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A Big Wedding

Circus folks, special guests and the press turned out enmasse for the wedding of Elisabeth Ritter and Sandor Rasky at the Oakland (Calif.) Coliseum on Aug. 27th. The ceremony, conducted by Rev. Wells Graham, the circus chaplain, was held in the huge building prior to the show's regular matinee performance.

The Lilliputian couple were preceded down the aisle by ring bearer Mat-ais Groek (4 yrs old) and flower girl Desina Kehai-ova (5 yrs. old).

Serving as best man was the popular 33 inch tall circus star, Michu,



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EDITORIAL

..... ANIMAL DEATHS

The Assembly Judiciary Committee has killed a Senate-passed bill which would have banned the slaughter of animals for the purpose of making a movie.

Sen. David Roberti, of Los Angeles, introduced the bill, saying animals are now senselessly killed for an audience "thrill" and suggested that trained animals could be used to simulate death and avoid such senseless waste of life.

The Senator makes a good point!

We have enough shock treatment in movies and TV where violence is shoved down the throats of viewers.

We should take care, though, that any future bill of that type is not too restrictive. It should be carefully and specifically written.

It would be unfortunate if the good intent could be turned around to prevent such useful documentaries as the ones that showed the senseless slaying of whales and baby seals, awakening the world to their unconscionable slaughter.

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In Memoriam

JAMES C. PATTERSON (73) co-owner and manager of Patterson Bros. Circus, died on Aug. 9th at Holly, Mich. He operated both tent and indoor shows in the Great Lakes states, primarily in Michigan and Ohio. He was a pioneer in the field of telephone promotions and PUC ticket sales. Prior to starting his own show he trouped with the original Lewis Bros. Circus. Survivors include his wife Ida M.

PEOPLE

MICKEY ANTALEK will reportedly be joining the RBBB show for the 1977 season.

CHARLIE BAUMANN presented three sit-up tigers on mirrored globes for their first public appearance at Oakland (Calif.) on Aug. 27th.

GUNTHER GEBEL WILLIAMS debated his mixed leopard act during the RBBB's Red Unit engagement at Salt Lake City (Utah).

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Nice Visit

The Hubert Castle Circus at Vancouver proved once again to be an entertaining and well paced show.

A fascinating first for the writer was "Miamba's Baboons" as handled by Miss Carry Hall. The act was fluid, graceful and very well costumed, and occupied the spot usually reserved for chimp acts. However, the baboons, with their flowing manes looked like healthy animals and not ungainly imitation humans. While the baboons appeared to go readily into their acts, in conversation with Miss Carry, after the show, she showed scarred arms that attested to some "back talk" from the beasts.

Show Guests

Visitors at the G-M Circus last month included: Dave Harris and the Circus Kingdom performers from Busch Gardens at Williamsburg, Va., plus the Howard Eastwood and Floyd Bradbury families from Holiday Hippodrome Show.

Another performer whose diversity was a joy to watch was "smiling" Dave Smith. He first appeared in the Saturnaires (trapeze) and later as a catcher for the Rock-Smith Flyers. At the end of the show he was shot from a cannon. Mr. Smith doesn't wear a helmet and after the noisy finale his smile lit up the auditorium, and after the show he was besieged by autograph seekers.

..... Frank Williams

ROUTES

Beatty-Cole Circus

Sept. 6 Rockford, Ill.
7 Dubuque, Iowa
8 Beliot, Wisc.
9 Joliet, Ill.
10 Aurora
11 Palos Heights
12 Munster, Ind.

Carson & Barnes Circus

Sept. 6 Lebanon, Ill.
7 Jacksonville
8 Litchfield
9-11 Mehlville, Mo.

Hubert Castle Circus

Sept 10-12 London, Ont.

Circus Vargas

to Sep 9 Kingston, Ont.
Sept 11-16 Manhattan, N.Y.

Garden Bros. Circus

Sept 6 Lewisporte, Nfld
7 Bonavista
8 Clareville
9 Marystown
10 Harbor Grace
11-12 St. John's

George-Matthews Circus

Sept. 9-10 Fairview Prk, Oh.
10-11 Valley View
12-13 Willowick

Happytime Circus

Sept. 9-12 Monterey, Cal.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Sept. 6 Berkeley, N.J.
7 Franklin Twnship
8 Somersville
9 Totowa
10 Livingston
11 River Vale
12 Union City

Hoxie's Great American Cir.

