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1980 Circus Plans Announced

The all-new Yaarab Shrine Circus (Georgia) will be held at the Marietta Civic Center on April 4 to 12, 1980.

In announcing the plans, Circus Chairman Bob Moscow explained that Atlanta's recent sale of the Municipal Auditorium to Georgia State University has forced the Yaarab Temple to find another site.

"It isn't easy to relocate after so many years in the old auditorium," Moscow said, "but there are some advantages to the move."

"For one thing," he said, "the parking situation will be improved. We'll have 1,000 parking places on the fairgrounds — free of charge."

"Since the nine days of the circus will fall during the Easter recess, we'll expect a record crowd of school children," Moscow continued. "The annual Temple Easter Egg Hunt will also be conducted at the circus grounds before the gates open that Saturday morning. That will give added exposure."

The circus will feature several innovations next year, among them some 18 carnival rides and a menagerie. There'll

also be pony rides for the kids, all under the direction of Herbert D. Garrison, Jr. from Homer, Ga.

The circus will open at 11:00 each morning and will close at 10:00 that night. There will be plenty of time to enjoy the rides and other attractions before the circus starts in the big top.

The change in format will require additional work on the part of the Shriners with about 1,000 men needed for each of the nine circus days. They will be needed to sell tickets for the rides, to work in the concession stands and to handle the numerous details that occur during the show dates.

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The show then moved to Scottsdale and Mesa for several performances at the local schools. The Roland C. Butler Tent, CFA, served dinner following one performance and tent members were on the lot all three days.

The final Arizona stop was the Pinal County Fair near Casa Grande, a four-day run. During that stay, the fair board presented the show with an award for being the best independent exhibitor on the grounds. CFA members were also on hand.

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 Nov. 6-11 Toronto, Ont.

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HAL HAVILAND is producing a Vaudeville Revue at the Clemens Center in Elmira, NY, on Nov 25th. Among the acts to be featured are KAREN NYCE, CRAWFORD & GLORIA, the CYCLONIANS, HELEN & BILLY SCOTT, TIMOTHY O' LEARY, the CURBSTONE SETTERS and of course Hal, himself. If this venture is successful Haviland hopes to produce more such shows. We wish him luck.

APPARENTLY the Great Danbury Fair will not close its gates after all. Word from JERRY LIPKO advises next year's playdates will run from Oct. 4 thru 15th. Jerry spoke to the Fair Board. They hope to keep the fair running another four years. Glad to hear it. The Great Danbury Fair is one of the better fairs in the U.S. Also appearing at the Danbury Fair with Lipko were the GUTIS FAMILY and GARRAY and TOMIO. Jerry, at Cedar Point Park in Ohio all summer with JUNGLE LARRY'S CIRCUS, has an all new act of five chimps. From Danbury Jerry jumped to New Orleans for 10 days. Two of his chimps are roller-skating and Jerry plays a number of roller-skating rinks, something different. In Dec. he will be at Jungle Larry's Caribbean Gardens at Naples, Fla. until the end of April.

CLOSEUPS: JOE TROLLY and the Trolley Marionettes are appearing at the 500 Club in New Orleans. Act has been off the road all year. For the past few years the Marionettes worked fairs for VARIETY ATTRACTIONS. . . HAL HAVILAND did the clown come-in with his paper act for Royal Hanneford at the Eastern States Expo, working 20 minutes single-o. Says they had an audience of 6000 per show for the 12 performances in five days. . . When the Dunes reopens its main showroom or at least goes back to using full-scale revues (18 months from now they say) it will present the nudest, most opulent, most expensive show ever! Question: I'll buy the opulence and the expense but tell me, how much nuder can you get than NUDE?. . . Are you interested in dirt Who isn't. Hosts and hostesses in Las Vegas are advised AGAINST inviting the following stars to share the same table (possibly the same room?): Ready now? Awaay we go: Don't mix Joan Rivers and Joey Heatherton, Abbe Laine and Shirley MacLaine, Gabriel Kaplan and David Brenner, Diana Ross and Dionne Warwick, Shecky Green and Charo. But you know what an odd species are show people. Maybe by now they're all buddy-buddy again!. . . When a friend of MAE WEST asked her what people would use tap water for now that she has most of the Hollywood people drinking "Poland Water", the saucy star quipped:

"Tap water's very good for washing cars!" . . . Still blistering under that searing attack on Mae by the National Enquirer I am happy to report Mae has been seen at numerous restaurants in Hollywood lately, walking well, hearing well, seeing well and looking GORGEOUS . . . without crutches, hearing aids, or seeing-eye dogs. . . Talk about beating the Xmas season mail rush, JERRY LIPKO mailed his annual calendar to me already.

