope; Sabo's Chimps; Intermission; Mr. Twink, web; Emmett and Magic; Charles Merrill, magician; The Ar Lease, unicycles; Thank the Band; The Great Erik, high wire; Emmett and Nancy say their Goodbys.

Nancy Kelly was the show's ringmistress, with Julie Evans providing the music, and Erick handling props.

HUBERT CASTLE CIRCUS

The program for the Hubert Castle Circus pres-

entations at Columbus, Ohio, Apr. 10-19 lists the following schedule.

Circus Iverture; The Rodriguez Troupe, aerial bars; Tarzan Zerbini, lions and tigers; Clowns with Atom Smasher; Aerial display with four webs, plus the Robertos, cradle, Sherri-Braun Duo, cradle, The Giminis, cradle; The Torinos, juggling; The Gasperrys, comedy table; The Kolmedys, acrobats; Clowns, driving a stake; the Horwath Chimps; Amazing Alain, sword balance on wire; The Elkardis, hair hang; Olmeda's Spanish Horse Revue; Plunkett Family, trampoline; Les Blocks, high wire; Intermission.

In the second half were: The Dieklas Sisters, rolling globes; Clowns and The Strong Man; Barbara Tata's elephants (5); Diano's elephants (6); the Hollywood elephants (3); Elephant long mount on the track; Enrique Olmedas, bicycles; The Antonios, bicycles; Christopher James, low wire; The Great Bruno, swaypole; Capt. Circus, Space Rocket Shot; Disco Finale.

The show was produced by Hubert Castle and Tarzan Zerbini. Jon Friday was the ringmaster and Gregory Toca was the musical director.

In Memoriam

TOM CANTY, popular performer in the San Francisco, Calif., area, died early this month after a long illness. He was known as "Cantini the Magician" and was active in local clubs as well as professional work. Survivors include his wife, Peggy, and a son and daughter.

Miscellaneous

The government of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) has established an orphanage for motherless baby elephants as they work to preserve that nation's dwindling herd of elephants.

On The Cover

This week's cover picture is another work by artist Robert B. Johnson. It is done in water colors and shows an early morning unloading scene at the railroad yards.

PEOPLE

TOM and DIANE SIKORSKY are the proud parents of a baby girl - Jennifer Robyn - who was born on Jan. 7th and weighed in at 6 lbs. 2 oz. Both Tom and Diane had traveled with Circus Kirk, and Tom, a member of the Juggling Sikorsky act, now serves as booking and sales manager for the family-owned corporation, TAL World-Wide Productions, Inc.

REPORT

ALADDIN TEMPLE SHRINE CIRCUS

... by Don Sandman

The 30th annual Aladdin Temple Shrine Circus was presented April 10-19, at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus. The show was produced and staged by Hubert Castle and Tarzan Zerbini. Jon Friday was the ringmaster, with Greg Toca, band leader; Rick Alorich, supt. of props; Jerry Staiger, clown director and J. Albert Smith, electrician.

Clown Alley was led by Al Ross, to whom the 1980 Aladdin Temple Shrine Circus was dedicated for his 50th anniversary in show business. He started with Robbins Bros. Circus at Newton, Iowa, in 1930.

In Memoriam

LOUIS KRETSCHMER, of Belleville, Ill., an ardent circus fan and collector, died at his home on April 25th, after a brief illness. He helped to book and promote circuses in the midwest area.

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... by KARL J. BISCHOFF

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IN SHOW BUSINESS it's known that daughters like fathers WHO CAN'T NO and fathers like daughters who can.

FOR SOME SHOWS figuring out the route for the next date sometimes finds the shortest distance between towns is ALWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

SOME SHOWMEN have pocket calculators, pocket recorders, pocket pens. EVERYTHING FOR HIS POCKET BUT MONEY.

A SHOWMAN'S WIDOW placed a tombstone at her husband's grave bearing this sentiment "WITH OUT YOU I CANNOT BEAR TO LIVE". One year later she remarried and told the monument maker to add one word. So he went back and chisled 'ALONE'.

KARIN DAVIS SEZ. . . .

Once again, we left the building this morning and as we were getting ready to go, a performer from the show was dumping his holding tank on to the concrete next to the building, after which he said, "Oh the water will wash it away."

Most every city today has stringent laws regarding such flagrant disposal of human wastes. It is this one performer at a date who ruins it so that none of us can park at the building in the future. More than likely he won't even be at this particular date next year, so he will not hear the repercussions of his thoughtless act.

Circus performers on the whole are no better or no worse than any other groups of people but because of being in the public's eye they are scrutinized much more. This is why the few who have no respect for their total reputation or that of their profession in general, must wake up to what they are doing, be brought to care, and become responsible for their actions as adults.