Sept. 6 Lake Hopatcong, NJ
7 Auburn, Pa.
8 N. Philadelphia, Pa
10 Fall Hills, N.J.
11 Saddle Brook

Int'l All Star Circus

Sept. 8 Danbury, Conn.
11 Wilmington, Dela.

King Bros. Circus

Sept. 6 Christiansburg,
7 Marion Va.
8 Bristol, Tenn.
9 Big Stone Gap, Va
10 Hindman, Ky.
11 Pikeville

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Sept. 8-12 Fresno, Calif.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Sept. 9-12 Ft. Wayne, Ind.

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus

Sept. 8-12 Colorado Sprgs,
Colo

Sells & Gray Circus

Sept. 6 Sandusky, Ohio
7 Bryan
8 Auburn, Ind.
9 Nappanee
10 Kingsford Heights
11 Michigan City
12 Valparaiso

..... OTHER ROUTES & ...

James H. Drew Shows

Sept. 6-11 Newport, Tenn.

Prof. Miller & Co. (Magic)

Sept. 7 St. John's, Nfld
9 Gander
10 Grand Falls
11 Corner Brook
12 Stephenville

Mitchell's Marionettes

Sept 10-19 London, Ont.

Nat'l Air Races

Sept. 10-12 Reno, Nevada

Rose City Rides

Sept. 8-11 Salem, Mo.

Royal Lipizzan Stallions

Sept. 7 Moose Jaw, Sask.
9 Estevan
11 Keystone Center

Tip Top Shows

Sept. 9-12 Richland Center,
Wisc.



BILLY BARTON....

BIG CHATTER IN THE INDUSTRY is the imminent fielding of RBBBs Hagenbeck-Wallace tenter, which will open soon in Baltimore. Many showmen with whom I've talked simply refuse to believe this momentous event will transpire. I believe it will!

Such a project looms as formidable competition to any tent operation unlucky enough to be in its path - the Ringling name, its long, successful history under canvas, its infinite resources, its publicity and promotional ingenuity, the equipment and talent at its fingertips - all this and more suggests a positive side.

It is also felt by some the new show will not go out on rails their reasoning being that a rail show is no longer feasible. That's silly. Ringling has two units on the road, both on rails! The veteran showmen associated with RBBB are, each and every one, knowledgeable railroad circus men, so to go any other way is at odds with commonsense.

LILY KRISTENSEN turned down an offer to appear in a new Barbara Eden film, where Lily would perform a lady principal riding act. "No money," Lily explains. She and SVEN will make dates for Polack this fall.

WALLY BICKMORE plans to reopen his Bickmore Acrobatic Co., which will make acrobatic equipment in L.A. One of the reasons for his planned retirement from

the road is that his son, TIMMY, will soon rejoin his mother on Circus Vargas.

PIO NOCK, Jr. and brother TONY did a rock "Midnight Special" TV slot in July.....LU ANN JACOBS says CR is making inroads and gaining popularity on the RBBB's Red Unit....SAM and GEN POLACK spent the month of August remodeling their Iowa home....FLASH! HEIDI GUTIS is marrying JIM GORGAN, prez of Helicopter Leasing, in November. Jim is pilot for the Merrifield Aerial Thriller.

ARLO, the lion that clawed ALPHONSO MAGANA early in the season, was donated to the Beech Park Complex near Bowling Green (Ky). Arlo was accompanied by two other male lions in the act. The five females are with Circo Togni in South America....MEXICO INT'L CIRCUS played Ventura and Monterey after their L.A. debut. Once they had just 8 customers in the seats! Despite this, the powers-that-be are trying it again next season, playing the L.A. Sports Arena.

BILL & TRUDY STRONG take their Quassar Rocket-Aerial act to Circus Union in Mexico for 16 weeks starting Oct. 15. They will be with Hamid-Morton next winter and spring.....CHUCK MARINE (M&M) finished overhauling his calliope wagon which is used for parades...BILLY RODGERS has a new assistant (DAN BUSCH) for his act.

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Little Show Is Big

.....by BETTY BARTHOLOMEW

The Wenatchee Youth Circus ended its Seattle engagement with an evening performance on Aug. 16. The show was well received by the enthusiastic, though rather sparse, audience. This year's show was much more polished and spectacular than last year's. The tempo was such that audience interest never appeared to lag.