. . . MARGUERITE BARTON thanks her many friends who sent Birthday greetings. . . JIMMY DOUGLASS is finally back in Florida after spending most of the year on the road and away from home. . . Gas prices kept him up north instead of running to and fro. It gets any worse we'll all be staying at home. . . BENTLEY BROS. wrapped up its three and a half week route in the black. . . LOS LATINOS at the State Fair in Dallas right after they closed with Bentley. Herbie will do his slide-for-life for Royal Hanneford in New Orleans in late Nov. . . JOHN MCCONNELL hopes to have the Hanneford Bio out by spring but is doubtful. I know what he means - takes longer to get a book in the stalls than it does to have a baby. . . And just as painful!

"BEAR"-ING IT: RBBB and WALLY NAGHTIN Sr. (on behalf of his son Wally, Jr.) were due in court in Los Angeles Oct. 10th for their lawsuit against the State of California. When the show was in the state, the state attempted to stop Wally, Jr. from working in the bear act. RBBB and the NAGHTINS are citing civil rights, the right to work, etc. as their side of the contest.

HIGH-FLYING: WALLY NAGHTIN reports he had a fun-time seeing old friends when CLIFF VARGAS flew him from San Francisco to Denver and back on Wally's day off from the Red Unit. CV business is holding steady, but the show encountered problems with the severe weather in Houston.

BOOKENDS: Thanks SUSAN and CEMON for the book on Mae West, and thanks FREDDIE VAN V. for my "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations"

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REPORT

ROYAL HANNEFORD . . . by Don Sandman

The Royal Hanneford Circus played Wilmington (Ohio) on Oct. 20th, for the Jaycees, putting on three performances - 1, 4 and 8 - at the Wilmington High School Gym.

The Jaycees had a large lighted sign on the lawn of the Court House and some business signs had the circus advertised on their signs. Two different window cards were well distributed through town, and towns as far away as 20 miles also had window card advertising. Family Tickets, along with Adult and Children tickets were sold in advance.

The circus was produced by Tommy Hanneford and Glenn Parkins, and each child was presented with a Circus Ringmaster's kit as they entered the gym. The kit consisted of a whistle, an Honorary Ringmasters Card and a picture of Senor Rai, the Royal Hanneford Ringmaster.

The show was set up with a three ring effect, but only one ring was used at a time. This enabled them to keep the show moving as props were set-up and taken down. As usual the gym made the set-up tight, but everything was fitted into the facilities. The novelty stand and concession stands were in the hallway, with the circus concessions in the gym itself.

The performance featured: Introduction of all performers; Julie Ventura, slide for life; Tajana, tiger act; The Anthonys, trampoline; Gerard Soules, plate spinning; The Great Slavac (Gary Borstelman), chair balancing; Steve Schumaker, chimp act; Aerial ballet with Valerie Chapman,

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Music was provided by the Kay Parker Duo; Clowning was by Cheryl and Wally Jones, Mike Wright and Judy Leonard. The show's ringmaster was Senor Rai. Al Leonard was on hand to provide the vocals.

Showgirls included: Elaina Slonin, Terry Borstelman, Heidi Herriott, Cindy Herriott. The floats were by Morris Costumes; Aerial Director is Struppi Hanneford; Dan Goodwin, prop boss; Harold Katzu, animal supt.; Tatiana Lewis, cat supt.

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This is the first time the State Fair has had circus acts. The Fair Board was very pleased with the performance and the attendance.

Jorge Barrera and his trained African lions are unequalled. I have watched many lion acts but Jorge Barrera is at the top in this field. I watched his act many times during the fair and it was great to see how each trick was so unique and flowed into the next to make one outstanding act. A true master of the steel arena. His lion props and wardrobe are in mint condition.