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elsewhere and commute to work because of a performer's thoughtlessness. Perhaps many performers don't realize that when they leave a mess, someone must be hired to clean it up. More and more, this charge is passed on to the producer. Some will absorb this fee, Others will not. If not, the performer then finally absorbs this cost. It affects us all no matter if most of us are clean or not.

The next time you "pull the plug", ask if it is worth \$35.00 a week as Springfield, Mo., charged last year or \$10.00 a day as Louisville, Ky., charged this year!

The following points could be used as a guide line:

- 1 - Don't dispose of refuse improperly
- 2 - Don't dump holding tanks for any reason
- 3 - Don't leave dog droppings on concrete
- 4 - Don't let your dog run loose
- 5 - Don't damage anything and see that your children don't either
- 6 - Don't leave a mess in the building
- 7 - Don't leave a mess in the dressing room
- 8 - Don't let your pet run loose in the building
- 9 - Don't let your pet defecate in the building
- 10 - Don't severely discipline animals in sight of the paying public
- 11 - Don't let your animals become so dirty that you can smell them before you can see them

Most important, in this great free country where we all live, together, don't let the exercising of your freedoms, curb the freedoms of others.

in the NEWS

The Interstate Commerce Commission has approved the merger of the Burlington Northern and the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co., making it the longest railroad in the country.

The combined railroad will operate some 30,000 miles of tracks in 25 states and two Canadian Provinces. It extends from British Columbia to Alabama and from Manitoba to Texas.

Several circus people, as well as various local city and county officials have been named in a suit filed in Morristown, NJ, which claims that circus officials did not have insurance for damages resulting from the death of a young boy when a leopard attacked him during a performance there on June 8, 1979.

PEOPLE

GUNTHER GEBEL-WILLIAMS, of RBBB's Red Unit, recently donated one of his costumes, as well as a whip/hook to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC.

DAVID L. HAMMARSTROM, author of the upcoming book "Behind The Big Top" reports his publishers have scheduled the book for a June 1st publication date.

TRUDY LUVAS' *Poodle Revue* was one of the many acts featured with the Shrine Circus at Waco, Texas, on April 17-19.

WAYNE FRANZEN, former school teacher and now owner of his own circus, was mentioned as a Newsmaker in a recent issue of the Ashland, Oregon, newspaper.

DONA KLINE (4604 Everhart Drive, North Canton, Ohio 44720) wants to get in touch with her brother **HUBERT W. FULKERSON**. He was formerly an advance man for the Beatty-Cole Circus

FLORINE and **WES OLER, DE MILLE**, The **RU WILLS** and **ERIK ADAMS** visited the Hamid-Morton Circus at Harrisburg, Pa. They are all on tour with Showtime Follies.

MARY CLEMENS visited with **BOBBY GIBBS** and **LARRY CARDEN**, of the Carden-Johnson

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Circus in Tulsa, Okla., and **LILLI-ANA** and her Leopards at St. Paul, Minn., while en route to her home at Grand Meadows, Minn.

Miscellaneous

The Beatty-Cole Circus broke all advance sale records for its recent date at Wilmington, NC. They had to give 8 performances in three days to accommodate the crowds.

Circus Vargas won lots of publicity for its engagement in Long Beach, Calif., where they were set up alongside the liner "Queen Mary". Photos of the show with the ship in the background were popular with news photographers.

WASHINGTON TUBBS II



SPECIAL**CONTRACTS SIGNED**

In a special release to CR, Tommy Hanneford reports he recently met with agent Gil Miller in Los Angeles, and that they then visited with Red Skelton. As a result Skelton has been signed to perform for the Moslem Shrine Temple's Potentate Ball on May 31st.

During his trip to the west coast, Tommy visited with many of the western Shrine Temple Circus Chairmen. They were all very much interested in my proposal, he said, and as a result we are making plans to bring the circus to the west coast in 1981.

At the same time, Tommy reported the Royal Hanneford Circus has been resigned for its date in Atlanta, Ga., and will be playing there April 10, 19 of next year.

REPORT**HOLIDAY HIPPODROME**

... by Kaye Scheiman

The Holiday Hippodrome show played at Niles, Mich., on April 12th and at Elkhart, Ind., on Apr. 13th, presenting one show in the afternoon at each place.

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younger generation in circus names. The unit is still presented by Floyd Bradbury who is both ringmaster and organist. Phil Oler is the show's drummer.

The program featured: Mario's Mad Hatters (the Drougetts), juggling; the Amazing Mr. Bradbury with illusions including the Guillotine and Tit-Tat-Toe Girl; Sharon (Vidbel) and Jackie's barking buffoons (dogs); Miss Randa Lynn, foot juggling; Floyd Bradbury, balloon sculptures; In termission, with balloon pitch.