The ability of the predominately young audience to relate to the youthful performers and the sparkle and skill of all the acts should do much to wet the appetites of young Seattle-ites for future circuses.

The young artist on the silver whirl was so assured and graceful in her performance she made it seem the easiest thing in the world to send the trapeze spinning around the bar.

High point of the clown acts was the gorilla popping out of the burning building. It certainly attained the desired effect as young circus fans scrambled out of the front row seats and sought safety higher in the grandstand.

Though it could hardly be called on the negative side, there were two things that might have been changed. The number of clowns milling about in each number detracted from the actual stunt, often blocking the view of many in the audience during the climax of the clowning. It also might have been more desirable to keep

the trapeze artists down from their rigging until the slack wire performance was over as they proved to be a distraction. Nevertheless, when young Randy Mayer walked the wire, balancing three spinning plates and juggling three Indian clubs, pausing to do a one-leg stand, all eyes were again on him and the loudness of his applause made up for the smallness of the audience.

Space does not permit giving praise to each of these fine artists, as is their due. Suffice it to say that all in all it was a grand performance that reinforced the Wenatchee Youth Circus title of the "Biggest Little Circus in the World."

PEOPLE

BRADD and SHEILA FRANK recently purchased acreage at Sarasota (Fla) where they plan to build a home and horse barns.

LU JACOBS has returned to RBBB's Red Unit after a three week vacation in Germany.

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For some the season was a repetition - for others, a new beginning; Portugese, French, German, Czech, Mexican and American. Each performer brought his or her talent; balancing, comedy, animal training, juggling, aerial dexterity, agility, strength, youth, beauty - to exchange for cash.

Their schedule consisted of moving every day, of working seven days a week for thirty-two consecutive weeks at the constant mercy of the weather, in temperatures reaching 100 degrees and dropping as low as minus 15 degrees; sweating and shivering their way across thousands of miles - ever fearful of wind and God forbid, tornadoes under the Big Top, up to their knees in mud or living like tourists in beautiful park-like settings.

All this for the privilege of being free agents - to laugh or cry in the face of adversity; economic, mechanical, physical, emotional, and yet, eagerly anticipating each performance. Daily, the mass of humanity seated its TV-sophisticated self down to be entertained by the accomplish-

Races Off

The Virginia City (Nevada) Chamber of Commerce reports the annual camel races have been cancelled. The cost of renting camels is 50% higher than last year, a spokesman said, and there just aren't enough sponsors to pay the higher costs.

Camel races were revived in 1960 to commemorate the Comstock heyday of the 19th century, when camels were used to haul salt to the booming silver mines. As an added attraction ostrich races were also featured.

The Chamber of Commerce is hoping they can raise enough money so the races can be held next year.

Miscellaneous

Rain and wind gusts up to 70 miles an hour forced Carson & Barnes to cancel a performance shortly after it started at West Bend, Wisc.

ments of real people performing unreal deeds.

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..... Marlene Grotefent

CIRCUS ACTS

The program presented by Hubler's Int'l Circus, at Covington, Ky (Kishmee Grotto) on Aug. 21-22 featured:

Circusland on Parade, spec; Miss Llona and her Pets (15 dogs) Miss Sandee, trapeze; Mdsle. Basco, juggler; The Apollo Sisters, webs; Antaleks Chimps; Baby Don-di, elephant with Phil and Francine; M. Begary, aerialist; Lilli Kristenson, leopards.

Others with the show were: Bill Browning, drums; Phil Saugot, organ; plus clowns Chester and Joe Sherman and Ron Powell.

..... Don Sandman

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PEOPLE

DICK SPARROW recently set a new record when he drove a 48 horse team as a feature of the Iowa State Fair.

FRANCES VOGES, who weighs 826 lbs and was known in side shows as "Baby Frances" was featured in an AP release in Aug.

HUGO ZACCHINI had his cannon act at Rhode Island's Rocky Point

Feature Acts

A series of feature acts were booked for the King's Dominion Park, near Richmond, Va. for the Aug. 27-Sept. 25 period. The program lists Yoga Bear and his Friends; "We The People" revue, and "The Kings of Swing" band as regular daily attractions.

Specialty acts include: Royal Hanneford Circus, Aug. 27-Sept. 2; Golden Age of Flight, Sept. 4-6; Zacchini, the Human Cannonball, and Karl Wallenda, wire act, Sept. 11-12; The Amazing Randi, escape artist, Sept. 18-19 and the Great Wallendas, Sept. 25-26.