Joselito was the second act in the performance. He starts out backwards up the inclined wire and then turns and finishes at the top with short leaps. Joselito does many intricate steps - skips a rope and a scarf. The high wire rigging is then loosened and he does a bounding rope routine. The rigging is then tightened and Joselito performs an olympic cartwheel. The final trick is to paddle the uniwheel across the wire. It has no seat, only a wheel. Then came the long descent down the incline wire. The Great Joselito is an outstanding high wire artist and the audiences loved him.

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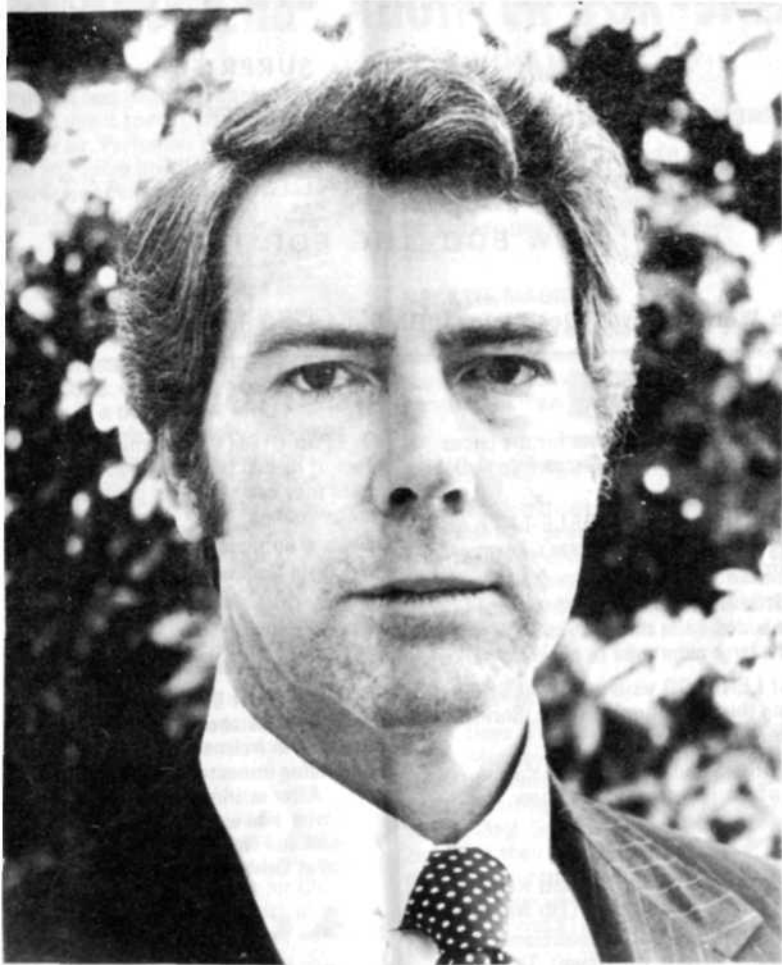
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ANGELA WILNOW and her Collies are booked for the Hamid-Morton Circus at Pittsburgh, Pa. the week of Nov. 12th. The booking was handled by the Amandis Agency.

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seen two of the top acts in the circus world.

I had the privilege of meeting Jorge and Joselito and their father and spent a very enjoyable visit with them. I learned that Joselito has another talent - an announcer. Who knows where this may lead.



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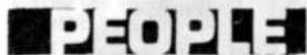
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JOHN (Little Red) TROWER, of the Hall side show, has added knife throwing and the swallowing of a large neon tube to his many skills.

EMIL PALLEMBERG visited with **ALBERT RIX** during the San Antonio, Texas, Shrine circus date.

MILT ROBBINS and **LEN FARLEY** work on the front of the Hall-Christ Side Show.

Acts

The program offered by the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus at Franklin, La., on Oct. 17th featured: Lee Ketchen and Gary Currie, musicians; The Vasquez Dogs; Popcorn, the clown; Terry O' Brien, slack wire; Tanya, hair hang; Chester Cable, foot juggling; The White Horse Troupe; Billy Earl, vent act; Winnie McKay, trapeze; The Vasquez Chimps; The Terrys, unicycles; Bonnie & Clyde, musical comedy act. Emmett Kelly, Jr., worked magic and clowning bits and Nancy Kelly handled the MC chores.