The second half included: Sharon (Vidbel) and Jackie's comedy chimps; Mr. Bradbury, the Rab bit Illusion; Miss Christina, ballerina on the trapeze (Christina Oler); Danny Carey, balancing and The Drougetts, juggling.

By Crane**AN HOUR LATER:****TWO HOURS LATER:****THREE HOURS LATER:**

PEOPLE

BILL FARMER, CFA of Eaton, Ohio, will have an 8 horse hitch of Percherons pulling the steam calliope "America" in the July 4th Baraboo circus parade.

DON SANDMAN, **BOB MEIFERT** and **AL CONOVER**, of the John Robinson Ring Circus Model Builders, have displays in five Cincinnati locations for the Syran Temple Shrine Circus.

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CIE McINTOSH and **CHUCK MARINE** flew West to sign the Sioux City, Iowa, date to add to their Omaha and Lincoln Shrine dates for the 1981 route. I sat on this item for over a year. Gracie will repeat the Wyandotte, Mich. date in July and rumors are she has other new dates on the fire for 1981.

BEWARE: Many acts have asked me to write the following: In the East is a man posing as an agent who has conned a number of well-known acts into quoting him prices, giving him pictures and trying to convince these people to cancel other dates when he dazzles them with fantastic salaries for non-existent ones. Fortunately, word is getting round about his man who is NOT an agent, never has been, and is NOT associated with the **WILLIAM MORRIS AGENCY** as he claims. For further information about this bogus agent ask **ALBERT** and **JEANETTE RIX**, **BILL** and **TRUDY STRONG**, **DAVIDE ZOPPE** and others when you run into them. And for those acts appearing in the East, **PLEASE** investigate when approached and do not let yourselves be taken in. There are many bona-fide agents in the East but this man is NOT one of them. He appears well-dressed, carries a brief case crammed with pictures and phoney contracts, and has a convincing gift of gab.

ITEMIZING: **SUSAN SHERYLL's** Afghans and the **ZOPPE's** crazy Rhesus Monkeys will be with the Texas Shrine dates; ditto the **QUASSARS** and **CUNEO's** White Tigers and Elephants. . . **JEANNIE HALL's** baboons made the Amarillo date for Hubler. She goes to Great Adventure in June for the balance of the season. . . **GUNNAR AMANDIS**, hop-scotching all around, told me wife **HELEN** likes to stay at home and has a horse she rides for relaxation. . . **ED MIGLEY** making frequent business meetings to New York City and plans an important announcement for his 1981 season soon. . . For the Sarasota Fair **WES OLER** booked in Charley Pride, Ray Ste-

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vens, Stella Parton, LeGarde Twins, Jim Stafford, KC and the Sunshine Band and Paul Lennon. All shows went well. . . Ms **APRIL** will appear at the Brockton Fair. . . **LOU ANN JAC-OBS** and **PANCHO MAGANA** report a bang up first season of spot-dating and are already getting strong offers for 1981.

In addition to special effects being used in his whip-cracking act **PANCHO** is planning new ones and **LOU ANN** is practicing a secret new aerial routine. . . Someone said they saw **NANCY GIORDANO** in Sarasota. . . Club Owner **BILL HAY GOOD** flew femme magician **PAULA PANDA** to Florida to look over his clubs and is interested in using her new act in his Atlanta night spot as a "house act". . . **DAVIDE**, **SUSAN**, Mr. and Mrs. **ZOPPE** along with **JAMES** and **MAFALDA**, **JEAN** and **ROMAN SCHMITT**, **OLINKA** and **TINO** were seen at a Chinese Restaurant during the Wilkes-Barre date between shows celebrating John's 70th birthday. . . And quarteting every night at the local eateries and catching up on all the news after spending two seasons together with **SID KELLNER** were yours truly, **BOBBY**, **LOU ANN** and **PANCHO**. Sometimes joined by **JORGE BARREDA**. . . Tino tells me his mother **JENNY WALLEDA** may go to South America as an interpreter for a group of acts. . . **CHERYL REED** worked in the **JAMES ZOPPE** riding act in Wilkes-Barre - where James finally used the riding act mat once owned by **ORRIN DAVENPORT**.