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Acts Booked

The program currently planned by the Hella Shrine Circus, at Dallas, Texas, for Sept. 13-19, includes:

Blinko & Maran, warm-up; Al Youngman, band leader; Ernie McLean, ringmaster; Bob Atterbury, producer.

Guy Gossing, tigers (13); Rex Young, Funny Ford; Cheri Troy Alfonso & Lydia and Franconi Duo, aerialists; Mlle Olinka, trap/head stand; Rosaire's Chimps Roman Schmitt, elephant/rhino; Gilda's Uncaged Leopards; Don Giovanni, comedy sway pole; Peggy Mills, Msr. Raymond, Valentine and DeMille, tightwires; Unique McPeak, high wire; Rianos Duo, wire; Victor Julian's dogs; Aerial Web Display; Intermission.

Herman & Petunia, comedy riding; The Flying Valentines; Cristiani, Canestrelli and Wazzan troupes, trampoline; Gene Mendez,

PEOPLE

Tex Dreyfus, CFA of Houston is holding his vacation for the arrival of Carson & Barnes. He works with the show's elephants each vacation time.

J. C. ROSENHEIM, advance agent for many shows, is working ahead of Beatty-Cole this year.

high wire; Zoppe's Arabian Riders; The Ortons, elephant leaps; Bob Gibbs, mixed animals; Pam's Dogs; Roman Schmitt, mixed animals; The Volvos and The Freddie's unsupported ladders; Great Armando and The Perrys, juggling; The Zavattas, ladders; Cristiani's elephants; Gibbs elephants; Dianc elephants; Finale production.

Clown Alley includes: Blinko, Maran, Dime Wilson, Connie Wilson, Dime Wilson, Jr., Mike Klucker, Freddie Levine and Jimmy Douglass. Gus Turner

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The wedding reception was held in the zoo grounds Party House, sponsored by Mrs. Robert Bean and assisted by Mrs. John H. Doyle, wife of a zoo board member Mrs. Bean is the wife of zoo director Robert Bean.

Among those attending the wedding were the children of Carla Wallenda and Johnny and Patsy Jordan.

..... Buddy Watkins

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A Nice Visit

July was a busy month here with several shows playing in the area. It kept us busy visiting and renewing friendships.

Beatty-Cole played Manchester (N.H.) on July 17th and had a perfect lot with ideal weather. The program is a strong one and we enjoyed visiting with Oscar Grisset, Arnold Maley, Edna Antes and Ethel Joyce.

Royal Ranch came into Jafrey (N.H.) on July 24, with a smooth running and snappy show. They use recorded music, with the narration handled by Joe Myers. The Jacksons do several numbers, as does Sharon (Ozzie's granddaughter). All concessions are located within the layout, this eliminates the need for passout checks.

Hunt's Famous Circus played at Winchester (Mass.) on July 28,

RAUTES

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
Sept. 8-11 Dickson, Tenn

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to Sep. 11 Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ken Griffin (Magic)
Sept. 8 Walnut Ridge, Ark.
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and set up in back of the high school, which gave them an almost downtown location. The show featured several numbers by Oresto Canestrelli and wife, the Argentinos, a dog act, single trap, web, etc. Capt. Roy Busch works "Dolly" the elephant, and music is provided by organ and drums.

..... John C. Cloutman

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

ROY BUSH has been working the Hunt show's baby bull....JIMMY HALL received a new black bear cub for his act. He visited Circus Vargas and was treated to Class-A service with ring-side seats....WALLY NAUGHTIN, CV's manager, is planning three rings of bears for the show in '77.

HATS OFF to the Springfield (Ohio) CFA Group - who showed up 35 to 40 strong for a night performance of the G-M Circus in that city. They paid their way in for the reserved seat section, and several members helped sew canvas, erect seats and sidewall, due to the late arrival of several trucks. When the show was over they helped dismantle seat wagons NOW...that's a CIRCUS FAN!

Famous Hunt took delivery on a new Caterpillar light plant....JIMMY DOUGLASS (Circus Creations) delivered two giant revolving flower pedestal props to the FEN-

TON FAMILY (acro-contortion) now on tour with ICE CAPEDES. Jim will produce the ever popular Clown Firehouse on the Texas dates and is building an elaborate new entrance for Prince Najvez.