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JOHN W. (Doc) BOYLE (80) died at St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo, Wisc., on Oct. 15th. He was born in Ireland and for many years served as building inspector for the city of Cleveland, Ohio. After retiring in 1968, he moved to Baraboo where he worked for the Circus World Museum and was assistant to the director. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland.

Acts

A special Variety show was presented the evening of Oct. 20th in the Oakland (Calif) Auditorium Arena, sponsored by the local Highway Safety Committee.

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Doctors reportedly are not enthusiastic about his chances for recovering.

REPORT

DR. PEPPER CIRCUS... by John W. Beard

The annual Dr. Pepper Circus, presented at the State Fair in Dallas, Texas, was produced by Gil Gray. The show's announcer was Cleo Plunkett.

Acts featured in the show program were: Herbie Weber, wire; Jimmy Hall, bears; Bobby Gibbs, dogs; Paulo & Phillipe, dogs; The Petrovas (Luvvas), aerial; Great Huberto, slide for life; The Kellys, rola bola; Bobby Gibbs, ponies; Craig's miniature horses; Rose Gibbs, mules; The Pietro Canestrelli Family, teeterboard; Elephants presented by Bob and Rosa Gibbs (1), Peggy and Mac MacDonald (2), Pete Luvvas (1).

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REPORT

BIG JOHN STRONG CIRCUS

... by Jim Parker

What was thought to be the Swan Song of a West Coast Institution turned out to be another annual closing of the Big John Strong Circus in Yucaipa, Calif., on Oct. 21st. Throughout the summer, in *Circus Report*, the sale of Big John Strong's Circus was heralded and many wondered who would buy this beloved family show, a show that was taken for granted as always being on the American Circus scene with never a thought of its demise.

With its closing date, many circus folks gathered for what they thought would be the official closing - Tommy Bentley, Chuck Clancy, Locke Lorraine, Mr. & Mrs. George Perkins, Gilbert Miller, Jim Swafford, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Kreiger, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Horton, Warren Woods and yours truly made the trek to this tiny high desert town to witness an historical circus event.

However, Big John Strong himself, greeted us with the good news that he had decided not to sell but to continue on with his show. Improved health was the main reason for a turnabout plus the fact that prospective buyers wanted John to continue on in his booking capacity which would be like still being on the road, so Big John decided he might as well continue working for himself! A decision we all applaud. The program on closing day had: Fess Reynolds

with his liberty Brahma bulls; Miguelito on the cloud swing; Lenny Mazel, juggler; Phil Kavanaugh, clown juggling; Bill Schreiber's performing dogs; Clowns Phil and Rosa in the high jump; Nicole Strong, on Spanish web; Big John and his Disco dancing with the Macaw; Terrell Strong (7 yrs old), juggling; Miguelito, chair balancing; Color Book Pitch; Bill Schreiber's military ponies (4); Chris Kenny, swinging ladder; 9 yr. old girl (Miguelito's niece) contortionist; Two clowns from the Great Y Circus; Fess Reynolds, single Brahma bull; Ms. Robin, foot balancing on the single trapeze, and Ron Pace with Neena the elephant. Bill Burger was noted on the front door and "Red" was seen making himself generally useful.

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REVIEW

IT'S MAGIC . . . by Frank Barron

(Reprinted from "The Hollywood Reporter" dated Oct. 18, 1979).

It is absolutely amazing. Not just the magic and illusions, but how entrepreneur Milt Larson continually brings in top magicians from around the world for his annual "It's Magic" show. This 26th edition surpasses previous shows, if that is possible.

It would be discriminating to single out any one act, because they are all individual - and superb. But nevertheless the magician who calls himself "Goldfinger," rates separate kudos, not only for his magic act, but because of excellent showmanship.

Mark James amazes with a baffling cigarette act, while Vito Lupo brilliantly combines pantomime and magic. Ken Noyle is a funny emcee, who also turns in one magic stint. Petrick completely amazes with his routine, while Johnny Lonn is a comedy magician who amazes and amuses.

One of the most unusual acts ever is the Great Andre (a poodle), assisted by the Madsen Brothers. The dog does all the tricks! Yes!

Final act is Kramien and Kathleen, the former handling illusions which are absolutely astounding. How he saws a woman in half has to be seen

REPORT

WONDERLAND CIRCUS REVUE

The annual fall tour of Bill Brickle's Wonderland Circus Revue gets underway today (Nov. 5) at Bamberg, N.C. The tour runs through Dec. 20, when the show will close for the holidays, after which it will be resumed on Jan. 7th, continuing then into March.