VISITED "Showtime Follies" where **JOE** and **GEORGI SMILEY** (having closed with **RON BACON's** show) were also on tap. Said they were looking forward to a visit from **BOBBY KAYE**, Joe's brother. On the show were Iris Keppo and husband Tony Potter, Erik and Bobbi Adams,

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the Ruwills, Debbie and Emil Goetschi, Holveck & Co., and Wes and Florine Oler. Florine is sporting a new portable Hammond for which Wes had ingenious cases made; Debbie and Emil are doing their new juggling act and doing quite well, and I had a chance to see Iris' and Tony's bright new comedy number. Tony also learned to do rolling globe and they ooen the show with the act which features a clever portable incline ramp that turns into a teeter-totter. It was a pleasing show overall

Iris showed me her wedding pictures, also pictures of her sister Anita's new baby, mentioned that her brother is all grown up, has a car and a job, and that her father is now retired.

Later we retired in a group to a nearby Pizza Hut to cut up jackpots while the Goetschis, the Adams and the Ruwills went on to catch Hamid-Morton, where I visited the night before.

NEWS FROM HAMID-MORTON: The ELK-INS SISTERS will retire that version of the act after this season and continue with the new FABULOUS DARNELLS, a clever illusion and dog act. Kurt showed me pictures of the act and it looks like a sure-fire winner. . . That fearless tiger trainer WADE BURCK - can you believe - chews bubble gum! The tiger act is great. . ZAM PERLAS arrived after an overnight jum of 700 miles, a half hour before showtime to find daughter MAFALDA with husband JAMES waiting to surprise them. James and Mafalda were already prepared to work in case they didn't get in on time. . . MIKE CLUCKER (Earl Michaels) in addition to announcing the show and singing for the aerial ballet is doing a plate spinning act. Other performers on the show whom I said a quick hello to are: Alfonso and Lydia Burkett, Frank and Doris Galumbos, Don Young; also had a chat with Carol and Bob Atterbury and with Gunnar Amandis who was in for a quick visit.

My biggest and happiest surprise was encountering PATSY and JOHNNY JORDAN, on the

show for two dates with daughter DeLISA's trapeze number. Johnny looks wonderful, even practiced yogi-positions with me to show his legs are moving well again. It was Patsy's birthday and so we partied until the early hours of the ayem. They said the Motordrome Globe will they think, be suspended in a cable basket and then guyed out when they go into Circus Circus, but they themselves, are not really sure how the rigging will be installed. They are required to use mufflers on the bikes to soften noise and they will enter from the ceiling onto a platform and into the cage. JODY does his routine first, then JOHNNY comes in with the second bike for the big wild wind-up. They are also doing the JORDANA act but from the monorail which encircles the casino. They open June 1st for six months with options.

Prior to Harrisburg, the Jordans were in Syracuse, the scene of Johnny's near-fatal fall last year. Apparently the entire city turned out to honor his courageous comeback and on the last day the Nurses of &A of Syracuse's Upstate Medical Center presented him, in center ring, with a huge and humorous banner they had made themselves, which proclaimed their love for Johnny Jordan embellished with hand-sewn pictures. For over an hour Johnny regaled me with his antics with those nurses during his long hospital stay. And, knowing Johnny's sense of humor, I could visualize the whole thing perfectly.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS: CARLA WALLENDIA is okay after her fall from the slide when the pin holding the slide loop crystalized and broke and dropped her to the ground 20 feet from the end of the slide. She's a very lucky girl. . . CARLA and her troupe played the Hall of Fame for 3 weeks. . . TOMMY BAKER is now involved in professional theatre and essaying Shakespearean roles. Also, I hear, played the part of Dracula, the new version created by FRANK LANGELLA

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BY MAIL...

... from Happy Davis

We enjoyed reading the nice article that Bill Galoway wrote about the Buffalo (NY) Shrine Circus.

I would like to make one correction if I may. It noted that Happy Davis was producing clown. With all respect to Bill, it was Wayne Liika who was the producing clown.

The Shrine had stipulations for that date as to how many clowns there were to be and George Hubler asked me if I would do him a favor and make an "appearance" in one number to help him fill his "quota" of clowns. I have not clown on a regular basis since the 50's, but I do work my comedy acts in clown make-up.

HOTLINE

During the April 7-13, Springfield, Mo., date, final arrangements were made and a semi-tractor was sent to Paul Kelly's old Cole Bros. Circus winterquarters in Peru, where the Paul Kelly elephants and trailer were picked up, having been purchased by Carden-Johnson Circus.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

and I'll bet he was magnificent. He has that required tall, dark and handsome look. . . HOXIE BROS. now playing the Southland. . . BILL BRICKLE is the announcer and performance director and aerial acts include the Lisner Duo, Freddie White, Valentino Duo and Dana Armstrong. . . Recent visitors were Mike and Janice Aria, and Buckles Woodcock. . . WIREGARD just completed a great new "flash" prop, designed by RON HOLIDAY, for that team's Siberian tiger trick, a new one, set to debut with their September opening in Atlantic City.

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