Aside to DARRYL PONICSAN (author of Tom Mix). The First circus to go out on trucks, according to Parkinson/Fox's "Circus in America" was the Coop & Lents Circus in 1918!

I don't ordinarily include "fan mail" in this column, but the following letter from DAVE MERRIFIELD is indicative of the pyramiding letters CR has received this season and must be shared "I must tell you," writes Dave, "how popular your column and Circus Report is...it is literally sweeping the industry. Everyone we know and see reads it. It's our opinion that the industry owes CR a big vote of thanks."

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The Program

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Other performers at the big mall are: Tony & Chris, Luigi Cantaloni, Roy Roberts, Thamms Puppets; Emil Hahn's Circus band; and Alberta Masse, bell wagon.

Small Show

The Allen Bros. Circus, owned by George Allen, of Portland, Me., played throughout the state of Maine during the summer months. Each date is well advertised with half sheet dates and cards well ahead of the show's arrival.

The show travels on three trucks and trailers and the program is presented under a red and yellow, push pole top. George Allen serves as the announcer/ringmaster and also does magic. Other acts include Tandy's dogs; rolling globe, juggling, gorilla parody, fire eating, sword swallower, plus several clown numbers. In all about seven people are on the show. Paul Horsman

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WORLD'S LARGEST

The Beatty-Cole Circus played its annual date at Middletown (Ohio) on July 21st, where they were sponsored by the Humane Society

The show looks great on the lot. The midway has the Side Show and Big Otto (hippo) on the right side, with a pony ride, Ape show and juice stand on the left. The ticket wagon is in the center, and a souvenir stand backs up to it. The side show was using two girls for bally, one with a burning torch and the other with a snake.

The big show band, directed by Charles Bertini, is a real feature with this show. It consists of eight pieces - 3 trumpets, 2 trombones, baritone, bass and drums.

The program featured: Capt. Dave Hoover, 5 lions, 4 tigers; Clown Walkaround; Ethel Joyce, sword balance; The Ricardos, wire Elba & Rita, aerial; The Aerial Glorions; Clowns; The Ruwills, upside down plate spinning; Don Francisco, tops; Ray & Yolanda, juggling; Chief Joseph, Appaloosa Stallions; Aerial Ballet with Ron and Mitzie's iron jaw, and 13 girls on ladders; Ray's Funny Car; The Dionnes, rola-bola; Syl-

via and Hajo, acro/adagio; Mdlle. Gill, slide for life; Miss Ethel and her Greyhounds; The Santiago Troupe and Canestrelli Troupe, teeterboard; The Clowns; Fred Logan's elephants with long mount (9); The Rayalls, aerial motorcycle; The Ferreiras and The Den-las, perch acts; Clowns; The Flying Gaona Family.

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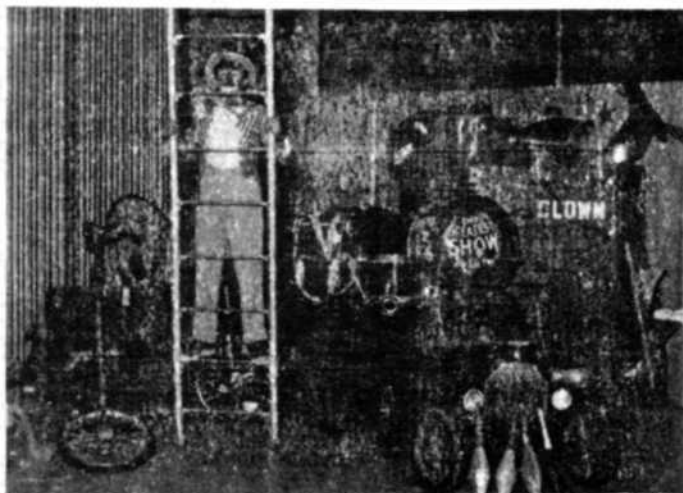
Word from E. J. McDaniel indicates "Showtime USA" has been shelved for 76 in favor of another type show. This show will come out of California and will not be a circus. When asked about the change in plans McDaniel said a check of his lighting equipment found over \$9000 of it missing - and the publicity connected with

"Showtime" folding in the spring.

The Ed Millette Tent, of Dallas (Texas) attended RBBB's Red Unit in a group. They were planning their annual Amateur Circus for Cripple Children for Sept. 11th.

Carson & Barnes is planning a Nov. 8th date at Port Allen, La. that's a month later than their 1975 season. M. L. Dupont

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