An enlarged program has been announced for this year's show which will feature: Louis Bautista, balancing; Fernando Bautista, juggling; Irene Bautista, trapeze; Lee Fong, Oriental illusions; Rossario Bautista, contortion; Bill Brickle and his Poodle Revue; plus an aerial ballet with Senioritas Rossario and Irene, with Freddie White, aerialist, being featured.

A production number and other equipment was built for the show by Circus Creations (Jimmy Douglass and Vern Woerner) of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Jack Rench is returning to the show as concession manager, while Wilma Rench will be the show organist.

- and not believed.

As usual, Jerry Rosen and his orchestra provide the excellent mood music for most of the acts, and lend a capable assist throughout.

This is indeed a family show, and it runs through Oct. 28th. The annual advice is - go see it!

WASHINGTON TUBBS II





DOUG HENNING, magician, has announced the appointment of **DOUG LYONS** as vice president of production and general manager of Doug Henning Magic, Inc., Henning's Van Nuys-based studio in California. One of Lyons' duties will be to assist in the preparation for Henning's next big NBC-TV Special which is scheduled for airing in February 1980.

FRANCES FISHER works two chimps and two bears in a Free Act appearance with Wright's Amusements. She is currently training several fan-tailed pigeons for an upcoming act.

FATHER DAGWELL, CFA Circus Chaplain of Helena, Ark., recently gave a talk and showed a series of slides about the circus for local civic groups.

JOE RETTINGER, along with **DEL** and **EMMA WENTWORTH** were recent guests of **ELLY** and **MONTE MONTANA** at Newhall, Calif.

TOM ROBIN is back as a flyer at Circus World Park in Florida. He had been off for 7 weeks recovering from a broken ankle.

ADEN and **VELMA LOWRY**, of Sedan, Kans., and their grand-daughter **MELISSA BURDEN**, visited Kelly Bros. Circus at Independence, Kan. on Oct. 14th, where they enjoyed a visit with ringmaster **JON FRIDAY**.

In Memoriam

JAN MALIKOVA

WHO PASSED AWAY

October 19, 1978

And is Missed Very Much

VANDA (Malikova) NIELSEN
AND FAMILY

TOD CODY, cousin of **BARRIE SLOAN** made a quick flight into Sarasota from England, only to find that Barrie was working with Circus Knie in Switzerland. A shortage of time prevented him from visiting his cousin **SUE LENZ**, who is with the Ringling Red Unit.

Miscellaneous

The Time-Life book series, 26th volume called "End and The Myth" includes information on Tom Mix, Buck Jones, Annie Oakley, Buffalo Bill and other western personalities.

By Crane



FLASH

The deadman stakes pulled on the Quassar Rocket Ship rigging during a performance of the Miami Shrine Circus and one pole collapsed.

Both Bill and Trudy Strong were thrown to the ground, but escaped with only minor injuries.

The full story will appear in Billy Barton's column in Circus Report, dated Nov. 26th.

1980 CIRCUS PLANS (Continued)

and the Shrine ladies will prepare and serve the meals. Shriners and their wives who work at the circus will be able to obtain full-course, home-cooked meals for just 50 cents.

Assistant Rabban Paul Robinson and Flying Fez Commander Guy Gunter will be in charge of the dining tent.

Chief Rabban Charlie Goble has reappointed Don Dupree chairman of the circus ads committee. He has been responsible for the sale of the greatest cash volume of circus ads in the entire United States. Dupree has been ads chairman for the past five years.

Charlie Barr has been appointed circus ticket sales chairman. He will be assisted

Charlie Barr has been named circus ticket sales chairman. He has assisted Dewey White in this important work for the past three years.

Leonard Weaver has been appointed concession sales manager and is already starting to stock up on supplies.

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SMOKEY JONES, his daughter KARI and son JERRY, along with VAL DeLEON are training a young elephant at San Bernardino, Calif., for the Oakland, Calif. Zoo. Recent visitors at the animal quarters have been Dr. JACK ADAMS, BOB KELLOGG, SUSIE KASIELKE, BOBBY MOORE, EUGENE JOHNSON and DEL WHITNEY.

W. E. PAGE, former show owner, visited with DOREY MILLER on Carson & Barnes Circus on Oct. 5th.

SAD BUSTER, the Clown, worked a Benefit Show on Oct. 27th for the First Baptist Church Carnival at Beaumont, Texas.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

DOW, JOE SHERMAN, ALFREDO LANDON. OK so ERNIE BURCH became "Blinko". In the trade it is still Ernie Burch. The "Blinko" evolved "naturally" from the exaggerated eye-lashes he was the first to wear. And personal tags were never used in publicity or programs. ALBERT WHITE was known affectionately as "Flo" by only his friends. Thank God for those new clowns working as themselves - BILL VAUGHAN, RICK LEGG, BRUCE WARNER, to name three. Last it be argued that "acts" have "titles" such as the STAR DUSTERS, the QUASSARS, please remember these titles describe unique attractions. The industry still knows them as HOPE and MIKE KENT, BILL and TRUDY STRONG. Please Hi-Ho and Ho-Hi, come out, come out and let us know WHO you are! It won't be nearly so confusing. SEE you down the road, luvs.

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in the NEWS

Elephants with the Ringling-Barnum Circus at Denver, Colo., had to huddle together to keep warm when a cold spell, which dropped the local temperatures to 34 degrees, swept through the city.

The elephants always used to be housed in a barn just behind the Denver Coliseum. But this year the barn was declared unfit for use and so elephants and horses were housed in a tent, where they were given blankets and heaters were brought in.

The cat animals were kept in their cages in a portion of the barn which was said to be safe. Circus officials complained about the fact the barn was in bad shape and dirty.

PEOPLE

TOBY SANDERS, formerly of Circus Kirk, is the author of the book "How To Be A Complete Clown" which was published by Stein & Day.

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6 Clarksville, Tenn.
7 Lewisburg
8 Russellville, Ala.
9 Scottsboro/Hollywood
10 Decatur,
11 Dalton

The Sikorskys - Jugglers
Nov. 8-9 Timonium, Md.

Yabba Dabba Doo Show
Nov. 6-11 Springfield, Ill.

Miscellaneous

Mary, an elephant with the Carson & Barnes Circus took a walk down a highway at Siloam Springs, Ark., on Oct. 20th.

About a half mile or so away from the circus lot she wandered onto a residential lot and then broke a water faucet pipe off at the house. A short time later her trainer appeared and took her back to the circus lot.

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BIG JOHN'S CIRCUS (Continued)

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BILL BRICKLE has taken delivery of a new truck for his poodles as well as a new Holiday Rambler Travel trailer.

In Memoriam

L. DEWEY YESNER (83) a carnival pitchman and freak show impresario, died Sept. 19th at his home in Philadelphia, Pa. He created Dewey's one of the early fast-food chains. He sold potato peelers at fairs, then opened a hot dog and orange drink stand in downtown Philadelphia in 1935. By 1978, when he sold them, there were 13 limited-menu, low priced Dewey restaurants. From 1942 to 1945 he operated a night club called the Shangri-La. Survivors include a son, a daughter and several grand children.

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REPORT

The mobile home industry is beset with problems that leave many owners unable to get defects fixed despite warranties, according to a government report. In many cases, manufacturers do not have enough equipment, materials or workers to respond quickly or fully to service requests, the report states.

The Federal Trade Commission has been investigating the industry since 1975, when it proposed a crackdown on warranty procedures for mobile homes. The Commission is expected to decide next year if a rule is needed to correct the problem.

Many manufacturers expect dealers to handle the warranty service, but they do not have written contracts covering such responsibility. As a result dealers will often back away from warranty work which leaves the customer with nowhere to turn.

"A substantial number of manufacturers do not have a reasonable basis to believe they can fully and effectively perform their warranty obligations within a reasonable time," the report said. "It is patently unfair for manufacturers of complex and necessary products like mobile homes to issue

PEOPLE

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MAC MacDonald reports that despite all of the printed reports thus far he has not sold his two elephants.

such a warranty without having a reasonable basis for believing that they can, in most instances, perform fully within a reasonable period of time."

It has been recommended that the FTC require a written contract between manufacturers and dealers spelling out what each has to do under a warranty, require fair compensation for warranty service, require inspections of mobile homes prior to sale,

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